



# The Clay Chronicle

A message from CHS Principal

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### **Student of the Month**

Congratulations to Mallory Nelson for being named the Genoa Bank/ Metro Press January Student of the Month. Mallory was featured in the January 25 edition of *The Press* newspaper. Currently, Mallory has a 4.29 cumulative GPA and ranks 5<sup>th</sup> in the senior class. She is active in the marching band, Tri-M Music Honors Society, STRIVE and the National Honors Society. Mallory is the daughter of Jennifer and Kevin Nelson. She has not decided on what college to attend but plans to major in a field of science. Keep up the great work, Mallory.

### **Chromebook Exchange**

Clay has received all the new Chromebooks and appropriate cases. Therefore, the students will be exchanging the current Chromebook for the new Chromebook. The exchanging of Chromebooks will occur the week of February 1, and it is expected to be completed by the end of the week. Exchanges will be done during study halls, senior privilege and lunch periods. Next week, please have your child take the old charging cords and Chromebook to school every day. They will be able to exchange their device/cord when it is their turn. The technology department has created a video to help the students learn the new features of the Chromebook. Please click the link to view the video: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xxYQaeLAB-Q&feature=youtu.be&ab\\_channel=DebFilar](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xxYQaeLAB-Q&feature=youtu.be&ab_channel=DebFilar)

### **Oregon Schools Foundation's Frost Fest**

The Oregon Schools Foundation is a nonprofit organization that supports the Academics, Arts and Athletics within all Oregon Schools. Their annual fundraising event is traditionally held on the first Saturday in February. Like many other events this school year, their fundraiser will be held virtually on Saturday, February 6. Please open the attached document for directions to purchase tickets and the website for the virtual event. The deadline to purchase reverse raffle tickets is Monday, February 1.

### **Parent – Teacher Conferences**

The second night for the CHS Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on Tuesday, February 9, from 3:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. The online scheduling component will be open until 11:59 pm on

Monday, February 8. Please follow the instructions on the attached document to schedule an appointment. If you are unable to electronically schedule a conference, please call the CHS Main Office. The conferences will once again be *virtual* this semester. As a result of these virtual conferences, please make sure to login with the appropriate teacher at the correct time. The teacher will use the email address you provide when signing up for a conference to send the Zoom link and code that will enable you to login and interact with the teachers. Please have your camera on so the teacher is able to see with whom they are speaking.

### **College Credit Plus (CCP) Informational Meeting**

Is your son or daughter interested in participating in the College Credit Plus program for the 2021-22 school year? If the answer is yes, please plan to attend the virtual meeting on Wednesday, February 10, beginning at 6:00 pm. This meeting will cover a variety of topics including the application process, eligibility, pros/cons of CCP and much more. In order for your child to participate in CCP during the 21-22 school year, the parent must “attend” this meeting AND submit the Intent to Participate Form to your child’s counselor before May 1, 2021. If you can’t attend this virtual meeting, please contact Mrs. Birr (419-697-3434 ext. 2 or [bbirr@oregoncs.org](mailto:bbirr@oregoncs.org)) for a recording of this meeting. A link to this meeting will be emailed to all parents on Monday, February 8. If the student is currently enrolled in CCP courses, attendance at this meeting is not necessary. However, anyone planning on taking a CCP course during the 2021-22 school year must submit the Intent to Participate Form before May 1.

### **Graduate Names on the 2020 Diplomas**

Parents, a list of all the senior names is posted outside the counselor suite. Please have your son or daughter check his/her name for spelling mistakes and for any other special circumstances with his/her legal name. Names must be legal names; no nicknames are permitted. If something is wrong with the way the name is printed on the list, please have your child speak with Mrs. Dunsmore in the counseling suite. If the name is correct on the list, please have your child initial next to their name to indicate that your child has verified their name. The way the name is printed on this list is the way it will be printed on his/her diploma. All corrections must be made before February 5, 2021.

### **Attention All Senior Parents**

A kick-off meeting for the 2021 Operation Graduation event will be held on Thursday, February 11, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the CHS Learning Commons. Operation Graduation is an “all-night celebration” held at the Oregon YMCA on June 4 for the students in the 2021 graduating class, with food, activities, entertainment and prizes. The event is organized solely by parents, grandparents, etc., and is funded through fundraising and donations. Please plan to attend the meeting to make this year’s Operation Graduation a memorable night for the graduating class of 2021! As we discovered last year, plans can change very quickly. In June, we will be following all Health Department guidelines and protocols. Even though we don’t know what the guidelines will be in June, we are planning to hold Operation Graduation and if needed will make adjustments closer to June 4.

## **Ordering a Class Ring**

Jostens will be at CHS on February 11 and February 12, during all lunch periods, to accept class ring orders. A Jostens representative will be located in both lunch locations, the cafeteria and the Potter Gym. A \$75 down payment will get the ring ordered and payment plans are available through Jostens. Ordering packets will be mailed home to all freshmen. Your child can order a ring even if they are not a freshman. Ring packets for sophomores, juniors and seniors are available in the counselors suite.

## **Oregon Parks and Recreation Summer Workers**

Parents, is your child looking for a summer job? The Oregon Parks and Recreation Department is looking to hire high school students for summer workers for the Grounds Crew and the Concession Stand. A description of each job is below and the application is attached. The deadline to apply for each position is Friday, February 5. The completed application can be dropped off at the Rec Office or left in the drop box in the front of the Oregon Rec Office.

*Grounds Crew Worker* – The employee must be at least 16 years of age. The employee will prepare baseball diamonds and athletic fields (chalking base lines, base and mound placement, water removal, etc.); perform general maintenance; perform grounds/yard work; operate simple yard machines such as hand mower, weed whip and leaf blower; load and unload material and equipment; remove trash; clean restrooms, vehicles, equipment and facilities; and perform all other related tasks as required.

*Concession Worker* – The employee must be at least 15 years of age. The employee will prepare, sell and stock food and drink products; handle financial transactions and make change; assist with concession inventory; clean and maintain concession stand; provide general information to customers/residents as required; and perform all other related tasks as required.

## **Coronavirus Reporting**

Parents, please remember to continue to report the name of students that test positive for COVID, has symptoms of COVID, has been exposed to a household member with COVID symptoms or has been exposed to a household member that has tested positive for COVID to CHS Nurse, Meghan Ferguson, at 419-693-0665 ext. 2040 or [mferguson@oregoncs.org](mailto:mferguson@oregoncs.org). Even though your child is receiving in-person instruction two days a week, Nurse Ferguson must be contacted ASAP (even on days your child does not have in-person instruction) if any of the above statements occur.

## **Selective Service Registration**

Did you know that it is the law that all 18-year-old men must register with the Selective Service? A young man can register with Selective Service in less than two minutes via the internet at [www.sss.gov](http://www.sss.gov) or by going to the local post office and completing a registration form. A young man who does not register with Selective Service may be denied student loans and grants, job training programs, and federal, US postal, or state government and contractor positions. Please visit the Selective Service website for all information and answers to Frequently Asked Questions.

## ***Counselor Corner***

**FAFSA Celebration** – The counselors have extended the celebration deadline for completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to March 1. If your child has filed the FAFSA since the beginning of November, please have your child talk with Mr. Celusta to be added to the celebration list and completion wall. Your child will be required to show proof of FAFSA completion in order to be included in the celebration. Once March 1 has passed, the counselors will connect with all FAFSA completers regarding a new and acceptable way to offer their congratulations.

**Course Requests for the 2021-22 School Year** – Today is the last day that the counselors will be meeting with current juniors for their course requests for the 21-22 school year. On Monday, February 1, the counselors will begin meeting with the sophomore and freshman students. Please make sure you continue to discuss with your child the appropriate courses for next year.

## **Upcoming Events**

- Feb. 1 = Band Boosters Virtual Meeting at 6:00 pm
- Feb. 5 = Second Grade Entry for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter
- Feb. 5 = CHS Scholarship Applications Open for All Senior Students
- Feb. 5 = Deadline for Seniors to Verify Name on the Diploma
- Feb. 6 = ACT National Testing Day
- Feb. 6 = Oregon School Foundation's Virtual Frost Fest
- Feb. 8 = Limelighter Boosters Virtual Meeting at 7:00 pm
- Feb. 9 = Parent-Teacher Virtual Conferences from 3:30 – 6:30 pm
- Feb. 10 = CCP Virtual Parent Meeting beginning at 6:00 pm
- Feb. 11 = Jostens will be at CHS during all Lunch Periods to Accept Ring Orders
- Feb. 11 = Operation Graduation Meeting at 7:00 pm in the Learning Commons
- Feb. 12 = Jostens will be at CHS during all Lunch Periods to Accept Ring Orders
- Feb. 15 = NO SCHOOL – Presidents' Day
- Feb. 15 = Athletic Booster Meeting at 6:30 pm
- Feb. 16 = Board of Education Meeting at 6:00 pm

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