# GOOD NEWS from *Carmel Clay Schools*

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## Awards

**CHS Student Named U.S. Presidential Scholar**
Shea Jendrusina, CHS senior, was named the Indiana U.S. Presidential Scholar! Only two students from each state earn this recognition.

**Manning Announces Orchard Park as the Project 18 Winner**
For their dedication to improving the health and wellness of its students, faculty, and community, Orchard Park won the Project 18 Award – which included a surprise visit by Peyton Manning on May 4 and a $2500 donation to their wellness program.

**2012 Graduates Awarded OVER $11.5 Million in Scholarships!**

**11 CHS Students Placed in Top 3 in State History Contest**
S. Bleykhman, D. Gorin, J. Nardi, J. Mentz, L. Zhao, H. Ip, M. Arakawa, and R. Cundiff, all first and second place winners, will now represent CHS and the state at the national competition in Maryland.

**CHS Student Makes Top 20 in Nation**
David Liang, senior, is one of only 20 students selected nationwide to participate this summer in the U.S. National Chemistry Olympiad Study Camp at the U.S. Air Force academy in Colorado.

**Carmel Middle School Does Well in St. Louis Competition**
CaMS students earned the prestigious Espirit de Corps Award for their outstanding behavior and were the highest scoring middle school choir at the Music in the Parks event!

**Clay MS Teacher is SUPER**
Mark Weaver, social studies department chair, received the "Super Learning's Indiana Teacher Award" from the Indianapolis Super Bowl Host Committee and is also being inducted into his high school's alumni hall of fame.

**CHS Student Earns Perfect ACT Score**
Congratulations to Tianyu Tan, a CHS junior who earned a perfect score on the ACT.

**CCS Has 6 Nurses Nominated for Nurse of the Year 2012**
Congratulations to Barb Neukam, Woodbrook; Michele Davitt, West Clay; Barb Hill, Forest Dale; Ann Lukes, Mohawk Trails; Diane Riemenschnitter, Orchard Park, and Teggie Rogers, Cherry Tree.

**Carmel Physics Students Score Big in Competition**
CHS AP Physics C students and Kevin Fei, freshman, earned first place, and Josh Segaran, freshman, earned second place in the regional Physics Bowl.

**CCS Students Awarded for Artistic Green Efforts**
Winners of the Earth Day Art Contest were recognized by the City of Carmel and Carmel Green Initiative at the Carmel Clay Public Library. Schools recognized include: Carmel Elementary, Woodbrook, Orchard Park, Smoky Row, Prairie Trace, College Wood, West Clay, and Clay MS. For more information about the celebration, please click here.

**8 CHS Students Qualify for Honor Society**
Based on their outstanding efforts with the J. Everett Light Career Center, eight Carmel High School students were admitted to the National Technical Honor Society. Congratulations to Carlesa Smith, Michelle Vlasich, Kim Bielawski, Amanda Bledsoe, Ashley Smaltz, Evangeline Middleton, Fatou Diatta, and Denisha Fletcher.

**Three Students Qualify to Compete in Intel Science Fair**
Congratulations to Youkow Homma, Lyndon Ji, and Claudia Huang, who qualified for the Intel International Science Fair.

**CHS Teacher Named IN AATG Teacher of the Year 2012**
Angelika Becker was named the German Teacher of the Year by the Indiana American Association of German Teachers.

**CHS Academic Team Named in Top 10**
The Indiana Association of School Principals selected CHS as a "Top 10 Overall" Academic Super Bowl Team.

**CHS Economics Team in Top 4 Nationally**
CHS Econ Team, Kelly Klevitsky, Youkow Homma, Sarah Bennett, and Edward Zhang, scored in the top four in the nation on an economics exam and will now compete in the finals in New York City with all expenses paid!

## Events

**Prairie Trace and Orchard Park Enjoy Bike-to-School**
Thanks to the City of Carmel, Monon Center, and Carmel Police Department, Orchard Park and Prairie Trace Elementary had over 300 students bike safely to school on May 9.

**CHS Student Plays at the Palladium**
Lyndon Ji, CHS senior, performed at the Center for the Performing Arts on April 29 as the 2011 Carmel Symphony Orchestra Young Artist Winner.

**CCS Students Making a Difference**
College Wood Elementary students participated in "YOU Can Make a Difference" Documentary Days, where students identified global issues (like illiteracy and clean water scarcity), and then created a campaign advocating for global change. Watch some of the documentaries here.

**CHS Media Center Hosts Interactive Earthquake Kiosk**
The Active Earth Monitor kiosk provides students with information on midcontinent earthquakes and engages students with earth science information with an interactive touch screen.

**Professionals Help West Clay Students Learn Bill of Rights**
Students learned about the Bill of Rights through first-hand interactions with attorneys, politicians, and two representatives from the Governor's Office. After this research, the students made documentaries – thanks to the assistance from Creekside student and film maker, Luke Broyles.

## Philanthropy

**CCS Official Amount Raised for West Clark Schools Exceeds $33,000**
Thanks to families and staff for helping the children in Henryville through various fundraising campaigns. The total amount raised by CCS is $33,138.65! For more information, click here.

**Carmel Elementary Community Comes Together for Local Charity**
Carmel Elementary students and staff raised $983 for Hamilton County Food Rescue by paying a dollar to wear their favorite hat. In addition, the choir also donated all of the money collected the night of their performance.

**Pink at the Prairie Pulls Plenty for Pulley**
Prairie Trace Elementary turned Pink in honor of Nancy Pulley, former PTE teacher, and raised $1650 for the Nancy Pulley Scholarship with the Carmel Education Foundation.

**Creekside Baseball Team Goes PINK for Moms Everywhere**
In their annual event, the seventh grade baseball team wore pink to support breast cancer awareness, while also recognizing all the mothers present with a handwritten note on baseballs as gifts. One grandmother, who recently won her battle with breast cancer, had celebrity status when she threw the first pitch.

**Smoky Row Staff & Students Give Back to Community**
Smoky Row staff members manned one of the water stations for the Carmel Marathon. AND Student Council members helped at the Carmel High School Baseball team's fundraiser by selling food, drinks, and bracelets to raise money for Peyton Manning's Children's Hospital at the varsity game that evening.

**CHS Students Tour Caterpillar Engine Plant**
Principals of Engineering students visited Caterpillar Engine Plant in Lafayette and saw many examples of advanced manufacturing and computer-controlled equipment.

**Community Involvement Makes Cultural Fair a Success**
West Clay, College Wood, and Creekside Middle families, staff, and community members came together to share their traditions, cuisine, and entertainment for the Westside Cultural Fair. Over 22 countries were represented.

## In the News

**HiLite Online Piece Features Student's Talent**
Olivia Ross, CHS junior, is highlighted by student journalists for her interest and success in competitive rowing. See the fantastic reporting by students here.

**West Clay Second Graders LOVE to Read**
Students participated in the WISH-TV "I Love to Read" Challenge and met the reading goal of 1200 minutes per child. Debbie Gangstad's second grade classroom was then selected to attend a ceremony at the Children's Museum, where students met Indiana's first lady!

**Orchard Park's Successful Wellness Program Makes the News**
Watch the footage here.

**Cougars Helping Cougars**
During the week of April 9-13, the Carmel Middle School Green Team sold wristbands with the phrase "Cougars Helping Cougars" that benefit real live cougars at the Exotic Feline Rescue Center after learning about wildlife conservation. Over $400 was donated to the Exotic Feline Rescue Center! Read more about this fundraising effort in the *Current in Carmel*.

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