

CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

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Greetings Students, Parents and Guardians,

WELCOME to the 2021-2022 school year! It is my hope that every member of the Central High School community has been safe and well while enjoying your summer. We look forward to seeing all students at **Central High School, 200 Cabin Branch Road, Capitol Heights, MD on Wednesday, September 8, 2021, the first day of school.** The school day is 7:45am -2:25pm daily. We are extremely excited about returning home to our renovated school.

As we prepare for the 2021-2022 school year, it is important that we continue to protect ourselves during these changing times. Therefore, students, staff and visitors, regardless of vaccination status, will be required to wear a mask while inside schools and to and from school on the bus. Students are asked to bring their own mask to school daily. The CHS administration is committed to provide a safe and sanitary environment by providing hand sanitizer and disinfectant wipes for all classrooms and common areas and encouraging frequent hand washing.

UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS

Central High School has a mandatory uniform policy that all students are expected to adhere to daily. Students have a choice of wearing a navy blue or white collared, oxford or polo-style shirt and tan colored khaki style pants. Leggings, jeggings, sweatpants and joggers are not acceptable and hoodies can not be worn throughout the building.

BUS INFORMATION

Bus schedules for the 2021-2022 school year will be mailed home via a postcard on Monday, August 23, 2021. Students and parents will have access to bus information beginning Monday, August 23, 2021 via SchoolMax, as well.

STUDENT SCHEDULES

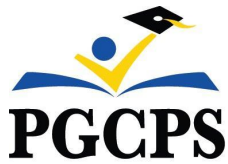
Student schedules will be available via SchoolMax starting Monday, August 23, 2021. If your child has problems with logging into their PGCPS email account, they can contact Ms. Mullen, IT Specialist, at rmullen@pgcps.org, or Ms. Sheree White, Media Specialist, at sheree2.white@pgcps.org.

CHROMEBOOKS

Students are required to bring their PGCPS issued Chromebook to school each day. If your child is new to the school district or does not have a school issued device, one will be provided to them during the first week of school. It is expected that students charge their device nightly in preparation for the next school day. It is imperative that students avoid logging into their personal emails (non PGCPS email accounts) on school issued devices.

Generic SUPPLY LIST Grades 9-12 (specific courses may request additional supplies)

Headphone	Index cards	Composition books / spiral notebooks	Loose leaf notebook paper
Pencils and Pens	Highlighters	3-hole pocket folder	3 inch-3 ring binder



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Dividers	Pencil sharpener	Colored pencils	Backpack
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STUDENT ORIENTATION

Student orientation will take place on Friday, September 3, 2021, ½ day (in-person) for 9th and 10th graders and any other new students; transportation will be provided. Students will be receiving breakfast and lunch.

LOCKERS

Information regarding the use of lockers will be shared at student orientation and the first day of school for all students.

BREAKFAST/LUNCH

During the 2021-2022 school year, **all students will have the opportunity to eat breakfast and lunch at no cost to families.** Parents are highly encouraged to complete the Free and Reduced Lunch application online at www.pgcps.org/food-and-nutrition/cards/Apply-For-Free-or-Reduced-Price-Meals/. Eligibility information may be used to qualify newly eligible children for SY21-22 and summer 2022 Pandemic-Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) benefits and other district sponsored programs and school funding.

STUDENT ATTENDANCE

Attendance will be closely monitored by teachers, administration and Pupil Personnel Worker. Please make sure that when your child misses a day of instruction that he/she returns with a note. Students will have the opportunity to make-up missed assignments for excused absences only. Please refer to the Student Rights and Responsibilities Handbook for additional information at <https://www.pgcps.org/offices/pupil-personnel-services/student-rights-and-responsibilities-handbook>

SCHOOLMAX FAMILY PORTAL CONTACT

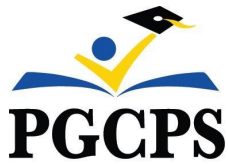
The SchoolMax Family Portal will be critical in monitoring student progress throughout the school year. Parents/guardians and students are highly encouraged to check the Schoolmax Family Portal regularly to monitor grades and attendance. If you do not have access to the Family Portal, please sign up today. If you need assistance, contact Ms. Tina White, Guidance Administrative Assistant at tina.white@pgcps.org or Ms. Sharon Hill, Attendance Administrative Assistant at sharon2.hill@pgcps.org.

COMMUNICATION

It's very important that parents/guardians, scholars and the Central High School community follow us on social media to get all the updates. These are the following ways to stay tuned:

1. Sign up for SchoolMax Parent Portal to receive emails from School Messenger
2. Continue to check our website at <https://schools.pgcps.org/central/> for announcements and updates
3. Follow us on TWITTER @ CHSFalcons1

IMPORTANT INFORMATION/DATES: MARK YOUR CALENDAR



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- **Monday, August 23, 2021** Parents and scholars will have access to student schedules and bus information via the SchoolMax
- **Friday, September 3, 2021:** ½ day Systemic Orientation for **grades 9, 10 and all new students to Central HS**
- **Monday, September 6, 2021:** Schools and Offices Closed (Labor Day Holiday)
- **Tuesday, September 7, 2021:** Schools Closed for Students Rosh Hashanah
- **Wednesday, September 8, 2021:** First Day of School
- **Thursday, September 16, 2021:** Yom Kippur Holiday* – Schools and Offices Closed
- **Thursday, September 30, 2021 :** Virtual Back to School Night. More information to come.
- **Friday, October 1, 2021:** Professional Development – Schools Closed for scholars

In conclusion, we thank you for your willingness to follow the procedures and expectations during these times. As we continue to navigate through our “new normal,” it is paramount that we continue to work together. I would like to welcome you all to the start of an exciting new school year! It is truly a pleasure to have this opportunity to work with each of you and your child(ren). Stay encouraged, safe and well.

Sincerely,

Principal