



Greetings CHS Community,

On Tuesday the State of Vermont and Agency of Education released an update to their guidance for schools. You can find the updated guidance here: [A Strong and Healthy Start](#). We are reading the guidance closely to determine how it impacts CHS and our reopening plans. The revised guidance includes updates to music that find us hopeful for the fall!

In addition, the Vermont Principal Association released guidance for fall sports and we are very excited that we are having a fall sports season! Please see the section towards the end of this View for more information from Mr. Ellingson.

SmartStart

One of the many CHS traditions is 9th grade SmartStart. We know many of our 9th graders are excited about starting high school and also may be a little anxious about what life at the high school looks like. We are still planning a SmartStart, but it will look very different this year! We think that ALL students will need a transition back to CHS so we are in the process of planning a modified SmartStart for all students on the first day they are back at CHS. Stay tuned!

Student Schedules:

I have officially passed our Master Schedule to our guidance team! They are working this week and the beginning of next week going through each student's schedule. We anticipate making student schedules available for viewing by students and families on PowerSchool starting the end of next week. We will also share the add/drop process for the fall in the View next week.

Group Waiver Requests:

We are in the process of looking at the list of families that requested a group waiver requests (switch from Laker to Champ or Champ to Laker) to see what we can accommodate. We will reach out to these families individually by the end of next week or the start of the following week with updates.

Full Virtual (remote) Option and VTVLC:

For those Lakers who have chosen the virtual option, courses will be taken through Vermont Virtual Learning Consortium (VTVLC). I have linked the VTVLC website and course catalogue [here](#). In the near future CHS guidance counselors will be reaching out to students and families who have selected the virtual option to begin selecting appropriate VTVLC courses and registering students for those courses.

And a few last things:

- ★ Parking: If you have a valid VT driver's license and are considering driving to school (which we encourage you to do!), please see the linked document for more information and deadlines: [CHS Parking Application 2020-2021](#).
- ★ Laptops: All 9th grade students receive a laptop for use during their time at CHS. 9th graders can pick up their laptop Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. starting August 10th. Any 10th-12th grade student that returned their device can pick it up anytime after August 10th. All device pickups happen at Colchester High School, [door D-18](#).
- ★ Open House: We are still planning on holding an Open House, although it will not be in person this year. We will communicate what the CHS Open House will look like in September.

That's all for now! Have a great weekend.

Ms. Baron

Athletic and Co-Curricular Updates:

The Fall sports season will exist. The State has released its guidelines and all traditional fall sports will be able to exist with some modifications. Please find the [State's guidelines here](#). I am working with our coaches, administration, other Athletic Directors and the VPA to make sure we are taking all the necessary steps to make this a safe and memorable season for all Lakers.

Online Registration will be open next week through our [Athletics Homepage](#). There will be zero exceptions: until students are registered they will not be able to participate.

The first day of practice will be Tuesday September 8, the first day of school at CHS.

We are working on the best way to hold our "Fall Sports Meeting" and will keep you posted on what that will look like within the next two weeks. Schedules for the season will be finalized within the next two weeks.

Please contact me via email mark.ellingson@colchestersd.org if you have any questions or concerns.

Go Lakers!

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