

# Cyprus High Newsletter

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## Principal's Message

### Community Council Elections

Each year we hold Community Council elections. School Community Councils are elected parent/guardian and employee representatives who work together with the Principal to increase student achievement. By law, the council is responsible to review school data and develop plans for school improvement. Councils also allocate the LAND Trust and QTSA funds to assist the school in reaching achievement goals. Please see the Granite District web page for more information regarding the roles and responsibilities of Community Councils

([www.graniteschools.org](http://www.graniteschools.org))

Parents elect parent representatives and employees elect employees for two-year terms. To be eligible, a parent must have a student enrolled in the school for at least one of the years and may not be employed by the school for more than an average of six hours per week per month. Elections are held during Spring Parent Teacher Conferences. **We invite you to become involved in our school's Community Council by declaring your candidacy.** Please come to the front office and fill out a Declaration of Candidacy form if you are interested in being a member of the Community Council. **All forms must be turned in by February 23, 2009.**

3<sup>RD</sup> Quarter Midterm:  
February 20, 2009

### UBSCT Testing

The annual state-wide Utah Basic Skills Competency Testing (UBSCT) will take place in February as follows:

Tuesday February 3  
Wednesday February 4

Thursday February 5  
Friday February 6

#### The Writing Test

**The Mathematics Test** (Students may bring calculators to use on one of the two parts of this test.)

#### The Reading Test

**Make-up testing** - for those missing any of the previous 3 days of testing

State law requires that all sophomores take all three tests. Juniors and Seniors who have not passed any of the three tests are also required to re-take those tests that they have not passed. We will be on the following bell schedule for the first three days of the testing:

Warning bell	7:25 A.M.
UBSCT	7:30 – 9:30 A.M.
1 <sup>st</sup> or 5 <sup>th</sup> period	9:35 – 10:30 A.M.
Lunch	10:30 – 11:10 A.M.
2 <sup>nd</sup> or 6 <sup>th</sup> period	11:15 - 12:10 P.M.
3 <sup>rd</sup> or 7 <sup>th</sup> period	12:15 – 1:10 P.M.
4 <sup>th</sup> or 8 <sup>th</sup> period	1:15 – 2:10 P.M.

We will be on regular bell schedule on Friday, February 6<sup>th</sup>.

Juniors and seniors who have passed the UBSCT previously are to stay home until 9:30 A.M. on the days of the tests they have passed. However, buses will run at regular times, so any junior or senior who must ride the bus on mornings of test days (when they have passed the test) are to report to the auditorium at 7:30 A.M. for study hall. They are to remain in the auditorium until the testing ends so they don't disturb the testing going on throughout the building.

We will be notifying students of the testing areas they are to report to as we get closer to the testing. All junior and senior students and their parents/guardians should have already received or will soon receive notification of which tests they have passed.

After School Tutoring

## Counselor's Treasure Chest

**Mark Your Calendar**

**February 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>** – UBSCT Testing (ALL sophomores, plus make-up testing for juniors and seniors)

**February 9<sup>th</sup>** – ACT (register by January 6<sup>th</sup>, late register by January 16<sup>th</sup>)

**February 24<sup>th</sup>** – New Sophomore Registration Night

**March 2<sup>nd</sup>** – (week of) In-house registration

**March 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>** – Parent/Teacher Conferences

We would like to welcome Tom Hansen to the Cyprus Counseling Center. He is the new (and permanent) counselor covering the alphabet A – C. Mr. Hansen comes to us from five years experience at Granger High School. He is also a proud graduate of Cyprus High School and is dedicated to the Magna community. We are excited to have him join our department.

As always, we are more than happy to cover graduation status with you on your senior. Make-up credit should be nearing completion and citizenship should be approaching a 2.0 for graduation. Graduation will be here before we know it!

Junior SEOPs are currently going on in the counseling center. These meetings are particularly helpful in planning for the senior year. It is important for students to understand where they stand in relation to graduation requirements, what they need to make up, and what they need to take in their schedule next year. The SEOP covers that information and more. If you have any questions about your student's SEOP, please contact a counselor. We love to have parents sit in on the SEOP, so if your student's appointment conflicts with your schedule, call the counseling center at 646-5302 to reschedule the appointment.

Please let us know how we can help your student! Happy New Year!

## Cyprus High School Web Store



You can now pay school fees online,

using a credit card.

- Visit the school web site
  - [www.graniteschools.org/hs/cyprus](http://www.graniteschools.org/hs/cyprus)
  - Click on the "Web Stores" link
  - Follow the on-screen instructions
  - You will need your student ID#
  - Once you have paid, print a receipt
- Questions? Call the school at

## Book Drive Update:



- To date, 160 books have been donated. The goal is 500.
- You can check the book drive progress at [www.cyprusmediacenter.org](http://www.cyprusmediacenter.org).

# Family & Consumer Science

It is time to begin thinking about the classes your child will be taking next year. In the FACS Department we have a wide variety of classes from which to choose. The **Adult Roles & Financial Responsibilities** class is a full year class where they earn .5 CTE or elective credit and this class also fulfills the .5 Financial Responsibilities credit requirement for graduation. This class learns about dating, marriage, families, communication, goals & decision making, as well as money management, banking and investments. This class is also **Concurrent enrollment credit** and students can earn 3 semester hours with SLCC. What a great bargain for one class!

We also offer Advanced Interior Design that is **Concurrent enrollment with Weber State**. Students can earn 3 semester hours by taking both the beginning and advanced interior design classes. The advanced class is responsible for selecting flooring, lighting, furniture, accessories, etc. for the home built by students. A home show in May highlights the various classes that were a part of the home building process.

Other classes offered in the FACS department are Child Development, where they may use **electronic babies**, Child Care, Interior Design, Fashion Strategies, Life Management, Foods 1, Foods 2, and Food Service.

## Congratulations

Anabel Alvarado won \$1000 cash and the school won \$1000 cash for writing an essay on her responsibility as a driver and passenger

Cyprus's High Competition Cheerleading Squad took 3<sup>rd</sup> place in 4A State. Congratulations girls. These girls have worked very hard over the past year and deserve a big hand for representing Cyprus High School.

### 2009-2010 Cheerleading Tryouts

March 30th - April 2<sup>nd</sup>

Monday - Mandatory Parent/Student

Meeting 6:30 PM MAIN GYM

Tuesday, Wed, Thursday - Workshops 6:00 -

7:30 AM MAIN GYM

Thursday - Tryouts in front of Judges 3:30 -

9:00 PM Auxiliary Gym

Contact Becky Kartchner or Brady Martin for more information

### Spring Sports Tryouts

March 2 - Baseball, Softball, Track, Boys Tennis, Boys Soccer, and Girls Golf

Contact the coaches for more information.

# Career Center Announcements:

## February is CTE Month

Did you know that eighteen of the fastest growing occupations within the next decade will require Career and Technical Education training? Research shows that among high school graduates entering the workforce, those with a CTE background typically earn more than those without this advantage. CTE courses prepare students for more than just a job; it prepares them for a Career! Students and faculty in Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs throughout Utah will celebrate February as CTE Month. The theme for this year's month-long celebration is Career and Technical Education: Pathway to your future! CTE guides students along a pathway that will enable them to obtain the academic knowledge and technical skills they will need in order to be successful in the highly competitive workforce of the 21st century. As part of this celebration, Cyprus High will hold a CTE Open House on February 24<sup>th</sup>. Students from Cyprus, as well as Brockbank and Mattheson, will have the opportunity to view displays and speak with teachers and students from the various Career and Technical classes taught here at Cyprus and throughout the district. Parents are invited to come and view displays as well as speak with teachers that evening from 6-8 pm with light refreshments being served in the Career Center. We look forward to seeing many of you there.

CTE: Giving the students the edge!



## College Access Advising Corner:

Seniors! The mad rush of college application time should be winding down, but now you've got to figure out how to pay for college! If you're lagging behind in applying for college and scholarships, please know that Ms. Khouanphet is available in the Career Center to help with the whole process! Stop by anytime during your lunch or on your free period. You may contact her by phone @ 801-646-4085 ext. 6207 or by email: [skhouanphet@graniteschools.org](mailto:skhouanphet@graniteschools.org).



## Activities and Events

For more events online, visit <http://www.graniteschools.org/hs/cyprus/cyprusonline/>

### School Events

#### FEBRUARY

- 3-6 UBSCT Testing
- 4 AVID Parent Night, 6:00 PM
- 11 Jostens Senior Mug Delivery during lunch
- 12 PTSA Workshop, "Job Applications and Resumes", Magna Library, 7:00 PM
- 13 Winter Sports Assembly, 8:35 AM
- 16 NO SCHOOL – President's Day
- 18-20 School Play, 7:00 PM
- 18 LATE START DAY
- 20 MIDTERMS
- 28 Sweethearts Dance @ Rice Eccles, 7:00 PM

#### MARCH

- 4-5 PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES, 4:30–7:30 PM
- 6 NO SCHOOL –Teacher Compensatory Day
- 8 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS
- 9-13 Multi-cultural Week
- 13 Multi-Cultural Assembly, 8:35 AM
- 16 Jostens Graduation Announcement Delivery during lunch
- 16 Community Council Meeting, 2:20 PM
- 18 LATE START DAY
- 19 PTSA Workshop, "Insurance, Taxes, and Savings" Magna Library, 7:00 PM
- 27 NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS – 3<sup>RD</sup> QUARTER ENDS
- 28 Spring Fling Dance – Aux. Gym, 7:00 PM
- 30 – Apr 3 SBO Election Week

### Soccer

#### March – Game times are at 5:15 PM

- 2 Tryouts – Contact Deputy Deherrera
- 10 Boys – Granger @ Cyprus
- 13 Boys – Highland @ Cyprus
- 17 Boys @ Granger
- 20 Boys @ Highland
- 24 Boys – Olympus @ Cyprus
- 27 Boys @ West
- 31 Boys – East @ Cyprus

### March Basketball Games

#### February – Girl game times 5:15 PM

#### Boy game times 7:00 PM

- 3 Girls @ Murray
- 6 Girls @ Granger
- Boys-Granger @ Cyprus
- 10 Girls and Boys @ Cottonwood
- 13 Girls and Boys – West @ Cyprus
- 17 Girls and Boys @ East
- 20 Boys @ Murray
- 24-25, 26-27 State Girls Basketball @ SLCC
- 24 Boys-Olympus @ Cyprus

#### March

- 3, 5-7 State Boys Basketball @ E-Center

#### February

- 4-5 Wrestling Region @ West, 3:30 PM
- 6-7 Swim State Meet @ BYU
- 11, 13 Wrestling State @ UVU
- 20-21 Forensics Region @ East 3:00 PM

#### March

- 6-7 Forensics State @ WSU
- 10 Softball @ Ogden 3:30 PM
- 12 Region Jazz Festival @ Olympus 4:00 PM
- 13-14 Softball @ St. George Tournament
- 17 Region Drama Individual Events @ Cyprus
- 17-19 Mini-Spinnie Fundraiser 6:00 PM
- 19 Softball @ Olympus 3:30 PM
- Region Solo & Ensemble Festival @ Murray 4:00 PM
- 20 Spinnaker Review 2:30 PM
- 24 Region One Act Plays @ Cyprus
- Softball – West @ Cyprus 3:30 PM
- 26 Solo&Ensemble Festival @ Murray 3:00 PM
- Boys Tennis – Murray @ Cyprus 3:30 PM
- Softball @ East 3:30 PM
- Madrigals Festival @ Murray 7:00 PM
- 27 Baseball – Murray @ Cyprus 4:00 PM
- 28 JV Softball Tournament @ Payson High
- 30 JV Baseball @ East 4:00 PM
- Cheerleader Try-out Meeting 6:30 PM
- 31 Softball @ West 3:30PM
- Baseball – East @ Cyprus 4:00 PM
- Cheerleader Workshop 6:00 PM

## PTSA

**Community Council**

Community Council is held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month at 2:30 in the Media Center. All parents are invited. This committee has the responsibility of assessing the school's most critical needs and implementing programs to target these needs, utilizing the school's LAND Trust and Quality Teaching/Student Achievement (QTSA) funds. The committee has chosen the following goals this year:

- Increase literacy by incorporating Cornell Style Note Taking
- Increase numeracy by incorporating double-blocked geometry for any student struggling with math requirements
- Decrease student failures with an after-school tutoring program that is available to all students and mandatory for any student failing a class at mid-term.
- Increase graduation rates with an "Adopt-A-Sophomore" program that pairs a sophomore with a faculty member for a weekly "touch-base" to help the student connect to the school. Studies demonstrate that students with a school connection (friend, mentor, club, sport, etc.) are more likely to stay in school.

**Update from the Community Council meeting held Dec. 15:**

- No meeting in January due to Human Rights Day
- February's meeting will be held Tuesday, Feb 17 at 2:30
- Cornell-Style Note Taking (objective=increase literacy): Ms. Coon provided the results of the survey taken at Parent/Teacher conference last September. Approximately 150 **parents** responded. Only 9% said they were familiar with Cornell notes, but 70% indicated they would ask their student about this tool after being made aware of it. Approximately 48 **teachers** responded. Most are using Cornell notes in their classes. Some rated the notes as "very helpful"; others rated them "useless". The majority fell somewhere in between. When asked what they like most about the notes, responses included: "Students are more engaged/attentive", "Comprehension has improved", "Notes are better". When asked what they dislike most, a common response was "The students complain about them." Finally, 80 **students** completed the survey. The majority of these students indicated they use Cornell notes in 5 to 6 classes. 20% felt the notes as a whole are "useless", 10% rated them "very helpful", and the majority rated them "ok". The majority felt the left-side is "ok"; 80% felt the summary section is "useless". When asked what they like, responses included "better organization" and "increased understanding". Dislikes include: "not sure how to use the left side and summary"; "they take too much time". And although a high number of students responded that the notes don't improve understanding, they indicated in another section of the survey that the notes help in math, science, and English. This survey was taken early in the school year and the council is anxious to see the results of a similar survey to be administered near the end of the school year. The survey will ask students if they took notes prior to this year and if Cornell notes improved their grade. Jerry Schaffer (math) reported that he has used Cornell notes for four years and has seen improvement each year. The math department uses the summary section as a warm-up for the next class.

## PTSA



## Battle of the Bands

Cyprus BOB was held January 15. Five awesome bands competed this year: **Bailey Likes Grizzly Bears** (Mike Jones, Nic Mortensen, Sergio Medina, David Numan) **Lost in Transition** (Cody Ferry, Bo Glasgow, Brandon Case) **Venture** (Aaron Jolley, David Michael) **Read As Man** (Keith Bauman, Jean Cardenas, Nathan Reading) and **Zack & Tanner** (Zack Gomes, Tanner Cloward).

Battle of the Bands is not a PTSA fundraiser. That means all ticket sales go towards the program, and since we had a great turnout of students and family members, we were able to give the winning bands a good chunk of change as follows:

Zack & Tanner 1<sup>st</sup> place \$150.00

Read as Man 2<sup>nd</sup> place \$100.00

Bailey Likes Grizzly Bears 3<sup>rd</sup> place \$50.00

Zack & Tanner will now have the opportunity to compete at a region and state level.

Special thanks to our Master of Ceremonies, Tayne Obray from the PTSA Junior Board, who provided fun entertainment between sets. In addition, we thank our volunteer judges: Mike Rohde, Mitch Jenkins, Brandi Aleman and school staff: Mr. Perschon, Mr. Higley, the stage crew, and the custodians.



## Reflections

Congratulations to Cyprus High student, Courtney White, who received Award of Merit in Visual Arts at the regional level. Cyprus Council had 17 regional winners overall.

### Pirate Way

2nd quarter has ended and the qualified students will be posted outside the counseling center by mid-February. Students who qualify with a 3.6 or better GPA or a 3.5 or better CPA or improved GPA by at least 0.5 will receive a certificate and candy bar, as well as a chance to win one of three \$30 gift cards. In addition, each qualified student will have a chance to win one of three \$100 American Express Cash Cards at the end of the year.

### UPCOMING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

President-Elect for 2009-2010

Dance Chaperone for Sweethearts, Feb. 28  
(7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.)

Parent-Teacher Conference Dinner: Mar. 5  
(3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.)

If you would like to help with Cyprus PTSA, please e-mail your contact information and area of interest to [CYPRUS\\_PTSA@q.com](mailto:CYPRUS_PTSA@q.com) or contact a member of the executive board.

### Students of the Month

Congratulations to the following students, who have been selected as Students of the Month for the month of January. They were nominated by their teachers or counselors for their exceptional efforts and dedication. Each student received a \$25.00 gift certificate to Barnes and Noble, and an award certificate. Keep up the good work!

**Senior – Morgan Brian**

**Junior – Nancy Wright**

**Sophomore – Jordan Ciraulo**

### WANTED: NEW OR GENTLY USED BOOKS

Cyprus High School media center's fiction book drive is rolling along. You can check the book drive progress at [www.cyprusmediacenter.org](http://www.cyprusmediacenter.org).

If you have new or gently-used copies of appropriate young adult/adult fiction books, you may drop them off at the main office or the Media Center. Monetary donations are also accepted.

### WIN AN IPOD

Cyprus HS Media Center is offering students the chance to win an iPod. Go to

[www.cyprusmediacenter.org](http://www.cyprusmediacenter.org)

and check out the Beehive Book Award Challenges.

For more information, please contact Warren Child at 646-5300 or [wchild@graniteschools.org](mailto:wchild@graniteschools.org).



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