

COLVILLE HIGH SCHOOL



The mission of Colville High School is to promote academic excellence by providing all students a quality education based on high expectations in a safe and caring environment.

Winter 2017

CHS CONTINUES TO FOCUS ON ATTENDANCE

The staff at Colville High School understands that improved attendance means improved achievement for all students. Therefore, consistent attendance is important to the success of any student at any school. Regular and prompt attendance is the responsibility of students and parents, and we hope this is a high priority for your family. It is important to understand that missing school has a negative impact on a student's learning and is often reflected in his/her grades. During the first semester, CHS students attended class 92% of the time. As we continue to focus on attendance at CHS, we hope to improve that percentage during the second semester.

SR. CITIZEN BALL

Colville High School, in conjunction with University of Idaho's Lionel Hampton Big Band, will once again perform for our annual Senior Citizen Ball – to be enjoyed by all ages. This event is sponsored by our CHS Key Club, Jazz Bands, and local Kiwanis Club. Please mark your calendar for **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2 FROM 5PM – 7PM** at the Colville High School Cafeteria and plan to attend this music-filled evening -- to enjoy dancing and/or listening to the bands play your favorite old-time music. In addition, the **CHS JAZZ FEST will be held on FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3 at 7pm.** The Colville High School Jazz Bands and the U of Idaho Lionel Hampton Big Band will perform in the CHS Auditorium. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$8 for students or seniors. This is always an exceptional performance.

PARENT NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

It is important that you have accurate information in our parent notification system -- School Messenger. This enables us to contact you for a variety of instances, including school closures. If you no longer have a landline and only use a cell number, please make certain your information is up to date. You may check your personal information by logging into www.schoolmessenger.com/start

SENIOR COLLEGE APPLICATIONS AND FINANCIAL AID REMINDERS

Seniors planning to attend college or a technical program should have completed the FAFSA as programs are now beginning to offer financial aid information. If you haven't completed the FAFSA do so immediately. Remember 2016 completed tax information is being used so once submitted you do not need to update the FAFSA. Scholarships will start being available over the next several weeks. Please pay attention to the morning announcement and pick up a scholarship bulletin in the Counseling Office – also available on the CHS webpage. If you will be attending a college in Washington State remember to apply for the Dollars for Scholars scholarship. Also several of our local scholarships monies are never used just because students do not apply for them. So do yourself (and your parents) a favor and apply for all available scholarships where you meet the criteria.

GENERAL HEAD LICE UPDATE

Head Lice! An ever present problem in all schools. We are asking you to help control the spread of lice by checking your own children for lice on a regular basis and treating them if you find lice. Please notify the school if you are treating your family for lice. Often the first clue to the presence of lice is frequent head scratching or a rash on the scalp. You may or may not see live lice because they are so small and they quickly move out of the light. The egg casings, or nits, will be easier to see. Nits look a lot like dandruff flakes, but are grayer, oval shaped and glued to the hair shaft. They cannot be washed or brushed out of the hair. They can be found most often behind the ears, the back of the neck or the crown of the head. Lice spread easily through close contact between people's heads and through the sharing of brushes, combs, hats, or coats. Lice do not live on pets, jump, nor fly through the air. They like clean heads just as well as dirty heads, and they do not respect age or socioeconomic status. Therefore, we are **all** at risk of contracting them. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the school nurse or your family physician.

CHS YEARBOOK SALES

Yearbooks will be on sale through April 2017. Any unsold books will be available to purchase on the day of distribution. The cost of the yearbook is \$40.00 and an additional \$5.00 to have a name printed on it. The yearbooks will be distributed at the end of May with a Spring Supplement at a later date.



SENIOR PICTURE REMINDER

The deadline for 2017 Senior pictures will be March 31, 2017. Please remember that the senior pictures do not have to be professionally taken. We can accept most pictures and they can be turned in on a CD or through our email address at: colville2017@gmail.com or scanned from an original picture. If you are not planning on having a senior picture taken, let us know and the yearbook class will be happy to take a nice picture of you for the yearbook. Please keep in mind that we will not be able to print out copies of these pictures.

UPCOMING CALENDAR DATES

Feb. 2 – Sr. Citizen Ball – 5-7pm
Feb. 3 – CHS Jazz Fest – 7pm
Feb. 17-20 – Presidents Weekend
Feb. 27 – Spring Sports Start
Mar. 1 – Progress Reports
Mar. 14 – CHS Classical Evening
Mar. 21 – Spring Sing Concert – 7pm
Mar. 24 – Parent/Teacher Conference Day
Apr. 3-7 – Spring Break
Apr. 20-23 – Spring Drama Performances
Apr. 29 – Jr./Sr. Prom
May 9 – Progress Reports
May 16 – CHS Spring Concert
May 23 – Sr. Awards Night – 6pm
May 29 – Memorial Day – No School
June 3 – Graduation – 11am
June 9 – Regular day because of snow days
June 12 – snow make up day #1
June 13 – snow make up day #2 & LAST DAY of school – HALF DAY FOR STUDENTS (pending further snow days)

SPRING SPORTS REGISTRATION

Register your student for spring sports online at www.colisd.org and then go to the athletic page for registration instructions. Please have this completed prior to February 27, as well as sports physical if needed. Thank you.