

Clarkston High News

November 2015



Spike for the Cure October 29

The Clarkston DECA Chapter is proud to sponsor the 6th annual “Spike for the Cure” volleyball tournament on Thursday, October 29 at 6:30 PM in the Kramer Gym at Clarkston High School.

Spike for the Cure is an opportunity for the students of Clarkston High School to come together to raise funds for the Gina Quesenberry Foundation, a non-profit organization whose goal is to provide financial assistance to local patients with breast cancer. Sixteen teams – 96 players (including high school students and faculty members) – will be competing against each other in this Spike for the Cure event.

For the past six years, Scott and Trevor Arnone of Edward Jones have sponsored the “Spike for the Cure” pink shirts, which will be sold to raise funds for the Gina Quesenberry Foundation. The tournament is sponsored through donations by business and community members. There will also be an all girls’ and an all boys’ assembly on October 27 to raise additional awareness about breast cancer.

In the last five years, this project has raised over \$15,000! Contact DECA Advisor, Lynn Carey, to learn more.

Veterans’ Day Assembly – November 10

Clarkston High School will hold their annual Veterans’ Day Assembly on Tuesday, November 10 at 10:00 AM in the CHS Auditorium. The Clearwater Pipes and Drums will be performing, as will the Jazz Choir singing the National Anthem.

CHS wishes to thank our many veterans for their service to keep each of us safe!

Important Dates:

OCTOBER

28 WSU GEAR UP Family College Planning Forum, 5:15–8:30 PM

29 Spike for the Cure volleyball tournament, 6:30 PM, Kramer Gym

NOVEMBER

5 Deadline for Dec. 5 SAT Test

6 Deadline for Dec. 12 ACT Test

7 SAT Test

10 Veterans’ Assembly, 10 AM, CHS Auditorium

18 FFA Greenhand Night, 6 PM

18 ASVAB Testing results available

19 Fall Band & Choir Concert, 7 PM

21 Stock the Trailer Community Service Project

DECEMBER

15 Holiday Jazz Concert, 7 PM



NONDISCRIMINATION: The Clarkston School District does not discriminate in any programs or activities on the basis of sex, race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, veteran or military status, sexual orientation, gender expression or identity, disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The following employee has been designated to handle questions and complaints of alleged discrimination: Title IX Coordinator, Roger Trail, Executive Director of Human Resources, 1294 Chestnut, Clarkston, WA 99403 (509)758-2531 trailr@csdk12.org; Section 504/ADA Coordinator, Rebecca Lockhart, 1294 Chestnut, Clarkston, WA 99403, (509) 758-2531, lockhartr@csdk12.org.

From the CHS Guidance Office

PSAT EXAM:

The PSAT exam (Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test) was administered on Wednesday, October 14th, to all junior students, all sophomore AVID students, and those sophomore students that signed up to take the exam. WSU's GEAR UP Program paid the \$19 test fee for all our junior students. **PSAT exam results will be available in January. Freshmen students will have the opportunity to sign up to take the PSAT 9 later in the school year – the exact date has yet to be determined and will be publicized later this year.**

ASVAB TESTING:

The ASVAB Career Exploration test was administered on Thursday, October 15th, to all junior students and those senior students that signed up to take the exam. The ASVAB Program is designed to determine aptitudes and skills in a variety of areas not generally tested. The program provides high quality career exploration and planning materials at no cost to the high school. **Testing results will be available November 18th.** Military representatives will be meeting with the students who took the test to interpret the results and pair them with each student's interests. Additionally, there will be an access code printed on your student's score report. We encourage students to use their access code to explore over 400 occupations on www.asvabprogram.com and learn how their skills relate to the occupations of most interest to them.

WSU GEAR UP PROGRAM'S FAMILY COLLEGE PLANNING FORUM CO-SPONSORED BY LEWIS CLARK CREDIT UNION:

The WSU GEAR UP Program and CHS will host the annual "Family College Planning Forum" set for **Wednesday, October 28th, from 5:15 pm – 8:30 pm.** This program is co-sponsored by Lewis Clark Credit Union. The Family College Planning Forum is an evening event that provides students and their families a light meal, college fair, keynote presentation, and post-secondary informational breakout sessions. The event averages approximately 150+ students and parents in attendance. This year will be larger than ever!

The goal of the forum is to help educate CHS students and parents on post-secondary options such as: admissions requirements, the financial aid process, college financial

planning/savings options, campus housing and student services information. For more information, contact Patrick Sobotta (WSU GEAR UP Director) at 509-769-6348.

UPCOMING SAT AND ACT REGISTRATION AND TEST DATES:

The SAT/ACT exams are mandatory college entrance exams for students planning on attending a four-year college or university. We encourage juniors take either the SAT or ACT test in the spring of their junior year and the same test again as a senior. The SAT costs \$54.50 and the ACT with writing costs \$56.50. If a student qualifies for free/reduced lunch, the student is eligible for two SAT and two ACT exam fee waivers per year and four SAT college admission fee waiver requests. Waivers are available through the student's guidance counselor. Students must register online for these exams. To register and for more information go to: www.actstudent.org/start (for the ACT) and sat.org/register (for the SAT).

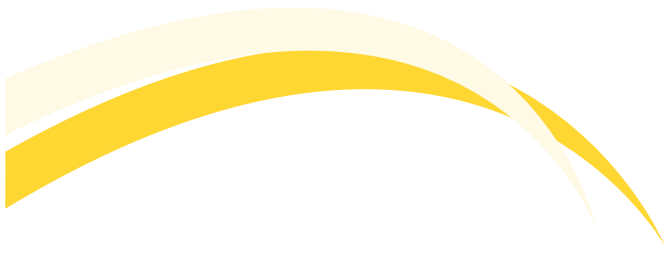
- ✦ ACT Test Date: December 12, 2015/Registration Deadline: November 6, 2015
- ✦ SAT Test Date: November 7, 2015/Registration Deadline: October 9, 2015
- ✦ SAT Test Date: December 5, 2015/Registration Deadline: November 5, 2015

SENIOR GRADUATION ORDERS:

Seniors received their graduation information order packet on October 15th. The order packet includes information on graduation caps, gowns, tassels, stoles, announcements, class rings, etc. The only items required for the graduation ceremony are the cap, gown, tassel and stole unit for \$40.95 listed in section 4 of the order form (the purple section). **Herff Jones will be in the CHS cafeteria on Wednesday, October 28th, from 11:45 am-1:00 pm and 4:00-8:00 pm to collect order forms/payments.** This is the only day Herff Jones will be at CHS to collect order forms/payments. **Please note that CHS does NOT collect the orders/payments, you must go through the Herff Jones Company.** Orders can also be made to Herff Jones online or through the mail. See your graduation order packet for details.

SENIOR GRADUATION CEREMONY:

The 2016 CHS Graduation Ceremony will be held at **7:30 pm on Saturday, June 4th, at the Lewis-Clark State College Activity Center.**



STATE ASSESSMENT INFORMATION:

CHS students' state assessment results from the spring of 2015 were mailed home to parents the week of September 21st. Please contact your student's guidance counselor at 509-769-5566 if you have questions regarding your student's state assessments.

UPCOMING STATE ASSESSMENT TESTING FOR SENIORS/English Language Arts and Math:

Senior students who have NOT yet met the state assessment graduation requirements for math and/or English Language Arts (ELA) and their parents/guardians have already been contacted by their student's guidance counselor about needing to pass the following state assessment test(s) in order to meet the graduation requirement(s). Testing dates for these seniors are:

- November 2nd – Smarter Balanced Assessment English Language Arts Computer Adaptive Test (SBA ELA CAT)/Part 1 **for the ELA graduation requirement.**
- November 3rd, 4th, 5th – High School Proficiency Exam (HSPE) **for the ELA graduation requirement.**
- November 6th – Smarter Balanced Assessment English Language Arts Performance Task/ Part 2 **for the ELA graduation requirement.**
- November 9th – Smarter Balanced Assessment Math Computer Adaptive Test/Part 1 **for the math graduation requirement.**
- November 12th – Smarter Balanced Assessment Math Performance Task/Part 2 **for the math graduation requirement.**

All seniors must pass at least one state assessment for English Language Arts (ELA) and math in order to graduate.

COMMUNITY SERVICE VOLUNTEER HOURS:

Reminder – **All students need at least 10 hours per year of community service/volunteering.** Students must complete their required 10 hours of service per year by the end of February each year.

UPCOMING STATE ASSESSMENT TESTING FOR JUNIORS/English Language Arts:

The Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA) is the new state assessment for English Language Arts that was administered to sophomores last spring. The Smarter Balanced Assessment English Language Arts (SBA ELA) is made up of two testing components: 1) the computer adaptive test (CAT) which is a multiple choice exam, and 2) the performance task which is the writing portion of the SBA ELA. Students must pass both testing components (CAT and performance task) in order to pass the SBA ELA exam. **All students must pass a state assessment for English Language Arts in order to graduate.** You should have received your student's results in the mail the week of September 21st.

The following state assessments will be administered in November to **juniors who have NOT yet passed the SBA English Language Arts exam:**

- November 2nd – SBA English Language Arts Computer Adaptive Test (SBA ELA CAT)
- November 6th – SBA English Language Arts Performance Task

UPCOMING STATE ASSESSMENT TESTING for Algebra, Geometry, and Biology End-of Course Exams (EOCs)/Retakes:

EOC retake exams are **for students who did not pass the Algebra EOC, Geometry EOC and/or Biology EOC last spring as well as for any new students who do not have an approved state assessment for math or biology.** Retakes for all EOC exams will be scheduled sometime during January-February 2016. The exact date has yet to be determined. Details will be included in the next newsletter and parents/guardians of those students needing to take the exam(s) will be notified prior to test administration. **All students must pass a state assessment in math in order to graduate. Students in the classes of 2017 and beyond must pass the Biology EOC in order to graduate (the class of 2016 is exempt from the Biology EOC graduation requirement).**

WSU GEAR UP STUDY CENTER:

The WSU GEAR UP Study Center is open Monday – Friday from 7:30 am – 3:30 pm to help tutor students before, during and after school. If a student needs additional help, he/she can talk to GEAR UP staff to set up extra tutoring times. Use the Study Center for all your tutoring and technology needs!

**CLARKSTON HIGH SCHOOL ACCEPTED AS A FIELD TEST SITE
FOR THE REDESIGNED SAT TEST:**

Clarkston High School has been accepted as a field trial test site for the redesigned SAT test. Our students who took the Saturday SAT exam in the month of October 2015 will be able to participate in a FREE SAT test on December 9th. When they receive their scores they will be able to decide to keep these scores as official scores, or to eliminate them from their score results. The students participating will receive a \$50 Visa cash card from the College Board SAT Program as a thank you for their participation. What a great opportunity for our students!

SCHOLARSHIP LISTING:

Scholarship information is updated as we receive the information. The scholarship listing is based upon last year's opportunities and is updated (deadlines, etc.) as we receive notification, including adding any new scholarship opportunities that we are made aware of. Scholarship information is available online at www.csdk12.org/chs under "Parent Resources" and "Student Resources."

MORE COMMUNICATION FOR CHS PARENTS/GUARDIANS:

CHS parents and guardians, we want to keep you informed of all events and this texting app is another way for us to stay in touch with you! If you did not sign up last year, have a freshman or a new student to CHS this year, and are interested in receiving text messages with important information from CHS, please take a moment to sign up. Phone numbers are never shared and there are no open replies.

Communication lines are broken up by grade level. **To sign up, please send the following message to the phone number** that corresponds with the grade level(s) you are interested in:

12th Grade Parents/Guardians (Class of 2016) - Text **@chs2016par** to **208-908-6835**

11th Grade Parents/Guardians (Class of 2017) - Text **@chs2017par** to **208-908-6835**

10th Grade Parents/Guardians (Class of 2018) - Text **@chs2018par** to **208-908-6835**

9th Grade Parents/Guardians (Class of 2019) - Text **@chs2019par** to **208-908-6835**

