

Hello Grassfield Families,

We have some exciting events happening in the new few weeks!

The city has placed No Parking signs across the street from the school. Unfortunately, we do not have the resources as a school or school division at this time to add parking spots to our lot. All parking permits are sold-out, so it is advised that those with permits park in their assigned spot and follow all driving and parking requirements in order to maintain the privilege to park on school grounds. Students without parking permits, and that number is increasing daily as new drivers become licensed, may not park on school property; this is a great opportunity to network with others and carpool. We will continue to investigate options for student parking.

Summer School registration begins April 30. Students should see their counselor for registration information. Summer school will be held at Indian River High School from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. June 26 through August 16. No classes are held on Fridays. Transportation is provided.

Spring assessments, including SOL tests, WISE tests, AP exams, and industry certification tests begin April 30 through the end of the school year. Please plan appointments accordingly as students should not miss these assessments.

Teacher Appreciation Week is May 7-11. Please join us in thanking the Grassfield faculty and staff for their dedication to our students and contributions to our Community of Excellence!

SOL Study Sessions will begin May 10 for all End Of Course SOL testing. Students who attend these review sessions experience high levels of success on the SOLs. Please encourage your student to attend! Specific SOL test dates and our SOL Study Sessions calendar will be posted on the Grassfield website.

Governor's STEM Academy Academic Awards - A ceremony to recognize Governor's STEM Academy Seniors will be held May 23 at 6:30 p.m. in the GFHS Auditorium. An invitation with additional information will be sent home with STEM Academy Seniors in late April.

Juniors and seniors will be recognized at their respective **Academic Awards** ceremonies on the dates below. Invitations will be distributed to all honorees via homeroom.

Senior Academic Awards – May 30 at 6:30 p.m.

Junior Academic Awards – May 31 at 6:30 p.m.

Scholarships can be found in ScholarshipVue on our website at

http://web.cpschools.com/departments/guidance/scholarshipvue/search/login_modal.php

Keep checking for updated links to new applications! Any senior who has received scholarships and wishes to have them acknowledged in the printed program at graduation must submit the Scholarship Recognition Form by May 4, 2018. Copies of this form can be picked up from Mrs. Creamer in the College and Career Center, during ALL lunches. A copy of the award letter or certificate from the organization or college must be submitted with the form for verification purposes.

Attendance in all classes is very important. Please send a note for every absence so we can maintain accurate attendance records. **Please continue to monitor your child's attendance** in each class to ensure he/she does not exceed the maximum allowable absences (in most classes, nine days). **The Extended Day Program** is available for students to recover time from absences. Students must make

every effort to attend extended day to be considered for extenuating circumstances. The Extended Day calendar can be found on our website or through this link <https://cpschools.com/gfh/wp-content/uploads/sites/65/2018/04/ExtendedDaySpring2018.pdf>

Eventually, the coats, hats, and mittens will be put away! Please ensure that your child's warm weather attire conforms to the school's dress code. Specifics about the dress code can be found in the student handbook.

Study Hall 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.

ACCESS Advisor—Mrs. Meghan Moorehouse is available to help all seniors apply for financial aid and to provide college counseling to all students. Appointments can be made through email at Meghan.Moorhouse@cpschools.com

SENIOR NEWS

Please visit the Grassfield and Weebly websites for more complete information on the following Senior events:

Graduation announcements will be mailed directly to students' homes this year.

Cap and Gowns are scheduled for delivery April 24 and 25 during lunch period. Seniors can pick them up at the concession stand.

Grassfield High School's Senior Prom: *Gala on Main St.* will be held May 19, at 8:00 p.m. at Hilton Norfolk THE MAIN, 100 E. Main St., Norfolk. Tickets are \$60.00 for Grassfield students and \$70 for non-Grassfield student guests. A completed permission slip, paid class dues, and any outstanding school obligations must be cleared before a ticket can be purchased. Ticket sale dates will be announced soon.

Celebrate your Grizzly graduate with a yard sign for only \$25.00. Orders must be placed by April 20. See the Grassfield senior website for the form.

Board of Education Civics Seal applications are being accepted for the Virginia Department of Education Civics Seal. Applications can be found on the senior class website. Applications are due to Mrs. Hammers (D105) by Friday, April 20 at noon.

The Class of 2018 will celebrate their Graduation Ceremony Friday, June 15 at 12:45 p.m. at the ODU Ted Constant Convocation Center. All graduates will receive 10 tickets for the event at the first scheduled graduation practice (graduation practice schedule TBA). Be on the lookout for an informational letter that will be posted to our school website in late April/early May with more graduation information.

Please contact Dr. Kitchens at kelly.kitchens@cpschools.com if you have any graduation or prom questions.

Thank you very much! Happy Spring!

Mrs. Beth Pallister
Assistant Principal of Instruction

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

April 13-End of Marking Period 6

April 13-Early Release Day (1:38 p.m.)

May 7-May 18-AP Testing

May 16-June 8-SOL Testing (all non-writing subjects)

May 19-Senior Prom

May 23-STEM Academic Awards

May 28-Memorial Day

May 30-Senior Academic Awards

May 31-Junior Academic Awards

June 5-Spring Sports Recognition Ceremony

June 14-End of MP 8 Last day of school!

June 15-Class of 2018 Graduation (ODU Ted Constant Center 12:45 p.m.)