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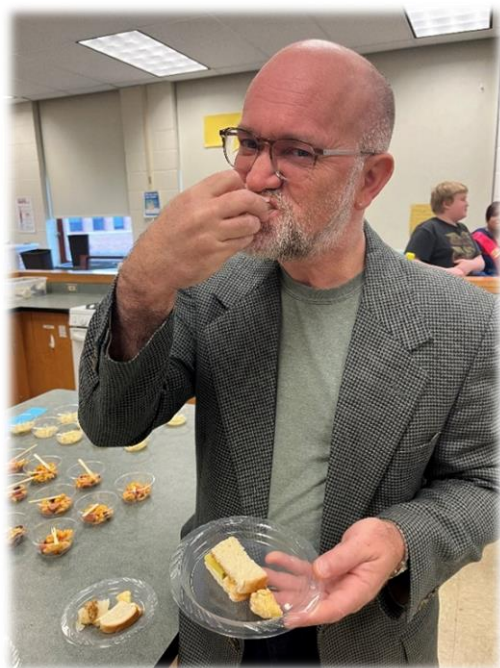
Department Teacher Spotlight:

Over the past two years, we have introduced you to **ALL** the CASD social studies teachers! While we retire this section of the department's monthly newsletter, we hope you have enjoyed learning more about the faculty and staff that make up our incredible department!

Department Happenings: What's Going on in Our S.S. Classrooms?

Mr. Neely's 9th Grade U.S. History Classes – CHS

Mr. Neely's U.S. History classes collaborated with Mrs. Allewelt's Family and Consumer Sciences students to prepare and partake in some Great Depression era foods. During the 1930s, the U.S. was down on her luck and at the height of their economic lows. As a result, people had to make do with what they had. Things like onions, potatoes, beans, and of course peanut butter were some of the most readily available foods. People got creative with their meals, turning the mundane into...well, "different" – on the menu were peanut butter stuffed onions (Mr. Wagner, pictured here), peanut butter and pickle sandwiches, "Hoover Stew" (made with turkey hot dogs), egg drop soup, and a simple breakfast sugar cookie.



Mrs. Roper's AP African American Studies – CHS

Two of Mrs. Roper's students, who are also a part of the Periscope student newspaper, wrote an incredible piece on the history of one CHS building's namesake – Emma T. McGowan. Emma T. McGowan was a key figure in integrating CASD in the early 20th century and permanently changed the trajectory of education for the Black community in Carlisle. In case you missed reading the article, you can access it [HERE](#). Kudos to both Ryleigh Underwood and Jenna Collier for doing some amazing historiography and providing us with a glimpse into the life and times of Mrs. McGowan.

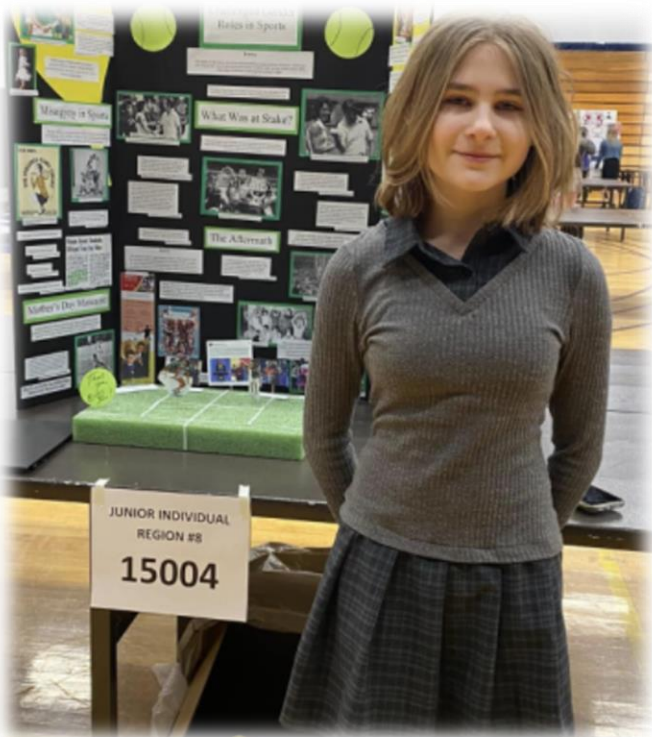


State History Day Competition



On Saturday, March 2nd students from across Adams, Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Fulton, and Perry counties (Region #8) descended on the Messiah University campus to compete for who would advance to the State History Day competition.

From exhibits and websites to documentaries and papers, 35 CASD students showed their historical knowledge using this year's theme "Turning Points in History." Our students did amaze at this level with 18 students now advancing to the state-level competition on April 20-21 at the University of Scranton. We wish all our students the best of luck during the state competition to see if they can advance to the national competition to be held in Washington, D.C. in June!



An 8th grade student, Bailey Clayville, stands next to her History Day project. Clayville's project focuses on the impact of Billie Jean King as an icon of change in the realm of women's sports.

SEE THE FULL LIST OF REGIONAL HISTORY DAY WINNERS AT THE END OF THIS NEWSLETTER!

Scholarship Information:

Did you know that every year CHS provides a scholarship for a senior that plans to pursue a degree in the field of history? The Andrea Readshaw History Scholarship is the name of this scholarship. In order to be considered for this scholarship, students must meet the following qualifications:

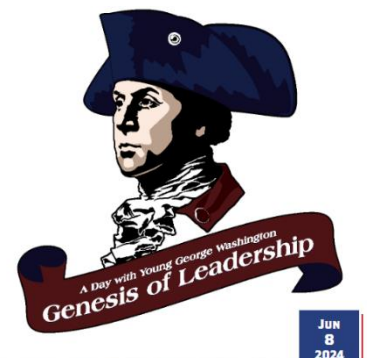
- Be a senior at CHS
- Have a GPA of 3.25 or higher
- Participated in National History Day at least one year while in high school
- Participated in community service projects

Any student who is interested can receive a copy of the application form from the CHS Counseling Center in McGowan. **Applications are due by April 12, 2024.**

Organizational Spotlights:

Fort Ligonier Leadership Institute: Genesis of Leadership

Fort Ligonier is partnering with the U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center to offer a leadership seminar for a select group of young adults (15-25) with the theme of a young George Washington. Taking place on June 8, 2024, at



Fort Ligonier, the program places students in the shoes of the young Virginian colonel and allows them to walk in his footsteps. Focusing on his time during the French and Indian War, students will hear traditional lectures of the most up-to-date scholarship, read the literature of the time, and be immersed in the life of Washington regarding his successes and failures throughout the 1750's. Students can apply online by clicking [HERE](#).

Knowledge for Freedom Seminar – Dickinson College

The House Divided Project at Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, will be hosting a free two-week summer program for rising high school seniors that focuses on great historical texts about citizenship and democracy. The Knowledge for Freedom seminar will be held from July 14-26, 2024, and offers an exciting curriculum designed to help get participants college-ready and to support them as they enter the college admissions process.



Previous participants have been accepted at some of the nation's most highly selective colleges and universities including not only Dickinson, but also George Washington, Johns Hopkins, Williams, and Yale, to name just a few. And everyone who has participated in the program so far testifies to the life-changing impact of this experience, which includes field trips to Gettysburg and Washington, DC as well as the opportunity to earn college credit. **Everything about the experience is free.**

The application process is also easy, but students should begin soon as the deadline is **May 31**. Preference will be given to students from lower-income or first-generation college families, but any rising high school senior in the south-central Pennsylvania region can apply. Get details about how to apply on the seminar website by clicking [HERE](#).

For the Month of April

The name of April is a bit confusing for historians! There are three possibilities for how the month got its name. One is that the name is rooted in the Latin Aprilis, which is derived from the Latin aperire meaning "to open"—which could be a reference to the opening or blossoming of flowers and trees, a common occurrence throughout the month of April in the Northern Hemisphere. Another theory holds that since months are often named for gods and goddesses, and since Aprilis is derived from the Greek Aphrodite, it is possible the month was named for the Greek goddess of love (the goddess that the Romans called Venus)! And, as if that is not enough of a mystery, April also has yet another origination story. Around the fifth century, the Anglo-Saxons referred to April as Oster-monath or Eostre-monath, a reference to the goddess Eostre, whose feast was celebrated during the month. The Venerable Bede, a monk from the Northumbrian monastery of Saint Peter, believed this gave root to the word Easter—which is most often observed during the month of April.

"Canterbury Tales – General Prologue"

- Geoffrey Chaucer

Whan that Aprille with his shoures soote,
The droghte of March hath perced to the roote,
And bathed every veyne in swich licour
Of which vertu engendred is the flour;
Whan Zephirus eek with his swete breeth
Inspired hath in every holt and heeth
The tendre croppes, and the yonge sonne
Hath in the Ram his halfe cours y-ronne,
And smale foweles maken melodye,
That slepen al the nyght with open ye ...

Fun Days in April:

- April 2 – Peanut Butter & Jelly Day
- April 5 – Dandelion Day
- April 10 – Siblings Day
- April 15 – Patriot's Day
- April 18 – High Five Day
- April 21 – Kindergarten Day
- April 22 – Earth Day

April is also:

- International Guitar Month
- Keep America Beautiful Month
- National Humor Month
- National Kite Month
- National Poetry Month
- Stress Awareness Month

Some Historical Events...

4/2/1792 – Congress establishes the first U.S. Mint in Philadelphia

4/3/1860 – the Pony Express service begins in MO

4/4/1949 – 12 nations sign the treaty creating NATO

4/6/1896 – After 1500 years, the first Olympics of the modern era is held in Athens, Greece

4/11/1968 – Civil Rights Act signed into law by President Lyndon Johnson

4/12/1981 – the first space shuttle flight occurs with launching of *Columbia*

4/14/1775 – the first abolitionist society is founded in Philadelphia

4/18/1775 – the midnight ride of Paul Revere and William Dawes

4/22/1864 – "In God We Trust" is included in all minted coins by act of Congress

4/24/1800 – the Library of Congress is established

4/30/1789 – George Washington is sworn in as the first president of the United States

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JUNIOR INDIVIDUAL EXHIBIT

1st – Bailey Clayville

“Battle of the Sexes: How One Match Challenged Gender Roles in Sports”

SENIOR INDIVIDUAL EXHIBIT

2nd – Allison Negley

“Banking for Blood”

3rd – Reese Campbell

“The Oklahoma City Bombing: The Catalyst for Anti-Terrorism Policy”

SENIOR GROUP EXHIBIT

2nd – Jenavieve Thomas, Chevelle Basham

“George Standing Bear’s Outlasting Impact”

3rd – Anna Bondy, Charlotte Hull

“The Haitian Revolution: Lasting Impacts”

SENIOR INDIVIDUAL MEDIA

3rd – Cameron Shull

“The Most Important Wildlife Protection Statute: The Lacey Act”

SENIOR GROUP MEDIA

1st – Eileen Wang, Christabelle Kirkham

“How the Indigenous Critique Spawned Progressive Western Sociology”

SENIOR INDIVIDUAL WEBSITE

1st – Jonas Guy

“The Invention of the Microchip”

2nd – Daria Kazemi

“Air Conditioning: The Chill Revolution”

SENIOR GROUP WEBSITE

1st – Emily Serafin, Kendall Witman

“Title IX: A New Era for Women”

2nd – Will Pippin, Brooks Tumlin

“The Effect of the Dust Bowl on American Agriculture”

SENIOR RESEARCH PAPER

1st – Landon Spence

“Garry Kasparov vs. Deep Blue: A Turning Point in AI”

2nd – Keegan Spencer

“The First Special Olympics: A Turning Point in the Lives of Everyone With Intellectual Disabilities”