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CHALLENGE SCHOOL



This Week's News

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A Message From the Principal



We made it to Labor Day! I hope you all enjoy an extra day with family over the long weekend. I know I'll be doing a little jogging over the weekend in preparation for our Wolf Run, which is one of our largest fundraisers of the year. I'm hoping to log one mile for each grade over the day (providing these creaky knees hold up!). This is always a fun event for staff and students.

We can't thank you enough for your understanding and support through our ever-changing mask mandates. While not every school community is experiencing unity and support for student and staff health and safety, we are incredibly fortunate here at Challenge School. Your thoughtfulness has made these transitions incredibly smooth for us. We appreciate you all!

Thanks to those of you who attended our Elementary back to school event this week! It's great to see families back in the building for school as usual. We have several more opportunities in the weeks to come to connect as a school community. Our first PASS meeting of the year is September 14, and our first AAC meeting is September 21. You can also plan to join us for parent conferences on the evening of September

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	<p>23 and during the day on September 24. Teachers will host a combination of in-person and virtual options.</p> <p>We continue to attempt to improve our traffic situation after school. We've been asked by the district and local police departments to direct parents not to jaywalk and to use the designated crosswalks on Dayton to access S. Emporia St. We will continue to monitor this situation as needed. Let's all work together to make it as safe as possible for students.</p> <p>Thanks for all you do to support our school community. Be safe - Be well!</p> <p>Principal Strohfus</p>	<p>Parent Information Network</p> <p>MS Athletics and Activities</p> <p>Lil' Bruins Basketball</p> <p>Grandview Homecoming Parade</p> <p>Panda Express Night</p> <p>No Cost Fundraising</p> <p>Traffic Volunteers</p>
<p>Wolf Run CHALLENGE SCHOOL WOLF RUN</p> 	<p>The Challenge School Wolf Fun Run is here! Your students are bringing home a donation packet today, Friday, Sept. 3. For more information, you can click here, or find it on the PTCO's website or Facebook page. Want to volunteer? Sign up here. Your volunteer hours count as service hours. Please contact the co-chairs, Crissy Davis or Amy Henry, with any questions at challengewolfrun@gmail.com. Thank you to our sponsors Levin Orthodontics and Canine Fitness and Fun for their support!</p>	<p>Upcoming School Events</p> <p>Monday, September 6 Labor Day No School</p> <p>Tuesday, September 7 Lego Robotics 3:00-5:30</p> <p>Speech and Debate 3:00-4:30</p> <p>Homework/Study Skills 3:00-3:45</p>
<p>West Carpool Lot</p> 	<p>The Challenge School West Parking Lot, "Carpool Lot" is now available to carpools of 4 students or more. Please complete the application and email it to our Security Guard at tverner2@cherrycreekschools.org to receive your Carpool Lot pass for the 2021-22 School Year. Please display your pass on the passenger side of your dashboard. Please note, this lot is only to be used by carpools of 4 or more students and you must have a pass to use this lot.</p>	<p>Wednesday, September 8 Vision and Hearing Screenings K,1,2,3,4,5,7</p> <p>International Club 3:00-4:00</p>

Chess Club



Chess Club is back at Challenge! Please click [here](#) for the information on how to participate in PALS Chess Academy.

National Master Lior Lapid will be joined by a dedicated team of PALS assistant coaches. Given that this very popular chess club will be a Challenge to run, we are also **seeking parent volunteers**. In exchange for help with classroom management, setup, cleanup and dismissal, all children of parent volunteers will be given **free admission to our chess club as well as free admission to our monthly scholastic tournaments**. If you are interested, please contact Lior at lior@palschess.com or 720-317-7810.

Parent Volunteers



Now that parents can volunteer at school again, there are a variety of ways that classroom teachers might be able to use your help. If you are interested in helping us, please fill out this form: <https://forms.gle/QfQcGwcZ3G2jCyp87>. The answers will be shared with all teachers so they may contact you if they have a specific need that fits your interests/expertise.

Intramurals



Challenge School will be offering Intramurals this Fall. Please click [here](#) for dates and times.

All State Choir



Middle School All State Choir auditions are coming soon! Please click [here](#) for information on the audition process.

Thursday, September 9

TSA Meeting
3:00-5:30

Friday, September 10

Wolf Run
All Day

All State Choir Rehearsal
3:00-4:30

Friday, September 17

CHL Panda Express
Fundraiser

Upcoming District Events

September 7

PIN Meeting
9:15am

September 9

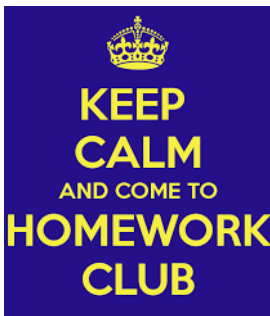
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Acting Audition Prep



Challenge School will be offering an acting audition prep class to interested middle school students. Please click [here](#) for information on how to sign up.

Homework and Study Skills Club



Hello! If you are interested in having additional time at school to complete homework, study, get organized, and/or plan out your schedule, Challenge School's Homework and Study Skills club for grades 5-8 is the place to be!

Ms. Haralson (school counselor) and Dr. Coggin (GT teacher) will be available after school on Tuesdays from 3-3:45 pm starting September 7th, 2021, in Dr. Coggin's room #174 to provide support and supervision. We will put out new dates for each quarter. Please sign-up before 8:30 am on Tuesdays. For any questions, email eharalson@cherrycreekschools.org and/or ecoggin@cherrycreekschools.org.

Please sign up for dates using this link:
<https://forms.gle/iPzCjZP3QLqHdT4B6>

PTCO Elections



We are happy to announce that Crissy Davis and Payal Ahuja have accepted the vacant Vice President and Co-Volunteer coordinator positions on the PTCO board respectively. They will be formally voted in during the up-coming general PTCO meeting slated for September 13, 2021 @ 8am at the Challenge School cafeteria. Meeting details will be shared in the coming weeks. A zoom link will be included for virtual attendees to use. If you're interested in running for any of these positions, please feel free to contact the PTCO president at

ptcochallenge@gmail.com for more information.

Opened Positions on PTCO Board

The following positions are open on the PTCO board. Interested candidates should please contact [Carolyn](#) or [Jessica](#)

1. Vice President
2. Co-Secretary
3. Co-Volunteer coordinator

Volunteers are needed to lead several important roles. If you are interested in any of these positions please contact Jessica at challengeschoolvolunteer@gmail.com for more information.

- Opened Volunteer Positions
- Staff Appreciation Chair
- CCSD Foundation Auction Basket Chair
- Immersion Fundraising Chair
- Restaurant Night Chair

School Store Volunteers



One volunteer is needed to help run the school store every other Friday afternoon. If you are interested please contact Jessica at challengeschoolvolunteer@gmail.com.

PTCO Budget



The PTCO budget is available for review at [view_ptco_budget](#). A vote to approve it will take place during the general PTCO meeting on September 13, 2021. If you have any questions please contact the treasurers, [Lisa Kessler](#), [Amy Henry](#) or [Michelle Ly](#).

Howler and Wolf Wear Purchase



At Challenge, parents provide support in many different ways, one of which is through the Howler event. Please use the link below and your login info to make a purchase to support your school. [Howler](#)

Proudly represent Challenge School in a unique way by wearing gears made especially for this purpose. Please use the link below to make a purchase and to show your support to Challenge School. [wolf wear](#)

Backpacks



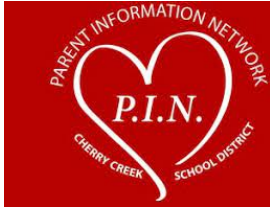
The CCSD Foundation has provided Challenge with free backpacks with school supplies inside, available for any student in need. If you are interested in one of these, please email Dr. Simmons, msimmons2@cherrycreekschools.org, and Ms. Haralson, eharalson@cherrycreekschools.org. We will coordinate with you for pick up, and it will remain confidential. This will be given out on a first-come, first-serve basis. Thank you!

SEAC Meeting



The Special Education Advisory Committee will be having its first meeting of the school year on Thursday, September 9 at CCIC (8000 S Chambers Road, Centennial) from 9:30-11:30. Please click [here](#) for the flyer.

Parent Information Network



The Parent Information Network will be hosting its first meeting of the year on Tuesday, September 7 at 9:15am. Please click [here](#) for more information.

MS Athletics and Activities



Did you know students in 6th, 7th, and 8th grade can participate in athletics and activities at their CCSD Home School? For information on how to register with your Home School, click [here](#).

Lil' Bruins Basketball



Cherry Creek High School is hosting a camp for girls in grades 2-8. Please click [here](#) for details.
For information regarding Lil' Bruins for boys, please click [here](#).

Grandview Parade



Grandview High School is celebrating Homecoming and the Challenge Community is invited to the parade and after party on September 22. Please click [here](#) for information.

Panda Express Fundraiser



Support students at Challenge by ordering Panda Express on Friday, September 17th with the coupon code 904794. Twenty eight percent (28%) of the amount you spent will come back to Challenge to support student activities. Please visit this link for more information and if you have any questions please contact Amy Henry

No Cost Fundraising



The companies that support our no cost fundraising efforts include:

King Soopers (Kroger), AmazonSmile, Box Tops for Education, Longmont Dairy, Coca-Cola and American Furniture Warehouse. If you make a purchase through any of these companies, a percentage of the money you spend is given back to support Challenge School.

Traffic Volunteers



Your school needs three volunteers each day to help direct traffic at the school premises through the end of the academic year. One person is needed to help with the crosswalk, one to direct and manage traffic in the circle lot, and one to manage traffic coming from the parking lot. If you are in the position to support your school in this time of need, please check in with the front office to receive a reflective safety vest. All interested volunteers are encouraged to please sign-up using the link below. Your support will be an invaluable addition to the safety of the pick-up routines at Challenge School. We greatly appreciate your consideration and the continuous help you provide. [Traffic volunteer sign-up](#)