

August 24, 2020

Dear CFHS Students, Parents and Guardians,

On behalf of the Columbia Falls High School staff, we welcome you to the 2020-2021 school year. This school year is beginning like none other, but we are thrilled to have the opportunity to see our wonderful students and get back to in-person instruction.

In order for CFHS to reopen for in-person instruction it is critical that we all abide by the safety protocols and procedures outlined in the [Pandemic Operational Guidance for Columbia Falls Public Schools](#) document. Other protocols and important information specific to the beginning of the year are listed below:

- The first day of school for in-person instruction begins **Monday, August 31**.
- The school day will begin/end 5 minutes earlier than in previous years. M,T,TH,F> 8:15AM - 3:10PM; W> 8:15AM - 2:10PM
- Students will need to complete a health self-screening survey and temperature check each day before going to class. To complete the health screen before coming to school go to <https://cfhighschool.org/> to find the link to the health screen.
- Face coverings are required for students and staff while in the presence of others. Students are encouraged to bring their own face covering. Disposable masks will be made available to students at each entrance.
- To begin the year, Freshmen and Sophomores will not have access to lockers and Juniors and Seniors will only receive lockers on request. We will monitor and evaluate the hallway traffic flow and make changes to this policy as needed.
- Packaged grab and go breakfast and lunch will be available to students in the cafeteria. Cost of lunch/breakfast is \$3.00/\$1.75, for reduced: \$0.40/\$0.30 and free.
- In the first few days of school, Chromebooks will be checked out to students for use in each class and at home.
- **Student activity passes must be purchased by Friday, August 28, for student athletes to compete in his/her activity this weekend and for parents to attend the event.** These passes are \$30. Athletes must purchase an activity pass in order to participate and anyone attending an event (football, soccer or volleyball), also needs to purchase an activity pass. NO tickets will be sold at the ticket gates the day of the game. In addition only two "COVID" passes will be given out per each student athlete. A "COVID" pass and activity ticket are required to enter all home events. The "COVID" pass will also be required for entrance at away games for those schools that allow visitor fans. Tickets can be purchased in the high school office Monday through Friday. 7:00am-3:30pm, at Freshmen Orientation Night (for Freshmen only), or on **Wednesday from 4:30-6:30pm in front of the high school office.**
- Students who have signed up to participate in the distance-learning option for the 2020-21 school year will receive specific information later this week.

We appreciate your patience and support as we maneuver through difficult times and look forward to seeing our students and making 2020-21 a successful school year. If you have any questions, please call 892-6500.

Sincerely,

Scott Gaiser

Principal, Columbia Falls High School