

Wildcat Families,

I hope everyone is doing well and enjoying the final weeks of summer. I would like to welcome all of our students and parents to Centreville High School. For those of you who are new to CVHS, you are joining a wonderful school community, and we welcome you!

By now, I'm sure you have read Dr. Brabrand's message, which was sent on August 4th. If not, you can find it at [this link](#). Our goal at CVHS and across FCPS is to have a strong virtual opening, and our staff has been working hard to meet this goal. Over the next several weeks, the teachers will engage in professional learning and will be preparing their courses and instruction to best support student success. We are excited to connect with our students and to engage in the learning virtually as we open the school year.

There are still questions to be answered and preparations to be made as we approach the first day of school on Tuesday, September 8; however, I wanted to provide you with some updates below that will be helpful in sharing information:

- The [school website](#) is being updated on the [Welcome Back](#) page to include important information such as the bell schedule and school communications. This site will continue to be updated regularly, so please make sure you have it bookmarked and visit it routinely.
- Be sure to read the information found [at this link](#) about freshman and new student laptop pick up. Be sure to [sign-up for a time](#) to get your laptop if you have not already done so.
- A student Google Site is currently being populated with critical information for students. This site will contain a host of topics that will help orient students to the school year. An icon to access the site will be pushed to the desktop of each student's laptop for easy access. More information will be provided when the site is ready.
- We are planning a virtual student orientation for 11:00am on Thursday, Sept 3. Students will have an opportunity to join a class session with their 1st period teacher and receive some important orientation information. Our goal is to help students be prepared to access their classes in Blackboard Collaborate, provide information, and answer questions. We will send the same information through a video presentation for those students who cannot attend. More information will be forthcoming.
- We will be hosting two live presentations and Q&A sessions for parents at the dates and times below. Links will be provided later. The sessions will be recorded and shared in case you cannot attend or if the sessions reach their capacity. Please try to attend based on grade level to help with balance, but you can attend either night if you have a conflict.
 - 9th and 10th grade - Tuesday, September 1 from 6:30 - 7:30 pm

- 11th and 12th grade - Wednesday, September 2 from 6:30 - 7:30 pm
- Back to School Night will take place virtually this year through a video presentation and teacher video clips. We do not have a release date yet, but we expect to release by the end of September. Details will be provided later.
- Do not hesitate to reach out to your student's administrator or counselor with any questions. Students are assigned alphabetically by last name to administrators, found [here](#), and counselors found [here](#).

Now, more than ever, a strong connection between the school and family is critical to student success, and we want to stay connected with you. We are in this together, and despite the many challenges, we will be committed to a great school year. Thank you for your continued patience and flexibility. I will continue to send updates as we approach the start of the year. Go Wildcats!

Chad Lehman
Principal