

Chamblee Announcements

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Reminder....From Ms. Branca, Senior Sponsor.....By October 11, Seniors should pay one half (\$75) of their Senior dues to Coach Koeplin in Room 210 and then pick up the Senior t-shirt from Ms. Branca in Room 203. Seniors should wear their Senior t-shirt to the Senior Breakfast on October 12 to be included in the Class of 2012 picture.

Reminder....The CCHS Senior Class Breakfast is scheduled for Wednesday, October 12 from 8:15 to 11 a.m. in the gym, while underclassmen are taking the PSAT. Seniors will enjoy a complimentary breakfast, receive information on graduation announcements, get measured for caps and gowns, and vote on Senior Superlatives and Homecoming Court. The Senior picture will also be taken so **Seniors must wear their Senior t-shirt.**

Scholarship Opportunity....The Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation: The Foundation celebrates young people who share a desire to make the world a better place. If you know a high school senior who is committed to education, service and leadership, please encourage them to apply for the Coca-Cola Scholars Program at www.coca-colascholars.org. Application deadline: Mon., Oct. 31. (Note: this scholarship is not open to the children or grandchildren of System employees).

Scholarship Opportunity....The Susan G. Komen Foundation is accepting for \$10,000 scholarships now through November 15, 2011. These awards aid college students facing significant financial burdens due to the loss of a parent or guardian to breast cancer or their own breast cancer diagnosis at age 25 or younger. The scholarship awards \$10,000 per year (for up to four years) to a student to attend a state university in pursuit of a bachelor's degree. Komen scholarship recipients are selected based on scholastic achievement, community service, financial need and demonstrated leadership potential. Scholarship recipients serve as Komen Collegiate Ambassadors and must volunteer their time to breast cancer awareness activities for at least 20 hours per semester. For more information and to apply for this scholarship, please visit www.komen.org/scholarship.

Lisa Domzal, Director of Instructional Budgeting, Staffing and Scheduling, DCSS
Division of Teaching and Learning

DCSS invites all parents to the Title I Annual Meeting: Annual Parental Involvement Conference to be held on Saturday, October 15 from 8:00 am till 1:00 pm at Stone Mountain Middle School, 4301 Sarr Parkway, Stone Mountain, GA 30083. The conference will "educate, engage and empower parents." Conference highlights include a panel discussion on improving student achievement; math reading and language arts workshops, special education workshops, language translators and interpreters, special workshops for middle and high school students, child care for school age children, exhibitors and light refreshments. For additional information, contact Jackie Marshall at 678-676-0376 or Jackie_Marshall@fc.dekalb.k12.ga.us

The CCHS Financial Aid Night will be held on Monday, October 17 beginning at 7 pm in the CCHS Cafeteria. Parents will hear great practical information about college funding, including general info on scholarships, grants, loans, HOPE, and financial aid forms for public and private colleges and universities. Financial aid experts including a Darryl Watson from the Georgia Student Finance Commission who administers HOPE, and CCHS parents will offer tips and share their experiences to help you approach the financial aid process. All interested parents, students and guests are welcome to attend this popular event.

Reminder.....All 9th, 10th and 11th grade students will take the **Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT)** on Wednesday, October 12 beginning at 8:15 a.m. The test will end at approximately 11 a.m. There is no charge for 9th or 10th graders to take the PSAT. Thanks to a generous supplement from the CCHS PTSA, the cost to 11th graders for the PSAT is only \$7 each, payable in cash to Ms. Macon Gee in Room 104. Juniors with qualifying scores on the PSAT will be eligible for National Merit and National Achievement recognitions. If your student is in the 9th, 10th or 11th grades, please mark your calendar for this important assessment and opportunity. Make sure your student is present, on time and well rested. Good luck to all CCHS students on the PSAT!

FRA presents the 2011-2012 Essay Contest. The grand prize is a \$10,000 Savings Bond in addition to 18 National Awards and Regional and Local Prizes. Students in grades 7-12 are eligible. The deadline is December 1, 2011. The essay must be 350 words or less on "What Freedom of Speech Means to Me." Visit the Counseling Office for further details.

National Leadership Challenge (NLC) Weekend will occur November 11-13, 2011 at North Georgia College & State University in Dahlonega, GA.

NLC is a great opportunity for juniors or seniors who are interested in Army ROTC programs in college, West Point, or commissioning as Army lieutenants after college. NLC is designed to give students a first-hand experience in what it's like to be a Cadet at North Georgia - one of the top Army ROTC programs in the nation, and the only senior military college in Georgia.

SEPTEMBER

Senior Congratulatory Advertisements for the CCHS yearbook are now available. For a limited time, space is available to tell your student or friend how proud you are! Prices range from 1/8 page for \$75 to a full page for \$300. Order forms and instructions are available from the yearbook staff during lunches, in the CCHS Counseling Office or click on the Yearbook-Senior Congratulatory Ad link on the CCHS webpage. Ad deadline is October 9 or when allotted pages are filled. If all materials are submitted by September 23, you can apply for a \$20 DISCOUNT to your ad total. Please contact yearbook sponsor Amy Branca if you need additional information.

From Ms. Gilbert Smith, Science Teacher.....My science students and I need gently used (older, working, with all of the parts) digital cameras. (include memory card/stick; battery and charger; and computer cables). We will use the cameras to photograph our work in lab and to include the pictures in our poster presentations. If you can assist, please bring your gently used digital camera to the CCHS Main Office clearly labeled as "Camera for Science Department". Thanks so much!

The Neff representative is coming on Wed.Sept.28th at 7:30 AM in the cafeteria. If you want a Varisty Letter Jacket, this is the time to order!!!
Forms for the fitting can be picked up in the main office or in Ms.Tinnells trailer which is 1-D. If you have any questions, come see Ms.Tinnell!!!!
The date of the Fall fitting is Wed.Sept.28th at 7:30AM in the cafeteria.

Reminder from Ms. Steadman, Assistant Principal of Curriculum and Instruction ... The **Georgia High School Graduation Test (GHGST) in Writing** is scheduled for **Tuesday, September 27** from 8:15 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. **All CCHS juniors should report to the gymnasium at 8:10 am for testing.** Please make sure your student is present and on time for this important evaluation on **Tuesday, September 27.**

Thank you to Bank of America for their assistance with CCHS student parking. Their name was left off the earlier list of local businesses who are providing designated CCHS parking. These parking spaces are being assigned to students according to their needs and requests. We appreciate Bank of America, as well as Chamblee Middle School, Walgreen's, Arby's, Office Depot, Great Gatsby's Antique Shop and Chamblee United Methodist Church for their willingness to help our school during construction.

Georgetown Club of Georgia - 9th Annual High School Writing Contest for Juniors which encourages juniors to think broadly and analytically about global issues. Cash prizes are awarded for top essays. Please visit <http://alumni.georgetown.edu/georgia> for more inform. The deadline is Tuesday, November 8, 2011.

A Free Online College Fair for High School Students will take place on October 13 from 12 pm - 9 pm ET. Students can check out schools from all across the country without having to drive or

spend extra time on search engines. Don't miss this free virtual event. Register now at <http://www.advanceweb.com/events> or call 800-546-4987. High school students in Grades 9-12 are eligible and encouraged to apply. The College Tour will take place during Spring Break, April 2-5, 2012. The planned schedule of schools to visit (subject to change) includes Florida A&M University, Florida State University, Louisiana State University, Southern University, Xavier University, Tulane University, and Dillard University. The cost of the trip is \$375 which includes ground transportation to the colleges/universities, lodging, CollegeTour T-shirt, workbook, and educational workshops (prior to the tour). All are invited to attend an Information Meeting on Sunday, September 25, 2011 at 3:00 pm at Redan High School, 5247 Redan Road, Stone Mountain, Georgia 30088. Applications are available at www.smlacd.org and in the CCHS Counseling Office. An essay and recommendation letters are required. Completed applications must be received by Monday, October 10, 2011. Please contact smlacollegegetour@gmail.com, Aisha Harrison (678-478-4151), or Kristi Porter (404-202-2533) for additional information.

The Foundation for Individual Rights in Education (FIRE) announces their fourth annual "Freedom in America" high school student essay contest. FIRE will award \$12,500 in college scholarships including \$5000 to the student with the best essay. High school seniors from across the US are invited to write an in-depth essay explaining why free speech and First Amendment rights are crucial to higher education and how abuses of these rights harm the college experience. The deadline to enter is November 5, 2011. Students may read rules, regulations and instructions and enter online at <http://www.thefire.org/contests>

North Georgia College and State University has 39 Georgia Military Scholarships to award to high school seniors. These are full scholarships that pay for room, meals, tuition, fees, books and uniforms for all four years at North Georgia College & State University - a Senior Military College. Seniors who are in excellent physical condition, have above a 3.0 cumulative GPA, and have SAT scores of a minimum of 440 math and 480 critical reading are encouraged to follow the step-by-step instructions for applying for the scholarship at this web site www.northgeorgia.edu/gmssteps. This scholarship requires the recipient to commission as a second lieutenant in the Georgia Army National Guard upon graduating from North Georgia. The scholarship is for students who want to remain in Georgia after college, get full time civilian jobs or continue with post graduate education, and serve part time in uniform. Annual salary for a Guard lieutenant is about \$7,500 per year.

A Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps (NROTC) Scholarship is available for students interested in both the Marine Corps and Navy.

The scholarship provides tuition, College/University education fees, Uniforms, stipend for books, and a subsistence allowance per academic month (includes food, housing, etc.). Students must have an SAT score of 1000 and above for Math and verbal combined, or an ACT of 45 combined Math and Verbal, or an ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery test) score of 74 or above. They must also take a Physical Fitness Test. The deadlines for the submissions are October 31st or January 31, if students want to have two opportunities for the scholarship they must submit by October 31st. The contact person is Sgt Torres, USMC. 770-908-1204 (work)