

WINDJAMMER NEWS

December

Dates:

Tuesday, 12/13 @ 7pm:

**Band & Chorus
Winter Concert**
(Strom Auditorium)

Wednesday, 12/8:

**Early Release @
1:55**

Thursday, 12/9 @ 6pm:

**'Fortissima &
Friends' Concert**
(Strom Auditorium)

Wednesday, 12/23-

Sunday, 1/2:

**Holiday Break
No School**

Saturday, 1/1/22:

**Happy New
Year!!**



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

We are one quarter through the year and are settled into some routines. I know that this year is still impacted by Covid and we are working to adjust expectations, routines, and procedures to minimize those impacts. I hope you will share any concerns you may have with me.

Changes at CHRHS

We have had two big retirements this fall. **Harry Read**, Health and PE teacher, will be retiring this June. He has devoted 45 years of his life to education and 35 of them here. Many of you may have had Harry over that time and I hope you will wish him well when you see him out and about in town. **Graham Bode**, Assistant Principal, is also retiring mid-year and will finish up at the holiday break. Graham has had a long and meaningful career in education. He retires after 39 years, 15 of those years here at Camden Hills. We wish both a long and happy retirement.

We have hired Nell Dailey as interim assistant principal for the remainder of the year. Please wish her well when you cross paths around town.

Holiday Assistance

Every year we seek to support our community and families during the holiday season. The pandemic continues to impact our families and students in many ways, some of them financial. If you have a need for help (food, clothing, fuel assistance, or holiday gifts for your family) please reach out to [Katie Cronin](mailto:katie.cronin@fivetowns.net) at katie.cronin@fivetowns.net or ask for her when calling this number 207-236-7800. Katie is our social worker and any requests are confidential. If you would like to make a donation to help support our local families, please reach out to Jen Curtis, jen.curtis@fivetowns.net (207-236-7800, ask for Ms. Curtis).

I hope that you have a restful and peaceful holiday season.

Principal Carlson

ATTENDANCE

Important Reminder to Parents!

The Main Office needs to hear from you if there is any change with your student's attendance for their classes (sick, has an appointment, is going to be tardy or needs to be released early). Not only do we need to know who is in the building, but this helps with contact tracing, should this become necessary.

Please call 236-7800 or email directly to the attendance secretary -

amy.clevette@fivetowns.net or
chrhsmain@fivetowns.net.



Autumn Foster '23

MESSAGES FROM THE MAIN OFFICE

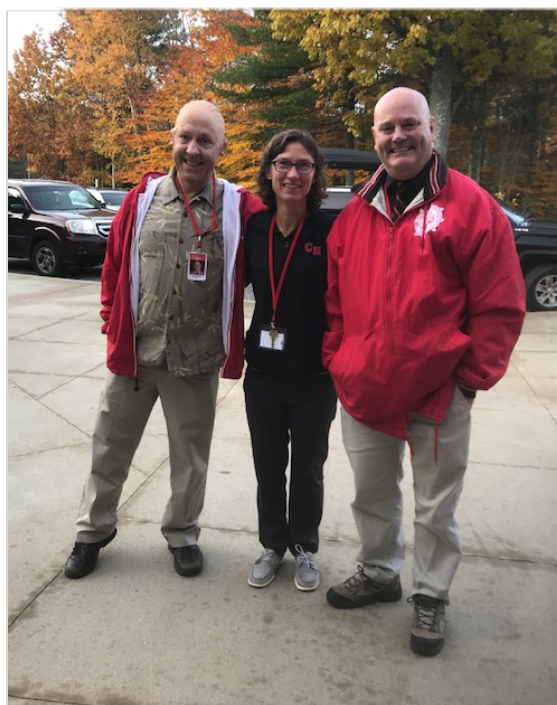
Snow Days /Remote Snow Days/Delays:

Snow Cancellation/Delay Notifications will be announced through the following methods only when there is an announcement to make*:

- 1) Automated calls from the School (voice call/email/text)
- 2) School Facebook pages
- 3) Village Soup - www.villagesoup.com
- 4) WCSH-Channel 6

*Most of our regular media outlets have a "Remote School Day" option, so in addition to using our internal messaging "all-call" (phone, text, and email to notify parents between 5:30 - 6:00 am), we will post the Remote School Day message in local media outlets. The only one that does not have this option is Village Soup, so we will not post Remote School Day messages there. It will also be on our websites.

CHRHS will miss you Mr. Bode!



SPREADING HOLIDAY CHEER

Can we help support you this holiday season? Let us know!



TAKE A LOOK AT HOW OUR THANKSGIVING MEAL KITS WENT

Thanks to our generous CHILLS community, we were able to provide meal kits to over 50 students!



COULD YOUR FAMILY OR A STUDENT YOU KNOW BENEFIT FROM A HANNAFORD GIFT CARD THIS HOLIDAY SEASON?

HOW TO ACCESS:

Gift cards will be mailed out by Monday, December 13th so we are asking families to contact Katie Cronin directly at katie.cronin@fivetowns.net by Friday, December 10th.

INTERESTED IN DONATING?

Donations make this work possible! If you're interested in contributing this year, please reach out to Assistant Principal, Jen Curtis, at jen.curtis@fivetowns.net



Any lingering questions? Reach out to school social worker, Katie Cronin, at katie.cronin@fivetowns.net

The CHRHS Bands and Choruses are very excited to be able to present a live, in-person concert for friends, family and community members.

Winter Concert

Monday, December 13th at 7:00 PM

(Snow Date is set for 12/15)

The concert is free and open to the public. Audience members are encouraged to bring 1 canned good for donation to local food pantries. The audience will be asked to remain masked and socially-distanced.



The Winter Concert will feature both holiday and secular tunes – covering a wide variety of musical genres. The concert will open with the CHRHS Chorale singing the traditional South African freedom song: “Tshotsholoza” with the solo sung by Joshua Kohlstrom (December VPA Student of the Month). Additional selections include “Star of Bethlehem” by John Williams and “Seal Lullaby” by Eric Whitacre.

The CHRHS Treble Choir will perform the traditional “Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas” and new piece for chorus titled “Where the Light Begins” by Susan LaBarr and Jan Richardson. The Chamber Singers will open with the traditional “Irish Blessing” and close with “Earth Song,” an a cappella piece by Frank Ticheli.

During a brief intermission, while the stage is reset for the instrumental portion, the student-led a cappella ensemble “Fortissima” will perform a couple of holiday selections in the Wave Café.



The instrumental portion of the concert will kick off with the CHRHS Jazz Band performing “Blues for Percy.” Composed by Maine composer Terry White, “Blues for Percy” is an uptempo blues chart loaded with improvisation and an energetic shout chorus. Things will switch gears a bit with the introduction of “Theme from Barney Miller,” from the 1970’s television series “Barney Miller.” The jazz band will round out their performance with “The Christmas Song” (Chestnuts Roasting on an Open Fire) and a very brisk performance of the “Theme from the Flintstones,” featuring many of the performers from the CHRHS Jazz Band. The Concert Band will begin things with a transcription from the finale of Dvorak’s “Symphony No.9.” A Frank Tichelli ballad entitled “Boundless River,” followed by Randall Standridge’s “Affirmation,” a piece written about peace, love, and music, will conclude the instrumental part of the program.

The concert will conclude with the combined bands and choruses performing holiday favorites such as “Winter Wonderland” and “Joy to the World.”

For more information, email Kim Murphy at kim.murphy@fivetowns.net

Visual & Performing Arts Department

Congratulations to the VPA Student of the Month of November

Laura Escamilla Manrique



Laura is a passionate, kind individual, who has developed into a strong artist during her time at CHRHS. When asked for a quote she says -"Art becomes your voice when you have been silenced. It's not meant to look pretty. It's meant to keep us sane." Laura is not afraid of taking risks in the art room. With her dreams of becoming a tattoo artist, Laura has continued to hone her craft in multiple visual art classes. She has also proven to be a strong member of the CHRHS community participating in multiple clubs, including The Math Club, The Chess Club, The Art Club, Chorus, GSTA and The Book Club. Laura has a strong sense of community and family, this is seen in her work with Big Brothers Big Sisters, as well as her constant commitment to her younger siblings.



Self Portrait, 2021



In Painting, Laura took projects to new heights, pushing beyond classroom objectives, by digging into what the objective was then making personal connections, in-order to create art which was more personal.

Laura is currently taking a Drawing class. She is working on some drawing pieces that demonstrate her sophisticated understanding of value and color.

Laura is really fun to have in class. Her energy and



enthusiasm for her work rubs off on everyone around her. Currently in Advanced Art Portfolio, Laura has become a leader; always available to give critical feedback to her peers and towards herself. Laura is working hard to understand issues of craft, technique and content - all the while holding onto her passions with issues of race and equality within the greater society.

Congratulations to the VPA Student of the Month of December

Joshua Kohlstrom

Joshua has been highly involved in the music and theater programs at Camden Hills Regional High School for each year of his high school tenure. He is a leading member of the CHRHS Concert Band, Chorale and Chamber Singers. In addition to these curricular classes, Joshua has participated in many musical theater performances.

Joshua has been performing in musical theater for seven years. His favorite roles include King Arthur from this year's CHRHS production of *Monty Python's Spamalot School Edition* and the role of Robin Williams in *Tribute*. Joshua has many fond memories of the solos and duets that he sang in *The Theory of Relativity* this past Spring in the CHRHS Spring Musical.

In addition to performing on stage, Joshua enjoys working behind the scenes to help the show be successful. He particularly enjoys lifting heavy objects, as he discovered this was a much-needed skill last Spring, when the outdoor



stage had to be constructed and deconstructed for each rehearsal and performance. Although he has played lead roles on stage, behind the scenes, Joshua is a team player. He is always willing to lend a hand.

In the CHRHS Concert Band, Joshua plays the alto saxophone and he sings tenor in the choral ensembles. In both instrumental and choral classes, Joshua can be

depended upon to be a musical leader. Outside of the school program, he has often been accepted to perform in the District III Honor Festival Choirs and prior to the pandemic, was selected to perform in the MMEA All State Honor Choir.

Within the greater community, Joshua has been involved in the Worship Team for the Chestnut Street Baptist Church, singing ensemble music with the Worship Team and participating in the annual "Walk Through Bethlehem" pageant every Christmas by the Sea.

Joshua hopes to keep both music and theater active in his life while at college in the years ahead. He encourages younger students to join in with the music and theater programs at CHRHS because of the positive relationships that you can build when you are working on a show, and how your personal confidence can grow with success in the arts.

Congratulations to Joshua Kohlstrom! You can hear Joshua and his peers perform at the upcoming Band and Chorus Winter Concert on Monday, Dec. 13th at 7:00 PM.

(Photography by Marti Stone Photography)



FORTISSIMA & FRIENDS Thursday, December 9th @ 6pm

Come join Fortissima & Friends on December 9th at 6pm to help kick off the holiday season here at CHRHS!

There will be multiple live performances by Fortissima, the female a capella group, as well as special solos and group ensembles performed by other chorus members.

Fortissima and their friends have been working diligently to prepare lots of songs to get ready for a joyous holiday season, and are very excited to share them with the community.

The performances will be held in the Strom Auditorium for your listening pleasure, and gifts will be given to all that come to celebrate with us.

Admission is free,
so bring all your friends and family to this festive celebration!



Photo & Mixed Media

Carolyn Brown, Teacher

Photo & Mixed Media classes just finished a unit on LIGHT with several projects. For an assignment called Painting with Light, they learned camera controls on

DSLR cameras, and used shutter speed, ISO and f-stop variations to capture light selectively with slow shutter speeds. This process needs a darkened room (or nighttime), so students created a mini dark "studio" by hanging black paper and fabric in the jewelry area.



Another aspect of this unit was inspired by Paul Strand's early abstract photos of objects and shadows. Students constructed sculptures with tagboard with the goal of altering light by creating texture and interesting form. They shot closeup photos of these with strong lighting, creating abstract shadow photos of their own.

An "at home" part of this unit was observing, and shooting photos of, interesting light situations in the world around them. They considered shadows, reflections, backlighting, light at the "Golden Hour" and other situations.

The current unit for this class is "Black and White Maine"; students are

studying the work of Maine photographers.

They are learning to see and photograph in black and white, which entails more awareness of value, shape and texture. They'll be making small block prints based on their photos or original drawings, to explore this concept in another media.

Top to bottom: Jackson Fitch '22, Christopher Brown '22, Anni Zheng '23, & Mae Putansu '22



Jewelry

Carolyn Brown, Teacher

Jewelry class students have been making rings with silver wire, including measuring for correct ring sizes with various gauge wire. This is a great application of basic math and geometry. Next, they are working with texturing and forming copper, learning tools and methods for stamping, chasing and raising.

Right: Jewelry students Lucas Moody '23 & Clara Bragg '23



Elana Allen '22



UPDATE:
Metal Shop-Independent Study
Pedal Kart - Addison
Castellano '22

Addison has found an engine for his motorized pedal kart. He has taken the engine apart, cleaned all the parts, started cutting the kart apart and reconfiguring to allow the new motor, brakes, and gears to full fit and function.



Lily Martin '24

Camden Hills Athletics From "The Hart" The Fall Season

As we end the Fall Season and move onto what we hope is a great winter, I thought it would be appropriate to honor all of our Fall student/athletes and their coaches. What a great Fall Season we had. Boys Soccer went to the Northern Maine Class A Final. Girls Soccer had another great season before losing in the semi-finals. Football moved onto the Maine HS map with an outstanding season before losing to Morse in the playoffs. Field Hockey lost to perennial powerhouse Skowhegan in the quarterfinals

but made an outstanding run at the post season. Cross Country had another great season with our girls qualifying for the States, and our boys, while missing out on qualifying, all set personal records in the regionals. Golf made the move to Goose River Golf Course this year and had two seniors qualify for States. This program will be on the rise for years to come. Mountain Bike had some obstacles to overcome but again had a great season.



Girls Soccer: Coaches Meredith Messer and Josh Mahar

Boys Soccer: Coaches Ryan Hurley, Trevor Vadas, and Colby Arau

Field Hockey: Coaches Lindsey Clement and Linda Cowan

Football: Coaches Chris Christie, Joe Russillo, and Tim Doran

Mountain Biking: Coaches Cy Scofield and David Cooper

Golf: Coach Mark Wallace

Cross Country: Coach Helen Bonzi





Many teams had Volunteer Coaches, too numerous to list here, but who were instrumental in their teams' success.

I know I speak for the entire school administration, faculty, and student body when I say, thank you from the bottom of our hearts to all of these coaches, volunteers and booster clubs who went above and beyond to make it all happen.

We had numerous student/athletes receive KVAC and State awards for their outstanding play. One of the best things that I can report is that 25 out of our 30 Seniors received All Academic Awards for their career, meaning they have a 90+ grade average in their 3+ years of high school.



So that brings us to . . .

The Winter Season

The Winter season is underway with all of our teams currently practicing and preparing for their regular season schedules. Schools are still coming up with the protocols that they will use for masking, spectators, etc. I will be having a Zoom meeting soon to try to explain how everything will happen both in our district, and then in other schools that we will be traveling to. There are a lot of “moving parts” and we will do the best we can to communicate that to you in a timely manner. Please check in periodically on the Camden Hills webpage for updates and schedules. They are all still evolving as I write this, so please be patient. On the other hand, if you need to know something and you cannot find it, do not hesitate to reach out to me via email and I will do my best to reply with answers.

I want to thank everyone again for their patience with everything that is happening. It is pretty amazing how quickly things change, and how everyone has to adapt to what those changes are. We have coaches, students, parents, teachers, and administrators who have been absolutely amazing about that – and we’re going to have to continue with that as we move forward.

Finally, I would like to give a shout out to so many of the facilities around mid-coast Maine that share their facilities with us. We truly are blessed to live in such great communities.

Best,

Jeff Hart
Camden Hills Athletic Director
jeff.hart@fivetowns.net



NEWS FROM THE TRADITIONAL LIFE SKILLS CREW -

The month of November seemed to go by in an orange-hued blur & now it is suddenly December and the weather is changing. We love the holiday season in TLS.



Within the last few week, the TLS Program completed many hikes, including a 2+ hour hike up and over Bald Rock Mountain from the Lincolnville Ski Shelter Trail. We are proud of our hikers of varying abilities. If you have not hiked Bald Rock Mountain, we highly recommend it!!

CHRHS and the TLS Program typically host a regional Special Olympic bowling meet in November. This year, we opted for a virtual meet with other Knox, Waldo & Lincoln County Schools. The CHRHS Windjammers joined the CRMS Schooners and the CRES Dories at Oakland Park Lanes for some bowling fun on November 18th. We decided to call this year's event the "Turkey bowl 2021" and had t-shirts made! We had 49 district participants and volunteers. A big thank you to our student volunteers -Molly Shook, Kathryn Thorn, Bailey Curtis, Auren Teel, Sarah VanLonkhuizen, Lucy Vannini, Kara Andrews, Tessa Byrnes, Max Ergas & our video/photographer, Samuel Skovran.

TLS collects the school's returnable bottles to fund our team uniforms and social events as well as occasionally donate to a worthy cause. This year, we have decided to donate some of our money to the CHRHS Class of 2022! The bottle collection is symbiotic...the Wave Cafe sells the drinks, the students recycle the containers, and we collect them and use the proceeds - a 'full circle' system! We like to pay our good fortune forward when we can.

Unified Basketball practices informally begin during Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday Flex Times. The season begins after the holiday break and goes until March. Please check with Mrs. Alley in Room #332 if you are considering Unified Basketball this winter We would love your help. You don't have to commit right away, just try it out - really fun for all!!



During the month of December we plan on making wreaths, baking cookies for our canine friends (and humans too). We will hold a Yankee Swap and cookie exchange to celebrate the season. Look for the holiday lights and wreaths on the school marquee, decorated by the TLS Program.

AND...as soon as the snow flies, we plan to nordic ski (thanks to Maine Sport). We welcome fellow Windjammers to join us during W-4/Flex times for basketball or Nordic during the Winter months. Check in with Mrs. Alley in Room #332.

Happy Holidays Folks!



DECEMBER 2021

ESVM LIBRARY

NEWS

NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

Eliza Larsen-Leavins ('22) is completing an internship in Library Studies in the ESVM Library for fall term. She is learning about how we order and process new books, checking books in and out, shelving, marketing the collection, collection management and development. Additionally Eliza is learning about the philosophy of librarianship. Eliza has quickly proven herself to be an asset to the library, ready for any challenge. She recently curated a display in honor of Native American Heritage Month, showcasing some of our newest fiction and nonfiction books that represent "narratives both past and present."

Eliza also took the opportunity to educate our school community (and beyond) with a recent post to our ESVM Library's Instagram account:



"Why Not Columbus Day? An Exploration of an Often Overlooked History - Five Facts to Know." Follow the ESVM Library on Instagram to read the full post!

Eliza is not slowing down, even as the end of the semester is approaching! She has recently been researching titles for our new Wabanaki Studies Collection, with a list of suggested resources from Wabanaki REACH. Our forthcoming collection will be purchased with money from the Hopkins Fund - we are so grateful that our collection will reflect the culture and history of the Abenaki and Wabanaki Peoples who were the inhabitants of the Midcoast.

Thank you for your service to the ESVM Library, Eliza!



Diverse Perspectives Book Club

Students, staff, and librarians meet and discuss books on a theme, by Zoom. This month's theme is LGBTQ+ romance! 12/29 at 6:30pm - snuggly clothes recommended. Email us for more info: iris.eichenlaub@fivetowns.net



Brand new stackable seats, made by students in the Hatchery Internship Program!

Follow the ESVM Library news as it happens



@ESVM_library @ESVMbookclub



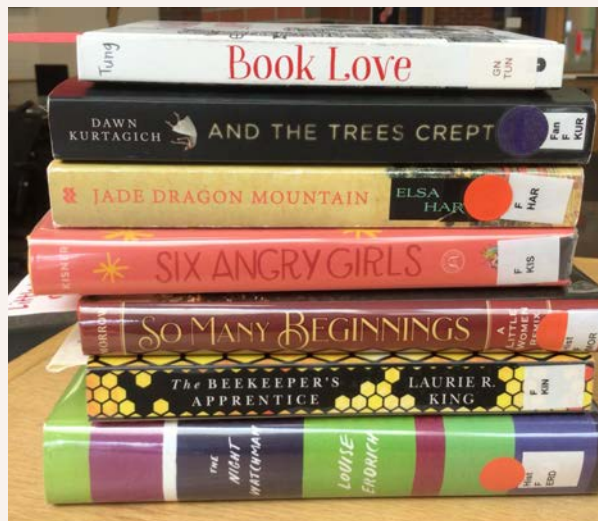
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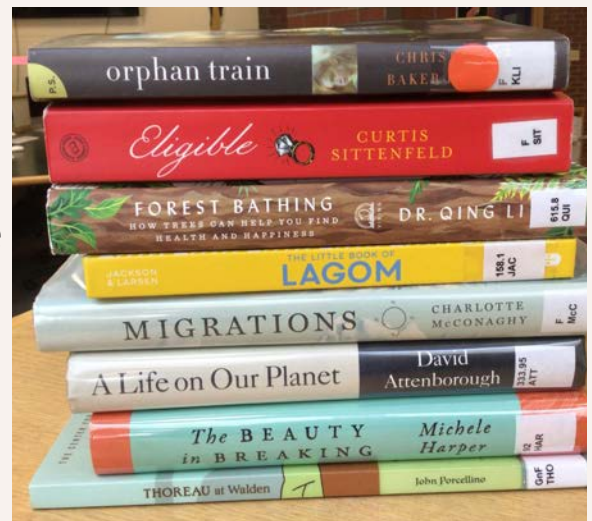
PERSONAL LIBRARIANS

From the ESVM Library Instagram:

"Personalized BOOK STACKS for Break! Mrs. C and Mrs. E have been busy preparing some individualized book stacks for your teachers. Sometimes it's too overwhelming to even pick a book out - so we'd love to be your personal shoppers! We developed a survey to get an idea of your interests, and your preferences for formats, genres and topics. Together Mrs. C and Mrs. E curate a stack with you and your interests in mind. This idea came to us a little bit too late to roll it out to students before [Thanksgiving] break. Students - watch for info about this service before the winter break in December!"



example stacks



Staff Personalized Book Selection Survey

Hi Colleagues - As you know, we are your librarian matchmakers and we love to help you find books! Would you like a personalized book stack, curated especially for you? Kind of like an "I'm feeling lucky" search on Google? If so, read on! We've designed this brief survey to give us some information about you, your interests, and what you might be in the mood for, so that we can better match you with some potential books. For your planning purposes - it may take us a full school day to process your requests!

Mrs. E and Mrs. C

Name

fic
the office book
thrills
myst
romance
realistic
hist &c
" badass female protagonists"

Bellweather Rhapsody
The Sleepwalker's Guide to Dancing
The Office (keeper)
Six Angry Girls
Eliot and her Monsters
Firekeeper's Daughter

Example - Mrs. C's and Mrs. E's notes about one person's interests, with possible titles

New Knitter Alert!

One brand new knitter (at right), with a knitter who was refreshing their skills (at left)! Both completed a practice square in less than two days!



CLASS OF 2022 BOTTLE DRIVE

**RAISING MONEY TO FUND
OUR SCHOLARSHIPS!**



Drop your bottles
off at Coastal
Opportunities
Redemption
Center, 35
Limerock Street.

Donations must be
labelled "**CHRHS**
Class of 2022."

**ASK YOUR
FAMILY,
FRIENDS, &
BOSSES TO
DONATE
THEIR
BOTTLES!**

EVERY BOTTLE COUNTS!

Contact mike.grey@fivetowns.net if you need bottles picked up!

FUNDRAISING!

Class of 2025

Debuts CHILLS Roast

The CHRHS Class of 2025 is super excited to announce our collaboration with hometown coffee roaster [Coffee on the Porch](#) to bring you the inaugural batch of CHILLS Roast!

We are raffling off six individual pounds of this one of a kind coffee invented specifically for this fundraiser. Given COVID, we are asking interested parties to use the form below to indicate how many tickets they wish to purchase and then send in cash or check (made out to CHRHS) and bring to the school counseling department.

We will then create actual tickets to be pulled from a hat the old fashioned way.



FORM HERE: <https://forms.gle/XvBIhJYDPyIEGJd47>

10 runners up will receive a Coffee On The Porch 2022 Calendar, also donated by COTP!

If you have any questions please contact Christina.Armbrecht@fivetowns.net or

BLACK
INDIGENOUS
PEOPLE
OF
COLOR

Join us for a student BIPOC Affinity Group meeting

• A space where you can bring your whole self •

When: Tuesdays, December 7th & January 11th

Time: 2:40 - 3:10pm (Flex Time)

Place: CHRHS Libray

Snacks will be served!

Questions? Just email us and let us know we can help!



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