From the Desk of Bill Summers, CCHS Principal…

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we move into the holiday season and wrap up the first semester, staff at CCHS has been extremely productive in making changes to support the learning at our school. Work sessions and Saturday sessions have helped improve the grades of more than half of the students in attendance. Our failure rate has improved by 40% and this means that fewer students will need to repeat courses, opening up teacher availability to teach new courses and reduce student-teacher ratios.

Further, we’ve been approved to move our schedule next year to a 5-block semester schedule. We currently use a 4-block semester that offers students 32 courses to attain 25 graduation requirements over four years of high school. The new 5-block schedule will lower class times from 90 minutes to 75 minutes, but it provides 40 opportunities to earn 32 graduation requirements and brings CCHS in line with most other high schools across the state. Students can expect to begin scheduling their 5-block schedules beginning in January of 2017 for the following school year.

We will offer several new options next year for course selection. Those courses are under development, and we will decide which selections will be offered before the end of the calendar year. Some exciting opportunities being considered are a video and film analysis course, an additional computer science class, a Spanish class for the workforce, and year-long freshmen English to help students cement their reading and writing skills prior to moving through their high school careers.

Finally, CCHS will provide an alternative high school course beginning next year for a select few students. The school will hold an application process to select which students are able to attend this non-traditional high school venue. Its curriculum will include online opportunities as well as classroom instruction, a non-traditional daily schedule, and a community service project that will lead to graduation requirement completion. More to follow.

I wish the families of CCHS an enjoyable holiday season and the most amount of success possible for their student’s education. Please let me know what we can do to enhance your experience at the high school.

Respectfully,

Bill Summers
Parent Night

Another Parent Night will be held Wednesday, February 15th at 6 p.m. All students will be enrolled in different classes and parents will again have the opportunity to learn about the new class information. We look forward to seeing you there!

2016-2017 TASK FORCE WORKDAYS
(The second Wednesday of each month)

- December 14, 2016
- January 11, 2017
- February 8, 2017
- March 9, 2017
- April 12, 2017
- May 10, 2017

*Dates subject to change.

The Fremont RE-1 Board of Education has agreed to allow days during the school year for the high school staff to work together as a staff. This time will be spent on Progressive Educational Initiatives such as those recommended by the Secondary Task Force and several other committees that have student needs for the 21st Century as their focus. CCHS is closed until 9:00 a.m. when the Commons opens.

At this time, students may purchase breakfast.

CCHS ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE

The Cañon City High School Accountability Committee meets once a month in the high school library at 6:30 p.m. with meetings usually lasting about an hour. We are comprised of parents, community members, faculty, staff, students and administration whose common goal is improving the high school experience for all of our students.

We are open to new ideas and enhancing current channels of communication with parents and the community (i.e., Back to School Night, After Prom, Tiger Clubs and Activities handbook). We welcome any comments on current programs or proposed changes to policies and procedures (i.e., vocational education, Graduation with Honors; proposed budgets, Unified Improvement Plan). If you would like to help support Cañon City High School, please join us.

Upcoming meeting dates are: December 14, January 11, and February 8.

For more information, contact Mrs. Chalyn Frederick at 276-5877.
Cañon City High School proudly presents...

The Fine Art of Christmas

On December 12th & 13th, celebrate the joy of the holidays with Canon City High School’s finest in Art, Band, Choir, and Drama.

TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC ON THURS., DEC. 10TH AT 7 AM IN THE CCHS LOBBY.

Tickets are only $8.00 each!
When you call the attendance line...

PLEASE SPELL YOUR STUDENT’S FIRST AND LAST NAME.

719-276-5870 ext. 2 or 9

When reporting a partial day absence, please state the time when the student will be out of school – NOT THE BLOCKS, for example, 9:00 am to 10:00 am – NOT 2ND AND 3RD BLOCKS. We have various schedules for different days.

If a student will miss part of a school day, please have the student deliver a parent’s note to the attendance office before school begins or call a few hours ahead on the day of (or day prior to) the appointment. This way, students will be ready to leave on time and will have a permit to leave class and the building. Parents cannot expect students to be ready to leave in a timely manner if no advance warning is given.

Please make every effort to refrain from picking up your student from 2:40 to 3:00 pm. This office is inundated with calls and activity at this time. Thank you.

Parent/Guardian Responsibilities

- Notify school of current contact information
- Contact the school for attendance related issues
- Know the attendance policies for each school
- Provide proper documentation if requested

Sponsorship space in this newsletter is very affordable! Reach parents in your local community & a significant portion of your investment goes back to the district! Businesses that want to sponsor this school, please contact Doug Hay at doug@tscaschools.com or (970) 279-1605.
Students are allocated to a counselor by the first letter of their last name.

Mr. Ritter (A thru D)    Mrs. Anderson (E thru K)
Ms. Graham (L thru Q)    Mrs. Kingery (R thru Z)

Financial Aid & the FAFSA

Seniors and their parents apply for financial aid by filing the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student) as soon after January 1, 2017 as possible.

We recommend doing the FAFSA on line at www.fafsa.ed.gov

Filing the FAFSA in January requires PIN numbers by the student and parents, which can be obtained anytime at www.pin.ed.gov

Some private colleges require the CSS profile as well, which is available at www.collegeboard.com

For assistance with this process, FAFSA provides a help center at 1-800-4-FED-AID.

Upcoming College Entrance Exams

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For registration information go to http://sat.collegeboard.org

For registration information go to http://www.actstudent.org
Senior News

2017 SENIOR CORNER

Graduation is still months away, but plans are in the works -- here's information to help you meet deadlines:

Commencement Exercises
Thursday, May 25, 2017
6:30 p.m.
Citizens’ Stadium or Tiger Dome

Graduation Practice
All Graduating Seniors must attend
Wednesday, May 24, 2017
7:15 a.m. to Noon

A Senior Class meeting was held on September 20th. Students were given information to order graduation caps and gowns, announcements, and other specialty items. **You must order a cap, gown and tassel** – please don’t wait, order it NOW! ALL graduating Seniors must wear caps and gowns at graduation. Graduation orders are due November 1. Caps and gowns purchased after December 1 will double in price. If you miss order dates please contact Jason Workman, with Jostens, at 647-8880 or directly place your order at Jostens.com specify Cañon City High School. If you have any questions or concerns regarding graduation please contact Mrs. Chalyn Frederick, Principal’s Secretary, at 276-5877.

**Graduation With Honors** applications must be submitted by students by the end of the third quarter (by March 15, 2017) to be considered for this honor. Applications are available online at cchscounseling.org. Students who earn Graduation With Honors cords (gold, silver and bronze) to wear at graduation will receive the highest level of cord earned during the Senior Honors Night, May 23, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the DelPizzo Center. **Early graduates** need to submit a letter to Mr. Summers by November 17 requesting early graduation. You may get a sample letter from your Counselor. Early graduation paperwork will be picked up December 21 and 22 from Mrs. Frederick to check out of school on December 22. Only students who have completed ALL graduation credits are considered early graduates. You will receive your Early Graduation Letter January 11, 2017. Anyone without proper credits will remain enrolled until credits are completed!

Senior pictures must be submitted to Mrs. Lyons, the yearbook advisor, by the Friday before Christmas Break. The 2”x3” vertical wallet size photos must be head and shoulder shots only. To ensure correct proportions, head size from chin to crown of head should measure 1½ inches. Portraits will appear in color (you may submit black and white photos) but glossy photos reproduce best. Digital photo files are preferred, send in JPEG or TIFF with a minimum of 225 DIP to lyonsr@canoncityschools.org or take a CD, jump drive or other media to Mrs. Lyons. Cell phone pictures will not be accepted.

**Each senior** will meet with his/her counselor in a Senior Interview to discuss current graduation status and post-secondary plans. Students may go to the counseling office to set an appointment or wait for their counselor to make contact during the first semester. Parents are welcome to join their student for the senior interview, please call ahead to schedule this meeting.

College applications are available in the Guidance Office or at collegeincolorado.org for most Colorado colleges and universities. Completed applications and fees should be returned to the student’s counselor to be mailed with an official transcript. Be aware of deadlines! **Each student** can receive five free copies of transcripts. Additional transcripts are $2.00 each. If “official” copies are not needed, students are encouraged to make copies on their own.

**Seniors needing letters of recommendation** are encouraged to obtain those letters from teachers, counselors and/or employers in advance to prepare for scholarship requirements. You may get resume forms in the Guidance Office.

Students are encouraged to visit colleges they are interested in attending. Parents should notify the Office prior to the college visit to set up a pre-arranged absence. Upon return, the student must bring documentation from the college for the absence to be excused. Various colleges schedule days at CCHS to meet with small groups of students. To attend one of these meetings, listen for announcements and sign up in the guidance office; you will need a pass to attend.

In April, the Daily Record and Cañon Shopper gather information for their annual graduation inserts. The school provides a **graduate list** and the school portraits taken for ID/yearbook pictures. Students are responsible to provide additional information and/or senior portraits for printing in the graduation inserts. Contact the Daily Record and Cañon Shopper directly.

The Senior Calendar of May events may be picked up by May 1 from the front office. Class events and other May activities are listed.

**Seniors will check out** from school on Monday, May 22. Seniors are to pick up clearance cards in the Commons area before school - then attend regular classes. Seniors must clear with every teacher for the Spring semester; turning in books, uniforms, etc., to the appropriate teacher by this day. All fines and fees must be cleared. Senior check-out will begin at 1:30 p.m. in Commons. Any fines, books or materials not turned in on Monday, will be expected to be cleared before the end of school on Wednesday, May 24. **Any Senior who does not turn in a yellow clearance card, pay a fine, or turn in books** will not be issued a diploma until they are cleared. During check out caps, gowns, and tassels will be handed out.

**All Seniors** are expected to be at CCHS for **graduation practice** on Wednesday, May 24 at 7:45 a.m. and remain until the practice is completed at approximately noon. **Any Senior who misses practice without prior approval will not go through the ceremony Thursday!** A Senior breakfast will be served at 7:10 a.m. in Commons. This continental breakfast is free to all senior students.

**Senior Funfest** will begin at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 24. This is a fast-paced, fun-filled community-sponsored activity for the Class of 2017. You don’t want to miss it! Seniors will be given more information during graduation practice. Plan to attend! For the Senior class only! **Commencement Exercises will be held on Thursday, May 25, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. – location to be determined.** All Seniors need to be in Tiger Dome by 5:30 p.m. Do NOT decorate cap or gown. Only Graduation With Honors cords may be worn during commencement; no leis, medals, pins, etc. Seniors will begin walking onto the field for graduation at approximately 6:20 p.m. **AFTER THE CEREMONY, graduates need to pick up their diploma in Commons!** A professional photographer will be at graduation taking photos of graduates receiving their diploma covers. You will have an opportunity to review and purchase these photos. Ordering information will be in the graduation program. Seating for graduation is on a first-come basis. There are a few cut out sections in the bleachers for wheelchair access, and limited seating is available on the track for disabled and handicapped people. If sitting on the track, we request only one family member sit with them.
CAÑON CITY HIGH SCHOOL ~ SENIOR CHECK LIST

The Senior year will go by very fast and activities and deadlines come quickly. The 2017 Senior Corner is filled with information for Seniors and parents. Attending the Senior Class Meetings throughout the year will keep students informed on graduation based information and deadlines. Some of these include: Graduation With Honors application and due date, cap/gown/tassel and other specialty graduation items to order, how to access and search for scholarships (both local and national) and deadlines. The following list is provided for Seniors and parents to consider or to be completed before graduation arrives.

◊ Cap, gown and tassel are ordered. Please order now to avoid double costs in the Spring. A payment plan is available for items ordered from Jostens. Information given to Seniors September 20 and orders are due November 1.

◊ Senior Parents Night, October 5, 6:00-7:30 p.m. DelPizzo Center

◊ Financial Aid – FAFSA follow-up workshop, October 24, 6:00 p.m. at PCC (Pueblo Community College)

◊ College Night, November 7 6:00-8:00 p.m. hosted this year at Cañon City High School – parents welcome

◊ Senior Portrait turned into Mrs. Lyons by December 23 (submission information in Senior Corner and Yearbook handout)

◊ Early Graduate Check Out. Request letter to principal given to counselor by November 17 (remember to sign the letter). Pick up paperwork from Mrs. Frederick on December 21 and check out December 22. You will receive your Early Graduation Letter January 11, 2017.

◊ Graduation With Honors Application is completed and turned in to Counselor – Applications are available online at cchscounseling.org. Students may be eligible for more than one area to receive honors and must submit an application for each area of study. All applications are due by the end of third quarter (March 15, 2017)). At graduation only one honor cord will be worn on the gown representing the highest level achieved. All study areas and achievement levels will be printed in the graduation program. The honor cord will be presented during Senior Honors Night, May 23 at 6:30 p.m.

◊ Counselor Meeting to check credits for graduation and other items

◊ Letters of Recommendation – Request them early; go to cchscounseling.org. Early Graduation tab then Student Information Sheet Form.

◊ Scholarship Applications Completed – Local and National – Beware of various deadlines!

◊ Complete the Shopper Profile and turn in with a portrait. The Profile will be handed out in a class meeting and may be turned into the office within approximately 10 days. Or return directly to the Shopper office. This is your responsibility. CCHS provides a list of graduates and school portrait day photographs.

◊ Daily Record – Parents/family members must contact the Daily Record and complete requested information for the special graduation issue. CCHS provides a list of graduates and school portrait day photographs.

◊ Give scholarship(s) received information to Mrs. Vertrees, Registrar, by early April deadlines and TBA early May to have printed in the graduation program

◊ Turn in all textbooks and uniforms and Pay ALL fines/fees before graduation – diploma will be held if not paid or turned in

◊ Complete Senior Check Out – May 22 1:20 p.m. Commons – Turn in yellow check out card (diploma will be held if not turned in). Cap/Gown/Tassel will be handed out.

◊ Senior Honors Night, May 23 at 6:30 p.m. DelPizzo Center – Scholarships (local and national) announced and awarded. Graduation With Honors recognition and honor cord given to student.

◊ Graduation Practice, May 24 at 7:45 a.m. – All graduating students must attend. Only students who have completed ALL the required credits are eligible to walk in the graduation ceremony. Senior Breakfast (free) is served starting at 7:10 a.m. in the Lobby area.

◊ Senior Funfest, May 24 at 3:00 p.m. for the Senior Class only!

◊ Graduation Day – Seniors report at 5:30 p.m. in Tiger Dome. 

AFTER graduation, Graduates return to Commons to pick up Diploma! Congratulations! You completed your Senior Year!
CCHS YEARBOOK SENIOR PORTRAITS

Seniors may submit their own portraits if they meet the following criteria:

1. Photo must be a vertical portrait, approximately 2” x 3”. We will crop it to fit perfectly.
2. The portrait must be a head and shoulders shot only. If the picture you submit contains more than head and shoulders, we will crop it down. In this situation, please make sure that the quality of the picture is good enough to have the head and shoulders enlarged.
3. The portrait may be color or black and white. Portraits will appear in color, but you still may submit a black and white photo.
4. DIGITAL PHOTO FILES are preferred. Bring the file on a CD or jump drive to Mrs. Lyons in Room 101. You can also e-mail the photo to lyonsr@canoncityschools.org. Make sure the file is in JPEG OR TIFF format with a minimum file size of 100 KB. I will send a confirmation email to let you know that I received the photo.
5. WE CANNOT ACCEPT photos you printed on your home printer or took with your cell phone. They are not up to publishing standards and will not reproduce with acceptable quality. Hard copies will be scanned and returned to you in a timely fashion.
6. The deadline for acceptance of senior portraits is the Friday before Christmas break.
7. LATE FEE- Any late submissions will be charged $5.00 fee. If the page your photo should appear on has already been finalized, the photo will not be accepted.
8. Questions? – See Mrs. Lyons in room 101 or e-mail her at lyonsr@canoncityschools.org.

ATTENTION SENIORS!

Last opportunity to order a Cap & Gown!!!
Jostens will be in the lobby December 16th from 10 am to noon.
Sources of Strength is an upstream approach to suicide prevention program being taken on by students and staff in Canon City High School. Through building resilience, increasing connections and trust towards adults, increasing help seeking, developing and enhancing protective factors and breaking down codes of silence; we are able to reduce the number of people who fail to recognize where to get help and strength from themselves and others during tough times.

_The Mission Statement for Peer/Adult Leaders of Sources of Strength_

“We are a diverse group of students and adults from many different corners and cultures of our school and community. We believe that life has ups and downs, that all of us will go through good times and tough times. Our mission is to ensure that during the rough times no one gets so overwhelmed or hopeless that they want to give up.

Our mission is to spread **Hope, Help and Strength**

Into every corner of our community.

Or mission is to help students and staff turn to their strengths and their supports that are all around.

We are **Connectors** to Help and Strength.

Our mission recognizes that our voice has great power and we use it to **BREAK THE SILENCE** when someone is struggling, and to connect them to the help they need and deserve.

We **Spread Hope** by focusing on stories of strength, rather than on stories of trauma. We know our most powerful impact comes from our personal actions, conversations, and messages that use our music, our art, our writing, our activities, our social media, our culture, and our voice. This gives life to our efforts.

**WE ARE SOURCES OF STRENGTH**

If you are interested in being part of this growing program at CCHS, please contact

Sandra Miller at millerse@canoncityschools.org
Developing Digital Citizens at Home

The internet is a wonderful place for learning and entertainment. However, like the world around us, it can pose dangers to your child, your computer and your personal data.

HELP YOUR CHILDREN BE GOOD DIGITAL CITIZENS
Remind your children to be good digital friends, by respecting personal information of friends and family, and not sharing anything about others that is potentially embarrassing or hurtful.

EXPLAIN THE IMPLICATIONS
Help your children understand the public nature of the internet. Explain the risk and benefits. Emphasize any digital information they share such as emails, photos, or videos, can easily be copied and pasted elsewhere, and is almost impossible to recover. Digital information has the possibility of damaging your reputation, friendships and future prospects.

REMAIN POSITIVELY ENGAGED
Know the online environments your children use. Sit and discuss their online life on a regular basis. Show interest in their online communities and friends. React constructively when inappropriate material is encountered. Expand your children’s online experience and their autonomy when developmentally appropriate. Help them develop safe and secure online behavior and good decision making. Be a good role model.

TEACH CRITICAL THINKING
Help your children identify safe, credible web sites and digital content. Teach them to be cautious before clicking on, downloading, posting, and uploading content.

EMPOWER & ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILDREN
Work with your children to develop strategies such as bullying, unwanted digital contact, or hurtful comments. When problems arise, develop strategies of talking to a trusted adult, non-retaliation, calmly resolving with the person, blocking the person, or filing a complaint. Encourage children to help other friends if they are making poor choices or being harmed. If your child’s behavior changes, be alert for reasons why.

REVIEW PRIVACY SETTINGS
Check the privacy settings available on the social networking sites and devices your children use. Decide together which setting to use in order to provide the proper amount of protection for your child.

A Few statistics about Teen and Social Media

- 90% of teens have used some form of social media
- 75% of teen report having a profile on a social networking site
- 87% of youth have reported witnessing cyber-bullying based on appearance, race, religion, or sexual identity
- 49% of youth report regretting something they have posted
- In 2013, 8% of 16-24 year-olds reported being rejected for a job based on pictures or comments on their social media accounts

“Raising digital citizens / StaySafeOnline.org.”
2016/2017 CANON CITY HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS

CCHS offers a wide variety of sports for boy and girl athletes. Besides Varsity (1st team), many of the sports have Junior Varsity and C Teams. The sports are divided into three seasons as follows:

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Student athletes who are interested in a particular sport should start preparing for sport registration well in advance. It is the athlete/parent responsibility to be aware of sign-in dates and obtain the sport packet of forms needed to participate.

**Winter Sport Registration – start registration November 1 with practices beginning November 13.**

**Spring Sport Registration – start registration February 10 with practices beginning February 24.**

At sports registration an athlete will be given a Blue Slip. The blue slip is turned in to the coach and tells the coach that the student athlete has completed all necessary paperwork.

No one will start practice without a blue slip. To obtain a blue slip athletes will turn in all required paperwork and pay the athletic fee. Forms Required For Blue Slip – Yellow Emergency Card; Full white sheet, front and back includes athletic registration, permit/pledge, insurance information and physical. (copy of a current physical can be turned in instead of having the white sheet signed by a physician): Athletic Fee (extracurricular fees, next page)

**Additional forms needed for exchange students: CHSAA Forms #7 and #12**

**Additional forms needed for transfer students: CHSAA Forms #7 and #9**

CCHS Activity Office – 276-5878

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Want to be notified of a school building lockdown, lockout or drill?

Parents and Guardians can choose to be notified of a school building lockdown, lockout, drills or other notices via phone, text message or email.

Users must have a Parent Portal account or be approved after submitting a form to the District Office.

Instructions on how to sign up and manage the Notify Me Priority Notification settings within Parent Portal will be available on the canonicityschools.org website.

Watch the website for the NotifyMe button under the quick links section on the home page.
## Extracurricular Fees

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### ACTIVITY CARDS

**$40.00**

*As per CRS 22-32-116.5 home-school students will pay 150% of the full fee. Fee will be truncated (Ex.$75.00 would be $110.00)

There will be a family maximum of $300.00 per year

To receive the athletics/activities fee discount for free or reduced lunch students, you must provide proof of acceptance from Canon City Schools Nutritional Services. Applications to receive free or reduced lunch will be available at the CCHS front office. Applications are also available on-line at ccsnutrition.org

If you have any questions about the free and reduced lunch program please call Heather Williams at 276-5813.

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**J R O T C**

**BATTALION FORMAL INSPECTION**

Date & Time—T.B.D.
Buy Your Yearbook Now!

*You know you want one!* If you want to purchase a yearbook, the deadline is Christmas break. Use the website www.yearbookforever.com or bring $65 to Mrs. Lyons in Room 101.

**Payment plans are available!**

**SENIORS**: Senior yearbook photos are due before Christmas break as well. Head and shoulder shots only. Pictures taken with your phone are not acceptable.

Also, Senior tribute ads are available.

Grab a flyer from the office or see Mrs. Lyons for more details.

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The management staff at KRLN Radio wish to promote education more throughout the community. If you are holding an event, want to publicize results from an activity, or want to recognize a student in your classroom, please contact Bill Summers with the details. He will input your promotion through two student interns at the radio station, and you receive this publicity for free!

Questions—see Bill Summers.
DOOR DECORATING CONTEST!

December 6th thru 20th

Christmas Spirit Week
December 19th - 23rd

Talent Show
Tues., Jan. 31th

Male Beauty Contest
TRULY ENTERTAINING!
Tues., February 28th

Mr. CCHS 2017
Cranberry Christmas Cake

Ingredients

- 3 eggs
- 2 cups sugar
- ¾ cup butter, softened
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 cups flour
- 12 ounces fresh cranberries

Directions

Preheat oven to 350°F. With a mixer, beat the eggs with the sugar until slightly thickened and light in color, about 5-7 minutes. The mixture should almost double in size. The eggs work as your leavening agent in this recipe, so do not skip this step. This mixture should form a ribbon when you lift the beaters out of the bowl. Add the butter and vanilla; mix two more minutes. Stir in the flour until just combined. Add the cranberries and stir to mix throughout. Spread in a buttered 9x13-inch pan. Bake for 40-50 minutes, or until very lightly browned and a toothpick inserted near the center of the cake comes out clean. (I baked mine for 43 minutes.) Let cool completely before cutting into small slices. I cut mine into fairly small pieces, about 1x 2-inches, so that they could be easily eaten at a party. Enjoy!