

Greetings CHS Community,

Welcome to the second to last Laker View before school starts on September 8th! We will continue to send the Laker View once school starts, but we may adjust the format and frequency once we get back into the swing of things.

Last week we welcomed teachers back in the building. They have been working hard adjusting classroom spaces, learning new procedures, working on curriculum, learning new tech skills, getting their Google Classrooms up and running, and designing rigorous and engaging learning activities for both in-person and remote days.

Next week in the Laker View Mr. DeMagistris and Ms. LeClair will join me to highlight some of the procedures for the first day of school and what to expect when the Lakers come to CHS for Smart Start on Tuesday the 8th and when Champs come to CHS on Thursday the 10th! As a reminder Smart Start this year is for all CHS students (grades 9-12) and the day will start in a student's Homebase location followed by a rotation of classes and activities/sessions within each class. We've gotten very creative with this first day and look forward to sharing our plan for the whole-school orientation with you next week!

In previous years our 9th grade Smart Start orientation has always included a tour of CHS led by Juniors and Seniors. We can't do the in-person tour this year, but we created a virtual CHS tour led by a small group of Seniors. Enjoy watching our Seniors show you around: <u>CHS School Tour</u>

We know many of you have questions about how CHS will operate and what classes will look like this year. We have developed two guides for you.

The first guide, <u>The CHS Guide to Operations and Procedures</u>, covers many aspects of the running of CHS this year, including senior priv, parking, health screenings, and lunch (to name a few).

The second guide, <u>The CHS Guide to Teaching and Learning</u>, covers specifics about classes and instruction this year, including grading, class schedules during remote and hybrid, and Weekly Learning Plans (to name a few).

There is A LOT of information in both guides, too much information to cover in the View! **Please take time to closely read both guides (both students and parents/guardians**). If after you've read the guides you have any questions, please feel free to fill out this Google Form: <u>Questions from the CHS Guides</u>. We will look at your questions and do our best to address some of the themes in future Laker Views.

## Nuts and Bolts and Reminders:

- You are now able to view a student's schedule on PowerSchool! Please see <u>THIS</u> letter from the guidance department for information on how to access your schedule, the add/drop process, and information about AP testing.
- A reminder that our first week week starts on a Tuesday. For this first week, Tuesday and Wednesday will be Lakers days at CHS and Thursday and Friday will be Champ days at CHS.
- Teachers will be organizing their class activities for both Lakers and Champs in "Weekly Learning Plans" (WLP). You can find more information about the WLP in the CHS Guide to Teaching and Learning (see above). In the View next week I will provide a link for students (and families) to access all their class WLP's on a master grid so students (and families) can check out what will be happening in their classes the first week of school.

That's all for now! Have a great weekend.

## Ms. Baron

## ATHLETIC REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

To register, please go to our website Activities>Athletics Home or click here.

Please note: we are now using Rank One Sport for our online registration, so you will need to create an account with them.

Please contact me at mark.ellingson@colchestersd.org if you have any questions or concerns. Go Lakers!

Mr. Ellingson, CHS Athletics and Activities Director

