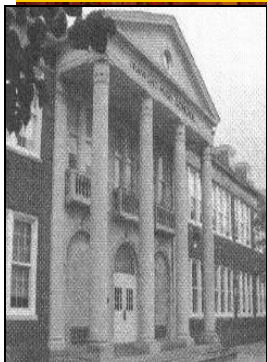


CHS



ACHIEVEMENTS OF CRANFORD HIGH SCHOOL IN 2011

- ◆ **NEW JERSEY MONTHLY** : Cranford High School remains one of the “Top High Schools in New Jersey,” ranking us **#13**, our highest ranking ever.
- ◆ **PROMISING PRACTICES**: The Character Education Partnership awarded CHS an award for its *Cutting Boards for Toys* bringing our total to *twenty-seven* awards.
- ◆ **NEW JERSEY GOVERNOR’S SCHOOL**: *Two* students attended this past summer in Science and Engineering/Technology.
- ◆ **GIRLS STATE/BOYS STATE**: *Two* junior girls and *six* boys attended *Girls and Boys State* to make our highest total ever.
- ◆ **ADVANCED PLACEMENT**: 737 advanced placement tests in *twenty-five* disciplines were taken by CHS students this past year, an increase of 15% from last year. 81% of these students scored a “3” or higher.
- ◆ **NEWSWEEK MAGAZINE**: For the seventh consecutive year Cranford High School was named as one of the “Top 1500 High Schools” in the country, ranking us **# 352**, our highest ranking ever.
- ◆ **MUSIC**: The CHS Marching Band placed third in the USSBA NJ State Championships, division 3A, with the highest score for music. *Nine* students performed with the NJ All-State Chorus, *one* student performed with the NJ All-State Orchestra, *two* students performed with the All-State Women’s Chorus, *two* students performed with the Region II High School Band, and *one* with the All-State Band. *Seven* students performed in Chicago with the American Choral Director’s Association National Honor Choir.
- ◆ **DANCE**: *Four* students participated in and earned scholarships at the Regional High School Dance Festival. Academy Dancers were selected to perform at the Union County Teen Arts Showcase.
- ◆ **THEATER**: Cranford High School received *twelve* Rising Star nominations and *two* Honorable Mentions for our production of OKLAHOMA! *Three* Rising Star Awards were received for Outstanding Ensemble Member, Outstanding Choreography & Musical Staging, and Student Achievement in the area of Costume Design. *Ten* nominations were received for the fall production of *PICNIC* at the Montclair University High School Theater Night Awards. *Two* students were recognized with third place at the New Jersey State Thespian Festival.
- ◆ **ARTS**: CHS students had artwork selected for display at the Morris Museum Fresh Perspectives exhibit; participated in the Congressional Arts Competition; won in the student category at the JCAS Cranford Plein-Air event; won the AENJ YAM Flag contest; won the AENJ YAM Flag candy bar wrapper contest; won second place and honorable mention at the Shore Institute of Contemporary Arts NJ HS Sculpture Competition; had work displayed at NJPAC; placed second, third and honorable mention in the Union County Gun Awareness storyboard competition; had work included in the Union County Teens Arts Touring Exhibit; won the Cranford JayCee’s Firecracker 4 tee shirt competition; created and gifted a sculpture promoting environmental awareness to the school on display in the school courtyard.
- ◆ **APPLIED TECHNOLOGY**: Engineering students participated in the Union County Bridge Building competition at UCC; woodworking students raised over \$1500 to purchase Toys for Tots by creating and selling cutting boards; automotive students kept teachers on the road by completing car repairs as part of their coursework.
- ◆ **ATHLETICS**: *Six* Conference Championships, *two* County Championships, *one* District Championship, and one Team State Sectional Championship. *Two* Union County Scholar Athletes were named as well as *one* New Jersey State Scholar Athlete award winner.
- ◆ **BUSINESS**: *Thirty-three* students advanced to the regional DECA competition at Middlesex County College. Of those *thirty-three*, *six* students placed first, *four* placed second, and *three* placed third. Following the State DECA Competition in Cherry Hill, *three* students advanced and attended the International Career Development Conference held in Orlando, Florida where *18,000* DECA students from the United States and Canada competed in their respective business specialties, and attended energizing leadership academies.
Fairleigh Dickinson University Rothman Institute Business Plan Competition: Cranford High School had *eight* of the top *thirty-six* students from the state of New Jersey who designed a business plan with an innovative entrepreneurial idea and convinced the judges their ideas should be implemented. Over *650* students or teams of students submitted ideas.
- ◆ **S.A.T.** : Cranford High School once again surpassed the state and national average with an average score of 1661 which combines Critical Reading (544), Math (559) and Writing (558).