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Welcome to the “Mecca of Excellence”, a center for creativity, transformation and innovation.



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Important Dates

Wednesday and Thursday, August 26th-27th	Materials Distribution events (A-K 8/26 and L-Z 8/27)
Thursday, August 27th	Town Hall- Leading and Learning through the “New Normal” our goals for the “Mecca of Excellence”.
Friday, August 28th	New Student Orientation
Monday, August 31st	First Day of School- All students
Thursday, September 10th	Back to school Night 6:30pm-8:30pm



Message from Dr. Brown

I greet you in the spirit of excellence and pray that this correspondence finds you and your families safe and in good health as we prepare to embark on a new school year!

At CHFHS, our vision is to ensure that ALL students graduate college and career ready through a commitment to culture, collaboration and critical thinking. With the “new normal” and the uncertainty of the challenges that lie ahead, it is important that we, additionally become a center for creativity, transformation and innovation. One of the most important lessons learned during this pandemic is that change will move at lightning speed. We saw entire career paths become obsolete and others spring up out of the chaos. Our children will need to be prepared for this world. It is our job to ensure that this remains the priority.

With the bricks and mortar of the schoolhouse temporarily removed, we are provided with a unique opportunity to redefine what leading and learning will look like. I urge you to join us as we embrace the unknown, support exploration, and research what the ramifications of these changes will mean for our society and the future for our young adults. These actions will generate the creativity and innovative thinking that we need to transform the leading and learning processes and adequately prepare them for the future.

With Eternal Optimism,

Dr. Gorman E. Brown, Principal

Have questions?

Please feel free to check our website at www.pgcps.org/charleshflowers/, identify the appropriate school leader on the back page of this newsletter and send them an email or contact the school at 301-636-8000.

A commitment to STEM

We know that the 21st century offers a plethora of opportunities for those that are prepared to engage in Science, technology, Engineering and Mathematics. Through these disciplines and a commitment to inquiry based learning all students have the opportunity to be successful. If you would like your child to be involved in our Science and Technology magnet, 3D Scholars, Project “Lead the Way” Architectural Engineering, Fire Science, or Computer Science programs, please contact the coordinators listed on page four of this newsletter.



Uniforms

While students are engaged in distance learning there will be no school uniform requirement. Students will, however, have to adhere to the PGCPs Dress Code which includes not wearing revealing clothing during learning. If the decision is made to return to the schoolhouse February, we will revisit the uniform policy with consideration made for suspending the requirement for the school year.

Materials Distribution Days

Materials for all students will be distributed on Wednesday, August 26th (All students A-K) and Thursday, August 27th (All students L-Z).

Students who do not have Chromebooks will receive them at this time. Other instructional material will be distributed based on the requirements of the district. The following courses are scheduled to receive additional resources:

ALGEBRA 1, ALGEBRA 2 AND GEOMETRY, CHEMISTRY, AP COURSES WHERE TEXTBOOKS ARE NOT AVAILABLE, DANCE, FIREFIGHTER

School Supplies

The school supplies requirements for all PGCP High Schools are consistent and have been tailored with the knowledge that many families have a reduction of resources due to the pandemic. The list is as follows:

- Scissors
- Pencils with Erasers
- Pencil Sharpener
- Ruler
- Glue Bottle or Glue Stick
- Colored Pencils
- Water-based Markers
- 3 ring binder
- Loose leaf lined paper
- Composition books or Spiral Notebooks
- 3-Hole pocket folder
- Highlighters
- Postit Note/Index Cards
- Pens
- Primary Color paints

Art students only

Family Portal

It is imperative that parents support our scholars during distance learning through the monitoring of their academic progress. The Schoolmax family portal does an excellent job in assisting in this regard. If you were enrolled in the portal in previous years, your continued utilization should not pose a problem. If you need to register in the portal, please go to this link for directions https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B3-foTO_yASrZFZKcUQweEd0VkuU/edit. If you continue to have problems accessing the portal, please contact Ms. Kamila Al-Salaam at kamila.alslaam@pgcps.org.



Our “Mecca” is committed to serving the community!



College and Career Readiness

We recognize that the preparing our young for college means that we have to be creative and supportive with our human resources. With that being said, we are new CCR Counselor who will be responsible for the following:

- Naviance Coordinator
- Dual Enrollment Duties
- Scholarship Tracker Coordinator
- Onsite Admissions Coordinator
- ASVAB Coordinator
- Assists with College Fairs and Parent Nights
- Assists with college applications

Professional School Counselor Assignments

Grade 9 and 11

- Ms. Dubose: A-Gi
- Ms. Babb: Gi-Ok
- Ms. Mason: Ol-Z

Grade 10 and 12

- Dr. Bostic- A-Gi
- Ms. Gregory (Chairperson) G1-Oj (10th grade only)
- Mr. Groves (CCR Coordinator) G1-Oj (12 grade only)
- Ms. Hargrove Miller Ok-Z

Distance Learning Educational Requirements

Though we were introduced to the distance learning process last spring, the expectations have changed significantly for the upcoming school year.

Unlike the previous school year, each teacher will be engaged in synchronous (live) instruction.. All students will meet with each of their classes twice a week with Monday and Thursday being reserved for “A” day classes and Tuesday and Friday being reserved for “B” day classes. Wednesday’s are being designated for individual support, collaborative planning and meetings.

The existing PGCPs grading policy are still in effect and will be enforced. Students will receive numeric grades at the end of each grading period. Teachers will use google classroom and schoolmax to communicate progress and engage in instruction. Students will need to ensure that they have operating cameras and microphones on their devices as teachers will require active participation from students.

Student attendance will be logged and, per the Attendance policy, students must be present in class in order to receive credit for the work that they complete.

In December the decision will be made whether students will return to school in February or if they will remain at home learning virtually for the remainder of the school year. If the decision is made to return to school, students will attend two days a week and will continue to learn virtually the other two days.

Parents will have the right to request that their child continue in distance learning for the remainder of the year.

Half-day Requests

Please contact Mr. Edwards at bruce.edwards@pgcps.org to make these requests.

Password Assistance

All students will need access to their gmail account in order to engage in instruction. If you are having challenges with your gmail account, please contact Sigrid.goff@pgcps.org for assistance.

School Schedule (8/31/ 20-1/31/21)

Monday- Follow “A” day classes
Tuesday- Follow “B” day classes
Wednesday- No official classes. Tutoring, small group intervention
Thursday- Follow “A” day classes
Friday- Follow “B” day classes

Daily Schedule- A and B Day

Period 1- Live Session	7:45-8:45
Independent Practice:	8:45-9:10
Break:	9:10-9:25
Period 2- Live Session:	9:25-10:25
Independent Practice:	10:25-10:50
Lunch:	10:50-11:20
Period 3- Live Session:	11:20-12:20
Independent Practice:	12:20-12:45
Break:	12:45-1:00
Period 4- Live Session	1:00-2:00
Independent Practice:	2:00-2:25

Compulsory Attendance

The school day begins at 7:45am and students are required to be in their virtual classroom at that time. They are also required to be on time to all classes throughout the day. Teachers are not required to provide students with work when they are unexcused tardy or absent.

Intelligence plus character- that is
the goal of true education

~Martin Luther King Jr.

At CHFHS we have always prided ourselves on supporting the community. Many of our organizations host annual community service projects, such as the Breast Cancer Awareness “pink out” from FYI Mentoring or the Manhood 101 Thanksgiving Dinner giveaway. We cannot allow the pandemic to steal the opportunity for our young adults to build character through service.

Many organizations are currently hosting virtual service projects where young people are engaging in such rewarding activities as reading to children, playing their instruments for senior citizens and making masks to be given away. If you would like more information on virtual service learning, go to [LINK HERE](#)

If you want to make a difference ...

Serve others!!!!



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