

WELCOME TO
**8TH GRADE
OPEN HOUSE**





WELCOME CLASS OF 2028!





The Conforti Family

Get to Know Our Principal, Mr. Conforti!

- This will be his 18th year in education. Before becoming our Principal, Mr. Conforti has been:
 - A Special Educator
 - A Special Education Coordinator
 - An Interim Principal
 - An Assistant Principal
 - A Coach - Football, Basketball, Lacrosse, and Track & Field.
- The Conforti Family moved to Vermont from New Jersey in 2017.
- Mr. Conforti has his
 - Bachelors in History & American Studies.
 - Masters in Special Education
 - Masters in Educational Leadership
- Mr. Conforti is pursuing his Doctoral degree in Educational Leadership and Policy Studies.

CHS

RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY, AND PRIDE

ADMINS



ANDREW CONFORTI
PRINCIPAL



AMBER KEEP
DIRECTOR OF STUDENT
SUPPORT SERVICES



ERICA LECLAIR
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL



CHAD DEMAGISTRIS
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

OPEN HOUSE NIGHT

PURPOSE OF THE EVENING

1. LEARN ABOUT OUR ACADEMIC PROGRAM & VISION
2. PROVIDE A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF THE 9TH GRADE EXPERIENCE (AND BEYOND!)
3. BEGIN THE TRANSITION TO HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE CLASS OF 2028!

SCHEDULE

PRINCIPAL'S WELCOME

FOUR ROTATIONS:

1. MATH/SCIENCE
2. HUMANITIES
3. SUPPORT SERVICES
4. ELECTIVES

NOTE: FAMILIES WILL GO THROUGH ROTATIONS BY LAST NAME

MISSION STATEMENT



EXCELLENCE AND EQUITY
IN A CLIMATE OF RESPECT,
RESPONSIBILITY, AND PRIDE.



CORE BELIEFS

1. WE ENGAGE IN **DIVERSE LEARNING EXPERIENCES** ROOTED IN RELATIONSHIPS, RELEVANCE, RIGOR, AND SHARED RESPONSIBILITY.
2. WE **WORK TOGETHER** TO BUILD ON ONE ANOTHER'S STRENGTHS AND PERSPECTIVES.
3. WE CULTIVATE A **STRONG AND CONNECTED COMMUNITY** THAT RESPECTS AND CELEBRATES ALL LAKERS.
4. WE DEMONSTRATE **RESPECT AND COMPASSION** FOR OURSELVES, ONE ANOTHER, AND OUR SCHOOL.
5. WE CREATE **SAFE SPACES** WHERE ALL LAKERS CAN THRIVE.
6. WE EMPOWER ALL LAKERS TO USE THEIR VOICE, PURSUE THEIR ASPIRATIONS, AND BE **ACTIVE AND ENGAGED** MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY.

WELCOME

STUDENTS



THE HIGH SCHOOL JOURNEY



THE HIGH SCHOOL JOURNEY

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

<u>Requirements</u>	<u>Credits</u>
English	4
Social Studies	3.5
Math	3.5
Science	3.5
Fine Arts	1.0
Health	0.5
Physical Education	1.5
Electives	7
	24.5

9TH GRADE

A LITTLE LESS FLEXIBLE!

- The Regimes and Revolutions of the Modern World (TREV)**
(English 1.0 and Social Studies 1.0)
- Algebra or Geometry**
(Math 1.0)
- Earth Systems Science**
(Science 1.0)

FLEXIBLE PATHWAYS

CHS COURSES :

- BREAKING INTO CODING
- ARABIC
- VIVA: CULTURES OF THE SPANISH SPEAKING WORLD
- NUMBER THEORY
- SCIENCE OF SURVIVAL
- MOUNTAINS AND MINDS
- MATH OF SPORTS
- PHOTOGRAPHY
- MUSIC TECHNOLOGY
- DETECTIVE FICTION
- ADVANCED PLACEMENT CLASSES (12)

AND MORE!



ADDITIONAL OFFERINGS:

- DUAL ENROLLMENT (COLLEGE CLASSES)
- VIRTUAL HIGH SCHOOL (VHS)
- TECHNICAL CENTERS (CTE AND BTC)
- TIPS PROGRAM - INTERNSHIPS
- EXTENDED LEARNING
- TARGET GRADUATION
- OPTIONS CREDIT
- GOVERNOR'S INSTITUTE
- EXTENDED EDUCATIONAL TRIPS:
ANDROS, WASHINGTON DC, QUEBEC CITY, COSTA RICA, ECUADOR , FRANCE

Learning happens in a variety of ways both inside and outside the four walls of CHS!

THE HIGH SCHOOL EXPERIENCE

ATHLETICS

- ★ FOOTBALL
- ★ FIELD HOCKEY
- ★ GOLF
- ★ SOCCER
- ★ CROSS COUNTRY
- ★ WRESTLING
- ★ DANCE
- ★ ALPINE SKIING
- ★ NORDIC SKIING
- ★ ICE HOCKEY
- ★ BASKETBALL
- ★ BASEBALL
- ★ SOFTBALL
- ★ TENNIS
- ★ LACROSSE
- ★ TRACK AND FIELD
- ★ ULTIMATE FRISBEE
- ★ VOLLEYBALL



OLUWADARE SOWUNMI
ACTIVITIES & ATHLETIC
DIRECTOR

CO-CURRICULARS

- ★ ANIME CLUB
- ★ ART CLUB
- ★ BACKCOUNTRY SNOWSPORTS
- ★ CHS CARES SOCIETY
- ★ CHS FILM SOCIETY
- ★ COLCHESTER THEATRE COMPANY
- ★ D&D CLUB!
- ★ DEBATE TEAM
- ★ GREEN TEAM
- ★ INTERNATIONAL CLUB
- ★ MATH LEAGUE
- ★ MOUNTAIN BIKE CLUB
- ★ NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY
- ★ QSA
- ★ SOCIAL JUSTICE ALLIANCE
- ★ SKI & BOARD CLUB
- ★ SPEECH TEAM
- ★ STUDENT COUNCIL
- ★ WE MATTER HERE

CHS TRADITIONS

- ★ VARIETY NIGHT
- ★ SPIRIT WEEK
- ★ FUN FRIDAYS
- ★ VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT
- ★ GREEN-UP DAY

...AND MORE!



COMMUNICATION

★ FACULTY AND STAFF

★ POWERSCHOOL

★ PARENTSQUARE

★ WEBSITE

★ THE LAKER VIEW

★ SOCIAL MEDIA

- Facebook: Colchester High School
- Instagram: colchester_hs_principal
- Twitter: @CHSLakersVT, @CHSLakersAP, @CHSAthleticsVT

THE LAKER VIEW
September 2017

Dear families,
We hope your students had a smooth transition back to school. It's been wonderful to have the "heart" of students back in the building.

On Thursday, September 28th at 6:00 pm, CHS will host our annual Open House. The purpose of the Open House is to provide families with the opportunity to meet your student's teachers, their guidance counselor, and to follow your student's schedule. The evening begins at 6:00 in the CHS Performing Arts Center. I look forward to seeing you Thursday evening!

Please be reminded that Wednesday, September 28th is one of our district-wide early release days for the 2016-2017 school year. These days are an opportunity for teachers across the district to engage in high quality professional development in order to increase student learning. These additional early release days are: Wednesday 9th, Saturday 9th, and April 10th. School will dismiss at 12:00 and buses will pick students up at that time.

We will be holding a School Safety Assembly for all 9th graders and students will be CDE on Friday, September 21st. Please see the section later in the newsletter for more information. This is a similar assembly that all 9th, 10th, and 11th graders participated in last year.

Our fall sports season is well underway; please consider joining us for a game or event in the coming weeks!

Happy September from the Chief of Staff,
Therese Miller

NEWS INSIDE

- PSAT
- Guidance Updates
- Open House
- Family Teacher Conferences
- Ski/Board Sale
- Early Release
- 9th Grade Safety Assembly
- Athletics
- Senior Info
- Project Grad

PSAT for Sophomores & Juniors

What is the PSAT/NMSQT?
The PSAT/NMSQT stands for Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.

- The PSAT/NMSQT assesses **critical reading** (passage-based reading, sentence completion), **math reasoning** (numbers and operations; algebra and functions; geometry and measurement; data analysis, statistics, probability), and **writing skills** (sentence error identification, sentence error paragraph improvements) that are important for success in college.

The Test

- The PSAT will be administered **Wednesday, Oct. 11th.**
- The test is for students in Grades 10 & 11 and is a **practice test** in preparation for the SAT.
- Students will need to bring a calculator and have 25 pencils.

Why Take The PSAT/NMSQT?

- The PSAT/NMSQT is a student's first official step on the road to college. It encourages students to start planning for life after high school by either jumpstarting their college search process, or for some, introducing them to the concept of college.
- On the average, students who take the PSAT/NMSQT score higher scores on the SAT than those that don't. One reason the score from the same format, **diagrams, sample questions, and question types.** Students will get sample practice recommendations from Khan Academy based on their performance on the PSAT/NMSQT. Students will have access to explanations for the answers to every PSAT/NMSQT test question as well as enhanced online score report.
- PSAT/NMSQT students who meet entry requirements may enter National Merit Scholarship Corporation's scholarship competitions as well as other programs that give special recognition to high-achieving students.
- Student Search Services gives PSAT/NMSQT test-takers the option to receive admissions and financial aid information from colleges, universities, and scholarship programs.
- With the PSAT/NMSQT, students get their first look at how their academic skills compare with those from a national group of college-bound students.
- The PSAT/NMSQT Score Report gives students personalized feedback on their test performance, including

COLCHESTER HIGH SCHOOL
DISTRICT VERIFICATION | Select Language | DISTRICT HOME | POWERSCHOOL

ABOUT - ACADEMICS - ACTIVITIES - COUNSELING - RESOURCES - DIRECTORY

CRS GUIDE TO TEACHING AND LEARNING
AND COLLEGE READINESS (PSAT/NMSQT)

IMPORTANT! Link to the Students/Family Guide to Teaching and Learning in the scrolling feed

COLCHESTER HIGH SCHOOL Parent Student-Athlete Meeting

MISSSED THE WINTER SPORTS PAR MEETING?

Here is the **Guide** to what you if you have any questions please cc 264-5706 or mark.ellingson@colchester.k12.vt.us

Colchester High School
September 4 at 2:14 PM

Would you like to do more to support Health & Wellness among our School Community? Join us for Coffee Connections!

Questions? Please contact: Jean Shee, Director of Student Support Services: jean.shee@colchester.k12.vt.us or at 264-5700

COLCHESTER HIGH SCHOOL COFFEE CONNECTIONS!

WEDNESDAY'S, 8AM-8:45AM ROOM 114A (OFF THE LIBRARY) TO ALL!

DROP BY, COME TO ONE, OR COME TO ALL!

- ★ SEPTEMBER 12
- ★ OCTOBER 10
- ★ OCTOBER 24
- ★ NOVEMBER 14
- ★ DECEMBER 12

COFFEE CONNECTIONS!

We are looking to partner with parents & caregivers to support health & wellness among our school community.

Please join Danielle Jaffee, LICSW, LADC, Contingency Program Director, for coffee and conversation about adolescent health and wellness. Come ask questions, connect with one another, and learn about community resources available to students and families.

Please information please contact: Jean Shee, Director of Student Support Services, jean.shee@colchester.k12.vt.us or at 264-5700

TRANSITION PROCESS

You are now getting the Laker View (via ParentSquare)!

January

8th Grade Open House

Parent Questionnaire (School Counselors will identify where you'll find this)

February

Learning Styles and Writing Assessments
(School Counseling to CMS)

February

Course Registration (CHS at CMS)

June

CMS to CHS with Humanities teachers: Provide Optional
Enrichment

August

First Day of School - SmartStart

ADVICE

1. **GET INVOLVED!**

FIND OUT WHAT CHS HAS TO OFFER AND THEN TAKE ADVANTAGE OF IT.

2. **WE'RE A COMMUNITY!**

DON'T BE AFRAID TO ASK FOR HELP IF YOU NEED IT.

TONIGHT'S PROGRAM

**6:30 PM | Welcome from Principal Conforti in the
Performing Arts Center**

6:45 PM | Transition to Presentations

(Please join & follow the group that contains the 1st letter of your LAST name)

6:50 - 7:11 PM | Wave 1 of Presentations

A-D	Performing Arts Center	Math/Science
E-L	Library	Humanities
M-Q	105-107	Electives
R-Z	101-103	School Counseling

7:16 - 7:37 PM | Wave 2 of Presentations

A-D	Library	Humanities
E-L	105-107	Electives
M-Q	101-103	School Counseling
R-Z	Performing Arts Center	Math/Science

7:42 - 8:03 PM | Wave 3 of Presentations

A-D	105-107	Electives
E-L	101-103	School Counseling
M-Q	Performing Arts Center	Math/Science
R-Z	Library	Humanities

8:08 - 8:30 PM | Wave 4 of Presentations

A-D	101-103	School Counseling
E-L	Performing Arts Center	Math/Science
M-Q	Library	Humanities
R-Z	105-107	Electives

