

9/15/2023 Student/Parent update

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Students and parents,

With Homecoming over, we are now settling into the groove of the school year. This update is full of information, dates and activities for the Fall season.

Celebrations

- **Homecoming Week:** In 30 years of education, last week's HoCo was the most successful that I have ever experienced. Every single one of our programs at both the MS and HS level had great success with wins and, in many cases, absolute domination of the opponents. Kudos to our coaches and athletes, as well as a huge thank you to our Student Government for the week's festivities and the Junior Class for hosting the HoCo dance.

Fall Play director

For this year's Fall Play, we are looking to have a student director to lead the work. All CCMS/HS students who are interested in serving as the director can apply by submitting this [application](#) to the Main Office by Monday afternoon. Auditions will be held in the next couple of weeks, so students interested in being involved in the play should look for more information next week.

Redesign update

CCMS/HS continues its work with Transcend to redesign learning opportunities for students. Here are a few things in the works.

- **College Fair and Application Bootcamp:** We are planning a college fair and college application boot camp for November. More information will come.
- **Projects in the classroom:** Teachers have often had projects as part of the learning, but we will be working to deepen the learning through some training a group of teachers and then asking them to test out that learning. That work will start at the beginning of October.

Water issues

Once again, our water provider, Lookout Mountain Water, has notified me that they are having issues with the levels of TTHMs/HAA5s. Please see this [letter](#) from LMW for more details. We have brought the Eldorado Water dispensers back out and will be

providing drinking water in this way for the time being. I have asked the district to explore our own solutions for the water issue so that we will not have these disruptions from LMW in the future.

Please encourage your student to bring a bottle to use rather than single-use cups.

Themes for games

In order to add some spirit and fun to this season's sports competitions, each game has a theme. These have been presented to students at school, but we wanted to get the themes for the rest of the month to families, as well.



Upcoming surveys

In the coming months, we will be asking students to take the Youth Truth Survey (YTS) and the Healthy Kids Colorado Survey (HKCS) at CCMS/HS. These two surveys give us important information about what our students are thinking and doing both in and out of school. Both are anonymous. Further information and opt-out forms will be sent in coming weeks, but I would like to get a little information out now about these surveys.

- **YTS:** This survey was administered last year and served as the basis for our school redesign this year. Through the YTS, we heard students tell us that the following aspects were important to them for their education to include.
 - Relevance
 - Customization
 - Connection & Community
 - Active Self-Direction

This has resulted in changes such as the redesign of our Counseling Department and professional development & implementation of project-based learning for this year. We will be looking to get further input from students this year through YTS.

- **HKCS:** This survey comes every other year from the state and asks students about choices impacting their physical and mental health. The survey results not only inform CCMS/HS of the needs of our students, but also provide the basis for Mountain Youth Network (MYN)/TREK to support students in the county in their mission to “inspire and support our youth to find their path to hope, health, and happiness.”

Community Partners

Evergreen Fire/Rescue: EFR will be hosting a Health & Safety Day on Saturday 10/7/23. They will have firefighter skill demonstrations, chainsaw safety tips, hands-only CPR, a kids firefighter challenge, and Slife's Devil Dogs food truck. Families who participate in and complete the Safety Passport Challenge will be eligible for a drawing for prizes from Eudaimonia, Echo Mountain, EPRD, Mighty Argo, and EFR.

- 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Pancake Breakfast inside Apparatus Bays
- 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Educational Booths Open
- 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Emergency Vehicle Showcase Open
- 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Child Car Seat Safety Inspections
- 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Bicycle Skills Rodeo east of Admin Bldg
- Check this [flyer](#) for more information

Upcoming events

- **Mon 10/2 Building Accountability Advisory Committee (BAAC) meeting**
4:30-6:00 at CCMS/HS
 - Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/tfi-uzvv-aac>
 - Agenda link: <http://tinyurl.com/CCbaac2324>
- **Thurs 10/12 Vaccination Clinic** at CCMS/HS 3:30-5:00
 - [Flyer](#)
 - [Consent form](#)
- **Mon 10/16 Picture retakes** 8-12
- **Thu 10/19 Quarter 1 ends**
- **Wed 10/25 Conferences** 6-8
- **Thu 10/26 Conferences** 4:30-7
- **Thu 10/26 Guest speaker** - Keith Hawkins speaks to all CCMS/HS students
- [Evening & other events](#) at CCMS/HS
- [Link](#) to district 2023-24 family calendar

Take care,
Chris Gould, Principal