

GOOD NEWS from Carmel Clay Schools February 11, 2011

Awards & Recognition

Carmel Clay Schools Celebrates Record High Graduation Rate

In 2010, Carmel High School had a 95 percent graduation rate — a record high for the school district and 11 percent higher than the state average. While the Indiana Department of Education is content to record an inaccurate rate for CHS, Carmel Clay Schools proudly shares this wonderful accomplishment with our staff, students, and community. To read the full news release, please click here.



Seven CCS Students Named 2011 Presidential Scholars Candidate

Steven Chen, Shea Jendrusina, Letitia Li, Stephanie Pitman, John Stuy, Rebecca Xu, and Ivy Yan will now go on to be named Indiana's Presidential Scholar. CHS graduate,

Wang, won this prestigious award in 2010.



The Center for the Performing Arts' recent student art contest winners were from Carmel High, Carmel Middle, Prairie Trace Elementary, Mohawk Trails Elementary, Smoky Row Elementary, and Towne Meadow Elementary. Each student receives two free tickets to an upcoming performance. To see all the winners and their artwork, please click here.

CHS Lands 3 of the 4 Selected Semifinalists from Indiana

The Intel Science Talent Search selected Zenas Shi, Kevin Song, and David Zheng as semifinalists.

College Wood Science Team is State Champs

The Science Bowl team, lead by teacher Dan Farmer, has won the 2011 Elementary Science Bowl State Championship title. The team scored almost 15 points above the second place team.

West Clay Student Receives Schemmel Award

Luke Broyles, fifth grade, is being recognized by the United Cerebral Palsy Association of Greater Indiana for his work to promote ethics and understanding of those with disabilities. Luke's most recent documentary, "Michael," shows how his best friend "is just like anyone else" even though he has a disability.

CHS Student Receives Two Awards for Art

Kristen Pileri won the Gold Key & National American Visions nomination and earned silver in the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards. Her winning artwork will be on exhibit in Clowes Memorial Hall Feb. 15-March 15.



CHS Theater Students Sweep in Competition

Congratulations to the students at Carmel High School who competed in the Indiana State Thespian Conference. ALL CHS students earned recognition. To read more about their accomplishments, please click here.

CHS Students Named to Press Rights Commission

Caroline Zhang, junior, and Victor Xu, sophomore, were named "45words" student partners for the 2011-12 school year. Only twelve students nation-wide were selected to be members, and Carmel High School is the only school with two representatives. The Journalism Education Association's Scholastic Press Rights Commission created the "45words" group as a way to help students connect with their peers to support, protect, and spread awareness about the First Amendment. To read more, please click here.

Carmel Education Foundation Telethon

The 25th Annual CEF Telethon is scheduled for Feb. 15, 16, and 17, with a culminating live television event on the last evening. The Telethon will be emceed by Jeff Worrell and Ann Marie Tiernon and showcases many talented CCS students. Donations can be made at this secure link and you can watch the live program by visiting AtCarmel.com or http://carmeltv.net.





CHS Presents "Sense & Sensibility" this Weekend

The Carmel High School Theater & Film group will present this epic story of sisters and love this weekend, Feb. 11-12. For more information or to buy tickets, please click <u>here</u>.

<u>Community</u> <u>Involvement</u>

Events

Proclamation Made for Parent at Cherry Tree

Greg Massa, FBI agent and father of Cherry Tree Elementary third grader – Maddy Massa, was surprised with a proclamation presented by Mayor James Brainard, at the school. Mr. Massa is going to Afghanistan for several months. To see pictures from the event, please click here.

Woodbrook Partners with Fry's to Bring Theater to Students

At a PTO-sponsored movie night, Fry's Electronics supplied theater equipment that turned the school gym into a full-blown theater for students and their families.

Superintendent & Board President Speak at Chamber Luncheon

Dr. Swensson and Mrs. Tricia Hackett spoke with the business community about how they can help CCS achieve educational excellence in the 21st Century. Topics covered include changes in revenue management, the need for local control of schools, and the importance of educational leadership excellence – all of which are included in current legislations in the Indiana House and Senate.

News

Smoky Row Recycles for Local Charities

Student Council members lead the effort by collecting the school's recycling and discarding it into recycling bins. In 2010, Smoky Row recycled 27 tons of paper. Smoky Row was able to donate the more than \$130 earned to local charities. To read more and see pictures, please click here.



Glittery Ideas not Always Golden for Students

In a recent guest column for the Carmel Star, Dr. Swensson discusses the proposed legislation that appears to be an asset to our children - but is actually NOT. To read the full article on this "Fool's Gold," please click here.



Student Artwork in North Magazine

Artwork from students at Carmel High School and Prairie Trace Elementary was exhibited in the February/March issue of North Magazine.

Energy-Savings Curriculum added to Schools

Carmel Middle School, Smoky Row Elementary, and Cherry Tree Elementary will incorporate energy-savings education into their schools. To read more about the program, please click here.

Spotlight on Cherry Tree's Everybody Counts Program A recent article in the Current in Carmel discusses how this

parent-run event teaches a new understanding to students about others with disabilities.

CHS Prepares for Future American Education

CHS HiLite newspaper article looks at how CHS is already meeting and exceeding the standards Obama set forth for the future of American education in his State of the Union Address. To read the full article, please visit http://hilite.org/archives/12602.

Common Core Standards in CHS

HiLite looks at how the new Common Core Standards are being incorporated into the Carmel High School curriculum. You can read the full article here http://hilite.org/archives/12446.

CHS Girl's Swim Team on Track for 25th Consecutive Win

The Indianapolis Star looks at the history and recordbreaking work being accomplished every year by the Carmel High School Greyhound's Girls Swim Team.



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