



Ann Arbor Public Schools

Community

HIGH SCHOOL

A Guide for Students and Parents
for the **2009-2010** School Year

First Day of School Tuesday, September 8, 2009

Community Motto: Small School, Open Minds • Michigan's Liberal Arts and Sciences High School



WHAT FEATURES MAKE CHS UNIQUE:

Forum – we eat together, hang out, take trips, and spend time talking about life, give back to our community and graduate together.

Independent Learners – the atmosphere at CHS encourages students to become independent and to take advantage of opportunities in the community.

Location – CHS is located in downtown Ann Arbor across from Kerrytown and the Farmers Market, and next door to Zingerman's.

Small School with Many Opportunities – the size of CHS facilitates tons of interaction between students and staff. We know each other and work well together because everyone sees each other every day!

Community Resources (CR) – CHS facilitates innovative learning in the classroom as well as in the community.

The caliber of faculty and staff and the innovative curriculum are just two more reasons CHS is such a great place for students to learn.

August 2009

Dear Families,

Welcome to Community High School! I am so pleased to be joining this very extraordinary school. CHS is recognized state-wide and nationally for our Michigan Merit Exam scores (including ACT), which are among the top in the state; the Visual and Performing Arts program, including the Jazz Band, Dance Body, and the Community Ensemble Theatre; the award-winning student newspaper, "The Communicator"; and our outstanding college counseling program. At CHS, nearly all of our students go on to higher education, including the top tier universities.

This year we will be working hard with students, faculty, and parents to build on these successes. It is a priority to communicate and involve you in the academic program and activities at CHS. Please stay positively involved in your student's education and know that our doors are always open to you.

I look forward to serving the students and families of Community. I would like to close with a poem by William Stafford that reminds us that we need to take advantage of every last moment this summer, as the "present" is a gift to be treasured.

You Reading This, Be Ready

*Starting here, what do you want to remember?
How sunlight creeps along a shining floor?
What scent of old wood hovers, what softened
sound from outside fills the air?*

*Will you ever bring a better gift for the world
than the breathing respect that you carry
wherever you go right now? Are you waiting
for time to show you some better thoughts?*

*When you turn around, starting here, lift this
new glimpse that you found; carry into evening
all that you want from this day. The interval you spent
reading or hearing this, keep it for life—*

*What can anyone give you greater than now,
starting here, right in this room, when you turn around?*

Best wishes,
Dean Jen

GENERAL INFORMATION

OVERVIEW

Community High School has celebrated the success of our students since 1972. CHS is fully accredited with a comprehensive curriculum in Math, Science, English, Social Studies, World Language and the Fine Arts, including Jazz, Theater and Dance. Community High prepares students for a variety of post-secondary options, sending over 90% to colleges and universities around the world and down the street!

YOUR FRIENDLY CHS COUNSELOR IS HERE TO HELP!

John Boshoven and Diane Grant can help with scheduling, drop/ads, split or dual enrollment, standardized testing, college exploration and application, and scholarships. They are trained to help students with personal or family issues, and see students on an individual or group basis. Your counselor works with your Forum Leader to provide information on graduation requirements, course scheduling, Career Cruising, College & Career Fairs and other activities. Regular parent meetings are held to teach about college transition and selection, child development and financial aid. **The Junior Conference** is a time set aside for each CHS family to plan for high school-to-college transition. The Counseling secretary, Karen Schleh, is one of the nicest people in the world, and helps students with a variety of needs, as well. The regular counseling newsletter, *apPARENTly*, is read weekly by hundreds of families, and features school and college information, AAPS and area happenings,

and the latest news from the college counseling world. To receive your free copy, write: boshoven@aaps.k12.mi.us.

FORUM

Forum is your family at school- a group of about 24 students in grades 9-12. Forums eat together, hang out, take trips, spend time talking about life and provide service to our community. Your Forum Leader will be a four-year friend and advocate.

WE'RE A SMALL SCHOOL WITH BIG OPPORTUNITIES.

Our size facilitates strong and meaningful relationships among students and faculty. Although our course offerings are small, our course list is HUGE, since students take advantage of hundreds of **Community Resource** classes, split enrollment to the big high schools, and dual enrollment to area colleges. CHS offers unique award-winning programs including **Model UN, Mock Trial, Creative Writing, Jazz, Journalism, Picking the President and the visual arts.** *Not School as Usual Day (NSAU)* occurs a couple times a year, and features field trips, speakers and immersion in a relevant topic. **Field Day** pits Forums against each other in friendly, spirited athletic competition. **Forum Days** are set aside for bonding and service opportunities, as well. Our veteran faculty love the subjects they teach and constantly refresh and update their courses to be the most relevant and hands-on.

ADMINISTRATION AND COUNSELING

Main Office Staff	Phone	Extension
Jennifer Hein, Dean	994-2025	36203
Christina Hicks Secretary to the Dean	994-2025	36200
Katy Sanderson Attendance/Book Secretary	994-2021	36201

Registrar	Phone	Extension
LaTonya Mayfield	994-2026	36204

Counseling Staff	Phone	Extension
John Boshoven, Counselor	994-2027	36207
Diane Grant, Counselor	994-2027	36211
Karen Schleh, Secretary	994-2027	36206

Community Resource Staff	Phone	Extension
Susette Jaquette	994-2026	36212
Danelle Mosher	994-2026	36205

AAPS Website:

http://www.aaps.k12.mi.us/aaps.home/aaps_home

CHS Website: <http://www.a2community.org>

GENERAL INFORMATION

EXPECTATONS

Students are responsible for knowing the contents of the [AAPS Rights and Responsibilities Handbook](#), which is sent home with the Back to School bus schedule booklet. We know that we can count on all of you to follow these guidelines and make our school one where an excellent education can be gained in an atmosphere of self-discipline and respect for others.

VISITORS TO CHS

Creating a climate of safety takes on additional importance in a downtown setting. All visitors to CHS must check in with the Main Office and receive a guest pass. Students who would like to have a visitor attend classes with them must complete and turn in a Visitor Form. The Visitor Form must be signed by parents and Faculty, and completed by the Dean. The Visitor Form is available in the Main Office.

STUDENT INTERVENTION

The CARE Team is available to convene and share student academic achievement, behavioral, and/or emotional concerns. The team generates ideas to help students be more successful at school. Typically, the team includes representatives such as appropriate Faculty, Forum leader, counselor, administrative designee, the parent, and the student. A parent or member of the school Faculty or staff can

make referrals. Progress is reviewed and the members of the team meet to discuss results and determine next steps. Those steps may include an ongoing general education plan or permission for further evaluation, which may lead to a Section 504 plan or Special Education Services.

Forum leaders and Counselors are available throughout the school year to work with students on problems both at school and outside of school. Our Faculty is dedicated to assisting students to realize their dreams and aspirations.

CAPSULE NIGHT

Capsule Night is the annual opportunity to meet your student's teachers by following a shortened schedule. Capsule Night will be held on Wednesday, September 23rd, beginning at 7:00pm.

2009 PARENT CONFERENCE INFORMATION

Conference by Appointment with CHS is on October 22, 2009 and October 26, 2009.

To schedule your appointments with your student's teachers, you must call in to the CHS office October 12th from 6:00pm - 8:00pm. Phone numbers are 994-2025 or 994-2021. Appointment length is 15 minutes with each Faculty member.

CHS SHUTTLE BUS SCHEDULE

CHS to PHS	PHS to CHS	CHS to HHS	HHS to CHS	CHS to SHS
9:30	7:25	9:30	7:20	1:25
10:30	9:40	10:20	9:45	
11:15	11:00	11:20	11:00	
12:05	12:30	12:05	11:55	PHS to COS
1:10	1:35	1:10	12:25	11:22
2:10		2:10	1:30	HOMEBUILD
3:30		3:30		11:30

2009-2010 CALENDAR

Aug 17 Aug 24	Secretaries and Counselors Back Split Enrollment Starts	Jan 22	NSAU
Sept 7 Sept 8	Labor Day – NO SCHOOL Opening Day at St. Andrews 8:00 – 8:50 am Opening Ceremony 9:00 – 10:30 am – Forum Pt 1 10:40 – 11:00 am – Block 1 11:10 – 11:30 am – Block 2 11:40 – 12:00 Noon – Block 3 12:00 – 12:50 pm – Lunch 12:50 – 1:10 – Block 4 1:20 – 1:40 pm – Block 5 1:50 – 2:10 pm – Block 6 2:20 – 2:40 pm – Block 7 2:50 – 3:25 pm – Forum Pt 2	Feb 3 Feb 8 Feb 12	COUNT DAY – Friday Schedule NAPPID BSU Valentine Dance Conference Call In's 6:00 – 8:00 pm
Sept 11	Picture Day W/SchoolPictures.com Friday Schedule	Mar 15	Parent/Teacher Conferences MME/ACT Window Information
Sept 16	CR & Drop/Add Deadlines SIT 3:00 pm	Apr 5 - 9	Spring Break – School Closed
Sept 17 Sept 23 Sept 25 Sept 30	Senior Meeting 2:30 pm Capsule Night 7:00 pm Forum Day COUNT DAY – Friday Schedule	Apr 15 Apr 20	Arts, Letters & Science Night NHS Induction 7:00 pm
Oct 1 Oct 2 Oct 12 Oct 21 Oct 22	Junior Meeting 2:00 pm Wednesday Schedule Conference Call In's 6:00 - 8:00 pm Junior Parent Meeting 7:00 pm Modified Friday Schedule for MEAP	May 14 May 21 May 28 May 31	2010 Prom at EMU 8:00 – 12:00 pm Forum Day Field Day Memorial Day – School Closed
Oct 23	Parent/Teacher Conferences 3:30 – 6:30 Picture Retake Day Thursday Schedule	June	Senior Celebration Graduation Final Exams Last Day of School
Oct 26 Oct 30 Oct 31	Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:00 - 7:00 Pumpkin Contest DeWoskin Forum Halloween Dance 8:00 Halloweeeeeeeeeen		
Nov 3 Nov 4	Election Day Mothers Uncensored 7:00 pm College Parent Panel		
Nov 6 Nov 23 Nov 24 Nov 25 - 27	Tuesday Schedule Tuesday Schedule Multi Culti Feast Thanksgiving Break (Wednesday Off????)		
Dec 2 Dec 18 Dec 21 - Jan 1	Financial Aide Info Mtg 7:00 pm Registration for 2nd Semester Winter Break – School Closed		

NOTE on the 2009-10 District Calendar:
Many dates on the District Calendar are negotiated as a part of the AAPS teacher contract; the teachers' current contract expired on June 30, 2009, so we do not have a full calendar yet for the 2009-10 school year. We do know that the first day of school, as mandated by State Law, will be Tuesday, September 8 and in accordance with the Washtenaw County School District Common Calendar, Winter Break will run from December 19 – January 3, and Spring Break 2010, will run from April 3 – 11. As soon as the teacher contract has been settled, we will add the dates for the 2009-10 District Calendar.

BELL SCHEDULES

COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL

Regular Bell Schedule Mon/Wed & Tues/Thurs	Half Day Schedule Early Release	Friday Schedule
Blk 1 or 2 7:50 – 9:25 am Blk 3 or 4 9:35 – 11:15 am Lunch 11:15 – 12:05 pm Blk 5 or 6 12:05 – 1:45 pm Blk 7 or 8 1:55 – 3:30 pm	Blk 1 7:50 - 8:20 am Blk 2 8:25 - 8:55 am Blk 3 9:00 - 9:30 am Blk 3 9:00 - 9:30 am Blk 4 9:35 - 10:05 am Blk 5 10:10 - 10:40 am Blk 6 10:45 - 11:15 am Blk 7 11:20 - 11:50 am Forum 11:55 - 12:25 pm Last Shuttle to PHS and HHS is 12:10 pm	Blk 1 7:50 – 8:45 am Blk 2 8:50 – 9:45 am Blk 3 9:50 – 10:45 am Blk 4 10:50 – 11:40 am Lunch Blk 5 12:30 – 1:25 pm Blk 6 1:30 – 2:25 pm Blk 7 2:30 – 3:25 pm Forum 3:30 – 4:00 pm

HURON HIGH SCHOOL

Regular Bell Schedule	Half Day Schedule Early Release
1st Hour 7:40 – 8:35 am 2nd Hour 8:43 – 9:38 am 3rd Hour 9:46 – 10:46 am 4LL 10:54 – 11:49 class – 11:49 – 12:15 lunch 4EL 10:46 – 11:12 lunch – 11:27 – 12:22 class 5th Hour 12:30 – 1:25 pm 6th Hour 1:33 – 2:28 pm 7th Hour 2:34 – 3:29 pm	1st Hour 7:40 – 8:10 am 2nd Hour 8:18 – 8:48 am 3rd Hour 8:56 – 9:28 am 4th Hour 9:36 – 10:06 am 5th Hour 10:14 – 10:44 am Lunch 6th Hour 11:27 – 11:57 am 7th Hour 12:05 – 12:35 am

PIONEER HIGH SCHOOL

Regular Bell Schedule	Half Day Schedule Early Release
1st Period 7:40 – 8:35 am 2nd Period 8:43 – 9:43 am 3rd Period 9:51 – 10:46 am Lunch 4th Period 11:27 – 12:22 pm 5th Period 12:30 – 1:25 pm 6th Period 1:33 – 2:28 pm 7th Period 2:35 – 3:30 pm	1st Period 7:40 – 8:10 am 2nd Period 8:18 – 8:52 pm 3rd Period 9:00 – 9:30 am 4th Period 9:38 – 10:46 am 5th Period 10:16 – 10:46 am Lunch 6th Period 11:27 – 11:57 am 7th Period 12:05 – 12:35 pm

SKYLINE HIGH SCHOOL

72 Minute Classes 7:45 am Start Time	Half Day Schedule Early Release 7:45 – 11:15 am	61 Minute Periods 7:45 am Start Time
1st Hour 7:45 – 8:57 am 2nd Hour 9:02 – 10:10 am A Lunch 10:24 – 10:54 am 3rd Hour A 10:59 – 12:11 am 4th Hour B 10:24 – 11:36 am B Lunch 11:41 – 12:11 pm 4th Hour 12:16 – 1:28 pm 5th Hour 1:33 – 2:45	1st Hour 7:45 – 8:23 am 2nd Hour 8:28 – 9:06 am 3rd Hour 9:11 – 9:49 am 4th Hour 9:54 – 10:32 am 5th Hour 10:37 – 11:15 am	1st Hour 7:45 – 8:46 am 2nd Hour 8:51 – 9:52 am Sky Time 9:57 – 10:52 am A Lunch 10:57 – 11:27 am 3rd Hour A 11:32 – 12:32 pm 3rd Hour B 10:57 – 11:58 am B Lunch 12:03 – 12:33 pm 4th Hour 12:38 – 1:39 pm 5th Hour 1:44 – 2:49 pm

ABSENCE REPORTING PROCEDURE

All absences are entered in the computerized system as unexcused unless a parent/guardian reports the absence properly. Unexcused absences will affect student grades and may jeopardize student enrollment at Community High School. Please follow the instructions below when reporting a student absent (you may want to cut the box out and keep it near your telephone for quick reference):

Community High School Absence Reporting Procedure

Whenever a student is absent from school, the parent/guardian should call 994-2021 before 11:00 AM of the day of the absence to notify CHS of the reason for a student's absence. A voice mail message can be left. A written explanation signed by the parent/guardian can also be brought to the Attendance Office within 24 hours of the absence. Be sure to include all of the information below:

1. Student's first and last name (If not a full-time CHS student, please also leave the student's ID #)
2. Parent/guardian's first and last name, and relationship to student
3. Dates and times of absence (i.e. all day, blocks, AM classes, PM classes, or specific times absent)
4. Reason for absence
5. Phone number for verification

Daily attendance in class is an important factor of student success in school. The staff at Community High School values student attendance because of the importance of keeping up

with class work, class participation, and the contribution students make to each other's learning. Students are expected to attend class daily.

Excused absences are those that are reported to the school by the student's parent/guardian (or Dean) within 24 hours of the absence. The following are acceptable reasons for a student to be absent from school with an excused absence:

- Personal illness
- Illness of immediate family member
- Death of a family member or close friend of the family/student
- Medical or dental care
- Religious observances
- Participation in a legal proceeding
- Emergency child care situations
- Unexpected transportation difficulties
- Family travel for exceptional reasons
- Short-term suspension
- Absence pending disposition of alleged violation of the student discipline policy
- Pre-planned school-related, educational activities approved by the Dean at least 3 days in advance

PRE-PLANNED ACTIVITY/VACATION FORMS must be completed and returned in advance if a student is absent 3 school days or more. The forms are available from the Attendance Office, which is located in the Main Office.

2009 – 2010 TESTING INFORMATION

Information, applications and registration materials are available in the Counseling Office or on line. You must register to take these tests. To register for ACT and SAT, mail in the forms or register on line. You can also register at the Counseling Office for the PSAT and AP Tests.

ACT (American College Test):

TEST DATES	REGISTRATION CLOSES	LATE REGISTRATION	HURON CODE: 230086 HURON ACT TEST CENTER: 17767 PIONEER CODE: 230088 PIONEER ACT TEST CENTER:191910 COMMUNITY CODE: 230084
September 12, 2009	August 7, 2009	August 8 – 21, 2009	
October 24, 2009	September 18, 2009	September 19 – October 2, 2009	
December 12, 2009	November 6, 2009	November 7 – 20, 2009	
February 6, 2010**	January 5, 2010	January 6 – 15, 2010	
April 10, 2010	March 5, 2010	March 6 – 19, 2010	
June 12, 2010	May 7, 2010	May 8 – 21, 2010	

SAT & Achievement (ATP-Admissions Testing Program)

TEST DATES	TEST	REGULAR REGISTRATION DEADLINE	HURON CODE: 230086 HURON/PIONEER TEST CENTER CODE: 23-110 PIONEER CODE: 23088 COMMUNITY: 230084
October 10, 2009	SAT & Subject Tests	September 9, 2009	
November 7, 2009	SAT & Subject Tests	October 1, 2009	
December 5, 2009	SAT & Subject Tests	October 30, 2009	
January 23, 2010	SAT & Subject Tests	December 15, 2009	
March 13, 2010	SAT only	February 4, 2010	
May 1, 2010	SAT & Subject Tests	March 25, 2010	
June 5, 2010	SAT & Subject Tests	April 29, 2010	



Community High School Mission Statement –

CHS is an alternative school-of-choice which maximizes a student's opportunity to use the entire community as a resource for study, which expects the student to be actively involved in the design and evaluation of his/her own program as well as the total school program and which fosters the development of independent learners who practice social and personal responsibility. The school program should match the learning needs of the applicant.



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