

Go Cougars!

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CLARENVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

Cougar Chronicle

Message from Administration

It has been an exceptionally busy and productive fall at Clarenville High School. We have gotten off to a great start academically and our new Grade 10 Cougars are adapting well to CHS. Our school is a place of life-changing possibilities where we cherish the opportunity every day to change the trajectory of our students' lives. We have a real sense of community here at Clarenville High School that allows all students to thrive. Looking forward to a great year everyone!!!

Important Dates

No School	Dec 5
Awards Night	Dec 18
Last day of School	Dec 19
School Reopens	Jan 5
Teacher PD	Jan 21
Midterms	Jan 26
Graduation	Apr 25

Parent- Teacher Conferences

Interviews will take place Thursday Dec. 4, 6:30-8:30 P.M and Friday morning from 9:00-11:45. There will be no school for students on Friday. You may schedule appointments by clicking the OPTIS link on our school webpage. The link will be active at 12:00 noon, Monday, December 1.

Message from our SRC

What's up Cougars? We hope you have been enjoying your year so far! We look forward to an awesome year filled with great new ideas, fun activities, and cougar pride! Coming up in December we will be planning some great events, like the Christmas week activities, and our annual semi formal! Any and all suggestions are always welcome! We look forward to your input!

Boat Builders!

The The grade 10 Cougar Robotics team competed at the Marine Institutes Model Boat Race in October. Students were challenged to design and build a model boat, accompanied by a detailed poster display. The CHS team took top honors at this Competition (for the second year in a row), winning the award for fastest boat and setting a new course record of 15.3 seconds. Way to go!! Thank you Mr. Spurrell and Mr. Winter.



SPEAK

After many years of inactivity, the SPEAK group [Students Promoting Equality and Kinship] has re-emerged, stronger and more active than ever. This group will promote all sorts of pro-social behaviors/issues, including LGBTQ issues, violence against women, responsible social networking, bullying, poverty, stereotyping and so on. The first project will involve an educational initiative addressing LGBTQ issues and the establishment of a "gay-straight alliance" [GSA].

Breakfast Program

Our breakfast program is running smoothly again this year, supplying a nutritious breakfast to over 25% of our school population each morning. Volunteers will be taking donations to support this wonderful effort during parent-teacher conferences. Please come prepared to give generously. Thank-you!

Figure Skating

Congratulations to Grace Rose and Bryanna Philpott who both won gold medals in their age group at the figure skating competition during the weekend of October 24-26. Great job girls!



Volley Ball Champions

- Congratulations to the Varsity Boys Volleyball team who defeated Gander Collegiate in the finals at Volleywest in Corner Brook in October.
- Congratulations to the Varsity Girls who defeated Tricentia to win the Subway Classic in October.
- Congratulations to the Varsity Boys and Girls for their success at Volley Central, October 24-25. As well, Grade 10 boys won gold in the Varsity B division!! Way to go!!

Kindness Starts Here

On Tuesday November 18, CHS students attended an outstanding presentation by the group "Live Different." This group of young people tour Canada, visiting schools, and bringing a heartwarming message regarding the importance of kindness in our lives. It was a great show with a great message!!



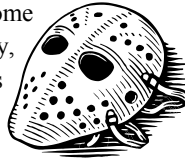
Environmental Club

Shout out to Ms. Bungay, Lucas Walters and Elizabeth Organ who were recognized at a community dinner for their work on the community garden. Great job!!



Co-ed Ball Hockey

Ball Hockey League happens every Sunday night 8-9pm. This is an opportunity for anyone to drop by and have some fun playing ball hockey, no experience necessary, open for both male and female. Any questions please see Mr. Jeff Roberts.



CHS Drama Troupe

Drama will be starting within the next few weeks with Mrs. Randell and Ms. O'Gay. We are looking forward to another great year of drama with CHS cougars. Auditions will be happening within the next couple of weeks and all are welcome. Hope to see you there.



Music Notes

PAN Newfoundland and Labrador Youth Choir

On October 23, Elaina Pittman and Shayna Veitch joined Mrs. Lundrigan and four grade 9 students on a trip to Happy Valley-Goose Bay to take part in a 100 voice youth choir, comprised of students from across Newfoundland and Labrador. It was an awesome weekend of singing, learning and meeting new people. The girls experienced aboriginal throat singing, drumming and also had the opportunity to take part in workshops with some of the up and coming talent of our province. It was a fun filled four days made possible by the "Bruneau Centre for Excellence in Choral Music" chaired by Dr. Douglas Dunsmore.

NLTA Christmas Suite

On December 3, the CHS Chamber Choir will travel to St. John's to take part in the annual Christmas Suite hosted by the Newfoundland and Labrador Teachers Association. This is a series of four concerts that happens each December at the Arts and Culture Centre in St. John's on the Main Stage. It is a lovely evening to kick start the Christmas season.

CHS Annual Christmas Concert

Our annual Christmas Concert will take place in the gymnasium on Wednesday evening, December 17 starting at 8:00pm. All school groups will be taking part, and, as has become our tradition, the Grade 12 graduates will be the featured soloists of the evening. Students are asked to wear some combination of Christmas colours (red, green, silver, gold) along with their black bottoms to this event.

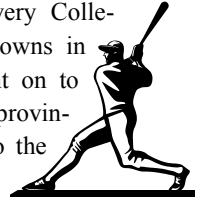
Top Late Excuses heard at CHS this fall!

- 1: "I was taking selfies and lost track of time" - Shannyn Mose
- 2: "I was adopting a dog" - Natasha Sceviour
- 3: "My books fell down the stairs" - Emma Hackett
- 4: "I had a bus tour" - Nick Vey
- 5: "I sprayed hairspray in my eye... took me 20 mins to get it out" - Kyle Evans
- 6: "My keys got stuck in my ignition" - Jordan White
- 7: "I was watching an accident" - Zachary Tarrant & Neil Peddle
- 8: "I was over at the Middle School because I was talking to Mr. Power... looking for Mr. Moulton... cause I owed him money from 'yawn' last week." - Taylor Lambert



Softball

Congratulations to the Varsity Boys softball team who defeated Discovery Collegiate in the regional playdowns in September. The boys went on to Bay Roberts to play in the provincials where they made it to the semi-finals. Congrats boys!



Encounters with Canada

This is an incredible program for students, who are given the opportunity to spend a full week in Ottawa at the Terry Fox Center. Students who are interested should see Mr. Davidson for more information.

Thank-you to....

Mrs. Blackmore who has been filling in for Mr. Churchill since September and will finish her replacement at Christmas.