

Cañon City Tigers Newsletter

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From the Desk of Bill Summers, CCHS Principal...

The level of project-based learning at the high school is on an upward trajectory and the results are amazing! I've watched many final presentations; here are just a few (there were many more):

- 1. A water sampling project to determine the impact of the Hayden Creek fire burn scar on our local river's ecology in Mr. Laughlin's class
- 2. A Shark Tank extravaganza where students pitched their entrepreneurial ideas to a group of seasoned businessmen and women (and me) for cash results in Mr. Coppa's class.
- 3. An icon design project where students designed icons for the district's new core four beliefs and then presented them to the school board in Ms. Tortessi's class.
- 4. A statistics-based project where students designed their own baseball cards after calculating and comparing stats on their favorite players in Ms. Bliss' class.
- 5. Another statistics-based project where students answered the marketing dilemmas of local business people through the statistical gather and analysis process in Mr. Heinen's class.

In order to showcase these student-driven solutions, CCHS will host the first-ever Student Empowered Learning Framework (SELF) Expo on December 17th in the commons and auditorium. It will start at 6:00 PM and is open to the public. Please participate to experience first-hand how PBL is impacting our students' learning. Exciting news on the Pathways in Technology Early College High School (PTECH) front. The first CCHS students, 20 in all, were offered enrollment in November. We are awaiting their acceptance in order to announce their names. These students will be presented with the opportunity to earn PCC certifications and degrees in Computer Information Systems, the medical career field, and the automotive career field at little to no cost.

Finally, CCHS has begun looking at new course proposals for the next school year. There are some exciting proposed additions in the world of Art, Business, Leadership, PE, and AP.

Have a warm and wonderful holiday season!

Bill Summers

CCHS, Principal

Administration News

PARENT ADVISORY BOARD

The Cañon City High School Parent Advisory Board meets once a month in the high school library at 6:00 p.m. with meetings usually lasting about an hour. We are comprised of parents, community members, faculty, staff, students and administration whose common goal is improving the high school experience for all of our students.



We are open to new ideas and enhancing current channels of communication with parents and the community (i.e., Back to School Night, After Prom, Tiger Clubs and Activities handbook). We welcome any comments on current programs or proposed changes to policies and procedures (i.e., vocational education, Graduation with Honors; proposed budgets, Unified Improvement Plan). If you would like to help support Cañon City High School, please join us.

Upcoming meeting dates are: December 12, January 16, and February 13. For more information, contact Sara Marietta at 276-5877.

2018-2019 TASK FORCE WORKDAYS

(The second Wednesday of each month)

December 12, 2018

January 16, 2019

February 13, 2019

*Dates subject to change.

March 13, 2019

April 10, 2019

May 8, 2019

The Fremont RE-1 Board of Education has agreed to allow days during the school year for the high school staff to work together as a staff. This time will be spent on Progressive Educational Initiatives such as those recommended by the Secondary Task Force and several other committees that have student needs for the 21st Century as their focus. CCHS is closed until 9:00 a.m. when the Commons opens. At this time, students may purchase breakfast.

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Student Council Events

Holiday Door Decorating Contest

December 3rd - December 19th

Holiday Spirit Week

December 17th – December 20th



Talent Show

Tuesday, January 29th



Male Beauty Pageant

Wednesday, February 27th



Buy Your Yearbook Now!



Yearbooks must be purchased by Dec. 31. Cash and checks can be brought to Mrs. Lyons in room 110. Online credit card payments are accepted at <u>yearbookforever.com</u> Yearbooks are \$65. Payment plans are also available, see Mrs. Lyons for details.

Senior pictures are due to Mrs. Lyons by Dec. 31. Email them to rachel.lyons@canoncityschools.org, they must be at least 100KB.

Senior Tributes in the yearbook are due by Jan. 31, see Mrs. Lyons for details.

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Extracurricular Fees

Athletics Full \$75.00

Reduced Lunch \$50.00 Free Lunch \$25.00

JROTC Full \$75.00

Reduced Lunch \$50.00 Free Lunch \$25.00

Speech & Debate Full \$40.00

Reduced Lunch \$30.00 Free Lunch \$15.00

Encore Full \$40.00

Reduced Lunch \$30.00 Free Lunch \$15.00

FBLA & FCCLA Full \$35.00

Reduced Lunch \$20.00

Spring Musical Full \$75.00

Reduced Lunch \$50.00 Free Lunch \$25.00

Band Full \$75.00

Reduced Lunch \$50.00 Free Lunch \$25.00

ACTIVITY CARDS ~ \$40.00

*As per CRS 22-32-116.5 home-school students will pay 150% of the full fee. Fee will be truncated (Ex.\$75.00 would be \$110.00)

There will be a family maximum of \$300.00 per year

To receive the athletics/activities fee discount for free or reduced lunch students, you must provide proof of acceptance from Canon City Schools Nutritional Services. Applications to receive free or reduced lunch will be available at the CCHS front office. Applications are also available on-line at ccsnutrition.org

If you have any questions about the free and reduced lunch program, please call Janelle Grooms at 276-5813.



Counselor News

Students are allocated to a counselor by grade as follows-

Freshman – Mrs. Geesaman (x6140)

Sophomores - Mrs. Andrews (x5876)

Juniors – Mrs. Carlton (x5884)

Seniors – Mrs. Kingery (x5881)

Dual Enrollment Coordinator - Mr. Ritter (x5960)

Financial Aid & the FAFSA

Seniors and their parents apply for financial aid by filing the FAFSA

(Free Application for Federal Student Aid) as soon after January 1, 2019 as possible.

We recommend doing the FAFSA on line at www.fafsa.ed.gov

Filing the FAFSA in January requires PIN numbers by the student and parents, which can be obtained anytime at www.pin.ed.gov

Some private colleges require the CSS profile as well, which is available at www.collegeboard.com

For assistance with this process, FAFSA provides a help center at 1-800-4-FED-AID.





Counselor News

Upcoming College Entrance Exams

SAT-

Test Date Registration Deadline

Mar. 9, 2019 Feb. 8, 2019

For registration information go to:

http://sat.collegeboard.org

ACT -

Test Date Registration Deadline

Feb. 9, 2019 Jan. 11, 2019

Apr. 13, 2019 Mar. 8, 2019

For registration information go to:

http://www.actstudent.org

Keep up to date with all of the graduation information under the counseling tab of the CCHS website.



Senior News

Seniors may submit their own portraits if they meet the following criteria:

- 1. Photo must be a vertical portrait, approximately 2" x 3". We will crop it to fit perfectly.
- 2. The portrait must be a head and shoulders shot only. If the picture you submit contains more than head and shoulders, we will crop it down. In this situation, please make sure that the quality of the picture is good enough to have the head and shoulders enlarged.
- 3. The portrait may be color or black and white. Portraits will appear in color, but you still may submit a black and white photo.
- 4. DIGITAL PHOTO FILES are preferred. Bring the file on a CD or jump drive to Mrs. Lyons in Room 110. You can also e-mail the photo to rachel.lyons@canoncityschools.org. Make sure the file is in JPEG OR TIFF format with a minimum file size of 100 KB. She will send a confirmation email to let you know it was received.
- 5. WE CANNOT ACCEPT photos you printed on your home printer or took with your cell phone. They are not up to publishing standards and will not reproduce with acceptable quality. Hard copies will be scanned and returned to you in a timely fashion.
- 6. The deadline for acceptance of senior portraits is the Friday before Christmas break.
- 7. LATE FEE- Any late submissions will be charged \$5.00 fee. If the page your photo should appear on has already been finalized, the photo will not be accepted.
- 8. Questions? See Mrs. Lyons in room 110 or e-mail her at rachel. lyons@canoncityschools.org.

ATTENTION SENIORS!

Last opportunity to order your Cap & Gown!!!

Jostens will be in the lobby December 14th from 10 am to noon.



News

To the Future

Shad Johnson is an interesting man.

He sometimes wears shoes that don't match...or socks.

He volunteers his time to serve on the Cañon City Schools RE-1 Board of Education. Mr. Johnson is always open to, and interested in, the feelings and opinions of the families, students and community members he serves.

Cañon City Schools are in the beginning stages of a Great Change in public education. When asked for some key points with regard to that change, Johnson replied with the following:



- As the digital age has ever increased in both popularity and demand, we can, and should expect that our students understand that their career paths will most likely have to be re-tooled 5-6 times during the course of their careers. Now, this used to mean some additional training in our chosen career, but now it means the possibility of a whole new career as a result of the information age no longer taking 10-20 years to double, but 10-12 months.
- As students look to their futures, it's important to recognize that it's not always about the content of learning so much as it may be the ability understanding and having the ability to learn and adjust to new careers faster than ever before in the work history of our nation or the world.
- Finally, some of the technical skill-type jobs, such as construction and yes, even paving roads, may no longer require a human to physically do the work, but more than likely, people will have to watch robots do the work and have the ability to manage the equipment.

Mr. Johnson states, "Fascinating, the changes ahead...oh, and not that far ahead, as most of this is already occurring."

Cañon City Schools is a leader in forward thinking for public education in the state of Colorado. Our administration, board and teachers participate in many focus groups and committee meetings at the state level.

Interested community members are welcome to attend CCSD RE-1 Board of Education Meetings, which are normally held and are subject to change during holidays or summer time.

Meeting Dates: Every 2nd and 4th Monday of each Month

Location: District Administration Office, 101 N. 14th Street

Time: 5:30 pm

~ JoAnn Ewing

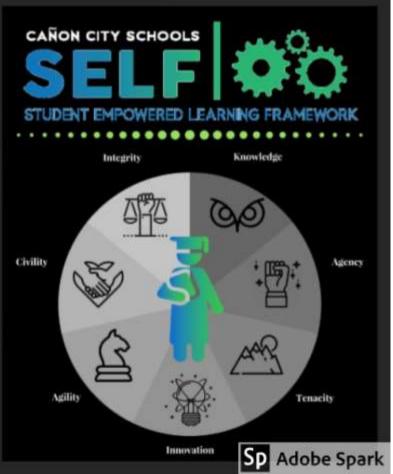
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CCHS SELF EXHIBITION NIGHT

JOIN US!
DECEMBER

17TH
6-7:30 PM



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- Select "Set as Default" and the Cañon City app will automatically open each time you open the School Communications Agency app

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