



**IMPORTANT DATES**

December

- Friday, December 5th: Football Semifinals
- Monday, December 8th: Serenaders perform in the public library
- Thursday, December 11th: Winter Choir Concert
- Monday, December 15th: Winter Band Concert
- Tuesday, December 16th: Winter Band Concert
- Wednesday- Friday, December 17th-19th: Final Exams
- Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>- Jan. 5<sup>th</sup>: Winter Break.

**Colquitt County Children's Cheer and Toy Shop**

The CCHS basketball team hosted a toy drive at their first home game Thursday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM. The team encouraged fans to bring new or gently used toys to the game to be donated.

At first a toy drive sounds unusual compared to a food drive or a coat drive, but these toys will be going to a very worthy cause. The toys will be going to the Colquitt

County Children's Cheer and Toy Shop. This is a nonprofit group that helps parents to give their children for Christmas if they cannot afford to buy toys themselves.

Cheer and Toy Shop Director Denise Pope works alongside Colquitt County Social workers to keep the toy shop up and running.

If you did not go to the game, but want to make a contribution to

this worthy cause, they will be accepting donations at Wal-Mart from 11 AM until 5 PM and also accept donations at any school in the Colquitt County School System. They accept monetary and toy donations.



**Report Cards and Final Exams**

Students, teachers and parents...

The end of the semester is here!

Final exams are December 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>.

Final grades are entered on the 19<sup>th</sup> and report cards will follow when we return in January.

Students with 5 or less absences and an 85 average can exempt.

Make sure to talk to your teachers about deadlines!



**Shrek the Musical**

The Colquitt County High School Choral program produces the musical for 2015—*Shrek*. The musical will have four performances- Thursday, February 19<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday,

February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2:00 p.m.

The performance is directed by CCHS choir director, Travis Kern and GEAR teacher, Leah Gaines. Auditions were Tuesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>,

and were open to all sophomores, juniors and seniors. Roles have been cast and main characters will start practice over Winter break.

December

- December 20th  
Varsity Boys BB-U-  
Save It Christmas  
Shoot Out @Albany  
Varsity Wrestling  
Hardaway  
Invitational @  
Columbus State
- December 22  
Varsity Boys BB- U  
Save Shoot Out  
@Albany
- December 24<sup>th</sup>  
Serenaders @  
Immanuel Catholic  
Church Midnight  
Mass 11pm-12am
- December 25th  
Merry Christmas!
- December 26 Varsity  
BB- McDonalds  
Invitational  
Girls/Boys @ Tifton
- December 27
- December 27<sup>th</sup>  
Set Building for  
Musical- Every  
Saturday until  
Musical @ Withers  
Auditorium 9am-  
10am
- Dec. 29-31 Varsity  
BB Vereen  
Rehabilitation Shoot  
out @ CCHS



## Important SAT/ACT Information

It's that time again! The SAT and ACT are extremely important when it comes to applying to college, especially for seniors. You don't want to wait until the last minute to take a test that can make or break your chances of getting into college! Leave yourself enough room to take another SAT or ACT just in case you don't get the score you want on your first attempt. Juniors, go ahead and take them now rather than waiting until your senior year. It'll give you more practice. Counselors' Corner also has information with dates of the SAT and ACT tests and costs.

### SAT Dates @ CCHS

Test Date	Deadline to Register	Late Registration(Late Fee)
January 24, 2015	December 29	December 30-January 13
March 14, 2015	February 13	February 14-March 3
May 2, 2015	April 6	April 7 - 21

### ACT Test Dates @ CCHS

Test Date	Deadline to Register	Late Registration(Late Fee)
February 7, 2015	January 9	January 10-16

## 100 Years of Accreditation!!!

### Colquitt County High School

Our school, CCHS, was recognized for conserving 100 years of continuous accreditation from the Southern Association of Colleges and School Council on Accreditation and School Improvement, also known as SACS CASI. SACS

CASI is an organization that provides nationally recognized accreditation which purpose is to improve the focus on increasing student's performance. In order for schools to earn accreditation, they must meet the standards, pass evaluation from qualified workers and show school improvement continuously.

CCHS is one of the seven schools in Georgia to be recognized for this achievement at the Advanced Fall Conference. "In February of 2014, Colquitt County School System completed District Accreditation, a process that is repeated every five years. However, this award is an additional recognition for continuous years of accreditation. Colquitt County High School continues the tradition that has been strong for 100 years – excellence!" Dr. DePaul, School Superintendent, said. Principal Terrell stated "Continuous accreditation demonstrates to our students, parents, and community that we are focused on raising student achievement, providing a safe and enriching learning environment and maintaining an efficient and effective operation staffed by highly qualified educators. We are humbled and honored to have been recognized for what we view is our responsibility to our students and community," according to Colquitt County School Press Release.

For detailed information concerning SACS CASI, you can visit [www.advanc-ed.org](http://www.advanc-ed.org).



CCHS Principal Stephanie Terrell

## Have You Visited The Counselors' Corner?

Here at CCHS, students are provided with "Counselors' Corner." During breakfast and lunch hours, counselors answer student's questions. Along with answering questions, counselors also provide information such as documents, applications and testing schedules, etc.

The following information and handouts can be found at Counselors' Corner:

- SAT/ACT Review Booklets, Dates, and Deadline Handouts.
- Fee Waiver Application.
- GaCollege411 Information.
- Senior College Visitation Forms
- Promotion of Voter Registration (April).
- Scholarship Info.
- **Fee Waivers**- Pick up and turn in fee waivers at Counselors' Corner.
- **Local Scholarship Application-Return to Counselors' Corner by Jan. 16.**
- **ACT Registration Workshop**- Signup sheets are located at Counselors'

Corner. A pass will be given to the extended period teacher to give to the students. The student will report to the computer lab with their credit card or fee waiver on the designated date.

- **Transcript Requests. \*Important-** Students must send transcript through their GA411 account to all schools who accept electronic transcript. Pick up a Transcript Request form at Counselors' corner for out of state school, private institutions & schools that do not accept electronic transcripts. Return form to Counselor's Corner. Allow 3-5 days for processing. Pick up transcript at Counselors' Corner.
- **Yearbook sales-** Yearbooks can be bought from Mrs. Tucker in Guidance for \$55 until December 19.

- **Credit Recovery-** Please turn to page 4 of the newsletter for more information.



## Who is My Counselor?

If you have any concerns/questions, call your child's counselor or visit the guidance department. If you do not know your child's counselor, consult the following table.

<u>Counselors</u>	<u>Office Numbers</u>	<u>First Letter of Last Name</u>
Shatarra Brown	(229)-890-6150	A-HALL
Monica Crenshaw	(229)-890-6148	HAM-PAT
Donna Mitchell	(229)-890-6147	PAU-Z

### January

- Jan. 5<sup>th</sup>: Student Holiday/ Teacher work day.
- Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>: Welcome back!



The Colquitt County High School FBLA Club is selling posters of Mack Tharpe Stadium/Tom White Field.



If you are interested, please email Jason Van Nus at [jvannus@colquitt.k12.ga.us](mailto:jvannus@colquitt.k12.ga.us) and include: your name, quantity, and a contact # (or email if preferred).

\* The price is \$15 for one poster or \$20 for two posters

\* The posters are 18x24 inches and will fit in any 18x24 frame.

\* The picture was taken at this year's (2014) Lowndes vs. Colquitt game.

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## End of Course Exams

The End of Course Exam is a state required exam for core-classes to serve as a final exam. The EOC is a diagnostic exam to test students to identify students' strengths and areas of weaknesses. These exams are also used to evaluate effectiveness of classrooms and instruction. Mathematics, social studies, science, and English language arts EOCs have been created for evaluation.

Some Colquitt County High School students will be required to take an EOC in the spring to count as a final exam. The courses required to take these exams are 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Literature, American Literature, Biology, Physical Science, U.S. History, Economics, Analytic Geometry, and Math I and II.

Teachers may already be discussing EOC exams and preparations with their classes. If not, speak to them for preparation purposes! Students do not wait until the week of these exams to prepare. Begin to review NOW!

## Yearbooks On Sale Now!

Colquitt County High School Yearbooks can be purchased from Mrs. Cannon in Room 411 or Mrs. Tucker in Guidance for \$55 until December 19. After this, the price increases to \$60. These would make a perfect Christmas present for your CCHS student.

<http://www.jostens.com/yearbooks/high-school-yearbooks.html>

## Credit Recovery

Failure is not an option; this is why our high school offers Credit Recovery.

Credit recovery is something that will benefit you if you have missing grades or bad grades that lead to a failed class. If a student does not make up a class, there is the chance of a student not being

able to graduate with their graduating class. This is a big deal, because students have the opportunity to make up that failed class and earn the missing units.

Students have the opportunity to go to credit recovery and make up classes. It takes time, but it's worth it!

Try your best to make up classes as soon as you can! Use the schedule below to make a plan. 😊



<u>Days</u>	<u>Time (Morning)</u>	<u>Time(Afternoon)</u>	<u>Location @CCHS</u>
Monday	<b>Not Available</b>	3:30-5:00 P.M.	RM. 217
Tuesday	7:00 - 8:00 A.M.	3:30-5:00 P.M.	RM. 217
Wednesday	<b>Not Available</b>	3:30-5:00 P.M.	RM. 217
Thursday	7:00-8:00 A.M.	3:30-5:00 P.M.	RM. 217
Saturday	9:00-11:00 A.M.	<b>Not Available</b>	RM. 217