



Awards & Recognition

CCS has 50 National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists and Two National Achievement Scholarship Semifinalists

This is an increase of 11 additional semifinalists over last year. These seniors will now compete for 8,400 National Merit Scholarships worth more than \$36 million offered in the spring. To see a complete list of CHS semifinalists, please click [here](#).

CHS Student Newspaper Earns Many Recognitions

The *HiLite* received high rankings from both the Quill & Scroll and National Scholastic Press Association for their 2010-2011 publications. To read the latest stories from the *HiLite*, please visit [HiLite.org](#).



CHS Homecoming Raises Almost \$13,000 for Charity

Through the *Tailgate for Life* event (earned \$7,300), the Cheerleaders Third-Quarter Bucket Collection, and weeklong Class Competitions - such as the playhouse build and auction (earned \$2,716) - \$12,882 was raised for local charities, including our very own Carmel Education Foundation and the Carmel Public Library. Pictures are from the playhouse build.

CHS Homecoming Bring School Spirit to New High

Through CHS Homecoming Spirit Week, students and staff across the district celebrated school spirit by enjoying a district-wide week of themed attire, including Pirate & Ninjas, Patriotic, Blue & Gold, and Decades Day.

Homecoming 2011



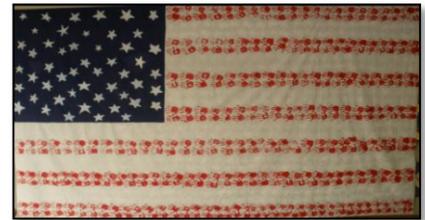
In the Spotlight

Creekside Kicks-off 5th Annual "Big Give" Campaign

Creekside students and staff are collecting supplies for schools and students who are not as fortunate. To see a video of the previous year's campaign, click [here](#).

Forest Dale's Freedom Flag

In remembrance of the 10-year anniversary of 9-11, Forest Dale students, staff, and parent volunteers created a 19 foot tall Freedom Flag made up of student handprints and stars painted by staff. The flag hangs proudly in the school today. To see a slideshow of the making of the flag, please click [here](#).



CHS Culinary Students Shine at Farmer's Market

Students presented "Smart Snacks for Kids" recipes and samples at the Carmel Farmer's Market on Saturday, September 10. To see the recipes demonstrated, please click [here](#).



Forest Dale's Literacy Night a "Smart" Success

Almost 200 students and families enjoyed a fun visit to their school AND learned a bit about reading and reading strategies. You can see pictures [here](#).

CHS Senior Named Miss Teen Indiana

Megan Knauer, senior, won the National American Miss Teen Indiana competition. Megan is pictured to the right.



Cherry Tree Families Support Riley Children's Foundation

Several Cherry Tree families spent the summer raising funds for Riley Hospital, including "duct tape" bracelets made and sold by Carli Saunders and Maddy Massa and lemonade stands held by Grace and Jack Lappin. Letters of thanks were received by the school from Riley staff.

CHS Trains Student for Lifeguard Duty at Local Pools

Through a course at the high school and taught by Lisa Ruxor and Kim Tenbrink, over 75 students get lifeguard trained and positioned for summer work throughout Carmel. Read the article [here](#).



CHS Vocational Building Trades House on Current Cover

Vocational Building Trades' students and staff, along with the house they built last year, were on the cover of the *Current in Carmel* last week. The house from 2010-2011 is currently up-for-sale. To view the house, please click [here](#).

CHS Student on WFYI Program

Amber Kriech, junior, was on the "No Limits" radio program to discuss homelessness and her work helping the homeless. Amber was of 15 students in the nation named to the Parade's All-American Service Team. You can listen to the show [here](#) and be sure to select the September 15, 2011 program.

CHS Student Rides for Recovery on 9-11

On September 11, 2011, Jackson Duncan, CHS junior, started riding from New York to Pennsylvania to the Pentagon in Washington, DC to support wounded veterans and in remembrance of 9-11. To see the news footage, please click [here](#).

Woodbrook Special Services Teacher Wins "Carmel Mom of the Year"

Heather Stephenson, Woodbrook Elementary teacher, won the first annual competition for "mom of the year" for her dedication to work, parenting, and philanthropy. Read the full article [here](#).

Superintendent's Guest Star Column

Dr. Swenson talks about the possible financial drains facing Carmel Clay Schools resulting from State of Indiana policy changes. Read the article [here](#).

Towne Meadow Art Teacher Holds Art Exhibition

Philip Lamie's artwork will be exhibited in an "End of Myths" event from October 3-28 at the Cultural Arts Gallery at IUPUI. You can read more about the exhibit [here](#). One of his pieces is shown to the right.



Orchard Park Rallies for Ghosts & Goblins 5K-2K & Wellness Fair

The Superintendent, Dr. Swenson, and CCS School Board President, Tricia Hackett, helped promote the upcoming Ghosts & Goblins run at the OP convocation on Thursday, Sept. 15 by handing out Ghosts & Goblins t-shirts into the audience. To find out more about the 5K-2K & Wellness Fair or to register for the event, please visit [CarmelGhostRun.com](#).

In the News



Events

