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Dear Casco Bay Families:

Happy August! To help facilitate a successful school opening, please review the following information carefully. Please contact us if you would like any additional information. We are excited to see you all (fairly) soon!

### Upcoming Events

#### August 19th: Fall Sports Tryouts

Get involved! Contact Mr. Shibles ([shibls@portlandschools.org](mailto:shibls@portlandschools.org)) or the PHS (874-8250) or DHS (874-8260) athletic offices with any questions.

#### Tuesday, August 27<sup>th</sup> – CBHS Parent Advisory Group (6 to 7pm)

All CBHS parents and guardian are welcome, especially folks new to CBHS. Meet other parents and learn about the CBHS Parent Advisory group. **The purposes of the Parent Advisory Group are:**

- To advise the principal on select issues.
- To facilitate communication between the school and the parent body (and the broader community).
- To promote parent involvement at Casco Bay High School.
- To lead efforts to appreciate CBHS staff.
- To provide feedback on Governance proposals.
- To assist with fundraising and securing resources that will improve teaching and learning.
- To support one another as parents of teens.

#### August 29th: Parent and Student Input on 2019-2020 Expeditions (1:00-2:30pm, Great Space)

All parents and students are welcome and encouraged to come give feedback on draft expedition plans for the coming year.

#### August 29<sup>th</sup>: Casco Bay Quest Information Night (5:30-6:00pm)

Come learn more about the Freshmen and Senior Quests to Cow Island.

#### August 29<sup>th</sup>: Ice Cream Social for New Students and Families (6-7:00)

All students and families of new students are invited! (**Returning Students:** If you would like to be an ambassador for the event, please contact Mr. Pierce ([piercd@portlandschools.org](mailto:piercd@portlandschools.org)) to sign up.)

#### August 29<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>: School Beautification Days (9am-3pm)

Student and parent volunteers are sought to help us get new and old spaces ready and spiffy for opening day. Any and all help – both skilled and unskilled – is appreciated! Come for one hour, all day or whenever you can.

#### Tuesday, September 3rd: Opening Day Special Schedule:

Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors should arrive at the normal start time: by 8:00am. They will be dismissed early, prior to lunch, about 11:40. **Freshmen** should arrive by 9:40. **9<sup>th</sup> graders** will be dismissed at 2:30; school lunch will be available for freshmen. Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup> will begin (8am) and end (2:30) at the standard times for all grades. Students will be in crews (only) during the first day of school. All academic courses (blocks #1-#6) will meet on Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>. Thursday, September 5<sup>th</sup> will be the first “A” Day.

#### The Casco Bay Quest: Freshmen and Senior Expeditions

We are pleased to once again be able to offer Casco Bay Quest for all 9<sup>th</sup> graders (9/24-9/27) and seniors (9/17-9/20) this fall. Please return any paperwork for our Quests to our main office (or Ripple Effect) as soon as possible.



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Stop by school for the forms or download them off the website; there is a link to the necessary paperwork (and more background information) on our homepage. No previous kayaking (or swimming) experience is necessary. We are striving for all 9<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders to participate. Because **this year's Quests have so far received support from the White Pine Foundation (\$30,000, the Foundation for PPS, the CBHS Parent Advisory Group, the Nellie Mae Foundation and several generous donors,** the cost is only \$50 for students (and \$10 for students who qualify for free/reduced lunch). Payment should be turned into crew advisors or our main office. Checks should be made out to "Casco Bay High School."

### **What School Supplies Do You Need to Start?**

All CBHS students are strongly encouraged to acquire an agenda book, a marble composition book, two double pocket folders, three one-inch binders (with dividers) and plenty of writing utensils to start the year. Juniors should also obtain a 2-inch binder. Some additional supplies may be suggested by particular teachers during the opening days of school. If you need assistance with any school supplies, please let us know. Each student will have the option of receiving a Google Chromebook again this year; any outstanding technology fees should be paid ahead of time.

### **Don't Forget To Read!**

**Summer Reading!** We are asking all CBHS students to read at least three books. Each grade level has a list of recommended books. AP Courses have additional requirements. For a complete description of summer work expectations, click on the CBHS homepage link about "Summer Reading," or feel free to call if you would like any additional information.

### **Metro Bus Service**

Existing Metro cards will be honored by Metro until early September, and we will give out the new ones during the first days of school. If you plan to use the Metro regularly and can download the app, Southern Maine Transit Tracker (SMTT), it is recommended that you do so. The app allows you to see just how many minutes till the next bus is at your stop.

### **Course Schedules and News**

Students will receive their course schedules and room assignments from their crew advisors during school's opening. They are NOT needed ahead of time. Many can be viewed on Infinite Campus by August 16th, but are subject to change before the start of school. If you have questions about your schedule, please contact Mr. Pierce (grades 9 and 10, [piercd@portlandschools.org](mailto:piercd@portlandschools.org)), Mr. Hale (grade 11, [halem@portlandschools.org](mailto:halem@portlandschools.org)) or Ms. Doyle (grade 12, [doyles@portlandschools.org](mailto:doyles@portlandschools.org)).

**All rising juniors and seniors planning to take a college course next fall.** Make sure you have completed the requisite paperwork from SMCC or USM. Contact Ms. Doyle ([doyles@portlandschools.org](mailto:doyles@portlandschools.org)) with any questions. Please be aware that the first meeting of your USM or SMCC course could very well be before the first day of classes at CBHS. If you are interested in either of the SMCC courses being offered at CBHS after school on Wednesdays this fall (College Algebra or Maine History), please contact Ms. Doyle ([doyles@portlandschools.org](mailto:doyles@portlandschools.org)) ASAP.

**Juniors and Seniors:** Statistics and Poetry will *not* be offered this fall. Ms. Natarajan is teaching a USM Statistics section, however. There will be a new STEM Intensive offered each trimester during Acads and X Block. The fall intensive is called the Science of Spinning. Contact Ms. Doyle to sign up ([doyles@portlandschools.org](mailto:doyles@portlandschools.org)) or Ms. Loughlin ([lougha@portlandschools.org](mailto:lougha@portlandschools.org)) FMI.

### **Parent E-Mail List**

If you are not receiving a weekly school news update from the principal but would like to in the fall, please contact Deb Kierstead ([kiersd@portlandschools.org](mailto:kiersd@portlandschools.org)) or 874-8160.

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### **Casco Bay High School Parents' Night (Open House): September 12th**

6:30-8:30 for 9<sup>th</sup> Grade and New 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents

7:00-8:30 for Returning CBHS Parents

*Enjoy the remainder of summer!*





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