

September Synergy Blast

Dear Grassfield High School Families,

We are grateful to have been spared the brunt of hurricane Florence and hope you and your loved ones weathered the storm safely. Below are a few updates, rescheduled dates, and reminders of upcoming events and opportunities:

**Grassfield High School is committed to student safety.** All exterior doors will remain locked during the school day, and all visitors are asked to activate the buzzer outside the main office doors to be admitted to the building.

**The Parent Alert System** will no longer be used to send routine messages or reminders about school events. The PAS will only be used to notify parents of absences and tardies; lockdown drills; or other urgent, time-sensitive information.

**Grassfield High School is proud to announce that we will hold 13 sessions of One Lunch** this year. One Lunch gives students the opportunity to receive academic support and remediation, meet with teachers, complete missing work, collaborate with other students, join clubs and activities, and choose their paths to success. One Lunch gives students the opportunity to access instructional, social, and extra-curricular support during the school day.

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

**PTSA Open House is rescheduled to September 24 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. **Join us for Coffee with a Cop** September 25 from 7:45 a.m.—8:30 a.m. Ask questions, voice your concerns, and get to know the officers in your neighborhood. The event is open to all.

Grassfield High School will administer the **PSAT** on **October 10** during Blocks 1 & 2. The cost of the PSAT is \$16.00 (cash or checks payable GFHS). Chesapeake Public Schools received a grant to enable all 10<sup>th</sup> grade students to be preregistered and prepaid to take the PSAT. Registration for 9<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade students will be conducted September 26 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

Eligible 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://frapps.horizonsolana.com/welcome> or have your son or daughter visit the CPS website to download 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** 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 October 1 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.

**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 28<sup>th</sup> for senior portrait make-ups. If you have not received your appointment time, please contact Lifetouch at 420-9417.

**The PTSA Craft Show** will be held October 27, from 9:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Come out and get a head start on your holiday shopping!

Kick off **Homecoming Week** at our **Homecoming Dance** on October 6 at 8:00 p.m. at Grassfield. The dance is only open to Grassfield students, and tickets are \$10.00. Semi-formal attire is requested. Tickets will be sold during lunches—no tickets will be sold at the door. Class dues must be paid to attend the dance. Class dues (\$5.00) may be paid September 25, 26, and 27 on the bus ramp in the morning before school.

Join us on October 12 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. The Homecoming football game against Lakeland High starts at 7:00 p.m.

**Grassfield apparel** (Grizzly Gear) will be available at school events and throughout the year at the school store. The school store is open Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 8:15 a.m. – 8:35 a.m. and Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 3:15 p.m. to 3:38 p.m. The store will also open for all home football games and special school events.

CPS offers **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 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

**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

Don't miss out on important information from Grassfield! Follow us on **Twitter** @grassfield\_hs. Follow us on **Instagram** @grassfield\_hs, and follow us with **Remind** by texting gfh2007 to 81010

**Upcoming Events**

September 24 – PTSA Open House 6:30 p.m.

October 1 – Senior Information Night 6:30 p.m.

October 1 – School Picture Day

October 1 – End of First Marking Period

October 6—Homecoming Dance @ 8:00 p.m.

October 8 thru October 12 – Homecoming Events

October 10 – PSAT 8:45 a.m.

We hope to see you at Open House!

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