The last day of school is Friday, June 12th. School is out at 10:52 a.m. Graduation is Thursday, June 11th at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Martin’s Marcus Pavilion.

Olympia Robotics Federation Heading to the Robotics World Championship!

Congratulations to our Robotics Team who qualified for the Robotics World Championships by placing 13th of 150 teams in the Pacific Northwest (and almost winning the State Championships—falling short by only 2/3rd of a point!). The team was able to raise almost $800 per student needed for airfare and hotel in only two weeks!
Important Dates

May 1-2  CHS Spring Musical—7:30 p.m. Into the Woods
May 4     CHSPO Meeting—6:30 p.m.
May 5     Data and Dessert Night—7:00 p.m.
May 6     Schedule B—One Hour Late Start (OSD AM Buses Run 1 Hour Late)
May 8 - 9  CHS Plant Sale
May 12    Schedule C—Clubs
May 13    Schedule B—One Hour Late Start (Buses on regular schedule)
May 19    Arts Recognition Night—6:00 p.m.
May 19-21 10th Grade ELA Exams
May 20    Schedule B—One Hour Late Start (Buses on regular schedule)
May 22    Schedule G—Move-up/Sports & Recognition Assembly
May 25    NO SCHOOL—MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY
May 26    Schedule C
May 27    Math EOC—Special Schedule
May 27    One Hour Late Start (Buses on regular schedule)
May 28    Biology EOC—Special Schedule
May 28    Band Concert—7:00 p.m.
June 1    CHSPO Meeting—6:30 p.m.
June 2    Orchestra Concert—7:30 p.m.
June 2    Senior Finals—Periods 1 & 2
June 3    Senior Finals—Periods 3 & 4
June 3    Schedule B—One Hour Late Start (OSD AM Buses Run 1 Hour Late)
June 3    Europe Trip Meeting—6:30 p.m.
June 4    Senior Finals—Periods 5 & 6
June 4    Choir Concert—7:30 p.m.
June 5    Senior Breakfast—8:00 a.m.
June 5    Graduation Practice—9:00 a.m. in the Gym
June 5    Awards Assembly—10:30 a.m.
June 5    All school BBQ/Yearbook Distribution—12:00 p.m.
June 6    OSD Free Sports Physicals
June 6    Prom—9:00 p.m. Indian Summer Golf and Country Club
June 6    5K Cougar Challenge Family Fun Run—10:00 a.m.
June 10   Finals—Periods 1 & 2
June 11   Finals—Periods 3 & 4
June 11   Graduation Practice—St. Martin’s Pavilion 10:00 a.m.
June 11   Graduation—St. Martin’s Pavilion 7:00 p.m.
June 12   Finals—Periods 5 & 6
June 12   LAST DAY OF SCHOOL—HALF DAY SCHEDULE F

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**Free Student Sports Physicals**

June 6th in the CHS Gym.

All students participating in WIAA school sports are required to have a current physical.

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**Olympia School District Summer School**

This year, summer school will once again be held at Capital High School. School will be held June 29th through July 30th. Students and parents must attend an orientation on June 29th from 9:00-10:30 a.m. or 10:30-12:00 p.m. in the CHS Theater. Registration forms are available on the OSD website.

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**LUNCH ACCOUNT INFORMATION**

With the end of the school year fast approaching, school lunches may now only be charged if there is money available in your lunch account. Please take care of any negative balances by the last day of school. Accounts with positive balances will be carried over to next school year. If you are a senior and want to request a balance refund, stop by the main office for a request form.
Capital's Dance Team had another amazing year. Competing throughout the year and bringing home numerous trophies, they finished as District champions in pom, military, and dance. They went on to compete at State, and finished 2nd in the state in pom, 2nd in the state in military, and 3rd in the state in dance. Team member, Claire Smith also won the state championship for Drill Down, the individual part of the state competition.

CHS Dance and Drill Team Finish 2nd in State!

Join GRuB's community of volunteers working for a better food system! Over 1,500 people in our community have volunteered with GRuB. In Washington, the value of a volunteer's time was $26.72 in 2013, while in 2014 volunteers donated time equivalent to several full-time staff roles (a big deal for GRuB, with less than 10 full-time staff!). Volunteers have allowed GRuB to build over a thousand garden beds for people locally; donate good food to the Thurston County Food Bank every year; increase the tools and skills available to youth in GRuB School; and more. Volunteers with GRuB gain and share access to resources, knowledge, and supportive community. We'd love to have you join us at the table! Contact Amory, GRuB’s American VISTA Volunteer Coordinator, for more information and a volunteer application. You can reach her by phone at (360) 753-5522 or email at volunteer@goodgrub.org.

The entire CHS staff would like to say THANK YOU to our amazing parent organization, The CHSPO, for the monthly Friday S.T.U.F.F. (Staff & Teachers United For Food) events they hosted for our staff this school year. The bagels, fruit, treats and coffee were always delicious and very well received. The staff absolutely loved the lunch taco bar, too! Thank you for creating an opportunity for the entire CHS staff to get together for conversation, collaboration and cuisine!

THANKS!
Encourage your students to read one of these works this summer:

*The Carnival at Bray*. By Jessie Ann Foley. Maggie has only recently moved to Ireland when tragedy strikes and her goal becomes seeing Nirvana perform in Rome.

*The Crossover*. By Kwame Alexander. Houghton,. Josh, aka Filthy, is a twin, a talented basketball star, and a son who adores his father but discovers parents are not infallible.

*The Gospel of Winter*. By Brendan Kiely. As Aidan’s family disintegrates, he turns to Father Greg for love and comfort, an act that transforms into something dark and unexpected.

*I’ll Give You the Sun*. By Jandy Nelson.). Artistically gifted twins, Jude and Noah, tell their compelling family story in rich alternating voices.

*Jackaby*. By William Ritter. Answering an odd help-wanted ad that cautions “Do not stare at the frog,” Abigail finds that her life is about to change in ways she couldn’t have imagined.

*Noggin*. By John Corey Whaley. Travis Coates has lost his head—literally. Dying of leukemia, he has had his noggin surgically removed and cryogenically frozen. But when he’s revived, all is not the same as it once was.

*The Story of Owen: Dragon Slayer of Trondheim*. By E. K. Johnston. Dragons live everywhere and they’re threatening to exterminate a Canadian town unless dragon slayer Owen, and his bard Siobhan, come up with a plan to save them all.

*Vango*. By Timothee de Fombelle. Before his ordination as a priest, 19-year-old Vango, falsely accused of murder, must flee for his life.

*We Were Liars*. By E. Lockhart. Suffering from serious injuries, Cadence doesn’t remember much from the summer of her fifteenth year on Beechwood Island. Two years later, she returns to try to fill in the gaps.

*The Young Elites*. By Marie Lu. An intense fantasy about Adelina, an outsider girl who is rescued by the legendary Reaper, the leader of the Young Elites. But can Adelina keep her friends and sister safe?

Best Nonfiction:

*Popular Vintage Wisdom for a Modern Geek* written by Maya Van Wagenen

This memoir of Maya Van Wagenen’s eighth grade year is one part 1950s popularity guidebook mixed with two parts courage and one truly modern geek girl. She uses Betty Cornell’s Teenage Popularity Guide to take on the social hierarchy of her school and manages to achieve acceptance and understanding.

*Laughing at My Nightmare* written by Shane Burcaw

In this focused, intelligent, and most of all hilarious memoir, Shane Burcaw recalls both the normal and deeply unique experiences he has endured living with spinal muscular atrophy. With a sharp wit, Burcaw is self-deprecating but never defeatist, even in the face of his terminal condition. His anecdotal essays are thought-provoking, and his whip-smart style puts him in a league with some of today’s best humorists.

*The Family Romanov: Murder, Rebellion & the Fall of Imperial Russia* written by Candace Fleming

Fleming deftly illuminates the fascinating life of Czar Nicholas II; his wife, Alexandra; and their children, describing their ostentatiously privileged upbringing, the dramatic fall of the Russian Empire, and their tragic deaths in this moving and insightful biography of Russia’s Romanov family. She unflinchingly exposes the flawed but human side of the royal family while simultaneously interweaving details about the rich historical context, from Rasputin and Lenin to the narratives of the poor and working class, told in excerpts from the diaries and letters of Russia’s peasants, factory workers, and soldiers.

*Ida M. Tarbell: The Woman Who Challenged Big Business—and Won!* written by Emily Arnold McCully

Born before the Civil War and living in what was truly a man’s world, Ida Tarbell was one of the first practitioners of what we now call investigative journalism. Although she is not well known today, she made a name for herself in her own time by taking on the exploitative practices of John D. Rockefeller and the Standard Oil Company. In this fine biography that also serves as a social history of the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.

*The Port Chicago 50: Disaster, Mutiny, and the Fight for Civil Rights* written by Steve Sheinkin

As World War II escalated overseas, African American sailors at Port Chicago were under pressure to load bombs faster and faster onto waiting ships, until finally a horrific explosion killed hundreds. In the days that followed, 50 men refused to work under such unsafe conditions and were charged with mutiny. Sheinkin masterfully weaves interviews, court records, and other primary sources with his driving narrative to tell the complex and little-known history of the Port Chicago Disaster of 1944.
Students should all be registered for next year by the end of April.

If your student has not met with their counselor yet, please do so.

Senior Important Dates/Graduation 2015

As of April 2015

At this time, the following are the most updated important dates. Please continue to check our website for upcoming additions, corrections, or changes. Dates may be subject to change.

April 14  Mandatory Senior Class Meeting in the Theatre during Advisory. Exit Forms distributed.
April 24  Capital High School Foundation Scholarship DUE 2:30PM. Late apps. will not be accepted.
May 1  Speeches due to Mrs. Anderson, if Seniors want to be considered as a student graduation speaker.
May 8  Exit Form Due to Counseling Center by 2:30PM.
May 13  Caps and Gowns Distribution in the Commons during both lunches.
May 15  Last possible date to turn in copies of scholarship award letters for graduation program.
May 22  Spring Sports and Recognition Assembly
May 26  Mandatory Senior Meeting in the Theatre during Advisory. Release of Graduation Tickets Checklist will be distributed at the meeting. This form must be signed and completed in order to receive tickets on June 5th. Seniors will not be able to participate in graduation or receive tickets or a diploma until all fines are paid, discipline has been served, and mandatory classes have been passed. Check student/family access for information on grades and fines.
May 27  No Walk List Updated
June 2  Senior Finals periods 1st and 2nd
June 3  Senior Finals periods 3rd and 4th (Yearbook Distribution Seniors only 8:00-8:40AM)
June 4  Senior Finals periods 5th and 6th; No Walk List Updated
June 5  Senior Breakfast in the Commons 8:00-8:45AM
Mandatory Graduation Practice #1 in the Gym 9:00-10:30AM
Senior Awards Assembly in the Gym 10:30AM-12:00PM
All School BBQ and Yearbook Distribution 12:00-2:22PM
Distribution of Graduation Tickets in the afternoon (See below for details.)
June 6  Senior Prom, Indian Summer Golf and Country Club 9:00-Midnight
June 10  Final Notification to Seniors, who will be ineligible to walk/participate in Graduation.
June 11  Mandatory Graduation Practice #2 @ St. Martin’s from 10:00AM-12:00PM (Students provide transportation)
June 11  Graduation at St. Martin’s University, 7:00PM. Plan on arriving by 5:45PM. There will also be bus transportation to St. Martin’s for graduates. Be at CHS @ 5:00pm for 5:30 Departure to SMU. (For Graduation Night Party Information please contact Mia Sweeney, Chair of 2015 Parent Group 360-951-6378)

The following documents must be submitted in order to receive graduation tickets:

1. Graduate Exit Form due to the Counseling Center May 8th, by 2:30PM
2. Release of Graduation Tickets Checklist due on June 5th. Seniors will receive 8 tickets. If students will need more than 8 tickets, they will have to contact other seniors who will not be using their allotted number.

Graduation Participation Policy:
In order to participate in Capital High School’s Commencement ceremony, Senior’s must have met all graduation course requirements. In addition, the class of 2015 must have successfully completed the following: Pass the Reading and Writing HSPE or designated alternatives; Pass a Math and Biology EOC exam or designated alternative; Completion of a High School & Beyond Plan and Senior Interview. Summer School credits may not be planned to establish the student’s eligibility to walk in the ceremony. Please note: notification of graduation status and permission to walk at the ceremony will not be granted, until 2nd semester mandatory requirements have been met. These requirements must be met by June 5th. Graduates may not wear additional items on their cap & gown during the ceremony.
What’s Happening in the Cougar Career Center??
Follow your Cougar Career Center on Twitter Follow us on Twitter to get the latest updates on college admissions, scholarship opportunities, career resources, financial aid information and more @CougarCareer. Or, if you don’t have a Twitter account, get our Tweets by text: send a text message to 40404, in the message line, enter “follow cougarcareer” and voila…you get our tweets via text. If you want to discontinue our tweets, just reply to the message with “stop.”

Events

Upcoming Resume Workshop: Wednesday, May 13 8:00 am (during late start Wednesday) “I want a Job” Come to the Career Center to learn all about crafting a resume that will help you to secure that job!

Summer & Beyond College Planning Timeline for Rising Seniors – Class of 2016!

June – Ask for Letters of recommendation. Students who want recommendation letters from their junior year teachers should reach out to them before the school year ends.

July & August – Test Prep. As you’re putting your list of colleges together, you want to make sure you’re making note of the different testing requirements at each school. Most schools accept either the ACT or SAT, but some institutions require additional testing or make standardized testing optional. Visit 2-3 colleges. Work or volunteer!

Write Your College Essay. Application essays can be the most daunting part of the college application process, but students can get that part done during the summer prior to senior year. The Common Application has announced that essay prompts will remain the same for the 2014-2015 school year. The application will be available to students on August 1.

Go On A College Tour. Summer can be a great opportunity for students to see schools on their application list. Many schools have programs and students on campus during the summer, so prospective students can still get a feel for campus culture and life.

September & October – Take the SAT or ACT. Fall is the best time to retake the SAT or ACT because it allows students to get their scores ahead of early decision application deadlines.

September – December & Beyond. Search for Scholarships It’s never too early to start searching for scholarships. Many national scholarships have fall deadlines, so if you haven’t started your search already, now is a good time

PSAT/SAT/ACT
Upcoming SAT Tests: May 2 & June 6 https://sat.collegeboard.org/home
PSAT Redesigned Test will be out in October 2015 (practice tests available now) https://www.collegeboard.org/delivering-opportunity/redesigned-psat-nmsqt

Did you know the SAT is going to change in 2016? Among the big changes to the new SAT’s: essays will be optional, “SAT Words” will incorporate words commonly used in college and careers, instead of vocabulary students may not have heard, there will no longer be a penalty

Can’t get to a college for a tour? **Most colleges have “virtual tours” available on their websites, and this website contains campus tours of many colleges: http://www.campustours.com/

Scholarships The Capital Foundation Scholarship application is now available! There is around $50,000 in scholarship monies to be awarded to Capital High School seniors! Financial need and merit scholarships (academic based) are available. Deadline is April 24th by 2:30 pm.
http://capital.osd.wednet.edu/counseling/career_center/1scholarshiplist

Summer Opportunities
Please see our scholarship listing for the section on Summer Opportunities! Summer might seem like a time for kicking back and unwinding after the school year, but it’s actually a great opportunity to start building that resume to help you impress colleges, potential employers and scholarship committees with a resume of your experiences and activities! Your plans can be more than simply getting a summer job; there are a number of activities that can help you stay active and gain valuable experience over the summer months. Work, volunteer, travel, attend camp or take classes! All of these experiences will help you get to know yourself better and will prepare you to make decisions about your future!

Employment & Volunteering
We update our employment opportunities weekly. Volunteer and job opportunities for a variety of interests are available. Volunteer work can help you in your future!! These experiences and the skills you build will help you in your future: securing a job, winning a scholarship and getting accepted to college. Resume, Cover Letter and Interview help is available by appointment.
PAVE THE WAY TO SCHOLARSHIPS
BUY A PAVER FOR OUR COUGAR COURT

- Honor a graduate, favorite teacher or coach
- Celebrate best friends, show your business support
- 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.
- The brick pavers are placed in the courtyard entrance of The Commons.
- Pavers are available in 2 sizes with lettering only or 3 sizes with these 5 design options:

![Paver Designs]

Please visit the CHS website to download the order form. We are also looking for donations for planters and/or benches to be placed in the courtyard. Please contact Melissa Chase at rdmchase@comcast.net for information or donations to the Foundation which gives out many scholarships to graduating seniors going on to further education.

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**CHS Scholarship Foundation Membership**

The CHS Scholarship Foundation is currently looking for new members to join the Foundation. Please contact Cynthia Wolf at (360) 888-3657 or email cncwolfe@comcast.net if you are interested in helping and joining our Board. We meet for just one hour a month during the school year and have a need for new members to continue building our support of students' further educational endeavors and involvement in the community. It's fun!
SENIOR NEWS: Information for the

Class of 2015

Get on the Bus and Go to the Party!

Has your student signed up for the Grad Night Party?
Has your student signed up for their Bus?

There are only 27 seats left and we’ll have three chartered buses taking your graduate to an
All-Night Senior Party!

No other graduation celebration will pack this much fun into one all-night party!
Graduating CHS seniors will celebrate with fabulous food, music and dancing, a wide variety of games and activities, and
much, much more, while safe, chauffeured, and surrounded by their fellow graduates.

Don’t Wait! The price is $125 and it covers everything! Tickets will be available for purchase—in the Commons during
both lunch hours—on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

OR—
Registration forms and information are available at: http://www.gradnights.com/o/capital/parents/
You can register online at the website and pay with your credit card. Or you can print the form and mail it with a check made payable to CHS Class of 2015 to (make sure you and your student sign the back of the form):

Mary Moreno
CHS 2015 Treasurer
6113 Brenner Rd NW
Olympia WA 98502

Your student can give their registration form and payment to Stacy Sharp in the ASB office.
Scholarships are also available, please send an email to: capitalclass2015@gmail.com.

Has your student signed up for their Bus? As soon as your student is registered they can sign up to ride on the chartered bus of their choice (Blue, Red, or Yellow),—in the Commons during both lunch hours—on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Senior T-shirts are here! Only $10! These shirts were specifically designed for the Class of 2015 with your student’s name listed on the shirt. They are on sale—in the Commons during both lunch hours—on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Seniors’ Baccalaureate Ceremony will be held on June 10, 2015, at the Westwood Baptist Church. This is a celebration honoring all seniors graduating from Capital High School. Seniors will wear their cap and gown to this ceremony. This is a student lead celebration and any senior wishing to speak, or perform musically, needs to contact Shelly Davis at teamdavis24@comcast.net, or at 360-866-8559. An informal tryout will take place sometime in May. More details will follow!
If any parent would like to help with the ceremony, please contact Shelly Davis as well. “Many hands make work lighter!”
If you have any questions or comments, please send an email to: capitalclass2015@gmail.com.
Fall Sports Clearance

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Fall sports include football, boys/girls cross country, boys tennis, girls swimming, girls soccer, and girls volleyball. All fall sports begin on August 24th except football which begins on August 19th. All packets must be completed with a current physical and ASB card and Pay to Play payment.

Life Skills teacher, John Jones, and Principal Woods recently joined the CHS Life Skills students for an afternoon swim at the Briggs YMCA!