

Dear Grassfield High School Families,

We are thankful for your support of Grassfield students, staff, and events. Below are a few reminders of upcoming events and opportunities:

**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/65/2018/11/Ext-DayGeneral-Letter-Rules-Fall-2018.pdf>

**Students who have excessive absences** may be eligible for extenuating circumstances. Applications will be available on the website and in the main office Monday, December 17 and are due Friday, January 11.

**The IncrEDIBLES will lead the school-wide food drive December 3-7** to gather food to donate for the winter holidays. Please consider making a donation to support this cause.

**Grizzlies Got Talent** will be held Friday, December 7 at 6:30pm. Tickets are \$5 and will be sold at the door. Grizzlies Got Talent is partnering with Lead2Feed this year, so tickets will be \$5.00 or \$2.00 with a contribution of 3 canned foods.

**The Chesapeake Public Schools Academies Information Night** will be held at Deep Creek High School Thursday, November 29 at 7:00 p.m. Information about the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program at Oscar Smith High School, the Governor's STEM Academy at Grassfield High School, and the Science and Medicine Academy at Deep Creek High School will be shared.

**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.

**Office hours at Grassfield** are from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. All visitors must check-in at the security desk or main office during or after hours. For the safety and security of our students and staff, please do not come in after hours for unscheduled meetings with teachers. Please arrange those meetings through the guidance department.

**Student parking spots** are assigned at Grassfield, so please do not park in the student parking lots when dropping off or picking up your student. Visitor spots are conveniently located at the main entrance.

**Semester 1 EOC SOL testing begins** Monday, December 17 through Tuesday, January 22. Please check the dates of your child's SOL tests on our school website and keep these dates in mind as you schedule appointments before and after our Winter Break. Students currently enrolled in courses with an associated SOL test will receive letters from their teacher about SOL incentive qualifications for the final exam and/or about SOL retest opportunities. Students who opt to take the SOL incentive must submit a signed parent permission form to the classroom teacher prior to the final exam. Students who do not submit a permission form are required to take the final exam.

**SOL and WISE Study Sessions and Power Sessions** will begin Tuesday, December 4 continue through Wednesday, January 16. This is a great opportunity for a targeted study session, taught by our expert content teachers, to prepare for the SOL. Students may ride the activity bus home from Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday sessions that end at 4:30.

**Class of 2019 Senior Banquet** will be held Saturday, December 8 at 6:00 pm at Grassfield High School. The event features a catered dinner and entertainment including an awards ceremony announcing the Class of 2019 Superlative winners. Tickets are \$25.00 and will be sold December 3, 4, and 5 during all lunches.

**All transcript requests** must be submitted via Parchment by 3:43 pm, Friday, December 7, 2018, for deadlines that fall prior to Friday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018. This includes transcript requests for Common App, Coalition, and scholarships. Requests can be made at <https://www.parchment.com/u/registration/195601/account>

Check out the new **ScholarshipVUE** on the Grassfield website and search the scholarship database for opportunities that may apply to you. The site is updated regularly, so check often!

**Grassfield High School will be closed** during the winter holidays from Friday, December 21, 2018 through Tuesday, January 1, 2019 with the exception of some athletic teams that may have practice due to individual team schedules. Normal school hours will resume Wednesday, January 2, 2019.

**Important Dates to Remember:**

**Wednesday, November 21**—Early Release Day, One Lunch

**Thursday, November 22 and Friday, November 23**—No School - Happy Thanksgiving!

**Thursday, November 29**--Chesapeake Public Schools Academies Information Night at Deep Creek High School at 7:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, December 12**- End of Marking Period 3

**Monday, December 17**- SOL VA/US History and SOL World History 2

**Tuesday, December 18**- SOL World History 1

**Friday, December 21- Tuesday, January 1**- Winter Break- School Closed

**Wednesday, January 2**—School reopens

**Wednesday, January 17**—Rising Freshman Night (Auditorium at 6:30 p.m.)

We wish you a safe and happy Thanksgiving.

Thank you, and Go Grizzlies!

*Beth Pallister*

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