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Summer is officially here! Who's ready for Senior send-offs, sleeping-in and sunny days?!

As another year wraps up, vacation plans are being made and bittersweet memories are reminding our students of all that they have accomplished. We have had the great pleasure of making the 2021-2022 school year a great achievement. Through collaboration and perseverance, we have managed to send another graduating class down the aisle towards post secondary success. In our rear view mirror, we can see our approaching Juniors that are excited about taking the reigns of a Senior class title. The Underclassmen are nipping at their heels as they watch and wait for their own turns. But as a family of teachers that truly care and support each other, our students are witnessing the true definition of "teamwork." Through thick and thin, we have always managed to come out on top for our students. Although we may miss some familiar faces in the fall, we will continue to build this Clipper ship and triumphantly sail it into the sunset! Have a wonderful summer vacation! You all deserve it! C- PRIDE!

*Ms. Shannon Murphy - Journalism Teacher

STUDENT AND STAFF SPOTLIGHT

- **Laquan Johnson and Jemora Gibbs** has been selected for the **2022-NAIOP-Drexel Summer Real Estate Program**. This program will teach them about commercial real estate and have to opportunity to meet executives who work in the industry.
- **Aniyah Lowe** earned a **CIGNA certification award** for completing the *Real Bosses Leadership Academy* course. (left)
- **Rhionna Spears** earned an **Octagon Club award** from Dr. Wright for Excellence in Chemistry. (right)



Teacher of the Month:

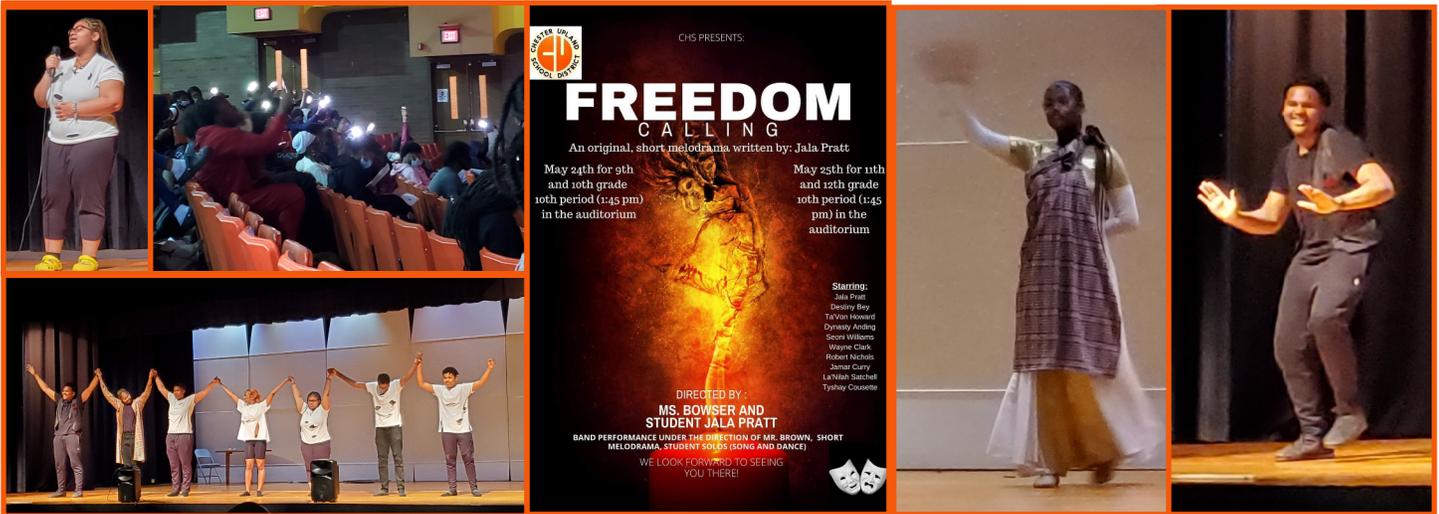
April- Ms. Snyder
May- Ms. Facht

Staff of the Month:

April - Mr. Jackson



Neumann University is giving Chester High School students, as well as other Delaware County High School students the opportunity develop leadership skills among their peers. Our students learned additional skills, built a rapport with other high school students, and completed the program with great success.



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE HIGH?



T3 Media visiting with Ms. Murphy's Journalism class to explain the in's and out's of proper interviewing etiquette and camera work



RIP THE RUNWAY



RIP THE RUNWAY AT THE HIGH

Title I
Family Engagement

DATE: APRIL 9TH, 2022

Location: Chester High Auditorium

Time: 5pm doors open at 4:00 pm

WHERE Fashion MEETS CHESTER

FOOD LIVE ENTERTAINMENT, & VENDORS

For more information please see Mrs. Flagg-Davis

- First Place:**
CHS -Lung Capacity
Grade 11: Ramajah Dale, Kiyonna Presbery, & Tahkwel Walker-Jones
- Second Place:**
CHS -Blood Pressure
Grade 11 Taniyah Northern
- Third Place:**
CHS- Smokers vs. Nonsmokers
Grade 12: Kianna Blackston

Congratulations to our following students who have earned CTE Student Awards:

**CULINARY
OSHA
CERTIFICATION**

Safyata Sakho
Zakee Ahmad
Anye Bush
Zee Grandberry
Donisha Jacobs
Ledrian Maldonado
Justyce Cunningham
Rhionna Spears
Fareed Mathis

HIGHEST GPA

Justyce Cunningham
Zakee Ahmad

MOST IMPROVED

Avon Whitaker
Jakyah Neal
Hanifah Womack

**COSMETOLOGY
OSHA
COMPLETION**

Destiney Bey
Curshelle White
Darnesha Jones
Zakirah Brown
Khayirrah Jefferson
Jannah Payne
Tamir Pinder
Kyeesha Smith
Janai Thomas

NOCTI ADVANCE

Darnesha Jones

Improving the Lives and Rights of LGBTQ People - Alondra Rafael

As humans we should all have the same rights. It becomes an issue when people are being discriminated against based on their race, appearance or sexual preferences. People within the LGBTQ community are denied access to employment, education and health care every year. They are targeted because of their gender expression and sexual preferences- which is something that should stop. People should be free to express how they feel or what they like without being judged. People commit suicide every year for bullying and discrimination.

Spreading awareness, standing against homophobia, and protesting are ways to help improve the lives and rights of our loved ones. Helping to improve the lives and rights of LGBTQ people is a topic that impacts me because I have experienced and witnessed discrimination. A person should feel safe at their job and in school. As a person that is a part of that community, I know what it feels like to be discriminated based on my sexual preferences and looked at differently. I'm afraid my parents won't accept me or will look at me differently because I grew up in a homophobic household. This is something that triggers my depression and angers me and I wouldn't want anyone else feeling that way.

This is a topic that schools should talk about to ensure the safety of our students and even our teachers as well. A person that I admire and look up to is Marsha P. Johnson. I think teaching kids about her would be very helpful as well. Marsha P. Johnson was an American activist that identified as a drag queen. She was known as an outspoken advocate for gay rights. It is important to orientate our kids about the topic so we can reduce suicide and homicide cases all around the world. Every member of the LGBTQ community should have the freedom to live their truth without fear, and with equality.



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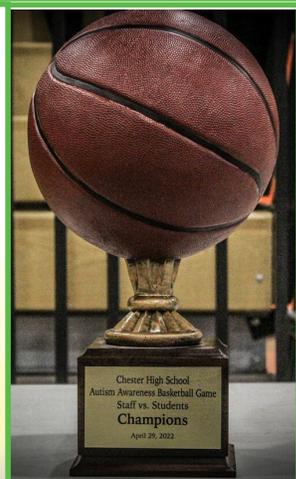
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**Perseverance
Resilience
Intelligence
Determination
Enthusiasm**



CUSD ATHLETICS DEPARTMENT
APRIL 29TH PRESENTS
LOVE VS LOVE
STUDENTS
1PM BASKETBALL GAME
Staff 41- Students 30



College Education Should Be Free - Keva Butler

Me and millions of people can agree that college should be free of charge. I think it should be free because college helps students for the future. Paying for a college education puts most people in debt. When people get in debt, the IRS comes after them or money comes out of their checks every month. College being free can improve society because when people are more educated, they can solve problems better. Education helps us understand what society is and what our responsibilities in that society are. It provides us with the knowledge to analyze our social structure and adopt appropriate and adequate social reforms. Owing something back, like tuition, can really take a toll on someone's mental health and that's not good for young adults going into the real world. Every college student doesn't come from a wealthy family so they don't have that advantage they have to work for everything they want. Universities should sympathize with students that come from low income backgrounds. Going to college doesn't guarantee a job in the major you choose. I'm not saying it is the college's responsibility to get the students a job after college but if they're paying all the money they should at least have some type of help after college. Research shows that free tuition programs encourage more students to attend college and increase graduation rates, which creates a better-educated workforce and higher-earning consumers who can help boost the economy.

In conclusion, free colleges are a good initiative aimed at helping students, especially those who come from low-income families and cannot afford to receive a degree. College should be about meeting new people and making memories, not about stressing about debts we will later have to pay back. I hope in the future there will be more financial help for low income students that want to go to college.

WHY LIL' UZI VERT IS THE BEST RAPPER OF ALL TIME

Khaleem Stephens

Lil Uzi Vert is the best rapper of all time. Lil Uzi Vert aka Symere Woods was born July 31st 1994. Uzi grew up in North Philly which is where I'm from and he is the best rapper to come out of Philly. He is the most influential person in my life. I first discovered Lil Uzi in 2016 when he dropped "Lil Uzi Vert vs. The World" and it completely changed my life. His music was like something that I had never heard before and his sound was so unique. He started influencing me each day because I was completely hooked on his music. He officially became my favorite rapper in 2017 though when he dropped Luv is Rage 2. That album is probably my favorite of all time because the album talked about getting over a girl-which directly correlated with my life because I was also dealing with the same thing. Personally, my favorite song is The Way Life Goes but after Uzi dropped Luv is Rage 2. He took a 3 YEAR break but the wait was worth it because he dropped the long awaited album Eternal Atake. This was definitely album of the year due to songs like Prices, POP, Silly watch, and P2, you just can't top that. So that is why Lil Uzi Vert is the best rapper of all time in my opinion.

High School Advice - Jemora Gibbs

High school is a very tough four years of your life. The reason that high school is so stressful is because it sets your path to the rest of your life. I'm a junior for only 2 more months, then I will be a senior in high school. It has been hard but I've learned so many things I would have loved to know as a freshman.

Rule One: I feel the most important rule is balance is key. You have a life outside of school - I hope - and if you don't, you're probably going to need one. Everyone can balance stuff differently just because you have a friend who has a job, has good grades and does a sport and if you can't handle it is fine. Number Two: friends. You are going to need friends to get by to hang out and share jokes to take some of the pressure off from school and family. Now this is the tricky part. Just test the water with people to find two real friends you know are gonna stick by your side. For the life of me, please don't believe drama or fight over boys- that's lame and childish. Number Three: use your resources. The teachers and staff are there to help you. If you don't understand, say something or ask after class. Use your counselors and teachers if you want to graduate early or want to start a sport and reach out to the adults around you.

Those are the three simple rules about how to get by in high school easier. Being in high school is already hard and this sets the path to your future. It's gonna be the most crazy fun time from what I know, trust me. High school is all over the place and I promise you- you're not alone just reach out and try to be the best person you can be.

Community Stakeholder Spotlight

Aniyah Lowe had the opportunity to interview Mrs. Darlene Byrd from Cigna, who works with companies and high schools in the area to earn certifications that will help them better themselves. Mrs. Byrd is a Chester native and a Chester High alumni that was eager to come and give back to the community.

What is it like to come back to your hometown and work with people that are just like you?

Mrs. Byrd: "It is an amazing opportunity to come back. Giving back is important because you care and you owe something that is invested in you."

What is your passion in life? What motivates you?

Mrs. Byrd: "I love personal development. I love to see people grow and achieve. Personally, I think we should be learning and growing. I love to teach and share with other people."

What is something that you want our young female students to know?

Mrs. Byrd: "They should be the drivers in life. They are not in the backseat. They can choose their future and the generations of children."

How can young adults that want to work for Cigna get involved?

They would have to be interested in the healthcare industry. I also hope that they can develop transferable skills.

Did you learn anything from the students? If yes, what did you learn?

I learned creativity and flexibility. I learned some things are more important to the students than adults. I was impressed by a team building exercise. It showed that they can listen and work together to complete a goal.

Aniyah has been left with a wonderful impression of Mrs. Byrd and the Cigna Leadership program. "I would like to thank Mrs. Byrd for taking the time and opportunity for sitting down and doing this interview with me. I would also like to thank her for taking her time out doing things for our class here at Chester High, teaching us new things and showing us that there are people out there that are just like us."



IS TECHNOLOGY TAKING OVER THE WORLD?

Myqura Edwards

Technology has surfaced in the world with multiple devices like smartphones, smartwatches to intelligent cars. Technology is important because it is the quality of life and makes everything easier. Even though there are a lot of pros and cons, it's a need for humankind. Technology has advanced more rapidly over the years, it just keeps getting better and better. I don't think anyone can live without it. "Technology should improve your life... Not become your life"- Billy Cox

I think I can live without technology. That's a complete lie- I can't live without it. Since the nineteenth century, it has evolved tremendously: Cars, phones, buildings, computers, and even everyday necessities. Technology is not just machines and gadgets, it's a part of an everyday lifestyle. Every time you turn on the television there are advertisements for new cars, laptops, phones, and even digital bank cards.

In conclusion, I sometimes wonder if people are watching us through our devices... It is possible. If there was a world with no technology, I believe people would go insane. Can you live without technology?

"Without technology humanity has no future. But we have to be careful that we don't become so mechanized that we lose our human feelings" - Dalai Lama xiv

CRYPTOCURRENCY RULES EVERYTHING AROUND ME

- Kylie Scott-Harper

Cryptocurrency is taking over in the world. As of now, it is just an addition to a couple of banks. But what is cryptocurrency? According to Tredmicro.com, it is "an encrypted data string that denotes a unit of currency. It is monitored and organized by a peer-to-peer network called a blockchain, which also serves as a secure ledger of transactions, e.g., buying, selling, and transferring." In about a decade, it could replace the entire payment system in most countries with traditional paper and coin currency. Analysts estimate that the global cryptocurrency market will more than triple by 2030. (GWI.com)

The world of Crypto is growing faster than ever. People are steadily trying to get rid of the regular way of paying for things. During the pandemic, you may have noticed this when they were asking for exact change when paying for things. People then turned to BitCoin and other platforms for Cryptocurrency.

Once people understand how the stock market works and operates it grows even more. In my opinion, Cryptocurrency hasn't completely taken over right now because everybody can't understand it. If it becomes easier to learn and manage, it will be the primary way of payments and money exchange.



WHY YOU SHOULD EAT A BANANA EVERY DAY

Jermere Clark

A banana is a very fascinating fruit. They can benefit you, but they can also harm you. A banana is one of the most important food crops on the planet. They come with an abundant amount of fiber, Potassium, vitamin B6, vitamin C, and various antioxidants and phytonutrients. There is Tryptophan inside a banana which could help you fall asleep faster. Magnesium and Potassium are also muscle relaxants that are inside a banana. This is why you feel good after eating them. Bananas come in shades of green and yellow, but there are many varieties of other bananas.

Bananas also have harmful effects on your body as well. Eating bananas can cause bloating, gas, cramping, nausea and vomiting. Too many bananas are also bad for your teeth because when the starch and sugars stay on your teeth for a long time, it can change the pH level in your mouth causing enamel to erode.

All in all bananas have some drawbacks, but that is only if you eat too many. Bananas are mostly good for you. There are so many more benefits. I only listed a few. This is why bananas are a great fruit.





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WATCH OUT FOR THE MIGHTY MIGHTY CLIPPERS!



CLIPPER BASEBALL



TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

Staff Appreciation Raffle Winners



Ms. Sabrina Carroll,
Teacher

Ms. Latisha Miller,
Digital Instructor

Ms. Thurayya Berry-Pettaway,
School Psychologist

Ms. Zenaida Velez,
Teaching Assistant

Ms. Teresa Pope,
Teaching Assistant



TEACHER & STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK
May 2nd - 6th, 2022

The Work of Great Teachers and Staff Can Never Be Erased. Let Us Thank You for All That You Do!!

Fridays are for Fun!!
Join Us at Chester High School May 6th for Our **WELLNESS DAY** & **FOOD TRUCK FESTIVAL**

Monday
IS COOKIE DAY... Because You are a such Smart Cookie!

Tuesday
IS PIZZA DAY... Because Anyway You Slice It We are Grateful For you!

Wednesday
IS PRETZEL DAY... Because We Would Knot Have Made it without you!

Thursday
IS DONUT DAY... Because We DONUT What We would Do without you!

HOLISTIC HEALTH WORKSHOPS, DEMOS, GAMES, GIVE AWAYS & MORE.

ZUMBA, FINANCIAL LITERACY, GAMES, YOGA, NUTRITION

PRIZES



Don't Knock it 'til you Try it!

-Lexi Brown

Have you ever wanted to try a new restaurant but are too nervous or think you are not going to find food there that you like? The biggest fear that people have when trying a new restaurant is not liking food that they are not used to. It limits your experiences in life and you deprive yourself of new flavors and food combinations that you wouldn't have thought to put together. I have comprised a list of 3 restaurants in Philadelphia that are worth a try of cuisines you may have thought you would never eat.

Buk Chon Korean cuisine on 132 Chestnut St, in Philadelphia is an amazing spot to try out Korean food. Korean food is an amazing blend of different diets, so if you are vegan or vegetarian you can find a dish for you! They do serve dishes with meat in it like their Korean fried chicken or spicy pork buns. A lot of Korean dishes can be spicy but don't worry, they aren't too spicy.

Parc on 227 S 18th St in Philadelphia is a French restaurant. At *Parc*, there is a good portion of seafood so if that is your thing, then you are in luck. They have steak, chicken, lamb, pasta, and duck dishes. They also have a good portion of deserts and everything is at reasonable prices.

Chima Steakhouse on 1901 John F Kennedy Blvd in Philadelphia is a Brazilian steak house. The servers come around and ask you if they want a piece of whatever steak they have and then ask you what temperature you want your steak. They also have a salad bar. You pay upfront for everything.

So there you go! Here are some places in Philadelphia to consider next time you want to go out to eat. What do you think you would most likely try? Personally, I think I would try *Buk Chon* next time I'm in the area.



What is your favorite flavor of "Wooder Ice?" - TyNisha Barksdale

Besides ice cream, what do you think about getting on a nice hot day? Water ice, right? As you may know, water ice is one of the go-to treats to cool yourself down in the heat. Stated by *PennLive*, Water ice also goes by "Italian ice" and "Shaved iced" everywhere else in the world, except in Philadelphia. It'll always be water ice to us in the Delaware Valley. From mango to blueberry, cherry to green apple, you will be able to find various flavors to enjoy. The question is, what makes the flavor you choose so good and do others think that it is the best?

Based on survey results from the internet and my fellow classmates, Lemon, Cherry, Mango, and Blue Raspberry are the best choices. In my opinion, Cherry is the best. It leaves your taste buds screaming for more. It is a frozen treat made from water, sugar, and some sort of flavoring, usually a fruit theme. Unlike a snow cone, the flavor is mixed in before freezing, instead of being poured over a cup of ice at the end.

According to *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, "The roots of water ice are traced back to Italian families who brought the recipe with them when they moved from Italy. The Italian dessert is now a tradition within the Philadelphia region." Unlike any other place in the world, there are many places for excellent water ice in Philly and also in the surrounding towns. For generations, Philadelphians have been cooling themselves down with this icy desert.



A Short History of College Football - Dashaun Sutton

Walter Camp aka The "Father of American football" helped shape football into the sport we know today. "College football's first game happened in the year 1869, between Rutgers University and the College of New Jersey (now known as Princeton University)" according to NCAA.Com, The first college rules were written on November 3rd 1876 in Springfield, Massachusetts, by representatives from Columbia, Harvard, Yale, and Princeton. Scarletknights.com states that there were only 2 college teams in the first season being Rutgers university and New Jersey College with new jersey college Winning the Championship.

If you go on NCAA.org they will tell you that the NCAA aka National Collegiate Athletic Association was founded in 1910, but was originally formed in 1906 as the Intercollegiate Athletic Association to draw competition and eligibility rules for gridiron football and other Intercollegiate sports. If you look on operations.nfl.com, they would tell you that "In 1935 the league held a meeting to start letting college players get drafted to play in the NFL." Jay Berwanger was the first ever Heisman Winner and was also the first ever player to get drafted. For years, more and more colleges have created football teams for the youth and talented to start competing against each other and in order to win the biggest prize in college football - the national championship.



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From the CUSD Board of Directors
Week of May 15-20, 2022

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Chester High School

Journalism 2021-2022



Calendar of Summer Events



June

- National Cancer Survivor Day - 5th
- 1/2 Day students for Teachers Records day - 9th & 10th
- Commencement Day - 13th
- Teacher's and Student's Last Day - 14th
- Father's Day - 19th
- Juneteenth (observed) - 17th
- Juneteenth 19th
- SARA Summer School starts - 20th

July

- Independence Day - 4th
- SARA - Summer School ends - 28th

August

- Convocation- 23rd
- Student's First Day Back to School - 29th

NEWSPAPER STAFF

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- D'Alexandra Brown - Writer
- Keva Butler- Writer
- Anayja Byrd- Writer
- Jermere Clark- Writer
- Myqura Edwards- Writer
- Jemora Gibbs - Writer
- C'Asia Holmes -Staff
- Aniyah Lowe - Writer
- Alondra Pimental - Writer
- Jason Rivera - Staff
- Kylie Scott-Harper - Writer
- Khaleem Stephens - Writer
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- Dashaun Sutton - Writer

