



Hawk Highlights

August 5, 2021

2nd Edition 2021-2022

First Week Follow Ups...

Hi Hawk Families!

I hope the start of the year has been smooth for you so far. It takes time to get acclimated, but we are getting there. Hang in there, we are here to work with you.

Some of you may know and some may not, but we have a new Assistant Principal, Ms. Amy Pothel. She is a great addition to our team, and we welcome her!

Ok... Several Follow-ups:

Parents and students, please make note of the following protocols for student drop off. All student drop offs need to take place in the front of the school.

In the morning and afternoon, no one is permitted to enter or exit the access road between the school and Bullard Rd. between the hours of 7:45 a.m. and 8:45 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. If you have any questions or concerns, then please contact Amy Pothel at amy.pothel@cobbk12.org.

Drop offs and Pickups: Parents please be sure that you are not going on to Lovinggood's campus in the morning and afterschool. It is a huge inconvenience for the middle school and poses a safety concern when you use that campus for convenience. We understand the morning and afternoon rush but we all must plan for traffic and be patient. We also ask when you come to Hillgrove to drop off that you pull as far up as possible to allow traffic to flow quicker. You do not have to drop your child at the front door, please pull all the way up as far as you see sidewalk. Thanks so much for your cooperation.

Picture Day is approaching. Please see the details below:

Who: Grades 9 through 12

What: Yearbook pictures for grades 9-11. ID card pictures for 12th grade (This event is not reserved for senior, yearbook images).

When: August 12th during 2nd block.

Where: Auditorium, Auxiliary Gym, Theater. Locations will be given to students on Wednesday the 11th, prior to the event. 2nd block teachers will guide students to the specified location.

- There will be a make-up picture day later this year if a student is absent on this date.
- Students may purchase images at the following website: [Cady Studios - Underclass Home](#)
- In order to be pictured in the yearbook, seniors must schedule a separate session beyond the above stated picture day: [Senior Portraits | Cady](#). The above date will be used to provide student ID's only for seniors. Underclassmen will also receive student ID's.
- Email David.Thomas@cobbk12.org with questions.

I want to follow up on a few important things to note and discuss with your child. We completed all student meetings and we covered a lot of information. A few things we shared that I want you to know include:

- First and most importantly, we covered academics and the high expectations of how to assist them being deliberate in their success.
- We covered dress code violations. They will be handled initially by calling parents for a change of clothes. We have warned all students and expect them to follow the dress code. We must team up to get all our students back in the mode of structure. We are back to having a building full of students and I am confident that we will have a strong positive culture. We will not digress due to attire. This is a lenient code (believe me) and we need your assistance. Please make sure there are no exposures, (Lower Backs, Butts, Bras, Bosoms, Bellies and Boxers (or any underwear); No hats or doo-rags and No bandanas. If your child is in violation of any of the above, please be mindful that we may contact you to assist us in getting them in code before returning to class. We will not suspend a student unless this becomes a chronically repeated offense and the behavior becomes insubordination and/or disrespect. Thank you for working with us. Students must be in code by Monday, August 9th. That's when we will start calling parents.
- We covered safety and Code Red drill instructions
- We covered management of social media and bullying/Cyberbullying
- We covered the Codes of Conduct
- We covered the great things about Hillgrove and how we plan to have a great year!

October 13, 2021 PSAT Administration – SOPHOMORE Students

On Wednesday, October 13th, all first-time sophomore students will participate in the PSAT test administration. The State of Georgia pays the test fee for sophomore students only. It is important students take the PSAT seriously as it provides good practice in preparation for future standardized tests, such as the SAT along with feedback on college readiness and free personalized SAT test prep through [KhanAcademy.org](https://www.khanacademy.org). For more information about the benefits of taking the PSAT, [click HERE](#). Please note: Sophomores DO NOT have to register or to submit payment to participate in the October 13th PSAT administration. As currently enrolled students, this is automatically completed for them. To accommodate the large number of testing participants, a revised bell schedule will be implemented. Specific testing information will be sent through CTLS Parent and posted to the school's website closer to October 13th.

October 13, 2021 PSAT Administration –JUNIOR Students

Junior students can participate in the Wednesday, October 13th, PSAT test administration. The testing fee is \$18.00. Participation provides students with practice and exposure to standardized tests along with feedback on college readiness and free personalized SAT test prep through [KhanAcademy.org](https://www.khanacademy.org). For more information about the benefits of taking the PSAT, [click HERE](#). For interested juniors, the PSAT provides the opportunity for [National Merit Scholarship](#) eligibility. Students in the 11th grade who would like to participate in the October 13th PSAT test administration must submit payment using MyPaymentsPlus by 4:00 P.M. on Monday, September 14th. Regretfully, no payments can be accepted after 4:00 P.M. for any reason.

Student Leader Deadlines as soon as this Friday – see the attached.

Class Representative applications are due on Friday, August 6th.

Class/SGA Officer applications are due on Friday, August 13th.

Student dues:

- Freshmen and Sophomores -\$30.00
- Juniors and Seniors - \$50.00 – IN ORDER TO PURCHASE PROM TICKETS DUES MUST BE PAID. Homecoming and Prom tickets are sold separately.

Paying dues support student activities and school spirit. Students will each receive a T-shirt and access to class level events. The freshmen and sophomores will have 1 event (planned by student leaders) and the juniors and seniors will have 2 events (planned by student leaders).

T-Shirts for class dues will not be distributed during Hawkfest. Students have until the night of Open House (TBA), to pay class dues and receive a T-Shirt in the first order. If students pay for dues after Open House then they will receive a T-Shirt in the second order.

Sports passes: AVAILABLE NOW!! See Attached graphic.

Get ready for school spirit! Hawk Gear available for sale here! [Hawk Spirit Wear](#)

Reflections that benefit us all

Communicate and Connect!