



# The Kahok Current

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## Summer School Information

Collinsville High School  
Home of the Kahoks



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Collinsville High School will offer a Summer School Program during the summer of 2009. Classes will be held at the high school beginning on June 1 and continuing through June 30. The first session will be held from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and the second session will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The courses to be offered in the 2009 Summer School Program are as follows:

English I Session 1  
English I Session 2  
English II Session 1  
English II Session 2  
English III Session 1  
English III Session 2  
English IV Session 1  
English IV Session 2  
MS Apps Session 1  
Health Session 2  
Consumer Education Session 1  
Civics Session 2  
Paced Algebra I Session 1  
Paced Algebra I Session 2  
Paced Algebra II Session 1  
Paced Algebra II Session 2  
Algebra I Session 1  
Algebra I Session 2  
Informal Geometry Session 1  
Informal Geometry Session 2

*Please Note: Seats in classes are assigned for complete registrations only. Registration is complete when registration form and payment has been made. All registration will be confirmed and are on a first come, first serve basis. Registration closes May 27, 2009. Classes will not be held unless a minimum of 16 students enroll.*

Registration for classes will be held through May 27 in the Guidance Office during regular school hours. Students are to see their counselor to register. Fees are to be paid at time of registration.

In addition to the above, Driver Education classes are available and are arranged by Mrs. Smith.

A student may take any of the courses, except the math courses, for enrichment, or as makeup for failures. A minimum of 16 students must be enrolled in order for a class to be conducted. Students are responsible for providing their own transportation to the Summer School Program.

Lunch will not be provided during summer school. You may bring your lunch and eat at school. Also, you may leave campus between sessions for lunch, but the tardy policy applies if the student returns late from lunch. A soda machine will be provided during summer school.

All students taking summer school classes will receive credit for that course. Students auditing a summer academic class must have prior written approval from administration before summer school class begins.

The last day to drop a class and not receive a grade of WF

is June 2. No schedule changes are permitted.

Finals exams will be taken on the designated day. No final can be taken early or late. No exceptions

Instructional fees for the 2009 Summer School programs are \$100.00 (per 1/2 credit session)

### THERE ARE NO REFUNDS OF FEES IN THE SUMMER SCHOOL PROGRAM

There is an additional tuition fee of \$50.00 for out-of-district students. The tuition fee is applicable regardless of the number of credits for which an out-of-district student registers. The tuition fee is in addition to the appropriate instructional fee. Only students residing in the Collinsville Unit #10 School District are eligible for Driver Education during the summer. A Driver Education Behind-the-Wheel fee of \$50.00 will be charged.

Attendance is essential during the Summer School Program since it is a concentrated program of 68 class hours. A student who misses more than two (2) days during a session is automatically dropped from summer school unless there are unusual circumstances requiring non-attendance. Two tardies to class count as one absence. For further information, please call 346-6320, ext. 1129.

Mr. Bruce Dye  
Assistant Principal



## Seniors and Students of the Month

The faculty and staff of Collinsville High School would like to congratulate the following seniors for being honored as **"Seniors of The Month"** so far this school year:

**August:** Mandi Mushill (State Treasurer, IASC)

**September:** Leila Houshmand (National Youth Leader from St. Louis)

**October:** Kalina Kutriansky, Amy Blood, Tyler Doyle, and Robert Hildreth (National Merit Scholars)

**November:** Jordan Giacoletto, Robert Randant (All-State Soccer), Jevon Hawkins (All-State Football)

**December:** Kelsey Toth (State Latin Convention Award Winner)

**January:** Rachel Voss (All State Honors Choir and selected for International Wheelchair Competition)

**February:** Darla Ahlert, Rhiannon Bauer, Allison Peludat, Linda Graham, Justin Church, and Will Barnett (3rd place girls and 4th place boys at state bowling tournament)

**March:** Ryan Robinson (3rd place at the state wrestling tournament)

We would also like to congratulate our **"Students of the Month"**. They include:

**August:** Allyson Peludat (Jr. National Teen Bowling Team for Illinois)

**September:** Chad Weeks (Illinois and Wisconsin State Champion trap Shooter and 3rd place at Nationals)

**October:** Emily Callahan (6 individual and 24 team medals in 4-H Hippology and qualified for the national tournament)

**November:** Hannah Lochman (Exemplary Co-op student)

**December:** Chelsea Mattea (Leader of the Random Acts of Kindness Club)

**January:** Bryanna Kempfer (Outstanding all around student)

**February:** Ethan Wilborn (Outstanding work ethic and outgoing nature)

**March:** Kalina Kutriansky (Toyota Community Service Scholarship Award Semi-Finalist)

### Congratulations Kahoks!



## Honors Convocation and Graduation



The "High School of Champions" is pleased to announce

that our annual Honors Convocation is scheduled for Wednesday, May 13 at 7:00pm in Fletcher Gymnasium. Parents will be invited to attend this event if your child is being honored for an academic achievement during this current school year.

The 2009 CHS graduation date has also been set. Graduation will take place on Saturday, May 16 at 10:00am in Fletcher Gymnasium. A letter will be sent out shortly with tickets to attend and further information about the commencement exercises.

A mandatory graduation practice for all graduating seniors will be held on Friday, May 15 at 3:00pm in Fletcher

Gymnasium. All three of these events are very important to the CHS family. Please make sure that your child is not late to any of these events. Being on time is crucial to making these events memorable and successful for everyone in attendance. Congratulations to all honorees and graduates!



# Collinsville High School Night at Busch Stadium

Mark your calendars for April 21, 2009! That's Collinsville High School Night at Busch Stadium. The St. Louis Cardinals will be taking on the New York Mets at 7:15pm. Our own CHS choir will also be singing "Take Me Out to the Ballgame" during the seventh inning stretch! The mighty Kahoks will have an entire outfield terrace reserved section for the game.

The cost of each ticket is only \$16. A large portion of the ticket price will be donated back to Collinsville High School to support both student and staff appreciation activities during the upcoming school year. Tickets must be purchased **in advance!** Tickets can be purchased via the order form below or purchased in the Main Office at the high school. For more in-

formation about getting tickets for the game, please contact Kyle Gordon at kgordon@kahoks.org or Eric Flohr at eflohr@kahoks.org. We hope to see Kahok nation at the ball park on April 21 to support our choir and show the crowd that we are the "High School of Champions!"

## Collinsville High School Night At The Ball Park Order Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_



Number of Tickets Ordered: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$16 per ticket = \_\_\_\_\_ Total Amount Enclosed

Please make all checks payable to **Collinsville High School**

**Please return order form and payment to:**

Collinsville High School  
 Attention: Cardinal Game Tickets  
 2201 South Morrison Avenue  
 Collinsville, Illinois 62234



## Important Dates To Remember

April 9-13: No school, Spring Break

April 21: CHS Night at Busch Stadium

April 22-23: PSAE State Testing for Juniors

April 25: CHS Prom

April 29: 1/2 Day, School Improvement Day

May 1: CHS Jazz Night

May 2: Kahok Clean-up Day

May 4: CHS Band Banquet

May 4: Spring Sports Night

May 9: CHS May Dance

May 13: CHS Honors Convocation

May 16: CHS Graduation, Fletcher Gym

# Guidance Department Spotlight

## Summer Planning Guide

School is almost over and summer break is fast approaching. Are your summer plans intact, or do you prefer to do nothing at all? To get the most out of your summer break, be active and spend your time doing something productive such as working, volunteering or planning for college. These things will not only help you to avoid being a couch potato, but will give you independence, help you acquire new skills and grow personally and professionally. Use this guide to start planning your summer experience.

**Plan for College:** The summer is a good time to research schools and narrow down your options, especially if you are going into your senior year of high school. Search various college and university Web sites for general information about schools, admissions requirements and tuition costs. Start a portfolio of schools you are interested in, and list them according to your top choices, by name, or classify them any other way you desire. Keeping a portfolio or notes on each school will help keep you organized and in good shape once it is time to apply. Visit college campuses: If possible, visit your top choice schools to learn more about their academics, student and campus life, financial aid options and to get a more intimate experience. If your top-choice schools are too far, or you aren't able to visit due to financial constraints, visit schools in your state (even if you are not interested in staying in state) so that you will get a glimpse into the overall collegiate experience.

**Take a class:** Get a head start on college, fulfill some needed requirements, improve on a subject where you need help or acquire a new skill. Community colleges or nearby state universities may have summer learning opportunities available for a relatively low cost. Visit [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com) to search for two- and four-year colleges.

**Improve your test score:** Take an ACT or SAT prep course to help you achieve the best possible score on your standardized exams. Many standardized test prep courses charge fees so seek advice from your guidance counselor, do research at your local library, on the Internet or at local colleges to find the best possible and most affordable prep courses.

**Broaden your skills:** Summer is a great time to engage in activities which will improve your professional skills and help build a strong foundation for future success. Consider joining Toastmasters to improve your public speaking skills, or a professional association which will enable you to network with others in your chosen field or discipline.

**Find a job:** If possible, find a job that you enjoy and will help you with your long term career aspirations. For example, if your long-term career goal is to teach, look for jobs that will allow you to work with students in some capacity like a student tutor or camp counselor position.

**Network:** Start networking now to find a great summer job, specifically one that will help build your skills and credentials. Ask your parents, neighbors or friends for advice on where and how

to look for job openings in your area. If you are unsure of what you want to do, visit your guidance counselor. Your counselor will be able to help you identify your strengths, weaknesses, and find the perfect job that best fits your skills. Your school's counseling office should also have books and other resources available to assist you in finding summer employment, and perfecting your resume.

**Find an Internship:** An internship may be tough to come by on short notice, but ask around. You may be able to find an unpaid internship with a local company, community organization or through employers of people you know. Internship experience will look good on a college application, help you gain confidence and help you discover your strengths and weaknesses. Visit [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com) and [www.monstertrak.com](http://www.monstertrak.com) to find full-time, part-time and internship opportunities in your area.

**Volunteer:** Volunteering is a great way to help your community, enhance your skills, improve your resume, and beef up your college and scholarship applications. You can find opportunities at food banks, homeless shelters, hospitals or anywhere else in your community. For example, organizations like Habitat for Humanity give its volunteers the opportunity to build homes for families in need. To learn more, visit [www.habitat.org](http://www.habitat.org).

**-John Smith**  
**Guidance Department Chairman**



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