

Ready or not, here comes the 2015-16 school year! It's an exciting time for new beginnings. I'm sure the kids are asking where did the summer go and some of the parents can't wait for the new school year to get here. Things get busy here at CHS in a hurry with fall sports starting this week and registration starting next Tuesday.

Registration dates are listed below. Freshman Orientation is different than the other grade-level registrations. This event calls for all of our freshmen and their parents to be at the school at 6:00pm for a presentation, Q&A session, and tours for incoming freshmen. We encourage all of our students to attend at their scheduled times, but we understand that some of our students and parents might not be available during those times. If your student is going to be gone during his/her assigned time, please contact the CHS office to make alternate arrangements for registration. Parents of freshmen or sophomores should ask for Mrs. Ellen Tsikoyak, while parents of juniors or seniors should ask for Mrs. Buffy Tipton.

Fall sports practices began on Monday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> (except volleyball which begins on Wednesday, August 5<sup>th</sup>). Our coaches will be closely monitoring the athletes to avoid heat injuries and have all been through CPR and first-aid training. Coaches will stress hydration and will monitor the workload during the hottest times. Student athletes should check with their coaches for practice times and any other information they need. Schedules for contests for all sports can be found on the "CHS Athletics" page on the Chillicothe R-II website. ([www.chillicotheschools.org](http://www.chillicotheschools.org))

We have some new faces in the high school with additions to our faculty. All of our new additions should be familiar faces to many as they all have previous CHS connections. Mrs. Pam Gabel returns to fill our Chemistry position for 2015-16. Dr. Jill Watkins returns to Chillicothe to teach senior English and to assume the role of Language Arts Department Chair. Dr. Watkins was a member of the CHS faculty from 2000-2007. Also joining our faculty are former CHS graduates Samantha Figg and Daniel Riekema. Ms. Figg will be teaching science and Mr. Riekema will take over the art program. We are very excited about adding these wonderful individuals to our CHS faculty.

We are looking forward to a great school year. Communication between parents and the school is vital. Please utilize the school web page for school information, sports schedules and other calendar issues. Athletic schedules can be found on the CHS Athletics web page under "printable schedules." We encourage all parents to sign-up for text-casting through the Hornet Alert link on the district website and for the SIS Parent Portal, also found on the district's website. Please feel free to contact the high school office with any questions or concerns you may have.

***The CHS schedule kicks off with the following important dates:***

- August 3, Monday – Fall sports practices begin
- August 11, Tuesday – 9:00 – 11:00am Senior Registration – CHS Commons  
6:00pm – Freshman Orientation – Performing Arts Center
- August 12, Wednesday – 9:00 – 11:00am Junior Registration – CHS Commons  
1:00 – 3:00pm Sophomore Registration – CHS Commons
- August 14, Friday – 7:00pm - Football Jamboree at Jerry Litton Memorial Stadium, CHS
- August 15, Saturday – 9:00am - Soccer Jamboree at Excelsior Springs
- August 17, Monday – 6:00pm – Chillicothe Booster Club grilling hot dogs & chips  
(Doors open at 5:30pm) Free for fall athletes, coaches & Booster Club members/ Free-will donation for all others  
7:00pm – MEET THE HORNETS- CHS Gym  
Fall Sports athletes will be introduced  
6:00 – 8:00pm – Open House with the CHS faculty

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