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December 19, 2025

Dear Student and Family,

We are writing to let you know that you have been assigned to Casco Bay High School as a member of the class of 2030! We look forward to supporting you as you get ready to enter high school. Attached to this letter, you will find a welcome letter from your high school with information about the transition and what to expect before school starts this fall.

If you are currently enrolled in the Portland Public Schools, you do not need to do anything to accept your assignment. If you are not currently enrolled in the Portland Public Schools, you will need to complete the registration process. More information can be found on the Enrollment page on our website.

As a reminder, your assignment is for the duration of the coming school year. Transfers between high schools will not be considered until after the completion of ninth grade.

If you would like to appeal your assignment, please email Abdullahi Ahmed, the Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Schools, at ahmeda@portlandschools.org. Appeals will only be considered if there is space at the requested school and at least one of the following criteria is met:

- You are a child of a staff member at the requested school.
- You are a sibling of another student already enrolled in the requested school.
- You have documented issues of safety or harassment related to the school assignment.
- You are a child of any PPS staff member.

We look forward to partnering with you and your family as you begin your journey through high school to graduate prepared and empowered for college and career.

Sincerely,
Adbullahi Ahmed

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Dear Rising Grade 9 students and families,

We are thrilled to officially welcome you as a member of the Casco Bay High School Class of 2030! Congratulations and thank you so much for your interest in our school. We look forward to working with you to become ready for college, career, and citizenship. We are eager to help you become the person you want to be and the citizen/scholar we need you to be.

We cordially invite all new students and families to the New Student Orientation on Thursday, May 7th from 5:30-6:30 pm. We will send all other summer dates, including the Summer Bridge Orientation and pre-season dates in March. Students at PPSD middle schools can also expect to meet with one of our counselors this spring, and all other students/families will be contacted by counselors via email to set up your fall schedule.

Parents and guardians of students in the Class of 2030 are also invited to get involved. Our Parent Advisory Group meets monthly and is open to any CBHS parent. This group advises the principal, promotes parent involvement and helps with securing resources that will improve teaching and learning. Our January Meeting will be held on January 13th at 5:30 pm and you are all invited! Students and parents can keep informed about school news by following us on social media (follow us on Instagram @cascobayhs or like us on Facebook) or by reading our periodic newsletters which you will begin to receive this Spring.

There is nothing additional you need to do to confirm your spot. Accepted students who do not currently attend PPS should contact our registrar, Ms. Kouame (kouamh@portlandschools.org), to begin the registration process. Note: at least one parent or guardian must live in the City of Portland in order to register and you will need proof of residency at the time of enrollment. Otherwise, we look forward to having you as a member of our crew when we launch our first learning expedition at Summer Bridge. We have had a remarkably successful twenty-one years, but we know our school is only going to get better – because of you.

I wish you a successful spring semester of 8th grade! Please email me or call the school if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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