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**Students who are feeling sick
should not come to school.
Let's work together to keep our
community safe**

Principal's Message

We have move backed into our No Cougar Time Schedule as a result of major incidents taking place during the lunch time. Since our start of the one-hour lunch, we averaged an incident every other day; there was a lack of students following directives of staff and lunch protocols, and a lack of students seeking academic support which was monitored by Activity Links. We had very few students logged as actually visiting their teachers compared to our total student population. For students who may need additional academic support, please sign up for FEV tutoring through Clever, which is an online one on one tutoring service available 24/ 7 for homework help.

We are asking students to make sure they are **P**repared, **R**espectful, **I**nvolved, **D**iligent, and **E**co-Friendly. Please continue to check your dress before entering the building (see pg. 29 of the [CCBOE Parent/Student Handbook](#) if you have questions). In addition, we are noticing students attempting to wear lighters on their belt loops, please be reminded that this is violation of the [Code of Conduct](#) and is subject to consequences.

Equal Opportunity Schools

This year, Charles County School is Partnering with Equal Opportunity School. Please see the attached letter in the email for more information. Students will take part in survey on Friday, Oct 7.

Parent Teacher Conference Day

Parent Teacher Conferences will take place on Monday, Oct 10 by appointment only. Conferences are in-person. Below are the steps for scheduling a conference. Attached to the email are directions with screenshots as well to assistance in setting up a conference.



Steps for Scheduling a Parent/Teacher Conference:

1. Search and select the last name of your student's teacher from the drop-down box.
2. Schedule a **10-minute time slot** on **Monday, October 10, 2022, ONLY**(8:00 a.m.-10:50 a.m.) to meet with the teacher to review your teen's progress.
3. Include your first and last name, your email address, phone number, and your student's first and last name for scheduling purposes.
4. **If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Veneracion at mveneracion@ccboe.com.**

- Proximity Classes - If your student is in a Proximity class, please contact your teen's grade level counselor to schedule a meeting time on another day.

<https://outlook.office365.com/owa/calendar/ParentTeacherConference@ccboe.com/bookings/>

Class of 2023

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid(FAFSA) for college and career financial aid will open on Saturday, October 1. The FSA ID should be created before you can complete the FAFSA. Families, please understand the completion of this form is essential if you are seeking **any** financial aid, this is a **required step**. Students, visit with Ms. Morton for more information and questions about completing the FAFSA in the Career Center.



Free and Reduced Meals (FARMS) Surveys

If you did not complete the FARMS form, please do so as soon as possible by clicking the link for [MySchoolApps](#). School-wide submission of this form is integral as it impacts the status of our free meals program. Even if you believe you are not eligible for FARMS, please submit your form. Thanks for your support in this endeavor.

Attendance

Submit all attendance notes via email or in-person to Ms. Foxx within three days of the absence. There is an attendance box located outside of the attendance office. Ms. Foxx is unable to accept attendance emails or phone calls from students. Late arriving students must check in with the attendance office. Only a parent/legal guardian may sign a student out for early dismissal at the Attendance Office. 2:00 PM is the cutoff time for Early Dismissal. Please send all attendance correspondence directly from your email account to jfoxx@ccboe.com or give her a call at the school if you have questions. All information concerning the county's policies on absences is found on pg. 6 of the [CCBOE Parent/Student Handbook](#).



Headphones via Key Club

Do you have wired headphones for testing? Never fear! The TSHS Key Club has you covered. They are selling earbuds for \$1 that will work for your testing needs. Earbuds will be sold in the morning outside of the cafeteria on test mornings, Room 309 (Ms. Hopper), or Room 107 (Ms. Hatch). Make sure you get yours before we sell out!



Laptops

We are still in the process of distributing laptops. Students, if you have already received your laptop, please note that devices need regular updating to ensure that all software continues to work and to receive the latest security patches from Microsoft. Please check for Windows Updates every Tuesday evening (or as soon after as possible). This can prevent many problems, especially during testing sessions. Instructions can be found [here](#).

IMPORTANT DATES

Sept 15 – Oct 15 Hispanic Heritage Month
 Oct 1 FAFSA Opens
 Oct 3 First Quarter Interims Posted
 Oct 4 BASEline Test
 Oct 5 CTE Presentation for Grade 10

Oct 7 Equal Opportunity School Survey
 Oct 10 Parent Teacher Conference Day/
 Columbus Day
 Oct 11 Board Meeting
 Oct 12 PSAT Exam



If you have questions or need assistance with your child’s educational experience, please contact their grade level administrator and/or counselor. E-mail is the best way to reach us!

Grade	Administrator	Counselor
9 th	Mr. Juan Green jgreen@ccboe.com	Ms. Angie Prado aprado@ccboe.com
10 th	Mr. Curry Werkheiser cwerkheiser@ccboe.com	Ms. Tracey Jarmon tjarmon@ccboe.com
11 th	Dr. Jasmine Bateman jbateman@ccboe.com	Ms. Gretchen Salopek gsalopek@ccboe.com
12 th	Mr. Brad Snow bsnow@ccboe.com	Ms. Hope Ransom hransom@ccboe.com
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PPW	Ms. Kristin Carter	kcarter@ccboe.com
Student Data Technician	Ms. Andrea Seaman	aseaman@ccboe.com
Guidance Secretary	Ms. Donna Torreyson	dtorreyson@ccboe.com
Attendance Secretary	Ms. Jessica Foxx	jfoxx@ccboe.com

Counseling Website: Visit the counseling website [here](#) for grade level and whole school resources!