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*"I think about the milestones from my childhood and what it will be like to watch our kids go through them. Taking Riley to her first day of school was a whirlwind. I can't imagine what middle school is going to be like, and high school, and graduation."*

—Stephen Curry

### **From the Principal**

This April has provided a huge psychological boost to our school community. The weather has warmed and it is much more pleasant to be outside. We have moved to a mask recommended environment which has allowed students and teachers to see each other's faces for the first time this year. More importantly we have been able to return to the regular annual spring traditions of high schools. This time of year is filled with important milestones for our students. **The CHS award ceremony will be in person this year on April 26th. (our apologies, the previous newsletter indicated the 28th which is incorrect)** Prom is right around the corner, which will be our first real Prom in over two years. We look forward to celebrating this milestone with our juniors and seniors at Windows on Washington in a little over a week. Advanced Placement (AP) Exams will be administered in person May 2-13. In less than a month we will be celebrating our seniors during Senior Week (May 16-20) with a variety of year end events and festivities that will give us an opportunity to honor them while giving them some additional opportunities to spend time together as a class. Finally, the academic careers of our seniors in the School District of Clayton will come to a close on May 26 at 7pm as we return to Chaifetz Arena (SLU) for Graduation.

We have learned many lessons over the past two years as we have transitioned from in-person learning to remote learning and back again in various configurations. Some of these lessons have been positive while others have not. Some lessons were in the academic realm such as how we can continue to use online learning to meet the diverse learning needs of our students. Other lessons were in the social-emotional realm like the creation of the senior parade (which will become an annual event). One of the lessons that was reinforced during the pandemic was the importance of these milestone events in developing a collective sense of community and class identity. These events represent so much more than silly social events. They represent opportunities to deepen the bonds between our students and the large CHS community. They are crucial to fighting the isolation that plagued so many of our students (and staff) during this pandemic. I am so happy for all of our students but especially our seniors who have had so much of their high school experience disrupted. We are all very excited to celebrate with them in their final month at CHS and I hope that you share our enthusiasm and will join us as you are able.

As I mentioned earlier, we will be returning to Chaifetz Arena on the St. Louis University Campus for an indoor, in-person graduation celebration. This ceremony is an amazing opportunity for our entire school district to celebrate our seniors as they move on to the next stage of their lives. One of the aspects of our ceremony is that we invite the full faculty of CHS as well as all of the other principals from each of our buildings to participate in a truly district-wide celebration. We do this because we recognize that the achievement of our students is not only the result of the staff at CHS but it is a collective effort of the entire District and the larger Clayton community. The event is open to anyone and tickets are not required. I hope that you will consider joining us for this special day. If you can't join us at the ceremony, I hope to see you along the senior parade route on the 20th. :)

See you soon!

### **IMPORTANT UPCOMING CHS EVENT DATES**

AP Exams - May 2-13

[CHS Finals Schedule - May 31 - June 2](#)

Final day of School - June 2

### **Awards Ceremony**

Our Awards Ceremony will be presented in-person this year in the CHS Auditorium on Tuesday, April 26 at 7:00 p.m.

### **Prom**

**Prom is April 30** (correction - the original newsletter indicated the 29th) and information has been sent out to all families. The deadline to purchase tickets was April, 21. **Parents-All In Clayton Coalition** knows that prom can be both an exciting and stressful time for you. To ensure that your teen and their friends stay safe throughout the evening, please take a moment to read "[A Parent's Guide to Prom](#)" and get 6 practical tips to consider prior to April 30. Also, recently Clayton Police Department with the help of All In updated Clayton's social host ordinance. This ordinance holds individuals accountable who provide or allow the use of alcohol by minors on their property. To learn more about the risks for adults to provide alcohol to minors, click [here](#) and see "Failure to Supervise a Minor". We appreciate your help in creating a safe, memorable prom night for students.

### **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
  - There is no maximum on the number people families can bring
  - Tickets are not required

### **INFORMATION FROM CHS PTO**

PTO is looking for a few parents! There are a few PTO Board positions available for the **2022-2023** school year. We are looking for volunteers for:

Co-President

Secretary

Communications Director

Clayton Cares

Homecoming Bonfire Parent's Hospitality (2-3 people)

Hot Sips and Study tips (Freshman Finals Festival)

9th grade Connections

If you are interested, please reach out to Casye Butler [casyebutler@gmail.com](mailto:casyebutler@gmail.com) or Bryan Lawrence [balmail@yahoo.com](mailto:balmail@yahoo.com).

## **MISSOURI SCHOOL REQUIRED IMMUNIZATIONS**

Please see the Missouri school immunization requirements for the 2022-23 school year at the link below. Per Missouri state law and School District of Clayton Board of Education policy, all students must present documentation of up-to-date immunization status of each immunization before attending school. Please be aware that a second meningococcal immunization is required before 12th grade unless the first dose was administered to a student who was 16 years of age or older, in which case only one dose is required. At least one dose must be given after 16 years of age. Additional information regarding medical and religious exemptions can be found on the attached link as well.

<https://health.mo.gov/living/wellness/immunizations/pdf/2023schoolrequirements.pdf>

## **Information from District**

**Caring for Head & Heart:** Parenting During the Smartphone Age-Monday, April 25, 6:00-7:00 via Zoom. Learn more about how to navigate the challenging landscape of childhood cell phone usage and get your questions answered by a panel of experts. Panelists include Clayton High School's own Erin Sucher-O'Grady, West County Psychological Associates Counselor Tony Tramelli & Clayton Police Department's Corporal Jenny Schwartz. Click [here](#) to register.

**Center of Clayton Summer Camps** - Summer is coming! From chess and sports to art and science, The Center of Clayton has the perfect camp for your child. Pair a camp at the Center with a Summer Academy session at the District for a full day of summer learning and fun.

[Check out each camp and register today](#)

**New Volunteer Requirements** - In order to ensure we are complying with recent changes to state law, the School District of Clayton has an updated volunteer process. Due to the new statutory requirements, all volunteers that might be alone with students (including field trips), must complete the new background check requirements in order to volunteer in most situations. Any volunteer who has the potential to work alone with students must do the following:

1. Complete a [volunteer application](#).
2. Authorize the District to conduct a background check through the [Family Care Safety Registry](#). There is a \$15.25 fee to register with the Family Care Safety



Registry. The District will cover this cost.

3. [Register](#) to have your fingerprints taken. There is a \$41.75 fee to run the fingerprint-based check and the processing time is generally 7-10 days. If the cost of the background check is a burden for your family at this time, please submit your receipt to Cindy Whitney at Central Office.
4. Please contact Meredith Reese at 314-854-6038 if you have any questions.
5. COVID-19 Dashboard - With the decrease in COVID-19 cases throughout the area as well as in the District, we will transition back to updating our [COVID-19 Data Dashboard](#) weekly on Friday mornings.
6. CHS Volleyball Camp - Do you have a third through eighth grader who is looking to sharpen their volleyball skills? If the answer is yes, then be sure to check out the [CHS Volleyball Camp](#).
7. **Buzz Books Updated** - School Buzz Books have been updated again and are now available online. The District has once again partnered with Membership Toolkit to create online directories for each of our schools that are secure, easy to use and free to District families. [Find instructions and a link to your school's buzz book on the website](#). If you are having trouble accessing the Buzz Book, please drop us a line at [communications@claytonschools.net](mailto:communications@claytonschools.net).

### **Adzick Field Formal Dedication April 23**

Join us for the formal dedication of Clayton High School's Adzick Field on ***Saturday, April 23rd at 10:30 a.m.***

We're finally able to gather together and celebrate the first phase of the field's renovation, which was completed in April 2020. Named in honor of Nick Adzick, Ph.D., legendary CHS history teacher and baseball coach from 1958-1985, the field is now a premier multi-sport facility that can be used by our entire community.

The event will take place prior to the varsity baseball game between the CHS Greyhounds and Lutheran North Crusaders. Emceed by St. Louis Post-Dispatch Sports Columnist and CHS Alumnus Benjamin Hochman, we will recognize the generous donors and partners who made this renovation possible. Dr. Scott Adzick, Coach Adzick's son and a Clayton Alumni Hall of Fame inductee, will throw out the ceremonial first pitch. In case of inclement weather, the dedication ceremony will be held in the CHS Auditorium.

We hope to see you there!



- Same Day COVID-19 Testing Program/Partnership - District students, parents, and staff can go to any of the locations listed below for walk-in COVID testing (for diagnostics, screening, and travel) and no appointment is needed. This is a pilot program through Visionary Vaccine Services (VVS) available through a partnership between the Clayton, Ladue and Webster Groves school districts. Representatives from VVS will be doing the testing and individuals will receive a letter documenting the date of service, type of testing, and same-day test results.
  - Important details:
    - Masks will be required.
    - Bring identification and insurance card (insurance will be billed for the service).
    - There are no fees for the uninsured.
  - Rapid antigen and PCR testing will be available/accessible daily Monday through Thursday as follows.
    - Mondays and Wednesdays from 9-11 a.m. at the Ladue Fifth Grade Center located at [10900 Ladue Road, 63141](#) (Enter building from the LECC side in the back — inside the lower level athletic entrance)
    - Tuesdays from 9-11 a.m. at the School District of Clayton Administrative Center located at #2 Mark Twain Circle, 63105 (Enter building through the lower-level, Shaw Park side)
    - Thursdays from 2-4 p.m. at the Webster Groves School District Central Office Building located at [400 E. Lockwood Avenue, 63119](#)

## **STUDENT RECOGNITION**

**Congratulations to our 2022 National Merit Finalists and Semifinalist.** All Finalists will be considered for National Merit Scholarship awards to be offered in 2022.

**Finalists:**

*Mark V. Anzilotti*

*Tudor Belean*

*Madeline Brown*

*Miguel Buitrago*

*Tom Dupor*

*Thomas Gustafson*

*Kylee Kest*

*James Lenze*

*Gabriela L. Madriz*

*Isaac Millians*

*Alexander Pompian*

*Zachary Wang*

*Yiyun Xu*

*Tobias Zaidman*

**Semifinalist:**

*Jessie Lin*

**Missouri Scholars 100: Congratulations to Thomas Gustafson** on being selected for the 2022 Missouri Scholars 100, a statewide program that honors 100 of Missouri's top academic students in the graduating class of 2022.



**Coca-Cola Scholars: Congratulations to Kaitlyn Tran** on receiving the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation scholarship. The mission of the Foundation is to enhance educational opportunities through scholarship awards for young people who demonstrate academic excellence and leadership in their schools and community.

The Coca-Cola Scholars Program is the largest achievement-based and corporate-sponsored scholarship program in the United States. This year, the Foundation reviewed over 68,000 applications and 1,617 were designated as Semifinalists. From these Semifinalists, 250 Regional Finalists were chosen to be interviewed and of those 250, only 150 (less than 1/4th of 1% of applicants) were named Coca-Cola Scholars.



**Congratulations to Dylan Lohse** on receiving the **Chick Evans Scholarship for Caddies** given by the Evans Scholars Foundation. The Chick Evans Scholarship is a full tuition and housing college scholarship for golf caddies and is awarded based on a strong caddie record, excellent academics, and outstanding character.

**“World Quest Competition”** - Please congratulate the Clayton team of *Aadi Diwan, Zack Wang, Don Ung and Miguel Buitrago* on their 2nd place finish in this event sponsored by the World Affairs Council and St. Louis University. Competing against over 50 public and private schools in the area, this group answered 8 rounds of very challenging questions about international issues, current events and global affairs. They studied for three months and collectively read over a hundred articles on geopolitics, international trade and relationships between countries.

**MSHSAA Speech & Debate** - congratulations to the following students on competing at districts and making it to state!

*Charles Rubin and JiaLi Deck in Duo* (2nd in Districts)

*Anisha Jarang* in Prose (1st in Districts)

*Ivy Reed* in US Extemporaneous Speaking (2nd in Districts)

*Eliot Blackmoore* in Lincoln-Douglas Debate (3rd in Districts)

**CHS Band Students** - congratulations to them on wonderful performances and ratings at our MSHSAA State Large Group Festival.

- Bands are rated on a 5 point scale: Exemplary, Outstanding, Satisfactory, Developing, or Ineffective. Both the Concert Band (9th) and the Symphonic Band (10th & 12th) received Exemplary marks. Students had to perform prepared music, sight read brand new music, and demonstrate poise and flexibility in a new performance environment - they were great!

**Dance Marathon** - Congratulations to CHS seniors *Sarah Taylor* and *Willa Melander*, as well as their Executive Committee, who worked incredibly hard to raise money for Children's Miracle Network Hospitals. The goal each year is to have a series of small fundraising activities throughout the course of the year, which then culminate in a Dance Marathon. This four hour event was held at CHS on March 10th with games, music, choreographed dances, food, raffles, a photo booth, and other activities.

Their goal was \$30,000 and they raised over \$40,000! We are very proud of these young adults for accomplishing so much.

**The Greyhound Chess Team** faced in-person competition in March for the first time since February of 2020. The Hounds made their mark early and never looked back as they trapped, pinned, forked and checkmated their way to a runaway tournament victory, winning a stunning 29 of 36 matches on their way to capturing the First Place Trophy. Thank you to our CHS Chess Club Sponsor - *Mr. Nino LaMadrid*.

Placement in individual competition had 5 players in the top 15:

*Samuel Rozensweig* (2nd), *Jonah Feinstein* (3rd), *Prakash Ramakrishnan* (5th), *Reed Gunn* (7th), and *Derek Crisp* (14th)

Placement among all grade level competition:

*Jonah Feinstein* - 1st (Senior), *Alienor DeSmedt* - 2nd (Senior)

*Samuel Rozensweig* - 1st (Junior), *Reed Gunn* - 2nd (Junior)

*Prakash Ramakrishnan* - 1st (Sophomore), *Derek Crisp* - 2nd (Freshman)

The squad made Greyhound Chess history in this tournament as every member of the team earned a trophy, a feat never achieved before.

Team members are:

*Jonah Feinsten* (Team Captain), *Alienor DeSmedt*, *Samuel Rosenzweig*

*Reed Gunn*, *Prakash Ramakrishnan*, and *Derek Crisp*

The CHS Chess Team scratched and clawed their way to a 5th place trophy in the Missouri State Chess Championship Tournament at Battle High School in Columbia Missouri. In

individual board competition, the Greyhounds placed 4 students in the top 15 players in the state.

On Board 1, sophomore *Prakash Ramakrishnan* placed 5th overall. On Board 2, senior *Jonah Feinstein* finished 6th overall. On Board 3, senior *Alienor DeSmedt* placed 5th overall and on Board 4, junior *Reed Gunn* finished 14th overall.



**DECA** - 28 students represented Clayton at the DECA State Career Development Conference in Kansas City, MO. The following students were awarded certificates, medallions, or trophies for their efforts. Those with an asterisk have qualified for the International Career Development Conference in Atlanta, GA., held in late April.

*Alex Slen* - 1st place, Top Test Score, Business Finance \*

*Isra Kayani & Ayden Simckes* - 2nd place, Business Law and Ethics \*

*David Liang* - Top 8, Independent Business Plan

*Kate Freedman & Emma Sandquist* - 5th place, Start-Up Business Plan

*Owen Gelzer* - 2nd place, Hotel and Lodging Management \*

*Hannah Do & Kathryn Smith* - 4th place, Integrated Marketing Campaign Product \*

*Julia Mann & Addy Whitesell* - Top 8, Integrated Marketing Campaign Service

*Charlie Blake* - Top Test Score, Principles of Hospitality and Tourism

*Willa Melander & Sarah Taylor* - Top 8, Community Giving Project

*Izzy Ross* - 5th place, Restaurant and Food Management \*

*Jeremy Cohn & Tayaan Khurana* - 3rd place, Travel and Tourism \*



**Catalyst Big Pitch** - our 4th annual Catalyst Big Pitch was a tremendous success and we were able to give away almost \$7,000 worth of prize money to six very deserving student run businesses. Of over 20 teams from other programs and schools in the St. Louis area, three of the six prizes were awarded to Catalyst members. Special thank you to our sponsors, The Clayton Education Foundation, The Ladue Education Foundation, Black Entrepreneurs Inc., and Regions Bank.

Here is the link to the event in case you missed it: <https://youtu.be/v4F5DjgeBco>



**Cultural Leadership's Newest Class** is proud to announce its 17th class of student leaders! CHS students **Liliana Boyd and Catalina (Cha-Cha) Rubin** are part of the group of 20 outstanding high school students (pictured below) from eleven different schools across the St. Louis region selected to participate in a unique year-long educational leadership program where they'll be developed into civic leaders and social justice change-makers through the lenses of the Black and Jewish experiences. For information on how students can apply for Class 18 or get involved, please contact Program Director Jeremy Brok at [jbrok@culturalleadership.org](mailto:jbrok@culturalleadership.org)

Applicants for Class 18 of High School Leadership Program is open for current Sophomores and Freshmen students who will be Juniors and Sophomores in the 2022- 2023 school year.

Students who submit their [online apps](#) **by the April 29** deadline will receive First Priority status. Applications will remain open through Fall 2022 on a rolling basis and Class 18 will begin January 2023. The three flyers attached will provide additional information.



**Speech and Debate** - Please congratulate the following students who have qualified to the 91st annual National Speech and Debate Tournament, making for Clayton's 32nd appearance.

National Qualifiers:

*Kathryn Davis* - 1st place (tied), Congressional Debate

*Eliot Blackmoore* (double qualifier) 1st place (tied), Congressional Debate; 3rd place, Lincoln-Douglas Debate

*Camilla Meyers* - 2nd place, Informative Speaking

*Ivy Reed* - 2nd place, United States Extemporaneous Speaking

*Anisha Jarang* - 5th place, Program of Oral Interpretation (prose & poetry reading)

*Charlie Rubin* - 1st place, Humorous Interpretation

*Medha Narayan and AnMei Deck* - 2nd place, Duo Interpretation

*Carter Davis* - Congressional Debate; 5th place, International Extemporaneous Speaking

*Vincent Chen* - Congressional Debate

**Mock Trial Team** - congratulations to our Mock Trial team who took 2nd at State! They have put in countless hours since November to prepare for the competition.

*Esther Wang, Alice Wang, Eliot Blackmore, Enoch Lai*

*Alex Pompian, Ivy Reed, Marina Hagedorn, and Charlie Rubin*



We would also like to express our profound gratitude to our *Attorney Coach, Mike Wetmore*. His time and dedication to the team have resulted in a highly successful program for the over twenty years that Mike has coached the team. We also offer our thanks to his wife Karen, who has worked alongside Mike to support the team to success.



**The Globe, Clamo Yearbook and Greyhound News Network** - congratulations on awards received at this year's Scholastic Journalism Day at the University of Missouri. Overall, the staff of the Globe and Clamo won 18 awards presented at the event by the Missouri Interscholastic Press Association and the Missouri Journalism Association.

Clamo was presented with a Superior award in the Yearbook - Overall category. Last year's Clamo editor-in-chief was *Cavan Helmering*.

The Globe was presented with the following awards:

- Newsmagazine - Overall: All-Missouri Award to the 2021-22 staff of the Globe, led by Editors-in-Chief *Ella Cuneo, Shane LaGesse* and *Ivy Reed*.
- Missouri All-State Journalism Team: Senior Managing Editor *Owen Auston-Babcock*
- In-Depth Feature: All-Missouri Award to Senior Managing Editor *Owen Auston-Babcock*
- In-Depth Feature: All-Missouri Award to Editors-in-Chief *Shane LaGesse* and *Ivy Reed*
- News Feature: All-Missouri Award to Sports Editor *Alex Cohen*
- News Writing: All-Missouri Award to Sports Editor *Alex Cohen*
- Breaking News: All-Missouri Award to Photo Editor *Lily Kleinhenz*

- Feature Package: All-Missouri Award to Senior Managing Editor *Owen Auston-Babcock*
- Editorial/Op-Ed: All-Missouri Awards to Sports Editor *Alex Cohen* (writing) and Senior Managing Editor *Owen Auston-Babcock* (editing & web design) and to News Editor *Alex Slen*
- In-Depth Feature: Superior Award to *Emma Baum, Vivian Chen, Seraphina Corbo, Maya Goldwasser, Sahi Gokaraju, Sophia Lu, Caleb Park, Ivy Reed* and *Kaitlyn Tran*
- News Feature: Superior Award to Photo Editor *Lily Kleinhenz*
- In-Depth Feature: Excellent Award to *Emma Baum, Alex Cohen, Chloe Creighton, Ella Cuneo, Charlie Meyers, Ruby Nadin* and *Ivy Reed*
- Online - Overall: Excellent Award to Chief Digital Editor *Kaitlyn Tran* and Senior Managing Editor *Owen Auston-Babcock* for the Globe Online at [chsglobe.com](https://chsglobe.com)

**Academic Challenge in Engineering and Science (ACES)** - congratulations to the following students who qualified to compete in the finals in the 2022 competition:

*Tudor Belean, Vivian Chen, Carter Davis, Katie de la Paz, Aadi Diwan  
 Jessie Lin, Hannah Moon, Alexander Pompian, Ismael Robles-Razzaq  
 Matteo Sanderson, Ethan Sturmoski, Sarah Taylor, Alice Wang, Lana Xu  
 and Elaine Yoo*



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