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Principal's Newsletter

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"Rest is not idleness, and to lie sometimes on the grass under trees on a summer's day, listening to the murmur of the water, or watching the clouds float across the sky, is by no means a waste of time." — John Lubbock

From the Principal

I hope you are all enjoying your summer and spending time relaxing. This summer I made a point to step back and spend some extra time with my family. We spent a relaxing week in Seattle being tourists in June and we spent a chunk of July traveling around the country to lacrosse tournaments with my son. It was a nice respite and much needed.

We are looking forward to welcoming students back to CHS in just a few weeks. Our custodial and maintenance crews are busy getting the building ready for students and staff. Construction crews are putting the finishing touches on our new reception area and two new gender-neutral restrooms. As always, our first priority is always the health and safety of our students and staff. We are excited to return to full days of in-person instruction with full capacities in our classrooms and lunch being served on campus. We will return to "Open Campus" and we will no longer require study halls for students during free periods. Thank you for your patience and flexibility as we navigate a return to "normalcy" together. **The District will be sharing information regarding masks and other COVID mitigation measures next week.**

Classes will resume at 8:15am on August 23 and we will be utilizing a block schedule (85 minute periods) with two lunch shifts. **Linked here is our full [A/B Schedule for 2021-2022](#).**

Important Back to School Dates

August 9 - Fall Sports Begin (See [CHS Athletics Website](#) for team information)

August 13 - First Day for Faculty/Staff

August 13 - Student schedules live in PowerSchool

August 19 - Freshman Orientation (in-person event by last name)

9:00am-10:30am **Last Name: A - K**

1:00pm-2:30pm **Last Name: L - Z**

August 19 (6:00pm) - Freshman Parent Welcome Meeting (in-person and online)

August 23 - First Day for Students

September 1 - Picture Day

September 2 - Virtual Open House (online)

I look forward to seeing you all very soon. Enjoy your last weeks of summer!

With Greyhound Pride,

Dr. Dan Gutchewsky

CHS 2021-2022 Daily Schedule

	(Day & Date) A DAY	(Day & Date) B DAY
8:15 - 9:40	1	5
9:45 - 11:10	2	6
11:15 - 1:25	3 1st Lunch: Lunch 11:15-12:00 / Class 12:00-1:25 2nd Lunch: Class 11:15-12:40 / Lunch 12:40-1:25	7
1:30 - 3:00 Extra 5 minutes for announcements	4	8

-85 min classes (consistent with WMS)
 -8:15am start (same as pre-COVID)
 -3:00pm end (5 minutes earlier than pre-COVID)

CHS 2021-2022 Early Release Schedule

*60 minute class times

	(Day & Date) A DAY	(Day & Date) B DAY
8:15 - 9:15	1	5
9:20 - 10:20	2	6
10:25 - 11:55	3 1st Lunch: Lunch 10:25 - 10:50 / Class 10:55 - 11:55 2nd Lunch: Class 10:25 - 11:25 / Lunch 11:30 - 11:55	7
12:00 - 1:00	4	8

Student Recognition

- **Kaitlyn Tran**, a senior at CHS, received Princeton University's Princeton Prize in Race Relations award for 2021 for the greater St. Louis region. The full press release can be read [here](#).
- National Merit Scholarship - congratulations to **Adam Jaffe** and **Josie Gillette** on receiving the National Merit Scholarship for 2021.
- I'm pleased to announce the following students were recognized by the Missouri Journalism Education Association:
 - **Angela Xiao** was named to the [Missouri All-State Journalism Team](#). The All-State Journalism Team recognizes those students who have proven themselves to be indispensable to their respective school media, recognizing those students who are "most valuable players" — those students whose leadership, energy, dedication, and expertise make their publications possible but whose main contributions often occur behind the scenes. Angela is one of 10 students in the state to earn this recognition!

- **Isabella Bamnolker, Kate Freedman** and **Seraphina Corbo** of Clayton High School were named finalists for Story of the Year - Feature contest. Their story is linked [here](#).
- **Ivy Reed** of Clayton High School has been named a finalist for Story of the Year - Sports contest. That story is linked [here](#).
- Follow this [link](#) for an announcement of other winners.

A huge Greyhound thank you to **Pablo Buitrago , Anisha Jarang, Charlie McDonough,** and **Lana Xu** - these four hounds were peer tutors in the Learning Center during spring semester 2021. Their kindness and positivity mixed with their content-knowledge have helped many of our student-athletes gain a better understanding of physics and chemistry. We cannot thank them enough for their guidance and expertise! It has been invaluable having them support our students. Go Hounds!

Information from District

- Technology Devices - Students/families are encouraged to report any damage to district iPads or Chromebooks as soon as possible to the Technology Help Desk. Doing so will help initiate any needed repairs and reduce potential downtime for students. Please keep in mind that during the summer months, technical support will be prioritized for students participating in Summer Academy, so additional delays may occur for students not in session.
 - Hours of operation, Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
 - Priority Support by [chat](#) OR by voicemail to 314-854-6033 OR by [email](#) (email must be sent from a [claytonschools.net](#) account).
- KidZone - KidZone is hiring! Learn more about our [KidZone](#) and apply [here](#) today.
- The School District of Clayton's Grab n' Go Meal Service will be available to all families of Clayton students this summer. Meals will be distributed from 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. on Mondays at the front entrance of Clayton High School. Grab n' Go meal bags are free and include five breakfast and lunch meals for the week. Please note the remaining 2021 Summer meal service dates below.
 - Monday, August 2,
 - Monday, August 9
 - Monday, August 16

- Join "Home Plate" - Host Dinner for Wash U Students Away From Home - Starting this Fall
 - Washington University is looking for warm-hearted families to host 2-4 students for casual dinner and conversation. Help them feel at home in St. Louis and your family can enjoy the company of Wash U's incredibly smart and talented kids. We only require that you have 2-3 get-togethers over the course of the academic year. We also try to match students to family interests. Many students continue with their families throughout their Wash U years! E-mail Risa Zwerling at zwerling@wustl.edu to sign up!



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