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The Columbian is a newsmagazine published by the Columbia High School newspaper staff. Its purpose is to inform, entertain and support the student body. Opinion are those of the students and not necessarily those held by the faculty or administration.



The Roughnecks are pumped for football season! What day of the year is most spirited at CHS? Homecoming! The festivities will kick off first thing in the morning on September 27th. The theme for the day is "Hollywood Homecoming" so the student body should start thinking about who they want to dress like.

This year, the Columbia Roughnecks will be playing the Hempstead Bobcats for the homecoming game. The game is, of course, the focus of the day, but the preparations for the spectators are what make this event memorable.

Traditionally, boys buy mums for girls and girls buy garters for boys. Having an actual homecoming date is not as prevalent as it was in years past, so today,

many parents buy mums for their girls. Gone are the days of the big, fresh (not artificial) white flower with long ribbons and assorted decorations hanging to the floor. In the 21st century, the smaller, more delicate and hassle free wrist and finger mums. are far more popular.

Speaking of popularity, there are a few things Ms. Shank would like students to know.: "If students are interested in being in the Homecoming Court, the ceremony will be held before the game, on September 27th. The different organizations will nominate a senior girl and a senior boy to represent them in the Homecoming Court. Underclassmen will be nominated by their peers in their English class," said Shank.



HOMECOMING

Q. & A. With...

Mrs. L. Jones

Q. Will there be a special theme for the Pep Rally?

A. "Yes, it will be a Hollywood theme. We encourage student to dress like their favorite celebrity."

Mrs. York

Q. Do you have any special stunts, cheers, activities, etc. planned for homecoming this year?

A. "Yes, the squad is working very hard on a new routine."

Q. Is there anything you would like to add about the homecoming game?

A. "Show school spirit, come out and support your Roughnecks!"

Coach Jake Carr

Q. Do we have a good record of winning homecoming games?

A. "I've coached 217 varsity football games here at CHS, I don't remember them all, but I would say we are a little better than 60% in homecoming games in my 20 years."

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Lead. Serve. Connect.



Want to get involved? CHS has many clubs, including Spanish club, Book club, FCCLA, Stand by Peace, Chess club, and Interact! Although we have had an Interact club at Columbia before, it is now the newest organization at our school. Mrs. Kincannon said, "Interact is a student club that participates in fun, meaningful service activities locally and internationally with their Rotary Club Sponsors. The Club allows students to develop leadership skills, collaborate with business people and meet people from all over the world. Anybody from the age of 14-18 may join. The club is an amazing opportunity to meet people, better your community, develop needed leadership skills, and actually make a difference in the world. Interact is not just in America. The organization has over 250,000 members in over 120 countries around the world. Each



organization has over 250,000 members in over 120 countries around the world. Each club operates two or more community service projects each year. The club associates with the local Rotary club. A Rotary club is a group of business men and women in the area, striving to make the

Interact!



community better. If you are interested in changing the world for the better, then join the Interact club! Lead. Connect. Serve. Interact! For more information, go on the Rotary club website at www.rotary.org, or see Mrs. Kincannon in C106.

OTHER CLUBS YOU CAN JOIN:

Spanish Club: Spanish Club meets every Wednesday in Mrs. Calderon's classroom. Come learn about the Hispanic culture, music, and festivals! One of the many activities the Spanish Club participates in is the Day of the Dead Celebration. Sign up today in E8!

Society: What is the Seussian Society? The Seussian Society is CHS's book club. Ms. Owens meets with her book club twice a month during lunch to talk about the books they are reading. Owens said "You do not have to read fast, but you have to like to read." Sign up in the library now!

Chess Club: If you are interested in playing chess, Mr. Willey hosts a Chess Club every Tuesday and Thursday after school. He takes all skill levels, from not knowing how to play to playing pretty well. See Mr. Willey in F208!

FCCLA: FCCLA's mission is to develop skills and leadership needed for today's society through education. The club focuses on many roles in the community including: family member, wage earner, and community leader. Members meet on Wednesdays, twice a month, with Mrs. Kresta in F109. To sign up you must have completed one of Mrs. Kresta's classes in the past.

Stand by Peace: Stand by Peace is an anti-drug and anti-bullying club. The club meets every other Wednesday in the mornings. Mrs. Newton, the CHS Communities in Schools representative, runs Stand by Peace. Members of the club participate in teaching people about being drug and violent free. Some people also get to mentor kids. If you are drug free and believe in promoting an anti-bullying environment, then sign up now!

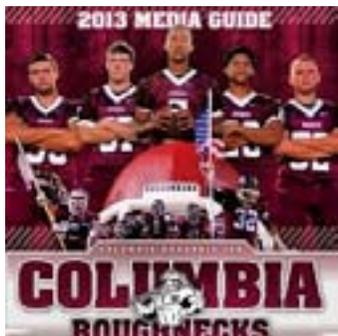


We bleed MAROON!

The Roughneck varsity football team gets off to a great fall season with 2 wins. The boys sure put their mad skills on display with their wins against Brazosport and Needville. The 'Necks played against the Brazosport Exporters on August 30, 2013, to bring home their first win. Game stopper Hunter Grayson, #15, intercepted the ball ending the game with the score of 35-33. On September 6, 2013, the Roughnecks gained their second victory by defeating Needville, 33-21.

Last December Coach Lynch set a goal to, "develop better athletes through our strength and conditioning program; then helping the team develop their skills during the fall camp throughout the season." Given the recent wins, these techniques must be working!

Go Roughnecks!



The Lady 'Necks are back... BACK AGAIN! The varsity team consists of the returning varsity players and newbies Celeste Loughman, Bailey Salas, and Tiera Thomas! Sweeny won district last year, but we hope to bring home the title this year. With a better understanding of the game and improved skills we are sure to put up a fight. "Our team this year is filled with tons of inexperienced yet talented athletes. The girls just need more confidence in their abilities to win matches," said varsity coach Shelly Murphy.

Good luck, Lady Necks!



Are you strong enough to run Cross Country? How about running two to three miles in the hot and humid Texas weather? Only a few rise up to the challenge. These determined and dedicated runners are the Columbia High School Cross Country team. On September 7, 2013, the Brazoswood Cross Country meet was sadly cut short due to bad weather. Our runner, Anthony Jimenez, placed 5th in JV division. Following close behind was, Keenan Maxie, receiving 16th place. Congratulations to our Cross Country team on a job well done at the recent meet!

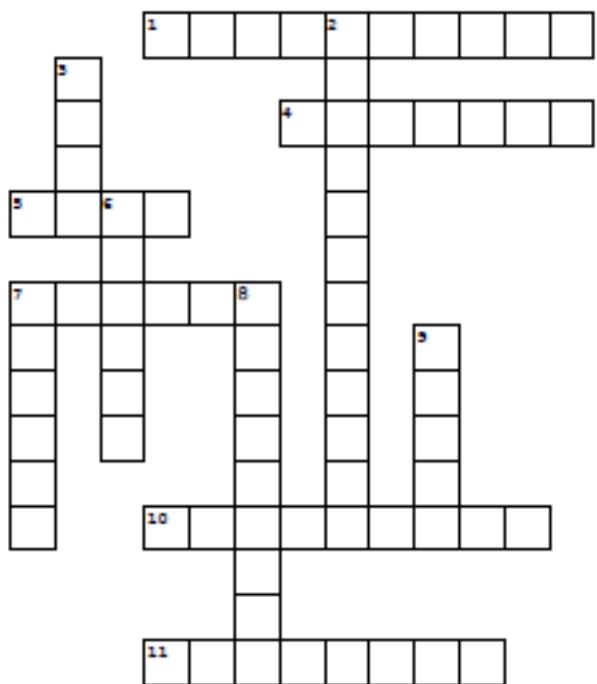
Some participants see Cross Country as a way to stay in shape for other sports or just for good health. The progress and their rewarding medals are an added bonus, but varsity runner, Keenan Maxie has different motivations, "Cross country gives me the opportunity to participate in a high school sport, and it drives me to show the best of my ability." said Maxie.

Keep up the good work, guys!



Trivia.Trivia.Trivia! Tease your brain and finish these games! Let the Columbian crossword puzzle test the true Rough-neck in you!

CHS CROSSWORD PUZZLE



ACROSS:

1. on what occasion do Rough-necks wear mums?
4. Class of 2014.
5. Who is our mascot?
7. Who is our Quarterback?
10. Who are we playing against Homecoming night?
11. Class of 2017.

DOWN:

2. Who helps pump up the team & the crowd at football games & pep-rallies?
3. What season is football primarily played in?
6. Our school colors are white & _____?
7. Class of 2015.
8. Class of 2016.
9. What color jerseys do football players wear during away games?

Got JOKES?

We do! Get your laugh on with these cheesy jokes!

What happened to the plant in math class?

It grew square roots.

6 Things we say at School:

1. I'm tired.
2. I'm hungry.
3. I'm cold
4. I don't get it.
5. What time is it?
6. I want to go home.

Rules of math: If it's easy, you're doing it wrong.



TRIVIA.TRIVIA.TRIVIA!