

## Junior Newsletter October 2009

Congratulations to those juniors who were successful in the first quarter of this school year. For those of you who did not do so well, I encourage you to challenge yourself and make definite improvements in your study habits. Your GPA will reflect what you have done the first two quarters. If you are planning on going to college and applying for **TOPS**, it is necessary to maintain a minimum **2.5 GPA** in the **core subjects**. If by the end of the first semester you do not have a 2.5 GPA core subjects, it becomes very difficult to maintain a 2.5 GPA. See Mr. Moore to calculate your core GPA.

I encourage you to get involved at CHS. A great number of you have taken the initiative to join a club or school organization and I congratulate you for doing this. It is not too late to join an organization or club, so look into some options for you. Many scholarships are awarded based on leadership skills demonstrated in high school. Also, be sure to volunteer in your community and church on a regular basis.

As juniors, you will be taking the science and social studies **GEE 21 tests**. These tests will be given during the week of March 23<sup>rd</sup> and the week of April 12<sup>th</sup>.

**ASVAB** is another test offered to you this year. This is a great test to help you look at what careers and occupations best compliment your personality. I urge you to consider taking the **ASVAB**, which will be given on **November 2<sup>nd</sup>**. If you are interested in taking the ASVAB, you must sign up in guidance by October 24<sup>th</sup>.

Please come to see me in the guidance department. As your counselor, I am here to assist you as you move through your high school years. I assist with scheduling your classes as well as helping you to keep up with your credits. The counseling office also provides a variety of information on careers, colleges, vocational-technical schools, as well as the military. On a number of occasions, college admissions representatives come to visit CHS to give you important information about admission requirements and scholarships offered. These college "reps." are in guidance during lunch on certain days. Listen to the morning announcements to find out when a college "rep" will be here. It is never too early to begin investigating your college choices.

### A few messages for parents:

- \* **Teachers web site.** Some teachers have a website that gives you information on assignments, upcoming tests and much more. Just e-mail your child's teachers to get this information.
- \* **Communication with your child's teachers is extremely important.** E-mail is the best means of contacting your child's teachers.
- \* **Parent conferences can be arranged.** Contact me by phone or e-mail to arrange a conference. This is very important if your child is having difficulty

