



# *Challenger Early College High School*

## *The Firebird Screams*

*Student Announcements*

*January 31, 2012*

Great job on attendance this week! Make sure that you continue to be on-time and attend all classes.

Calendar dates to note for this week:

1. February 2: Senior Night for Basketball Season. The home game is at Newton-Conover High School.
2. February 2: Public Information Session for Prospective Students at Riverbend Middle School. Parents and/or students that are bilingual are encouraged to attend and receive volunteer hours.

Updates for our Activities and Support Hour:

- SAT/ACT Prep is now offered to all students during our Activities and Support Hour. SAT/ACT Prep will be in Mrs. Barton's room on Thursdays from 4:10 p.m. – 4:50 p.m. Students that would like to take a course (graded course) can request this during scheduling meetings with Mrs. Osborne.
- Nest Café and Nest Café Coffee House begin in February. Nest Café is an atmosphere of artistry, literature, and good-will in the community.
  - We will promote an artist each month, a different book every month, and a local charity each month through bulletin board space over the computers in the Nest.
  - We will have a Book Exchange in the Nest Café. Book Exchanges works like this: students and staff bring in gently used books for others to read and put them on the Book Exchange shelf, students and staff can take one book at a time and read it and then return it for someone else. If you don't have a book to donate, it is ok – you can still participate in reading books and then returning them. (Books only, no CDs or DVDs.)
  - We will have a Nest Café Coffee House twice each semester in the Auditorium. During our Nest Café Coffee House, there will be sign-ups for live performances where audience members may perform at the microphone. All kinds of performances are welcome. Performances are usually poetry or the spoken word (reading a passage or short story), music, comedy, singers, or dancers, but any other acceptable performances are welcome. But the core of the Nest Café Coffee House is its atmosphere of independence, encouragement and acceptance. It's your voice, it's your story, and it's your Nest Café Coffee House. There is no judging - just appreciation of the arts.
- Knitting Club begins on February 6 in 307A and will meet on Mondays.

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Please contact the Firebird Office if you and/or your family is not receiving the CHS Alert Now voice messages. The Alert Now voice message system is used each Sunday night for announcements, during Inclement Weather, and during emergencies. CVCC also has a separate voice message system. Please use the CVCC website to sign-up for CVCC voice messages.

Pre-order your 2011-2012 Yearbook with Mrs. Hudson in the office. Yearbooks are \$50.00. Checks are made to CHS.

The top Families with the highest number of Family Points are **Mr. Kale's Family, Mr. Naylor's Family, and Mr. Von Dohlen's Family**. Earning Family Points: show exemplary Integrity, Stewardship, and/or Citizenship (including highest grade level attendance for the week). Losing Family Points: any disciplinary infraction. Don't hesitate to ASK for points from the adult if you think you deserve Family points. ☺ The Firebird Family Cup will be given during our May 17<sup>th</sup> Awards Day!

Family this week: Freshman, Sophomore, and Junior Families meet this week with the option to go to the Nest Café Coffee House in the Auditorium. Seniors will have a Senior Social with their Families later in the semester and are welcome in the Nest Café Coffee House.

#### FROM YOUR PSO:

Volunteers needed:

- Every Monday, CHS needs volunteers from 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. to monitor the Firebird Office and Nest.
- Volunteers needed to help with Women's Soccer and Women's Softball. Please call Mr. McPhail in the office for more information.

We are participating in the Valley Hills Mall My School's Cool program!! We could be awarded up to \$5,000!! Shop on Wednesday and we get TRIPLE points for ALL retail purchases! EAT on TUESDAY OR THURSDAY and we will get TRIPLE points for every food court purchased! We only get points if receipts are turned in to the CHS locker or Nest.

#### Looking ahead:

- Update for Seniors: FAFSA Day will be held on February 18<sup>th</sup>. See Mrs. Osborne for details.
- February 27 will be our annual Rising Senior Night for all current juniors and their parents. The meeting will be in CAD 345 at 6 p.m. Attendance is mandatory.
- Juniors take the ACT for free at CHS on March 6 during the regular school day. Attendance is mandatory.
- Attention: Any Juniors planning to take the SAT on March 10<sup>th</sup> need to be sure you are registered by FEBRUARY 10<sup>th</sup>. If you need a fee waiver, see Mrs. Osborne ASAP. She is on campus Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. We have a limited number of fee waivers so please see her soon if you feel you qualify for one. You can register online for the SAT at <http://sat.collegeboard.org/home>

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## Activities and Support Hour

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Homework Club (317, 318)	Homework Club (317, 318)	Homework Club (317, 318)	Homework Club (317, 318)	Family Schedule
Math Lab (304)	Math Lab (307A)	Math Lab (301)	Math Lab (302)	
Writing Lab (312)	Writing Lab (312)	Writing Lab (320)	Writing Lab (320)	
Senior Connections (Auditorium)	Yearbook (307 B)	International Club (1 <sup>st</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> weeks only; Auditorium)	Raza Latina (BR)	
Key Club (320)	SGA/SAC (follow your schedule, 307 CD)	Beta/NHS (2 <sup>nd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> weeks only, Auditorium)	Hmong Dance Troupe (307A)	
Hip Hop Club (Aerobics room)	Drama Club (BR)	Gamers Club (1 <sup>st</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> weeks only; 310)	Drama Club (Auditorium)	
Knitting Club (307A)		Anime Club (2 <sup>nd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> weeks only, 310)	Tolerance Forum (1 <sup>st</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> weeks only; 312)	
			SAT/ACT Prep (301)	