



Chester Senior High School Annual Report

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2013-2014 Student Council Executive Officers

President: Melvinie Jackson
Senior Class President: Joseph Kovas



The CHS Athletic Department Receives a \$3,500 Grant

The athletes received 90 black practice jerseys from the Carolina Panther High School Uniform grant.

PPG School Grants
Chester High School has received \$3,000 in education grants from the local PPG company in Chester.

**Mrs. Faye Culp
2014-2015 Teacher of the Year.**

CHS & AdvancED Improvement Strategies

Chester High, along with the rest of the district, received accreditation from the AdvancED team that evaluated our district. This was the first time the entire district was evaluated at one time. There were only two areas that the team asked the district to improve.

1. A plan to ensure a continuous improvement process for vertical and horizontal alignment in curriculum, instruction, and assessment to enable success at the next level.

Strategies to improve.

1. Take part in testing that will measure how well our juniors are prepared for the next level.
2. Continue common planning and assessments by department.
3. Use assessments to plan re-teaching, future units, and future testing.

2. A plan to communicate information about student performance, achievement, and school improvement to all stakeholders.

Strategies to improve.

1. Teachers encouraged to make positive parent contacts.
2. Common way for school and teachers to communicate with parents.
3. The new sign will get daily information out about the school.

Beta Club News



The Beta Club started the fall with an induction ceremony of new members, which brought the club's enrollment up to 70 members. The students, shortly after, began to fundraise for the annual state convention which is held in the spring of each year. CHS Beta Club partnered with the local McDonald's for two spirit nights where the manager of McDonald's agreed to donate a percentage of their sales to the club.

CHS Beta Club was also a recipient of the local PPG Industries grant in the amount of \$1000.00 which helped the club pay for convention travel costs. In February 2014, the club traveled to Myrtle Beach, S.C. to compete in academic and talent competitions. For the second consecutive year, Ms. Mary Lifsey won first place in the Spelling competition, qualifying her for an opportunity to compete at the national level in the summer, in Richmond, Virginia. Community service projects in which the club participated this year include: the local YMCA's Halloween Carnival, the Hillarity, A Christmas in Chester, caroling at the local nursing home, tutoring through the Communities in Schools (CIS) and Chester Athletic Assistance Program (CAAP), a coat drive, hand crafted Easter Baskets donated to Battered but not Broken Ministries, and a Special Olympic party for our Special Needs class.

The purpose of the Annual Report is to inform to parents of the progress the school is making to achieve the goals and objectives of the strategic plan. The report is developed to share the challenges and successes of the school, students, parents, and teachers for the current school year.

CHS 2012-2013 Scholarship Totals

This year's total is
\$ 2,426,316.

JROTC News

Enrollment continues to steadily increase during the first and second semester of the 13-14 school year. Freshmen class size during both semesters were 44 and 36, respectfully. On September 11, 2013, Chester JROTC paid tribute to 9-11 by conducting a Remembrance Ceremony. The highlight of the ceremony was the Flag raising as the cadets were joined by first responders from the local Chester area. JROTC supported the Cyclones football season by providing Color Guard teams, Bleacher monitors, Homecoming Escorts, and Homecoming Honor Guard teams.

CHS Cafeteria Receives Their Third Great Score

The CHS cafeteria received a perfect 100% health inspection score by DHEC for the third time in two years. CHS would like to thank our manager, Ms. Lynda Hunter, and the dedicated dietitians for their hard work.



Basketball News

**The CHS Boy's
Basketball team won
the region 3A
championship.**

CHS Starts the hiTEC Initiative

With a district grant from Microsoft, Chester County School District initiated a 1:1 student tablet program this school year. Students and teachers are incorporating technology and information resources into their class lessons.

The CHS Media Center Program

The CHS media center program added two helpful research and information literacy tools for students this school year. Easybib.com, a research and citation tool, and Grammarly.com, a grammar, plagiarism, and syntax checker.

In addition to innovative tools being added to the media center program, Dr. Conrath, the School's media specialist, also worked to improve CHS Book Club membership and to incorporate alternative technology-connected options for students to share and inspire other students to read.

School Improvement Council

Teachers: Robert Jordan and Phoebe Chapman
Students: Melvinie Jackson and Joseph Kovas
2013-2014 TOY: Faye Culp
Ex-Officio Members: Karen Kerr, Jeff Gardner
Parents: Kim Gibson Sanders, Kim Sanders, Michelle Dixon, and Jamie Counterman

The CHS JAG Program

Throughout the 2013-2014 school year the Jobs for America's Graduates program has had much success. Highlights of the Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG) program this year is the annual trip to Washington, D.C. in November 2013 to attend a Student Leadership Academy. Among other unique field trip experiences, students also practiced learning about servant leadership in the community. These opportunities help our students to thrust forward to greatness.

Mission Statement

Chester High School strives to create a safe and nurturing environment where students are encouraged to develop academic, social, and emotional competencies. To this end, we are committed to developing creative, independent students who are prepared to contribute to local, national, and global societies.