

The Chancellor Chargers'

"Pony Express"

August 2019

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

2019 Important Dates

August

- 6 Parking Permits - Seniors 9-11 a.m.
- 7 Parking Permits - Seniors & Juniors 9-11 a.m.
Business Night 6:00 p.m.
- 8-9 Senior pictures 8 am - 3 pm Auditorium
- 12 First day of school "A" Day
- 20-21 Underclass & Faculty Pictures 7:30 am - 3 pm Aud.

September

- 2 Holiday - Labor Day
- 4 Pictures: Seniors (last day) ; Underclass & Faculty
Retakes 7:30 am - 3 pm Auditorium
- 12 Interim Reports
- 17 Parent Conference Night 6:00 p.m.

October

- 2 DECA - VA State Fair Competition
- 9 Fall Band Concert 7:00 p.m. Auditorium
- 11 End of 9-Week Grading Period
Homecoming Football Game 7:00 p.m.
Chancellor High vs. Caroline High School
- 12 Chancellor Homecoming Dance - 7:30 pm - 11:00 pm
- 14 Teacher Planning & Development/No Students
- 16 PSAT (\$17 Test Fee)
Fall Orchestra Concert
- 17 Report Cards
- 22 Night of Honor 6:00 p.m.
- 23 College Night at the Mall 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
- 25 Senior Night Football Game 7:00 p.m.
- 30 Band Halloween Concert

November

- 3 Daylight Saving Time ends
- 5 Teacher Planning & Development/No Students
- 7 Chancellor Idol
- 14 Interim Reports
- 19 Parent Conference Night 6:00 p.m.
- 27-29 Fall Break

December

- 2 Winter Chorus Concert
- 4 Winter Band Concert 7:00 pm Auditorium
- 7 Band - Christmas Parades
- 11 Winter Orchestra Concert
- 17-20 Exams - Early Release for Prof. Learning 11:15 am
- 20 End of 9-Week Marking Period
- 23-31 Winter Break

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

"Welcome" to the students, parents, and staff of Chancellor High School as we open our 2019-2020 school year. For those of you who are new to the school or entering as freshmen, let me introduce to you our Administrative Staff and Counseling Staff.

Students are seen by Administrators according to your child's last name in the alphabet.

A - K - Brian Gebhardt, Assistant Principal
L - Z - Kim Lauderdale, Assistant Principal

Students are seen by School Counselors according to your child's last name in the alphabet.

A - D ~ Kelsey Wolfrey, School Counselor
E - J ~ Maggie Morganti, Director, School Counseling
K - Rh ~ Julian Kilmartin, School Counselor
Ri - Z ~ Kristin Clark, School Counselor

We encourage parents to become involved in "Charger" activities, even if it is something you do at home, like working on items for homecoming or after prom. If our staff can be of service to you at any time, please feel free to call our school at 786-2606.

Jacqueline Bass-Fortune, Principal

PARENTS—IMPORTANT NOTICE

Please help keep interruptions in the classroom to a minimum. **We will deliver messages to students only in case of an emergency and from parents only.** We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in this matter.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS:

All students who will graduate in May 2020 must have met all requirements for graduation to be eligible to march in the graduation ceremony. Any student with one or more deficiencies will not be permitted to walk.

STUDENT APPEARANCE AND ATTIRE

All students are to adhere to the Student Dress Code, located in the Student Handbook. Students should remember that they represent their school to the community. Any mode of dress that contributes to the disruption of school (i.e. obscene message/picture on clothing, short skirts, short shorts, bare midriffs) is strictly prohibited and may constitute a cause for disciplinary action. All pants should be worn at the waist line. **No undergarments/boxers should be visible. No leggings are allowed, unless worn with a long top to cover bottom and thighs. Please see the student handbook.**

TARDY/SWEEP

Parents and students, this is just a reminder of our tardy rules. Students are not to be loitering in the halls and should be in their classrooms when the bell sounds. This year, we will be using our sweep rule when deemed necessary. What is a hall sweep? A hall sweep is an instant discipline consequence when the bell sounds and the student is outside of the classroom.

STUDENT ATTENDANCE PROCEDURES/ABSENCES

Parents are asked to call the Attendance Office (Mrs. Lause -786-2606 Option # 1 or Ext. 5006) to report their child's absence. A message may be left on the Attendance Office voice mail. If you do not call the school regarding your child's absence, you will receive a call from the Attendance Office. Please be aware that for every 3 tardies a student receives, it is equal to an absence.

On the day the student returns to school they are to submit a note regarding their absence. A doctor's note is required for extensive illnesses. If you know in advance of an upcoming, extended absence, (i.e. surgery) please submit a letter to the Attendance Office, which will be reviewed by our principal, Mrs. Bass-Fortune. Please state student's full name, phone number, tentative dates, and the reason for their impending absence.

EARLY DISMISSAL REQUESTS

Requests for your child to be released from school early are to be submitted in writing from the parent stating the date, time of release, and reason. Students must turn in the written request before first period in the attendance office located in the main office. Parents will be called to verify the early dismissal request. If the student forgets his/her early dismissal note, the parent may come to the front foyer to sign their child out of the building. Upon returning to school following an early dismissal, an excuse note must be submitted to the Attendance Office. We cannot accept early dismissal requests over the phone. This is for the safety of your child. If your child returns during the day, they must sign in at the desk in the main office.

SCHOOL DANCES

School dances begin at 7:00 p.m. and conclude at 11:00 p.m. Students are expected to comply with the Code of Conduct at any and all school functions. **Inappropriate dancing will result in one warning from an Administrator, followed by a call to the parents to come pick up their child, thereafter. This will be strictly enforced.**

SENIOR SKIP DAYS

Senior Skip days are not sanctioned by Spotsylvania County Schools and will be counted as an unexcused absence. Please urge your child to be present in school.

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

The following dates have been set for Parent/Teacher Conferences beginning at 6:00 p.m. / Business Night August 7, 2019 / Conferences / September 17 & November 19, 2019 / Conferences / February 11 & April 21, 2020

Call Mrs. Marsh in the Counseling Office to schedule an appointment at 786-2606 Ext. 5021. You may, however, call to schedule an appointment with any of your child's teachers at any point throughout the school year.

STUDENT PROGRESS

Spotsylvania County Schools are on a nine week grading program. Parents are encouraged to discuss grades and class performance with their children in order to keep informed of their progress. Feel free to contact the school if a conference with your child's teachers is requested. Please note that interims are not mailed, but sent home with your child. Interim dates are as follows, and students will be responsible for giving them to their parents/guardians.

Interim Dates

Thursday, September 12, 2019
 Thursday, November 14, 2019
 Thursday, February 6, 2020
 Thursday, April 16, 2020

End of Grading Period

Friday, October 11, 2019
 Friday, December 20, 2019
 Friday, March 13, 2020
 Friday, May 22, 2020

Issue Report Cards to Students

Thursday, October 17, 2019
 Thursday, January 9, 2020
 Thursday, March 26, 2020
 Rpt. Cards Mailed Home After 5/22

Please remember that these dates face adjustment if winter weather or other circumstances force cancellation of school days.

CHANCELLOR HIGH SCHOOL WEB PAGE AND OTHER SCHOOL INFORMATION SOURCES

Chancellor High School maintains a web page with current information that can be of help to both students and parents. The school calendar is updated each month. Athletic schedules are updated with each season change. You can access the sports information at chancellorhs.rschooteams.com. **The web address is: <http://www.spotsylvania.k12.va.us/Domain/32>**. In addition to checking our website for CHHS information, you can also check Channel 18 for important information.

"Pony Express" Newsletters are online at our website monthly, with the exception of our larger, more detailed "Chancellor Charger News", which is also online at our website approximately four times during the school year.

Chancellor High Announcements:

Spotsylvania County Schools use Blackboard Mass Notification system, a notification service, to connect with parents, students and staff through voice, SMS text, email and social media. If you do not already receive announcements from Chancellor High School, please contact the Counseling Office.

**AUTOMATED PHONE SYSTEM AT CHHS**

The **main phone number** at Chancellor High School is **786-2606**. Our **fax number** is **786-1176**.
When calling the school, your calls will be forwarded promptly if you use the provided menu:

Attendance #1 Nurse #2 Counseling Department #3 Cafeteria #4 Activities Director #5
Library #6 Special Education #7 Marketing #8 Staff Directory #9 Office #0

Other Important Phone Numbers for the Spotsylvania County Schools are:

School Board Office: 834 - 2500

Transportation (bus information): 582 - 5125