

Charles O Dickerson High School

Parent Newsletter



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Class of 2010 - Juniors

The Class of 2010 has gotten off to a great start this year! Thank you to all who participated or donated to the Pig Roast. Except for the rain in the morning, while trying to get the pig started, it was a great day. We've also had two very successful Bottle & Can Drives so far. When not setting up for the Pig Roast, students were working on their Pep Rally banner which won the Junior Class first place contributing to their accomplishment of 1st place overall for Spirit Week! The Prom committee is working on securing the Prom location and will then start on the theme and other details. The Prom committee will get together at the Bottle & Can Drives which are held the first Sunday of each month from Noon to 3:30 pm.

Advisors Lynne Porter and Sarah Jones

Class of 2012 - Freshmen

We had a very successful spaghetti dinner at the High School Open House in September. The October 4 Roller Skating Party was a great success. The next one is November 8. After-School Pizza and Snack Sales held between 2:45-3:15 on Tuesdays and Thursdays are making many students happy before they head out to their after-school activities. We could not hold these events without all of your support, donations, and student helpers. Thank you very much!

Advisors Karen Murray and Sue Borden

Intro to New High School Staff

Ms. Shawna Austic

Shawna Austic is currently one of the Physical Education teachers in the high school. She is doing a cover leave for Mrs. Dann and will be teaching here until February. She received her degree in Physical Education, specializing in Adapted P.E., from SUNY Brockport. She has been keeping very busy with many different coaching endeavors including working with the JV volleyball team, which has had a wonderful season. Ms. Austic is a Trumansburg local and considers herself very lucky to be here and giving back to this community.

Ms. Melissa DeCola

Melissa DiCola is excited to be teaching at the high school this year. Her responsibilities include teaching 11th grade United States History and Government and 12th grade Civics and Economics. Prior to this position, she taught 7th grade social studies at Geneva Middle School in Geneva, New York, and was also a student teacher at the high school. She is very happy to be back in Trumansburg and is looking forward to a great school year!

Mr. Larry Vonderchek

Larry Vonderchek is really excited to be teaching at the high school this year. His responsibilities include teaching AP U.S. History and AP Government & Politics. Prior to this position, he served as a per diem substitute teacher within the district. His substitute teaching experience also included two long-term substitute assignments in the high school. Mr. Vonderchek is no stranger to the Trumansburg area. He was born, raised, and graduated from Trumansburg in 1996. He also worked at the T-Burg Shur Save for many years prior to accepting the full-time teaching position. Larry says it has been great giving back to his alma mater and is looking forward to a great school year!

Clubs & Activities

Student Council

Student Council hosted Spirit Week September 29th - October 3rd with a Homecoming dance. They are now preparing for the NYSCLSA Leadership Conference in Saratoga Springs in November and are working on writing a new constitution and planning a community service project. Their next meeting is October 14. Student Council officers for this year are President, Darren McGee; VP, Luca Morreale; Secretary, Ashley Smith; and Treasurer, Greg Addicott.

Ski Club



Greetings all snow lovers! Ski Club will be starting in January. Mrs. Harding-Grosfelt and Ms. Austic are this year's advisors. Program and season passes are due Friday, October 17, for the early fee. Bus forms will be available after sign-up for Ski Club.

SADD

(Students Against Destructive Decisions)

In the past, SADD has focused on encouraging students to make positive choices and avoid "destructive decisions". This year is no different! Club activities include the canned food drive, Red Ribbon Week (AIDS awareness), gold/blue ribbons for Homecoming, Great American Smoke-out, used cell phone drive, ghost-out day and prom ribbons to name a few. These activities raised money for the club and/or at the same time raised awareness about many important issues. Last year SADD (with the financial support of the TCSD foundation) brought Dan Davis to speak to the high school student body about issues around drug abuse. These various activities help students think about the choices they make and encourage healthy choices, the basic goal of SADD. Students of ALL grades make up our club and this year we have more members than ever. New members are always welcome and encouraged! Meetings are typically after school in the health room. Any interested students can check out what the club is all about by attending a meeting or seeing Mrs. Kucerak, the club advisor. And as always, SADD Club is always accepting used cell phones and small, used ink cartridges. Thank you for your continued support of our efforts.



French Club

French Club meets every other week on Thursdays after school. In addition to fun activities like making French food and eating it, French Club is currently planning a trip to Quebec City for the Winter Carnival. The trip would take place from February 5 - 9, 2009. In Quebec, where winter is long and cold, the Quebecois have decided to show winter who's boss by holding an outdoor carnival during the two weeks of Mardi Gras. Highlights of our trip would include the following: International Ice Sculpture Competition, Palais de Glace (Ice Palace), dancing to DJs in the city square, Night-time Carnival Parade, ice skating, dog sledding, tobogganing, tube racing, snow shoeing, historical tours of Quebec City, the Museum of Civilization and more. Students would stay with exclusively French speaking families in the Quebec City area, giving them the opportunity to use their French Language learning skills. We have one problem...transportation. The cost of chartering a bus for our trip has become prohibitive. We are currently researching alternative sources of funding. If you would like to sponsor our trip, please contact Marcy Little at 387-7551 for more information.

2009 Yearbook News...TRU-CE

Yearbooks are now on sale through December 19 for the low price of \$40 for the book or \$45 for the book and the worldbook. Seniors only can have their name stamped on the cover for another \$5. They can pay for just the book (\$40), book with worldbook (\$45), book with name stamp (\$45), or book with worldbook and name stamp (50). Yearbook staff are selling the books in the gym foyer during the three lunch periods, or students can see Ms. Clark or Mr. Vesci. Checks should be made payable to TRU-CE 2009. If you purchase a book after December, the price goes up to \$55 for the book and \$60 for the book with the worldbook. The name stamp option is only through December! Thank you for your support.

Blood Drive

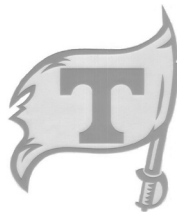
Hosted by the National Honors Society

Friday, October 31

High School Auditorium

Sports Boosters

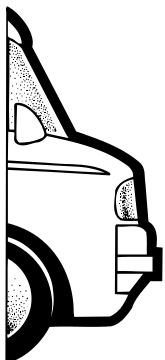
Trumansburg All Sports Booster Club is sponsoring a End-of-Year Sports Awards Assembly for all JV & Varsity Sports for the 2008-2009 school year. The date is Sunday, June 7, 2009. Please save that date



to attend with your student athlete to celebrate their participation. The Trumansburg All Sports Boosters are selling Stadium Blankets, T-burg clothing, and decals. If you're interested in purchasing, please send an email to Kim Fellows, treasurer, at kcf2@cornell.edu. Meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm in the High School Library classroom. Come be part of the Booster Club that serves over 375 student athletes.

SAM's Forum (Students Against Malice)

You're invited to attend SAM's Forum, a monthly meeting that is comprised of students, parents, and faculty interested in school safety and the quality of human interactions in school. The Forum has a number of goals...to provide resources, helpful information, (this includes current legislation changes, resource material and other supportive information) and to provide a system of measuring the experience and perception of safety. Some of the results can be seen on the group's web site www.samsforum.org. Some of the resulting data and analysis has been used as a resource for positive change. We support those types of changes, with the intent to develop programs, initiatives and to generate awareness within each school building and the district as a whole, ultimately to providing a climate conducive to learning, while fostering socialization skills for the victims and bullies. If you are interested in finding out more about SAM's Forum or would like to know when meetings are scheduled, visit www.samsforum.org or e-mail team@samsforum.org.



Street Survival Driving School

The Street Survival Driving School will take place November 8 on the Watkins Glen Racetrack property. Waiting list reservations are being accepted. Go to www.streetsurvival.org or call Diane VanDelden 387-3439 for more information.

Teen Advisory Board

Think life is boring for teens in T'burg? Here's your chance to do something about it! Apply to be part of this diverse group of teens to plan fun youth activities here in Trumansburg. We are seeking a diverse group of ten people, 9th through 12th graders. Contact Carissa for meeting dates.

National Technical Honor Society

TST BOCES Career & Tech Center is proud to announce its new chapter of the National Technical Honor Society. A ceremony was held and the following eight local students were inducted: Tiffany Bordon, Trumansburg; Michael Competillo, Groton; Michael Drake, Candor; Hillary Enslow, Dryden; Sophie Perez, Ithaca; Michael Rankin, Groton; Samantha Stevenson, Trumansburg; and Nicholas Stillwell, Trumansburg.

Cornell Cooperative Extension and Trumanburg/Ulysses Youth Services

There are several programs for high school youth. All programs are free and most take place at the school. For more information, contact Carissa Mann Parlato at clm48@cornell.edu, 387-4910, or visit the Cooperative Extension Web site <http://counties.cce.cornell.edu/tompkins/rys/local.htm>.

Fall 2008 programs

Big Friend Little Friend

Held Tuesdays in the middle school 3-3:30 pm October through May. High school youth are selected to be mentors to middle school "little friends". Began September 30.

Gay-Straight Alliance

Held Tuesdays from 3-3:30 pm in the art room. Gay, straight, or undefined, the goal is to make the school climate more comfortable for everyone. Began September 23.

Otaku Anime Club

Join in to discuss manga and anime and explore Japanese culture. First meeting was Monday, September 29, in the art room.

Naturalist Adventures

We travel around the county seeking cool natural attractions. First trip will be Monday, November 17, to the Lab of Ornithology.

Tuesday Lunch Group

Meet in Student Services Conf. Rm. on Tuesdays during lunch period for conversation, games, movies, and to try new foods. Began September 23

Tompkins County Health Department Announces County Flu Clinics

The Tompkins County Health Department will hold eleven public flu immunization clinics from October 22 through November 6. The Department is now making appointments for each of the clinics.

October 23 - Trumansburg Methodist Church, Main St., Trumansburg - 9:00 to 11:00 am

October 23 - Enfield Baptist Church, Enfield Main Rd., Ithaca - 3:00 to 4:30 pm

October 28 - Lifelong, 119 W. Court St., Ithaca - 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

October 28 - Bethel Grove Family Center, Slaterville Rd., Ithaca - 2:00 to 3:30 pm

October 30 - Lansing United Methodist Church, 32 Brickyard Rd., Lansing - 9:00 to 11:00 am

November 4 - (Election Day) Women's Community Building, 100 W. Seneca St, Ithaca - 8:00 am to 1:00 pm,
and 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm

November 6 - Dryden United Methodist Church, 2 North St., Dryden - 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

The Health Department welcomes all adults 19 years of age and older to its flu clinics. Children and their caregivers may obtain a flu shot at the health department by calling for an appointment. Karen Bishop, Supervising Community Health Nurse, urges everyone over six months of age to get a flu shot. Protect yourself and the people you live and work with by getting a flu shot. Call your health care provider or contact the health department about getting immunized.

This year the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommends that all children ages 5 - 18 receive an annual flu vaccination. And vaccination of all children aged 6 months - 4 years continues to be a primary focus of flu vaccination efforts because these children are at higher risk for the complications of the flu compared with older children.

Those interested in making an appointment for a flu shot may go the website: www.tompkins-co.org/flu and make their appointment online anytime or call 274-6609 Monday through Friday between 9 am and Noon and 1 pm and 3:30 pm.



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Dates To Remember

October 23, Thursday	Karate Lessons JV/V Football Study Group	2:45 – 3:30 PM, HS Gym 2:55 – 4:15 PM, HS Cafeteria
October 27, Monday	JV/V Football Study Group	2:55 – 4:15 PM, HS Cafeteria
October 28, Tuesday	Karate Lessons JV/V Football Study Group	2:45 – 3:30 PM, HS Gym 2:55 – 4:15 PM, HS Cafeteria
October 29, Wednesday	JV/V Football Study Group	2:55 – 4:15 PM, HS Cafeteria
October 30, Thursday	Karate Lessons JV/V Football Study Group	2:45 – 3:30 PM, HS Gym 2:55 – 4:15 PM, HS Cafeteria
October 31, Friday	National Honors Society Blood Drive	9:00 AM – 3:00 PM, HS Auditorium
November 2, Sunday	Class or 2010 Bottle/Can Drive	Noon – 4:00 PM, HS Loading Dock
November 3, Monday	JV/V Football Study Group Sports Boosters Club Mtg	2:55 – 4:15 PM, HS Cafeteria 3:30 – 6:30 PM, HS Library
November 4, Tuesday	Karate Lessons JV/V Football Study Group SAM'S Forum	2:45 – 3:30 PM, HS Gym 2:55 – 4:15 PM, HS Cafeteria 5:30 – 7 PM, HS Library Classroom
November 5, Wednesday	Karate Club JV/V Football Study Group	3:15 – 4:00 PM, HS 319 2:55 – 4:15 PM, HS Cafeteria
November 6, Thursday	Karate Lessons JV/V Football Study Group AP Biology Review Session	2:45 – 3:30 PM, HS Gym 2:55 – 4:15 PM, HS Cafeteria 7:00 – 8:30 PM, HS 104
November 8, Saturday	Roller Skating Party	Noon – 2:30 PM, Elem. Gym
November 10, Monday	JV/V Football Study Group	2:55 – 4:15 PM, HS Cafeteria
November 11, Tuesday	NO SCHOOL	
November 12, Wednesday	Announcement/Cap & Gown Orders Sports Boosters Meeting	11:00 AM–1:20 PM, HS Gym Foyer 6:30 – 8:30 PM, HS Classroom
November 13, Thursday	Announcement/Cap & Gown Orders Karate Lessons	11:00 – 1:20 PM, HS Gym Foyer 2:45 – 3:30 PM, HS Gym
November 14, Friday	All County Music Festival	3:00 – 8:30 PM, HS Aud
November 15, Saturday	All County Music Festival	9:00 – 5:00 PM, HS Aud
November 18, Tuesday	Karate Lessons	2:45 – 3:30 PM, HS Gym
November 19, Wednesday	Karate Club	3:15 – 4:00 PM, HS 319
November 20, Thursday	Karate Lessons HS School Jazz Concert	2:45 – 3:30 PM, HS Gym 7:00 PM, HS Auditorium
November 24, Monday	Talent Show Auditions	3:00 – 9:00 PM, HS Auditorium
November 25, Tuesday	Karate Lessons Talent Show Auditions	2:45 – 3:30 PM, HS Gym 3:00 – 9:00 PM, HS Auditorium

Dates To Remember (cont'd)

November 26 – November 28 **THANKSGIVING BREAK – NO SCHOOL**

December 2, Tuesday	Karate Lessons	2:45 – 3:30 PM, HS Gym
December 3, Wednesday	Karate Club AP Biology Review	3:15 – 4:00 PM, HS 319 7:00 – 8:30 PM, HS 104
December 4, Thursday	Karate Lessons	2:45 – 3:30 PM, HS Gym
December 7, Sunday	Class or 2010 Bottle/Can Drive	Noon – 4:00 PM, HS Loading Dock
December 9, Tuesday	Karate Lessons SAM'S Forum	2:45 – 3:30 PM, HS Gym 5:30 – 7:00 PM, HS Library
December 10, Wednesday	Sports Boosters Meeting	6:30 – 8:30 PM, HS Classroom
December 11, Thursday	Karate Lessons	2:45 – 3:30 PM, HS Gym
December 13, Saturday	Roller Skating Party	Noon – 2:30 PM, Elem. Gym
December 16, Tuesday	Karate Lessons	2:45 – 3:30 PM, HS Gym
December 17, Wednesday	Karate Club High School Concert	3:15 – 4:00 PM, HS 319 7:00 PM, HS Auditorium
December 18, Thursday	Karate Lessons	2:45 – 3:30 PM, HS Gym

December 22 – January 2 **NO SCHOOL**

