

CHS 101

AP Classes	Advanced Placement classes are typically taken by juniors and seniors and there are many to choose from. The AP exams are given during a 2 week period in May. Students must sign up for the exam and there is a fee to take the exam. (In 2018, it was \$94 per class.) It is not mandatory to take the AP exam.
Arts Fair	On this day, CHS students volunteer to host student from the Special School District. CHS students can volunteer to be a “buddy” or work an activity room. While this is an optional attendance day for students, usually 80% of the students volunteer on this day.
Beautification Day	This is an opportunity for students to earn volunteer hours by performing landscaping work around the school. This is offered in the fall and the spring.
Buzz Book	The Buzz Book is available online. You can access it by following the link below and creating an account. https://chsbuzzbook.membershiptoolkit.com/
Clubs/Activities	There is a list of clubs/activities on the CHS website. On the Menu Bar, select Students and then select Activities from under the drop-down menu. Most activities are open to all CHS students and welcome new members throughout the year.
Dances	The Homecoming and Peppers dances are held in Stuber Gym. There is no strict dress code for the dances but the tendency is for kids to wear semi-formal attire, i.e. dresses, chinos, button down, etc. It is not necessary to have a date to the dance. Many kids go in groups. Tickets are on sale for the dance in the Commons the week before.
Final Exams	Classes at CHS end each semester with a 1-1/2 hour final exam. The final exam schedule is released a week or two before the exams. Regular classes are not held this week. Students are excused after their exams, so on a typical final exam day, students are finished by 11:00 am.
Graduation	Graduation is held at Chaifetz Arena on the SLU campus. There is plenty of room so tickets are not needed to attend. There is parking garage located on Compton and Laclede and there are golf carts to transport those needing assistance.
Homecoming Week	The week before Homecoming is filled with activities, spirit days and decorating. Each day, a different grade decorates their area of the Commons according to the theme of Homecoming. There is a Pep Assembly in Stuber on Friday afternoon. Parents are welcome to attend. A word of warning, it is very loud! The Friday night before the dance, there is a Homecoming Bonfire, when different grades compete against

	<p>each other on the football field. There is a parent tent set up with refreshments and it is a fun place for parents to observe the events away from the controlled chaos of the kids. There is a parade on Saturday before the game, with the grade level floats, the marching band, homecoming court and lots of candy throwing. The parade culminates at Gay Field before kickoff. The Homecoming Dance is Saturday evening at Stuber Gym. There is no strict dress code for this event but the tendency is for kids to wear semi-formal attire, i.e. dresses, chinos, button down, etc. It is definitely not necessary to have a date to the dance. Many kids go in groups. Tickets are on sale for the dance in the Commons the week before.</p>
Honors classes	<p>Honors classes are offered beginning freshman year in english, math and science. Students are recommended for these classes.</p>
Junior-Senior Prom	<p>The Junior class hosts the Senior class at a Spring dance, typically held off campus. The dance includes dinner and it is formal dress. Traditionally, boys wear suits/tuxedos and girls wear dresses – Juniors wear short dresses, Seniors wear long dresses. As with Homecoming and Peppers, it is not necessary to have a date to attend; many people attend in groups.</p>
Library Hours	<p>The CHS Library opens at 7:30 am – 8:00 am, Monday – Friday, for independent study only. It is open 8:00 am – 3:30 pm for all.</p>
National Honor Society	<p>The NHS recognizes high school students who have demonstrated strong character and excelled academically while taking active roles in leadership and service. This is a faculty-awarded honor presented to senior students. Students have to fulfill service hours, exemplify outstanding character, academic achievement and leadership. More information can be found at the CHS website under Students menu.</p>
Open Campus	<p>Open Campus means that students are allowed to leave during the school day on their lunch periods or during a free hour. It applies to every grade level. Students are expected to return in time for their next class and the privilege can be revoked if they do not meet this expectation. Parents can opt not to sign students up for this privilege.</p>
Open House	<p>The CHS Open House is a parents only event. This is an opportunity for parents to walk their child’s schedule, meet the teachers, pick up the buzz book and visit with other parents in the Commons during your child’s lunch/free hours. There is a Freshman Parent Night from 6:00 -7:00 pm in the auditorium, with the rest of the evening beginning at 7:00 pm, typically lasting until 9:00 pm.</p>

Parent/Teacher Conferences	Conferences are held in October and March. Notification of when to sign up for conferences will be via email and regular mail. Signups are online, using your students Powerschool ID as both the login and password.
Peppers Dance	This is a “girl asks boy” dance in February. The term “Peppers” comes from a pep club that was primarily run by girls in the 1950s. The club is no longer but the tradition remains.
PTO Meetings	All are welcome to the PTO meetings. They are typically held on the first Monday of the month at 6:30 pm in the CHS Library unless there is a conflict with a national/school holiday. Come and hear updates from the Principal and the Activities Director to see what is happening around CHS!
PTO Tablecloths	There are tablecloths available for on-campus use for school events such as: sport banquets, fundraisers, etc. They can be reserved by contacting the current PTO presidents.
Sixth Grade Camp Counselors	CHS students serve as counselors for sixth grade camp in the fall. They must apply and interview for the position. Information can be found on the Wydown Middle School website, under the Students drop down menu, select 6 th grade camp.
Sports Banquets	Sports Banquets are held in the Commons shortly after the conclusion of the season. The coach typically arranges the date with the Activities Director and the parents, usually of the upperclassmen players, work out the details for the event. PTO Tablecloths can be used for the banquets but please contact the PTO to reserve them.
Student Council (STUCO, formally STUGO)	The biggest responsibilities for STUCO are Homecoming and the Arts Fair with multiple school and community events held throughout the year. They meet a few times a month and have one or two events a month on top of the meetings. The elections for current freshmen, sophomores and juniors are in the spring for the following year, when those students are sophomores, juniors and seniors. For the incoming freshmen, it is in the fall. To run for office, fill out an application from the activities office, get teacher recommendations and interview with the sponsors.