

The Packer Press: News Print



IMPORTANT DATES

January

- 5th: Student Holiday/ Teacher work day.
- 6th: Welcome back!
- 8th: First semester report cards released
- 10th: Var. Wrestling - 1-AAAAAA Duals
- 15th – 17th Varsity Wrestling State Duals
- 15th: Decision Application deadline for UGA
- 16th: Local Scholarship Application Deadline
- 17th: Varsity Wrestling AAAAAA Duals
- 17th: Savannah College of Art & Design open house
- 19th: Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday/Schools Closed
- 24th: SAT at CCHS
- 24th: Tech Fair at CCHS
- 31st: Wrestling AAAAAA Tournament

50th Regiment's Thanksgiving Adventure

While many were enjoying their Thanksgiving meal with their family, Colquitt County's 50th Regiment was marching in the Philadelphia Dunkin' Donuts Parade under the direction of band director Liz Savage. Even though the weather there ranged from 20 to 30 degrees, our band managed to march through the 1.4 mile long parade in full uniform.



After marching, they traveled over to New York for a little site-seeing adventure. 50th got the advantage to see the Statue of Liberty, 9/11 Memorial, a view of the city from the top of the Empire State Building, to visit Times Square and Grand Central Station and even to participate in *Good Morning America*. Let's congratulate our 50th Regiment Band on their performance in the Philadelphia Dunkin' Donuts Parade!



Hoopcoming 2015: A Basketball Homecoming

Hoopcoming 2015 is the week of January 26 – January 31. Last year the Peer Leadership group combined the annual King of the Pack ceremony with a new basketball homecoming celebration called "Hoopcoming." This event marks a basketball homecoming week which is intended to be as spirited as fall semester's football homecoming week.

Events:

Monday: Hawaiian Day (no bikinis)

Tuesday: Pink Out Day

Pep Rally during Advisory

Basketball game vs. Valdosta @ 6 p.m.

Wednesday: Cowboys & Indians Day (no toy weapons)

Senior vs. Staff basketball game during Advisory

Thursday: Disney/ Character Day

Friday: Spirit/Hawg Wild Day (no togas)

Basketball game vs. Tift County @ 7

Saturday: Hoopcoming 2015 Celebration

Basketball game vs. Lee County @ 7

King of the Pack Ceremony



February

- 3rd BB vs Coffee Boys/Girls
- 5th Grades posted by 4 PM
Riflery vs Tift County
- 6th Var./JV BB vs Lowndes - Girls/Boys
- 7th ACT@CCHS
Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl
Var./JV BB vs Coffee - Girls/Boys
- 10th 4 ½ Week Progress Reports
Region BB Tournament - 2 games
Riflery vs Worth County
- 12th Wrestling State Tournament
Region BB Tournament - 4 Games
Varsity Tennis vs Thomasville
Riflery vs Lee County
- 13th Student Holiday / Teacher Work Day
Region BB Tournament - 4 Games
- 16th Presidents' Day Holiday - Schools/Offices Closed
- 17th Varsity Tennis vs Tift Co.
- 18th-20th GA Jr. National Livestock Show
- 19th Riflery vs Dooly County
- 19th-22nd *Shrek, The Musical*
- 20th CCHS Welding Competition
- 21st Boys Golf-North-South Challenge
SCAD Open House
- 24th FASFA Night - College Goal Georgia
Band Pre-Festival
Varsity Tennis vs Valdosta
- 25th GHSWT
- 26th FFA Banquet
GHSWT Makeup
Varsity Tennis vs Lowndes
Riflery vs Wilcox Co.
- 27th-28th Tennis Wildcat Invitational
- 28th Boys Golf-Johnny Paulk Inv.

Varsity Basketball Schedule

Jan. 3	Sat.	East Gadsden - Girls/Boys
Jan. 6	Tues.	Thomas County Central - Girls/Boys
Jan. 9	Fri.	Thomas County Central - Girls/Boys
Jan. 13	Tues.	Valdosta - Girls/Boys
Jan. 16	Fri.	Tift - Girls/Boys
Jan. 17	Sat.	Lee - Girls/Boys
Jan. 20	Tues.	Lowndes - Girls/Boys
Jan. 27	Tues.	Valdosta - Girls/Boys
Jan. 30	Fri.	Tift Co. - Girls/Boys
Jan. 31	Sat.	Lee - Girls/Boys - Senior Night
Feb. 3	Tues.	Coffee - Girls/Boys Rescheduled from 12-13-14
Feb. 6	Fri.	Lowndes - Girls/Boys
Feb. 7	Sat.	Coffee - Girls/Boys
Feb. 10	Tues.	Region Tournament - Varsity - 2 Games
Feb. 12	Thurs.	Region Tournament - 4 Games
Feb. 13	Fri.	Region Tournament - 4 Games

Celebrate My Drive



Photo by Joe Ryan Hill, Yearbook Photographer

CCHS partnered with our county's State Farm representatives to

participate in the Celebrate my Drive campaign. Students were given "2N2" t-shirts, which stands for **two eyes on the road, two hands on the wheel.**

Students were especially encouraged to make daily online pledges to safe driving and our school made the list for top 50 pledges across the United

States.

We were awarded **\$25,000**, which will be used for scholarship funding, student sports passes, a memorial dedicated to CCHS students who lost their lives, as well as additional special projects.

Men's Varsity Soccer



Last year's men's varsity team had an amazing year. They claimed the region championship and made it to the state playoffs. Sixteen seniors graduated from the team last year, leaving only four players to return to the team this year. That means the team will be almost completely new to varsity soccer. Coach Jimbo Jarvis saw this disadvantage and took early action.

The team started conditioning earlier than ever this year, running and lifting weights every Monday and Wednesday since October. Tryouts will be held in early January and will last a week. Boys from grades 9-12 are encouraged to try out. While there are only limited spots on varsity, there is also a junior varsity team coached by Justin Nelms. Junior Varsity is a feeder program also meant for boy's grades 9-12. It prepares boys to play varsity.

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.
- **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.
- **Credit Recovery**- Please turn to page 4 of the newsletter for more information.
- **Selective Service**
If you are a male, you are required to register for Selective Service when you turn 18.

If a man hasn't registered by the age of 26 but has been in the U.S. before this age, he can be prosecuted and fined up to \$250,000 with five years in prison, and he is no longer eligible for student financial aid, U.S. Citizenship, Federal Job Training, or Federal Jobs. Georgia penalties also include not meeting student financial aid requirements, but you must also register for Selective Services in order to have state employment and a state driver's license.

Luckily, registering isn't difficult. You can register at <http://www.sss.gov/>, you can pick up the registration forms at the U.S. Post Office, or you can check the "Register Me" Box #22 on the application for the Federal Student Financial Aid (FAFSA form).

Men are obligated to register at 18 because of the Military Selective Service Act, so don't wait until the last minute. Go ahead and register today!



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 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.

Essay Contests

Junior and senior high school students are eligible to compete for two scholarships in January and February. The Better Business Bureau's Students of Integrity essay contest is a 500-750 word essay focused on ethical decisions regarding work, family, school, or community. The BBB's essay contest winners will win a \$500 scholarship for books, school supplies, dorm supplies, and other college expenses.

The Atlantic and College Board Writing Prize essay contest is a 1,000 to 2,000 word essay that focuses on analyzing a selected document's historical and/or cultural context and connects it to personal experiences. The winner of The Atlantic and College Board Writing Prize essay contest can win up to \$5,000 with their winning entry published in The Atlantic. Six finalists will be awarded \$2,500.

For more information and applications, students need to talk to their English teachers.

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Looking for Scholarships?

When you are planning to go to college, things can be financially difficult. Maybe what can benefit you are the blessings of a scholarship. One of the many scholarships offered and one of the most popular is the HOPE scholarship. To be awarded with the HOPE scholarship, a student has to graduate with at least a grade point average of 3.0 from an eligible high school.

A student must be enrolled as a degree-seeking student at a public or private high school. The school has to be HOPE eligible for a college or university in Georgia. There are state program requirements, too. The student has to be a U.S citizen or has to be eligible for non-citizen requirements. The student has to be a Georgia legal resident, and be registered with Selective Service. Students have to meet satisfactory academic progress and not be in default or owe a refund from a student financial program.

There are many more scholarships offered here at our school. Make sure you spend a little time checking them out and see which ones could help you achieve more success in your career after high school. Visit the Colquitt County High School webpage, choose the Guidance tab, and there you can find the scholarship module.

Here is the link:

<http://colquitt.high schooldesk.net/Personnel/Guidance/Scholarships/tabid/12737/Default.aspx>

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	Not Available	3:30-5:00 P.M.	RM. 217
Tuesday	7:00 - 8:00 A.M.	3:30-5:00 P.M.	RM. 217
Wednesday	Not Available	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.	Not Available	RM. 217