8/1/2023 Student/Parent update

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Students and parents,

Just a couple weeks left to go before we start school on Wednesday 8/16/23. I have been busy finishing the hiring process for our open positions and am working with staff to finalize student schedules. In the meantime, here is some more information about the school year and getting things started.

Community Service Hours and the Half Marathon

Students in Grades 9-12 are required, by CCSD Board policy, to complete community service hours in order to graduate. Due to the pandemic, students in the Class of 2024 need 20 hours, the Class of 2025 need 30 hours, and the Class of 2026 and beyond need 40 hours. CCMS students cannot start earning hours, but 9th graders can start earning them the summer before their 9th grade year.

With that in mind, our Clear Creek Booster Club needs your help! On Saturday 8/12/22, the GTIS Half Marathon will take place. This is a huge fundraiser that allows our wonderful parent-led Booster Club to support the many sports and activities that students have available at CCMS/HS. You can sign up here to help as either a student (Grades 7-12) or a parent, or you can just show up at the Idaho Springs baseball field from 6:00AM through the morning. Students who are already volunteering as part of a team or club do not need to sign up through this link.

Start-of-School events

I will be getting an extensive list of dates/events out in the next couple of weeks, including graduation. In the meantime, here are a couple of early events for you to put on your calendar.
8/1-8/3 Clear Creek County Back2School Days: Clear Creek County Public Health (CCCPH) is offering a number of medical services to families, including sports physicals, during this event 8/1-8/3. Please use the link below to get more information.
  ○ Clear Creek County Back 2 School Days!
New students: If you are a 7th Grade student or Grade 8-12 and brand new to Clear Creek schools, please click here for some new student information.
Wed 8/16/23 First day of school: All students should attend, with classes running 8:00-4:00
Back to School Night 8/17/23: More information will come out in the next couple of weeks, but please plan to come to the school at some point between 5:00 PM and 8:00 PM to meet your student’s teachers, learn about our athletic and other extracurricular programs, and get your questions answered. We will also have a number of our community partners in attendance to share their resources with you. On top of that, we will celebrate our newly finished gym floor and the new stadium lights – thank you, voters!
Picture Day 8/30/23: Students will get pictures taken and their school ID 8:00-12:00
Mon 9/4 Labor day: No school
9/5-9/8 Homecoming (Hoco) Week

New staff
I am excited to welcome our new staff for the school year. We have a great crew joining us, and I look forward to bringing everyone in.
  ● Sarah White (MS English)
  ● Dan McInerney (MS Science)
  ● Cheyenne DeBusk (HS English)
  ● Alec Hub (HS Math)
  ● Blake Mechtel (Vocal Music)
I have offered our other HS Math position and am waiting for the details to be worked out. I will be holding interviews for the Counseling position in the next few days.

New end time & logistics for CCMS/HS
In order to help us gain a little more instructional time to satisfy the state requirement, the district has decided to extend our CCMS/HS school day 10 minutes so that we end at 4:00. The revised bell schedule, along with the family calendar, are below.
  ● Bell schedule
  ● Family Calendar 2023-24
CCSD Bond update
The CCMS/HS bond work has been moving forward all summer. The gym floor is done, the stadium lights are installed and ready to be tested, and the new exterior locks will be going in over the next couple of weeks.

Take care,
Chris Gould, Principal