



# School with a View

## Mark Your Calendar

**January 23**

Begin 2nd Semester

**January 26**

CAPS Speaker Series  
Teen Depression & Suicide  
7:00 - Auditorium

**February 6-10**

Snowcoming Week

**February 10**

Snowcoming Activity Night

**February 20**

No School - President's Day

**March 2**

Parent/Teacher Conferences  
4:00-7:30



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more calendar information

## Principal's Point...

*A message from Dave Champion, Principal  
& Rich Giddens, Assistant Principal*



Dear Parents/Guardians:

It is difficult to believe that the school year is half over. That being the case, there are some "housekeeping" issues that need to be addressed.

- ✓ Electronic devices (cell phones, CD & MP3 players, etc.) need to be put away during instructional time; otherwise, they will be confiscated.
- ✓ Tardy and absence counts start over 1-23-06 (at the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester). 9<sup>th</sup> grade students are allowed 12 absences before they lose credit for the class. This is extremely important. Please consult the student handbook for further information on attendance policy.

Enclosed with this newsletter is your student's First Semester Report Card and a pamphlet entitled "What were you THINKING?" - New discoveries about the teen brain. You are encouraged to take a few minutes to read over this interesting information.

As always, if you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to call the school office at 876-5700.

Sincerely,

Dave Champion  
Principal

Rich Giddens  
Assistant Principal

## Thought for the day:

"Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire."

~ William Butler Yeats

## Ski/Snowboard Club

Students and staff have been having a great time skiing and snowboarding at Caberfae on Thursdays. We currently have seventy-eight students in the club, with an average of thirty-three students and five teachers participating each week. Students may still join the club. Permission slips are available from Ms. Stewart in Room #12. Free lessons are available.



## Tutoring Program

Tutoring is available before (7:00-8:00) and after (3:10-4:10) school on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Certified teachers, as well as student tutors, are available during these times to provide extra help in core subjects (Math, Science, English). Please call the office (876-5700) to reserve a spot for your son or daughter.

## Parent FAQ

Handbook Highlight ~ pg. 30:

**Emergency School Closings** ~ In case of a need for an emergency school closing after students have arrived at school, please instruct your son/daughter where he/she can go in case no one is home. We will discourage students from making phone calls in order to keep our lines open for incoming calls. Hopefully, we will never need to dismiss students and send them home prior to scheduled dismissal time, but it is important to be prepared.

## Counselor's Comments

From Ann Bush, CJHS Counselor

The American Drug and Alcohol Survey will be given to all students in the 8th, 10th and 12th grades. There will be a permission slip sent home with your child on Friday, January 27th. If you do not want your child to participate please sign the form and return it to me prior to the test dates of February 16th and 17th. More detailed information is contained on the permission slip.

In March, I will begin to visit classrooms signing students up for their next year classes. It is important for parents to be involved. I would be glad to meet with you and your child to go over requirements for graduation, credits, and/or attendance.

## Staff Spotlight



CJH would like to welcome Mrs. Cheryl DeKryger to CAPS. She is currently teaching 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade special needs math, as well as inclusion math.

Mrs. DeKryger graduated from Calvin College in Grand Rapids with a BA in Elementary Education and Special Education (cognitive impairments). She went on to receive a Masters Degree in Special Ed. Emotional Impairments from Eastern Michigan University.

Mrs. DeKryger was born in Long Island, NY, but spent her youth in Virginia, Illinois and New Jersey. She has taught in a number of school systems throughout Michigan, including Ann Arbor, Chelsea, Reed City, as well as Kenwood and McKinley Elementary

schools here in Cadillac. Mrs. DeKryger has taught part-time in Cadillac for the past two and half years.

When she's not teaching, Mrs. DeKryger spends most of her time and energy enjoying activities with her family (husband, and four boys; ages 6, 8, 10 & 12). Her husband is part owner of DK Design Group, an architectural firm here in Cadillac.

Mrs. DeKryger would like parents to know that, as a parent and teacher in Cadillac, she is confident that individuals who truly love what they are doing are teaching the children in our community and genuinely care about their students.

