



# CHS NEWSLETTER

## THE PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

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Rocket families, we hope you have been able to safely enjoy your summer and are ready to come back to the Hill recharged. For our new Rockets, welcome to the family; we can't wait to meet you!

Although we have delayed the start of the school year until August 31 to give us time to prepare for our alternating day schedule, school is still just around the corner. Even more than most years, we're sure you have many questions given current situation. Please be reassured that the Board of Education, administration and staff have been working around the clock planning for a safe and successful return to school. As a reminder, the [REOPEN SCHOOL PLAN](#) is posted on the district website under the "For Parents" tab with the most up-to-date information.

The CHS staff looks forward to meeting and welcoming students and parents to the 2020-21 school year. Please read through this newsletter to find helpful information in preparation for your child's return to school. Our staff is committed to serving the students of CHS. We look forward to welcoming our staff and students back in just a few weeks. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the school or send me an email.

Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Sincerely,

Christopher Testone, CHS Principal

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## *Class Schedules*

We are currently finalizing schedules and balancing classes for the alternating day schedules. To complete this project, we have disabled the 2020-21 scheduling and gradebook functions in Skyward. An email message will be sent to notify families when schedules are available for students to view.

## *Attendance*

The attendance policy utilized last spring for remote learning will no longer be in effect. For 2020-21 attendance, students are expected to attend every class, whether remote or in person.

The school has an obligation to inform both students and parents/guardians of the student's progress and attendance in all classes, both for in-person and remote learning days. Parents/guardians are to follow proper procedures to inform the school when their child is absent and to provide a reason for the absences as outlined in the [Parent/Student Handbook](#) located on the school webpage.

It is important to note that while students are "remote learning", they should follow teacher procedures to login into the class for instruction. Students are expected to attend all Remote Learning sessions provided by the teacher, and if they are not in attendance, they will be marked absent.

## *Grading*

The Remote Learning Grading that was implemented in the spring will no longer be in effect. Grading for the 2020-21 school year will revert back to the original Central grading system. Classwork, assignments, and assessments will be counted towards grades, whether in-person or remote. The focus of instructors will be on mastery of the content standards for the grade level. Students will receive feedback on the progression of these standards in each content area during both in-person and remote learning.

## *Arrival/Dismissal Procedures*

Once schedules are finalized, information about the beginning and ending time of the day will be published.

If your child will be arriving by bus he/she will enter the building on the back side of the building through Door 10. Students will enter the building while remaining socially distant and wearing masks. Students will report directly to their first hour class. A staff member will be present to receive student Pre-Certification Slips upon entry.

If arriving by car, students can be dropped off at Door 8 in the back of the building (near the varsity baseball field). Students will enter the building remaining socially distant and wearing masks. A staff member will be present to receive student Pre-Certification Slips upon entry.

- Students without a Pre-Certification Slip, or with a slip indicating they should not be at school, will be sent to the office.
- Parents will be called to come pick up their child or provide the Pre-Certification Slip.

Students will exit the building through the same entrance locations.

## *Lunch*

Our lunch program operates on a swipe card system which uses the student's school ID card to access funds stored online through [www.myschoolbucks.com](http://www.myschoolbucks.com). Parents are able to add money to their student account with a credit or debit card. Students are required to carry their ID with them each day and this is used to pay for lunches purchased at the school. Students who lose their ID can purchase a replacement ID at a cost of \$2.00. Students are also able to bring their own lunch from home, if they so desire, however we ask that they bring items in a disposable lunch sack in lieu of lunch boxes.

This year, due to the pandemic restrictions, students will be assigned various locations in the building to eat so that we can supervise social distancing requirements. As these plans are finalized, more information will be provided about the lunch program prior to the start of the school year.

## *P.E. and Health Classes*

Students will have Physical Education classes each day at CHS. Due to the pandemic restrictions, P.E. will be more of a fitness-based program at the beginning of this school year. Students WILL NOT change into P.E. uniforms at this time, but WILL go outside each day for fitness-based exercise (weather permitting).

Students should wear loose-fitting clothing and wear shoes appropriate for walking outside or have a pair of P.E. shoes at school to change into. Additionally, as the weather gets colder this fall, students need to wear coats, hats and other cold-weather gear.

## *No Lockers*

Students will not be using academic or P.E. lockers this year to limit the need to be in the hallway or locker rooms. Students, like any other school year, will be permitted to carry their backpacks with them to class.

## *Virtual Tour*

Prior to the opening of school, we will also be sending a virtual tour video to our families so that you can have a visual representation of the items described above, as well as some of the COVID-19 protocols that we are putting in place for the opening of school. While this may not be the manner that we had planned to start the school year, we are confident that by working together we will be able to provide the same high quality of learning environment that Central High School has been able to give our students in the past.

## *Band/Music*

The music department is currently working on creative planning in order to continue providing a quality music education as well as performance opportunities. This will be an ongoing effort for the duration of the social distancing parameters. If your child is enrolled in music, please be on the lookout for ongoing announcements and updates.

## *Athletics*

Central High School is a member of the Fox Valley Athletic Conference. Member schools include: Dundee Crown High School, Hampshire High School, Jacobs High School, Huntley High School, Crystal Lake South High School, Crystal Lake Central High School, Prairie Ridge High School, Cary Grove High School and McHenry High School. At this time Central High School will operate the athletics program in accordance with the guidance set forth by the IHSA. Refer to the Central High School Athletics website for more detailed information. Additional information will be forthcoming in the weeks ahead.

# IMPORTANT DATES



Date:	Event:
Mid - August	Schedules Open in Skyward
August 17	School Board Meeting – 6:00 p.m.
August 31	First Day of School

# WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW!

CHS alumni can now order transcripts directly from our website. Click on this link for transcripts:

<https://chs.central301.net/transcripts/>

Current students should still use Naviance for transcripts:

<https://chs.central301.net/naviance/>

We have changed the way we do our Daily Announcements! Look to the High School website to see announcements. Go to Communications and you will see the Daily Announcements listed there. Or, click this link:

<https://chs.central301.net/daily-announcements/>

Additionally, you can also find our Digital Bulletin Board on the Communications tab. There you can find multiple flyers for events happening district-wide.