

**CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL** 

14075 Ken Austin Parkway • Brooksville, FL 34613 352.797.7020 • Fax 352.797.7120 www.hernandoschools.org/chs *Principal*: Kelly Slusser



Assistant Principals: Brandon DeRespiris Jodi Slone Dr. Lore Adesso Dear Students and Families:

International Education Cambridge International School

Welcome back to another exciting year of learning and growth! We hope you had a wonderful break and are ready to embark on a new journey filled with knowledge, challenges, and achievements.

As we open our doors once again, we want you to know that our school community is here to support you every step of the way. Whether you are a returning student or joining us for the first time, we extend a warm welcome to each and every one of you.

This year promises to be filled with exciting opportunities and new experiences. We have planned a range of engaging activities, stimulating lessons, and enriching programs that will challenge you to expand your horizons. Remember to take advantage of these offerings, explore your passions, and discover new talents. Your time at our school is not just about academics; it is about nurturing your overall growth and fostering lifelong skills.

Our dedicated faculty members are eager to guide you on this educational journey. They are passionate about their subjects and committed to providing you with a stimulating and supportive learning environment. Don't hesitate to reach out to them if you need assistance or have any questions. Remember, education is a collaborative effort, and together, we can achieve great things.

Here is some important information you should know before you join us on the first day of school on Monday, August 14th.

- 1. <u>Books and Schedules:</u> Students will be issued textbooks after the first 10 days of school when the drop/add period is complete. Textbook distribution will be conducted through your student's English class the week 9/4. You can also return your textbooks from last school year during these times if you have not done so yet. Textbooks for the new school year will not be issued during this time if textbooks from last school year have not been returned. Student schedules are located in both the Skyward student portal and the Skyward parent portal. All students will be going to their 1<sup>st</sup> period class first on the first day of school which is denoted in Skyward with a "1." As a backup, students 1<sup>st</sup> period classes will be posted on the administration building windows, media center windows, and cafeteria windows so students can look up their names and know where to report. When your student arrives to their 1<sup>st</sup> period class, they will then be given a paper copy of their student schedule on the first day of school.
- 2. <u>Drop/ Add Classes: Following</u> the School District's procedure handbook, the drop/add period for changing students' classes on their schedule can only be done during the 10-day window at the beginning of the school year. The drop/add period will run from 8/16-8/29. To drop/add classes students must pick up a drop/add form in front of the guidance department door in the courtyard. All forms must be returned to guidance within the ten-day window and all forms must have a parent signature. Please note, most classes on your student's schedule are needed for graduation and/or a career program of study. There is very little wiggle room.







https://band.us/n/a2a41fu1D2p5s

www.hernandoschools.org/chs

Si desea que esta información le sea interpretada en español, por favor comuníquese con Miki Camacho al (352) 797-7020, anexo (412) Gracias.

#lifeisbetterinbearcountry

**3.** <u>Freshman Orientation C/O 2027</u>: We would like to invite all our incoming freshman students and their families to our freshman orientation scheduled for Saturday 8/12. Students and families please attend by last names beginning with:

(A-M) @ 9:00 AM OR (N-Z) @ 12:00 PM. During this event, we will give your family and students a tour of Central High School and provide you with vital information on high school graduation requirements. In addition, information will be shared on athletics, club, and performing arts opportunities for your student. We will also be handing out schedules to freshman students only on this date.

4. <u>Grade Level Assemblies</u>: All students will attend a grade level assembly with their cohort in the auditorium. During this time, students will meet their school counselor and all of their administrators. In addition, the administration will be reviewing policies, procedures, and expectations. The grade level assemblies are scheduled as follows during the school day for students only.

Monday 8/28 – Grades 11 and 12

Tuesday 8/29 – Grades 9 and 10

- 5. <u>Open House:</u> This event is for all CHS families and students. Save the date. 9/20/23 from 6:00-8:00 P.M. We look forward to your family joining us and you having the opportunity to meet your student's teachers.
- 6. <u>School Advisory Council (SAC)</u>: The School Advisory Council is a school-based group of stakeholders that meet once a month to aid in improving our school. Please join us at our first meeting of the year on Tuesday, August 15 at 6:00 p.m. in the Media Center.
- 7. <u>Connect with Us:</u> See how to access our CHS Facebook page, CHS Twitter page, CHS Band App, and our CHS website at the bottom of the previous page. In addition, connect with your school counselor through their Band App by scanning the QR codes below to get important information pertaining to your cohort.

Mr. McDuffie	Ms. Becker	Ms. Mayhill	Mrs. Owen & Mrs. Hengesh	Mrs. Owen	SAC
9th Grade	10th Grade	11th Grade	12th Grade		JAC
Class of 2027	Class of 2026	Class of 2025	Class of 2024	CHS AICE	

- 8. <u>School Times/Power Hour:</u> Student school hours have remained the same for the 23-24 school year 7:20 AM 2:10 PM. Students must be in their seats at 7:20 AM when their first period class begins. Please make sure all students arrive at school no later than 7:15 AM to avoid being late for their first period class. Starting in September, every Wednesday all students will be attending a power hour class for enrichment and remediation, and we will be operating using our power hour bell schedule. Both the regular and power hour bell schedules can be found on our school website.
- 9. Transportation:
- Bus Riders: Visit hernandoschools.org for bus stop locations and pick-up/drop-off times or contact the transportation department at 797-7003.
- Drop Offs: All student drop offs are conducted in the front parking lot loop of the school.
- Student Drivers: All students who drive must park in the back parking lot, pay a \$50.00 parking fee, and complete the Parking Permit Application at <a href="https://hernando.revtrak.net">https://hernando.revtrak.net</a>.

- 10. <u>Fees:</u> All students can pay their activity fee of \$20.00. Some classes on campus require additional class fees to include but not limited to career technical classes, science classes, and performing arts classes. All fees can be paid online at <u>https://hernando.revtrak.net</u>
- **11.** <u>HCSD Rules and Procedures:</u> Information pertaining to policies regarding attendance, grading, dress code, behavior, etc., can be found in the Secondary Procedures Handbook and the Student Code of Conduct on the following website: <u>www.hernandoschools.org</u>

Finally, I want to express my gratitude to all the parents and guardians who have entrusted us with the education and well-being of their children. Your support and involvement in your child's education play a crucial role in their success. Let's continue to work together as partners in their learning journey.

Once again, welcome back, students! Let's embrace this new academic year with open minds, compassionate hearts, and a determination to make the most of every opportunity that comes our way. Together, we can make this year an exceptional one.

Wishing you all a fantastic year ahead!

Sincerely,

Kelly Slusser, Principal