



Cañon City Tigers *Newsletter*

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From the Desk of Bill Summers, CCHS Principal...

Wow! Nearly 1,100 Chromebooks issued in one week! Thank you to the CCHS and District Technology staffs for their superior efforts in making this daunting task a reality. Students and teachers will experience a “breaking-in” phase as they experiment and become used to making the Chromebook and Schoology part of the daily curriculum. I wish to emphasize that the most important element to each class is that learning occurs at every level, and in the end, that depends on great teachers executing great teaching. At worst, Chromebooks become distractions and increase our students screen-time--something we must guard against. At best, they allow great teachers to differentiate instruction, provided equitable education, and engage students with relevant curriculum. It is our goal to fold them into an already amazing academic environment to increase its efficiency and effectiveness.

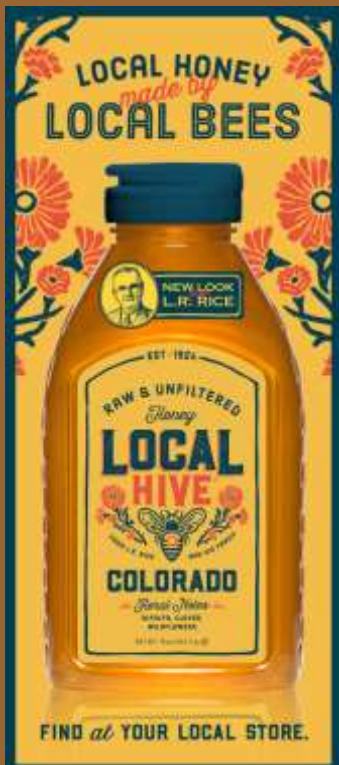
The new “no see, no hear” cell phone policy is in full stride with little impact on the school. Teachers report that it has been a significant benefit to classroom management, and our dean of students, Mr. Cline, has had little drama locking up the phones of students in violation.

Our Parent Advisory Board meets on September 12th at 6:00 PM in the high school media center. All parents are welcome to attend. Our first agenda will include a report on last years academic, behavior, and attendance data, a review of the school’s budget, and a discussion on Chromebook use. We will also meet all the new teachers in the building.

As both a parent and principal at this school, I feel that the staff makes a superior effort each day to improve the education imparted at every level. I couldn’t be happier with the work ethic and willingness to take risks and change our school for the better. With that sentiment, I will close by saying thank you to this powerful team of educators and support staff. Here’s to a great year of learning!

Bill Summers

CCHS, Principal



Administration *News*

CCHS Parent Advisory Board

The Cañon City High School Parent Advisory Board meets once a month in the high school library at 6:00 p.m. with meetings usually lasting about an hour. We are comprised of parents, community members, faculty, staff, students and administration whose common goal is improving the high school experience for all of our students.



We are open to new ideas and enhancing current channels of communication with parents and the community (i.e., Back to School Night, After Prom, Tiger Clubs and Activities handbook). We welcome any comments on current programs or proposed changes to policies and procedures (i.e., vocational education, Graduation with Honors; proposed budgets, Unified Improvement Plan). If you would like to help support Cañon City High School, please join us.

Upcoming meeting dates are: September 12th, October 10th, and November 14th, see you there!

For more information, contact Ms. Sara Marietta at 276-5877.

Professional Development Days

September 12th, October 10th and November 14th

*Dates subject to change.

(The second Wednesday of each month)

The Fremont RE-1 Board of Education has agreed to allow days during the school year for the high school staff to work together as a staff. This time will be spent on Progressive Educational Initiatives such as those recommended by the Secondary Task Force and several other committees that have student needs for the 21st Century as their focus. CCHS is closed until 9:00 a.m. when the commons opens. At this time, students will be allowed in for breakfast.

PLEASE REFER TO THE WEBSITE FOR ALL BELL SCHEDULES

School News

Fees And Fines

Parents, please be sure to check your students fees and fines regularly throughout the year by logging into your Parent Portal. We hope the fees assessed to your student be paid in a timely manner. If you feel that an error has been made, please contact the school as soon as possible so that we can make corrections as necessary. We now have two ways for you to pay **for your student's fees; either in person by check or cash, or by creating an account through Rev-Trak** allowing you to pay online. Please visit <https://canoncityschools.RevTrak.net> to pay fees online.



Yearbook News

Buy Your Yearbook NOW!

You know you want one! If you want to purchase a yearbook, the deadline is Christmas break. Use the website www.yearbookforever.com or bring \$65 to Mrs. Lyons in Room 112. Payment plans are available! See Mrs. Lyons for details.

SENIORS: Senior yearbook photos are due before Christmas break as well. Head and shoulder shots only. Pictures taken with your phone are not acceptable.

Also, senior tribute ads are available. See Mrs. Lyons for more details.

NEW Tiger Mountain Bike Club

Students have a new option this year when it comes to after-school sports and activities: The Tiger Mountain Bike Club! Meeting weekly on Wednesdays after school to ride, club participants will not only get in a bunch of riding time, but they'll learn the skills to take their riding to the next level. The club is open to all students, whether a beginning rider or experienced. Coaches Kristyn Econome and Melanie Smith are ready to help students with individualized instruction to make for a fun and safe riding experience. In addition to weekly rides, we'll occasionally meet at local bike shops for bike maintenance and know-how sessions. See Ms. Econome in room 208 for more information, the fall schedule, and forms. Or email kristyn.econome@canoncityschools.org. We are so excited to bike with you!

Mark your calendars:

- Wednesday afternoon rides meet at 4pm at area trailheads
- Thursday sessions meet at the bike shops at 4pm: 9/13 & 9/27
- Occasional weekend rides will be scheduled at a future point

See you on the trail!

Counselor News

Students are allocated to a counselor by grade as follows:

Freshman - Mrs. Geesaman (x6140)

Sophomores – Mrs. Andrews (x5876)

Juniors – Mrs. Carlton (x5884)

Seniors – Mrs. Kingery (x5881)

Dual Enrollment Coordinator – Mr. Ritter (x5960)



Financial Aid & the FAFSA

Seniors and their parents apply for financial aid by filing the FAFSA

(Free Application for Federal Student Aid) as soon after January 1, 2019 as possible.

We recommend doing the FAFSA on line at www.fafsa.ed.gov

Filing the FAFSA in January requires PIN numbers by the student and parents, which can be obtained anytime at www.pin.ed.gov

Some private colleges require the CSS profile as well, which is available at

www.collegeboard.com

For assistance with this process, FAFSA provides a help center at 1-800-4-FED-AID.

Upcoming College Entrance Exams

SAT -

Test Dates

Oct. 6, 2018 Dec. 1, 2018

Nov. 3, 2018 Mar. 9, 2019

For registration information and registration deadlines go to:

<http://sat.collegeboard.org>

ACT -

Test Dates

Oct. 27, 2018 Feb. 9, 2019

Dec. 8, 2018 Apr. 13, 2019

For registration information and registration deadlines go to:

<http://www.actstudent.org>

Keep up to date with all of the graduation information under the counseling tab of the CCHS website.

Student Council *Events*

Homecoming Week

October 1st - October 6th

Wednesday, October 3rd: Class
Comps @ 7:00 p.m.

HOMECOMING

Friday, October 5th: Homecoming Assembly
(A.M. Assembly Schedule)

EXTREME BLACK AND GOLD DAY!!

Saturday, October 6th: Homecoming Dance @ 8:00 p.m.

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