

Hello Grassfield Families,

We have some exciting events happening in the new few weeks!

Grassfield High School is utilizing the One Lunch model approximately twice a month this year to provide academic support, co-curricular opportunities, make-up time, study time, computer time, and other academic, social, physical and mental health activities during the school day. This one-hour lunch and activity period is part of the instructional day, and falls under the regulations of the Code of Virginia and Chesapeake School Board Policy regarding attendance, in that students shall attend school for a full day.

This means that students should not leave campus unless they have a legitimate reason (see list below), which does not include lunch outside of the building, as the safety of all students and staff always remains our top priority. Notes and other requests for students to leave campus for lunch will be denied based on School Board Policy 9-13 and our concern for student and staff safety.

Per **Chesapeake School Board Policy 9-13**, illness of a student, a student's medical, dental, substance abuse, mental health appointments, severe illness, death or funeral in the family, exposure to contagious disease, religious holidays, official court obligation or extenuating circumstances such as fire, accident, or extremely inclement weather shall be considered the only legitimate excuses for absence or tardiness.

The Student Council Association is pleased to host the 10th Annual Laps for Lymphoma Walk. This event raises awareness as well as funds to aid in the search for a cure. Over the years, and with the help of the community, we have raised \$165,000.00 to donate to the Lymphoma Research Foundation. The event will be held on Saturday, March 30. Doors open at 2:00 p.m. and the walk starts at 3:00 p.m., rain or shine. Please register or donate directly through our event's website. Follow the link below to donate/register:
<http://support.lymphoma.org/LapsForLymphoma> See Grassfield's webpage for more information on registration.

Grizzlies Giving Back Service Week is a Community of Excellence tradition at Grassfield High School. Students are encouraged to participate in the following service projects:

Monday, March 25 – Peanut butter, Jerky, Protein bars, Sunflower seeds, Candy Department for We Care Marines (Rho Kappa)

Tuesday, March 26 – Art Supplies for CHKD (Art Club/US Club)

Wednesday, March 27– Cat Supplies for Cat Rescue Inc. (Anchor)

Thursday, March 28 – UNO, Connect 4, Small LED flashlight with batteries, Coffee tumbler, Gum/Tic Tacs/Mints, Hard cover Journals for Roc Solid (Dalia)

Friday, March 29 – tissues, hand sanitizer, and baby wipes for Chesapeake Education Foundation (Educators Rising)

Saturday, March 30 – Laps for Lymphoma (SCA)

The 2019-2020 school calendar has been approved. Please see this link for details and refer to these dates when making plan for family events.

<https://cpschools.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/2019-2020-SchoolCalendar.pdf>

The school building and school offices will be closed for Spring Break April 15-20. We look forward to assisting parents and students when we return April 22.

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: 9 days). The Attendance Exam Exemption is also a powerful incentive for good attendance. The Extended Day Program is available for students to bank time. Students must make every effort to attend extended day to be considered for any extenuating circumstances. The extended day schedule is available here: <https://cpschools.com/gfh/wp-content/uploads/sites/65/2019/02/Spring-2019-Extended-day-teacher-location-list.pdf>

The ASVAB (the Armed Forces Vocational Aptitude Battery test) will be administered April 23 at Grassfield High School. Students interested in taking the ASVAB should contact Mrs. Lorri Owens in the school counseling department.

Summer School registration begins April 29. Students should see their counselor for registration information. Summer school will be held at Oscar Smith High School from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., June 26 -- August 16. Classes are not held on Fridays. Transportation is provided.

Spring assessments, including SOL tests, WISE tests, AP exams, and industry certification tests begin April 29 through the end of the school year. Please plan appointments accordingly as students should not miss these assessments.

Teacher Appreciation Week is May 6-10. Please join us in thanking the Grassfield faculty and staff for their dedication to our students and contributions to our Community of Excellence!

SOL Study Sessions will begin May 13 for all End of Course SOL testing. Students who attend these review sessions experience high levels of success on the SOLs. Please encourage your student to attend! Specific SOL test dates and our SOL Study Sessions calendar will be posted on the Grassfield website.

Governor's STEM Academy Academic Awards - A ceremony to recognize Governor's STEM Academy Seniors will be held May 22 at 6:30 p.m. in the GFHS Auditorium. An invitation with additional information will be sent home with STEM Academy Seniors.

Juniors and seniors will be recognized at their respective **Academic Awards** ceremonies on the dates below. Invitations will be distributed to all honorees via homeroom.

Senior Academic Awards – May 29 at 6:30 p.m.

Junior Academic Awards – May 30 at 6:30 p.m.

Eventually, the coats, hats, and mittens will be put away! Please ensure that your child's warm weather attire conforms to the school's dress code. Specifics about the dress code can be found in the student handbook.

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.

ACCESS Advisor—Mrs. Meghan Moorhouse is available to help all seniors apply for financial aid and to provide college counseling to all students. Appointments can be made through email at Meghan.Moorhouse@cpschools.com

Seniors: The ACCESS Scholarship application is now available. Go to www.accesscollege.org to complete the application or see Mrs. Moorhouse for a copy.

Seniors: If you have not completed the FAFSA, you can still do so at <https://fafsa.ed.gov>. While the deadline for state-based financial aid was March 1, federal financial aid is still available. See Mrs. Moorhouse with questions, for help filing the FAFSA, or for help comparing financial aid offers that you receive.

Scholarships can be found in ScholarshipVue on the Grassfield website. Keep checking for updated links to new applications! Any senior who has received scholarships and wishes to have them acknowledged in the printed program at graduation must submit the Senior Scholarship Awards Form (found on the Grassfield High School Senior Page) by May 15, 2019. A copy of the award letter or certificate from the organization or college must be submitted to main guidance for verification purposes.

SENIOR NEWS

Graduation announcements will be mailed directly to students' homes this year.

Caps and Gowns are scheduled for delivery April 23 and 24 during lunch period. Seniors can pick them up at the concession stand.

Grassfield High School's Senior Prom: Save the date, Class of 2019! *An Enchanted Evening* will be held Saturday May 18, from 7:30 – 11:00 p.m. The event will take place at Hilton Norfolk THE MAIN, 100 E. Main St., Norfolk, VA. Tickets are \$60.00 for Grassfield students and \$70 for guests who are not Grassfield students. A completed permission slip, paid class dues, and all outstanding school obligations must be cleared before a ticket can be purchased. Ticket sale dates will be announced soon.

Students are invited to attend After Prom at Grassfield High School beginning at 11:00 p.m.-3:00 a.m. Students do not have to attend Prom to attend After Prom and admission is free. Activities include a DJ, inflatable bouncy rides, prizes, BINGO, and everyone's favorite, the Senior slide show.

Celebrate your Grizzly graduate with a yard sign for only \$25.00. The order form is live and orders must be placed by Wednesday, April 3. Forms are on the senior website, sent through Remind, and in the main office.

Board of Education Civics Seal applications are being accepted for the Virginia Department of Education Civics Seal. Applications can be found on the senior class website. Applications are due to Mrs. Hammers (D105) by Friday, April 12 at noon.

The Class of 2019 will celebrate their Graduation Ceremony Friday, June 14 at 12:45 p.m. at the ODU Ted Constant Convocation Center. All graduates will receive 10 tickets for the event at the first scheduled graduation practice (graduation practice schedule TBA). Be on the lookout for an informational letter that will be posted to our school website in late April/early May with more graduation information.

Please contact Dr. Kitchens at kelly.kitchens@cpschools.com if you have any graduation or prom questions.

Thank you very much! Happy Spring!

Mrs. Beth Pallister
Assistant Principal of Instruction

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

March 25-March 30- Grizzlies Giving Back Week

March 30-Laps for Lymphoma

April 5-End of Marking Period 6

April 5-Early Release Day (1:38 p.m.)

April 15-19-Spring Break

May 6-May 17-AP Testing

May 15-June 10-SOL Testing (all non-writing subjects)

May 18-Senior Prom

May 22-STEM Academic Awards

May 27-Memorial Day

May 29-Senior Academic Awards

May 30-Junior Academic Awards

June 13-End of MP 8 Last day of school!

June 14-Class of 2019 Graduation (ODU Ted Constant Center 12:45 p.m.)