



by e-mail. Staff members write columns, short stories, even poetry. We also brainstorm creative ideas and conduct student interviews. For students interested in a greater level of involvement, I (the editor) am searching for someone to take over running the newspaper in the 2008-2009 school year after I graduate this spring. Ideally, this person will be enrolled in CHS in the 10th or 11th grade for the current school year, and possess a solid grasp of English, good management skills, and an interest in furthering the paper. Anyone interested in this opportunity must have access to a computer and to e-mail, and preferably also to Microsoft Word Publisher. If you're interested, I will walk you through how to put together the paper and allow you to arrange one of the staff meetings and develop an issue of the '07-'08 *Nightlight* on your own.

So whether you only want to submit something every now and then, or whether you'd like to be the editor yourself next year, you can be as involved in the paper as you'd like (and as your schedule permits)! Every bit of help is greatly appreciated. For more information on how you can get involved, please contact me, Elexis Williams, at ewilliams4@student.rcc.edu, or 951-271-2801.♣

PSAT/NMSQT

Do you plan to go to a four-year college or university? Is it even a possibility? The Preliminary Scholarship Assessment Test/ National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) is offered by CHS in October.

This is an optional test. Taking it enables students to practice for SAT I, enter scholarship competitions, seek information from colleges, and get feedback about critical academic skills.

This test is most often taken by students in grade 11 (the only grade in which the scholarship qualifying scoring is valid), but may also be taken by 10th or even 9th graders (subject to space available). To do well on the math, students should understand algebra and geometry.

Testing will be in Riverside the morning of Wednesday, October 17 (the **only** day it is offered). The cost is \$13. If you wish to test you **MUST** order by entering on your accounting slip and paying **ON TIME**—by **September 17th**.

After you order a test, we'll get a practice bulletin to you along with specific directions.

Note: This testing is open to any homeschool student, so if you have friends not enrolled in a school offering the PSAT, let them know (but their cost is \$16).♣

College Entrance Tests: SAT I, II or ACT

We have information and registration brochures for these college entrance tests (along with practice test bulletin

and a practice CD for six foreign languages). If you are planning to go to college, you should check with the college(s) you are interested in to see what their entrance requirements are (including *when* the test should be taken). Tests are offered several times each year.

You are encouraged to register online for the SAT I or SAT II at www.collegeboard.com and ACT at www.actstudent.org. Our school code (only for CHS students) is 050493. There is a generic homeschool code that non-CHS students can request and use.

If family finances are an issue, they have a waiver of fees procedure. Ask at the office for paperwork.

Check the appropriate website for sample questions and even online courses. An ACT preparation booklet (including full-length practice tests and information about the optional writing test) is available at the office.♣

— Parents Take Note —

Proficiency Tests

Only for juniors or seniors who have not yet passed either the CHSPE or BASE tests, one of which is **required** for *juniors or seniors* who have not yet passed either. The CHSPE will be given Saturday, October 20th, and registration is required by mid-September; the BASE will be given in January. (Sophomores will not take a proficiency test until spring.)♣

SAT Preparation

James Stobaugh is a home school parent who teaches SAT I test preparation and who has even been a reader for scoring the essays. We have in our library a set of audio CDs he has done on his tips for preparing for the SAT. Great information, available for check-out. (And by the way, he does not necessarily recommend taking the PSAT for preparation! Listen to see why☺.)

Parents Needed!

Samantha Garriga is coordinating high school events this year; if you have ideas or want to help in some way, give her a call at 951-280-0111. Anyone interested in helping with junior high, give a call or email to Arleen (I know someone mentioned it to me, but did I write it down to remember who? No!) The more help, the better in this case... splitting up the responsibility works well.♣