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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 13th: Fall Sports Tryouts

Get involved! Contact Mr. Shibles (shibls@portlandschools.org) or the PHS or DHS athletic offices with any questions.

August 23rd, 24th and 31st: 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. Given the renovations this summer, we are going to need a lot of help, so thanks in advance for considering.

August 28th: Parent and Student Input on 2018-2018 Expeditions (2:00-3:30pm, Great Space)

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

August 28th: Parent Advisory Group: 5:00-6:00pm

All CBHS parents are welcome. We will meet in Room Sudan off the Great Space.

August 28th: Casco Bay Quest Information Night (6:00 to 6:30pm)

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

August 29th: 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) to sign up.)*

Tuesday, September 4th: 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. **9th graders** will be dismissed at 2:30; school lunch will be available for freshmen. Wednesday, September 5th will begin (8am) and end (2:30) at the 2017-18 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 5th. Thursday, September 6th 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 9th graders (9/25-9/28) and seniors (9/18-9/21) this fall. Please return any paperwork for our Quests to our main office (or Ripple Effect) as soon as possible. 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 9th and 12th graders to participate. Because **this year's Quests have so far received support from the White Pine Foundation (\$30,000), LL Bean, the Portland Education Foundation, the CBHS Parent Advisory Group and the Nellie Mae Foundation**, 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."*



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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 Chrome book again this year.

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

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 15th, 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), Mr Hale (grade 11, halem@portlandschools.org) or Ms. Doyle (grade 12, 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. Hampton or Mr. Hale 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.

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) or 874-8160.

Casco Bay High School Parents' Night (Open House): September 13th

6:30-8:30 for 9th Grade and New 10th-12th Grade Parents

7:00-8:30 for Returning CBHS Parents

Enjoy the remainder of summer!

