

CHALLENGE SCHOOL



This Week's News
2021

January 22,

Message From the Principal



Well, we've certainly hit the ground running! What a week it's been. And just to top it off, we ended the week with a fire drill as part of our regular safety rehearsals here at Challenge.

January always proves to be an incredibly busy month in schools. While many of us are just unwinding from a busy holiday season, we quickly ramp up our preparations for the next school year. Our 8th graders are currently exploring their high school options through their expansive list of course choices and activities for their freshman year. We are also doing more work internally and with our district GT office to complete the admissions process for 2021-22. Acceptance to Challenge will be completed in March. Also, if you have not yet completed the intent to return form, you can do so at the link below.

I'd like to invite any interested parents to attend the Overland High School feeder area PASS virtual meeting on Thursday, January 28, at 6:00 pm. The topic will be Vaccines - Perceptions & Prescriptives. The Zoom registration link is included on the [flyer](#), or click here to complete your registration.

https://cherrycreekschools-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJ0gf-mvrDMuH9OC69U31ukZ_QBQwAYVz1DH

As always, we appreciate your support as we work with students on our safety protocols in the building. We're all working together to keep students safe and healthy during the pandemic, as well as our cold and flu season. Thanks for your continued support!

Be safe - Be well!

Principal Strohfus

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ATTENTION ALL PARENTS!
**INTENT
TO RETURN**

Thank you to the many families who have already completed their 2021-2022 Intent to Return. If you have not yet responded to the Intent to Return form, please do so right away.

[INTENT TO RETURN FORM](#)

**Parent's
Information
Network**



Please click [here](#) for more information regarding the Parent's Information Network virtual meeting on February 2.

**Golden Heart
Nominations**



Do you know someone who has "opened their heart" and made an impact to touch the life of a Cherry Creek School District student with special needs? Please click [here](#) if you would like information on nominating them for a Golden Heart Award.

**Eighth Grade
Student
Information**



8th-grade students and parents/guardians:
Please join this Schoology group for updates, resources, and information regarding the high school transition process.

Access Code

X5X9-4VFR-DMX5X

A link to important dates, including Incoming Freshman Nights, can be found [here](#). These are updated regularly so please check back often.

Advancement Via Individual Determination, AVID, is a high school program that prepares students in the career and college pathways of choice. Students are taught study skills, note taking, time management, writing and research skills, while being immersed in a career and college culture.

Interested in AVID? Please click [here](#).

Please contact our school counselor with any questions at ethomas@cherrycreekschools.org.

**Upcoming School
Events**

[AAC Meeting](#)

January 19
5:00-6:00

**Upcoming District
Events**

[OHS Feeder Area](#)

[PASS Meeting](#)

January 28
6:00

PIN Meeting
February 2

Important Links:

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2021 Yearbooks For Sale



The 2021 Challenge School yearbooks are for sale! The price for the hardcover 68-page full-color yearbook is \$29, and includes a current events spread. The yearbooks will be distributed during the last week of school in May. Don't miss out on the memories of this unique school year -- order online today with no additional service charge by following this link:

<https://cherrycreek.revtrak.net/middle-schools/chl/chl-yearbooks/>.

Middle School Yoga Club



Are you a middle school student that needs to relax (right NOW!)? Be part of the Yoga Club. Because Yoga focuses on developing "your practice," you can join at any skill or experience level. Yoga is great for increasing your strength, flexibility, and your ability to focus. If you are already participating in a sport, it is an excellent way to cross train. Of course it also helps reduce stress and promote overall wellbeing, and we all need a little of that right now. Take some time to take care of yourself! Classes will meet virtually from 12:00-12:30 on students' asynchronous learning days. Please contact Mrs. Blythe if you have questions at: hblythe@cherrycreekschools.org or if you are ready to sign up, Click Here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4FA8A82CA0F58-yoga>

Volunteer Update



Given the extraordinary circumstances we are in right now, the 25 hour volunteer requirement is being changed from a requirement to a target for this school year. We do still need parent help and involvement (see Volunteer Opportunities under Important Links in the sidebar), and are grateful for any time that you are able to donate. A new activity called 'Remote Learning' has been added to HelpCounter where you can record the time you spend assisting your kids through the remote learning process.

Food and Nutrition Services News



Breakfast and lunch for ALL Cherry Creek School District students will continue to be free until the end of the school year. Meal pick up information for middle school is now available. Please click here for the flyer in [English](#) and here for [Spanish](#).

Tabs for Tots



Challenge Technology Student Association is collecting pop tabs to help support The Ronald McDonald House. Please save your pop tabs and bring them to school. There will be blue collection buckets in the Innovation Spaces in each hall and the cafeteria from January 11-February 26.

CCHS UNICEF STEM Camp



CCHS UNICEF is opening a free educational online camp dedicated to teaching middle and elementary school students STEM through traditional lectures and fun interactive games. For more information or to sign up, please click [here](#).

Support Challenge at Five Guys



On January 25 between 2pm & 9pm, please visit Five Guys at 2300 S Parker Road. Mention Challenge School when purchasing your meal and 15% of your transaction will be donated back to Challenge! Encourage your friends and family to do the same! See <https://www.groupraise.com/events/173568> for all details.

No Cost Fundraising



Please remember to help us raise money through the no-cost fundraisers, especially AmazonSmile and King Soopers. Visit the PTCO's website for more information regarding the programs.

Wolf Watch



Challenge School Wolf Watch offers a quality before and after school program. Please click [here](#) for details!

Leaders of the PACK



Week of January 18

Harper Angle	Kennedy Blue	Adita Dande
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Toby Elder	Dani Hailu	Declan Meyer
Nathan Minn	Sammy Morris	Ema Obot
Win Panichakul	Henry Shelton	Sahana Singh
Amira Tulk	Sahana Vaidyanathan	Rex Walsh
Elizabeth Grider	Ashlyn Gutierrez	Alex King
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Feedback

We hope that you are getting all of the information that you need from this update. If you have ideas on how we could better keep you informed, please email dbustamante@cherrycreekschools.org.