



From the Principal

Dear Parents and Students,

Approximately a week ago U.S. News and World Report selected Clayton High School as the #1 Public High School (non-selective) in Missouri. We were second overall, behind Metro, a magnet school in St. Louis Public. While I don't want to put too much stock in these ratings, I do believe they have improved over the years and become a little more holistic in their methodology. Either way, this is a tremendous validation of the work our faculty and staff do to create learning experiences for our students. We are fortunate to serve an educational community that supports and values education and it is nice to be recognized by a national organization as well.

This week is National Teacher Appreciation Week. Please consider taking a moment to reach out to a teacher this week with a kind note or email. We have an outstanding faculty and staff and your kind words mean a lot. Thank you in advance for helping to make their week special.

Grading

- As we enter the final month of the year, I wanted to give you some important updates regarding grading.
- The last day for seniors is May 15. Seniors need to have all work completed by this date.
- The last "class" day for grades 9 - 11 will be May 22. We will use finals week (May 26 - 28) for catchup and make up work.
- The last day for students to raise their grades is May 28. After this date the focus will shift toward credit attainment as opposed to grade improvement. If a student has achieved a grade of 60% or higher by May 28 they will be issued a "boosted" grade according to the grading guidelines.
- Any student who has not achieved a Q4 grade of 60% will be assigned an incomplete.
- If a student receives an incomplete for Q4, the teacher will complete a Google form contract identifying what the student needs to complete to get credit for the class. This information will be shared with the student and parent. (Note: The focus of the contract will be for the student to obtain credit, not grade improvement).
- If a student failed Q3 and did not achieve a grade of 60% or higher for Q4, they will be assigned an F for semester 2.
- If a student receives an incomplete for Q4 but has a percentage high enough that it results in a passing grade for the semester, they will be assigned the passing grade. For example, Q3= 90%(A-) Q4= 50% (I) $S2=(90+50)/2= 70%$ (C-) This student would be assigned a Q4 grade of Incomplete 50% (I) and a S2 grade of 70% (C-).

Thank you for your flexibility as we work through this together. If you have extenuating circumstances, please contact your grade level principal for assistance. By keeping the lines of communication open, we will get through this.

Stay well and have a great week.

Dr. Dan Gutchewsky

Textbook and Library Book Drop-off

Do you have any textbooks or library books that are taking up space in your room or car? We will be happy to take them! **Each weekday (Monday-Friday) we will have a dropbox located outside the Globe entrance at CHS from 7:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.** Please drop off any textbooks or CHS Library books and we will get them checked in.

Awards Ceremony: May 11

Next Monday, May 11, we will be streaming our annual awards ceremony on Vimeo at 7:00 p.m. We will be sending out a weblink later in the week. We will have all of our regular presenters and awards. Tune in and see which of your classmates is being honored.

Locker Clean-out/Yearbook Pickup/Materials Return

In order to promote appropriate social distancing, we will be using a signup system for locker clean-out, yearbook pickup and material return (uniforms, instruments, textbooks). We will be sending out an electronic appointment signup late next week. Please stay tuned.

Birthdays

A very happy birthday to the following CHS students who are celebrating a birthday this week.

Drake Vetter
Elaine Yoo
Disha Chatterjee
Corbin Fry
Raissa Paty
Anton Kyrychenko
Aashna Doshi
Adia Schlegel
Ravi Cohen
Madeleine Szilagyi
Ella MacDonald
Sofia Mutis
Lev Jersan
Sabrina Kronemer
Emil Qashou
Jakob Robinson
Max Walter-Morency
Paige Conrad
Quadir Parnell
Davia Goette
Gabriel Krumrey
Finn Barbour
Ryan Rosenthal

Calendar

May 4 - 28: Continued Learning
May 8: Early Release Day
May 11 - 15: Senior Week
May 11: Senior "Skip" Day
May 11: Virtual Awards Ceremony, 7:00 p.m.
May 15: Last Day for Seniors
May 22: Last "Class" Day for Grades 9 - 11
May 26 - 28: Catch Up/Make Up Days
May 29: Grading Day (Grades Due)
June 25: Graduation (tentative), 6:00 p.m. at Chaifetz Arena
July 23: Backup Graduation Day

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