



October 6, 2016

Alumni:

We've had a great start to the 2016-2017 school year! It is truly an honor and a privilege to be the principal at Conant High School. The students, staff, alumni and community make this a very special place.

The 2016 Homecoming games will be held on Friday, October 7th. The Varsity soccer team will play Buffalo Grove High School on the stadium field at 4:30 p.m., followed by the Varsity football game against Palatine High School at 7:30 p.m. This will be Coach Modelski's last year as varsity head football coach as he will be retiring at the end of the school year. The annual Alumni reception tent will be set up for all alumni to meet and greet friends and faculty. We encourage you to come early and enjoy both games!

If you know of any classmates who have not yet joined the Alumni Club, please encourage them to do so. Alumni Club membership and involvement keeps you in touch with classmates and it also keeps you up-to-date on events occurring at your alma mater. As you know, "Once a Cougar, Always a Cougar."

We will be presenting the fourth "Distinguished Alumni Award" this year. Nominees will be considered from any field for their contributions, achievements or community involvement. This award will be presented at Honors Convocation on May 17, 2017. A nomination form is attached and should be mailed to John Shoro at Conant High School or emailed at jshoro@d211.org.

We hope you will be able to attend Homecoming 2016!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Julie C. Nowak". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Julie C. Nowak
Principal

Distinguished Alumni Award Nomination

Nomination submitted by:

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

I would like to nominate:

Name _____ Class _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

or

Business Address _____ Phone _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Current Occupation _____

Other information:

Please include:

- *Career related achievements
- *Community Service
- *Justification for nomination

Please return to:

John Shoro

Conant High School

700 East Cougar Trail

Hoffman Estates, IL 60169

jshoro@d211.org

DEADLINE: JANUARY 27, 2017

CONANT NEWS UPDATE - 2016

- The 2016– 2017 enrollment is:

Freshmen	568
Sophomores	576
Juniors	602
Seniors	<u>614</u>
	2360 Cougars
- Last year we had an enrollment of **2359**.
- Don't forget to use your LCAP volunteer experience on resumes and applications.
- Please continue to let us know of any address changes and/or **exciting news** so that we may include that in next year's issue. Suggestions and comments are always welcome.

"CONANT ALUMNI CLUB"

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(If you are married, please include maiden name—ladies only.)

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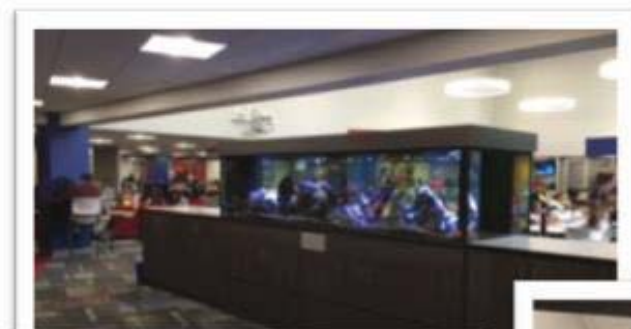
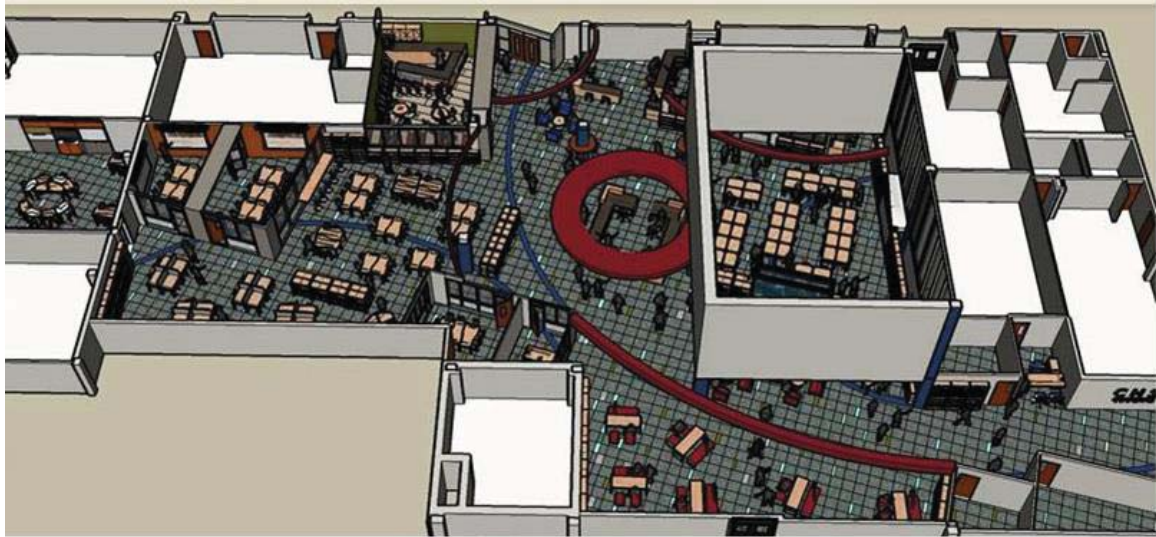
If you wish to join or continue to receive this newsletter **after** your initial two years are up, send \$1.00 and your current name and address, and **your year of graduation to the address above**. A lifetime "Cyber" membership is available for that same \$1.00, if you send along your email address. Subsequent notification of email address changes are needed to assure continued delivery. Either method will guarantee you more fun-filled and socially acceptable issues.

REUNIONS!

- Class of **1996** – will celebrate their **20th** reunion on October 21st, 2016 7:00pm at Brunswick's/Bowlero in Buffalo Grove.
- Class of **1986** celebrated their **30th** year reunion August 13th at Fox and Hound in Schaumburg.
- Class of **1976** will celebrate their **40th** reunion on October 8 at Pinstripes, South Barrington.
- Class of **1966** celebrated their **50th** reunion Saturday, September 17th, at the Schaumburg Marriott in Schaumburg.

Go to CHS.D211.ORG to visit Conant's web page

The newly remodeled Carl A. Zdeb media center opened last year in November and has been the place to be at Conant. Equipped with comfortable seating, a coffee nook, charging stations, and a 700-gallon fish tank, students spend study and free time there. Tutoring, quiet study areas, technology support and meeting rooms are available to students in the media center. It is the show place of Conant!



CONANT MEMORIAL PARK

Conant High School created a memorial park for our fallen Cougars. A minimum donation of \$80.00 to Cougars in Need will allow you to memorialize a past Cougar. A bronze plate with the name of the fallen Cougar will be created and permanently fastened to a brick within the pillars of our park which is located in the front of the school between doors 1 and 3. Stop by Conant at any time to visit our memorial park.

A list of current Cougars whose names are on plaques can be found at this link.
<http://chs.d211.org/info/cougar-family-memorial-park/memorialized-cougars/>

To order a plaque go to this web location <http://chs.d211.org/info/cougar-family-memorial-park/>



**ONCE A COUGAR
ALWAYS A COUGAR**

This year Conant is partnering with local business leaders to help student interested in becoming entrepreneurs. This technology rich classroom was built to help student collaborate and be creative. This room was designed after looking at workplace environments that help to get the creative juices flowing. Currently, there are 49 students in the program this year, 25 more than last year. **Conant Business Incubator program** will provide students who have an entrepreneurial vision with the unique opportunity to learn necessary components to take a business idea and follow it through to fruition. The Incubator program will bring creativity, innovation, and expert entrepreneurial guidance together in one course that allows students to jump-start their business ideas before they graduate high school. Students will have access to our new 21st century classroom, which will provide collaborative, media-enriched workspaces to help with any stage of their business development. In addition to the classroom teacher, students also will hear expert advice from local business owners and subject matter experts. These professionals will serve as coaches and mentors to help students bring their business ideas to life, as well as provide experience and real-world business scenarios students would not have access to in a traditional classroom. The course is being taught by **Tony Miller (Class of 1993)**. The course will culminate with students presenting their business idea to an investment panel with the potential of earning funds to further pursue their business opportunity.



ADMINISTRATION

The **Administration Team** at CHS welcomes **Jeannette Ardell (Red Team)**, 10-month Assistant Principal, **Justine Onayemi (White Team)**, 10-month Assistant Principal, and **Derek Fivelson**, Dean of Students.

Family & Consumer Sciences is excited to welcome a student teacher this semester.

Courtney Croak comes to us from Illinois State University and will be with us 1st semester. FCS continues to offer program certifications through our department! Students enrolled in the advanced Practices in Entrepreneurship course (that run the school bakery Cougar Perk) have the opportunity to earn their state safety & sanitation license as well as dual credit with Harper College.

Students enrolled in the Child Development course are earning their Level 1 ECE credential while students enrolled in the Preschool Independent Study course are also earning dual credit with Harper College. The Cougar Kids Preschool continues to provide a year-long program with a fall and spring preschool! We are currently looking for new preschoolers (3-5 years old) for the spring semester. Contact **Fatima Candia** or Katie **Koopman** for more information at 847-755-3736.

Our upper level fashion students are earning dual credit at Harper College as well as competing at the state level in FCCLA competitions.



Along with English teacher **Asra Syed**, English teacher and Conant grad **Heather Munao (Romanoff, class of '94)** are sponsoring a new Service Club to support local community service and global human rights. Last year, the Service Club supported global access to education by fundraising for Free the Children, made special crayons for students with disabilities, fundraised for the Flint Water Crisis Relief Fund, participated twice in Feed My Starving

Children, and volunteered every Tuesday all year with low-income elementary students at Fairview Elementary School. Active missions for this year are continuing Books and Breakfast with Fairview's children, a self-defense fundraiser for domestic violence in October, and plans for a sexual assault awareness campaign. Follow us on Twitter @CHSserviceclub.



In their second year, **HOSA, Health Occupations Students of America**, sponsored by **Erik Hauser** and **Sharon McCoy**, took 72 students to the state competition in March. Students competed in various events including Teamwork events, Health Professionals events, Leadership events and Emergency Preparedness events. Sixteen students placed in the Top Ten for their events which included three 3rd place finishers, ten 2nd place finishers and three State Champs.



World Language Department,
Mrs. Lichen Chan's Chinese students participated in the MCTA speech contest.

Grace Park won a Gold medal in the Level 1 category, Nathan Foster won a Silver medal in Level II, and Melynda Meyrick won a Bronze medal in the Level III category!

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Dana Musinski (Naumann) '03, Special Education, her husband Luke, and big brother Kaden David welcomed their second child/sister, Adalynn on 11/04/15.



Last year, Conant's Robotics Club sponsored by **Shayna Adelman '06**, experienced great success in its first Robot Rumble competition. This year, they will be bringing three fighting robots to the Rumble, including one built by our first all-girls team. Come support the teams Saturday, February 4th at Rolling Meadows High School!



Certified Nurse's Assistant Program

CHS and District 211 are in the sixth year offering a Certified Nurse's Assistant (CNA) Program. Since its conception, the program has successfully produced 300 certified nurses in the state of Illinois. This program is designed to allow students to graduate from Conant or any of the other District 211 schools as a CNA. Participants who have successfully completed the program can then take a certification test. After successfully completing the test, these students can begin working in health care facilities as a CNA. Many of the students in this program plan to work as a CNA in college while pursuing other careers in health care. Last year, Conant High School had a **100%** pass rate on the state exam. The CNA program consists of 3 courses over their Junior and Senior years. As Juniors, they take Introduction to Health Occupations and Medical Terminology. This course is currently being taught by **Mr. Shoro '82** and Mr. Hauser. Seniors in the program are taking Anatomy, Physiology, and Nursing Assistant. Anatomy and Physiology is taught by Mr. Shoro and Mr. Hauser. The Nursing Assistant course is being taught by Mr. Reyes and the training facility is adjacent to the Media Center.



The CHS Art Department is going strong and **HAVING FUN** and as usual still offering a large variety of art classes! CHS Alumni **Linda Patino- Goergen ('76) Jamie Aulisa- Peterson ('99) Justin Bickus ('02) Erin Garrity-Duffey (PHS '00)** are together teaching future artists and enjoying every minute of it. The department keeps evolving with the times both professionally and personally. Justin Bickus has joined in with the rest of us as we share fun stories about our children as well as the trials and tribulations of parenting. He and his wife have recently welcomed a baby boy Theo into their lives. Students continue to participate in art exhibits: **Harper, NIU and the Schaumburg Township District Library Spring Art Show**, and the **Congressional Art Show**. This year we will be participating in the second annual **Illinois High School Regional Art Exhibition** in Feb 2015. Erin Garrity-Duffey 3D teacher extraordinaire will be sponsoring the CHS 3D students in the third annual **District 211 "Mask Show"**. Justin Bickus will be bringing his Digital Media students work to the District 211 **Film Fest "Moonwalk"** as well as present again on the last Friday **before Winter Break, Dec. 20**, the ever so popular **"Music Videos"** periods 1-8 in the CHS auditorium. Jamie Peterson and the **NAHS** student artists will host the annual **"Open Mic Night"** and the second annual **"Found Paper Art Show: "MAPS"** this spring in house at CHS. During the Spring Art Show reception, we will induct more art students into **NAHS** which continues to spread their passion for the arts to CHS students and staff as well and the larger community. Please refer to the CHS Web site for times and dates for all of this year's events! **Fear No Art!**

It's **SMART** to take Art!"
CLUBS/ATHLETICS



PRIDE **Preparing Resourceful Individuals** **Determined to Excel**

We're excited to introduce our new PRIDE (Preparing Resourceful Individuals Determined to Excel) Program here at Conant High School. PRIDE is a student-to-student mentorship program where sophomore, junior and senior mentors conduct lessons four days a week with all of our freshman students. These lessons are focused on welcoming students, providing them with resources for a successful Conant career, and encouraging them to get involved. Some examples of lessons are trips around the building showcasing our academic resources, technology usage during high school, maintaining grades, and what to expect for Homecoming week. All of these lessons will help freshman easily transition to Conant and become a part of our community.



Yearbook would like you to know that most CHS yearbooks from past years are available for purchase. Please contact the yearbook sponsor, Camille Lutz at clutz@d211.org for information and pricing.

Conavite



The **Junior Class Council** sponsors for the 2016-2017 school year are **Danielle Matej** and **Jodie Weintraub**. Our 2017 Prom will be held at the Schaumburg Renaissance on Friday, May 19th.

2017



Conant Theatre is proud to present it's 2016 fall musical, *Annie*. The show, based off of a long running comic strip, focuses on Annie, a spunky, 11 year-old who is determined to find her parents. Opposite the optimistic orphan is the downtrodden Miss Hannigan who projects the misfortunes in her life onto the children in the orphanage. Annie decides to take matters into her own hands and sets out to find her parents. After a clever escape from the orphanage, Annie encounters the harshness of New York as people struggle to survive in the midst of the gloomy Depression. Along the way she teams up with a lovable stray dog, Sandy, before being returned to the orphanage. Eventually, our little heroine is dealt a lucky hand by being invited to the estate of billionaire, Oliver Warbucks, for Christmas. There she meets a glittering cast of characters who welcome her and treat her as one of their own. Warbucks and Annie form an unlikely

friendship which takes them on a variety of adventures including: seeing Broadway shows, making radio appearances, and having presidential encounters. However, all of this wonderful luck cannot deter Annie from her one desire, to find her parents. Warbucks sees to it that everything can be done to help the child which ultimately leads to mistaken identities, unforgettable numbers, and a resounding hope we can all still learn from today to make a brighter "tomorrow".

Performances are November 3-5th at 7pm and November 5th at 3pm. Tickets are \$10.



The *Crier* has gone completely digital.
www.conantcrier.com

The **Conant Crier** would like to introduce this year's staff.
Junior Dhvanii Raval is this year's **Editor-in-Chief**, and she leads the following team of editors:
News: Dylan Toth (jr.) and Allison Pariso (jr.)
Sports: Trystin Lovas (jr.)
Entertainment: Annika Lafyatis (jr.)
Features: Aditi Katwala (jr.)
Faces: Valeria Vesco (sr.)
Opinions: Arisha Rizvi (so.) and Michelle Zhang (so.)
Social Media: Melania Toczko (jr.)
Web: Ravi Shah (jr.)

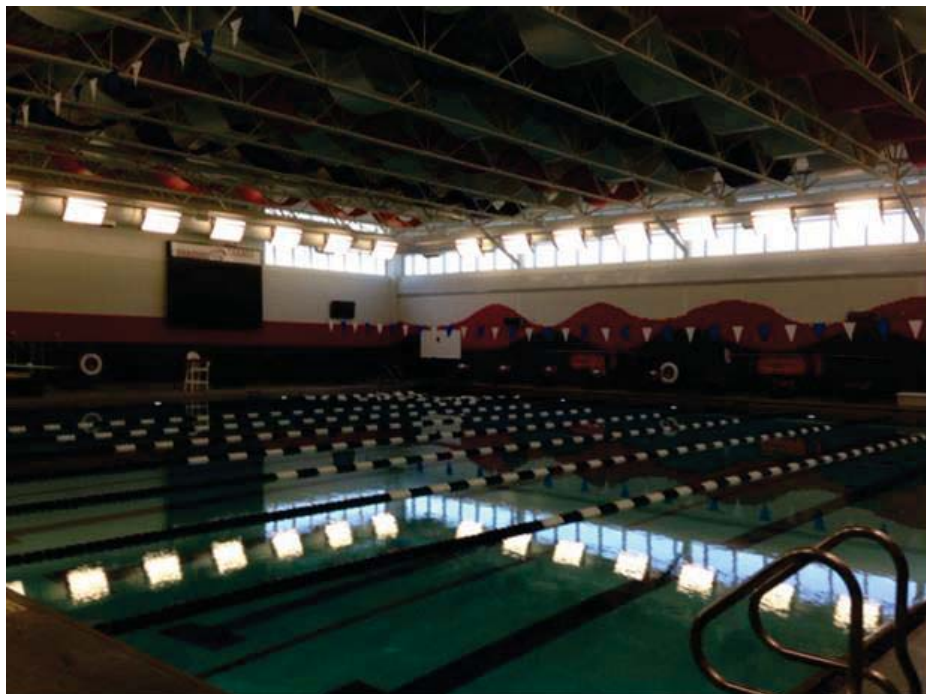
David Gwizdala continues to be the *Crier* sponsor.

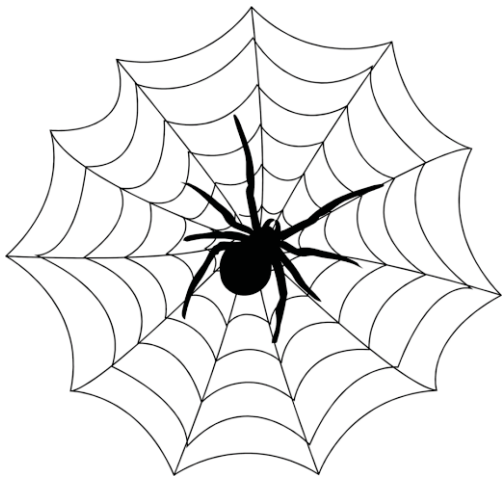
The Boys Swimming and Diving Team

just finished their first full year competing in their brand new, state of the art, 10 lane pool. Through all their hard work in the pool and weight room, the team had some phenomenal time drops and high scoring dives at the Varsity Conference Meet and IHSA Sectional Meet. Standout junior diver Cole Aykroid continued where he left off the past two seasons and went undefeated in dual meets, set a new Conant 6 dive record, a new Conant 6 dive pool record, a new Conant 11 dive pool record, finished 1st at the Varsity Conference Meet setting a new MSL Conference record, finished 3rd at the IHSA Sectional, and qualified for the state meet where he finished 19th! Make sure to stop back this season to watch him try to break those records and set some new ones!

Coach Drenth invites back all past swim team alums for the 13th Annual Alumni meet to be held on December 17th beginning at 10:00. Show up early, talk to some past alumni and get signed up for your favorite events.

We'd also love to see everyone back to cheer on the Varsity team at the 28th Annual Cougar Classic on January 28th. It will be a great meet with some fantastic divers and swimmers!





“HAUNTED HALLOWEEN”

HOMECOMING - 2016

Come If You Dare!

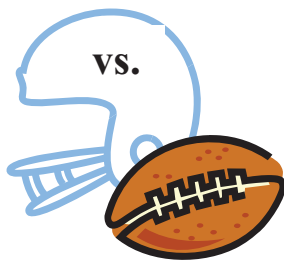
October 3rd - 8th

Student Council is excited to be hosting Haunted Homecoming at CHS! The theme for the week will set the tone for our hallway decorations and play a prominent role in the homecoming dance.

Student Council will kick off the week with the entire student body attending the annual coronation assembly on Monday, October 3rd. On Thursday evening, over twenty clubs will decorate the halls of Conant and compete for the coveted Hallway Decoration Trophy. On Friday morning, the halls of Conant will be transformed and the energy level will peak at the afternoon pep assembly featuring performances from our dance and poms squads, the Cheerleading team, and much more entertainment! Friday night, the Homecoming football game will kick off at 7:30 pm against conference opponent Palatine High School. The Homecoming festivities will conclude with the Saturday night (10/8) dance in the gym from 7:30-10:30 pm. This year the Homecoming dance will be feature Dance Party DJ, the dance will feature the inclusion of over 250 square feet of LED panels, a 360° light show, surprise giveaways, and a special one hour DJ set by DJ Spin of B96. Dance tickets will be on sale beginning on Wednesday September 28th through October 7th during lunch periods. Ticket cost is staggered based on the date of purchase, from 9/28-9/30 tickets are \$15 each, then between 10/3-10/7 tickets are \$20 each, and tickets are \$30 on the day of the dance. Be sure to buy early and save!

This year’s Student Council is proud to continue the outstanding tradition of Homecoming at Conant High School and hopes to make Homecoming a “fangtastic” event for every student!

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**WELCOME TO THE COUGAR
FAMILY the following:**

Katherine Apperson - English
Jeannette Ardell – Administration
Monika Aubin – Science
Nicole Bailey – Science
Justin Onayemi – Administration
Austin Sobey – Student Services
Victoria Wierec – Mathematics

**And Goodbye to the following
Cougars...**

Valerie Bihun – Support Staff
Marty Goughnour – English
Denise Tumbarello – English



**Once a Cougar
...Always a Cougar**

Former Cougars Currently Working @ CHS

FACULTY

Applied Technology

Shayna Adelman (Gerson) '06
Eric LeBlanc '94
Joe Tullo '05

Art

Justin Bickus '03
Linda Goergen (Patino) '76
Jamie Peterson (Aulisa) '99

Business Education

Tony Miller '93

English

Heather Munao '94
(Romanoff)

Mathematics

Aimee Barkalow (Naatz) '94
Mark Davies '04
Jeff Melone '01
Christina Schweinebraten '08

Physical Education

John Powers '85
Amanda Schweinebraten '08

Science

Robert Borczak '75
Lauren Obermaier '08
Jennifer Pettyjohn '99
Steven Riggs
(frosh year only)
John Shoro '82
Tracy Thornley (Schader) '96
David Torpe '03

Social Studies

John Braglia '81
Tim Harte '98
Eric Jacobsen '86
Tim Kirby '81
Denise Mitchell (Coniglio)
(frosh year only)
Jennifer Stearns (Meyer) '90

Special Education

Josie Garcia '88
Danielle Johnson '88
Kevin Mogge '91
Dana Musinski (Naumann) '03
Jake Schlender '91
David Spizzirri '91
Matt Walsh '93

Student Services

Scott Altergott '89
Kelly Anderson '98
Dawna Smeltzer (Szymczak) '89

World Language

Heather Doan '85
Brian Drenth '96
Anthony Spizzirri '94
Carrie Halter (Werner) '97

Staff

Lisa Gentry (Rosselli) '83
Vivian Nordmeyer (Schwartz) '81
Dan Ramirez '96
Karen Senne (Saunders) '74

Out of Building Coaches/Assistants

Dan Harte '00
Andee Hebda '71
Janet Kasinger '90
Steve Peter '95

Police Consultant

Dan Donohue '97