



# The Beak

From The Raven's Beak



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## CIVA Charter High School

### Vision

To inspire each student to understand and pursue his/her unique potential.

### Mission

To develop young people of character who acquire three essential qualities of the educated individual, citizen and worker. (See student planner for entire mission statement)

**CIVA**  
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**719-633-1306**  
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**civacharterschool.org**

### Do a friend a favor:

We believe our families and students are our best advertising. If you know of families that would benefit from attending CIVA please let them know we are accepting applications for the 2010-11 year. For each family that refers a student to CIVA, (that remains enrolled through 1<sup>st</sup> semester) the referring family will have their Activity Fee waived for the 10/11 school year! New students to CIVA need to enroll prior to going through the registration process. Call Ms. Voss to schedule an interview at 633-1306 ext 123.

CIVA Charter High School supports equal opportunity in admissions, education, employment, and use of facilities by prohibiting discrimination in those areas based on age, color, disability, marital status, national origin, race, religion or creed, sex or gender, gender identity and gender expression, sexual orientation, veteran status, or any other basis in law.

### From the Principal:

As another year draws to a close we are overwhelmed with gratitude and thankfulness for our students, parents, staff and our governing board. CIVA as a community is very fortunate to have so many wonderful people working together for the common good of the students. We have made great gains in our academic program, student and staff culture, athletics and the arts. It seems like each year is better than the year before. So thank you for your support. We look forward to working with you again next year. Please remember to tell your friends about CIVA. We would like more and more students to experience the great things that are happening here.

We hope you have a restful and rejuvenating summer break.  
Randy Zimmerman

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**MAY 21, 2010**  
**CIVA's Fabulous Fun Day!**  
**CIVA Annual End of the Year Picnic**  
**5-7pm**  
**Film Festival 7-9pm**  
**Please come out and support our students**

Special congratulations to CIVA's Ultimate Frisbee Team that placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Colorado State High School Ultimate Championships on May 16<sup>th</sup>.

### **Seniors & Graduation:**

Senior Breakfast On May 22, 9-11am @ Pulpit Rock Event Center, 301 Austin Bluffs. (next to CSCS). Cost 10:00 per person (including your senior). RSVP to Ms. Voss by May 18<sup>th</sup>. All monies due NLT May 19<sup>th</sup>.

On May 26<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm we hope to enjoy this time of recognizing nearly 35 of our graduates. We know all the parents and extended families are equally looking forward to this prized moment. Please be mindful space is limited and we want to prioritize seating for immediate family members. As their high school careers draw to a close, we want to support them in this significant accomplishment. Concurrently, we want them to support one another and to set a good example for our younger students. Please contact Susan Voss if you can help with the ceremony.

**Obligations?** Does your student have an outstanding obligation? Seniors will not receive their diplomas unless all obligations have been cleared.

**Senior Transcripts:** Please let Ms. Joni know the name and address of the school you want your student's final transcript sent.

**Attendance:** Just a reminder that any student missing more than 30% of a class will not be able to earn a passing grade for that class. Three tardies equals one absence. To view the attendance policy, look in "Student Life" on our website. Please discuss the importance of being at school and being on time with your student.

### **What are the important dates I need to know?**

May 20, 21		Finals (seniors only)
May 21	5:00	End of year picnic
	7-9pm	Film Festival
		Seniors last day
May 22		Senior Breakfast/ Recognition
May 24, 25		Finals (all remaining)
May 26	2:00	Graduation
May 27		Teacher Work Day
		No school for Students
May 31		Memorial Day – District Closed

**SUMMER SCHOOL:** CIVA will be offering summer school – Start June 1 – June 30<sup>th</sup>. Cost is \$75.00 per class. Contact Ms. Brewer @ 633-1306 x104

District 11 summer school flyers are available in the front office. Cost is \$165 per class. Classes run Jun 7<sup>th</sup> through June 25. Contact Ms. Joni for more information.

**HOST FAMILIES NEEDED!** We would love some HOST FAMILIES to step up for CIVA and help us bring some exchange students to our school! The students have their own spending money and health insurance. As a family, we ask you to volunteer room and board, but most of all, provide him/her with a warm and caring home away from home! You get a slight tax deduction each month for helping them learn and have an enriching experience! Help us out!! Please call Sue Clayton soon for early placements when you can choose your own student to suit your family at 471-2727H; or 238-6402C.

**When is the CIVA office open this summer?** The office is open (Tuesday – Thursday). If you call and don't reach anyone, it's probably because an interview is in progress. Leave a message and your call will be returned. August 12<sup>th</sup> the entire staff will be back in the building.

### **START OF THE SCHOOL YEAR PROCESS:**

**Registration Process:** Registration is required for all students! It is designed to allow students to pick up their schedules, purchase parking permit, have school ID and, yearbook pictures taken, and pick up pre-assigned locker numbers.

Registration for new/returning students **August 13<sup>th</sup>**  
Seniors 10-10:30  
Juniors 10:30-11  
Sophomores 11-11:30  
Freshman 11:30 – 12:00

**New Student Orientation:** August 13<sup>th</sup> 1-3pm (It is essential all students new to CIVA plan on attending).

**School Hours:** Classes begin August 18, 2010. Classes commence at 7:45 and dismiss at 2:45. This will allow our students to participate in sports and activities with other schools.

**Missing Textbooks:** We are missing textbooks. Please check around your house and your child's bedroom/backpack/car, for any books that might belong to the school. Please return any you find. This will help tremendously! Thank you for your help in this matter.

**Physical Education:** District 11 requires each student to complete 3 credits of physical education. We now offer two courses each semester to ensure our students can meet this requirement. We will also allow our students that compete in approved sports to have their coach document the hours to be able to earn PE credit. CIVA does not allow students to do independent physical activity as a replacement for a PE class.

**Summer Reading:** Our summer reading list provides students an opportunity to expand their minds over the summer and to be rewarded once school begins. There are effectively two tracks for the summer reading program: Honors level and non-Honors level. If a student is desiring to take English at the honors level, that student is required to read and do a full report on one of the books appropriate for that student's grade level; substitutions of books or books from different grade levels will not be accepted. Beyond this, for each book read and report turned in, that student will receive bonus points of 50% of a project grade (point values differ according to the specific class/grade level). For non-Honors level students, the bonus points begin with the first book read and they can receive additional points for all subsequent books read and reports completed.

**Freshmen:**

Rob Roy – Sir Walter Scott  
The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn--Mark Twain  
Paddy on the Hardwood--Russ Bradford

**Sophomores:**

The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy--Douglas Adams  
The Three Musketeers--Alexandre Dumas  
Uncle Tom's Cabin--Harriet Beecher Stowe

**Juniors:**

The Hobbit--J.R.R. Tolkein  
The Diary of Anne Frank--Anne Frank  
On the Road--Jack Kerouac

**Seniors:**

The Picture of Dorian Gray--Oscar Wilde  
Bless Me, Ultima--Rudolfo Anaya  
Anna Karenina--Leo Tolstoy

**Supply List: All Students**

- ☐ Notebook paper (college ruled)
- ☐ Binder and/or spiral notebooks as needed
- ☐ #2 pencils – 1 box
- ☐ Ballpoint pens, red AND black
- ☐ Computer paper – 1 ream
- ☐ **Flash drive (1 or 2 GB)(required)**
- ☐ Paper Towels – 1 roll
- ☐ Facial tissue – 1 box
- ☐ Colored pencils/markers
- ☐ Highlighters

**Math**

- ☐ Scientific calculator (TI83 recommended)
- ☐ Ruler
- ☐ Protractor
- ☐ Compass
- ☐ Graph paper

**Theatre**

- ☐ Water bottles

**Science**

- ☐ Composition Book (no spirals) I will have composition books for sale on first day for \$2.00
- ☐ 3 Ring Notebook
- ☐ Notebook paper (college ruled)
- ☐ Pencils and Pens
- ☐ Colored Pencils/markers
- ☐ Metric Ruler
- ☐ Scientific Calculator for Chemistry and Physics

**Spanish**

- ☐ 2 inch notebook

**English (9/10)**

- ☐ 2 spiral notebooks