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Dear CCHS Students and Parents,

Eleventh and twelfth grade students have the opportunity to take PSEO (Post-Secondary Enrollment Options) classes again this coming spring. Although the CCS Education Committee recommends that students take PSEO courses from Christian colleges and universities that align with the philosophy of Calvin Christian School, there are other institutions that offer quality courses, as well. I have listed some of the Minnesota colleges that offer online courses at the bottom of this letter. For each postsecondary institution, there are grade point average (GPA) requirements (some more strict than others) and deadlines, so it is important to begin planning now for next semester. Although students may register until the various institution deadlines, there is paper work to complete, and some courses do fill up quickly.

I have attached an informational handout, which gives general information regarding the PSEO program in Minnesota, and the Student Registration form, which students must complete in order to begin the process. Both documents are available on the MN Dept. of Education website (<http://education.state.mn.us/>). Although this information was given to sophomores and juniors last spring, it is given to you again in the fall so that you can plan for courses you may want to take after Christmas.

CCHS provides a variety of opportunities for taking PSEO courses; however, we also limit the number of courses students may take outside of our course offerings, due to the importance we place on the integration of faith into all areas of learning. Attached to this letter, you will find the CCHS policy for PSEO, written and approved by the CCHS and CCS Education Committees. The following list contains the most viable options for taking a PSEO course at CCHS and should assist you as students and parents as you look forward to next semester:

- As an independent project (6 class periods per week)
 - Juniors and first ½ of year seniors only; seniors must focus on their senior projects during 2nd semester)
- During electives (two to four class periods per week)
 - Students have the option of taking a PSEO course rather than certain CCHS electives (band, personal finance, choir, personal fitness, human anatomy & physiology, etc.)
- As a replacement for a CCHS course (4-7 class periods per week)
 - Students may choose to replace a CCHS course, such as civics, government & economics, language arts, etc.—as long as the PSEO course is determined to be an adequate replacement for the course we teach.

I encourage you to talk together as you consider this opportunity. Please let me know if you have questions or would like to talk through the options.

Blessings,

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*****Links to some of the Minnesota colleges and universities that offer online PSEO courses are included on the back of this letter.**

- Northwestern College: <http://nwc.nwc.edu/display/6008>
- U of M: <http://www.cce.umn.edu/ahs/idl/index.html#IDLOffer>
- U of M at Morris: <http://genedweb.morris.umn.edu/courses.shtml>
- Lake Superior College: <https://webproc.mnscu.edu/registration/search/basic.html?campusid=302>
 - Select Spring 2009 semester and online (web only) delivery
- Minnesota College of Art and Design (seniors only): <http://www.mcad.edu/showPage.php?pageID=1302>