



June 12, 2009

Word from the Superintendent



This evening the Class of 2009 will walk across the stage in Trojan Stadium and receive their diplomas, completing a journey of education that began 13 years ago with their first day in kindergarten. These talented young men and women have earned the distinction of being Chambersburg Area School District graduates through hard work of their own and through the faithful support of teachers, family, and friends.

I want to thank the technology department for making it possible for Colonel Teresa Gallagher, Dan Godlasky's mother, and Master Sergeant Harold Miller, Joshua Miller's father, to attend tonight's graduation via video-conference from Iraq. Christine Wolgemuth, Craig Kirkpatrick, Diana Dittmar, Dave Kirkpatrick, and Mark Long worked tirelessly over the past several months to make this possible. Thank you for your efforts on behalf of our students!

As I will share with the students during commencement, "Remember the lives you live and the adults you become will help define the success of your family, friends, our schools, and community." I look forward to seeing those successes as our seniors go on to college, careers, and military service. On behalf of the CASD family, I congratulate the 622 members of the Class of 2009 and wish them the best that the future holds.

- Joe

Deductibles to Change for Some District Employees



Effective July 1, 2009, a plan year deductible of \$200 per single and \$600 per family is being implemented in the PPO in accordance with the CAEA contract. This deductible is combined for both in- and out-of-network services and will run on a plan year of July to June.

For the initial year of July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010, members will be given credit for any portion of the out-of-network deductible under the PPO that had been met from January 1,

2009 to June 30, 2009. The benefit period for the PPO will now be July to June for all benefits.

This also impacts benefits with day limits such as physical medicine and spinal manipulations. These benefits will be refreshed every July, and the day limits will run in accordance with the benefit period of July to June. If you have any questions, please meet with a Capital Blue Cross representative on the first Thursday of the month in the administration building or call Sonnie Bender at 261-3314.

16 Receive Diplomas at Learning Center



Congratulations to the 16 Franklin Learning Center students who graduated June 9! Former CASD teacher Randy Taylor was the commencement speaker, and the Franklin Learning Center Chorus and Chimes shared musical selections during the ceremony. (Pictured from left to right are Chambersburg students Cody Hunt, Chad Deshong, Steven Byers, and Timothy Lehman. Not pictured are Kawin Lendor and Laura Young.)

Golf Tournament Raises \$13,000 for CASD



The 15th annual CASD Foundation golf tournament was held June 1 at the Chambersburg Country Club, having been postponed from its original date in May due to rain. 108 golfers participated and \$13,000 was raised to support scholarships for CASHS students and grants for teachers and staff.

"The beautiful day was matched by the extraordinary generosity of our sponsors and golfers," says Foundation Executive Director Beth Luka. "Thanks to them, the Foundation has collected \$13,000 that will benefit grants and scholarships in the 2009-2010 academic year."

Next year's tournament is scheduled for May 3, 2010 at the country club. Early registration is recommended.

[List of tournament winners](#)

Registration Open for Annual Cook Race



The 6th Annual Tim and Susan Cook Memorial ChambersFest One-Mile Race is scheduled for Saturday, July 11. This year there are three events: a race at 8:00 a.m. for women and girls, a race at 8:30 a.m. for men and boys, and a fun/run walk at 9:00 a.m., with a results ceremony to follow. Registration fees benefit the Tim and Susan Cook Memorial Scholarship Fund. For complete details, see the [race flyer](#).

FCCTC Students Create Roadside Giant

A gigantic 1920 Selden pickup truck built by students at the



Franklin County Career and Technology Center was unveiled along Route 30 West near Burger King on June 9. The truck is one of five "roadside giants" placed along the Lincoln Highway to commemorate this important transportation corridor.

As a fruit truck, the Seldon pickup celebrates Franklin County's tradition of fruit growing and is located on a site provided by Wilma Mickey of Shatzer's Orchards. The truck measures 25 feet in length and is 11 feet tall. The project was sponsored by the Franklin County Visitors Bureau in conjunction with the Lincoln Highway Heritage Corridor.

Faust Receives Grant from Wal-Mart



Faust Junior High has received a \$1,000 grant from Wal-Mart to be used for student incentives and activities. We thank Wal-Mart for their continuing generosity shown to our schools!

Middle Schoolers Visit Buchanan Classrooms



Students from CAMS visited Buchanan Elementary on May 29 to read to the kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd grade classes and lead activities related to the books they shared. "Buchanan has welcomed us there for years," says Karla Strite, who accompanied the middle school students during the visit. "They are an awesome group of teachers."

Details Shared for Freshman Academy



CASD is looking to pilot concepts for a freshman academy beginning in 2009-2010 that would help introduce 9th grade students to the high school environment. [Details about the academy](#) were presented at Wednesday's school board meeting.

Students Perform with Folk Musician

Students from New Franklin Elementary recently held a concert for their families at CAMS with folk musician [Tom Jolin](#), who visited New Franklin throughout the month of May as part of an artist-in-residency program.



Under the guidance of Tom and music teacher Dawn Abraham, students had the opportunity to sing, dance, make crafts, write music, and build and play their own instruments. Grant money from the CASD Foundation and [Pennsylvania Partners in the Arts](#) funded this hands-on art/music experience.

Watt's Up by Connie Kelley



From September 2008 to May 2009, we achieved a 20% energy savings, or \$297,225 for electric, natural gas, and oil use—just shy of an 8% gain over our savings last year. Our energy conservation is equivalent to removing 673 cars from the roads for one year or growing 95,903 tree seedlings for 10 years.

Thank you to every CASD employee and student who made a conscious effort this school year to use less energy in your work area. Also, a huge thanks to our buildings and grounds staff, custodial and food service staff, and the technology department for all they've done on a daily basis to help conserve.

For more information and statistics about our savings and for May's top buildings, check out [Watt's Up for June](#).

Hip-Hop Classes Available



Hip-hop classes will be offered this summer. For more information, contact Jill McCollum at mccoljl@chambersburg.k12.pa.us.

Scenes from Baccalaureate



Web Wisdom: Should Teachers, Kids Be Digital 'Friends'?

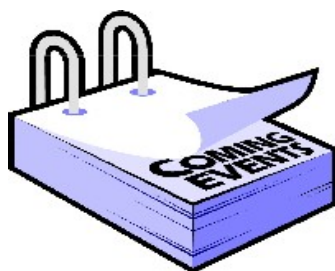


If social networking is part of your educational plan, here are some suggestions for cyber-interactions from the article [Should Teachers, Kids Be Digital 'Friends'?](#)

- Consider maintaining separate professional and personal sites, with strict limits on personal information available to students.
- Tell parents at the beginning of the school year that you might text-message students or communicate with them through the Web, so they aren't surprised. Make sure they have an opt-out opportunity if it makes them uncomfortable.
- Have a collective discussion as a faculty to consider the implications and settle on best practices.
- Check personal sites regularly if the public has access to them. Even if you don't post inappropriate material, that doesn't mean your friends won't.

(Source: AnComm E-Newsletter)

District Calendar Review



Commencement: 6/12
Senior all-night party: 6/12 - 6/13
School board meeting: 6/24

[Complete district calendar](#)



For information about school board business, including meeting agendas and documents, visit [BoardDocs](#) under the school board link on the district website.

[Personnel actions for June 10](#)

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