

# Capital High School **COUGAR CONNECTION**



May 2010

Dear Parents,


Thanks for your on-going support for Capital High School. Our parents have served on Booster Clubs, the CHS Parent Organization, our Site Team, and the CHS Foundation to provide scholarships for our students. From attending sporting events, to enjoying concerts and dramatic evenings, to assisting with our Culminating Projects, your support has benefited our school in significant. We also thank you for your support of the levy that will make needed repairs to our roof.

Thanks for all that you do for kids!

Sincerely,

Nancy Faaren  
Principal

**2nd Semester Report Cards  
will be mailed home  
July  
2nd.**




## **A Note About Summer Construction**



In the December of 2008, the roof of our Library collapsed due to the weight of snowfall. We were able to repair our Library and through the reconstruction process discovered faulty trusses throughout our building in all areas other than the Commons area, small gym, and the recently built science wing.

The district realized the need to repair our roof and asked our voters this past fall to pass a levy for this need. We have signed a contract with Berschauer-Phillips to begin this repair work and expect this project to take two summers to complete. We will begin repairs in our classrooms and other areas this summer. Our facility will officially close on June 30th and not re-open until Sports Clearance the week of August 16th. Next summer we expect to complete all other areas that were not repaired this summer. If you have any questions regarding this project, please contact Michelle Anderson, Assistant Principal at C.H.S. (596-8012) , or Tim Byre, OSD supervisor-Planning & Construction(596-8560).



**\*Visit our website [chs.wednet.edu](http://chs.wednet.edu) for our school calendar and other important information \***



### **IMPORTANT DATES**

May 20	Arts and Recognition Night-6:30
May 25 & 26	Mandatory Grad Night meeting (go to either one) for seniors attending Grad Night.7:00-8:30 p.m.
May 26	Data & Dessert-7:30 p.m. in Library
May 31	<b>NO SCHOOL-Memorial Day Holiday</b>
June 1	Orchestra Concert-7:30
June 2	<b>SCHEDULE B LATE START (Buses run 1 hour late in a.m.)</b>
June 2	Choir Concert-7:30 p.m.
June 3	Band Concert-7:30 p.m.
June 4	All School BBQ and Yearbook Distribution
June 5	Free Sports Physicals (in Commons) Girls: 8:00 a.m.-noon, Boys: 1 p.m.-4p.m.
June 6	Baccalaureate-2:00-3:30 CHS Theatre
June 7&8	Graduation Tickets Distributed to Seniors
June 10	Senior Awards Night-7:00 p.m.
June 12	Prom-9:00 p.m.-12:00 a.m. Red Lion Hotel
June 14 & 15	Senior Final Exams
June 15	Avanti High School Graduation
June 17	Final Exams-periods 1 & 2 <b>12:07 Release, buses pick up at 2:37</b>
June 17	Senior Breakfast-9:00 a.m., MANDATORY graduation rehearsal 10:00 a.m.
June 18	Final Exams-periods 3 & 4 <b>12:07 Release, buses pick up at 2:37</b>
June 19	C.H.S. Graduation-1:00 p.m. St. Martin's Marcus Pavillion
June 21	Final Exams, periods 5 & 6, <b>LAST DAY OF SCHOOL 11:07 release</b>
June 30	C.H.S. Building Closed for Construction
July 2	Report Cards Mailed Home

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### **Public Forums on Budget Set for May 25 and May 27**

The Olympia School District will hold two public forums to discuss the proposed 2010-2011 budget. The forums will be held at Jefferson Middle School on Tuesday, May 25th beginning at 6:30 p.m. and at Reeves Middle School on Thursday, May 27th beginning at 6:30 p.m. District staff will present an overview of the budget, answer questions and gather input. Parents, students, school employees and members of the public are invited to attend. For more information about the proposed 2010-2011 budget, go to <http://osd.wednet.edu>



### **Congratulations to the following C.H.S. students who competed at the WIAA/WMEA State Solo/Ensemble Competition in April:**

- Gabriella Guilfoil:** Soprano Solo (First Place)
- Philip Arbaugh, Brett Hartman, Jacob Hibbard, Chris Privette:** Male Vocal Quartet
- Gordon Shaugnessy:** Tenor Soloist
- Emily Brine:** Snare Drum (First Place)
- Rachel Scholes:** French Horn (Third Place)
- Landon Hankins:** Euphonium/Baritone Horn
- Rachel Scholes, Josh Farrar, Kaitlin Schmidt, and Sydnee Dieckman :** French Horn Quartet (Fourth Place)



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### **Capital Cougars Are Academic State Champions**



Four spring sports teams were recently named Academic State Champions by the Washington Interscholastic Activities Association. The teams honored for their high grade point averages are Baseball, Boy’s Tennis, Boy’s Track and Boy’s Soccer. These teams join the list from earlier this year which include; Boy’s and Girl’s Cross Country, Boy’s Swimming and Gymnastics. Great job Cougar athletes!

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### **A Word From The C.H.S. Cafeteria:**

After May 1st there will be no charging of lunches if you have a negative balance in your lunch account. All negative balances must be paid by the last day of school . Seniors, negative lunch account balances could effect the release of your diploma.

Sign in to **Family Access** to make convenient on-line lunch account payments. Need to join Family Access? Stop by the main office for an application, or check out our website.



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### **Traffic Safety**

Are you interested in your student learning how to drive this summer? The summer Traffic Safety course will run from May 25 to July 8. We must have 25 students enrolled in order to fill the class. Contact Rachel Beard at (360)596-8015 for more information.



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### **Capital High School is once again offering Free Sports Physicals!**

**When?** Saturday, June 5th

**Where?** The Commons

**Girls:** from 8:00 a.m. to Noon

**Boys:** from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

## Spring is here! It's time to review our school dress code:

The administration and staff at Capital High School are committed to providing a quality learning environment for all students and teachers. To help maintain this goal, the following dress expectations will be maintained.

- Shorts and skirts must be 4 inches above the center of the kneecap or longer.
- Shirts must cover the stomach, back, shoulders, and chest. Tube tops, halter-tops, spaghetti strap tank tops and only one shoulder strap are not appropriate for school.
- Cleavage must not be showing.
- "See-through" material is not appropriate for school.
- Undergarments or clothing worn as undergarments must not be showing. This includes pants worn so low that garments worn under the pants are showing.
- Shoes or sandals must be worn at all times.



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## PLEASE REVIEW THE FOLLOWING IMPORTANT ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

Attendance Office 360-596-8019

**This Attendance Information Details the Requirements for Parents and Students.**

### To excuse a student:

A parent or guardian must call the attendance secretary to excuse a student's absence or tardiness. **Calls must be received within 24 hours of a student's absence or tardiness.** The attendance secretary's voice mail is available at any time to excuse a student's absence or tardiness. The attendance secretary's direct line is **360-596-8019**. For attendance purposes **a note will not be accepted.**

When arriving at voice mail please leave a clear, distinct message excusing the student's absence. Please include the following information when leaving a message:

1. student name (please spell last name)
2. parent or guardian name
3. reason for absence
4. a phone number where the parent or guardian can be reached.

### Parent Notification:

In an effort to keep parents informed, a computer generated call will be made to the parent of every student who misses one or more periods of any school day. This phone call will be made the same day of the absence. If a student believes that an absence was recorded in error the student is responsible to contact the teacher and bring a written note from the teacher to the attendance office to verify that an error was made.

### Extended Absences:

If a student will be absent 3 or more days, due to vacation, etc, **an extended absence form must be completed and approved by an administrator prior to the absence.** Forms may be picked up in the Attendance office.

**Early Release:** Call the attendance office **before 9:00a.m.** to notify them of the time your student needs to be excused early. Please remember, you may leave a message on the attendance line (596-8019) **24 hours per day!** The attendance office will write an early release slip and deliver it to your student. Then, at the appropriate time, your student will come to the attendance office and sign out. **If students are returning to school that day, they must sign back in at the attendance office.**

**Please check out the attendance policy in the student handbook on line at <http://capital.osd.wednet.edu>.**

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## Quote of the Month

*"I've missed over 9,000 shots in my career. I've lost almost 300 games. 26 times I've been trusted to take the game winning shot...and missed. I've failed over and over again in my life. And that is why I succeed."*

*-Michael Jordan*

# Cougars earn honors at the Washington State Science and Engineering Fair on March 26th and 27th.

## Sumukh Bharadwaj, Grade 9

Ohio Wesleyan University Outstanding Achievement in Science Scholarships  
WSSEF Senior Division First Place Winner  
Naval Science Award

## Vamsi Chunduru, Grade 11

Intel Excellence in Computer Science Award  
US Air Force Award  
Institute of Electrical Electronic Engineering Award  
Yale Science and Engineering Association Award  
SWWEF Senior Division First Place Winner  
Ohio Wesleyan University Outstanding Achievement in Science Scholarships  
Whitman College Scholarship  
US Army Awards of Excellence Outstanding Projects



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# COUGAR DRILL TEAM 1ST IN STATE!

**Congratulations to our Cougar Drill Team for WINNING THE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP IN POM CATEGORY! The team also placed 4th in State in the Military Category.**

**In individual competition, Hanna Ramirez placed 1st in state in the Drill Down and Sarah Hendrickson placed 3rd. Great job ladies!**



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**CONGRATULATIONS** to C.H.S. seniors Sydnee Dieckman and Jenny Lee who have been chosen as 2010 Washington Scholars. Great job ladies!

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## 2nd Semester Final Exams Schedule



- 1st and 2nd periods June 17 - 12:07 release (Buses pick up at 2:37)
- 3rd and 4th periods June 18- 12:07 release (Buses pick up at 2:37)
- 5th and 6th period June 21- 11:07 release (Buses pick up at 11:07)









## News from the CHS Library

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**Seniors: All books due by June 10<sup>th</sup>. Underclassmen: All books due by the 16<sup>th</sup>.** Thanks for your attention to this. With summer approaching, encourage your students to read for pleasure. To that end, the CHS Library **will allow** students to check out books to read over the summer! Just ask for “summer check out”.

The Library Advisory Board is hosting a **Book Swap** in the library from May 17<sup>th</sup> – end of the year. Just bring in gently used books you’ve already read and swap them with ones other students are bringing in or advanced publication copies the library has acquired.

For multiple lists of summer reading possibilities, visit Timberland Regional Library’s page at [www.timberland.lib.wa.us/great-reads.htm](http://www.timberland.lib.wa.us/great-reads.htm).

**The 2010 Top Ten Best Books for Young Adults picked by the Young Adult Library Services Association are:**

*Demon's Lexicon* by Brennan, Sarah Rees.

*The Orange Houses* by Griffin, Paul.

*The Great Wide Sea* by Herlong, M.H.

*The Reformed Vampire Support Group* by Jinks, Catherine.

*Alligator Bayou* by Napoli, Donna Jo.

*Stitches: A Memoir* by Small, David.

*When You Reach Me* by Stead, Rebecca.

*Marcelo in the Real World* by Stork, Francisco X.

*Lips Touch: Three Times* by Taylor, Laini.

*Written in Bone: Buried Lives of Jamestown and Colonial Maryland* by Walker, Sally M.

**Read On Cougs!!!**

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**BUY A PAVER FOR CHS COUGAR COURT** located in the courtyard entrance of The Commons.



**Purchase a paver to:**

- **Honor a graduate!**
- **Thank a favorite teacher**
- **Remember a favorite coach**

The Capital High School Foundation provides scholarships to graduating students to help support their continuing education. The scholarship fund grows through fundraising, contributions, memorials and gifts from CHS families and friends.

Pavers come in 3 sizes with your choice of lettering and 5 optional graphics. Starting at \$50, **the order form is available on the CHS website. Click “Community”, then click “Foundation”, then “Pavers”.** For more information please contact Brenda Howe, 866-5534





## SENIOR NEWS

### Graduation is June 19th at 1:00 p.m.!!



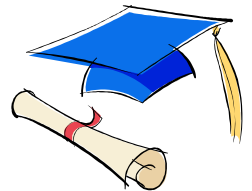
*Baccalaureate is Sunday, June 6th from 2 to 3:30 p.m. in the  
CHS Theatre.*

Seniors arrive at 1:40 in their caps and gowns. The theme is "Be the change you want to see in the world" -Majatma Gandhi. Admission is free, but a ticket will be needed to enter. Tickets will be distributed at school in May. Friends and family are invited to attend. The event is non-denominational, and as such encourages students of all faiths to participate. The goal of the event is to celebrate and encourage graduating seniors while recognizing and sharing those ways in which they and their classmates have been inspired. **For more information contact: Paula Liechty at 866-5259**

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### A Message from your Class of 2010 Parent Representatives:

**Don't be late for a very important date!!**



There is still time to get your **GRAD NIGHT PARTY TICKET!** This is a great finale to four years of high school. Past attendees have said, "It's the best way to end high school-it's one of my best memories." This **WILL** be an event to remember! Contact Cori Mayes [mayesdc@comcast.net](mailto:mayesdc@comcast.net) (360)866-0741 or Donna Monda [dmonda@comcast.net](mailto:dmonda@comcast.net) (360)866-4901 for more information.

**\*\*IMPORTANT\*\* All graduates registered for the Grad Night Party MUST attend an information meeting which will include medical release forms, BUS SIGN-UPS, logistics for the evening, etc.....May 25th or May 26th from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**

**ALSO.....**

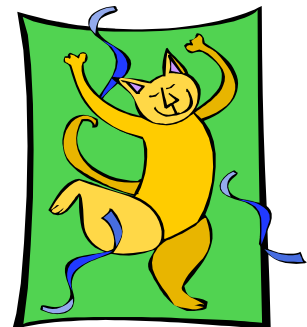
The Class of 2010 Parent Group is sponsoring an off-site dance as a final fundraiser. Dance! Dance! Dance!

**When:** Friday, May 21st, 9:00 p.m.-Midnight

**Where:** The Eagle's (Corner of 4th & Plum St.)

**Cost:** \$10 at the door

**Who:** All CHS students (ASB card required to enter)



This is a fundraiser for the Class of 2010 sponsored by parents, not C.H..S. No CHS administration will be present at the dance, nor responsible for the event. For more information contact [mayesdc@comcast.net](mailto:mayesdc@comcast.net) or [dmonda@comcast.net](mailto:dmonda@comcast.net)

**The CHS community inspires all learners to think, explore, and grow.**



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Please call the attendance secretary at **596-8019** to report an absence by 9:00 a.m. each morning. For your convenience there is a 24-hour answering machine in the attendance office to report an absence for your student. **Homework assignments may be requested by 9:00 a. m. on the second day of an absence. After the first two day of assignments are completed you may request additional days of work.**

For information regarding counseling you may call your student's counselor at the numbers listed below or call the counseling secretary, **Sydni Weeks** at **596-8027**.

### Capital High School (360) 596-8000

#### Principal

Nancy Faaren 596-8005

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