

October 2018

Dear Grassfield High School Families,

As we move toward the season of gratitude, we would like to thank the Grassfield community for its generous support of our teachers, students, and activities. Below are a few reminders of upcoming events and opportunities:

**Federal Impact Aid** cards were sent home today, October 16<sup>th</sup>. These cards are an important source of funding for our school division, so please return the cards by Tuesday, October 23<sup>th</sup>. Please verify any prepopulated information, make any corrections or additions directly on the card, and sign and date the card for October 16<sup>th</sup> or later.

**Parents can view report cards on ParentVue.** Go to the Report Card button to see the report card, including attendance.

**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).

**Grizzlies are teaming up with Hickory High School** to collect items to help disaster relief throughout North Carolina. We are collecting bottled water; school supplies; paper products; and pet, first aid, and personal hygiene items. Gently used items are also welcome. Drop off items at Grassfield High School before Friday, October 19<sup>th</sup> or bring the items to Hickory High School on Friday and stay to watch our varsity football game!

**The 17<sup>th</sup> annual CPS College Fair** will be held at Indian River High School Monday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> from 6:00pm – 8:00pm. More than 120 colleges and universities will be represented. The event will also include financial aid workshops.

**Balfour Ring Catalogs** will be distributed to Juniors Thursday, October 18<sup>th</sup> (during One Lunch). Balfour will host two ring ordering events at GFHS on October 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> from 6:00pm – 7:30pm in the Main Foyer and October 25<sup>th</sup> from 12:00pm – 2:00pm in the Food Court.

**Chesapeake Career Center** will hold its Open House October 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. The Career Center offers programs in auto body and technical repair, cybersecurity, EMT and firefighting, HVAC, pharmacy technology, welding, nursing and more. Join them to learn how CPS students can jump start their careers.

**The United Way student campaign** will be held during homeroom October 22<sup>nd</sup> – October 26<sup>th</sup>! Bring in your spare change to support our United Way campaign and the Chesapeake Public Schools Education Foundation!

**Underclass make-up pictures** will be taken on November 1<sup>st</sup>. Homeroom teachers will receive a copy of students' scheduled times.

**In honor of Veterans Day**, Grassfield High School will once again construct a **Field of Valor** to salute members of the armed services. Visit the link on the Grassfield webpage for details and to sponsor a flag for only \$2. Honor a family member, a friend, or even a Grizzly alumni or faculty member!

Winter sports tryouts begin on November 5<sup>th</sup>.

Sports physicals will be given on October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 4:00pm in the food court. The fee for physicals is \$20.00 (cash only). VHSL physical forms can be downloaded from the school website or at [www.vhsl.org](http://www.vhsl.org). Please complete all the required health history information and signatures on the form before arriving for the physical. A completed physical form signed by a physician must be on file prior to trying out for any sports team.

**Parchment is an online transcript** request program that is free to students. Create an account today to request an unofficial transcript sent to your email for viewing. If you submit the parent authorization form, you can request for your transcripts to be sent to colleges and outside agencies. Please contact your child's counselor for additional instructions.

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!

**Study Hall** is held every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 3:45pm -- 4:30pm 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 4:30pm.

**Office hours at Grassfield** are from 8:00am to 4:00pm. 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.

### Senior News

**Senior pictures** are due to the yearbook staff by October 31<sup>st</sup>. All seniors photographed by Lifetouch must select their pictures online. Seniors photographed by outside studios must submit their portraits digitally (only jpg. or tif. can be accepted) with a minimum resolution of 300 dpi actual size. Only formal vertical poses (tux or drape) will be accepted and a blue background is preferred. We cannot guarantee the reproduction quality of photos submitted by other studios. Please see Ms. Peterson in Room D122 with questions.

**Senior Ad** information and order forms were mailed home in September and are available online at [www.theyearbookcompany.com](http://www.theyearbookcompany.com). The deadline to purchase senior ads is Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>. Discounted offers are available for ads postmarked by Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>.

### **Important Dates to Remember:**

October 26<sup>th</sup> – PTSA Fall Craft Show 9:00am – 4:00pm

November 2<sup>rd</sup> – End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Grading Period

November 12<sup>th</sup> —No School Veterans Day

November 21<sup>st</sup> —Early Release Day

November 22<sup>nd</sup> and November 23<sup>rd</sup> —No School - Happy Thanksgiving!

Thank you, and Go Grizzlies!

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