



Dear Grassfield High School Families,

Our school year is off to an excellent start! Below are a few reminders of upcoming events and opportunities:

Our **PTSA Open House is scheduled for September 18 at 6:30 p.m.** After a brief presentation in the auditorium, you are invited to meet your child's teachers to receive an overview of course expectations. You are encouraged to log-on to ParentVue prior to Open House to familiarize yourself with your child's classes and schedule. Please remember to bring your child's schedule with you. The PTSA will also be accepting annual membership dues of \$7.00 per person.

Grassfield High School will administer the **PSAT on October 11 during Blocks 1 & 2.** The cost of the PSAT is **\$16.00 (cash or checks payable GFHS).** Registration will be conducted September 20 through October 3 on:

Mondays, Wednesday, and Fridays – 8:15 a.m.-8:35 a.m. in front of the Forum

Tuesdays and Thursdays – during all lunches in the Food Court

Freshmen, sophomores, and juniors are encouraged to take the PSAT to receive feedback on collegiate preparation skills, to gain access to College Board study materials, to enter scholarship searches, and to become familiar with the types of questions they will see on the SAT. School counselors also use this data to gauge readiness for AP courses. **Students must provide their own calculators and #2 pencils for testing.** Students will not be admitted into the PSAT testing rooms after 8:45 a.m.

Please view directions to apply for the **CPS Free/Reduced Lunch program** at <https://cpschools.com/school-nutrition-services/free-and-reduced-meal-application/> or have your son or daughter visit the guidance office for a paper copy. Participation in this program may also enable your son or daughter to receive fee waivers on exams like the PSAT, SAT, ACT, and even some college application fees.

Study Hall will begin on September 12 and is held every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 3:45 p.m.-4:30 p.m. in rooms 114 and 115. Subject area teachers will be available during this time to assist students with homework and content questions. Students who stay for study hall can ride the study hall bus at 4:30 p.m.

Seniors and their parents are invited to attend the **Senior Information Night** on September 25 at 6:30 p.m. to learn about college, scholarships, and career opportunities. Our school ACCESS advisor will also hold a financial aid workshop beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Explore the Arts! Participants in the **PTA Reflections program** can submit original works of art in Dance Choreography, Film Production, Literature, Music Composition, Photography, or Visual Arts on the theme "**Within Reach?**" by October 25. All entries may be submitted with a completed entry form to Ms. Kathi Fitzgerald in room C104.

Kick off **Homecoming Week** at our **Homecoming Dance** on October 14 at 8:00 p.m. at Grassfield. The dance is only open to Grassfield students, and tickets are \$10.00 in advance and \$12.00 at the door. Class dues must be paid to attend the dance. Semi-formal attire is requested.

Join us on October 20 at 5:30 p.m. for the **Homecoming Parade** which will run from Scenic Blvd. (past Vincek Way) to the Grassfield High School Stadium. Participants will include the marching band, school club floats, Mr. Griz, community partners, and representatives from the Chesapeake Police and Fire Departments. Food vendors will be



at Grassfield from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Come out and enjoy Pollard's Chicken, Hawaiian Sno and Ice, and other yummy bites. The Homecoming football game against Hickory High starts at 7:00 p.m.

To accommodate the needs of our students, our **school counselors** will now serve students through alphabet designations. Freshman and sophomore counselors are Ms. Thompson (letters A—G), Ms. Macklin (H—O), and Ms. Pettway (P—Z). Junior and senior counselors are Ms. Owens (letters A—G), Ms. Creamer (H—O), and Ms. Davis (P—Z).

Grassfield apparel (Grizzly Gear) will be available at school events and throughout the year at the school store. The school store is open every Tuesday and Thursday from 8:15 a.m. – 8:35 a.m.

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This year CPS will offer **Google Suite** (including Google Classroom) for all students and teachers to use as an instructional and academic tool. High school students will have access to the suite through a CPS provided organizational email address. This email address is particularly helpful for those 12th grade students who do not already have a personal email address. Parchment, the transcript delivery program, as well as college and job applications require an email address. Students will be informed about these accounts in their classes. Students may sign into Google suite from any Internet accessible device at school or home. Teachers are encouraged, but not required, to use the Google suite for instruction this year.

Come support Grassfield's talented **student athletes!**

Ticket/Admission Prices

Regular Season Home Games - \$6 for Adults/Students, \$4 for Children 1st through 5th grade.

Region Tournaments - \$8 General Admission

State Tournaments - \$10 General Admission

*Ticket prices are set by district, region, and state councils – NOT Grassfield High School.

*Faculty Passes are only good at regular season events that the staff member's school is participating.

*Gold Card Passes are not acceptable at playoffs and tournaments – Only regular-season games.

Fall and Winter Season Athletic Passes

Season Passes are available for parents and students who attend multiple events. Season Passes are \$40 each and can be purchased at the office of the bookkeeper, at the first two volleyball games (fall), and at the first two basketball games (winter). Season Passes are only good for regular-season, home (GFHS) events (not playoffs/tournaments). Season Passes are non-transferable and require matching identification at the ticket gate.

Acceptable passes for entry into Athletic Events:

- VHSL Pass
- VHSCA (Coaches Pass)
- Media
- Gold Card/CPS Senior Citizen Pass (regular season ONLY)
- Grassfield Season Passes (regular season ONLY)



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Upcoming Events:

September 18 – PTSA Open House 6:30 p.m.

September 25 – Senior Information Night 6:30 p.m.

October 2 – School Picture Day

October 4 – End of First Marking Period

October 6 – Red Out Football Game vs. WBHS (7:00 p.m.)/ Senior Tailgate 5:30 p.m.

October 14 thru October 20 – Homecoming Events

October 11 – PSAT 8:45 a.m.

We hope to see you at Open House!

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