



# ***Carroll Christian Schools***

550 Baltimore Blvd., Westminster, MD 21157

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Dear Junior Parents,

## **Junior Class Advisors:**

Mr. McLaughlin and Mr. Skidmore are the Junior class advisors this year. The junior class will traditionally have family get-togethers throughout the junior year. Are you interested in hosting one? If so, please contact one of the class advisors.

## **Room Mom**

Mrs. Maldonado has stepped up to be a room mom this year. She will need assistance, so please help out as you are able so this can be the best year possible for our students. Many hands make light work! If you are interested in also being a room mom or just lending a helping hand, please let us know.

## **Service Hours**

Just a reminder -- before graduation, all students are required to complete at least 75 Service Learning Hours and turn in the appropriate forms. The hours will be displayed on your child's transcript. Forms are available at [www.carrollchristian.com](http://www.carrollchristian.com) under the info tab under 'Forms'.

## **iPads/Internet**

iPads are costly, so please emphasize to your student the importance of taking care of it. I also encourage you to consider implementing parental guidelines for iPad use as well as internet protection at home.

## **Class Rings**

A Balfour representative will be here at the end of the day December 7 to display class rings and take orders.

## **Junior Fundraisers\***

This year the Junior class will be doing three specific fundraisers for the Junior/Senior Banquet.

- 1) **Car Wash**: The Juniors will have a class car wash on September 23 from 10:00-2:00 at Roy Rogers in Westminster. We are hoping to have all juniors join us. Parents are also encouraged to come help. In addition to help at the carwash, we will need signs, rags, hoses, soap, etc.
- 2) **School Event Service**: One of the fundraisers will be a service-type fundraiser associated with a game or school event with the date to be determined (i.e. selling homemade fries and delivering to fans at a soccer game).
- 3) **Carnation Sale** - The other fundraiser will be a Valentine's Day carnation sale.

## **College Planning**

- 1) College Tours - Juniors should start making plans now to visit colleges and not wait until senior year. A **College Visit Form** must be submitted in advance to excuse the absence. Forms can be found at [www.carrollchristian.com](http://www.carrollchristian.com) under the “Info” tab.
- 2) SAT – It is wise to start the process of taking the SAT during junior year. You can register or find information at [collegeboard.org](http://collegeboard.org). The site also offers practice tests, etc. that can be completed online.
- 3) College Applications – It is also not a bad idea to start narrowing down college choices and submitting applications. You will not be able to go far in the process until the SAT is taken for the first time.
- 4) College Scholarships – Most scholarship money that is available is never applied for, so start looking now! It is not too early to begin filling out scholarship applications, writing the essays, completing the FAFSA forms, googling “scholarships,” etc.

Questions regarding college planning may be directed to Miss Hahn.

## **Fine Arts & Parade**

We ask that you encourage your child to participate in the annual Fine Arts competition and the Memorial Day Parade.

## **Lunches**

Please pay close attention to our adjusted lunch policy, which is outlined in the *2017-2018 Student & Parent Handbook*.

## **Student Drivers**

If your student will be driving to school, please complete the **Student Driver Registration Form**. Forms can be found at [www.carrollchristain.com](http://www.carrollchristain.com) under the “Info” tab.

## **Retreat**

Please pray for our retreat, which will take place September 12-14 at High Point Camp in Geigertown, PA.

## **Walk-a-Thon**

Parents and grandparents are encouraged to come out and join us on October 5 for our annual Walk-a-Thon, a fun-filled day for a good cause.

## **PSAT**

All juniors will take the PSAT on October 11 at 8:00 a.m. Students can bring snacks, water bottles, and a calculator. The cost of the testing is \$16, which needs to be turned in to Mrs. Reisberg in the Reception Center by October 1.

### **Alumni Day**

On January 11, we are asking our Alumni to come back to spend time with our students. We will have Alumni doing the chapel service and sharing information about their careers, etc. in smaller groups.

### **Secondary Revival**

Please plan to join us for our secondary revival meetings in January.

### **Internships**

Internships are March 5-9 this year. Miss Hahn has a list of businesses that are willing to take an intern. Students may meet with Miss Hahn to find out how to contact these businesses. Students are also welcome to find one that is not on the list and have it approved. Internships are valuable for helping students choose their career direction. Information is available at [www.carrollchristian.com](http://www.carrollchristian.com) under the "Info" tab.

### **Junior Hike**

The Junior Hike will be May 16-17. The intent of the Junior Hike is to develop unity and leadership among our upcoming Senior class. For years, I have observed that the student body will follow the tone set by the Senior class. On the hike, students will get to know each other better, and they will be there to help when someone else is struggling. We hike for two days (31 miles) on the C & O Canal. In the evening during devotional time, we focus on biblical leadership. It is not uncommon to have students who do not want to go on the hike. However, I have personally taken students on this hike for 20 years and have found it to be one of their best high school memories. Even the ones who did not initially want to go would gladly go again. Former students even have Facebook pages with pictures and stories about the hike, and many ask me about going again. I have provided more details on a separate handout, including what we will be doing, where we are going, and what to bring. There is a \$20 charge for the hike that is to be turned in to Mrs. Reisberg in the Reception Center by May 1. I recommend borrowing items or supplies as opposed to purchasing them. If your child is in touch with any alumni who would be willing to loan equipment, it will reduce the need to purchase supplies. The hike will take place rain or shine. As you will note in the handbook, this is a mandatory trip for all Juniors unless there is a pre-approved medical reason to not go.

### **Junior-Senior Banquet**

The Juniors will be hosting the Junior-Senior Banquet for the Seniors on April 20. The class officers and advisors will be working on a location, speaker, catering, decorations, etc. The Juniors will be asked to help the officers by serving on various committees.

All Juniors are responsible for \$190 for the banquet. This year, we are working to cut down on fundraising, so each Junior will be required to pay a \$100 fee for the banquet. Part of these funds can be raised through the three Junior fundraisers.

On the day of the event, the Juniors and Seniors will be dismissed at 12:00. Please see the *2017-2018 Student & Parent Handbook* for the dress code. All girls, whether a CCS student or a date of a CCS student, **must have** their dresses pre-approved. The dates for preapproval will be announced. The dates will be set so that the dresses will be approved at least two weeks prior to the banquet.

Juniors and Seniors will be allowed to bring a date at the approval of their parents. All attendees, including non-CCS students, must follow school standards of dress and conduct. All students bringing a date from outside of CCS will be required to submit a ***Guest Permission Form*** to the administrator by the due date noted on the form. A photographer will be there to take pictures if you are interested in purchasing them. ***Guest Permission Forms*** are available at [www.carrollchristian.com](http://www.carrollchristian.com) under the “Info” tab.

The Juniors will be giving out invitations to the Seniors in early spring. The location will remain a surprise to the Seniors until that time. A price for the banquet will be given as soon as possible.

We will also be looking for your help as chaperones for an after-the-banquet get together.

### **Graduation Practice and Graduation**

The Junior class will have a part in the graduation, and all Juniors are expected to attend and to participate. More details will be given as we get closer to the date. Juniors will arrive before graduation by 5:45 p.m. in order to help usher, hand out programs, etc. They will also have a part at the close of the graduation ceremony. There will also be a graduation practice June 1 from 12:30-1:00 that the Juniors are expected to attend. Juniors who are employed will need to notify their employer ahead of time in order to ensure they will have off of work on June 1 for graduation. Juniors will dress up for graduation to the dress up standards in the handbook (i.e., gentlemen- suit & tie)

### **Graduation Reception**

We will be asking the Junior parents to take care of the refreshments for the graduation reception on June 1. We want the Senior parents to be able to enjoy the big day. We will also need the Juniors and their parents to oversee the set up, serving, and clean up after the refreshments. Having the Junior parents and students help in this capacity will free up the Seniors and their parents to enjoy the special evening. Next year when the next class does it for you, you will greatly appreciate it. We will also need the Junior parents to help contribute \$30 toward the cost of food for the reception or contribute \$20 and bake six dozen finger desserts such as cookies or brownies. This service will come back to you next year when the Juniors help you. The \$30 or \$20 should be turned in to Mrs. Reisberg in the Reception Center by May 1.

### **Senior Trip**

An annual Senior missions trip will take place at the end of your child’s senior year. It is not too early to begin working to save money to go toward the trip.

I hope these will be memorable events for our students, and allow them to grow closer to each other and develop a closer walk with the Lord.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

In Christ,

Matthew Reisberg