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Freshman Corner:

Welcome to your first edition of "Freshman Corner"! It is my goal to send out monthly communication to families with important dates, information you need to know and resources from our school community. I have met with all of your students in the Grade Level Class meeting held Tuesday and I have partnered with the Wellness Center for in class presentations, starting next Thursday to discuss:

- Maximizing the block schedule: Using Greyhound time and Physics lab to their advantage
- Organization and time management: balancing school, home, friends and "me" time
- The new Phone and Attendance Policies: attendance appearing on the transcript and the loss of credit if attendance becomes an issue
- Self-Advocacy and effective communication: how to connect with teachers and trusted staff members

Below is the proposed schedule:

August 29th:

5th Period: Adams (8:45-9:15)
6th Period: Adams (10:10-10:40)
7th Period: no class (12:45-1:15)

September 4th:

5th Period: Laux (8:45-9:15)
6th Period: Laux (10:10-10:40)
7th Period: DeLaPaz (12:45-1:15)

September 5th:

3rd Period: Laux (1:10-1:40)

September 6th:

5th Period: Schade (8:45-9:15)
6th Period: Schade (10:10-10:40)
7th Period: Schade (12:45-1:15)

As the new year school year begins, Freshman Parent Night is a great opportunity for you to come and meet your student's, teachers, administrative team and other staff members. This begins at 6pm in the auditorium, directly after at 7pm is Open House, you will be able to follow your student's schedule and meet their teachers. This takes place prior to the Open House scheduled for the night. There will also be an Activities and Clubs Showcase, where you will be able to learn more of different opportunities for your student.

Things to remember:

New Electronic Device Policy: Our goal at CHS is always to maintain a distraction free, academic environment at all times. With this in mind, the use of electronic devices such as (but not limited to) cell phones and earbuds is prohibited during instructional time. Smart watches and similar wearable devices should be placed in airplane or school mode. The expectation is that all students will have these devices put away during instructional time unless the teacher has given permission for use in a specific instructional activity. Students who violate the personal electronic device expectations will be subject to progressive disciplinary consequences including, but not limited to, loss of privileges.

- Electronic devices should not be out or visible during instructional time. Note: instructional time is defined as all scheduled class time (bell to bell) inclusive of breaks and club/organizational meetings during Greyhound Time.
- Electronic devices should be stored in the classroom organizer provided or in a backpack.
- If the device is not put away appropriately, the device will be confiscated and turned over to a grade level administrator who will keep the device until the end of the day. Parents will be notified by the teacher.
- Repeat offenses will result in disciplinary consequences and possible loss of device privileges at school.
- Failure to comply with teacher directives will result in additional disciplinary consequences.
- If permission is given by the teacher for use of a personal electronic device, the teacher will clearly identify the parameters for use of the device in the instructional activity.

Note: Devices should not be used for recreational purposes during any instructional time.



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Attendance:

- Showing up daily is essential for success, instructional time is hard to duplicate with the natural environment, questions and activities.
- If a student does not feel well, or has an illness/injury or needs a day to recoup, be sure to contact teachers of the missed class/courses to stay current with missed work, content and class. *****You can ALWAYS email me directly to let me know as well, I will work to help you transition back into the classroom.***
- Use Greyhound the following day to follow up with teachers for any questions or concerns
- Finally and most importantly, the attendance percentage will be on the students' official transcript.

Beginning next week, if a student would like to change their schedule, they will need to complete the Blue form and retain all signatures prior to returning it to counseling. We will conclude schedule changes at the end of next week.

Dates to Remember:

A complete calendar of events is available on Clayton's website, here are a few important dates to remember:

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| August 27 | Freshman Parent Night and Open House |
| August 30th | No School |
| Sept 2 | No School |
| Sept 11th | CHS Picture Day |
| Sept 30th | Homecoming week begins!! |
| Oct 5th | Homecoming Day! Parade/Football Game/Dance |

Finally, feel free to reach out to me with any questions or concerns. I look forward to seeing you all next Tuesday at Freshman Parent Night/Open House. That is actually my College Freshman's first Volleyball game vs Westminster. I will be rooting for her in spirit while welcoming you into our building!

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