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## CHALLENGE SCHOOL



This Week's News

September 4, 2020

### NO SCHOOL Labor Day and Non-Contact Day



There will be **NO SCHOOL** on Monday, September 7th or Tuesday, September 8th due to Labor Day and a Teacher Work Day. The Elementary and MS Cohort A will resume on Wednesday, September 9th and it will be a Teal Day for the Middle School.

### Message From the Principal



We can't thank you all for your ongoing support as we finish our third week of this school year. Students are all becoming more used to our routines and procedures, mask wearing, distancing, and blended learning in middle school. Some things are beginning to feel more normal for the year as we settle into these routines. We're excited to announce our first meetings of the year for PASS and Accountability. PASS will host its first virtual meeting of the year on September 15 at 6:30 p.m., and Accountability will host its first meeting of the year on September 22 at 5:00 p.m. More information is listed below. Please access these links to see if you'd like to become involved!

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## Upcoming School Events

**September 7**  
No School  
Labor Day

**September 8**  
No School  
Non-Contact Day

Challenge will also host virtual parent conferences on September 24 & 25. Stay tuned for updates on how to schedule individual meetings.

We continue to struggle with traffic, especially after school. We're working on solutions to try to streamline the process, but please know that our location and surrounding traffic certainly make this problem very complex to solve. In the meantime, we ask for your patience, partnership, and a shared priority of student safety during arrival and dismissal. Please plan accordingly and be prepared for 20 minutes or more in the parking lot at dismissal. Perhaps consider arriving closer to 3:15 and let some of the congestion clear. Also, consider organizing a carpool, so you can access the SW lot that's reserved solely for carpools transporting 4 or more students.

I hope you enjoy a restful and relaxing long weekend. Remember that Tuesday, September 8 is a teacher work day, so no students will be present! Thanks for all you do to make Challenge a wonderful place!

***Principal Strohfus***

#### Important Links:

[Planning Forward  
2020-2021](#)

[Challenge School  
Website](#)

[2020-2021 Challenge  
School Calendar](#)

## Food and Nutrition Services



Labor Day Meal Pick-Up for Middle School and High School: To-go meals will be available September 7, 2020 at all 6 comprehensive high schools.

Pick up times will be 7:15 am to 8:30 am and 2:15 pm to 4:00 pm. Please see the [flyer](#).

Transportation will be running routes to transport students to meal pick-up sites. These to-go meals are available for all 100% on-line students and all middle and high school students that are attending school in person 2 days per week.

USDA announced 9/1/2020 that all school meals (breakfast and lunch) will be free to all students through December 2020!

At this time FNS will not be changing the way meals are currently being served in schools or at our mobile pick up sites for 100% on-line students and middle and high school hybrid learning .

Although meals will be universally free, it is still important to encourage families to complete the Free and Reduced Meal Application. The application is available in 8 languages at [family.titank12.com](http://family.titank12.com)

Thank you all for your support of our meal program and ensuring our students have the fuel they need to learn and to grow!

## Individual Pictures



Individual Student Pictures were taken this week. **We cannot take late orders at school. Please do not send your student(s) with late envelopes.** Now, pictures must be ordered online directly from Dorian. Click [here](#) for detailed ordering information. Picture retakes will be scheduled to take place later this Fall.

## COVID Symptom Checker



Cherry Creek School District will be utilizing a COVID Symptom Checker for the 2020-2021 school year. For more information, please click [here](#). **This must be completed daily in order to attend school.** Have your student log in to their portal before school daily and answer the questions. Below is the QR code which will take you to the log in site. Print the QR Code and keep it handy at the breakfast table!



## Girls on the Rise



Please click [here](#) for information on this year's virtual Girls on the Rise program.

## Challenge School AAC and PASS

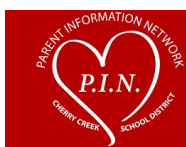
Please click [here](#) for information on the Challenge School Advisory and Accountability Committee.. The first AAC meeting of the year will be September 22.

Partnership for Academically Successful Students is comprised of parents and educators who collaborate to promote the success of all students. Please click [here](#) for more information. The first PASS meeting of the year will be September 15.

## District PASS Meetings

Join the [District PASS Committee](#) meeting on September 16 via Zoom.  
When: Sep 16, 2020 06:00 PM Mountain Time (US and Canada)  
Register in advance for this meeting:  
<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJEkf-irqjkgHdUmNUiAlt-B9jvakAn4KBq>  
After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

## Parent Information Network



Cherry Creek Parent Information Network will be hosting virtual meetings on “Wired and Connected” on September 8. Please click [here](#) for details.

## Social/Emotional and Wellness Support



Hello Challenge families!  
Dr. Hartley (school psychologist) and Ms. Thomas (school counselor) have created a **Social/Emotional and Wellness Support** Schoology course for this year. The course is full of resources for elementary students, middle school students, parents/guardians, and staff to access. This is available for all Challenge families and students to join and is optional. If you would like to join, please use this access code:  
**572X-F3HN-6QPST**  
Dr. Hartley and Ms. Thomas are also hosting virtual office hours to provide additional support to Challenge students and families. Sessions are confidential, optional, and can be either phone or video sessions.  
To set up a Virtual Mental Health Appointment with Dr. Hartley, sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0b48a-cao2aa3fd0-remote>  
To set up a Virtual Counseling Appointment with Ms. Thomas, sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904084ACA628AAF49-remote>

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

### Howler



Order your copy of "The Howler," School Directory - deadline is September 10. Also new this year - advertising opportunities for your business. Click [here](#) for all details and to place your order.

### Fundraising Opportunities



**AmazonSmile** - Remember to designate Challenge School as your charity and visit [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com) to earn money. Do not forget you must choose Challenge School as your charity every 6 months when you use the mobile app!

**Box Tops** - Keep collecting any clip-able tops and send them to school in a ziploc baggie with your child's name and Connections teacher's name. Students should give the baggie to their Connections teacher. Scan your receipts (within 2 weeks of purchase) using the Box Tops app. Click on the "Credit" button while scanning to designate a classroom. The class with the most collected box tops wins a party at the end of the year!

**King Soopers** - Link your King Soopers account to Challenge School with the code XT444. Every time you make a purchase King Soopers will donate to Challenge. You only need to set this up once.

**Coca-Cola** - Scan or enter your Coke product codes at [www.us.coca-cola.com/give](http://www.us.coca-cola.com/give), or send the codes to school in a ziploc baggie labeled with your child's name and Connections teacher's name.

## Volunteer Opportunities



Click [here](#) for a current list of volunteer opportunities. Challenge School depends on the generosity of our parent volunteers. Thank you and don't forget to record your hours in [HelpCounter](#).

## Reserved Parking Spaces



PTCO still has one reserved parking spot available for purchase left over from last spring's Wolf Drive fundraiser. The spot in the main lot is available for \$500. If you wish to purchase either one, please visit <https://wolf-drive-2020.cheddarup.com> If you have questions, please contact [PTCOChallenge@gmail.com](mailto:PTCOChallenge@gmail.com).

## 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).