



COUGAR LINE

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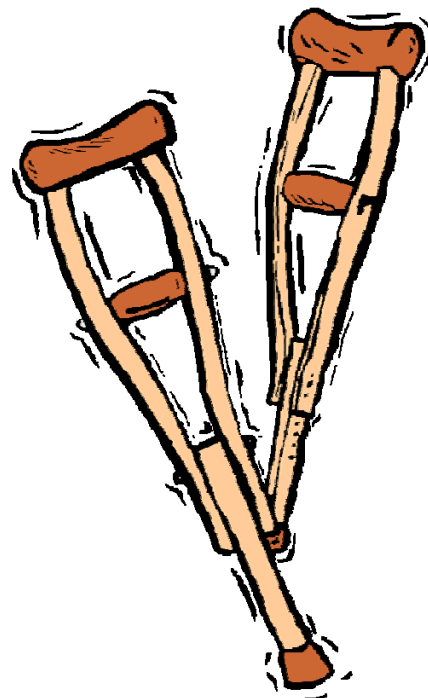
NEW CHE MAGNETS ARE FOR SALE!!!

PTA is selling car magnets! They are one for \$6 and two for \$10. Orders can be sent into Communications in an envelope marked "PTA Magnet Order".



GENTLY USED CRUTCHES OR CANES NEEDED FOR HAITI RELIEF EFFORT

If you have any gently used crutches or canes you would like to donate for the Haiti Relief Effort, please bring them to the lobby of Cherry Hill High School East. We will be working with the Cooper Medical Center to ship these much needed items to Haiti. Your donation can really make a difference. Thank you.



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE ...

Second Semester

The second semester for the school year began on Monday, February 1st. Students and electives are now into their new courses. As well, we are providing booster programs for students in preparation for the HSPA. In Math and English classes, students will be provided with opportunities to practice for the test and to refresh their skills. HSPA testing will begin March 2nd; more information will be forthcoming regarding the test schedule for all students.

Red Ribbon Week 2009

The Cherry Hill Alliance ran a contest for students who submitted posters celebrating Red Ribbon Week. Several East students participated in the poster contest. They are listed below:

9th Grade

1st Natalie Goldberg

2nd Jessica Lee

3rd Lindsay Savar

10th Grade

3rd Yvonne Dolic

11th Grade

1st Samantha Lani

2nd Gaby Rosenstein

2nd Jessica Forbes

3rd Sarah Kolbe

12th Grade

3rd Somang Kim

Eastside Journalist Recognized

Eastside journalist, Sari Soffer, was recognized by the Garden State Scholastic Press Association. She proved her ability to write - on deadline - an accurate, thorough and readable news story; Sari's advisor is Mr. Gagliardi. Sari received a check and a plaque recognizing her standing in the writing contest held at Rutgers University on October 26, 2009.

Cherry Hill East Symphony Orchestra

Congratulations to the Cherry Hill East Symphony Orchestra on their performance at Avery Fisher Hall Wednesday evening, December 9th. Standing ovations do not come easy in New York, but that's exactly what the students received. Not only that, but these young musicians had the opportunity to experience all that goes into performing music from the professional orchestral repertoire in such a venue.

Additional congratulations to the 35 High School East instrumental music students accepted to the Region 3 All South Jersey Bands and Orchestra:

Cherry Hill East Students Accepted to Region III

Instrumental Ensembles

Andrew Baloff	Dahlia Klein
Katherine Baloff	Edward Lai
Jennifer Cha	Jessica Lee
Tony Chen	Derrick Lin
Winnie Cheng	Yunfei Liu
Chelsea Chong	Jacqueline Nam
Grace Chung	Sungwun Oh
Ronny Fang	Matthew Plevinsky
Timothy Hui	Kelly Sadwin
Emily Hsu	Kevin Shin
Jasmine Hwang	Andrew Qian
Sarah Kim	David Yang
Allison King	Catherine Yu

Kevin Zhou

Region III All South Jersey Wind Ensemble

Dahlia Klein

Matthew Plevinsky

Region III All South Jersey Symphonic Band

Jungwoo Byun

Lily Campbell

Lauren Keleher

Allan Michel

Kristen Olenick

Nina Orwitz

Dana Silver

Tim Yoon

DECA

Congratulations to the 108 DECA students who recently qualified at the regional conference to compete at the New Jersey State Conference which will be held February 21st - 23rd. Our students did a great job!

Dr. John O'Breza
Principal, CHHSE

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE ...

The second semester has begun ~ we are half way through another school year! The East PTA has many accomplishments to date, here are just a few:

1. Membership increases dramatically.
2. Mum Sale Fundraiser profits \$753.00.
3. PTA Arts in Education Reflection Program has seven entries from East.
4. East PTA supports Boys and Girls State Program financially.
5. Yahoo Groups form for PTA communications.
6. MLK Day of Service opportunities.

And here are some PTA business items taking place this semester:

1. Teen Volunteer Fair 2/8/10.
2. The Cougar Line goes "green" and is online as of 2/15.
3. Teacher Appreciation Event in May 2010.
4. Project Graduation for seniors on 6/17/2010.

There are wonderful opportunities for parents to volunteer. Come to see where you fit in! The next general meeting of the East PTA will take place March 16th at 7:30 p.m. in the East Library.

Beth Gammie, PTA President, djgammie@juno.com, 428-5906

PTA NEWS ...

PTA MEMBERSHIP

Why join PTA?

- To learn important issues affecting the children in our community
- To support and speak on behalf of our students at school and in the community
- To support school activities that strengthen the home-school-community partnership

Your dues are used to pay for your membership in the NJ and National PTA, defray the costs of our newsletter, and to fund our students' involvement in the Boys and Girls State Program. Forms are provided at the end of the newsletter.

PTA NON-EVENT FUNDRAISER

East PTA cannot function without the support of our school families. Our non-event fundraiser is our primary source of funding. You do not have to sell or purchase anything during the school year. Please send in any amount you can afford, or choose one of the options listed on the form included at the end of the newsletter.

PTA MEETING DATES

Please come out and join us for a meeting! We have great guest speakers and Dr. O'Breza gives a principal's report that is always extremely informative. All meetings

begin at 7:30pm and are held in the East Library unless otherwise noted.

- Tuesday, March 16 – Mike Nuzzo will discuss security at East
- Wednesday, May 12 – Agenda TBD

PTA OPEN POSITIONS

CHE PTA has formed the nomination committee for executive board and committee chair open positions. Marilyn Handler (chair), Fran Taub, and Shirley Kane are our committee members and will be providing information regarding our open positions in the near future. If you are interested in working with the PTA, please contact Marilyn at THandler@aol.com.

Project Graduation

Plans for Project Graduation 2010 are well underway. Our first parent volunteer meeting will be held late in March. Watch for details. If you would like more information please contact Donna Pursell. Our 2010 Chairpersons are:

Co-Chairs:

Donna Pursell, 795-3206, jeltja@verizon.net

Terry Milligan, 609-315-2865, milliganpa@comcast.net

Food

Marsha Weinstein, 795-2047, msw813@comcast.net

Andy Kaufman, arkesq@aol.com

Emma Escobar, eescobar@comcast.net

Chaperones

Fran Taub, 609-922-9879, billyt4463@aol.com

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Shelley Wint, 751-7683, shelley532@aol.com

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Kathy Reynolds, 751-9386, kzreyn@comcast.net

Tammy Boardman, weagle16@verizon.net

Balloons

Lisa Katz, 751-5277, lisarkatz@comcast.net

Darcia Medoway, 795-9278, mmedoway@aol.com

Fundraising

Mary Fisher, 857-9557, fredoc1@comcast.net

Tina Marie DeCandia, 609-339-9755,

tinadecandia@verizon.net

T-shirts/Gift bags

Valerie Schmutz, 428-7649, vvschmutz@yahoo.com

Marie Kolbe, 429-9151, kitchenrooster@verizon.net

Scrip Fundraiser

Gayle Sardone, 751-4919, gsardone@aol.com

Karen Pietrangelo, 751-1397, pietrangel@aol.com

Entertainment

Meg Hamill, 609-238-0410, mom2ldkj@yahoo.com

Submitted by: Donna Pursell, Project Graduation Co-Chair

PROJECT GRADUATION T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST!

The Project Graduation Committee is holding a contest to choose the design for the 2010 Project Graduation T-Shirt. All seniors are welcome to submit a design for consideration.

The design must be appropriate and must include the words **Project Graduation 2010**. It is limited to two colors and should include both a front and back design. Design for the front must be no larger than 4x4 which is the size of a pocket. The winning designer receives free admission to Project Graduation and a \$25 gift card.

Submissions must be signed on the back, include your name and phone number and should be placed in a large envelope (so you don't have to fold your artwork) marked Attention Valerie Schmutz or Marie Kolbe and delivered to Communications **no later than March 31, 2010**. This deadline is firm; no designs will be accepted after this date.

For questions please contact Valerie Schmutz 428-7649 or Marie Kolbe 429-9151, Co-Chairs of the Project Graduation Gift Bag/T-shirt Committee.

Submitted by: Valerie Schmutz

Camden County Scholarships

Scholarship's Origin

The Helen Ameisen Memorial Scholarship was established in 1947 by Camden County PTA. It was established in honor of Mrs. Helen Ameisen who was a past President of Camden County PTA. She was active on the local, county, and state levels in work related to the health and education of all children.

Camden County PTA established in 1993, the Helen Fowler Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship was established in honor of Helen Fowler who was a past Recording Secretary. She dedicated over 40 years of service to the welfare of children.

Eligibility Requirements

Each year both scholarship applications are sent to every public high school in the county. All seniors graduating from a public high school are eligible, if they have attended a public elementary, junior high, or high school with a PTA in good standing in the year the senior applies. A PTA in good standing must satisfy the following yearly criteria:

- The PTA must pay its national, state, and county dues.
- The PTA must have contributed to the Camden County PTA Scholarship Fund.

Eligible applicant must be planning to attend a college or 2 or 4 years of a full time post secondary course of study.

Funding of Scholarships

These scholarships are funded annually by donations from local PTA units and individual contributions. The

number of scholarships awarded is determined by the amount of contribution made by every PTA in the county. Each scholarship award is \$250.00.

Submitted by: Syvonne Forkin, Scholarship Chairman

COUGAR TRACKS ...

STUDENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Student Assistance is a confidential counseling program designed to help students and families with a broad spectrum of issues. Mrs. Denker provides individual counseling and referrals to many students who may need help with managing stress, peer conflicts, parental separation/divorce, grief, anxiety and substance abuse issues. In addition to individual counseling, Peer Support Groups are offered on a voluntary basis. The sessions are rotated so students miss one class each marking period. Students often provide topics for discussion. Most recent was "aggressiveness vs. assertiveness". In addition to self-referrals, many students make contact with Mrs. Denker as a result of a caring friend, teacher, administrator, nurse, counselor or parent. If you would like to make a referral or discuss a concern, please contact Janet Denker at 856-424-2222 ext. 2548 or email her at jdenker@chclc.org.

Submitted by: Janet Denker

DISTRICT NEWS ...

COLUMBIA TEEN SCREEN UPDATE

Thank you to those East parents and students who participated in the Columbia University's TeenScreen[®] Program, a program that is designed for the early identification of emotional health issues.

The week long screening was a success. Thank you to all who assisted with the screening. If there are additional questions, please contact the district Student Assistance Coordinator at 856-424-2222 x 2535 or your SAC, Mrs. Denker at East x2548.

Thank you again and we look forward to your future participation in keeping our youth healthy and safe.

Submitted by: Jennifer DiStefano

CH SPECIAL EDUCATION PTA

CHSEPTA Presents:

Renay Zamloot, Non-Attorney Special Education Advocate.

Effective Participation in the IEP Process

February 23, 2010, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

The Malberg Bldg. 45 Ranoldo Terrace,

Cherry Hill, NJ 08034.

RSVP: (856) 414-9040 or nancym110@me.com

Reservations appreciated.

Ms. Zamloot will guide you through the art of effective communication, organization, and active participation in the IEP process. The strategies and advice you will

receive will empower you with the confidence to engage as an equal member of the decision-making team in IEP meetings for your child. Ms. Zamloot will provide clear examples and interesting anecdotes to foster understanding.

This workshop is free to parents of students with disabilities.

Submitted by: Linda Lance, CHSEPTA Corresponding Secretary

FORMS AND FLYERS

All forms and flyers mentioned are included at the end of this edition of the *Cougar Line*.

CHERRY HILL EAST PTA NEEDS YOU!!!

East PTA cannot function without the support of our school families. In addition to becoming a member, we are now offering 2 ways to support the PTA and all East students. This year you have the choice to make a one-time donation to PTA, or you can participate in fundraisers we will be holding throughout the year.

CH EAST PTA NON-EVENT FUNDRAISER

Our non-event fundraiser is our primary source of funding. You do not have to sell or purchase anything during the school year. Your one-time donation supports scholarships, assemblies, and other programs that support the students at East. Please send in any amount you can afford, or choose one of the options below. Checks should be made out to CHHSE PTA. Please return check in the white envelope provided with this packet.

Family Name: _____ Student(s) Grade: _____

Donation amount: \$15 _____ \$25 _____ \$30 _____ \$50 _____ Other \$ _____



Join the East PTA!

Why Join?

- ★ To learn important issues affecting the children in our community
- ★ To support and speak on behalf of our students at school and in the community
- ★ To support school activities that strengthen the home-school-community partnership

How are my dues used?

- ★ To pay for your membership in the NJ PTA and National PTA
- ★ To fund our periodic newsletter mailings
- ★ To fund our students' involvement in the Boys and Girls State Program

Membership dues are \$5 per person or \$10 per couple. Please make checks payable to CHHSE PTA and send back in the envelope provided with this packet.

PTA Membership Form (Membership Drive Ends March 31, 2010)

Name: _____

Student Name(s): _____

Grade(s): _____ Address: _____

Phone No.: _____ Email: _____

Do you want to be placed on the PTA email list to receive advance notices about East PTA events? Yes _____ No _____

USEFUL WEBSITES

CHE High School

<http://east.cherryhill.k.12.nj.us/>

Progress Book (Parent Access)

www.chclc.org/parentaccess

CHE PTA

<http://east.chlive.org/eastpta/>

Cherry Hill Zone PTA

<http://www.chlive.org/zonepta/>

Cherry Hill School District

<http://www.cherryhill.k12.nj.us/>

Cherry Hill Township

www.cherryhill-nj.com

Recycle Bank

www.recyclebank.com