August 1, 2019

Dear Members of the Class of 2020:

Your senior year has arrived! As you look back on your last three years of high school, you may be amazed at how quickly time has passed. This year should be no exception. With that in mind, it is my hope that you will make this year your best ever. Throughout this year you will make many important decisions which will begin to shape your future. Work hard and continue to participate in school activities. This is your senior year, enjoy it!

Student schedules will be available on OnCourse on the evening of Thursday, August 15th. New students may not have access to OnCourse for their schedules. Recitation will continue between sessions 2 and 3. In preparing for this year’s Recitation schedule, we would like your feedback. Please take a few moments to give us your comments here.

All senior students will be issued new Chromebooks, chargers, and student ID badges. Students may pick up their new Chromebooks and ID badges from the Technology Department on August 15 between 9 a.m. and 12 p.m., and on August 19 between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. In order for these new materials to be issued, students must bring their current school ID badge, Chromebook, and charger to be returned. Distribution will take place at the end of the 100 hall, near the new black box theater. Please enter the building through the Performing Arts Center entrance for easiest access to the distribution location. Students who are unable to pick up their new Chromebooks, chargers, and IDs during these designated times will receive them during the opening days of school.

Your first day of school will be Thursday, September 5th. All students are to report at the regular time of 7:45 a.m. This is a full day for all students. Students should wear their student IDs and have a copy of their schedule with them on the first day of school. All students will be required to wear their ID so it is visible each day in school. Charged chromebooks should also be brought to school on the first day.

Please report to your period one class on Thursday, September 5th. If you have Senior Option listed on your schedule, you are to report to the cafeteria at that time for a mandatory information session. Attendance will be taken. On Friday, September 6th, we will begin our rotating drop period schedule with an "A" day.

Students should be aware of the following entrances:
● From 7:00-7:45 a.m., the bus loop doors will be accessible to students using student ID badges.
● The main entrance is accessible to students from 7:00-2:45 p.m. All students must use this entrance in order to enter the building after 7:45 a.m. There is an ID badge swipe at the main entrance.
● Students who arrive late to school should report to the main office via the new main entrance to sign in. This includes seniors who arrive after session 1 who need to sign in after senior option.
● During after school hours, only the PAC doors and those near the Athletic Office are open for students who need access to the building.

Students who are new to Central High School are invited to attend a new students' orientation on Wednesday, September 4th, from 7:45 to 10:45 a.m., and the Freshman/New Students' Freshman BBQ on Tuesday, September 3rd at 5:00 p.m. in the cafeteria for students and their parents. New seniors should see Mrs. Franz in the VP office for a student ID.

Most senior portraits were taken last spring. Those seniors who did not sit for senior portraits last May will be automatically scheduled this fall. **Senior portrait sessions will be held on September 24, 25 and 26, during the school day.** If you want to schedule a retake, please contact Lors Photography directly at 908-964-0847.

We are encouraging all of our seniors to complete parking and senior option forms prior to the start of school. These forms can be located in the Virtual Backpack on the CHS page of the district website. Students should register their cars as soon as possible and immediately begin to park in their assigned spots. If you handed in your parking forms already, please pick up your parking tag in the VP office. Any student who has not yet gotten their parking pass should complete the parking application and submit to Mrs. Franz in the VP office.

As part of district policy 5538 R regarding Random Student Screening, all students planning to participate in athletics, take part in extracurricular clubs or activities, or park on campus must complete the Random Drug Testing Consent form.

Soon after school begins, we will have a class meeting to discuss the upcoming school year and other items of special interest to seniors. Until then, enjoy the rest of the summer. We’re looking forward to welcoming all of our students back in September. I hope you have a wonderful senior year!

Sincerely,

Tana Smith
Principal
Hopewell Valley Central High School