



NEWS from the CHAGRIN FALLS SCHOOLS

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Volunteers Needed

The Chagrin Falls School District will be initiating a planning process to assist in developing a comprehensive strategic plan. This plan will serve as a guide as we move forward in a community-led effort to plot the future course of our school district. The *Strategic Planning Committee* will begin meeting in February, 2008 and complete its work in June, 2008.

We will also begin the work of investigating alternative forms of school funding. The *Alternative Funding Committee* will research school funding options and meet with local and state political leaders to influence change in school funding in the State of Ohio. The committee will begin meeting in February, 2008 and complete its work in May, 2009 resulting in a recommendation to the Chagrin Falls Board of Education regarding possible future funding options for the district.

Ideal committee members are those individuals who are truly committed to strengthening our schools and community. If you are interested in being a part of either committee and are able to make the time commitment, please contact Barb Wilson, Secretary to the Superintendent, at 440-247-4363 to request an interest form. Interest forms may also be picked up at the Central Office located at Chagrin Falls High School at 400 East Washington Street. Forms must be received by **January 18, 2008**. Depending on the level of interest, it may be necessary to use a selection process to establish a representative sample of the community.

Alumni Association Offers Thanks

The Chagrin Falls Alumni Association would like to thank all those that joined in on the Tiger Camp Raffle Baskets this fall. The Alumni Association was able to raise over \$700. A special thank you to Debi Gebler '75 and Sherrie Wooden '75 for all their work in putting the baskets together and selling tickets. We would like to thank the Chagrin Falls Athletic Department and Step-In for their generous donations. We would also like to thank the head coaches for their assistance: Football - Mark Iammarino; Boys Soccer - Mario Gerhardt; Girls Soccer - Pamela Malone; Boys Basketball - Dave Bargar '85; Girls Basketball - Curtis Howell; Baseball - Mike Sweeney; Cheerleading - Vickie Epprecht '00

Winners of our Tiger Camp Baskets were for Football - Mike '87 & Kathy Carroll Lawrence '81; Cheerleading - Eliza Rooney; Boys Soccer - Karen & Mike Wise '80;

Girls Soccer – Baldwin; Volleyball – Bridget Roush; Boys Basketball – Steve Diedrich '82; Girls Basketball – Brad Jones; Baseball – Annie Amata

Second Meeting of Parent Book Group January 16, 2008

The next meeting of the Parent Book Group, which is reading *From Binge to Blackout* by Chris Volkmann and Toren Volkmann will take place on Wednesday, January 16th in the high school Technology Learning Center (Upper Library off the Main Lobby) from 9:30 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. All parents are welcome even if your students are younger than high school age. Fireside Book Store has reordered the book. It can also be found online via Amazon.com or perhaps at other local book stores. Following up on our December 5th discussion, we are using the true story of a mother and son's journey through his struggle with teen drinking to explore how the issues relate to our students and our families and our community. You will have the opportunity to express your thoughts, feelings and concerns as well as gain insight and support from the other participants. Even if you have not finished reading the book, please join us.

R.S.V.P. to Karen Kreinberg, L.I.S.W., high school S.A.Y. Social Worker, at (440) 247-2072 ext. 4452 or email her at: karen.kreinberg@chagrinschools.org.

Parent Education Opportunity Offered

Chagrin Falls High School will offer parents the opportunity to connect in a nationally acclaimed parent discussion group beginning January 9th. Sponsored by Community Partnership For Youth (CP4Y), participants will meet in small groups to examine and discuss issues parents of teens are likely to face.

The format will be similar to a book group and discussions will be guided using the new 2007 edition of *Please Stop the Rollercoaster! How Parents of Teenagers Can Smooth Out the Ride* by Sue Blaney. Some of the discussion topics include: improving communication, keeping teens from engaging in risky behavior, "normal" teen development, exploring parents' changing roles, and supporting your teen in school.

The discussion group program is comprised of eight sessions, with meetings scheduled every other Wednesday at noon beginning January 9th in the Sands Community Room. Please register early so that the textbooks can be ordered. Send a \$29.95 check (payable to CP4Y) to Carol Nash, 817 Sun Ridge Lane, South Russell, OH 44022 or call 440-338-1089 for more information.

Save the Date

The After Prom Fundraiser, "Fat Friday" will be held on Friday, January 25, 2008 at 7:00p.m. at the Chagrin Valley Athletic Club. All proceeds benefit a safe After Prom for Chagrin Falls students. For more information, contact Lou Ann Hebble at 440-338-4193.