

August 2021

Dear Students, Parents and Guardians:

Welcome to high school, incoming freshmen! We are very excited to begin the 21-22 school year and we know that you are equally excited to start this last phase of your school career.

We have been working hard over the past few months to plan for this coming year. We ask that you continue to regularly check the district website for updated information and any changes with school operations due to COVID-19. Here is the link to our centralized district information:

• <u>COVID-19 News & Information page</u>

In addition to checking the <u>CVSD District Website</u> for information, we also ask that you log onto the High School website to obtain a copy of the <u>2021-2022 Student Handbook</u> (under Student Life). The handbook includes information regarding student parking, dress code, attendance, as well as the code of conduct. The handbook will be reviewed with each student during the first week of school.

Freshmen and New Student Orientation

Freshmen and new student orientation will be held in person on August 18th at 6:30pm in the main students commons of the high school (Enter the building through Door #1). We will open with a 30 minute information session with the principals and school counselors regarding the daily operations of the high school. Following the brief presentation, students will receive their new Chromebooks, which they will use until the end of their senior year. Students will return their Chromebooks at the conclusion of their senior year. The HS building will remain open from 7:30pm-8:30pm for students to walk their schedules. We will have maps posted and people stationed in the building to help you find your way.

Students may access their schedule beginning on August 18th via Infinite Campus. The Infinite Campus parent portal is a great resource to access grades and announcements. <u>Please click here to learn more about how to use Infinite Campus.</u> You should also update contact information utilizing Infinite Campus. Click here to go to the Infinite Campus login page. A link to the Infinite Campus login page is available on the High School website under parent resources or <u>click here to go directly to the site.</u>

We have arranged for all of our back-to-school forms to be online this year, bundled into a single Google Survey Form. All CV parents/students must complete each section of the Back-to-School Google Form in order to receive your Chromebook on the evening of the 18th. You do not need to print the forms, just simply complete each section of the online form. <u>Click Here to go to the Back-toSchool Form website</u>.

Drop Off & Pick Up Procedures

To avoid traffic with HS buses, the morning and afternoon drop off/pick up location for High School students who are not taking the bus will be at Door #32 (make a right at the guard booth and drive past the Middle School). When picking up at Door #32 at the conclusion of the day, please pull as far forward in the vehicle waiting area as possible. As cars exit the vehicle waiting area, please continue to pull forward to make room for others.

Early dismissal pick up and late arriving students (after 7:35) are to be picked up/dropped off at the main high school entrance: Door #1. Parents are reminded that they will need to enter the building and show ID when picking up a student for an early dismissal.

- Last early dismissal at 2:20 pm
- Regular student dismissal time is at 2:35 pm.

If you need to schedule an early dismissal for your High School student, please schedule it before 2:20 pm. Parents will not be permitted to drive in front of the main HS entrance between 2:20 pm and 2:45 pm due to heavy bus and student traffic during dismissal.

Bus Transportation

Bus information will be sent via parent email between August 13 and August 20, 2021. If you have any questions regarding transportation, please contact the Transportation Department at (412) 429-7011. Per the federal mandate, masks are required on all public transportation, including school buses and vans. All students and staff are required to wear a mask while traveling in school transportation vehicles.

Food Service

Chartiers Valley School District will be implementing a new provision under the USDA known as the Seamless Summer Option (SSO) in the 2021-2022 school year. This program is available to all school districts participating in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs.

This program allows for all enrolled students in the Chartiers Valley School District to receive a nutritional breakfast and lunch each school day at no charge to your household.

Although no further action is required for your child(ren) to receive breakfast and lunch at no charge, the District encourages families to continue to fill out the Free and Reduced Applications as there are many other benefits that come along with it. You can access the Free and Reduced Applications on our website, please click here Free and Reduced Meal Application, or contact Sally Metrovich at 412-429-2254 to receive a paper application.

Unlike last school year, free meals will no longer be available on weekends or scheduled days off for students during the school year. Please contact food service at cjones@cvsd.net or (412) 429-2255.

Thank you and we look forward to a wonderful year at Chartiers Valley High School! We hope to see you at orientation!

Sincerely,

Patrick Myers Principal Meghan Watelet Assistant Principal (Students A-K) Tim Murray Assistant Principal (Students L-Z)