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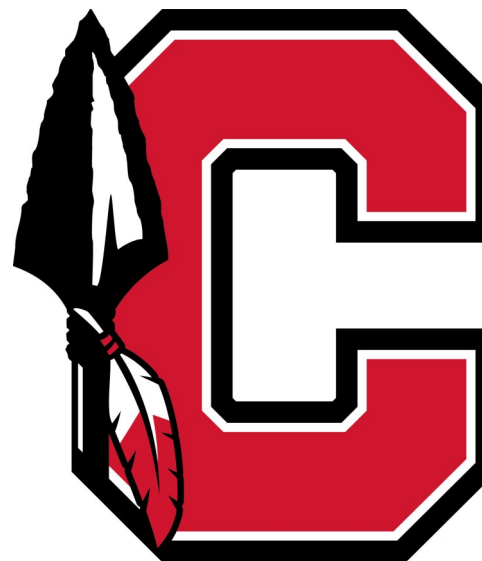
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**CHEROKEE HIGH SCHOOL  
RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY**

**APRIL 28, 2026**

*The construction of this new high school was made possible by community support of the Education Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (Ed SPLOST). Thank you to the School Board and the community for their commitment to providing excellent facilities for teaching and learning!*

## CHEROKEE HIGH SCHOOL

The merger of the Canton Independent School System and the Cherokee County School System led to the creation of Cherokee High School, which opened its doors to students in August 1956.

In its inaugural year, Cherokee High School served the county's 450-square-mile area, welcoming students from communities as far away as Waleska and Woodstock. With 34 teachers and 821 students housed in just two buildings, Cherokee High began its mission to serve the county's growing educational needs.

Over the following decades, the campus expanded significantly. Additions included classroom wings, an auditorium, an additional gymnasium, a stadium and various athletic fields. In 2018, as enrollment surged beyond 3,000 students, the school also incorporated the adjacent elementary school to accommodate continued growth. Construction on a new state-of-the-art high school began in 2022 thanks to voter approval of the 2021 Ed SPLOST penny sales tax.

Today, Cherokee High is one of six traditional high schools serving the county and its attendance zone covers the northwest third of the school district, encompassing Clayton Elementary, Liberty Elementary, Hasty Elementary, Knox Elementary, and R.M. Moore Elementary, along with Teasley Middle School and Freedom Middle School as its feeder schools.

Cherokee High School continues its tradition of excellence by offering a comprehensive selection of academic, career technical, and enrichment courses, along with a wide variety of clubs, athletic programs, and student organizations. The new facility opening in August will serve more than 2,700 students with more than 220 staff members, providing expansive learning opportunities for all its students for generations to come.

## CHEROKEE HIGH SCHOOL

- 88-acre site
- 473,761 square feet
- 3,000 student capacity
- 152 classrooms
- 1,000-seat auditorium
- 4,500-seat football stadium
- 946 parking spaces
- 88 school bus slots

## GREETING

Mary Elizabeth Davis, Superintendent of Schools

## FIRST FLAG RAISING

Cherokee High School JROTC

## NATIONAL ANTHEM

Cherokee High School Band and Chorus

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Jacob Duncan, Cherokee High School Student Delegate

## ALMA MATER

Cherokee High School Band and Chorus

## INSPIRATION

Janet Read Welch, School Board Chair

## STUDENT REMARKS

Aven Wright, Senior Class President  
John Palmieri, Junior Class President  
Aaliyah Holmes, Sophomore Class President

## REMARKS

Patsy Jordan, Vice Chair and District 2 School Board Member  
Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison, District 6 School Board Member

## STUDENT REMARKS

Brock Cornelison, Student Advisory Council, Teasley Middle School  
Atlas Walker-Bunda, Student Advisory Council, Freedom Middle School

## CLOSING REMARKS

Andy Hall, Principal