

# Smith shares her couponing tips for beginners

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new trend of saving money, but from a student?

It is quite impressive actually.

Meet the ultimate couponing student, sophomore Carli Smith.

"I started last summer in June and have been doing it since. I first learned from my aunt who took a class on couponing."

Soon after Smith's boyfriend, former PHS student Aaron Weyrauch, was interested in this hobby too and they became an extreme couponing team. Together they have couponed their way to an impressive stock pile at Smith's house, which is then split up between the two according to the products they need.

Smith and Weyrauch start by making a list on Thursday, and on Saturday shop their way to saving big bucks, usually at Walmart and CVS to get the best deals.

The most they have saved has been 89% of the regular price, completed by a rewarding forever long receipt. The products bought are a combination of goods that do not go bad. Plus, giving some of the items away as gifts is a great idea.

How does she do this? Of course,

couponing, the CVS Extra Care Card and using ExtraBucks.

The CVS Extra Care Card is used when you make a purchase and get so much money back to use again when shopping. And the Extra Bucks is pretty much the same rule. Transactions are also a way of getting the most you can get in one shopping trip. If you can only use one coupon on a product then you simply break it up into multiple transactions in order to use more coupons.

"Make a lot of space for coupons," Smith said.

Using binders and the plastic sheets inside are very helpful. (Carli has five!). Most split the coupons up according to groceries, personal hygiene, etc.

And as for the future of this extreme coupon-er there are definitely plans to use her skills to save money. However, just for the stuff she needs but not as much to the extreme.

"That's like hoarding I guess."

To find out where the teachers and Smith get some of their source of coupons and ads, see info graphics.

Story by Cassidy Daugherty



Courtesy Photo

Sophomore Carli Smith with her longest receipt ever, from Black Friday shopping at CVS.

## Scissors Ready?

The websites listed are commonly used and great for tips on using coupons and saving money.

- [www.krazycouponlady.com](http://www.krazycouponlady.com)
- [www.procter&gamble.com](http://www.procter&gamble.com)
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# Absent? Making sense of attendance

With flu season in full swing, many students have begun to miss school. Many are asking, "Does this count against me?" or "Can I leave early?"

Vice-principal Todd Hitchcock has provided answers to the three most common scenarios.

First there are a few facts that should be known. All play a role in the scenarios.

Students are allowed to miss seven days each semester, making a total of 14 days each school year. For all excused absences, which include a doctors' note, a parent must notify the school of the students' condition. In these scenarios, all missed work can be made up. With any unexcused absence the work cannot be made up. It should also be noted that if a student misses an entire day of school he or she may not attend or participate in any sporting event. At least a half-day of school is required to go or play in any event. All of the attendance policy is addressed in the handbook on pages 6 and 7.

The first case is when a student is very ill or is

hospitalized with a medical condition. The student would need to present a doctors' note so that it does not count against him or her, however, this still counts towards their seven day a semester total. If the student is going to miss more than a month of school a doctors' note is needed for each month to tell that the student is in the doctors' care.

If the student is going to be in the hospital or ill for 20 consecutive days a home-bound instructor is assigned. What this means is that a teacher will go to the students home twice a week and take their homework and teach the lessons they missed. The student then must complete the homework and turn it in when the teacher visits next. This happened one time during the 2010-2011 school year.

The next scenario is when a student has several absences for doctor appointments, is sick all the time but they are all excused absences. The office staff will look at how many days the student has missed. If there are

numerous misses a call to the parents will be placed to find out the problem. This will undoubtedly affect the grades of the student.

Once the seven-day mark has been passed, a letter will be sent home saying how many credits will need to be made up. To make up the credit students must attend 45 minutes of detention, study tables, or Friday school in order to get one period back for credit. If the time is not made up, no credit is received.

"Students are given ample opportunities to make up the time," said Hitchcock.

The last case is unexcused absences, skipping school or skipping certain classes but coming to others. No credit will be received for the classes. If the student is deemed truant they must face the consequences that include first offense, Friday afternoon detention; second, three days out-of-school suspension; third, five days out-of-school suspension and the final offense recommended for expulsion.

"The attendance policy is very fair. Students can miss 14 out of 180 days a

year without being charged. The attendance policy helps to prepare students for real life. The consequences for missing school can carry over into consequences for missing work that could lead to being let go," said Hitchcock.

All of the rules are clearly stated in the handbook and if at anytime a student has a question, Hitchcock will always give an answer. There is also a new motivation to come to school. Beginning at the start of this school year, if a student came to school without missing any school for one month, his or hers names are put into a pot and one male and one female student is drawn for a \$10 iTunes gift card. At the end of each semester the winners from each month are put into a drawing for an iPod Touch.

Coming to school is important and if you cannot, always try to make prior arrangements for getting the missed work. The bottom line is come to school, it may not always be fun, but the less school missed equals less work for you.

Story by Jaclyn Thomas

## SOUND BITES

"Mr. Page, is that really the formula for dog pee?"

Senior Kelsey Stouse asked when chemistry teacher Scott Page made a chemistry joke by writing K<sub>9</sub>P on the board.

"At first I thought it was raining, but then I realized we're inside."

Junior Stefany Waynick said at lunch when some of junior Aaron Key's food landed on her face.

"It's my contribudation."

Said by our own freshman Mark Miles about his Sound Bites.

"You haven't lived until you've watched Princesses on ice."

Heard said around the journalism lab by junior Sean Fulton.

"Hey, Breck, I sound like a rooster, gobble gobble..."

Senior Chelsea Shupe said to fellow senior Breck Eubank.

"You will never be as good of a Hoover as your sister."

Said by senior Allison Nail to fellow senior Dylan Hoover.

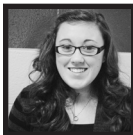
## IN THE NEWS:

Piers Morgan is leaving NBC's *America's Got Talent* after six seasons, he made the announcement Wednesday night saying his schedule had become too hectic since he began hosting a nightly talk show, *Piers Morgan Tonight*, on CNN this past January.

**Who do you think should take Morgan's place as judge on America's Got Talent?**

**Do you think being a successful contestant on the show will be easier with your selection of the new host?**

**Allison Muth Junior**



Band director Bill Laughlin

No, it will be way harder.

**Seth Harrison Junior**



Coach Brian Balsmeyer

He would be a lot harder on them.

**Jaye Brewster English Teacher**



Chemistry Scott Page

No, it would be much more difficult.

By Sean Fulton

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