

NEWSLETTER

211



JAMES B. CONANT HIGH SCHOOL

JULIE C. NOWAK PRINCIPAL

June 2019

From the Principal:

"ONE BENEFIT OF SUMMER WAS THAT EACH DAY WE HAD MORE LIGHT TO READ BY." - JEANNETTE WALLS, THE GLASS CASTLE

Ah, sweet summertime! Like so many of us, there was a moment this winter while I was scraping the ice off my car when I wondered if summer would ever come. It seemed she might skip past us like a child playing a game. While the weather and some holidays offer us time to re-connect with family and friends, and perhaps enjoy a few lazy days at the beach or the park, learning never ceases for our students and staff.

During the summer, many of our students remain very busy at school with summer school, summer camps and other summer projects. Other students have the very special opportunity to travel and experience all our great nation has to offer. Some students will travel internationally and perhaps even practice their newly acquired world language skills. Summer jobs offer a wonderful way for students to learn about the world of work and earning money.

Our teaching staff also spends summer updating their curriculum and teaching summer courses. Many of our teachers have adjunct professorships with colleges and universities and others continue their education by enrolling in graduate and post-graduate level course work. Teachers also enroll in in-district courses and participate in summer curriculum projects to ensure we are offering students the best possible curricular experiences.

This summer, our main offices remain open Monday-Thursday from 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. and Friday 7:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. We are available if you need to contact us.

Whatever opportunities you have planned for the summer, I wish you all the best for a reinvigorating and re-energizing summer!

Have a wonderful summer!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Julie C. Nowak".

Julie C. Nowak
Principal



NEW INFINITE CAMPUS PARENT AND STUDENT MOBILE APPS

Infinite Campus, District 211's Student Information System, is continually evolving to meet the needs of our students and parents. Infinite Campus recently launched an update to its parent and student interfaces. The new mobile apps (<https://www.infinitecampus.com/video/mobile-apps>), *Campus Parent* and *Campus Student*, provide real-time access to grades, assignments, attendance, schedules, announcements, and more while bringing uniformity and consistency to the user experience regardless of the device.

District 211 will convert all existing Infinite Campus parent portal accounts to the Campus Parent system and student portal accounts to the Campus Student system on Monday, June 3, 2019.

The *Campus Student* app has been placed in the self-service portal for students to download and install on their school-issued iPads. Parents can find the free *Campus Parent* app in the App Store (iOS) and Google Play (Android) and are encouraged to install the app on their devices so they can access the information available within Infinite Campus. The existing Parent Portal and Student Portal apps will be removed from service in June 2019. All users will continue to access the online browser-based web portal at the same address, with the same login credentials, but will see a different look.

Experienced Infinite Campus users will notice some differences when utilizing the new mobile apps or online web portal. Certain features have been renamed and some items have moved to new locations. District 211 has prepared a brief video tutorial highlighting the Campus Parent online web portal and app, and you can view the video on the District website.

2019-2020 PARKING UPDATE

At the start of May, students were offered the opportunity to submit their names into the 2019-2020 parking lottery via both email and Schoology. The lottery was open for two weeks for the Class of 2020 & for one week for the Class of 2021. By now your student should have heard if they are eligible for a pass. The pass will be available for purchase starting Monday, August 5. Students who do not purchase their pass by Monday, August 12 at 4:00 p.m. are assumed to have forfeited the pass and it will be made available for students on the waitlist. There is no fall lottery. Although we understand everyone's situations in requesting a pass, please understand our parking is very limited and not every student will be able to obtain a parking pass.



If you require assistance while visiting our school, please contact the assistant principal's office at (847) 755-3612.

For individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing, please access the following TTD/TTY telephone number: (847) 755-3654.

dates to remember

MON 6/4	FIRST DAY OF SUMMER SCHOOL – 1ST SEMESTER
WED 6/25	LAST DAY OF SUMMER SCHOOL – 1ST SEMESTER
THR 6/26	FIRST DAY OF SUMMER SCHOOL – 2ND SEMESTER
THR 7/4	NO SUMMER SCHOOL CLASSES
THR 7/18	LAST DAY OF SUMMER SCHOOL – 2ND SEMESTER
MON 7/22-25 -THR	WALK IN REGISTRATION 7:30AM-3:00PM
TUE 7/23	EVENING WALK IN REGISTRATION 5:00PM-8:00PM
THR 7/25	EVENING WALK IN REGISTRATION 5:00PM-8:00PM
FRI 7/26	WALK IN REGISTRATION 7:30AM-12:30PM

SUMMER READING

Accelerated and Advanced Placement English students have a specific, required summer reading assignment which is available on the school website all summer. Teachers also distributed materials and explained requirements to classes. All other students are encouraged to continue reading all summer long to prevent summer slide and take part in the joy of reading. The Conant Library's Reading Program brochure offers excellent sources for you and your Cougars to select books to enjoy all summer.

THE RON GUMMERSON ALL AGES TRACK MEET

Save the Date for this Great Family Event

Save the Date: Thursday, July 25, 2019

4:30 PM - Registration begins

5:30 PM - All Ages Clinic - Using a Starting Block

6:00 PM - Running and Field Events Begin

Ages 0-99 are all invited to compete

Admission

\$5 unlimited entries in field and running events, \$3 children (3 & under).

All proceeds go to the scholarship awarded to a Conant Male & Female Athlete each year.

For more information on running or volunteering go to: gummersontrack.com

2019-2020 FALL SPORTS REGISTRATION

Fall Sports Registration begins in early July. Athletes must have a current physical, within the last 13 months, on file in the nurse's office to participate. The first day for practice for all levels of football and boys/girls golf is on Monday, August 12, 2019. All other fall sports begin on Wednesday, August 14, 2019. The first day of school for all students is Monday, August 12, 2019. Check the Conant website for details, <http://chs.d211.org/>

The coaches to contact for fall sports questions are:

Football	Bryan Stortz BStortz@d211.org
Boys Golf	Scott Cieplik scieplik@d211.org
Girls Golf	Megan Hebert mhebert@d211.org
Boys Soccer	Jason Franco jfranco@d211.org
Girls Volleyball	Drewann Pancratz dpancratz@d211.org
Boys Cross Country	John Powers jpowers@d211.org
Girls Cross Country	Kalli Dalton KDalton@d211.org
Girls Tennis	Dave Koleno dkoleno@d211.org
Girls Swimming	Justin Bickus jbickus@d211.org
Cheerleading	Amanda/Christina Schweinebraten aschweinebraten@d211.org cschweinebraten@d211.org

Support the Conant High School Food Pantry

Conant High School has a food pantry that serves our Cougars in Need. It's called the **Cougar Cupboard** and is visited every Friday by about 15-20 students. Because of the unique needs and situations that our Cougars in Need face, our pantry needs are a little different from a typical food pantry. The highest demand items require simple to no cooking and appeal to the teenage palate.

Students Especially Appreciate the Following Items:

Slim Jims, microwave popcorn, pop-tarts, healthy chips, trail mix, mini-muffins, fruit snacks, breakfast bars, cereal, Rice Krispy treats, oatmeal, apple sauce pouches, juice boxes, fruit cups, individual macaroni and cheese, Ramen noodles, pasta and sauce, toiletries and personal items. Frozen foods (if you bring these items in, please bring it to the attention of the front office) such as Uncrustables, hot pockets, and individually wrapped mini pizzas.

We are so thankful for the generosity of the Conant High School community!

RECOGNITIONS

2019 BPA National Champions

- **Saanji Shah, Shreya Katwala, Kimaya Parmar & Sahithi Ankireddy**
 - Global Marketing Team – 1st

2019 BPA National Medalists

- **John Waity**
 - C++ Programming – 5th
 - Administrative Support Concepts – 7th (out of 533)
 - Computer Programming Concepts – 8th (out of 273)
- **Meiko Sahagun**
 - Database Applications – 5th
- **Vera Iyer**
 - Fundamental Spreadsheet Applications – 5th
- **Saanji Shah, Shreya Katwala, Kimaya Parmar & Sahithi Ankireddy**
 - Global Marketing Team – 1st
- **Kaahan Motwani, Jay Patel, Raj Patel & Darsh Dalal**
 - Global Marketing Team – 8th
- **Daniel Kang**
 - Graphic Design Promotion – 5th

Congratulations to the following students who went to the **IHSA State Journalism** competition:

- Michelle Zhang—5th place in Editorial Writing
- Jaylen Patel—5th place in Photo Story Telling
- Isaac Goffin—6th place in News Writing and 1st place in Sports Writing

It was exciting to see Isaac win the state championship! He was also named to the 2019 Illinois Journalism Education Association All-State Journalism team (one of 14 students in the state to be given this award).

Congratulations to the **State Math Team**. Results are as follows:

- Pre-Calc Team: 10th Place
- Junior-Senior 8 Person: 2nd Place
- Andrew Milas-Algebra 2: 5th Place
- Rajat Mittal - Orals: 1st Place (first math team state champion at CHS)

- Congratulations to Andrew Milas who qualified for the United States Math Olympiad. This is the 3rd round of the American Mathematics Competition. Andrew is the **FIRST** student in Conant's history to make it to this round.

Congratulations to the **Science Olympiads**:

- As a school we placed 12th overall out of 50 schools in the AA division.
- Events we medaled in-
- Mousetrap Vehicle 5th place (Jareth Gomes and Krish Mehta)
- Sounds of Music 5th place (Jareth Gomes and Saurav Sumughan)
- Detector Building 5th place (Krisha Jivani and Rahi Petal)

Congratulations to the students who participated in Valparaiso University's Chinese contests. **Amiera Dandona** received 3rd place in speaking. **Vivian Zhao** received 3rd place in speaking and 2nd place in Talent show. **Avril Fielle Mauro** received 3rd place in speaking and 2nd place in Talent show. **Labdhi Jain** received 3rd place in speaking and 2nd place in writing.

- Boys Tennis finished 2nd in the MSL.
- Boys Tennis was 1st at the Wheaton Invite, 2nd at the Maine South Invite.
- Boys and Girls Water Polo are Sectional Champs.
- Boys and Girls Water Polo won the Glenbrook South Invite.
- Girls Water Polo Raised \$2,000 for Pancreatic Cancer in honor of Rob Lindgren.
- Girls Water Polo won the Palatine Invite.
- Two girls State Qualifiers - Chikere Oduocha and Jessica Malecki.
- Girls Lacrosse took 2nd Place at the Cougar-Hawk Tournament.
- Baseball Raised \$3,500 for the Anthony Rizzo Cancer Foundation.
- Badminton placed 3rd in the Rolling Meadows Invite.

Ms. Samantha Serrano to participate in Summer Conference and Field Study in South Korea.

CONANT BOOSTERS

Congratulations to the Class of 2019 on their Graduation. Best wishes to you and your families as you step into the next chapter of your lives. We hope you leave Conant High School with fond memories and countless stories.

Thank you to everyone who helped make this school year so successful. A special thanks to the Conant Boosters Board Officers, Committee Chairs, Administration, Staff, and ALL of the wonderful Volunteers! Your hard work has been evident throughout the year and as a result, I have seen the positive impact we make on the Conant students, staff, and community.

Conant Boosters are already hard at work planning for next year. We host events, support activities, manage fundraisers, award

scholarships, and so much more. With so much going on, We Need You! Please consider sharing your time and talents with us next year. Also, to see more of what Conant Boosters do to support Conant High School, go to our website at www.conantboosters.com. Have a wonderful Summer!

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Conant Boosters President

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