

Community

2011 - 2012
Guide for Students and Parents
School Starts Tuesday, September 6

HIGH SCHOOL



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Motto: Small School, Open Minds • Fired up students and staff doing cool things

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 2011

Welcome to Community High School, a true leader in academic achievement and post secondary outcomes for students! CHS provides multiple opportunities to personalize your educational experience to better prepare you for your future education and career decision-making. The Faculty at Community High School is among the most expert and renowned in Michigan, producing alumni who are internationally recognized for their passion in their life's work. We are committed to 21st century education to foster teaching and learning in a small, relationship based environment, where instruction is rigorous and authentic.

Community High School values independent learning and personal responsibility and we hold those expectations for the entire student body. At CHS, you will learn to balance our unique course offerings, while also engaging in the learning that comes from Community Resource classes and course work at local colleges and universities.

Extra curricular opportunities abound at CHS, whether it is becoming active in our nationally recognized performing arts groups and journalism programs, our state champion Mock Trial team, or our many clubs and organizations. Everyone at CHS regularly and actively engages in community service and learning. All of these things provide a depth and richness to your high school career available only at Community High School!

We look forward to working with each of you this school year. Let's work together to make this year the best year ever!

**Best wishes,
The CHS Faculty and Staff**



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, Fine Arts, Jazz, Theater and Dance. Community High prepares students for a variety of post-secondary options, sending over 90% of our students 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/adds, 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, adolescent 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
Danelle Mosher	994-2026	36205

On-Line Learning/Options	Phone	Extension
Susette Jaquette	994-2026	36212

AAPS Website: <http://www.a2schools.org>

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

GENERAL INFORMATION

EXPECTATIONS

Students are responsible for knowing the contents of the *AAPS Student Rights and Responsibilities* handbook. Copies of the handbook are in the Main Office, Counseling Office and on line at <http://a2community.org>. 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. The CHS culture and climate precludes any harassment and/or bullying of students, faculty and staff. Retaliation for reporting harassment and/or bullying will not be tolerated.

All students, faculty and staff must follow the AAPS Technology Use Agreement. The agreement can be found on line at <http://a2community.org>.

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 wear a guest pass. Students who would like to have a visitor attend classes with them must complete and turn in a Visitor Form prior to the visit. 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 concerns about student achievement, behavioral, substance abuse, and/or emotional issues. The CARE team generates ideas to assist 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 evaluation for 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 with realizing 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 21st, beginning at 7:00pm.

2011 PARENT CONFERENCE INFORMATION

Conference by Appointment with CHS is on October 20th, 2011 and October 24th, 2011. To schedule your appointments with your student's teachers, you must call in to the CHS office on October 10th or October 13th between the hours of 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm. Phone numbers are 994-2025 or 994-2021. Appointment length is 15 minutes with each Faculty member. Spring conference call in is March 19, with conferences being held on March 26th.

CHS SHUTTLE BUS SCHEDULE*

CHS to PHS	PHS to CHS	CHS to HHS	HHS to CHS	SHS to CHS
9:30	7:20	9:30	7:20	7:35
10:30	9:48	10:30	9:40	
11:20	11:00	11:20	10:55	
				CHS to SHS
12:10	11:50	12:10	11:55	3:50
1:10	12:35	1:10	12:25	
2:10	1:35	2:10	1:30	
3:30		3:30		

*Bus numbers will be posted at the start of school for the shuttles.

2011-2012 CALENDAR

Aug 15 Aug 15 Aug 22	Secretaries Return Counselors Return Split Enrollment begins at 8:00 am	Jan 27 Jan 30 Jan 31	End of 1st Semester Records Day – No school for students 2nd Semester Begins
Sept 5 Sept 6 Sept 8 Sept 9 Sept 15 Sept 16 Sept 21 Sept 23 Sept 30	Labor Day – No School Opening Day Ceremony at St. Andrews, 8 am Freshman Mtg. 2:15 pm PICTURE DAY - Fridy Schedule Senior Meeting 2:15 pm Drop/Add District Classes CHS Capsule Night 7:00 pm Forum Day – CHS Students Only 1st Interim Ends – Wednesday Schedule	Feb 2 Feb 3 Feb 6 Feb 8 Feb 9 Feb 10 Feb 13 Feb 14 Feb 15 Feb 16 Feb 17 Feb 20-24 Feb 27 Feb 28	Incoming 9th Grade Orientation 7:00 pm Drop/Add District Classes Incoming 9th Grade Orientation 7:00 pm COUNT DAY – Friday Schedule English MME Review Incoming 9th Grade Orientation 7:00 pm Monday Schedule BSU Dance Lottery Applications Due by 4:00 pm NAAPID Day Lottery Drawing for 2012 - 2013 No School For Students Professional Development ACT Bubbling Thursday Schedule NSAU All School Trip – CHS Students Only Mid Winter Break School Resumes Social Studies MME Review
Oct 4 Oct 5 Oct 10 Oct 12 Oct 13 Oct 18 Oct 19 Oct 20 Oct 21 Oct 24 Oct 28	PLAN pre-bubble Social Studies MEAP Review Junior Meeting 2:15 pm COUNT DAY – Friday Schedule Conference Call In 6:00 – 8:00 pm 10th Grade PLAN Test 11th Grade PSAT Test Shortened Wednesday Schedule Conference Call In 6:00 – 8:00 pm BSU Talent Show during Forum MEAP 9th Grade Shortened Wednesday Schedule Parent/Teacher Conferences 3:30 – 6:30 pm PICTURE RE-TAKES Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:00 – 7:00 pm HALLOWEEN DANCE 8:00pm – 11:00 pm	Mar 1 Mar 2 Mar 6-8 Mar 9 Mar 19 Mar 22-25 Mar 26 Mar 29-31	Connect With Community 1:45-4:00 pm 3rd Interim Ends Lottery Commitment to CHS by 4:00 pm MME/ACT – 11th Graders Tuesday Schedule Conference Call In 6:00 – 8:00 pm CET Production Parent/Teacher Conferences 3:30 – 6:30 pm CET Production
Nov 4 Nov 8 Nov 12 Nov 17 Nov 18 Nov 18-20 Nov 21 Nov 22 Nov 23-25 Nov 28	1st Quarter Ends Tuesday Schedule Election Day – No School Barnes & Noble Book Fair Learning Differences College Fair 4:00-8:00 Monday Schedule CET Performance Tuesday Schedule Multi-Culti Feast – CHS Students Only Thanksgiving Break No School School Resumes	Apr 2-6 Apr 9 Apr 12 Apr 20 Apr 25 Apr 26 April 27	Spring Break School Resumes NHS 7:00-9:00 pm 3rd Quarter Ends Early Release (tentative) Senior Meeting 2:00 pm Arts, Science & Letters 7:00 pm Dance Body Performance 7:00 pm
Dec 1 Dec 2 Dec 6 Dec 7 Dec 16 Dec 19 Dec 21 Dec 22 Dec 23	College Apps due for January deadlines 2nd Interim Ends Seniors: Financial Aid Night 7:00 pm Tentative Early Release CR/On Line Deadline - 2nd Semester CHS Winter Jazz Concert 7:00 pm Friday Schedule Registration for 2nd Semester Classes Winter Break No School (Includes 12/23 - Jan 6)	May 4 May 8 May 9 May 10-12 May 14 May 15 May 18 May 25 May 28 May 30 May 31	CHS Prom at EMU Ballroom 8:00 pm-Midnight American Red Cross Blood Drive 9:00-3:00 CET Performance Spring Jazz Concert at the Ark 7:00 pm Physic's Day At Cedar Point Forum Day – CHS Students Only 4th Interim Ends Field Day - CHS Students Only Memorial Day – School Closed 9th Grade Check in 3:00-4:00 pm Shortened Thursday Schedule Senior Mtg 1:30 – 2:15 Senior Celebration 2:15 – 3:15
Jan 9 Jan 10 Jan 12 Jan 16 Jan 18 Jan 20 Jan 23-26	School Resumes Lottery Application Period Opens Incoming 9th Grade Orientation 7:00 pm MLK Day Assembly During 6th Blk MLK Day No School Incoming 9th Grade Orientation 7:00 pm Dance Body Performance 7:00 pm Final Exams	June 5 June 7 June 11 June 12-14	Graduation at Rackham Auditorium 7:00 pm 9th Grade Check In 3:00-4:00 pm Block 7 Final Exam Registration for 2012 – 2013 School Year Final Exams

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 4 9:35 - 10:05 am Blk 5 10:10 - 10:40 am Blk 6 10:45 – 11:15 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 Block 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 4EL 10:54 – 11:49 Class 11:49 – 12:15 lunch 4LL 11:27 – 12:22 Class – 10:46 – 11:12 lunch 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 Main Office within 48 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, because it is important for keeping up with class work, class participation, and the contribution

students make to each other's learning. Students are expected to attend class daily and on time.

Excused absences are those that are reported to the school by the student's parent/guardian (or Dean) within 48 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.

2011 – 2012 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 AP Tests.

ACT (American College Test):

TEST DATES

September 10, 2011
October 22, 2011
December 10, 2011
February 11, 2012
April 14, 2012
June 9, 2012

REGISTRATION CLOSES

August 12, 2011
September 16, 2011
November 4, 2011
January 13, 2012
March 9, 2012
May 4, 2012

LATE REGISTRATION

August 13-26, 2011
September 17-30, 2011
November 5-18, 2011
January 14-20, 2012
March 10-23, 2012
May 5-18, 2012

COMMUNITY CODE: 230084

HURON CODE: 230086
HURON ACT TEST CENTER:
17767
PIONEER CODE: 230088
PIONEER ACT TEST CENTER:
191910
SKYLINE CODE: 230089

Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) and Subject Tests

TEST DATES

October 1, 2011
November 5, 2011
December 3, 2011
January 28, 2012
March 10, 2012
May 5, 2012
June 2, 2012

REGISTRATION CLOSES

September 9, 2011
October 7, 2011
November 8, 2011
December 30, 2011
February 10, 2012
April 6, 2012
May 8, 2012

LATE REGISTRATION

September 10-21, 2011
October 8-21, 2011
November 9-20, 2011
Dec 31 – Jan 13, 2012
February 11 -24, 2012
April 7-20, 2012
May 9-22, 2012

COMMUNITY CODE: 230084

HURON CODE: 230086
HURON/PIONEER TEST
CENTER CODE: 23-110
PIONEER CODE: 23088
SKYLINE CODE: 230089

Community

HIGH SCHOOL

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Community High School Mission Statement

CHS is a rigorous academic college preparatory magnet school, which encourages students to use the entire community as a resource for study, and fosters the development of independent learners who practice personal and social responsibility as they prepare for their post-secondary experience.

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