

Hello Grassfield Families!

We are looking forward to the beginning of semester 2. Below is some information to help make the transition easier.

To begin Semester 2, students will report to their first semester homerooms Wednesday, January 30 to retrieve their second semester schedules. An announcement will be made for students to report to their new homerooms.

Scheduling for the 2019-2020 school year will begin February 7 when students receive their course selection forms and watch a scheduling video in homeroom. The video will also be available on our website for parents to view. Please review this information carefully with your child to ensure he/she has selected the appropriate courses for next year. It is **imperative** students make their course decisions wisely, as course offerings are based on the number of requests for a course; therefore, those requests must stay the same. Student course selection forms are due Tuesday, February 13. The counselors will then meet with students to review their selections.

Please join us for our Spring PTSA Open House on Thursday, February 7 at 5:30 p.m.

- a. 5:30 p.m.- Scheduling Fair
- b. 6:25 p.m.- All current Grizzlies and their parents should report to their current homeroom for short announcements on GNews from Mr. Perez.
- c. 6:45 p.m.- Block 1 presentations begin.
- d. Parents and students will change classes. Please bring your child's new schedule.
- e. All students will receive an instructional syllabus from each second semester teacher on the first day of class. Please carefully review the course expectations and classroom procedures with your child and return the parent/student acknowledgement form to each teacher.

Spring Sports physicals will be offered at Grassfield High School starting in the cafeteria Tuesday, February 5, at 4:00 p.m. for a fee of \$20.00 cash. This opportunity is also available to middle school students. Please bring a VHSL Physical form with page two (medial history) completed and all parent signatures included. VHSL physical forms can be found on the school website or obtained from the main office. Athletes trying out for a spring sport must have a completed physical form on file before trying out. Spring sports begin Monday, February 18. Detailed information regarding specific sports tryouts can be found on the school website or obtained from the main office.

The Chesapeake Public School Mathematics Department is seeking parent and community input for the citywide adoption of the new k-12 mathematics textbooks. Citizens are invited to examine the proposed textbooks and provide feedback. Textbooks are available through March 11, 2019 at all schools. To review the textbooks, please ask the secretaries in the main office for details.

We are not able to accept food deliveries of any kind for students. Gifts, flowers, and balloons may not be delivered or brought to the school as it is disruptive to classes. Deliveries will be turned away at the security desk.

Join us February 19 at 6:30 p.m. for College and Career Readiness Night. It's never too early to start thinking about post-graduation goals! This presentation is for current freshmen, sophomores, and

juniors. We will present information on choosing the best classes to meet post-graduation goals; understanding the purpose of the PSAT, SAT, ACT, and ASVAB; and building an academic resume.

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.

Don't miss your chance to own a piece of Grassfield history. The 2019 Pawprint, a nationally award-winning publication, is available for purchase online by visiting www.jostensyearbooks.com. This is your last opportunity to have your book personalized and to get other great add-on options. The deadline to pre-order is February 22. Please contact patti.peterson@cpschools.com with any questions.

Senior News:

Grassfield High School and Great Bridge High School are joining together for a semi-formal Valentine's Dance for SENIORS only. The dance will be held at Great Bridge High School Saturday, February 9 from 8:00-11:00 p.m. Tickets are \$15.00 and will be sold at GFH February 4-8 during lunches.

Cap and Gown Photos. Lifetouch will photograph seniors in graduation regalia on February 15 at Grassfield. A \$25.00 sitting fee will be collected at the time of the appointment. Keychains will be sold, two for \$20.00. A signup sheet is posted outside Room D120. Please contact patti.peterson@cpschools.com with any questions.

Seniors: **file the FAFSA ASAP** to be eligible for college financial aid next year. March 1 is the priority FAFSA deadline for many schools. The FAFSA can be completed at home (<https://fafsa.ed.gov>), or you can contact Mrs. Moorhouse, our ACCESS Advisor, and she can help you complete it. Mrs. Moorhouse's email is mmoorhouse@accesscollege.org.

Important Dates to Remember:

January 28: Teacher Work Day—No school for students (Make-up Exams in Media Center 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.)

January 29: Teacher Work Day—No school for students

January 30: First day of semester 2 (B day)

January 31: Report Cards go home

**February 7: Scheduling Video in HR and Scheduling Sheets go home
Scheduling Fair (5:30 p.m.) and Spring Open House (6:30 p.m.)**

February 14: Scheduling conferences begin with counselors and students

February 15: Senior Cap and Gown Pictures in Auditorium

February 19: College and Career Readiness Night (6:30 p.m.)

Thank you,
Beth Pallister
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