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"The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character - that is the goal of true education."

—Martin Luther King, Jr.

From the Principal

February is frequently referred to by educators as the “longest month.” Teachers and students start to tire of winter and look forward to a spring that is not quite here yet. The weather has been especially challenging for establishing a consistent school routine. It has been a long time since we have had to use four snow days and an early release snow day in the same year much less the same month. Thank you for your understanding and flexibility as we work to keep our students and staff safe. After the snow day this week we will officially be out of snow days for the year, and any subsequent snow days will be virtual days with students working remotely. Hopefully that will be unnecessary, but you never know...

While you wouldn't know it by looking outside, spring sports begin next week, which is an indicator that third quarter is coming to an end. At this time of year my mindset shifts to all of the end of the year events which always seem to line up a few weeks apart. For the remainder of the year it seems like we are continually preparing for the next event. For example, next week we have SAT/PSAT testing, then parent-teacher conferences, followed by spring break, followed by End of Course exams (state testing), followed by the CHS Awards ceremony, then Prom/After-Prom, AP Exams, Senior week and then Graduation.

Once we reach the end of third quarter, the school year seems to accelerate all the way through the end of the year.

Speaking of end of year events, we are excited about the return of some annual school events that were significantly modified or canceled due to COVID the past few years. We plan to have a "normal" Prom at Windows on Washington on April 30. (Plans are still being finalized for After-Prom.) We are also excited to have graduation return to Chaifetz Arena (SLU campus) on May 26 at 7pm. We plan to have a "normal" ceremony that complies with all District and facility guidelines at that time. Despite the logistics work and the time commitment in supervision, I cannot express how happy I am that we are able to revive these events. I am so happy for our kids and especially our seniors that we will be able to celebrate them together as a community.

Finally, we are looking forward to welcoming parents to Parent-Teacher Conferences next month. As we did in the fall, parents will have the option of a conference over Zoom or an in-person conference. All visitors and staff will be required to be masked for in-person conferences. Also, based on feedback from parents and staff we will not be offering late conferences after school hours on the Friday before spring break begins. As a result, we will be offering conference slots on three days as opposed to our usual two days. You will receive a link for conference sign ups next week (March 3). We hope that you will take advantage of this opportunity to connect with our teachers and continue to strengthen our partnership with you.

With Greyhound Pride,
Dr. Dan Gutchewsky

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

As we did in the fall, we will be offering both in-person and Zoom options for conferences.

- Tuesday, March 15 from 3:30-5:30 p.m. (Zoom Only)
- Wednesday, March 16, from 3:30-8:30pm (In-Person or Zoom)
- Friday, March 18 from 1:15-3:15 p.m (Zoom Only)

Please mark your calendars. **Online Signups will begin at 9:00am on March 3.** A link to conference sign ups will be emailed and it will be available on the CHS website at that time. We look forward to connecting soon!

All In Coalition

Also during in-person Parent/Teacher Conferences on March 16 from 4:45-7:00 p.m., All In Coalition will host the Hidden In Plain View exhibit in the CHS commons. Parents can stop

by at their leisure to walk through the mock teenage bedroom to learn about the hidden signs of risky behavior. Parents will also get tips about how to talk to their teens about alcohol and other drugs. We hope to see you there!

[HIDDEN IN PLAIN VIEW FLYER](#)

IMPORTANT UPCOMING CHS EVENT DATES

Spring Break - March 21-25

Awards Ceremony - April 26 (this is a change to the date listed in the student planner)

Prom/After Prom - April 30

AP Exams - May 2-13

CHS Finals - May 31 - June 2

Final day of School - June 2

SENIOR CLASS INFORMATION

Senior Week (Sr. Send-Off) - May 16-20

Seniors last day of Attendance - May 19

Graduation at Chaifetz Arena - May 26

- 10:00 a.m. - Graduation rehearsal for all seniors at Chaifetz
- 6:00 p.m. - Students should arrive
- 7:00 p.m. - Ceremony begins
- Cap & Gowns - If you have not ordered a cap & gown for your student, parents should call Jostens at 636-230-7350 as soon as possible to place the order. All cap & gown orders must go through Jostens.

TESTING DATES

March 2

- SAT - Juniors only (no 11th grade classes will be held)
- PSAT10 - Sophomores (no 10th grade classes will be held)
- 9th and 12th grade students will work asynchronously from home

April 5th - 13th (includes make-up dates)

- End of Course Exams (EOCs)

- English II, Bio, Personal Finance (AP Econ students only), Government

May 2-13th

- AP Exams

CLAYTON SUMMER ACADEMY

The deadline to reserve a spot in summer school is Monday, March 7th. Parents can register students for summer school by completing this form: [Clayton Summer Academy](#)

Summer Academy is June 6 - 30. In-person and online classes will be taught by CHS teachers, credit recovery and credit acquisition options will also be available.

LAUNCH virtual courses, not taught by CHS teachers, will be offered June & July

Please contact your child's grade level counselor with any questions.

- 9th - [Joyce Bell](#)
- 10th - [Tobie Smith](#)
- 11th - [Jacelyn Cole](#)
- 12th - [Homer Turner](#)

CHS LIBRARY INFORMATION

WashU Olin Library has reopened their collection and space to our students who would like to use an InfoPass to visit the library and use its resources. There are other libraries in this program as well and you can see those listed through the link below. Students can print an InfoPass or stop by the CHS Library to obtain a pass in order to use one of the participating libraries.

What is InfoPass? Read this:

<https://www.slrln.org/Info-Pass>

STUDENT RECOGNITION

DECA District 8 Competition had over 50 students who represented Clayton.

Congratulations to everyone who participated!

1st Place:

- Aashna Doshi, Marketing Communications
- David Liang, Independent Business Plan
- Ilse Griffey, Apparel and Accessories
- Isra Kayani & Ayden Simckes, Business Law and Ethics Team
- Jeremy Cohn & Taayan Khurana, Travel and Tourism Team
- Julia Mann & Addy Whitesell, Integrated Marketing Plan - Service
- Kate Freedman & Kaia Mills-Lee, Buying and Merchandising Team
- Max and Alex Hagemeister, Hospitality Services Team
- Willa Melander & Sarah Taylor, Community Giving

2nd Place:

- Alexander Slen, Business Finance
- David Liang, Entrepreneurship
- Ella Macdonald, Apparel and Accessories
- Emma Sandquist & Kate Freedman, Start-up Business
- Hannah Do & Kathryn Smith, Integrated Marketing Plan - Product
- Isabella Ross, Restaurant and Food Service
- Owen Gelzer, Hotel and Lodging Management
- Paige Conrad & Maci Klaus, Financial Services Team
- Paige Rawitscher, Innovation Plan
- Tatum Ladner, Sports and Entertainment

3rd Place:

- Beacan Mottle, Principles of Management
- Ben Siwak, Sports and Entertainment
- Charlie Black, Principles of Hospitality
- Charlie Miller, Human Resources Management
- Christian Kujawa, Food Marketing
- Prakash Ramakrishnan, Entrepreneurship
- Soren Steinbecker, Principles of Marketing

Congratulations to **Kaitlyn Tran** on being named Regional Finalists in the [Coca-Cola Scholars Program](#). Kaitlyn has progressed to the second stage of selection after the review of 1,617 Semifinalists who were chosen from among more than 68,000 applicants hoping to be named Coca-Cola Scholars this year.

To become a finalist, high school seniors have made it through an extremely competitive second stage of selection and are participating in regional interviews with a committee of Scholar alumni and staff members. After these interviews are complete, 150 of the 251 Regional Finalists will become Coca-Cola Scholars and receive a \$20,000 scholarship.

Congratulations to the **CLAMO yearbook and the Globe Newsmagazine** which are both [Columbia University Scholastic Press Association Crown recipients](#) for 2022! Crown nominees are already winners and will receive Silver Crowns. Gold Crown winners will be announced in March 2022. The recognition is based on the 2021 CLAMO yearbook, and the 2020-2021 set of Globe Newsmagazines.

The Crown Awards honor top student publications chosen from a national pool of CSPA's members. Crowns are selected for overall excellence in a head-to-head comparison. During Crown consideration, publications are judged on their excellence as shown by their design, photography, concept, coverage and writing.

Our 2021 Clamo yearbook is also a finalist for another prestigious national journalism award, The Pacemaker. This award is presented through the National Scholastic Press Association and there were only two yearbooks from Missouri recognized this year as Pacemaker finalists. Pacemaker recipients will be announced at the national JEA convention in Los Angeles on April 7.

- *Globe Editors* for the 2020-2021 school year were: Angela Xiao, Sofia Erlin and Shane LaGesse
- *CLAMO Main Editors* for the 2020-2021 school year were: Cavan Helmering, Annie Xiao, and Amy Ma

Congratulations to the following students on their selection as members of the **Missouri All-State Music Ensembles**. They participated in rehearsals and performances at the Missouri Music Educators Association convention in January.

- Yiyun Xu
- Hannah Moon
- Alex Pompian
- Ethan Sturmoski
- Rachel Chung
- Thomas Gustafson

- Enoch Lai
- Ariana Kroger

Two teams represented **Clayton High School in the History Bowl** online tournament.

Both teams went all the way to finals with Clayton A Team winning the tournament.

Clayton B Team made it to the second to last round before they lost a close match. Results will be posted on the [History Bowl website](#).

Clayton A Team

- Zach Wang
- Tom Dupor
- Isaac Millians
- Henry Shaw

Clayton B Team

- Maddie Brown
- Caleb Park
- Aadi Diwan
- Don Ung

Our **CHS Girls Swim Team** placed 3rd Overall in the State Meet with the following individual results. Congratulations to the team and their coaches!

Team Members: Delia Zachs, Jillian Thomason, Caitlin Kuhlmann, Kellen Mottl, Anna Stouffer, Alexandra Cohen, Ella Welch, Emma Welch, Anna McAndrew

Coaches: Katelyn Long, Jill Allen

- Kuhlmann, Mottl, Thomason, Stouffer - 1st place in the 200 Medley Relay
- Ella Welch, Alexandra Cohen, Emma Welch, Thomason - 14th place in the 200 Free Relay
- Stouffer, Thomason, Kuhlmann, Mottl - 2nd place and a new school record in the 400 Free Relay!
- Emma Welch finished in 7th place in the 200 IM and 13th place in the 500 Free.
- Kuhlman placed 3rd in the 100 backstroke and 10th in the 200 IM
- Stouffer placed 10th in the 50 freestyle (a new school record) and 12th in the 100 breaststroke.
- Mottl placed 5th in the 100 freestyle and 1st in the 100 breaststroke

Information from District

Clayton Kid Zone, the Before and Afterschool Program of the School District of Clayton, is hiring. Kid Zone serves all Clayton Elementary Schools and the Family Center. Working for Kid Zone provides a fun, team-focused environment, valuable hands-on experience working with children, training and professional development, flexible scheduling, with both before and after school hours available, competitive pay, and experience working in the school setting. This is a great opportunity for all who enjoy working with youth, and fantastic opportunity for those wanting to work in the education field. Use [this link](#) to apply today and please contact tylerkearns@claytonschools.net with questions or interest.

Please Keep Children Home When They Are Sick - This is just a quick reminder that the best way to prevent the spread of any illness is to stay home when we are sick. We are tracking a significant increase in COVID-19 cases across the District. We need to be diligent in washing our hands and cognitive of how we are feeling to help prevent the spread of infection. Please [review this helpful reference](#) about when or when not to come to school/work.

COVID Dashboard - We will be updating our COVID dashboard daily (as opposed to weekly) until we get to the downhill side of this current surge.

Updated Quarantine/Isolation Timelines - Starting Monday, Feb. 7, the District began using the CDC's recommended five-day quarantine and isolation guidelines. Details were emailed to all parents and staff on Friday, Feb. 4. [Learn more.](#)

Substitute Teachers - The School District of Clayton is always seeking high quality applicants for substitute teachers. If you know someone that may be interested in substitute teaching in our schools, please ask them to submit an application on our website. For more information, watch this [video](#) and apply today.

Help CHS Dance Marathon Make Positive Change - CLAYTON FAMILIES, SAVE THE DATE! Clayton High School's Dance Marathon will be organizing "Change Wars" at all the elementary schools and Wydown throughout the week of Monday, February 28 to Friday, March 4. Dance Marathon is a nation-wide movement that raises money for local children's hospitals. In the St. Louis area, funds raised benefit SSM Cardinal Glennon and St. Louis Children's Hospital. Students are encouraged to bring their spare change to contribute to their class' fundraising totals and the winning class will be rewarded with a PJ day! Stay tuned for more details as the date approaches.

Spring Break at the Center of Clayton - The Center of Clayton just released their schedule for Spring Break camps. [Learn about all the options on their website.](#)



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