November 8, 2021

Dear Bayhawk Parents/Guardians,

We quickly moved through August, September, and October. It is hard to believe Thanksgiving is around the corner and the 2nd quarter started today. After the ups and downs of hybrid learning the last two years, we are finally settling back into a normal routine. The stressful beginning of the school year bus rides and schedule changes are behind us, and we have gotten back into the swing of waking up early with 4 – 90-minute classes a day. It has been an adjustment for everyone!

We continue to practice safety measures to keep everyone healthy. The Chesapeake community has had no transmission from person to person in our building. This is great news. We continue to stress the importance of keeping masks up and covering noses. This has been a challenge. Please remind your student to always keep their mask up over their nose. We all need to follow this most important guideline to continue to keep our community healthy. Wearing a mask to protect yourself and others, washing your hands often, keeping your distance, covering your cough, and staying home when sick will help everyone stay in school.

As a reminder, students that are feeling sick, had a positive COVID test, or contact with a person with COVID should stay home. Please do not come to school and “see how you feel later.” We have been sending more and more students home early in the day. The best rule is if you don’t feel well in the morning, stay home. Our school nurse, Amanda Kisser (akisser@bcps.org), is an excellent resource if you have questions or concerns.

We continue to look forward to fall/winter events with our clubs, activities, and sports. Ms. Withrow and Ms. Diegel are compiling an updated list of student activities that will be published on the CHS Schoology Hub shortly. Winter sports, including basketball, track, and wrestling, are starting soon. Please contact our Athletic Director Shaun Downey (sdowney@bcps.org) for information.

Please visit our website at http://chesapeakehs.org for the most current and up to date information regarding specifics about schedules, links for athletics, and information about clubs and extracurricular activities in the coming months. Other updates in this newsletter include; CHS contact information, report card access, National Honor Society news, mentor groups, American Education Week update, and information on the yearly HBCU College Fair.

I am honored to serve as the principal of Chesapeake High School STEM Academy. It is truly a privilege to be a part of a community where parents, teachers and students care for each other and strive to build positive relationships that support academic and social growth.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Amy L. Wesloski, Principal
Important Chesapeake Contacts and Information

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See our website http://chesapeakehs.org for course description and contacts.

Accessing Student Report Cards

Report cards will be published to the Focus Student Portal at 4 p.m. on Monday, November 22, 2021.
Parents will be able to access marking period 1 grades in Focus. There is an attached resource titled “Creating a Parent Account to Access Report Cards” if you still need to set up access.

National Honor Society News

The National Honor Society’s membership is based on GPA, Scholarship, Service, Leadership and Character. The Chesapeake Chapter boasts 40 members! NHS meets the second Tuesday of each month, and members participate in service projects designed to benefit the school community or the community surrounding Chesapeake. Some projects include a Red Cross Blood Drive (originally scheduled for 10/29, will be rescheduled), American Education Week, and a Holiday Card Drive. Members will be selling Panera Bread Coupon strips beginning Nov 19. Proceeds will help pay national dues and will fund service projects. Students eligible to apply will be notified in February, and inductions will take place in March.

Technology Help Desk Information

Check Your Tech! All students will be expected to bring their fully charged device each day for school. We unfortunately continue to struggle to get an inventory of computers to cover the needs of student who need replacement devices. Call the help desk at 443-809-4672 or enter a TICKET to report an issue with your device or your password. You may also email Ms. Moseley at lsmileymoseley@bcps.org or through Schoology to check on the status of your ticket.
Mentoring Programs
All programs are organized through the school counseling office. If your student is interested in any of the programs listed, please reach out the counselors for more details.

ExIT: Expanding Intelligence Today, or ExIT, is a mentoring program for high school students at Chesapeake offered through Towson University’s Student Government. Towson students act as mentors to CHS students and give them an authentic insight on how to prepare for life after high school. Through the program, they offer “adulting” workshops on important like skills like building a resume or writing college entrance essays. They base their meeting topics and focuses on what our student expresses a need for. The goal is to pair one Towson student with one Chesapeake student to build a meaningful bond between the two and establish a safe space for to be comfortable and fully prepared for their transition into the real world. The meetings are held every Monday during lunch shifts.

Best Buddies: The mission of Best Buddies is to establish a global volunteer movement that creates opportunities for one-to-one friendships, integrated employment, and leadership development for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. In schools, Best Buddies operates as a student-run friendship club, which creates buddy pairs between students with and without disabilities. Best Buddies Middle and High Schools helps to create an inclusive school climate for students early on in their educational development. Why Join Best Buddies? By joining Best Buddies, you will become part of a growing movement of people with and without disabilities, dedicated to ensuring everyone can have a friend. You will be invited to group activities planned by the chapter leadership team. At least four group activities are held each year both in school and outside of school. Some examples are pizza parties, bowling outings, kickball games, and ice cream socials. Each chapter determines their own activities based on availability of the members. Most importantly, you will be “matched” in a one-to-one friendship with another student in your school.

Latinos Unidos: Our goal is to create a place where Latinos can get together and talk about different issues that are going on in our community. We will be working on creating a positive impact in our community to help each other reach our personal and educational goals.

Upward Bound: Upward Bound provides fundamental support to participants in their preparation for college entrance. The program provides opportunities for participants to succeed in their precollege performance and ultimately in their higher education pursuits.

Club Spotlight: Bayhawk Applied Club
Do your student like video games? Ever thought about creating your own?! The Bayhawk Applied club meets every other Tuesday and are currently in the middle of creating their own retro game for the nationwide Future Business Leaders of American competition! It’s not too late to join in and become a creator! The next meeting will be November 16th! Please ensure you have a ride home or that you’ve met with Mr. Patterson (jpatterson2@bcps.org) in the VLE to secure a seat on the activity bus!

Quick Class Updates
Students should monitor their Class Schoology pages for frequent updates.
Class of 2024 – Fundraiser @ Sweet Frog November 16th
Class of 2022 Senior Inauguration December 2, 2021 **Details coming soon from Senior Advisors.**
American Education Week: November 15th – 19th

In a typical year, schools’ welcome families during American Education Week. As a part of our continued commitment to protecting and preserving in-person learning during this pandemic, we are unable to host family visits. Like last year, our students and staff have reimagined how we will celebrate American Education Week. We will use this week as an opportunity to recognize staff and families as “Education Heroes” for their unwavering commitment to Team BCPS.

All virtual American Education Week activities will take place centrally. Staff are encouraged to join in the celebration by posting related activities during the week on social media using #bcpsAEW. We look forward to seeing the exciting events happening in schools.

You’re Invited: BCPS 5th Annual HBCU Virtual College Fair

All Baltimore County Public Schools high school students are invited to participate in the fifth annual BCPS-HBCU Virtual College Fair on Thursday, November 11, 2021, from 4 – 7 p.m. At the free event, students will have the opportunity to meet representatives from more than 30 Historically Black Colleges and Universities from throughout the nation. Students and their parents can participate in virtual workshops related to the college selection process and financial aid. Students can register for the fair online or with their school counselors or college counselors. All participating seniors are encouraged to complete the Common Black College Application (CBCA). Seniors who complete the CBCA can apply to all participating HBCUs, at once, for a flat fee of $20. BCPS students also may use the CBCA waiver code MDFSI03 to waive the regular flat fee.

Other Attachments:

- BCPS American Education Week 2021 Press Release with Parent University Event Offerings
- BCPS Historically Black Colleges and University (HBCU) Virtual Fair Press Release
- Class of 2024 Sweet Frog Fundraiser – November 16th
- Creating a Parent Account to Access Report Cards
- Southeast Area Education Advisory Council Meeting – November 15, 2021
- Here is a link to the BCPS Student Handbook.