

Greetings Hawk Families!

I hope the short time left for the summertime is going well for you all. I am excited to begin the 2021-2022 school year with a building full of students!

We have lots to review before that first day of school so please look to hear from me over the next couple of weeks as I provide preparation information to you.

We literally only have two weeks left before day 1 (August 2nd) and I am sure you have questions. I will attempt to answer a few intending to assist you in your planning.

WILL SENIORS HAVE A SENIOR WALK ON FIRST DAY? Absolutely! The Seniors typically come dressed a little step up from a normal school day (not required but preferred), and we welcome each of them as they enter the front doors of the school. It's been mostly a school event however if a few parents want pics, they simply come and take that pic and head out. Parents stand in the front of the school and do not come in the building. Hopefully it's not a rain day. If so, we will move this event inside.

IS THERE A FRESHMEN BOOTCAMP THIS YEAR? Yes, the name is different. We will have a Freshmen Orientation on July 29th from 8:20am to 10:00am. This will incorporate our new Hillgrove Freshmen Mentor (HFM) program where each freshman will have upperclassmen assigned to assist them. These upperclassmen went through an application process and had to be accepted as mentors to be a part of this program. On this day, there will be a student and parent meeting. The Freshmen parent meeting will start at 8:45am in the Auditorium. The Freshmen student meeting will start at 8:20 in the stadium.

IS HAWKFEST HAPPENING THIS YEAR? Yes, Hawkfest is the same day, July 29th. Hawkfest hours will be from 10:00am to 2:30pm. You may visit the gym anytime in that window. A detailed layout will be sent out next week. This event is an optional community event that provides an opportunity to learn about clubs, sports, organizations; purchase Grove gear; pay for parking; pay class dues; make donations; receive ParentVUE information and ask questions. ParentVUE questions may be emailed to Ms. Mitchell as well. Parent meetings for Freshmen, Sophomore and Junior parents will also take place during the Hawkfest hours. **Hawkfest will not be a time to address schedule corrections.** We are attempting to be totally cashless and have online payments only.

WHEN ARE STUDENTS RECEIVING SCHEDULES? Students will receive schedules electronically through StudentVUE before July 29th – Hawkfest Day.

IF THERE IS A QUESTION ABOUT A SCHEDULE, WHAT DO WE DO? For this process there will be a form that has to be completed and turned in with

signatures from both parent and student. The form will be made available on July 29th. The form must be submitted to Natasha.Mitchell@cobbk12.org or dropped off directly to her. If the form is sent electronically it must be scanned with both signatures. Please be sure both signatures are on the form. This form will be due on August 6, 2021 by 3:45pm no later. That is the deadline.

Please do not email counselors about schedule changes. This will ensure that concerns are not lost etc. and we need the process of using the form to be followed. You will have one opportunity to submit one form. Again, schedule concerns will not be handled at Hawkfest but you may drop forms that day if you are physically in the building.

WHAT IS THE DRESS CODE? See attached. Please adhere to the code as we strive for excellence, an academically focused environment and appropriate attire in our school. Please shop accordingly to fit the school dress code.

WHERE CAN WE ACCESS THE PARKING APPLICATION? See attached. You can handle this at Hawkfest but you are also able to come by the parking office on July 27th from 1:00pm to 3:00pm or July 28th from 7:30am to 8:30am. The parking office can best be accessed through the auditorium front entrance of the school or stair entrance in the first parking lot of the school. This office is across the hall from the Band room. The parking contact is Lisa.morrow@cobbk12.org

WHEN ARE STUDENT APPLICATION FOR STUDENT LEADERSHIP DUE? See attached. **Applications and teacher recommendations are due on Friday, August 13, 2021.** The time has come for current and future Hillgrove students to apply for the Crimson Council Student Association! This organization includes SGA and the class officers. Please share this application document with your students. It contains the information and links students will need in order to apply.