



# KNIGHTLY NEWS

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## A Letter from the Principal

## Kudos

Dear CHS Families,

Happy New Year! I am delighted to announce the tremendous success of our tablet deployment. Thank you for your continued support as we all adjust to this new learning tool. 2012 and beyond will be very different and exciting for our students. We are thrilled that you are with us for this new learning journey.

Each new year brings the opportunity to start fresh and make new resolutions, all with the goal of self-improvement. During this new year season, I hope that you and your students take some time to reflect on the past year and to set goals for the rest of this year. For our seniors, this is an exciting time of college acceptances and career beginnings. For our underclassmen, this is a golden opportunity for renewal and refocus.

To assist you and your child in planning for the future, underclassmen (grades 9, 10, and 11) received a *Program of Study* at the beginning of the month. This guide is designed to outline courses and opportunities for the next school year. When discussing goals and future plans with your child, please use this helpful guide in selecting the courses that will best match your child's skills, interests, and learning objectives.

In January and February, your child will meet with his/her counselor to select courses for next year. Make a plan to talk with your child about their course selection for next year. Please keep in mind the importance of balancing home responsibilities, school stresses, extra-curricular involvement, and social commitments when building a schedule that best fits your child's needs. Your child's future is so important to us; we stand eager to assist you in any way that we can. Please feel free to contact me or anyone on the CHS staff if you have any questions.

Thank you for sending your child to Charlottesville High School!

Sincerely,

Thomas W. Taylor, Ed.D.  
Principal

- Congratulations to the **CHS Pop Quiz team**, which finished second in the state and 53rd in the nation in the Fall Knowledge Master competition. The contest is a two-hour team event in which students answer 200 multiple-choice questions in math, science, literature, grammar, history, science, and current events. Team members participating were Captain **Jonah O'Connor**, **Caroline Hylton**, **Garnett Schuyler**, **Michelle Brown**, **Seven Starosta**, **Auden Nelson**, **Wesley Morgan**, **Manning Turkheimer**, **Malloy Owen**, **Ryan Cox**, and **Gian Apusen**. Coaches for the team are **Patty Vandever**, **Kris Kishore**, and **Suzan Hiller**.

- Kudos to the following students who won prizes for their poetry and prose in the annual **University of Virginia Writer's Eye** contest. Students responded to artwork by writing prose or poetry and competed against students from Charlottesville and the surrounding counties. Students were from Ms. Tierney, Ms. Nicholson, and Ms. Vandever's English and Creative Writing classes. First Place Prose: **Sarah Purow-Ruderman**; Second Place Prose: **Meg Russell**; Third Place Prose: **Aidan Pearce**; Honorable Mention Prose: **Ryan Murphy**, **Logan Hall**, and **Jane Hornsby**; Second Place poetry: **Clio Angle-Davis**; Third Place Poetry: **Zoe Sorensen**; Honorable Mention Poetry: **Jordan Davis** and **Sydney Thomas**.

- Congratulations to 22 CHS Band members who earned selection to the **All-District XIII Bands**. Auditions were held at Walton Middle School on December 10. Six students earned the highest scores/first chair placements and 12 students are eligible to audition for All-State Bands. The All-District Bands rehearse and perform a concert with other top student musicians from the Charlottesville region on February 3-4. Kudos to **Emily Hayes** (first chair flute), **Gini Carlton** (first chair bassoon), **Haley Satear** (first chair oboe), **Joshua Zimmerman** (first chair mallets),  
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**Carolyn Myers** (first chair French horn), **Kara Booker** (first chair bass clarinet), **Meg Russell** (third chair clarinet); **Erik Quigg** (second chair bassoon), **Ryan Bouabid** (fourth chair trumpet), **Richard Potter** (second chair French horn), **Kelly Hancock** (fourth chair French horn), **Manning Turkheimer** (second chair euphonium), **Kyle Brooker** (French horn), **Peter Dillery** (trumpet), **Nia West** (euphonium), **Jennifer Ballard** (flute), **Geneva Knight** (flute), **Jane Hornsby** (oboe), **Curtis Kenney** (snare drum), **Peter Kromkowski** (bassoon), **Thadd Probst** (clarinet), and **Sena Tauchi** (clarinet).

- CHS took second place in debate sweepstakes at a Catholic Forensic League Tournament Dec. 10. **Cameron Bills** won first place in Lincoln-Douglas debate, and **Jessie Press-Williams** finished in fifth place. **Gabriel Lipkowitz** placed second in Student Congress, and **Logan Hall** came in fourth. In Original Oratory, **Ben Profitt** won second place. **Kate Coleman** qualified for states in Original Oratory, and **David Cohn** qualified in Congress. Forensics is sponsored by **Jenn Horne** and **Mike Evans**.

## PTO ANNUAL APPEAL CONTINUES

Thanks to those who have donated to the CHS PTO's Annual Appeal! We appreciate your generous contributions. The Appeal continues throughout this month and next; please consider making a donation. Every penny is important; with the funds we collect your PTO can sponsor teachers' grants and students' scholarships. Please remit contributions to: CHS PTO, 1400 Melbourne Road 22901. Thank you from Kim Basile and Katherine McGraw, CHS PTO.

## TheatreCHS News

Happy New Year from TheatreCHS! Last fall was incredibly busy and quite rewarding for all elements of the theater department. Not only did we have a winning One-Act "The Rules of Comedy," but the fall play, *Fahrenheit 451*, was also a great success! We were fortunate enough to perform the show again for the English department on Friday, January 13th. The Musical Theater Ensemble also premiered its end-of-semester revue, and was immensely successful as well. On top of all of this, we have started rehearsals for Frank Loesser's "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying."

We began building the "How to Succeed" set on January 17. Tech students are eager to start assembling what we have built, and parental help is always appreciated! "Build" days will occur every Tuesday until Tech Week March 19th.

"How to Succeed" will be performed in the Martin Luther King Performing Arts Center on Friday March 23 and Saturday March 24 at 7:30 p.m., and on Sunday, March 25 at 2 p.m.

On Wednesday, February 1, TheatreCHS will preview a musical number from the show in collaboration with the Symphony concert! The annual CHS Symphony and Chorus concert is free and open to the public and is slated for 7:30 in the CHS MLK PAC.

If you are interested in getting involved in any way with the theater program please send an email to [TheatreCHS10@gmail.com](mailto:TheatreCHS10@gmail.com)

--David Becker, TheatreCHS Director

## In Memoriam

Ms. Jill Robinson was a superb gym teacher, devoted Swim and Dive team coach, and a loving member of the CHS faculty, even after her medical retirement last year. Her battle with cancer ended on Wednesday, January 11. She will be remembered for her warmth, compassion for children, and unwavering friendship to others. Jill leaves with us her loving husband Dan and son Luke. A memorial service to celebrate her life will be held on Saturday, January 28th at St. John's Lutheran Church in Yardley Pennsylvania. In addition, a local "Celebration of Life" family potluck will be held at Fry Springs Beach Club on Saturday, February 18th from 5 - 8 p.m. Condolences may be sent to Dan Robertson, 114 Melbourne Park Rd, Apt. A, Charlottesville 22901. Donations for a scholarship for Luke may be made in Jill's name at [sites.google.com/site/jillsfightforlifefund](http://sites.google.com/site/jillsfightforlifefund).

## Calendar

### February

1	Symphony/Chorus Concert/7:30 p.m.
4	Super Saturday Financial Aid Event/10 a.m.
3-4	All-District Band
4	Virginia Science Bowl
10	Senior Art Show
10-11	All-District Chorus
15	Spring Sports Meeting
17	End of 3rd Interim
20	Spring Sports Begin
23	Band Pre-Festival Concert
24	Chorus Gospel Showcase
25	All-VA Band/Orch Auditions
29	Winter Sports Banquet
	All-City Choral Festival

### March

2-3	District Band Festival (Assessment)
10	District Orchestra Festival (Assessment)
12	Art Show 2012 begins
15	District Choral Festival
16	10th Grade Career Day
17	Art 2012 Open House
21	Art 2012 Open House
23-25	Musical "How To Succeed in Business"
30	End of 3rd grading period

### April

2-6	Spring Break
9	Teacher Workday/no school for students
19-22	Music Department Spring Trip/Orlando
25	Regional College Fair

### May

8	Band Concert
10	Choir Concert
18-19	Dessert Theater
20	Orchestra Concert
28	Memorial Day holiday

### June

2	Class of 2012 Graduation
4	Underclass exams begin

• **College Night in Virginia** is a statewide, annual event sponsored by Educational Credit Management Corporation, and on Monday, November 17, 2011 it finally made its way to Central Virginia thanks to co-site coordinator Mr. Rich, the College Adviser, PVCC Career Coach Ms. Anderson, the PTO, and the Virginia College Advising Corps. Congratulations to Rashard Davis, Nadasia Walker, and Glen Wetherall for each winning a \$500 scholarship.

## Senior Announcements

• Seniors planning to attend a **4-year college** in the fall who have not yet submitted their college applications are encouraged to meet with the College Guide, Mr. Rich, for assistance in completing those forms, as well as financial aid. Mr. Rich is located on the right side of the Media Center in room M-153. Mr. Rich's office phone number is 245-2721, and he can be emailed at [Reshaud.Rich@ccs.k12.va.us](mailto:Reshaud.Rich@ccs.k12.va.us)

• Seniors who plan to attend **PVCC** in the fall should make an appointment with Ms. Anderson, the PVCC Career Coach, who can help with the application and financial aid process. Ms. Anderson is located in room # M-115, on the left side of Media Center. Her office phone number is 245-2637, and her e-mail addresses are [amy.e.anderson@ccs.k12.va.us](mailto:amy.e.anderson@ccs.k12.va.us) or [aanderson@pvcc.edu](mailto:aanderson@pvcc.edu).

• Seniors who will need financial aid to attend college should be regularly reviewing the **Scholarship Update** that is posted in classrooms and on the CHS School Counseling website. College-bound seniors with unusual financial circumstances are encouraged to complete and submit the Scholarship Information form that was distributed through English 12 classes in September. Forms should be submitted to Mrs. Ruffner, the Scholarship Committee coordinator in Room M-149 in the Media Center. All college-bound seniors should also plan on attending the free Super Saturday Financial Aid event scheduled for February 4 at CHS.

• The **Super Saturday Financial Aid** event for all college bound seniors is scheduled for Saturday, February 4 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at Charlottesville High School. Financial Aid advisors will be presenting Financial Aid Workshops, and will provide individual assistance in completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Families should bring identification information, W-2 forms, and tax return documents in order to complete the FAFSA during the Super Saturday event. While only seniors can complete the FAFSA during this event, all college-bound students and their parents are welcome to attend the information sessions. Questions? Stop by the Media Center and ask the Career Coach, Ms. Amy E. Anderson, in M-115, or the College Advisor, Mr. Reshaud Rich, in M-153.

• Seniors who need to purchase **caps and gowns** will need to go online to make the purchase. The website is [jeff.adams@jostens.com](http://jeff.adams@jostens.com), and the cost is \$50. If you have any questions please call or speak with Ms. Howard in room HT-3.

• Seniors are invited to attend the trip to the **Historically Black College and University Festival** on Saturday, February 18 in Alexandria, Virginia. Many colleges will be conducting on-site admissions! Please see Ms. Lloyd or Mr. Rich in the Media Center for qualifications and a permission slip.

## SCHOOL COUNSELING ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Program Planning:** The 2012-2013 Program Planning Guide has been distributed to families and is also available on the CCS website. The Curriculum Fair was held on January 4, giving students and their parents/guardians a chance to explore course options.

The school counselors are conducting classroom presentations in all freshman, sophomore, and junior English classes to review graduation requirements, college expectations, college exploration, career planning, post-high school options, resources for improving grades and test scores, and how the courses students select for next year can help them achieve their academic and career goals. Between January 10<sup>th</sup> and February 24<sup>th</sup>, counselors will meet individually with every student to review their grades, transcripts, discuss their high school and post-high school goals, and determine which courses will help them achieve those goals. Parents/guardians are encouraged to contact their child's counselor if they have questions, concerns, or would like to schedule an appointment to meet about next year's schedule.

**PSAT Results:** The PSAT distribution event for parents and students was also held on January 4. Students who were unable to attend the event may pick their PSAT scores up in the school counseling office. Information about what the scores mean, how the score report can be used to develop a study plan, and free resources available from the College Board are also included in the materials distributed to students. Parents are encouraged to review the information and discuss with their students. Students who are disappointed in their test scores should discuss strategies for improvement with their counselor prior to taking the SAT or ACT college admissions tests in the spring of their junior year.

**The 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Career Fair** is scheduled for March 16, 2012. All sophomores were given a career assessment during the fall and students ranked their top choices for speaker sessions to attend during the Career Fair.

**The Regional College Fair** will be held at CHS this year, from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m., on Wednesday, April 25, 2012 (please note this is a date change!). There are typically close to 100 colleges and universities represented, often by the admissions officers who will review the applications from this area. This is a wonderful opportunity for students and their parents to pick up information and ask questions about different schools, as well as allow the admissions officers to put a face to a name they may be seeing on an application in the fall.

For **Advanced Placement students:** The city school system has decided to pay for all AP exams this year, so all students enrolled in an Advanced Placement course will be automatically registered for that exam. Students who wish to take an exam for a course in which they are not enrolled must inform Mrs. Durrer, the Counseling Department secretary, by March 11, 2012. Students who are enrolled in an AP course but do not intend to take the exam must complete a form that is signed by their parents and submit it to Mrs. Durrer by March 11<sup>th</sup>. Students who are unable to take an AP exam on the scheduled date due to another academic commitment (such as an out-of-state science fair) must also inform Mrs. Durrer as soon as the conflict is known so a late test can be ordered. The "Bulletin for AP Students and Parents for 2011-2012" will be distributed in February and should be reviewed thoroughly as College Board policy and procedures are strictly followed.

**AP exams** begin on Monday, May 7<sup>th</sup> and end on Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup>. The 2012 AP exam schedule can be found on the College Board website at <http://professionals.collegeboard.com/testing/ap/about/dates> or the CHS School Counseling Department website at: <http://www.ccs.k12.va.us/schools/chs/counseling/events.html>

For **All Students:** Enrichment opportunities are posted on the bulletin board in B-Commons. Please make an appointment to see your counselor or drop by the counseling office during lunch when you need assistance with academic issues, college advising, career planning, personal concerns, and/or interpersonal issues. Counselors are assigned by last name, except for English Second Language students and students with an IEP:

A-D	Carol Easterlin	245-2689	<a href="mailto:Carol.Easterlin@ccs.k12.va.us">Carol.Easterlin@ccs.k12.va.us</a>
E-K	James Bryant	245-2687	<a href="mailto:James.Bryant@ccs.k12.va.us">James.Bryant@ccs.k12.va.us</a>
L-R	Melanie Robak	245-2686	<a href="mailto:Melanie.Robak@ccs.k12.va.us">Melanie.Robak@ccs.k12.va.us</a>
S-Z	Fallon Dodson	245-2688	<a href="mailto:Fallon.Dodson@ccs.k12.va.us">Fallon.Dodson@ccs.k12.va.us</a>
IEP	Gigi Davis-White	245-2690	<a href="mailto:Gigi.Davis-White@ccs.k12.va.us">Gigi.Davis-White@ccs.k12.va.us</a>
ESL, Dept. Chair	Lisa Morales	245-2685	<a href="mailto:Lisa.Morales@ccs.k12.va.us">Lisa.Morales@ccs.k12.va.us</a>

**School Counseling Department Statistics:** Counselors held over 3,400 individual meetings with students during the first semester of the 2011-2012 school year, with about 82% concerning academic issues, 10% concerning personal/social issues, 7% concerning college, and 1% concerning career matters.

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## 2ND 9 WEEKS A/B HONOR ROLL

### 9th Grade

Indigo Adler  
Eve Allen  
William Amacker  
Kendall Ballard  
Emily Bambury  
Paul Bearman  
Monique Brown  
Wyatt Burgess  
Mary Byrne  
Isabella Ciambotti  
David Cohn  
Eliza Cohn  
Chau Nguyen  
Nash Davis  
Kendal Dowdell  
Sarah Dukes  
Lucy Emery  
Brittany Fitch  
Alisha Ford  
William Ford  
Jonah Franke-Fuller  
Max Freedman  
Lydia Funk  
Andrew Gamma  
Ehsa Gay  
Ivy Geilker  
Bhima Ghaley  
Lindsey Gorsch  
Brenna Graves  
Nina Griffin  
Maritza Gutierrez  
Alexandra Hall  
Hannah Hamilton  
Mohammed Hamodi  
Kelly Handock  
Safiya Hassan  
Emma Hendrix  
Theocles Herrin  
Benjamin Hitchcock  
Philip Hoffman  
Hannah Houpt  
Zhencheng Huang  
Eileen Johnson  
Brianna Jordan  
Curtis Kahn  
Tess Kendrick  
Peter Kromkowski  
Emma Lather  
Nicholas Leon  
Gabriel Lipkowitz  
Joseph Malone  
Margaret Manto  
Hannah Marshall  
Leah Marshall  
Madeline McGrath  
Alan Mendoza  
Conor Merricks  
Stefan Mitrovic  
Evan Myers  
Stefan Norling  
Eli Norris  
Andrew Peritz  
Tiernan Primm  
Eder Ramirez  
Hunter Rolph  
Jack Ronayne  
Syndethia Rush  
Ian Serrano  
Colleen Shea-Hackett  
Lauren Skidmore  
Miriah Smith  
Kadin Sullivan  
Harrison Sutphin  
Buddha Tamang  
Prakash Tamang  
Randatha Tamang  
Sana Tauchi  
Alexis Taylor

Amelia Thompson  
Logan Toney  
Benjamin Veale  
Raylaja Waller  
Scottie Wardell  
Kimani Wicks  
Bria Williams  
Ethan Young

### 10th grade

Sophie Adams  
Giun Apusen  
Rajia Arbab  
Hope Atkins  
Ruby Auble  
Eleanor Birlle  
Jacob Bollinger  
Caroline Bray  
Anne Brockman  
Samantha Brown  
Chad Bryant  
Anna Caughron  
Kaitlyn Cost  
Ryan Cox  
Zelma Daatu  
Brendan Delany  
Carman Drake  
Sarah Gillaspie  
Karina Hange  
Tessa Higgins  
Moira Hulbert  
Sarah Hunter-Chang  
Saif Kadhim  
Maydha Kapur  
Masey Kirschnick  
Jayme Kusyk  
Veronica Lam  
William Lewis  
Viviana Lopez  
Liam McCarthy  
Lauren Meintzschel  
Audun Nelson  
Natalia Olszewski  
Malloy Owen  
Haley Owens  
Xenia Owens  
Yadhav Paudel  
Maggie Payne  
Anna Perry  
Richard Potter  
Vail Prior  
Christopher Proffitt  
Sophie Pugh-Sellers  
Erik Quigg  
Pearl Risberg  
Hamid Saleh  
Sophie Schectman  
Elizabeth Shane  
Sydney Sparks  
Skylar Spears  
Shaarada Srivatsa  
Elizabeth Stafford  
Seven Starosta  
Nicholas Steele  
Marco Sun  
Mangal Tamang  
Evelyn Tewksbury  
Manning Turkheimer  
Ana Untaroiu  
Danny Wagner  
Jermal Wells  
Mary Widmer  
Hannah Winckler-Olick  
Lana Womack  
Annette Zenker

### 11th grade

Ahmad Abdul-Satar  
Nell Ackerman  
D'Andrea Anderson  
Haley Arata  
Ryan Averill  
Pia Balangue  
Garrett Beeghly  
Robert Bergland  
Willis Bocock  
Ryan Bouabid  
Katherine Bouchard  
Esther Brenig  
Guthrie Brown  
Kelsey Brownrigg  
Devan Burgess  
Hollis Camp  
Sam Campbell  
Joy Carveth  
Allan Chuang  
Kate Coleman  
Stephany Coleman  
Liam Corcoran  
Kevin Costanzo  
Jeremy Dabney  
John Daniels  
Peter Dillery  
Shyketa Dodson  
Max Dreyfus  
Robert Emery  
Neil Fendley  
Deniqua Frye  
Hunter Gilbert  
Elizabeth Givens  
Lindsay Goode  
Leandro Grigera-Monteaq  
Shane Grzegorzcyk  
Patrick Haggerty  
Logan Hall  
Claire Hart  
Marion Haskins  
Mary Hemenway  
Luke Henry  
Jacob Herrin  
Ari Hibbard  
Harris Holland  
Sophia Holmes  
Thomas Holt  
Lawrence Hook  
Jane Hornsby  
Caroline Hylton  
Abigail Intolubbe-Chmil  
Tony Kahn  
Elisabeth Hayton  
Madeleine Keach  
Charlotte Keeley  
Emily Keeley  
Austin Kemon  
Georgianna Lamb  
Elizabeth Lane  
Brennan Lee  
Lucas Levine  
Cameron Lingo  
Johnny Little  
Daniela Lopez-Ruiz  
Desiree McIntyre  
Misael Mendoza  
Emily Merricks  
Aspen Miller  
Ryan Murphy  
Carolyn Myers  
Grace Paine  
Althea Pickering  
Tanka Poudel  
Warren Ragland  
Elizabeth Reid  
Steven Richardson  
Meg Russell

Isabelle Schoppa  
Sophy Schulman  
Kate Seidel  
Filip Selena  
Anthony Shelar  
Leia Squillace  
Vivek Srivatsa  
Jasmine Staton  
Isabel Sullivan  
Caitlin Thomson  
Alexander Thrift  
Yoko Uesugi  
Kiran Van Lengen-Welty  
Asia Washington  
Katie Watterson  
Christian Weaver  
Benjamin Wilhelm

### 12th grade

Maira Isela  
Zunaira Arbab  
Cameron Bills  
Charlotte Boatner-Doane  
Syriah Braxton  
Michelle Brown  
Byadunia Buluma  
Cory Byrne  
Naundi Cook  
Samantha Deane  
James Duva  
Julia Emery  
Ashton Ferneyhough  
Eric Fetcho  
Jenna Francis  
John Gilbert  
Aidan Greene  
Bryan Hancock  
Caroline Harris  
Emily Hays  
Maxwell Higgins  
Shakaya Howard  
Bo Hunt  
Antionnette Inge  
Rickquan Jones  
Addison Josey  
Marquis Kennedy  
Andrew Kromkowski  
Jacob LaViolette  
Mariah Martin  
Travis Martin  
Robert Mattimoe  
Jack McCarthy  
Jane McGinnis  
Trip Moore  
Hannah Morgan  
Wesley Morgan  
Carson Newman  
Josiane Nyirashombo  
Saskia Owens  
Jonathan Perdue  
Jesse Press-Williams  
Benjamin Proffitt  
Iris Puryear  
Olivia Robertson  
Frank Rolph  
Rebecca Schectman  
Ariel Setear  
Hayley Setear  
Preston Smith  
Christian Sutphin  
Adrian Taylor  
Jalen Taylor  
Claire Thompson  
Christina Tran  
Razvan Untaroiu  
Naomi Wiener  
Wazhma Yousafi

## Announcements

• CHS sophomores will participate in the **10<sup>th</sup> Grade Regional Career Day** on Friday, March 16, 2012. This event is hosted by Piedmont Virginia Community College and sponsored by the school divisions of Albemarle, Charlottesville, Fluvanna, Greene, Nelson as well as Piedmont Futures. Students will get useful advice from speakers about recommended classes, educational preparation, volunteer experience, and/or other ways to get exposure to their field of interest. Researching information about real careers and real people in jobs can lead to informed career decisions that will save time and money.

This event is part of our school counseling curriculum and all 10<sup>th</sup> graders are expected to attend. Parents, please be on the look-out for a permission slip! For more information contact Lee Davis, Vocational Planner, 434-245-2634; or Gigi Davis, School Career Counselor, 434-245-2690.

• Nominate your favorite teacher for a **Golden Apple!** The 12th Annual Golden Apple Awards, sponsored by Better Living Building Supply and Better Living Furniture, recognize outstanding teachers from area school divisions, including CATEC. Award recipients receive a *Golden Apple* as well as gift certificates from local businesses, and are eligible to receive a \$1,000 grant. The grant award can be used for classroom materials or to support the recipient's continued professional development. Nomination forms are available from Ms. VanZandt at CHS or at [www.betterlivingvirginia.com](http://www.betterlivingvirginia.com). The deadline to return nomination forms to Dr. Taylor is February 29. For more information, contact Reeda Deane or Wandae Johnson at ACS, 296-5820.

• A **"Life after High School Transition Conference and Resource Fair"** will be held on Saturday, February 25, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Parent Resource Center/Ivy Creek School Building, 225 Lambs Lane, Charlottesville. The free conference and resource fair for students with disabilities and their parents is sponsored by PREP/Parent Resource Center, in collaboration with the Virginia Department of Education T/TAC. Community members, educators, and agencies are welcome to attend.

The conference will highlight issues such as "So You're 18 - Legal Rights and Responsibilities," "Transition 101, Postsecondary Education," "Vocational /Employment Options and Supports," "Independent Living" and more. There will be a student-only session addressing self-determination taking place throughout the day.

For more information call (434) 975-9400 ext. 68032 or email [sblech@k12albemarle.org](mailto:sblech@k12albemarle.org). To learn more about transitions: [www.lifeafterhs.org](http://www.lifeafterhs.org)

• **School closings due to inclement weather** (hurricanes, snow, etc.) will be announced on the local radio and television stations. All school closings will be posted immediately to the Charlottesville City School website ([www.charlottesvilleschools.org](http://www.charlottesvilleschools.org)) and the school closing information line at 245-2401. In addition, information on school closings, delays and cancellations of activities will be posted on the Channel 29 website ([www.nbc29.com](http://www.nbc29.com)) or WINA radio ([www.wina.com](http://www.wina.com).) Please do not call the radio/TV stations. Parents may receive email notification of unscheduled early dismissals by subscribing to the Charlottesville City Schools INFO List Serv. Click on "CCS List Serv Subscriptions" on the CCS home page to sign up.

The Frank Batten School of Leadership and Public Policy at UVA in partnership with CHS present:

An Oratory Contest in Honor of  
Martin Luther King Jr.

Students will write original speeches (750-1000 words) that address the following prompt:

*"True compassion is more than flinging a coin to a beggar; it is not haphazard and superficial. It comes to see that an edifice which produces beggars needs restructuring. A true revolution of values will soon look uneasily on the glaring contrast of poverty and wealth."*  
-- The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

How is this quote from Martin Luther King Jr. relevant to the economic realities that face the present world?

Deadline for submission is 4 p.m. February 9. Prizes up to \$500 will be awarded to the finalists in the contest. Finals will be held on February 28 at the UVA Rotunda. Speeches will be written and presented orally. Entries should include name, grade, email address and/or phone number and should be submitted to [battenevents@virginia.edu](mailto:battenevents@virginia.edu), [adamsj1@ccs.k12.va.us](mailto:adamsj1@ccs.k12.va.us), or hand-delivered to Mr. Adams in room B211. Any further questions can be directed to [battenevents@virginia.edu](mailto:battenevents@virginia.edu) or Mr. Adams.

CHS students who are Mu Alpha Theta members will offer math tutoring at lunch. Students should sign up with their math teachers if they are interested in being tutored. Mu Alpha Theta members should sign up with Jane Thomas during lunches that they are available.

AAA Honors – September / October

Kendall Ballard (Academics)  
Ben Veale (Athletics)  
Leia Squillace (Arts)

Students of the Month – September / October

Dionte Harris  
Tre Wood  
Garrett Beeghly  
Byadunia Buluma

Black Knight of the Month – September / October

Charlottesville High School  
1400 Melbourne Road  
Charlottesville, VA 22901

*Permit holder:*  
Charlottesville City Schools  
1562 Dairy Road  
Charlottesville, VA 22903

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Charlottesville, VA  
Permit No. 196