

August 1, 2018

Dear Grassfield High School Families,

We hope you are enjoying the summer with your family! Below are a few reminders of upcoming events and opportunities:

Welcome Grizzly Class of 2022! Register for Freshman Fusion! Grassfield High School's Freshman Fusion Day is scheduled for August 21st from 8:15 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. This is a fun opportunity for all rising freshmen to tour Grassfield High School, meet teachers, and fuse with new friends from all of our feeder middle schools. Students will be immersed in large groups, team building exercises, and friendly competitions. Students must be enrolled at Grassfield High School to attend. Preregister for this great opportunity at the following link <https://goo.gl/forms/5KSnVXb9ZNYxZA152>

Parents of students new to Grassfield (including rising 9th graders) are invited to attend the first ever **Grizzly Gear Up** on August 21st at 6:30 p.m. We will explain Grizzly expectations; review athletic, academic and student activities opportunities; and give tips on how to help your student successfully transition to Grassfield High School.

The Special Education Department invites parents of rising 9th graders receiving Special Education services to attend **The Bear Basics**, an informational presentation and building tour for students and parents of rising 9th graders August 20th at 6:30 p.m. The Bear Basics will outline back to school information and expectations followed by a short question and answer period. The tour will help students get acquainted with the general layout of the building before the first day of school.

Parking passes will be sold to JUNIORS only on Tuesday, August 7 (2:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.) and Tuesday, August 14 (9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.). Remember, to purchase a parking pass, you will need to satisfy the following: Pay class dues (\$5/year), parking application submitted online (or bring a hard copy with you), a signed parking agreement (found in the application and signed by a parent/guardian), and a valid Driver's License (students who are not eligible to drive before the start of school will not be allowed to purchase a parking pass). The parking application and additional information can be found on the Grassfield website.

Any remaining parking passes will be sold to Seniors and Juniors on Tuesday, August 14th from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. on a first come, first served basis.

Seniors should have received a letter in the mail regarding **Senior Portrait** information with *Prestige Portraits by Lifetouch*. Lifetouch will be at Grassfield on September 28th for senior portrait make-ups. If you have not received your appointment time, please contact Lifetouch at 420-9417.

Student schedules and Back to School information will be mailed in late August.

AP Students and their parents are invited to attend a meeting on August 31st from 1:00 pm.- 2:00 p.m. to discuss expectations of the College Board AP Program at Grassfield High School. After a general discussion of AP policies, rigor, and standards, AP teachers will be available to discuss individual AP courses. This meeting is particularly important for parents of students taking an AP course for the first time.

Summer Enrollments: Please encourage any new neighbors with high school age children in our school zone to call guidance at 558-4509 to schedule an appointment for summer enrollment to avoid transportation complications.

Grassfield High School is on Twitter! Follow us @grassfield_hs for exciting news and updates!

Grassfield High School Athletics

The 2017-2018 school year was a very successful one for the Grassfield Athletics. The Grizzlies captured multiple Southeastern District Titles and Region 6A Championships. Grassfield also won the coveted **VHSL Claudia Dodson Sportsmanship Award for the 9th time**. Congratulations to all of our sports programs and good luck in 2018-2019!

2018-2019 Grassfield High Athletic Tryout Dates:

Winter Sports– Monday, November 5th

Boys Basketball – Tony Collins – Anthony.collins@cpschools.com

Girls Basketball – Kristina Jameson – Kristina.jameson@cpschools.com

Swimming – Echenniker@gmail.com

Gymnastics – TBD

Wrestling – Jesse.pearce@cpschools.com

Indoor Track – Leroy Harper – Leroy.harperjr@cpschools.com

Cheer – Zoe.Deuel@cpschools.com

Spring Sports – Monday, February 18th

Baseball – Gary Spedden – Gary.spedden@cpschools.com

Softball – Leroy Bohn – lbohn3@aol.com

Track and Field – Leroy Harper – Leroy.harperjr@cpschools.com

Girls Soccer – Kevin Ellis – Kevin.ellis@cpschools.com

Boys Soccer – Zach Kalder – Zach.Kalder@cpschools.com

Girls Tennis – Christian Jones – cjones167@odu.edu

Boys Tennis – Stephen Cutchin – sw10is@aol.com

*Specific locations and times of tryouts can be obtained from the main office, the school website, or by contacting the coach directly via e-mails shown above.

*A completed VHSL Physical Examination Form is required to be on file prior to trying out and participating in athletics. Forms may be found on the Athletic Website, the VHSL website or in the main office. (Other required forms for participation found on website: Social Media Contract, Concussion Form, CHKD release, CPS Sportsmanship Pledge, Emergency Information Form)

Sports physicals are offered three times a year at Grassfield High School and are done by CHKD physicians. The physicals are \$20 each and are offered in the months of November, February, and May. Exact dates are contingent upon physician availability and are advertised at least two weeks in advance. Physicals begin at 4 p.m. and end at 6 p.m. promptly. VHSL physical forms can be downloaded from the school athletic website. Physicals are not valid if dated prior to May 1 of the previous school year. Parents are highly encouraged to maintain a copy of their athlete's physical for summer camps, transfers, etc.

Ticket/Admission Prices Regular Season Home Games - \$6 for Adults/Students, \$4 for Students K-12

***Please note: Parent discount cards will no longer be distributed or used.** Parents are encouraged to purchase season passes. Season passes can be obtained from the bookkeeper or athletic office during the day from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. or at the first two volleyball and basketball games of the season.

FALL SEASON PASSES - \$35.00 - Non-transferable, must have I.D. along with pass. Good for all home regular season sporting events in the fall season – Excludes playoffs and tournaments.

WINTER SEASON PASSES - \$35.00 – Non-transferable, must have I.D. along with pass. Good for all home regular season sporting events in the fall season – Excludes playoffs and tournaments.

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.

Acceptable passes for entry into Athletic Events:

- VHSL Pass
- VHSCA (Coaches Pass)
- Media Credentials
- Gold Card/CPS Senior Citizen Pass (regular season ONLY)
- Grassfield Season Passes (regular season ONLY)
- Faculty passes of those schools participating in the competition

Core Course GPA – NCAA Eligibility

For the seventh year in row, every Grassfield High School athlete is invited to take advantage of Core Course GPA for FREE. Core Course GPA is a program that allows our athletes and their parents to track their progress to becoming eligible for NCAA participation. NCAA eligibility standards have changed for graduates after 2016. Information on how to create your personal account can be found on the athletics website or obtained from any Grassfield coach. All Grassfield High School athletes are highly encouraged to enroll.

Check Schedules, Get Updates, Scores and More with “r-school”

Parents and athletes can now check team schedules, records, scores, get updates on cancelations and postponements, and more utilizing “r-School”. All Grassfield parents and athletes are encouraged to go to www.southeasterndistrictva.org , go to the Grassfield High School tab. Download the app to get updates on your mobile device. More information regarding “r-School” can be found on the Grassfield Athletic website.

VHSL Alignments – Grassfield’s District, Region, and State

The VHSL alignment changed again in 2017. Information regarding specific schools districts and regions can be found at www.vhsl.org. Grassfield currently competes in:

- Southeastern District (All Chesapeake and Suffolk secondary schools)
- Region 6A (twelve level “6” high schools in Hampton Roads)
- Virginia High School League (State Tournaments)

Grassfield High School Athletics Website

Be sure to visit the Grassfield High School Athletic Website to obtain information on: dates for athletic physicals, Core Course GPA, required forms, concussion testing, “r-School”, athletic recognition ceremony dates, youth sports camps, contact information (Athletic Director, coaches, trainers), and upcoming events.

Upcoming Events:

August 31 – Club Fair (All students 2:00 p.m.)/ Fall Self-Guided Student Orientation (3:00 p.m.)

September 4—First Day of School!

September 17– Fall PTSA Open House (6:30 p.m. Auditorium)

October 10 –PSAT (Audience: eligible 9th graders and all 10th and 11th grade students)

We’ll see you soon!

Go Grizzlies!

Mrs. Beth Pallister

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