

Excellence in our

ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) AND HONORS PROGRAMS

Advanced Placement and Honors classes offer a rigorous curriculum designed for independent/advanced learners who wish to engage in higher-level academic challenges. CHS is proud to offer the following AP classes, many of which have associated honors courses for underclassmen: AP Language and Composition AP Literature and Composition, AP Spanish Literature, AP Spanish Language, AP Statistics, AP Calculus AB, AP Calculus BC, AP Biology, and AP Chemistry. We are also proud to offer Anatomy, Psychology and Physiology for College of DuPage Credit...

- 216 AP exams were taken in 2010
- Students taking the AP examination(s) have increased 21% over the past several years and were eligible for College Credit.
- AP test takers scoring a 5 (the highest Score) has increased 100% over the past several years.

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MUSIC PROGRAMS

The CHS Music Program has grown in numbers, playing and singing ability as well as stature in the community, the state, nation and abroad. The program provides a welcoming, open environment for all students to grow as musicians and individuals.

- All-state Recognition for our musicians
- Participant in the Fox Valley Music Festival
- Participant in the DVC Jazz Festival
- Participant in solo and ensemble contests
- Performed at Walt Disney World, New York City, and Toronto in the last several years

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CIVIC EDUCATION PROGRAMS

The goal of the Social Studies Department is to create effective citizens in our global community. To do this, freshmen through juniors take World Geography, World History, and American History in preparation for the skills and content needed for their senior experience. All CHS seniors take part in an exciting journey through the process of American Government. They examine issues, declare political parties, draft and sponsor bills, and participate in an authentic re-enactment of Congress...

- 2006 Democracy School winner, one of the first Illinois schools to receive the honor.
- 2008 Civic Mission for Schools, Whole School Model for Civic Education
- Present at local, state, and national conferences
- Receive accolades from local, state, and federal legislators for the congressional reenactments
- Receive accolades from Civic organizations
- Incorporate service learning into all levels to foster Citizenship



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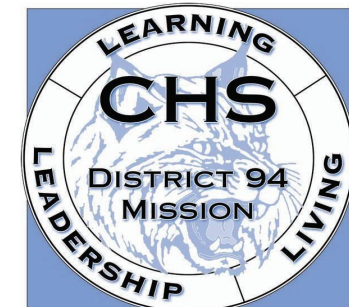
"We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit." - Aristotle



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Programs of Excellence



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JOURNALISM PROGRAMS

WILDCAT CHRONICLE

The Wildcat Chronicle has received many Regional, State, National and International Awards for Excellence in student journalism including...

- Pacemaker Award – National Scholastic Press Association
- 1st Place Special Merit – American Scholastic Press Association
- 1st Place for Excellence - American Scholastic Press Association
- International 2nd Place and International Honors
- Recognition by the Quill and Scroll International Honorary Society
- Northern Illinois Press Association—Silver Certificate for Excellence in Journalism, Blue Ribbon for Graphics and Honorable Mention for Best News Story –

THE CHALLENGE

The Challenge has received both regional and national recognition for excellence as a school year-book.

- Silver Medalist Certificate – Columbia
- Silver Certificate – Northern Illinois Press
- Honorable Mention for Excellence in Journalism – Northern Illinois Press Association

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BUSINESS AND TECHNICAL PROGRAMS

STOCK MARKET GAME

Is a financial simulation that allows students to invest in stocks and mutual funds. The success of the students' portfolios is based on the actual performance of the stock market.

- 1st Place in the 2009 Cabrera Statewide Competition received recognition on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange.
- 1st Place in the 2008 Illinois Capitol Challenge - House of Representatives
- 1st Place 2004 National Capitol Hill Challenge - received recognition in Washington D.C. in the US Capitol from the Speaker of the House

LIFESMARTS

The Ultimate Consumer Challenge, is an educational program of the National Consumers League that teaches teenagers to be responsible in the market-place. It rewards them for the consumer skills they demonstrate. Students compete at the State and National level..

- State Champions – Nine times from 2000 to 2010
- 3rd Place Nationals – 2006
- 2nd Place Nationals – 2008

FUTURE BUSINESS LEADERS OF AMERICA

"FBLA" develops leadership in a business environment. The CHS chapter is one of the best in the Midwest. It has built a strong record of exceptional community service and business partnerships...

- State-level award for Largest and Most Active Local Chapter
- State Conference Awards
- Consistently a Top Ten National Ranking Chapter

SkillsUSA

CHS *SkillsUSA* is one of the most active and successful chapters locally and state wide. Students compete in career and technical skill areas and provide many community services. Each year the club donates food items and money to the Food Pantry in West Chicago. They continue to exceed the goals from previous years.

- Won 3rd place nationally twice for their Community Service projects
- Won 2nd place nationally in Commercial Sewing and Preschool Teaching Assistant
- Numerous State and Regional Championships
- State Officers participate in National leadership program

This club promotes developing a skill at all levels from the Freshman to the Senior Year. It is the only national club that has competitions for Special Needs students and includes them in the Career Technical Education process.

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AQUATICS PROGRAMS

Community High School has an excellent Aquatic Center which is used by the Community for open swim, Park Districts, and other high schools. The Wildcat Swimming Team has been a strong program in the Community High School Athletic Department for many years and has had top finishes at the IHSA State Finals. Here are some other interesting "swimming facts."

- Community High School has had 52 All- American swimmers.
- In the last several years, there have been six IHSA State Champions from Community High School
- In the last several years our swimmers have been offered over \$1,000,000 in college scholarships

Excellence is always the goal at Community High School, where we are committed to providing the finest educational experience for all of our students. Our programs have earned recognition for their exceptional quality. We are proud to highlight these for your information.