

# Spartan Express

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## Our Mission

The CHS mission is to provide a safe environment where all students acquire skills and knowledge to become productive members of society.



### Important dates:

Inservice Day (No school))	Feb. 20
Spring Break	March 27-31
Good Friday (No School)	April 14
Last Student Day	May 19
CHS Graduation	June 4

### TESTING DATES

#### ISTEP:

PART I - Feb 27 - March 10

PART II - April 17 - May 5

Only sophomores and students in biology will be tested.

#### ECA (again):

Algebra 1: May 1-10

English 10: May 8-17

### What's up?

Keep up with CHS! Check out our website:

<http://fayette.chs.schooldesk.net>

At the website above, you may click on the link for Harmony Parent Portal to check your student's grades and lots of other school related information. If you have forgotten your student's portal credentials and are not able to sign in, please call 825-1151 and ask for help from one of our secretaries.

### Food Pantry

There are changes with the Food Pantry dates. The distribution date will be the Thursday after the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month. The pantry will be open to students that ride a bus during their 7<sup>th</sup> period class and parents with a student at CHS or CMS may pick up food from 4:00-5:30.

Dates for the rest of 2017 are:

- January 12
- February 16
- March 16
- April 13
- May 11

### ECHS

Want to earn free college credits while in high school? See your counselor for more information about the Early College High School at CHS. We are one of only 13 endorsed Early College Schools in Indiana. Save money and time and get a head start on your future!

### Grading Period

The nine weeks grading period will end March 10. Grades should be posted by March 15.

### ISTEP+10

If your child is a 10th grade student, the ISTEP+10 is their graduation exam. They must pass the math and English portion of the test in order to graduate. Current juniors and seniors must pass the old ECA graduation exam (or the ISTEP+ 10) in order to graduate. The graduation exam for 9th grade students has not yet been determined by the DOE or State legislature.

### CHS School Improvement Goals

Goal 1: Maintain/increase the graduation rate to meet/exceed 90% in 2017.

Goal 2: CHS will meet/exceed the state average on the 10th grade ELA ISTEP+ assessment by 2017.

Goal 3: CHS will meet/exceed the state average on the 10th grade math ISTEP+ assessment by 2017.

Goal 4: Maintain/increase CHS College and Career Readiness measures to exceed the state average by 2017.

### Want To Be A Teacher?

The **Next Generation Teacher Scholarship** was created to help the next generation of Hoosier teachers pay for college. The State of Indiana will provide **200 scholarships each year** to high-achieving high school and college students interested in pursuing a career in education. The scholarship pays \$7,500 per year for up to four years to students who commit to teaching in Indiana after graduation. Go here for more information:

<https://nextteacher.che.in.gov>



Each year CHS participates in the Fresh Ideas for Education program through Marsh. When registered participants shop at Marsh, CHS earns points for free educational equipment and supplies. This year we only have 91 participants. That is a very low number for a school with over 1,100 students. Friends and family may register their cards at [www.marsh.net](http://www.marsh.net) Our school code is 40452 Participating costs nothing, but it benefits our school!

### Local Scholarship Information For Seniors

Local scholarships will be released on February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017. There will be an SRT meeting in the lecture hall to go over application information. The application will be available online to print. Paper copies must be turned in to the guidance office for the school based scholarships. The Fayette County Foundation scholarships are all completed online. 21<sup>st</sup> century scholars may apply for the local paper scholarships, but not the online Foundation scholarships. Students must be aware that they may apply for local scholarships through CHS and online through the Foundation.

### Important Phone Numbers at CHS:

Office: 825-1151

Athletic Office: 825-2900

Attendance Line: 825-5584 (24/7!)

### Free math/Science Homework Help!

Rose-Hulman's Homework Hotline is a FREE service with student-tutors available Sundays – Thursdays, 7:00 pm – 10:00 pm (ET). You can call a tutor at 877-Ask-Rose (877-275-7673) or chat with a tutor at AskRose.org. You can also email tutors by visiting AskRose.org, at any time and they will respond during operating hours.

### SAT QUESTION OF THE DAY

It has been proven that SAT scores go up when students are able to practice answering SAT skills-based questions. CHS has put a link on our website that will allow students to practice a different skill every day! Parents should encourage their student to visit <http://fayettein.chs.schooldesk.net/> to practice as much as possible!

### Spartan Athletic Website

For team schedules, athletic forms, ticket order forms, Spartan Code, and much more information, please visit:

[Connersvilleathletics.com](http://Connersvilleathletics.com)

### Visit the Fayette County School Corporation Website:

<http://fayettein.schooldesk.net>



### Sound Upgrade

Spartan Bowl is getting new speakers in January. Come and hear the action and watch our boys and girls teams finish out their seasons.

### Indiana Youth Survey

Freshmen and Junior students will participate (anonymously) in The Indiana Youth Survey, formerly the Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drug Use Survey, that has been used in Indiana schools and communities since 1991. Funded by the Indiana Division of Mental Health and Addiction, the Indiana Youth Survey (INYS) is distributed and administered every spring, free of charge, in any Indiana school that wishes to participate. The self-report survey asks students in Grades 6-12 a variety of questions about substance use, mental health, gambling, and potential risk and protective factors for these behaviors.

The Indiana Youth Survey is conducted for two purposes:

- To provide local schools and their communities with valid estimates of the prevalence of alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use among their students, as well as mental health, gambling behaviors, and levels of risk and protective factors present in the students' lives.
- To provide the State of Indiana with similar estimates of prevalence on a statewide basis.

Each participating school corporation will receive a report of their results, highlighting major findings among their students. These data can provide important information to school administrators and guide their decision making on school policies, prevention programs, and collaboration with community partners. The State also benefits from the survey, receiving a statewide report of results which they use to guide planning and prevention efforts across Indiana.

Sample questions may be found here: [http://www.inys.indiana.edu/docs/survey/INYS\\_questionnaire.pdf](http://www.inys.indiana.edu/docs/survey/INYS_questionnaire.pdf)

Parents have the right to exempt their child from the survey. If you do not want your child to take this anonymous survey, please contact Mr. Judd, CHS Principal, in writing before February 28, 2017.

### After School Math Help

The CHS math teachers volunteer to help students after school. The schedule for Jan 6 – Mar 9, 3:45-4:30, is below:

Tuesday – W182

Mr. Myers

Thursday – W177

Mrs. Phelps

Students can get help with any level of math!