**FREEMAN ESSENTIALS FOR NEW FAMILIES**

**9/27/2017**

**6:30 – 7:30pm, Library**

**Parent Sponsored Organizations**

 **PTSA – open meetings on first Monday of month at 5:30 pm**

 **Choral Boosters**

 **Theater Guild**

 **Band Boosters**

 **Athletic Boosters – open meetings on first Monday of month at 7:00 pm**

 **All Night Graduation Party (ANGP)**

**Topics to Cover**

 **Attendance**

* + - Call attendance number if child is sick
		- Send note if early dismissal is needed for Dr. apt.
		- Robo call for absences & early dismissal
		- Either walk child into school or send a note if tardiness is due to medical appointment
		- Attendance office is to the right as you come in the main doors. Don’t have to go into the main office

 **Clinic**

* Medications must be administered by clinic OTC & RX
* Bring in unopened bottle of OTC medications for clinic to give your child. Fill out appropriate forms.
* Clinic will call if your child is ill and you need to pick them up. Must sign into school and go to the clinic to get them. If they drive, you must give permission for them to drive themselves. Nurse may determine the student is too ill to drive.
* Regardless of age, school is responsible for your child – even if they are 18.

 **Clubs/Activities**

* + - Many opportunities to get involved – daily announcements are on the website each day and on the Rebel Hub
		- Some clubs require a small dues fee
		- Most clubs meet either right before school at 8:30 am or right after school at 4:00 pm
		- Community Service Seal – forms in office

 **Counseling**

* + - Assignedalphabetically
		- Counseling section on DSF website
		- Encourage your child to get to know his/her counselor early in 9th grade. Schedule an appointment for the three of you.

 **Communication and Information**

* + - School Website
		- On DSF site is the activities calendar – can see all events at DSF on a particular day/week
		- Principal’s Coffee – first Wednesday of each month
		- Rebel Hub
		- PTSA website/Signal Newsletter
		- Mr. Mey’s weekly update email
		- Twitter – follow sports teams and other entities like DSF Lacrosse, The Commentator, TheRVASportsNetwork, 804Varsity, DSF Class of 2021, Henrico Schools, etc.
		- Facebook – follow Henrico County Public Schools
		- School Newspaper – The Commentator - there is an online version and a paper copy
		- Schoology
		- PowerSchool for computer or app for phone
		- Terms – big gym, little gym, annex, green acres

 **Drop Off/ Pick Up Parking**

* The front parking lot is for parking only. It is not a drop off/ pick up except for late arrivals and early dismissal
* Website shows how parents should progress through student parking lot to drop off and pick up students.
* Parking on Camden during dismissal is extremely dangerous for our new inexperienced drivers
* If you park in student lot, you will get a nasty gram. Put a note on your dashboard if you will be in school long.
* Parking is reserved for seniors this year and some juniors due to field replacement

 **Exam Week – January & June**

* + - Half day, 2 exams per day, 1 on Friday (periods 1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 5)
		- Do not come to school for study hall unless transportation is an issue
		- Do not come to school if you do not have an exam that period
		- Do not need to call in if no exam that period
		- For future years, exams will be held in December. See HCPS website for a look at the draft calendars for next year.

 **Food Allergies**

* Food is restricted to cafeteria

 **Forgotten Items**

* Rack in hallway across from attendance, in front of office doors
* Drop off lunch in a brown paper bag
* Drop off sports equipment as needed
* Label everything

 **PE**

* + - 2 credits 9th & 10th grade
		- must make up absences
		- alternatives to in school PE include – summer PE, full year on line PE & semester on line PE (talk to counselor)

 **Schedules, half day, full day, exam week**

* + - 9:00 am – 3:55 normal day
		- Bell schedule for full days, half days, delayed opening and exam days on Rebel Hub

 **Security**

* + - Parents must sign in with ID and wear name tag
		- Doors are locked
		- Fire Drills
		- Lock Down Drills
		- Police officer on site

 **Spirit Wear**

* + - Sold at all home football games
		- During lunch Thursday & Fridays

 **Teachers**

* + - Teachers are approachable
		- Student should try to resolve problem with teacher first.
		- Second level, include parent and/or counselor
		- Email is a good way to communicate with teacher. All emails available on HCPS website

 **Tutoring, Peer**

* + - Peer tutoring is available, see Rebel Hub
		- Counseling has a list of tutors in all subjects for non-peer tutoring

 **Traditions**

* + - Pep Rallies, each sports season and Godwin game
		- Theme dress up by students at Football Games (seniors set theme – find out by word of mouth or by following Class of 2018 on Twitter)
		- Godwin game – orange & camouflage (hunting eagles)
		- Homecoming Parade
		- Homecoming Dance
		- Senior Convocation in October
		- Halloween – Senior Dress Up (only seniors)
		- Halloween Trunk or Treat - Drivers Ed Lot
		- Powder Puff Football Game in November
		- Senior Movie Day in January
		- Senior Courtyard for lunch
		- Senior Skip Day in spring
		- Rebel Run in March
		- Faculty Student Basketball Game in June
		- Mr. DSF held periodically
		- Baccalaureate in June
		- ANGP on night of graduation