

August 28, 2021

Hello, Hickory High School Families!

On behalf of the entire Hickory High School staff, I welcome you to the 2021-2022 school year. We are excited to greet all of our Hawks in-person this fall -- the first time we have been collectively together in almost 18 months!

This year, students were able to view their class schedule in Synergy through StudentVUE on Friday, August 27 after 4:00 PM. Please be sure to review schedules, as a few changes may have been made as we worked to balance and level classes. If students have a schedule change request, students/ parents may complete [Schedule Change Form](#) and submit it to their counselors. Counselors will process necessary changes as quickly as they are able. Please note this process may take a few days to complete.

This mailing also contains quite a bit of important information about the start of the school year; please read and retain this information for future reference. Students and parents will have access to our updated [student handbook](#), which contains important information about our school. The staff at Hickory High School has been working hard over the summer to prepare for your students' arrival, including updating Schoology, which continues to be our Learning Management System this school year.

We are excited that Hickory is a 1:1 school, and students will be receiving Chromebooks the first week of school. Thanks so much for your patience as we work to issue Chromebooks to over 1600 students. Teachers are ensuring that any assignments given this week will be more traditional in nature until all students have received their Chromebooks. Thanks in advance for your patience and understanding.

Parents seeking information regarding health mitigation requirements, such as the mask policy and the instructional plan for students in quarantine, should visit [CPS Back-to-School](#) for updated information.

We look forward to welcoming our Hawks back on Tuesday, September 7!

Most Sincerely,

Donna H. Weingand, Ph.D.
Principal

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR HICKORY HIGH SCHOOL FAMILIES : 2021-2022



ARRIVAL

Students are not permitted to enter the building prior to 8:15 AM. Students arriving between 8:15 and 8:30 will report to the cafeteria. Students should report directly to their homeroom classroom at 8:30 AM. Students may drop off instruments after 8:30 AM before they report to homeroom. On your first days of arrival, staff members will be in the hallways, near the drop-off entrance (auditorium entrance), and on the bus ramp to direct students where to go.

ATHLETICS

Tickets for all fall Chesapeake Public Schools sporting events can now be purchased online at GoFan.co (Not .com). Varsity high school sporting event tickets are \$6 for adults and \$4 for students. Junior varsity tickets are \$5 for Adults and \$3 for students. Students may also purchase a "Student Pass" at GoFan for \$20 that will allow them access to all home and away high school sporting events - A great deal for the price!! Tickets and passes are accessible and redeemed using your smartphone. There is a service fee charged by GoFan for all tickets and passes.

Please note that the current mandate requires that all spectators attending indoor athletic events wear a mask. Thanks in advance for your understanding.

All Hickory High School sporting events that take place at Hickory's stadium or gymnasium can now be live streamed through the NFHS Network. Go to NFHS Network and set up your monthly or annual subscription and watch the varsity football and volleyball games this fall, basketball games this winter, and boys and girls soccer this spring.

Want to know who's playing and when? Go to [Southeastern District](#), click on Hickory and you'll find all the fall, winter, and spring sports schedules listed. Sign up for the app using your smartphone to receive updates on schedule changes and postponements.

ATTENDANCE GUIDELINES

Keeping attendance is a critical task for schools and divisions; attendance is a metric for a multitude of statutory and regulatory requirements and supports student engagement and learning. Students are expected to attend school daily for their scheduled courses, and attendance will be taken daily.

BREAKFAST/ LUNCH

Breakfast and lunch is available to all students for the 2021-2022 school year at no charge. Breakfast and lunch menus are available via [Nutrislice](#).

Please note that **all students are required to wear a mask in the cafeteria when they are not actively eating**. Further, so that we may contact-trace effectively in possible Covid situations, **all classes will be assigned to specific tables in the cafeteria**. Teachers will communicate specific table numbers to their classes on September 7.

Students will NOT be permitted to eat in classrooms until further notice.

BUS TRANSPORTATION

Bus routes may be found at [CPS Bus Routes](#). Students should review and memorize their bus route number. Because pick-up times will be irregular for the first few days of school, students should plan to be at their designated bus stops several minutes early. **Please note that all students are required to wear masks on the busses.**

CHROMEBOOKS

Students will be issued a Chromebook the first week of school. Students are expected to bring their CPS-issued devices to school each day **fully charged**. Please note that charging stations and/or cords are not available. **Students should reset their [One Login username and password](#) for the 2021-2022 school year, so please be sure to complete this process prior to September 7.**

DELIVERIES/ FORGOTTEN ITEMS

Due to current health and safety guidelines, **only limited items may be dropped off for students once the school day has begun**. The acceptance of forgotten items is limited to medicine delivered to the clinic or necessary items too large to be transported on the school bus. Any student who forgets his/her lunch will be offered a school lunch at no charge. **Food delivery, including fast food and carry-out from restaurants, is prohibited.**

DISMISSAL

Hickory High School will have a staggered dismissal, and students will be released at the following times:

3:51 PM: Senior Dismissal

3:53 PM: Bus Rider Dismissal

3:57 PM: Parent-Pick Up and Student Drivers, Grades 10-11 Dismissal

DRESS CODE

The Chesapeake School Board expects all students to dress in a manner appropriate for the promotion of learning. Discretion should be exercised by parents and students when choosing articles of clothing that may be distracting to the learning environment. Specific guidelines are listed in the student handbook. **The administrative staff reserves the right to determine whether or not a student's attire meets the standards.** When a student is in violation of the guidelines, all efforts will be made to correct the situation. However, if an acceptable alternative cannot be found, parents will be notified. Students who consistently violate dress code standards will face disciplinary action. **Parents are respectfully requested to help the school enforce the dress code guidelines, even during a potential virtual instruction**

LOCKERS

Lockers will only be issued upon request.

MEDICATION

Parents may drop off prescribed medication during the school day. Please call Stephanie Markley, our school nurse at 421-4295 with any questions. Please remember that students are not permitted to transport medications.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Students will not change clothes for PE this year, nor will they have access to locker rooms. Students should dress appropriately for the weather and have appropriate shoes on scheduled Physical Education days.

PSAT 2021

Hickory High School will be hosting the PSAT on Wednesday, October 13. Registration will take place from September 13 through October 6. Chesapeake Public Schools will pay for all SOPHOMORES to take the PSAT, and any NINTH grade student wishing to take the PSAT may do so for 18.00. JUNIORS who wish to take the PSAT for National Merit Scholar recognition may do so, as well, for 18.00. Information will be sent home within the first few weeks of school.

Students can access PSAT/SAT prep by visiting the following websites: [Study Point](#) and [Khan Academy](#).

PTSA NEWS

PTSA membership is **\$7.00** per person. Parents and students are encouraged to join—especially seniors who are eligible to compete for PTSA scholarships in the spring. Our amazing PTSA provides continual support to our staff and students throughout the year, and with YOUR support we hope to reach awesome goals again this school year. We have an online sign up for membership at [PTSA Membership](#) . Thanks so much in advance!

PARKING INFORMATION

Students wishing to drive to school should visit [Student Parking Sales](#) and complete the necessary forms and pay online .

PICTURES

Lifetouch Photography will be taking underclassmen pictures at Hickory High School in the gymnasium on September 20-21 (Grades 9-11), as well as make-ups for Seniors on October 6-7. Make-ups for underclassmen will take place on October 28-29. Be sure to check email for updates along the way.

SCHOOL STORE

Our school store is fully stocked and eagerly waiting for our students to return to school. Our first day open for students will be Friday, September 10 during all lunches.

SENIOR YEARBOOK ADS

This will be a great opportunity to recognize your senior during an unprecedented year! This will be arranged directly with Jostens. Visit www.theyearbookcompany.com for pricing and details.

STUDENT SCHEDULE

The instructional schedule and lunch schedule for students is accessible here: [Hickory Schedule](#)

SYNERGY PARENT PORTAL ACCESS

As the parent/guardian of a Chesapeake Public Schools secondary student, you have online access to your child's school information, such as his/her grades and assignments through a web-based application called **Synergy ParentVue**. This secure website will notify you when grades have been updated. The application is convenient and easy to use from any computer with Internet access.

You may also download the mobile application. If you have not previously activated your parent code, please contact your child's school counselor. Here are some of the key features:

- Check your child's grades;
- Receive email alerts when new grades have been assigned;
- Check the completion status of your child's assignments;
- Read notes from your child's teacher;
- And many other features.

Parents and students are asked to read and acknowledge the Student Code of Conduct Policy Guidelines that is located in ParentVUE.

YEARBOOKS

The 2022 *Talon* is on sale now for the Early Bird price of \$65.00 through October 31. This year, parents can also create personalized Senior Ads and purchase them through the website and create the ad themselves this year. Visit yearbookforever.com to purchase your 2022 yearbook today!