

Liberty High School



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Liberty Families,

I hope this letter finds you well and enjoying the summer. As I begin my 10th school year as Liberty's principal, I remain as excited as ever to be welcoming student back to the building soon. Our global goal is to best prepare students for college and career, and there have never been more opportunities in the form of rigorous classes and special programs available to students to assist us in reaching this goal. You should have received emails concerning our New Student Orientation and Meet the Teacher events. That information is repeated in this newsletter. We only publish one newsletter each year. Much of the information that in years past was communicated via newsletters is now shared via electronic resources including our upgraded school website at the following site: [Home - Liberty High \(carrollk12.org\)](http://Home-LibertyHigh(carrollk12.org)) Once the school year begins, daily announcements are shared via email to all parents using the email addresses provided on your child's emergency card. The School Counseling Department publishes an electronic newsletter each week with information from their department. To facilitate communication from our class and booster groups, we send out an email every Wednesday on their behalf. Finally, every week we send an email entitled "Week at A Glance" that contains a calendar type document covering school events occurring during the ensuing two-weeks. Headlines announcing home athletic events and major school events, as well as messages of congratulations, are listed on our electronic sign adjacent to Route 32.

The 2023-2024 school year was marked by wonderful achievements for Liberty students, individually and collectively due to the cooperative efforts of students, staff, and parents. Academically, our school once again was among the top 10% of highest achieving high schools in the state. One hundred and thirty-eight students successfully completed one or more dual enrollment courses at Liberty or at Carroll Community College. Forty-five students were named AP Scholars, AP Scholars with Honors or AP Scholars with Distinction. One hundred and twenty-three students completed state-approved completer programs in a designated field of study at Liberty, through the Career and Technology Center, or the JROTC program and forty-four students completed career internships. In athletics, Liberty won two county championships, eight regional championships and one state championship. (Boy's Cross Country). Our Lion's Pride Marching Band won the prestigious Atlantic Coast Championships last fall. We are proud of the accomplishments of our students and recognize the significant role that parents have played and continue to play in their success. This year we plan to continue our focus on providing the highest quality instruction and further increasing student engagement. Best wishes for the remainder of your summer vacation. I look forward to seeing you in the fall.

Sincerely,

Kenneth J. Goncz
Principal

August 2024*

Core Statement

"Strive for Excellence"

5 Pillars of Excellence:

- Academics
- Arts
- Athletics
- Service
- Community

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HOME ACCESS INFORMATION

(HAC)

CCPS Home Access Center

Parents can keep up with their student's attendance, grades and class schedules with Home Access Center.

Go to <http://www.carrollk12.org>. Click on the link to "Family Resources," then scroll down to the icon for Access Center.

You will enter your email address that is on the emergency card for your student and your password. If you've forgotten your password or you're signing in for the first time, click on the appropriate link.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (A. H. E. R. A.) management plans for all buildings owned or leased by the Board of Education of Carroll County are available for review at the individual Carroll County School locations and at the Office of Plant Operations located at 191 Schaeffer Avenue, Westminster, MD 21157. Management plans are required by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and depict the location, amount, condition, and response action projected for any asbestos-containing materials, if any are located in the school building.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

The office is open daily from 7:30 am until 3:00 pm. You can reach the office by calling 410-751-3560.

Have you moved over the summer? Please remember to provide updated proof of residency to Mrs. Shimoda, Registrar, in the main office. If you have any questions concerning acceptable documents, please refer to the following list:

- SIGNED Lease/Rental Agreement on a home/apartment in which the parent or legal guardian is currently residing (*expired lease is not acceptable*)
- Current Rent Receipt*
- Recent Bill for a service delivered to the residence (e.g., BGE, land-line phone, cable, oil, and water) *
- Mortgage Statement/Bill*
- SIGNED Settlement Document
- Property Tax Bill from the current fiscal year indicating "Primary Residence"
- Deed (must show house number, street name, and name of parent/legal guardian)
- Residence Verification Statement accompanied by an acceptable proof of residency for the owner/lease of the property.

IMPORTANT WEBSITES TO REMEMBER

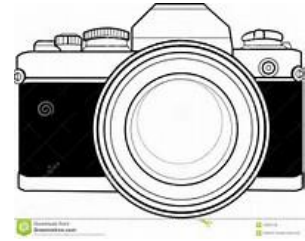
Home - Liberty High (carrollk12.org)	Liberty HS
www.libertyathletics.com	Athletics
www.lhsimp.com	Instrumental Music
www.libertydrama.com	Drama
www.yearbookordercenter.com	Yearbook Orders (5052)
www.carrollcountyathleticleague.org	SPORTS calendar

PARKING PERMIT APPLICATION

Applications for a parking permit are available in the main office. Applications will need to be completed, signed, and submitted with a fee of \$20 (*check or cash*) with a copy of your driver's license to receive a permit.

Parking permits **must be visible** in the **upper right-hand corner of your windshield**. Any car without a permit will receive a ticket and fine.

School Pictures



BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

Senior Pictures:

August 21 st , 22 nd , and 23 ^d	8:00 AM – 3:00 PM
October 14 th	3:00 – 8:00 PM
*December 12 th	3:00 – 8:00 PM

Senior Panoramic:

October 4 th	7:30 AM
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**Any senior who has not had a sitting will receive a postcard in the mail assigning them a new date and time. If you miss the last sitting on December 12th, you will have to make arrangements with Lifetouch to have portraits taken at their studio.*

Underclass Pictures:

September 26 th and 27 th	7:30 AM – 2:00 PM
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Make-up Pictures and Senior ID's:

November 13 th	7:30 AM – 2:00 PM
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MEET THE COACH NIGHT

**Thursday, August 22nd
7:00 PM**

All parents of Fall athletes are encouraged to attend. Important information will be shared as well as an opportunity for you to meet our Fall coaches.

Volunteer Training

Parents and community members who are interested in volunteering opportunities for the 2024-2025 school year will need to complete their volunteer training and have received an approval email, **7 days prior to their scheduled volunteer service.**

Questions regarding the Volunteer Program can be directed to the Human Resources Department or Tricia Mower at 410-751-3560.

Please visit [Volunteer Application Form](#) to complete the required volunteer training.

Yearbooks ordered for the School Year 2023-2024

If you purchased a yearbook last year for the school ending year of 2024, they will be distributed in your child's advisory early September. If they do not pick it up during advisory, they can see Mrs. Azat, before or after school to obtain their copy.

Any seniors who purchased a book will be notified and will be able to come to the school to pick their book up in the main office between 7:30 AM and 3:30 PM. They may have someone else pick up their yearbook, but that person will be required to sign for it.

IF there are extra books to sell, it will be relayed through SchoolMessenger.

Please visit the Liberty High School website! It has everything you need!

<https://lhs.carrollk12.org/>

YOU'RE INVITED to Liberty High School's Open House:

Liberty HS will be open from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm on AUGUST 14th & 21st for Self-Guided Tours and an Open House. This opportunity is only to get students acquainted with the physical layout of LHS. All students are welcome! Get familiar with the layout of the building, follow your self-provided schedule, find your classrooms BEFORE the first day of school. Follow the self-guided tour provided at the front door! LHS will NOT provide you with a copy of your schedule for the Open House (*you can print from the Home Access Center*). A copy of your schedule will be given during New Student Orientation on Thursday, August 29th. Students will be given an opportunity to follow their first day of school schedule and meet their teachers during Orientation.

School Supplies

LHS does not provide a specific school supply list. Teachers will request specific items on the syllabus when school begins. However, you are encouraged to get the “basics.” Pens, pencils, binders, notebook paper, dividers, spiral notebook, highlighter, notecards, erasers, markers/colored pencils, scissors, glue stick, white out, ruler, post it notes. Don't forget a flash drive and make sure your student has their CCPS laptop. Your student should have a backpack and a lunch box if needed. Students are allowed to use **clear** water bottles during the school day as well.

“A Day in the Life of a Lion”

**A presentation designed for FIRST TIME Lion Parents
(Students are welcome but will receive the same information at other times).**

Wednesday, August 21 at 10:00 am, or Thursday, August 22 at 6:00 pm.

Meet the Coaches Night for Fall Athletes will begin at 7:00 p.m.

New Student Orientation

Thursday, August 29th

9:00 – 9:30 check-in 9th grade, and ANY student newly enrolled at LHS

The program begins at 9:30 AM.

Come to LHS to receive a new student folder filled with information about clubs, the daily bell schedule, bus lineup, and your schedule of classes. Receive your LHS Laptop!

(If you cannot make it your students will receive this information and their laptop when they report to their advisory on the first day of school.)

- Meet your advisor and get to know your fellow advisory students.
- Walk through your schedule for the 1st day of school!
- 9th grade students and NEW LHS students will receive their computer!
- T-shirts for the first Spirit Day on September 6th will be available!
- Parents can meet all the LHS Booster groups and JOIN! – ***Parents go home after introductory remarks and then return at 12:00 for pick up!***

Meet the Teacher Night for Parents

Thursday, August 29th – 5:30 pm – Opening Remarks & School Security Presentation

6:00 pm begin to follow your student's schedule!

Parents are invited to attend **Meet the Teacher Night**. *(Please bring a copy of the schedule or look it up on Home Access Center)*. You will follow your student's schedule and have an opportunity to meet and learn about your student's classes. Teachers will discuss units and curriculum of study, expectations for the classroom, materials needed, major assessments, etc. Get an overview of the class. If students would like to follow their schedules and see where their classrooms are located, they are asked to attend an open house any Wednesday in August. They will get the overview of the class during the first week of school.

LHS SPORTS

Information & Registration

FOR ANYONE INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN ATHLETICS IN HIGH SCHOOL, PLEASE READ THE ENTIRE DOCUMENT. CCPS has launched an online registration for high school athletics through Arbiter Sports (*formerly Family ID*). This will include all registrations for interscholastic athletic teams and corollary athletic teams at the seven high schools. **Registration for ALL SPORTS for the 2024-2025 school year began April 1st, 2024.** Please make sure that you register for each season (Fall, Winter, and Spring) they might be interested in. Your child **CANNOT** participate in any off-season activities, including weight training, if they are not registered and approved.

Arbiter Sports (*formerly Family ID*) is a secure registration platform that provides you with an easy, user-friendly way to register for our athletic programs. It will help us to be more administratively efficient, environmentally responsible, and provide an electronic registration service convenience to our CCPS families. When you register through Arbiter, the system keeps track of all information in your profile. Thus, you will only need to enter your information once for each family member participating in multiple sport programs.

Information needed to register:

You will need student ID information, health insurance information, and doctor information. The Doctor Physical Examination papers must be uploaded into the system. There are two pages that need to be uploaded: the **actual physical exam page** and **the medical eligibility form**. The physical will be sent separately as an attachment via School Messenger. Please note, these will be the specific forms that must be used. **Physicals are good for 13 months.** If you are unable to upload the Physical Exam Pages, simply contact the school's main office or athletic director and schedule a time to bring the forms to LHS for uploading.

Registration Process:

Below is the link for Liberty High School. A parent/guardian is required to register their student athlete:
[Student Registration \(arbittersports.com\)](https://arbittersports.com)

If your child has previously registered on Family ID, you may use the information already submitted to save time. Please use the following steps:

1. Click on the Current Season registration form on your school's Arbiter Sports Landing page.
2. Login using the e-mail address and password you created last season.
3. Choose the sport.
4. Click on "Add Participant Below or Click to Select" and pick your child's name.
5. Update the health and demographic information, if necessary.
6. Sign-off on seasonal agreements.
7. Save and Submit.

If your child has never registered, please follow these steps:

1. To find your program, click on the link provided by the Organization above and select the registration form under the word **Programs**.
2. Next click on the green **Register Now** button and scroll, if necessary, to the **Create Account/Log In** green buttons. If this is your first time using Arbiter Sports, click **Create Account**. Click **Log In**, if you already have a Family ID or Arbiter Sports account.
3. **Create** your secure Arbiter Sports account by entering the account owner First and Last names (parent/guardian), E-mail address and password. Select **I Agree** to the Arbiter Sports Terms of Service. Click **Create Account**.
4. You will receive an email with a link to activate your new account. (If you don't see the email, check your E-mail filters (spam, junk, etc.).)
5. Click on the link in your activation E-mail, which will log you in to [Arbiter Registration \(arbittersports.com\)](https://arbittersports.com).
6. Once in the registration form, complete the information requested. All fields with a red* are required to have an answer.
7. Click the **Save & Continue** button when your form is complete.

8. Review your registration summary.
9. Click the green **Submit** button. After selecting 'Submit', the registration will be complete. You will receive a completion email from Arbiter Sports/Family ID confirming your registration.
10. Once you have successfully registered and uploaded your child's physical, you will receive a confirmation e-mail from the athletic department through Arbiter Sports.

No payment is required through the Arbiter Sports registration process. Athletic fees must be paid by either the parent or child through the high school's main office. Fees can be paid by check or cash only and a receipt will be given at the time of payment. All athletic fees for Fall sports can be paid between 8/21- 9/5. If they are not received by 9/5, the student athlete will not be allowed to participate in practices or games until it is paid.

At any time, you may log in at [Student Registration \(arbitersports.com\)](http://Student Registration (arbitersports.com)) to update your information and/or check your registration(s). To view a completed registration, simply select the 'Registration' tab on the blue bar.

ADDITIONAL SUPPORT:

- If you need assistance with registration, contact Family ID via email support@arbitersports.com. or phone: **800-311-4060**.
- Support is available 7 days per week and messages will be returned promptly
- For any school specific questions, please contact the LHS Athletic Director via email: erdevin@carrollk12.org



Winter Sports Start November 15th

Tryout Schedule Coming Soon



PE Uniforms

- You may wear your own t-shirt/shorts. *They must be specifically for PE, not the clothes you wore to school.*
- We have t-shirts available for \$10 each.
- You may choose to buy a PE uniform. The uniform cost is \$20 for a shirt and shorts.

Cash or checks made payable to LHS will be accepted. Uniforms are adult sizes and are the standard S, M, L, XL, and XXL.

Carroll County Public Schools
2024-2025 School Calendar

August

15-16 (Th-F)	New Teacher Orientation
19-22 (M-Th)	New Teacher Orientation
26-27 (M-T)	Pre-service Professional Days for Teachers and Instructional Assistants
28 (W)	Pre-service Professional Day for Teachers
29-30 (Th-F)	Pre-service Professional Day for Teachers and Instructional Assistants

September

2 (M)	Schools/Offices Closed – Labor Day
3 (T)	Schools Open – First Day for Students

October

18 (F)	Schools Closed for Students - Professional Development/Meeting Day for Teachers; Non-Work day for Instructional Assistants
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November

5 (T)	Schools/Offices Closed – Election Day
6 (W)	* Marking Period Ends. Two hours and Forty-five Minutes Early Dismissal System-wide; Teachers work on End of Marking Period Items
27 (W)	* Schools/Offices Two hours and Forty-five Minutes Early Dismissal – Last day before Thanksgiving Holiday
28-29 (Th-F)	Schools/Offices Closed – Thanksgiving Holiday

December

23-27 (M-F)	Schools/Offices Closed –Winter Break
30-31 (M-T)	Schools/Offices Closed –Winter Break

January

1 (W)	Schools/Offices Closed – New Year's Day
2 (Th)	Schools/Offices Reopen
20 (M)	Schools/Offices Closed – Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
27 (M)	Schools Closed for Students – Teachers work on End of Marking Period Items; Professional Development/Meeting Day for Identified CASE Employees

February

17 (M)	Schools/Offices Closed – Presidents' Day
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March

17 (M)	Schools Closed for Students – Professional Development Day for Teachers; Non-Work Day for Instructional Assistants
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April

4 (F)	* Marking Period Ends. Two hours and Forty-five Minutes Early Dismissal System-wide; Teachers work on End of Marking Period Items
17-22 (Th-T)	Schools/Offices Closed – Spring Break

May

26 (M)	Schools/Offices Closed – Memorial Day
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June

13 (F)	* Last Day for Students, Two hours and Forty-five Minutes Early Dismissal System-wide; Last Duty Day for Teachers and Instructional Assistants
19 (Th)	Schools/Offices Closed - Juneteenth

* Should a delay in opening be necessary, this day may be converted to a normal dismissal time in lieu of closing.

Save the Dates for 2024-2025 LHS

Wednesdays, August 14, 21 - OPEN HOUSE with Self-Guided tour 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Monday, August 5 - LHS Marching Band Summer Band Camp Begins

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday August 14,15,16 - Fall Sports Try Outs

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday August 21,22,23 - Senior Portraits

Wednesday, August 21 - "A Day in the Life of a Lion" - Presentation for First time Lions 10:00 am

Thursday, August 22 - Meet the Coaches Night Fall 7:00 pm - Auditorium

Thursday, August 22 - "A Day in the Life of a Lion" - Presentation for First time Lions 6:00 pm - Media Center

Thursday, August 29 - 9:30 am New Student Orientation

5:00 - Senior Parent Meeting with School Counseling - Media Center

5:30 pm - 8:00 pm - Meet the Teacher Night

Tuesday, September 3 - FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL!

Friday, September 6 - Spirit Day! Blue and Gold!

Monday, September 9 - Club Signups in Advisory

Friday, September 13 - Football vs. Boonsboro 6:30 p.m.

Monday, September 16 - Homecoming Dance Guest Passes Available Main Office

Thursday, September 19 - PTO Meeting - Media Center

Thursday, September 26 & Friday, September 27 - Underclass Picture Day - Auditorium

Friday, September 27 - Football vs. FSK 6:30 p.m.

Monday, September 30 - Thursday, October 3 - Homecoming Dance Tickets on Sale \$20 during lunch, or after school if not here during lunch

Friday, October 4 - Pep Rally, Trick-Or-Treat 4:30 - 5:15, Parade 5:15 - 6:00, HOMECOMING GAME vs. Winters Mill 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 5 - HOMECOMING DANCE 7:00 - 9:30 pm - Gymnasium and Cafeteria

Monday, October 7 - CCCT Presentation 10th grade - Auditorium

Tuesday, October 8 - Conference Night #1

Thursday, October 10 - Football vs. Hedgesville 6:30 p.m.

Monday, October 14 - Senior Portrait Makeup, CCPS College Fair @ Ag. Center 4:00-7:00

Thursday, October 17 - PTO Meeting 7:00 pm - Media Center

Friday, October 18 - School closed for students, Professional Development Day for Staff

Friday, October 18 - Football vs. South Carroll 6:30

Wednesday, October 23 - PSAT day

Thursday, October 24 - 10th grade parent night for course requests (Virtual)

Tuesday, November 5 - Closed for Elections

Wednesday, November 6 - End of MP 1 - Early Dismissal

Thursday, November 7 - Pathways Night 4:00 - 7:00 pm

Monday, November 11 - Veterans Day Program 8:00 am - Media Center

Meet the Coaches Night Winter 7:00 pm - Auditorium

Monday-Friday - November 11 - 15 - Feather the Turkey for Thanksgiving sponsored by Teen Leadership class

Wednesday, November 13 - Underclass Picture Makeup Day - Auditorium

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, November 14, 15, 16 Fall Play 7:00 pm "Eurydice"

Save the Dates for 2024-2025 LHS

November 18 - 22 - American Education Week

Monday, November 18 – Student of the Month
Breakfast MP 1 - Cafeteria

Thursday, November 21 - PTSO Meeting 7:00 –
Media

Saturday, November 23 - Fall Craft Fair
Instrumental Music

Wednesday, November 27 - Schools & Offices
close early for Thanksgiving Holiday

Thursday & Friday, November 28 & 29 - Closed

Tuesday, December 3 – Course Request Parent
night for 11th grade parents 6:00 pm (Virtual)

Thursday, December 5 – Vocal Music Concert 7:00
pm - Auditorium

Wednesday, December 11 – Parent/Teacher
Conference Night #2

Tuesday, December 17 – Band & Wind Ensemble
Concert 7:00 pm - Auditorium

Wednesday, December 18 – Jazz and Orchestra
Concert 7:00 pm - Auditorium

Friday, December 20 – In school Concert -
Gymnasium

Friday & Saturday January 3 & 4 – One Acts

Monday, January 6 – Course Request Parent night
for 9th grade parents 6:00 pm (Virtual)

Monday, January 6 – Friday, January 17 – Art
Show - Lobby

Monday, January 6 – CCCTC Presentation 9th
Grade Advisory - Auditorium

Thursday, January 16 – PTSO 7:00 pm - Media

Monday, January 20 – School closed for MLK Day

Tuesday, January 21 – 8th grade parents from
ORMS

Tuesday, January 21 – Friday, January 24 –
Semester 1 Exams

Monday, January 27 – School Closed for Semester
2 preparations

Monday – Friday February 3-7 – National School
Counseling Week

Monday, February 3 – Student of the Month
Breakfast MP 2 - Cafeteria

Monday, February 10 - Friday, February 14 –
Project Valentine by Sources of Strength

Thursday, February 13 – Vocal Music Concert 7:00
pm - Auditorium

Monday, February 17 – School Closed for
President's Day

Thursday, February 20 – PTSO Meeting 7:00 pm -
Media

Wednesday, March 5 – Mock Interviews 10th Grade
– Media

Thursday, March 6 – Meet the Coaches Night
Spring 7:00 pm - Auditorium

Wednesday, March 12 - Parent/Teacher Conference
#3 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm (Snow date March 18)

Thursday, March 20 – PTSO 7:00 pm - Media

Monday March 24 – Friday March 28 – Academic
Spirit Week & Academic Letter Assembly

Tuesday, March 25 – MARYLAND SPIRIT DAY

Saturday, March 29 – Spring Craft Fair

Friday, April 4 – Early Dismissal End of MP 3

Thursday & Friday April 4, 5, 11, 12 – Spring
Musical 7:00 "Cinderella"

Monday, April 14 – Student of the Month Breakfast
MP 3 - Cafeteria

Thursday, April 17 – Tuesday, April 22 – Closed
for Spring Break

Saturday, April 26 – PROM 7:00 – 10:30 pm –
Martin's West

Monday, April 28 – NHS Induction - Auditorium

Save the Dates for 2024-2025 LHS

Saturday, May 3 – Instrumental Pops Concert 7:00 - Auditorium

Monday, May 5 – Friday, May 9 – Teacher Appreciation Week

Monday, May 12 – May 23 – Art Show - Lobby

Monday, May 5 – Friday, May 16 – AP Testing

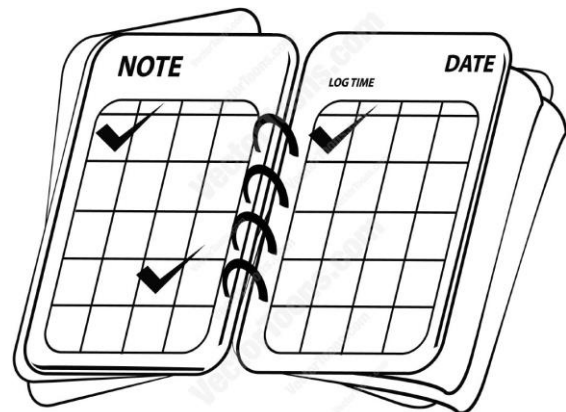
Tuesday, May 6 – Band & Wind Ensemble Concert 7:00 pm - Auditorium

Wednesday, May 7 – Jazz & Orchestra Concert 7:00 pm - Auditorium

Thursday, May 15 – PTSO Meeting 7:00 pm - Media

Thursday, May 15 – Vocal Music Pops Concert 7:00 pm - Auditorium

Monday, June 2 – Student of the Month Breakfast MP 4 - Cafeteria



Liberty High School – 2024-2025

September 2024

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
		A	B	A	B	
8	9	A	B	A	B	A
15	16	B	A	B	A	B
22	23	A	B	A	B	A
29	30	B				

In the event that the school year is shortened due to unused emergency closing days, the last student day will be a two-hour and forty-five minute early dismissal.

One day not used June 12
Two days not used June 11
Three days not used June 10



October 2024

		1	2	3	4	5
			A	B	A	B
6	7	A	B	A	B	A
13	14	B	A	B	A	CLOSED
20	21	B	A	B	A	B
27	28	A	B	A	B	

November 2024

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					A	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	B	CLOSED		A	B	A
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	B	A	B	A	B	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	A	B	A	B	A	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	B	A	B	CLOSED	CLOSED	

December 2024

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	A	B	A	B	A	
8	9	B	A	B	A	B
15	16	A	B	A	B	A
22	23	White Break	White Break	White Break	White Break	White Break
		CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	
29	30	White Break	White Break			
		CLOSED	CLOSED			

January 2025

			1	2	3	4
			CLOSED	B	A	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	B	A	B	A	B	
12	13	A	B	A	B	A
19	20	CLOSED	B	A	B	A
26	27	CLOSED	B	A	B	A

February 2025

						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	B	A	B	A	B	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	A	B	A	B	A	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	CLOSED	HERNIMAN'S DAY	B	A	B	A
23	24	25	26	27	28	
	B	A	B	A	B	

March 2025

						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	A	B	A	B	A	
9	10	B	A	B	A	B
16	17	CLOSED	A	B	A	B
23	24	A	B	A	B	A
30	31	B				

April 2025

		1	2	3	4	5
		A	B	A	B	
6	7	A	B	A	B	A
13	14	B	A	B	CLOSED	CLOSED
20	21	CLOSED	CLOSED	A	B	A
27	28	B	A	B		

May 2025

				1	2	3
				A	B	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	A	B	A	B	A	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	B	A	B	A	B	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	A	B	A	B	A	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
	CLOSED	B	A	B	A	

June 2025

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	B	A	B	A	B	
8	9	A	B	A	B	A
15	16					
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

Liberty High School Bell Schedules

Advisory / PAWS Bell Schedule

Period 1 7:30 – 8:50

1st C&T 7:30

2nd C&T 9:05 (after morning announcements)

Advisory/PAWS 8:55 – 9:30

Period 2 9:35 – 10:55

Period 3 11:00 – 12:55

11:00 - 11:25 (Lunch A)

11:30 - 11:55 (Lunch B)

12:00 - 12:25 (Lunch C)

12:30 - 12:55 (Lunch D)

Period 4 1:00 – 2:20

Advisory will be held on **MONDAY** of each week. PAWS will be held on Tuesday through Friday.

PAWS will NOT be held on days that are *two hour delays, early dismissals, HSA test days, pep rally, etc.*)

Two Hour Forty-Five Minute

Early Dismissal

Period 1 7:30 – 8:10

1st C&T Bus 7:30

2nd C&T Bus 8:10

Period 2 8:15 – 8:50

Period 3 8:55 – 9:35

Period 4 9:40 – 11:35

9:40 - 10:05 (Lunch A)

10:10 - 10:35 (Lunch B)

10:40 - 11:05 (Lunch C)

11:10 - 11:35 (Lunch D)

Two Hour Delay

Period 1 9:30 – 10:25

1st C&T Bus 9:30

2nd C&T Bus 10:15

Period 2 10:30 – 11:25

Period 3 11:30 – 1:25

11:30 - 11:55 (Lunch A)

12:00 - 12:25 (Lunch B)

12:30 - 12:55 (Lunch C)

1:00 - 1:25 (Lunch D)

Period 4 1:30 – 2:20



Cafeteria News and Notes

2024-2025

Breakfast and Lunch Service

A variety of breakfast and lunch choices are available daily for your child to enjoy. If you believe your family qualifies for free or reduced-price school meals, applications can be submitted online at: www.myschoolapps.com

Meal Charge Policy

In the rare event that a student forgets their money or does not have any money remaining on their account, Carroll County Public Schools will allow each student to charge up to two days of breakfasts and lunches. Beyond the two days, the student will be served a complimentary meal of a sandwich and side items until repayment is made. Students must have cash or money on their account to purchase a second meal (breakfast or lunch) or any a la carte items as these cannot be charged. For more information visit www.carrollk12.org

Wellness Policy

CCPS is committed to promoting student wellness and assuring that our school meals meet federal nutrition standards. Visit our website www.carrollk12.org to learn more about our policy and triennial assessment.

Smart Snacks in Schools

CCPS offers a variety of a la carte items for purchase in the cafeterias. Our a la carte food and beverage items meet the nutritional standards of the Smart Snacks in Schools regulations. Each student has a cafeteria account that they can access with an assigned PIN. To place money on account visit www.myschoolbucks.com or send cash or personal checks made out to your school with your child.

Please visit www.carrollk12.org for detailed information on the snacks available in our schools.

Free and Reduced Priced Meals

Applications for free and reduced priced meals are accepted throughout the school year.

Meal benefits from last school year (2023-2024) will expire on October 14, 2024.

APPLY for Meal Benefits online at:
www.myschoolapps.com

Meal Benefit Applications may also be obtained from your school or by visiting the CCPS website.

Meal Prices

Breakfast

Elementary: \$1.50

Secondary: \$1.75

Lunch

Elementary: \$2.50

Middle: \$2.75

High: \$3.00

Digital Menus

Interactive menus and nutritional information available online!

Visit: <https://carrollk12.nutrislice.com> or download the Nutrislice app for your iOS or Android device.

Employment

Interested in joining our food services team? Visit our website www.carrollk12.org or call 410-751-3040 for more information.

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MEDICATION DROP-OFF DATES

Nurse Goldstein will be available to collect student medication with completed CCPS medication order forms (SEE BELOW) during the **Wednesday Open House from 10:00 am until 1:00 pm.**



As a reminder, no discretionary medication order forms will be accepted this year. Any medication your child may need must be brought in by a guardian and have a completed order form with a health care provider signature.

Additional MEDICATION DROP-OFF DATES:

AUGUST 29TH – Meet the Teacher – 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM

AUGUST 30TH – 9:00PM – 12:00PM

PRESCRIPTON MEDICATION PERMISSION FORMS TO KEEP ON FILE WITH THE NURSE

[CARROLL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS MEDICATION FORM](#)

[ALLERGIC REACTION EMERGENCY PLAN & MEDICATION ORDERS](#)

Medication Forms also available at carrollk12.org – Health Services - Forms

NEWS FROM THE NURSE

CHANGE IN MEDICATION REQUIREMENTS

As a reminder, **Advil and Tylenol will no longer be supplied by the school.** If any medication administration is necessary during school hours, the attached CCPS Medication form must be completed before any representative of the school can administer prescription or non-prescription medications to your child. The allergic reaction form for use of EPI Pen and Benadryl is also attached.

- 1. Prescription Medications must be in original container marked specifically for student, labeled by pharmacist or prescriber. Over the counter medications must not be expired and must be in the original unopened container with the manufacturer's label intact.**
- 2. All homeopathic/herbal prescription AND non-prescription medicines require a parent AND authorized prescriber signature.** In Maryland, an authorized prescriber is a physician, nurse practitioner, certified midwife, podiatrist, and physician assistant or dentist.
- 3. Medications are not to be transported by students. This is in violation of our Drug-Alcohol policy. Medication shall be returned to the parent/ responsible adult when the order or the medication has expired. Nurse should notify parent/guardian of medication which expires during the school year. Expired medication not collected by parent/guardian or designated responsible adult will be discarded within 7 calendar days. All medications not claimed at the end of the school year will be destroyed.**

** (Maryland law allows prescription medication to be used only for 1 year beyond date of issue or expiration date indicated on the medication – whichever comes first.)*

To Report a Student Absence, email:
lhsattendance@carrollk12.org

Parents must provide written verification of their child's school absences upon return. Schools may request a health care provider's note outlining any restrictions/accommodations if a student has been absent for an extended time, been hospitalized, had surgery, or suffered a significant injury. Students with health conditions which may require frequent and/or extended absences should contact the school to see if supplemental educational support would be available.



Vacations must be pre-approved either by email or handwritten note at least 2 weeks prior to absence.



MVA ATTENDANCE FORMS

For our soon-to-be drivers...
Please be aware that the front office **needs 24 hours' notice** to complete the MVA Verification of School Attendance Forms required to take the driver's test.

NOTICE OF NON-DISCRIMINATION:

The Board of Education of Carroll County does not engage in discrimination that is unlawful or contrary to Maryland State Department of Education guidance on the basis of age, color, genetic information, marital status, mental or physical disability, ancestry or national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression.

The Board of Education of Carroll County is firmly committed to creating equal employment and educational opportunities for all persons by providing an environment that supports optimal academic achievement and productive work and is free from any form of unlawful discrimination, including access to school facilities, educational programs, and extracurricular activities.

The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the nondiscrimination policies:
Director of Human Resources, 125 North Court Street, Westminster, Maryland 21157, (410) 751-3070.

ADA ACCESSIBILITY STATEMENT:

Carroll County Public Schools (COS) does not discriminate on the basis of disability in employment or the provision of services, programs, or activities. Persons needing auxiliary aids and services for communication should contact the Communications Office at 410-751-3020 or publicinfo@carrollk12.org, or write to Carroll County Public Schools, 125 North Court Street, Westminster, Maryland 21157. Persons who are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability, may use Relay or 7-1-1. Please contact the school system at least one (1) week in advance of the date the special accommodation is needed.

CONSENT AND RELEASE

Permission to Photograph, Videotape or Audiotape

Throughout the school year, the Carroll County Public School System frequently covers school activities and may use your child's photograph, video image, or voice for educational, informational, or public relations purposes, with or without identification by name.




If you do not wish to have your child's voice reproduced on tape or to have his/her image appear in such things as a video or a photograph, or on the school or school system website or social media, please notify the school principal in writing. It is assumed that parents, and guardians, consent to their children being audiotaped, photographed, videotaped, or having their image placed on a school website or social media by the school system unless such notification is received.

There are also occasions when the media cover certain school events (such as when a government leader visits a school). If you do not wish to have your child's name or likeness published by the media, you should address your concerns directly to the school involved so that the media is advised. Please be advised that the school system has no control over the media when they are covering activities such as sporting events and musical programs that are open to the public.

Use of Student Work on Websites or in Publications

There may be times throughout the year when the Carroll County Public School System wishes to display student work on school websites, social media, or in publications. If you do not wish to have your child's art, poetry, writing, etc. appear on school websites, social media, or in publications, please notify the school principal in writing. It is assumed that parents, and guardians, consent to their child's work being displayed on school websites, social media, or in publications unless such notification is received.

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3. Exceptions

Exceptions to this policy occur when decisions are made through the IEP process for students documented as qualifying for special education.

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The principal or designee shall monitor and maintain a record of instructional interventions provided for students who have been retained.

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Intervention: A program or strategy provided in order to improve the performance of a student who is not achieving at expected levels.

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- A student who fails any of the core subjects for the year shall be considered for retention. A student who successfully participates in appropriate interventions, such as extra assistance, a pull-out program, extended day programs, extended year programs, etc., to address the subject-area deficiencies, shall be promoted.

4. Grades Nine through Twelve: To be promoted, a student in grades nine through twelve should meet the following requirements:


- 9th to 10th grade - completion of a minimum of 6 credits,
- 10th to 11th grade - completion of a minimum of 12 credits
- 11th to 12th grade - completion of a minimum of 18 credits and a minimum of 55 service learning hours
- For graduation (See Board Policy IKF: Requirements For Graduation From Carroll County High Schools)
The final responsibility for decisions on promotion of a student rests with the principal, except when decisions are made through the IEP process for students with documented special education needs. The principal is responsible for monitoring the decision. If the parent/guardian disagrees with the IEP Team decision, he or she has the right to appeal the decision according to legally mandated mediation/due process procedures.

Due to the potential detrimental effects of multiple retentions, it is not expected that a student would be retained more than once during the k-8 experience. Any recommendation for a second retention must be approved by the school-level director.

C. Intervention

A student who is not performing according to expectations is provided with appropriate assistance that addresses specific academic needs.

Research-based intervention programs and services that provide extended or remedial learning opportunities will be available to all students who are at risk or who do not meet the established standards for promotion. Such programs may be implemented through computer-assisted instruction, extended day or extended year programs, Saturday or summer school programs, tutoring, small group instruction, or classroom intervention. Interventions will address

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specific academic needs of the individual student as determined by multiple assessments.

1. When a student in grades kindergarten through grade five is not attaining assigned objectives or meeting required grade level promotion standards, the teacher will initiate appropriate intervention strategies that address the academic needs of the student. If the student does not respond to strategies, the Instructional Support Team will develop an Individual Learning Plan. Parents/Legal Guardians will be included in the development of the plan, as will students, when appropriate. The principal will monitor the implementation of this plan.

2. When a student in grades six through eight develops a pattern of failure in a core subject area, the teacher will initiate appropriate intervention strategies that address the academic needs of the student. If, at the end of a marking period, a child receives a failing grade in one (1) or more core subjects, the student will be assigned academic recovery. The student will be assigned an academic recovery plan that addresses the student's learning needs and provides academic support. If the plan is successfully completed by the mid-point of the next marking period, the grade for the core academic course will be changed to a d. If at the end of the third or fourth marking period a student is still in danger of failing, the administration will initiate a series of progress reports which will inform the parents/legal guardian of the student's continued failure or success. Decisions on retention will be made on a timely basis in order to allow for enrollment in the appropriate program of study.

3. When a student in grades nine through twelve is not attaining the course objectives, the teacher will initiate appropriate intervention strategies that address the academic needs of the student. If the student continues in not attaining course objectives, further school-based individualized intervention shall be developed and implemented through support teams such as the Instructional Support Team (IST), the Student Assistance Team, or Guidance and Student Services. In high school, credits earned determine promotion. For students who do not earn enough credits, a plan will be developed for credit recovery. Parents/legal guardians and students will be included in the development of this plan. The principal will have oversight of this planning process and monitor the implementation of this plan.

D. Acceleration

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1. The principal may, upon the recommendation of school staff or parent/guardian, consider accelerating a student to an advanced grade when the student consistently demonstrates the ability to exceed grade-level content standards.
2. School staff shall first attempt to address student advanced learning needs within the classroom or grade level through such program adjustments as flexible grouping, differentiated instruction, and enrichment.
3. Other options may include partial day or subject-area advancement to the next grade level or program.
4. A student will not be accelerated to advanced grades against the wishes of his/her parent/guardian.

E. Appeals

In matters of disagreement with regard to placement, promotion, acceleration, or retention, the parent/legal guardian may appeal a decision by writing to the appropriate director (elementary, middle, or high school) within ten days of receipt of written notification of the decision from the school principal.