

# Patriot Lines

Central Bucks School District

Issue 1

## Principal's Corner By Abe Lucabaugh

Thanks to the hard work and talents of our outstanding students and staff, Central Bucks East is off to a fantastic start to the 2008-2009 school year!

Academically, East continues to enjoy its national reputation for scholastic excellence. At the conclusion of last school year, *U.S. News & World Report* recognized Central Bucks East as one of the best high schools in the nation, awarding it a silver medal for academic distinction. Locally, East was recognized as a top performer in Pennsylvania on the PSSA exams, placing fifth out of over 650 high schools statewide. Central Bucks East is also proud to have twenty-three students receiving commendation for the National Merit Scholarship program. Designated as some of the most elite students in the nation, these students are now in the process of competing for the distinction of National Merit Scholar in the weeks to come. We continue to support and applaud the significant achievements of our students and staff!

East's culture continues to thrive with a multitude of events and activities designed to showcase our students' spirit and involvement. Plans are underway for our homecoming

and annual bonfire, and on the stage, the Patriot Players are working toward their late fall performance of "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow." We are also proud to feature over forty clubs and activities, and are always adding new groups as student interest arises. Additionally, our marching band continues to impress at performances as it grows in size and stature. There is definitely a sense of involvement and spirit throughout the building!

Our student athletes are enjoying a successful entrance into the newly organized Suburban One League conference, embodying the outstanding tradition of athletic and academic excellence that characterizes our school. Many of our individual athletes are competing at the district level and are hoping to advance to states. Special thanks goes to our dedicated coaches for their continued investment of time and desire to teach our young men and women lessons that endure beyond the field.

On behalf of all of us at Central Bucks East, thank you for your partnership in making your student's experience at East a gratifying and successful one. We are excited by our progress thus far, and look forward to building on our successes throughout the school year!

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### Special points of Interest:

- *Marking period ends November 7th*
- *Report cards distributed on November 19th*
- **Attention Parents/Guardians:** *This will be the last mailing of IPR's and Patriot Line highlights. IPR's will be on the Parent Portal and the newsletter will be online.*

### **Class of 2011: Mr. George Moustakas (A-K) and Mrs. Melanie Jones (L-Z).**

We are meeting with sophomores this fall. This is an opportunity to establish a relationship early in high school and to go over such things as post high school plans, relevant course choices, interests and concerns. We will review the Introductory Sophomore Survey that students completed in Naviance and discuss the various capabilities of the program.

A goal for sophomores is to develop time management skills. Balancing course work, athletics, and activities is a good foundation for future success. There is a list of student activities on the CB East homepage. It is very important for students to get involved at CB East and in the community!

Please stop by, give us a call, or send an email with questions or concerns.

### **Class of 2010: Mrs. Sandra Gundy (A-L) and Mrs. Tanya Barone-Durant (M-Z).**

Junior year is a fast-paced and exciting time for you and your student as you both prepare for life after high school. The “nuts and bolts” of junior year and a “2008-2009” timeline: “Making your Junior Year Count” can be found on our house website. Please note the following: the PSAT will be given on Saturday, October 18, 2008 at East.

The PSSA (Pennsylvania System of School Assessment) is required of all students in April of their junior year.

The SAT dates and registration information are available at [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com). Dates can also be found on our house website.

Financial Aid Night will be held at East Tuesday, November 11, 2008.

College rep visits are heavily scheduled throughout the fall. Juniors can stop by the guidance office to pick up a pass to gather information and talk with college representatives who are involved in the admissions process. Visit Naviance and

click on College Visits for the schedule. Also remember to remind your student to email the rep with questions and a polite thank you after the meeting.

The junior house counselors will be visiting all juniors in their social studies classes to present the “Going Places” workshop dealing with post secondary planning. These similar workshops will also be offered to parents as a winter evening program. Specific dates and sign-up information will be available at a later date.

A special thanks to all of you who attended our special Back-to-School Night: Meet and Greet and the Naviance Presentation. Your enthusiasm for early planning and assisting your child in their journey is contagious! We love the Class of 2010!

### **Class of 2009: Mrs. Betsy Carr (A-K) and Mrs. Lyn Russo (L-Z):**

Hope you are having a wonderful senior year. We encourage you to continue to work hard and make the year a great finish to your high school career. Take advantage of the college representative visits now taking place on a daily basis throughout the fall. Please remember that you can check the schedule of visitations on Naviance.

**College application procedures and deadlines:** You must arrange to have your transcript sent directly from the Guidance office by filling out a transcript request form. For the college to consider a transcript “official” it must be sent directly from the high school in a sealed envelope. No official transcript will be given to the student to mail with an application being mailed separately. We have been processing a great many transcript requests each day with the highest volume months yet to come. It is very important that you make sure that you submit transcript request forms a minimum of fifteen school days prior to the college deadline. Remember that if you require a counselor recommendation, you must first complete your College Recognition Questionnaire on Naviance.

## Guidance

This process is all about teamwork so we really appreciate your assistance in paying careful attention to procedures and deadlines.

### **STUDENT MAILS**

Signed and completed application

Application fee

Essays when required

Personal data sheet

Student must arrange for official transcript

SAT scores to be sent (if required)

### **GUIDANCE MAILS**

Secondary School Counselor Evaluation

Transcript with SAT, ACT & PSSA scores

Profile

Confirmation of receipt post card

Remember also to contact teachers ASAP if asking them for letters of recommendation. Be sure to provide your resume and stamped, addressed envelope for each college. Feel free to make an appointment with your counselor if you have questions about future planning.

Naviance is a great tool to assist you in your college searches. With this program, you can compare GPA, standardized test scores and other statistics to actual historical data from our school for students who have applied and been admitted to those schools in the past. Log-on information was mailed home and distributed in homeroom last spring. If you have lost your password please contact Guidance. The link for Naviance is:

**<https://connection.naviance.com/cbhseast>**

## New Staff

The CB East Administration and staff would like to welcome the following teachers and administrator for the 2008-2009 school year:

### **Mrs. Tanya Barone-Durant**

Mrs. Barone-Durant did her undergraduate studies at Lehigh University earning a B.A. in psychology, her graduate at Temple University with an Ed.M in Sports Psychology and Lehigh University with M.Ed. In Secondary School Counseling. She is a counselor for eleventh graders (M-Z). She graduated from Central Bucks East and comes to us from Virginia Beach.

### **Ms. Amanda Dicks**

Ms. Dicks graduated from Penn State University with a B.S. in Secondary Education/Social Studies. She is teaching social studies and comes to us from Holland, Pennsylvania. She is an advisor for Student Council.

### **Mrs. Amy Salla-Gieniec**

Mrs. Salla-Gieniec graduated from Lock Haven University with a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry and Alvernia College for her teaching certificate. She will be teaching Honors Chemistry and Forensic Science and comes to us from Tamaqua High School.

### **Ms. Mary Granados**

Ms. Granados graduated from the University of Maryland with a B.S. in Zoology, Temple University School of Dentistry, D.D.S. and LaSalle University with an M.A. in Education. She is teaching the Autistic Support class and is certified in Special Education, Elementary Education, Biology and Middle School science. She came to us from Masters' Program at LaSalle. This is her first teaching job.

### **Ms. Catherine Gulkis**

Ms. Gulkis graduated from LaSalle University with a degree in Secondary Education/Math. She is teaching Geometry/Trig II and Algebra II/Trig I. She comes to us from Upper Moreland.

### **Ms. Jennifer LaFemina**

Ms. LaFemina graduated from the University of Pittsburgh with a degree in History. She will be teaching World History and Economics. She comes to us from Landenberg and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

## NEW STAFF CONTINUED

### **Ms. Abigail Lehman**

Ms. Abigail Lehman graduated from Penn State University with a degree in Science Education. She is teaching Academic Chemistry. She comes to us from Downingtown.

### **Ms. Christine McLaughlin**

Ms. McLaughlin graduated from University of Pitt with a B.S. in Psychology and M.Ed. In secondary social studies from Widener University. She will be teaching Economics here at East and seventh grade World History at Holicong Middle School. She comes to us from Upper Merion Area High School.

### **Ms. Erin Pond**

Ms. Pond graduated from Virginia Commonwealth University with a degree in BFA—Art Education and Photography. She has been teaching for seven years and comes to us from C.B. West.

### **Mr. Kevin T. Shillingford**

Mr. Shillingford is our new tenth grade principal. (Class of 2011) He graduated from Clemson University with a degree in Psychology. He comes to us from Charleston, South Carolina.

### **Mr. Erik Smith**

Mr. Smith graduated from Millersville University with a Masters Degree in Technology Education. He is teaching materials processing and computer programming. He comes to us from South and Unami.

### **Mr. Jeff Teti**

Mr. Teti graduated from Loyola College with a degree in Management Information Systems. He is teaching Business. He comes to us from Notre Dame Academy. He is the advisor to the Local Area Network Club

### **Ms. Caitlin Wille**

Ms. Wille graduated from Millersville University with a B.S.Ed./Mathematics. She will be teaching Algebra II and Pre-Calculus. She comes from Tohickon Middle School. Ms. Wille will be our Amnesty International Club Advisor.

### **Mr. Matt Wolf**

Mr. Wolf graduated from Lehigh University with a B.A. in mathematics, geometry and pre-calculus and a Masters' in Education. He is teaching Geometry and Pre-calculus. He will be the head coach for JV baseball in the Spring.

### **Ms. Sara Yoder**

Ms. Yoder graduated from the University of Pittsburgh with a B.S. in psychology and a Master of Arts in Teaching. She will be teaching psychology, American Political Systems and Recent American History. Ms. Yoder has been teaching for five years and comes to us from Beaver Area High School northwest of Pittsburgh.

## Miscellaneous

### **Graduation Project by Aubrey Sebestyen:**

Graduation Project presentation dates for November presenters are fast approaching! All November presenters should make sure that they are meeting the deadlines for project components throughout the month of October. Students will be presenting their projects at CB East on Monday, November 24th and Tuesday, November 25th. Check with your homeroom teachers to confirm project deadlines and presentation times. Please remember that presentation dates CANNOT be changed! Questions or concerns? See Mrs. Sebestyen in Room 107 across from the Guidance Office.

## Miscellaneous Continued

**FBLA News By Ginny Kownurko:** FBLA held its first meeting on September 25th. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 16th when dues are payable. Regional Competition at Bucks County Community College is scheduled for Friday, December 19th from 8:15 AM to 2:00 PM. This year's state charity is the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

**Central Bucks East Student Council By Laura E'Nama and Amanda Dicks:** The week of October 13th to the 19th is homecoming. We will have spirit days, a bonfire on Thursday, the game on Friday and our annual homecoming dance on Saturday.

**SENIORS from Mrs. Fratrick:** Don't forget that if you are looking for the privilege of Late Arrival and/or Early Release, you need to stop by the senior house office and pick up your privilege card. A NEW card is given for each marking period.

**Operation Eternal Gratitude:** The first meeting for Operation Eternal Gratitude was on Thursday, October 2nd. The Veterans Day Ceremony will be held on Tuesday, November 11th at 8:00 AM in the East Auditorium. All community military members and their families are invited to attend. OEG is collecting personal hygiene items, games, individually packed food and letters to ship overseas to our troops in time for the holidays. East grads that are or were in the military are asked to contact Ginny Kownurko at [vkownurko@cbsd.org](mailto:vkownurko@cbsd.org) to be included on our Veterans Wall of Honor.

**Attention Juniors and Seniors:** If you are going on a college visit, please submit a vacation request form three days prior to the visit. The forms are available at the Attendance Office and must be initialed by your teachers, signed by a parent and returned to the Attendance Office for

your Principal's approval. Don't forget school policy allows for three college visit days as a senior and three days as a junior.

### **Patriot Players presents**

#### **The Legend of Sleepy Hollow**

#### **Submitted by Lydia Fichtman**

The award winning Central Bucks HS East theatre troupe, Patriot Players, will kick off the 2008-2009 season with the fall drama ***The Legend of Sleepy Hollow***, a comedy with music. The play will be presented in two acts on November 14 and 15 at 7:30 PM and November 16 at 2:00 PM. Adult tickets are \$10.00 and students are \$5.00. Tickets may be ordered by downloading a ticket order form off the Patriot Players website or in person, during the week of November 10 between the hours of 10:45 and 1:00 in the CB East cafeteria.

This family show has music, dance, drama and comedy. Come see Ichabod Crane and of course, the headless horseman, and join the Patriot Players family for a fun-filled night of theatre.

\*\*\*\*\*Don't forget to mark your calendars for March 27, 28 and 29 as Patriot Players will present ***Footloose!*** Questions??? Contact Sasha E i s e n b e r g a t [www1.cbsd.org/schools/cbeast/activities/patriot\\_players](http://www1.cbsd.org/schools/cbeast/activities/patriot_players).

**Yearbooks from Mr. Bercik:** Prices are \$75.00 until December 31st, \$80.00 from January 1st to March 31st and \$85.00 from April 1st until copies run out in June. Baby face ads and senior spaces are due by October 24th.

**Class of 2009 and 2010 By Nicole DeFazio and Lauren McKee:** During Homecoming week the East family will participate in Patriot Passionately Pink for the Cure—our goal is to raise \$10,000. The week of October 13th will be dedicated to breast cancer awareness and activities to raise money and awareness.

We will have “pink outs” for our fan sections for all homecoming games that week!

The senior class will start a new tradition this year. On June 12, 2009 the class will enjoy an evening of dining, dancing and boating on our Senior Cruise down the Delaware.

**Key Club by Bonnie Transue:** Key Club officers: Lindsay S., President; Wenley T., Vice President; Allison B., Secretary; Demetra F., Secretary, Kelly C., Treasurer; Liz L., Treasurer; Kalli B., Senior Representative; Liz B., Junior Representative; Nataliya L., Junior Representative.

Over 100 students attended the first Key Club meeting. Many of these CB East students are now committed to serving our community. We applaud their efforts!

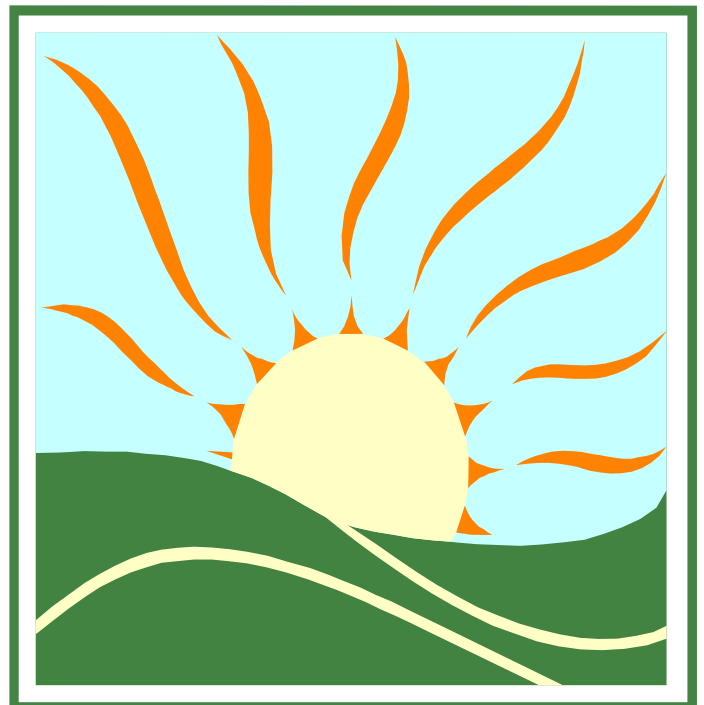
**National Honor Society by Karen Doman:** National Honor Society induction is Wednesday, October 22nd at 7:00 PM in the auditorium.

**Third Annual Brandon Boger/walk run in Central Park by Karen Doman:** Any staff or students who want to participate in the Boger 5k can turn in their forms to me until October 15th. Please come out and support this on October 18th at 8:00 AM.


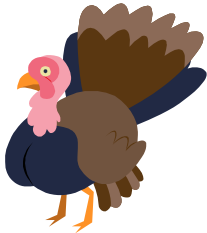
**Annual Parents Presentation from Dale Scafuro:** George McCloskey, Professor and Director of School Psychology research at the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, will be speaking about Executive Functioning and the impact on school performance at **Lenape Middle School on October 28th at 7:00 PM.** Dr. McCloskey will focus on helping parents understand the behaviors known as executive functioning and explain how this impacts students both in school and at home. He will also provide specific strategies to help students with these difficulties

improve their behavior and academic performance.

# *The Sun Always Rises in the East!*



## CALENDAR

October 16	Homecoming Bonfire	7:00 PM	
October 17	Homecoming Game (East-Quakertown)	7:00 PM	
October 18	NHS sponsored Charity 5K Run for Brandon Boger Scholarship	8:00 AM	
October 18	PSAT Testing	8:00 AM	
October 18	Homecoming Dance	7:30 PM	
October 20-31	PSSA Grade 12 Retesting window		
October 22	Parent Council Meeting	9:00 AM	
October 22	NHS Induction Ceremony	7:00 PM	
October 31	Halloween Parade		
November 1	SAT Reasoning and Subject Tests	8:00 AM	
November 4	Election Day (School Holiday)		
November 7	End of First Marking Period		
November 11	Operation Eternal Gratitude Veterans Day Ceremony	8:00 AM	
November 11	Financial Aid Night (at East)	7:30 PM	
November 14	Patriot Players Fall Production <i>The Legend of Sleepy Hollow</i>	7:30 PM	
<i>November 15</i>	Patriot Players Fall Production <i>The Legend of Sleepy Hollow</i>	7:30 PM	
November 16	Patriot Players Fall Production <i>The Legend of Sleepy Hollow</i>	7:30 PM	
November 19	Parent Council Meeting	9:00 PM	
November 19	Report Cards Distributed		
November 19	Orchestra Cluster Concert	7:30 PM	
November 24-25	Student Exhibitions		
December 3	Fall Band Concert	7:30 PM	
December 10	Holiday Orchestra Concert	7:30 PM	
December 13	District Instrumental Auditions		
December 17	Winter Choral Concert	8:00 PM	
December 24-Jan. 2	Winter Recess		