



# News <sup>Teen</sup>

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(Personal Names omitted for public posting)

## *High School Kickoff*

### **Friday, September 16**

Calling ALL high school students and their families (and we REALLY want parents to stay!): Come to the (omitted)'s home from 6:00-10:00 pm for swimming, volleyball, basketball, foosball, air hockey, and fun!

Don't forget a swimsuit and a towel. Girls, one-piece or modest tankinis are allowed. If you are unsure, wear a t-shirt over your suit please. Guys, no Speedo's please!

We will eat at 6:30 pm. Families, bring a main dish to share plus (by last name) A-L bring a side dish, M-Z bring dessert. Please RSVP to (name/email omitted) (subject line: CHS kickoff) or call (number omitted).

Their home is at (address/directions omitted).

We will be planning future events, so parents and students, *please bring your unique ideas* for what our high school group can do this year.\*

## *Junior High Movie Night*

### **Friday, September 23**

Junior Highers, come to our first event for the year... movie night! We'll vote on what movie to watch when you arrive. Popcorn and soda will be provided, but please bring your favorite snack or candy to share. Come at 6:00 pm, movie will start at 6:30 sharp! Parents are welcome to stay; otherwise pick-up will be promptly at 9:30 pm. Please RSVP to (name/email/phone number omitted).

We will be at the (name omitted)'s home at (address/directions omitted).

Junior high events are for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders, but if you have a 6<sup>th</sup> grader who is mature enough to participate, they are welcome to join in. Looking forward to seeing you all!\*

## *Note to Seniors*

An email will be going out in the next day or so to all seniors on file. If you are a 12<sup>th</sup> grader and don't receive an email by Tuesday, September 6, please call right away. Especially be alert if you are a three-year grad... we need to be sure we have correct lists of expected graduates. There will be a mandatory meeting for all graduates later in the month; as soon as date is





finalized, we'll let you know!\*

### *Classes Offered*

- (name omitted) (alumnus of CHS and a junior at California State University, San Bernardino majoring in Linguistics) will be teaching the following high school level English classes this fall: Composition I, British Literature I, and possibly Creative Writing, provided there is enough interest. The courses will be 12 weeks in length and will cover one semester (5 units) of material. These classes are intended to prepare students grades 8-12 for college level writing. Classes will meet 2 hours a week, tentatively in Moreno Valley. Cost is \$25/month per student plus materials. For more information, please call (contact info omitted).
- If you are interested in an academically rigorous humanities program this year, please contact (name omitted) about a co-op opportunity for American History with Dr. George Grant's classical education curriculum. Meets weekly at her home: literature, writing, history lectures are included. For more info, please check out Dr Grant's website at Kingmeadow.com Cathy says, "Our family has been forever changed by this curriculum and stand with many to praise the work of a diligent, brilliant Christian thinker!" You may reach Cathy at (contact info omitted). Students interested should be able to take extensive notes on lectures, participate in literature discussions and be able to write essays. \*

### *Yearbook Class 2011/2012*

High schoolers: Do you wish to participate in creation of the yearbook? Speak up now. Requires computer use... I will instruct on the computer program(s) we use, but having a comfort level with technology is a must. Students can earn high school credit (number of credits dependent on time invested). Once a week meeting, probably starting November; day and time to be decided based on availability of participants. Respond by email or call Arleen at the office (951-736-3033).\*

### *PSAT/NMSQT*

*Immediate call required to save your spot; reserved for CHS students only until 9/7, then open to other homeschoolers.*

Do you plan to go to a four-year college or university? Is it even a possibility? If so, you may be interested in taking the Preliminary Scholarship Assessment Test/ National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) offered by CHS in October. **This is an optional test.** Taking it enables students to practice for SAT I, enter scholarship competitions, seek information from colleges, and get feedback about critical academic skills. (Also, see Testing Prep article below.)

This test is most often taken by students in grade 11 (the only grade in which the scholarship qualifying scoring is valid), but may also be taken by 10<sup>th</sup> or even 9<sup>th</sup> graders (subject to space available). To do well on the math, students should understand algebra and geometry.

Testing will be in Riverside the morning of Wednesday, October 12 (the **only** day it is offered here). The cost is \$15 for CHS members. If you wish to test you **MUST** call the office to reserve your spot (see note at top), then send payment **ONTIME**—by September 15<sup>th</sup>—to confirm.



After that date there may be spaces available, but perhaps not... call first! We do have fee waiver forms if your family would qualify for financial help.

After payment is received, we'll get a practice bulletin to you along with specific directions.

Note: This testing is open to any homeschool student after 9/7, so if you have friends not enrolled in a school offering the PSAT, let them know (but their cost is \$20).\*

### *College Entrance Tests: SAT I, II or ACT*

We have information and registration brochures for these college entrance tests. If you are planning to go to college, you should check with the college(s) you are interested in to see what their entrance requirements are (including when the test should be taken). Tests are offered several times each year. If family finances are an issue, they both have a waiver of fees procedure. Ask at the office for paperwork.

You are encouraged to register online for the SAT I or SAT II at [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) and ACT at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org). Our school code (only for CHS students) is (number omitted). There is a generic homeschool code that non-CHS students can request and use. Check the appropriate website for sample questions and even online courses. Also see article below regarding prep.\*

## — Parents Take Note —

### *Proficiency Tests*

At this time we're only concerned with juniors or seniors who have not yet passed either the CHSPE or BASE tests, one of which is required for juniors or seniors who have not yet passed either. The CHSPE is Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, and registration is required by mid-September; check it out at [www.chspe.net](http://www.chspe.net). The BASE will be given in January.

Sophomores won't test until spring, so watch for info here in February.\*

### *Testing Prep (for SAT, ACT or PSAT)*

We have a set of audio CDs from James Stobaugh regarding SAT prep that parents would find helpful. Mr. Stobaugh is teacher, homeschool dad and an official SAT essay scorer who earned a scholarship through the PSAT program, so he knows whereof he speaks! (And by the way, he does not necessarily recommend taking the PSAT for preparation! Listen to see why☺.) Call Cheryl at the office regarding checking them out (no charge - borrow for a limited time).\*