



***THE PRINCIPAL'S PEN***

**October 2020**



It is hard to believe we are already six weeks into the 2020-21 school year! We are so glad to have over 500 of our CTHS students back on campus in face-to-face learning. We are eager to receive more students and encourage both students and parents to consider returning students to our campus. Students and/or parents can make the change from virtual to face-to-face learning by simply contacting our campus administrative staff and discussing a return date with us. We strongly encourage students who are struggling with virtual learning to return to campus, especially our juniors and seniors who need hands-on experiences, training, and hours to earn their industry-recognized certifications.

Our students and staff are all wearing masks or face shields and practicing safe social distancing as applicable. Stairways are designated as up or down to promote smooth student flow in the hallways. We have removed extra chairs in our dining hall to allow for social distancing during breakfast and lunch. All classrooms and offices are provided with disinfectant and our custodial staff continues to clean and sanitize our building during the day and each evening. We have had only three lab confirmed student cases of COVID-19 in the first six weeks, with each of those having completely recovered and our student case percentage at 0.01%.

Beginning today, our district is now able to offer free breakfast and free lunch to all students! This will continue through December 2020 so please take advantage of this incredible opportunity. Friday, October 2 is National Custodian Appreciation Day and our CTHS Student Council officers and others on our campus will be recognizing our fabulous custodial staff led by our head custodian Fredy Jaime! We appreciate our custodial team for all their hard work to keep our building clean, disinfected, and safe for all of us.

Tuesday, October 6 will be our school yearbook picture day for students in Grades 9-11. Strawbridge Studios will be on campus to take yearbook pictures for our students and staff. Students will enjoy two days off on Monday, October 12 and Tuesday, October 13 as our teachers and staff participate in both district and campus staff development sessions.

We will be administering the PSAT to our 11<sup>th</sup> grade students on Wednesday, October 14, to our 9<sup>th</sup> grade students on Tuesday, October 20, and to our 10<sup>th</sup> grade students on Thursday, October 29. We will be administering the SAT to our 12<sup>th</sup> grade students on Tuesday, October 27. On each of those days, students in those grade levels regardless of virtual or face-to-face learning will report to CTHS to take their respective exams. We will provide lunch and district transportation home for students at 12:30 p.m. on each of those days. Please encourage your student to participate in these very important examinations on their assigned day.

We appreciate your continued support and encouragement for your student to return to CTHS full time for face-to-face instruction. Great things are happening at CTHS! Don't miss out!

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