

## CHALLENGE SCHOOL



This Week's News

December 18, 2020

### Message From the Principal



It's hard to imagine that we've made it to the midpoint of our school year. The winter break brings about so many things for us and our families, namely holidays. The month of December brings one of the most festive seasons around the world with nearly 30 cultural and religious holidays around the globe. So with that, I'll wish you all a warm, "Happy Holidays!"

It's been a long semester to this point, and everyone is looking forward to a well-deserved break! We are hopeful that January will bring a long-awaited return to in-person learning. At the earliest, we could return to in-person learning beginning on Monday, January 11. Keep in mind that our return to in-person learning will be determined by local COVID data. We will continue to evaluate the safety of our possible return to school.

Whenever we return, we know a few things to plan for. Our elementary students will return to full time in-person learning every day. For Challenge school, that means that grades K-4 will return to essentially the same schedule we abandoned weeks ago. For our middle school students, our schedule will change in response to our parent survey conducted by the district back in October. Our Mondays will shift to fully synchronous learning in a remote setting. We will then adjust to an alternating schedule for in-person learning. A-Cohort will meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays, while B-Cohort will meet on Wednesdays and Fridays. Our unique Monday schedule for remote, synchronous learning grades 5-8 will run from 8:00 am to 12:10 pm. The schedule for middle school is as follows:

- 8:00 - 8:50 Period 1
- 9:00 - 9:50 Period 2
- 10:00 - 10:50 Period 3 & 4 combined
- 10:50 - 11:20 Lunch
- 11:20 - 12:10 Period 5
- 12:20 - 1:10 Period 6

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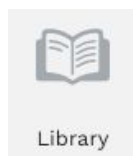
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|   | <p>There may be a few exceptions to this schedule, and times may vary slightly due to needs of teachers that teach both middle and elementary school students.</p> <p>As always, we wish you the warmest holiday wishes! Enjoy your time with loved ones during winter break. Be safe - be well!</p> <p>Principal Strohfus</p>   | <p><b>Upcoming School Events</b></p> <p><b>Saturday, December 19 - Tuesday, January 5</b><br/>Winter Break</p> <p><b>Remote Learning</b><br/>January 6, 7, 8</p> <p><b>Elementary School returns to 5 days/week of in-person learning</b><br/><b>TENTATIVE</b><br/>January 11</p> <p><b>Middle School returns to the REVISED Hybrid Schedule</b><br/><b>TENTATIVE</b><br/>January 11</p> <p><b>Upcoming District Events</b></p> <p><b>Important Links:</b></p> <p><b>Challenge School Tech Support</b></p> <p><b>Planning Forward 2020-2021</b></p> <p><b>Challenge School Website</b></p> <p><b>Challenge School "Peanut Butter &amp; Jelly" REMOTE LEARNING CALENDAR</b></p> <p><b>Challenge School REMOTE LEARNING DAILY SCHEDULES</b></p> |
|    | <p>We are in the midst of the application season for the 2021-2022 school year. Due to the hard work of the staff and your commitment to the school, our positive reputation remains strong.</p> <p>We would like to ask for your assistance in this planning process. Please fill out this online form by <b>Thursday, December 31, 2020</b> to indicate your family's commitment to attend Challenge for the 2021-2022 school year.</p> <p><a href="#"><u>INTENT TO RETURN FORM</u></a></p>                                  |   |
| <p><b>Exceptional Volunteer Nominations</b></p>  | <p>The PTCO is now accepting nominations for the Challenge School Exceptional Volunteer for 2020. Please visit this <a href="#">link</a> for more details and to submit your nomination. Nominations are due December 18 at 5:00pm.</p>  |   |
| <p><b>Eighth Grade Student Information</b></p>   | <p><b>8th-grade students and parents/guardians:</b><br/>Please join this Schoology group for updates, resources, and information regarding the high school transition process.<br/><b>Access Code</b><br/><b>X5X9-4VFR-DMX5X</b><br/>Please contact our school counselor with any questions at <a href="mailto:ethomas@cherrycreekschools.org">ethomas@cherrycreekschools.org</a>.</p>   |   |
| <p><b>8th Grade Yearbook Photos and Quotes</b></p>  | <p>Attention 8th graders! If you haven't yet submitted your baby photos, quotes, and most-likely-to-be, please do so as soon as possible by following this link:<br/><a href="https://forms.gle/NSoReTbbQXShEBMt6">https://forms.gle/NSoReTbbQXShEBMt6</a>.</p> <p>Questions? Email Ms. Coggin at <a href="mailto:ecoggin@cherrycreekschools.org">ecoggin@cherrycreekschools.org</a> or Ms. Draper at <a href="mailto:kdramer4@cherrycreekschools.org">kdramer4@cherrycreekschools.org</a>. The deadline is December 20th.</p> |   |

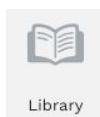


## Library Account Access while Remote



Now you can access your school library account from home!

- Go to the Challenge School Home Page
- Click on the Library Icon or use this link:  
<http://chsd.ent.sirsi.net/client/CHALLENGEWEB>



- Click "Log In" at the top of the Challenge Library Page
- Enter your User Name (this is your Active Directory name or your email without the "@cherrycreekschools.org") and your Password.
- Once you are logged in, click on "My Account" at the top of the page.
- The tabs on your account will allow you to see which books are checked out to you, renew books, place and edit holds (only available if your account is not blocked), and check to see if you have any fines for lost or damaged books.

It can take up to a week for returned books to be removed from your student's account after they have been returned to the library due to current safe handling procedures. Books that were returned to the library before we switched to remote learning have been checked in. If books are still in classrooms, they may still appear on your account.

**Volunteer  
Opportunities**

**CCSD Parent  
Resources**

**Schoology  
Troubleshooting  
Guide for Students**

**2020-2021 Challenge  
School Calendar**

## 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.

A big THANK YOU to the following families who have recorded 8 or more hours of volunteer time as of the end of the first trimester. Your dedication to the school is greatly appreciated. Current volunteer opportunities are included in Wolf Tracks each week in the sidebar under Important Links.

Ellman, Van de Sande, Gupta, Jackson, Hultquist, Henry, Torres-Mary, Spaulding, Martinez, Kessler, Kerns, Philo, Noorie, Eremiants, Munthali, Travanty, Gordon

## Immunization Clinics



STRIDE will be hosting flu shot clinics! Please click [here](#) for dates and information.

For information on other vaccines, please click [here](#).

## Food and Nutrition Services News



Please click the links below for breakfast and lunch pick up information for Winter Break. Please click [here for English](#) and [here for Spanish](#).

Food and Nutrition Services is hiring!

Please click [here](#) for information.

## 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 collection buckets in the Innovation Spaces in each hall and the cafeteria from January 11-February 26.

We are in need of a Chair or a couple of Co-Chairs to organize and implement virtual wellness programs for the students. This year's focus will be on sleep, exercise and nutrition. We'll be starting with a Sleep Challenge. Earn your volunteer hours by teaching our kids the importance of getting enough good quality sleep. Contact [challengeschoolvolunteer@gmail.com](mailto:challengeschoolvolunteer@gmail.com) if interested.

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## Social/Emotional and Wellness Support



For any further questions please contact [mhartley4@cherrycreekschools.org](mailto:mhartley4@cherrycreekschools.org) and/or [ethomas@cherrycreekschools.org](mailto:ethomas@cherrycreekschools.org). Thank you!

### Yearbook



We have a new request for yearbook photos! Send pictures of your student staying connected with their pals. To submit pictures for inclusion in the yearbook, please follow the instructions provided. Please click [here](#) to see how you can help!

Please submit photos by December 18th.

### PTCO Facebook Page



Did you know our PTCO has a Facebook group for the parents and caregivers of our students? It's a great place to ask questions and learn from other parents. Please go to [www.facebook.com/groups/challengeparents/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/challengeparents/) to join.

### No Cost Fundraising



As the holidays are approaching, 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.

## Leaders of the PACK



### Week of December 7

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| Emma Hafler      | Arigun Munkh       | Thom Schamberg   |
| Louis Zhang      | Harper Angle       | Naomi Appiah     |
| Tycho Ayers      | Zoe Carr           | Manvi Chauhan    |
| Kaylee Dykstra   | Kayli Han          | Scott Minn       |
| Jacob Pak        | Roshan Rai         | Armaan Robles    |
| Zsofia Zegura    | Phillip Zeisig     | Evan Ginsberg    |
| Maya Harikrishna | Yahya Hussein      | Keely Knobbe     |
| Thaanvi Kumar    | Zoe McKinney       | Rodney Medina    |
| Win Panichakul   | Sidney Wade        | Atlas Austin     |
| Emersen Fischer  | Tais Ioris         | Audrey Kerns     |
| Mathangi Kurup   | Niko Medina        | Nuv Ahuja        |
| Tucker Blue      | Isabella Delhierro | Amirah Esmael    |
| Yohanna Gideon   | Molly Goodwin      | Ashlyn Gutierrez |
| Vanessa Obot     | Enkh Turtogtokh    | Jason Weber      |
|                  | Anna Zabarauskas   |                  |

## 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](mailto:dbustamante@cherrycreekschools.org).