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Construction Careers Center Charter High School

## FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR



Dear Bobcat Families:

Happy New Year!! Our first semester has come to a close. We started the second semester on January 16, 2007. It's hard to believe, but as we enter the second semester of this year, we have to think about the beginning of next. January will also bring with it the beginning of the recruitment process for next year and planning for the 2007-08 school year. Next month, the school will begin our follow-up testing for Workkey and our reading tests. Please encourage your son/daughter to do their best on these tests. Our basketball teams are in mid-season form. Take a moment to come out and cheer the team on to victory.

The staff is working hard to prepare our students for the expectations of the construction industry and college. Lately, my staff and I have noticed that a number of students are arriving late to school. During my construction advisory meeting last month, the contractors and apprentice coordinators said coming on-time and ready to work is the single most important "cornerstone" to on-the-job success. My staff cannot teach your child unless they are in class and on-time. I also ask you to talk to your son/daughter about ways to deal with conflict. We have a very successful "peer mediation" program that helps students deal with peer to peer conflict. Last year, this program helped over 70 students avoid suspensions. If your child is having an issue with another student, let Mr. Wilson, Ms. Washington or me know.

The holidays gave me a chance to relax and enjoy my family. Hopefully you had a wonderful Christmas and will have an even better 2007.

With Bobcat Pride,  
*Dr. Michael P. Musick, Principal*

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## CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT NEWS

The construction department has seen major growth this year! Early in the semester we introduced a program where a "cornerstone" of industry expectations is highlighted daily for the student body. We also have an aggressive guest speaker program designed to expose smaller groups of students to specific opportunities in the industry. Significantly increased "hands-on" learning experiences are now a reality for our students. Upper-class students have built a storage building, dozens of pallets and worked hard on an off-campus community construction project. Younger students have been working with blueprints and building models of homes. Still other students have been working hard with "brick and mortar" and other shop activities. We look forward to even more progress second semester!

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## ENRICHMENT

We are about to start our second semester of the Enrichment Program here at the CCC. The Enrichment Program is an after-school activity that offers students one-on-one or small group instruction on any classroom material. Students are required to meet every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. This provides for a better means of communication between the parents and teachers. The Enrichment team reviews each student's progress every eight weeks to determine whether he/she needs to continue within the program. Each student is given an after school snack provided by our lunchroom services. If you are interested in enrolling your student in the Enrichment Program, please contact Ms. Snelson at (314) 588-9991 ext. 106.

## BREAKFAST WITH THE PRINCIPAL

In November, the CCC invited over 100 construction business executives to have “Breakfast with the Principal”. The goal was to update these future employers about the wonderful strides the CCC students are making. Dr. Musick specifically stressed the importance of the new math and reading programs as well as our efforts to involve the industry in the day-to-day operations of our curriculum. He also asked for financial help to support our strategic plan. Below is a list of items that could enhance the educational opportunities for our students. During the program, Gabbie Fields, one of our outstanding student leaders addressed the group and spoke about her experience at CCC. It was the highlight of the breakfast program.

### CCC Needs

- \$20,000 for a computer laptop lab to support our “Double Math and Double English” programs in our freshmen and sophomore classes.
- \$5,000 to support our after school enrichment tutoring program.
- \$15,000 for five SMART boards for our CCC classrooms. Each SMART board is \$3,000.
- \$5,000 to provide field trip funds to take freshmen classes to local job sites.
- \$5,000 to fund additional Reading Coaching days from our Reading Consultant.
- \$2,000 to support and fund our curriculum for our “Math Athletes” in-school sophomore tutoring program.
- \$3,000 to fund transportation for our new track team.
- \$3,000 to purchase a PA system for the school.
- \$2,000 to purchase a piano for our after school choir program.

## BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS SITE BASED PROGRAM AT CCC

The Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS) program has been in existence at CCC since 2002. The program has expanded from a few matches to our total of twenty-two matches this year. There are several more matches that will be made within the next few months. CCC students have a “Big” that is involved in the construction industry; some are project managers while others are business owners and office managers.

Ms. Diane Dubois is the new site manager for CCC. She is in charge of the monthly BBBS meeting held on the second Tuesday of each month. The monthly meetings this year have included presentations from the Bigs and Littles on topics they chose as areas of interest such as how to choose a career, how to apply to a college and sexual harassment.

Bigs and Littles meet at least one other time during the month and enjoy time together. They plan a mutual day and time and enjoy such activities as lunch, visiting a construction site, going to a movie, playing a round of golf and many other fun activities.

Parents and students who are interested in the program can contact Mrs. Remaklus at (314) 588-9991 ext. 103. Ms. Diane Dubois can be contacted at (314) 361-5900.



## BOYS BOBCAT BASKETBALL

In early November, the basketball program opened its second year under Coach Elbert Harris. The Bobcats are now in mid-season form posting a five and seven record. The Bobcats are lead by returning starters Theo Howard, Barry Robinson, Justin Stokes and Dwayne Moody. They are joined by a supporting cast of Brian Allen, Mario Carter, Terrel Henderson, Jerome MacLemore, Jeremy Robinson and Erskin Mallett. Coach Harris is excited about the team’s progress. The team could easily be over .500 after losing four games by three points or less. Barry Robinson continues to be one of the St. Louis scoring leaders with 26.6 points per game average.

## ACE

The ACE Mentoring Program is off to a great start with this year's project to design a dog house. The students have been divided into three design groups and the prospective customer will select a group's design.

This year's participants are: Ebonee Ali, Lamont Anderson, Demetron Brent, Deloris Cairo, Louis Chatman, Stephanie Cheeks, Gabrielle Fields, LeRon Fields, Aaron Garrett, Rodrick Jackson, Martez Johnson, Michael Marion, Antoinette Oden, Amber Pritchard, Amanda Reed, Veronica Simmons, Kevin Strayhorn, Corey Watkins, Kris Wells, Charon White, and Antanisha Williams. We have mentors from various contractor firms and meetings have been hosted by HOK, ABNA Engineering and the KWAME Group.

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## RBC CAREERS COACHING PROGRAM

Through the leadership and commitment of Mr. Scott Wilson of SM Wilson and Company and Mr. Bob Brinkmann of Brinkmann Constructors, the Construction Careers Center has been awarded a grant from the St. Louis Regional Business Council to work with students who are interested in a career in construction and owning their own businesses. They meet twice monthly with coaches from The Sims Group, Crown Electric, Paric, McCarthy, HOK, Korte Company and SM Wilson. The students and coaches participate in focused workshops to address preparation of a portfolio, time management, business etiquette, dressing for success, construction industry day and other workshops concentrated on developing their leadership skills.




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## PLACEMENT

The Construction Careers Center High School has been involved with PRIDE, Operation Youth Build and Missouri Careers in preparing a proposal to provide pre-apprenticeship training for future apprentices on the I-64/40 Highway project. This project will allow graduates who successfully complete the pre-apprenticeship training and have a valid Missouri driver's license to become gainfully employed as apprentices with the five basic trades; carpentry, cement masonry, operating engineers, iron workers and construction craft laborers. For details regarding this program please contact Mrs. Gwendolyn Crimm at (314) 588-9991 ext. 123 or (314) 280-7799 mobile.

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## BOARD OF EDUCATION ADOPTS NEW GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

The State of Missouri recently adopted new graduation requirements for the incoming freshmen class. To meet this challenge the CCC board of education adopted a new schedule for future students. Students next year will be taking four 90 minute classes per day instead of three 120 minute classes. Within the schedule, all students will have a 90 minute seminar period every other day. The goal of the seminar is to provide time for reading, homework and tutoring for students. In addition, freshmen and sophomore students will have a math and literacy lab to support their work in the algebra and communications classes.

Dr. Musick and the CCC Steering Committee believe this schedule will help address some of the academic goals for the CCC students. More importantly, because math and reading are two critical skills for success in the construction industry, this schedule will increase the instructional time of these areas by 25 percent.

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## NEW PROGRAM OFFERED TO CCC STUDENTS

Jobs for America's Graduates, Inc., (JAG) is a national non-profit organization designed to assist high school students in getting a diploma and entering the world of work. JAG will be working with the CCC staff to prepare students to become employed. The training is conducted through a job readiness program that includes a career association. For more information please contact Olivia Langendoerfer, career specialist at the CCC at (314) 588-9991 x 109.

## CCC ACTIVITIES FOR SECOND SEMESTER

The CCC Activities Committee has many fun yet educational activities planned for the second semester.

- The first major event will be in honor of Black History Month in February. Plans include a field trip to the Black Repertory Theater to see “Crossing Over,” a historical review of gospel music. In school events will include public address announcements each day about Black Americans and their contributions to history, a movie day, a play production of “Now Let Me Fly”, a CCC choir performance and a CCC Rap Idol contest.
- February 27 will be the fifth annual Black History Whole School Activity and on February 28 the Battle of the Seminars for the Total Recall activity will be held. Many individual teachers will also be organizing activities throughout the week.
- February 10 is scheduled for the annual Sweetheart Dance sponsored by the student government. It will be held from 6:30 to 10:00 p.m. Photographs can be taken and a King and Queen of Hearts will be crowned.
- National School Counselors Week is February 5 - 9.
- Student government will also sponsor a barbeque for a fundraiser during the spring. The date, menu and price list will be announced later. Parents are encouraged to volunteer by advertising presale dinners and assisting on the day of the barbeque.
- Spring Break is March 19 - 23.
- Prom is scheduled for April 14. Juniors and seniors will have first choice at tickets, and then if there is room available, underclassmen may purchase tickets. Details on theme, colors, prices, etc. will be announced later by senior sponsors, Ms. Tolman and Mr. Wilson.
- May 7 - 11 is National Teacher Appreciation Week. Student government and STAR Committee will acknowledge all the dedicated CCC teachers.
- The Senior Class of 2007 will graduate on June 27 at Harris Stowe State University. Awards Day is scheduled for June 28 at the CCC and the sixth annual Field Day will be held on Tuesday, July 3, the last day of class for students in the 2006-2007 school year.

Please call Nancy Remaklus at (314) 588-9991 for any questions or concerns about these activities or to volunteer.

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## OTHER DATES OF INTEREST

February 1, 2007	Second Semester Parent Conference Night 3:15-6:30 p.m.
February 2, 2007	Professional Development Day (No school)
February	Jr./Sr. Parent Night (TBA)
February 15, 2007	Early Dismissal