



2026-2027

9TH GRADE PARENT ORIENTATION

“Deliberate success for ALL students.”

WELCOME



Administrators



Angela Stewart
Principal



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Assistant Principal
Athletic Director



Cassandra Mathious
Assistant Principal



Amy Pothel
Assistant Principal



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Assistant Principal



Dr. Brandon Morris
Assistant Principal



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WHO IS YOUR SCHOOL COUNSELOR?



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WHO IS IN THE SCHOOL COUNSELING OFFICE?



Ms. Natasha Mitchell
Clerk



Mr. Cliff Donlan
Enrollment Clerk



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WHAT'S HAPPENING TODAY?



Freshman Orientation

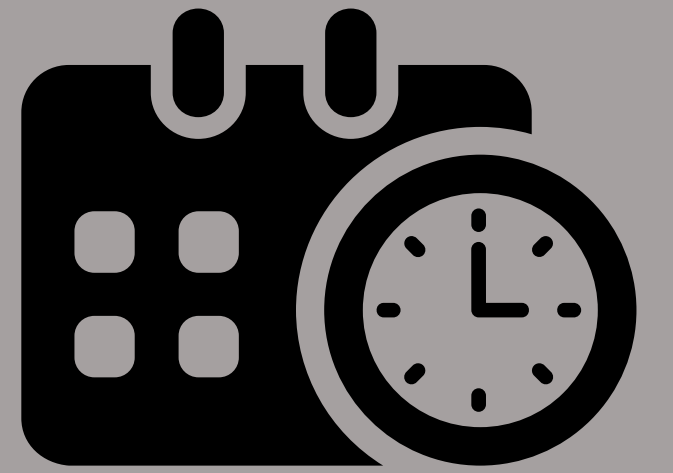
- Students are with Hillgrove Freshmen Mentors (HFM)
- Campus Tours
- Hawk 101 Sessions
- Hawkfest will begin at 9:30am –Open to everyone



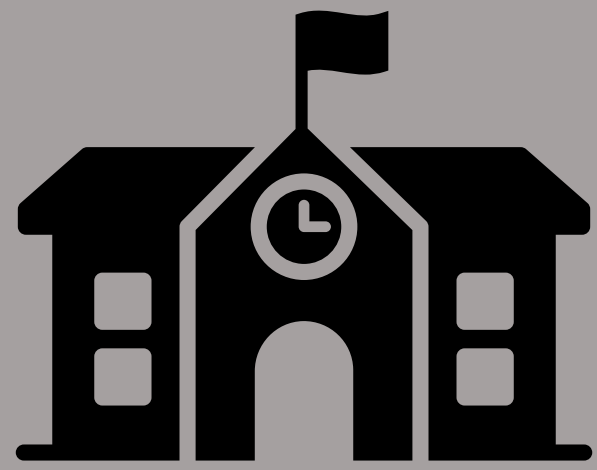
Parent Schedule

- Parent Meeting
- Question/Answer session
- Head to the gymnasium for Hawkfest (join clubs, pay dues, buy yearbook, walk schedule, join PTSA, etc.)

SCHEDULES



- Released on StudentVUE/ParentVUE
- Q1 and Q2 represent 1st Semester (Aug-Dec)
- Q3 and Q4 represent 2nd Semester (Jan-May)
- 5th class listed is homeroom
- 6th class listed is Hawk Hour
- Balanced Schedules (a couple of academics and a couple of electives each semester)
- Schedule CORRECTIONS are because of errors only (ex. already passed the class, all academics in one semester). Forms are available in the School Counseling Office



SCHOOL DAYS

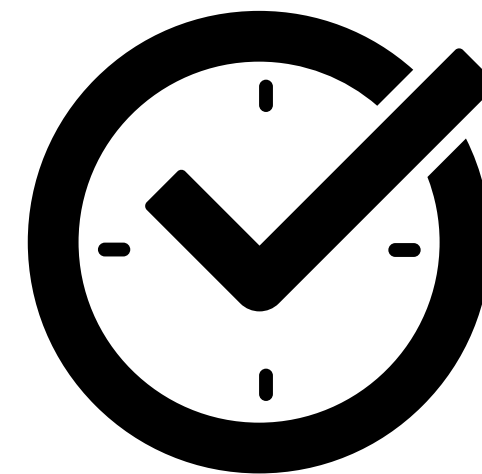
- 8:20 am –3:30 pm
- Block Schedule - Classes are 90 minutes each
- 6 minutes between classes
- Hawk Screech = 1 minute - warning
- Homeroom only on Wednesdays, and it's after 1st block .
- Hawk Hour is Wednesdays between 3rd and 4th . That means that Homeroom and Hawk Hour are on the same day .
- Lunch lasts about 28 minutes during 3rd block .
There are 4 lunch times (A, B, C, and D).
 - Lunch time depends on class.

COMMON QUESTIONS

- 1 VA Comp is Art
- 2 Free lunch applications are on CCSD Website
(Breakfast \$2.50, Lunch \$3.75)
- 3 Health/Personal Fitness is one class worth 1 credit.
(It is a graduation requirement)
- 4 Lockers - Ask your homeroom teacher if you are interested.
- 5 What happens if you get lost? There will be a lot of support!

HAWK HOUR

- Hawk Hour starts **August 19th**
- Opportunity during the school day for enrichment, remediation, or acceleration
- Meets weekly on **Wednesdays**
- On Fridays, students will use flex scheduling in their StudentVue to select the topic of their choice, register, and attend that session
- Student's Hawk Hour selection will show as a 6th 'class' on their schedule (**reminder 5th 'class' is homeroom**)
- Teachers will take attendance in Synergy



GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

4 Credits of English

4 Credits of Math

4 Credits of Science

3 Credits of Social Studies

1/2 Credit of Health

1/2 Credit of Personal Fitness

3 CTAE, Fine Arts, and /or
World Language

4 Credits of Electives

23 Credits Total

Getting to 10th Grade

- Credits are earned when a course is passed
- Credits are awarded in December and May
- 5 units of credit to be promoted to a sophomore (English, Math, Science required)
- EOCs count as 10 % of final grade (Algebra 1 and Biology)
- Pre-ACT taken during 9th grade

Virtual Parent Meeting with Mrs. Stewart

- Thursday, August 6th – 6:00 p.m. via Teams
- Invitation to the meeting will be sent via CTLS

Questions?

