

COUGAR NEWS

UPCOMING DATES:

September 2nd – K and New to CES Orientation 10am

September 2nd – BTS: K 6pm; Grade 1 6:30pm; Grade 2 7pm; GT CEU 7:30pm

September 2nd – BTS: Grade 3 6pm; Grade 4 6:30pm; Grade 5 7pm;

GT Math 7:30pm

September 4th – Technology Tutorial for Parents 3-4pm

September 7th – Labor Day, Schools and Offices Closed

September 8th – First Day of School for Students

September 11 – Spirit Day – Wear Blue and Gold to Class

September 28th – Yom Kippur - Schools and Offices Closed

Update Your Family File

If you have not already done so, please update your child's emergency contact information in HCPSS Connect! This is the most important step as we prepare for the start of the 2020-2021 school year. **Your Family file needs to be updated every school year.**

Having this information is critical to use for emergency information and early closings. Parents/guardians must verify and/or update information for each child, and can do so by logging in to [HCPSS Connect](#) and selecting the Family File tab and then clicking on Family File.

HCPSS uses Family File for parents/guardians to complete emergency information. Parents/guardians must verify and/or update information for each child.

Here are directions for the updating the Family file: [HCPSS Connect Parent Access.pdf](#)

Once logged in, parents/guardians will be asked to provide or **update** the following information:

- Student information
- Parent/guardian contact
- Emergency contacts

- Medical information
- Arrival/dismissal procedures
- Media release (photo approval)
- Data confidentiality
- PTA/PTSA directory

Changes of address may **not** be made through Family File. **If you have recently moved, please contact CES Mattia_Lambiotte@hcpss.org OR Amy_Stevens@hcpss.org** as soon as possible as we need to update your address in our files as well.

Parents who have forgotten their login credentials for Family File may click the “Forgot Password” link on the sign in page. Please complete the Family File through HCPSS Connect!



CES Administrators' Corner

It is hard to believe that September 1st has arrived! We are gearing up for the start of school in so many ways. Students will be receiving their school-issued Chromebooks and school-issued materials this week.

This past Tuesday, we welcomed back our school teachers and staff with a Virtual Kick-off Meeting. It was exciting to see and reconnect with one another. Over the past three days, teachers have been very busy learning about schedules, curriculum, electronic resources, and the ins and outs of Canvas and Google Meet to name a few.

They are all excited to get to know your children and start this year's journey together. Please be on the look-out for direct communication from your child's teacher this week. They truly can't wait to connect with your children and start building a lasting relationship with him or her. Starting today, you will be able to find out your child's homeroom teacher in Family File. I am sure many of you are completing your Family File emergency form at that time. Once you complete your Family File emergency form, you will be able to find out your child's teacher. Instructions for Family File emergency form completion are in a section in this newsletter below.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me at Robin_Malcotti@hcpss.org or by phone at 410-313-7050. You can also reach out to Assistant Principal, Lauren_J_Slattery@hcpss.org.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Did your child forget his/her login information?

Visit the account self-service website to help you with login information. You can also view the *Student Self-Service Password Reset* YouTube video below.

<https://hcpss.me/account-self-service/>

Family File Emergency Form is Open in HCPSS Connect

It is time to update your child's Emergency Contact information in **HCPSS Connect** even though we are starting the school year online. This is the most important step as we prepare for the start of the 2020-2021 School Year. **Your Family File needs to be updated at the beginning of every school year.**

Families that update and complete their Family File will be able to view teacher assignments prior to the start of school. In addition, having this information is critical to us as soon as the first day of school: [HCPSS Connect](#)

You will be asked to update or provide the following information:

- **Parent/guardian contact information.**
- **Emergency contacts.**
- **Medical information**
- **Arrival and Dismissal procedures.**
- **Media coverage.**
- **Data confidentiality.**
- **PTA Directory.**

You can access HCPSS Connect here <http://www.hcpss.org/connect/> Parents who have forgotten their login credentials for Family File may click the “Forgot Password” link on the sign-in page.

If you need additional assistance, please fill out this [Connect Help Form](#).

Information and Application for Free and Reduced Meals (FARMs)

HCPSS participates in the National School Lunch and Breakfast Programs which provide families with significant benefits to help save money. Qualification is based on family size and income, and enrollment is confidential. All children in households receiving benefits from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) can get free meals regardless of income, and students from households that meet federal income guidelines are eligible to receive free or reduced-price meals. Those eligible for reduced-price meals pay \$0.10 for breakfast and \$0.20 for lunch. [More information is on the HCPSS Website.](#)

The application is also on the last page of the Family File when you update your emergency contact information.

How do I contact CES Staff for Support?

Just click on this link [SY20-21 CES Parent Information Sheet](#)

Save the Dates!

- **Kindergarten/New Student Orientation (Adult Friendly)** 9/2 at 10 AM
- **BTS Events for All Grade-Levels (Adult Friendly)** 9/2 and 9/3

9/2	Grade K	6:00 PM	9/3	Grade 3	6:00 PM
	Grade 1	6:30 PM		Grade 4	6:30 PM
	Grade 2	7:00 PM		Grade 5	7:00 PM
	GT CEU	7:30 PM		GT Math	7:30 PM
- **CES Meet and Greet with CES Teachers (Kid-Friendly)** 9/4

Grade K	9:00 AM	Grade 1	9:30 AM
Grade 2	10:00 AM	Grade 3	10:30 AM
Grade 4	11:00 AM	Grade 5	11:30 AM

ALS Regional Program Meet and Greet 10:30-11:00 AM

Hope to see everyone there!

Canvas Orientation Videos

Canvas orientation videos, along with student and family guides, are now available for you to explore as we prepare for the 20-21 school year. Please take some time to review prior to September 8th. There are 2 parts to the video. Part 1 reviews the global navigation settings and Part 2 reviews the course structure. Translations of the videos will be available soon. Your child's teacher will discuss this at the grade-level BTS events. Please ensure that your student is logged in with his/her login credentials and visit <https://hcpss.instructure.com/courses/9495>

[Canvas Orientation Videos](#)

Technology Tutorial for CES Parents:

If this is your first year with a child attending HCPSS or if you just want a Technology refresher this *optional* tutorial is for you! Mrs. Volker, our Technology Teacher, will be going over some of the most important Technology tools that you & your child will be using during virtual learning. Parents can also submit Technology questions ahead of time on [this form](#) & Mrs. Volker will do her best to answer them. Some topics that will be covered include: HCPSS Connect, Canvas, & the CES Website. If there is extra time, we will open it up for Technology Q & A.

Friday, Sept. 4 from 3pm – 4pm.

Google Meet Link: <https://meet.google.com/apx-cjhb-nav>

or [join by phone](#) (US) +1 262-546-6223 PIN: 722 160 268#

Getting Ready for Virtual Learning:

In preparation for the 2020-2021 school year, please have your child watch **both** of the [elementary Canvas orientation videos](#). (Tip: These videos may be helpful for parents too!)

Here are additional resources you may find helpful:

- [Canvas Parent Guides](#) (down at the bottom)
- [Student Technology Resources](#)

If you have Technology questions, please feel free to reach out to CES' Technology Teacher: Eileen_Volker@hcpss.org



Birthday Celebrations for September

The following students are celebrating a birthday this month. We want to wish them all a Happy Birthday!

1st	Chloe Bai	15th	Preston Haag
2nd	Banoshree Das		Ryan Salem
	Caleb Magana-Vasquez		Zein Akhras
3rd	Katherine Goldsmith	16th	Kennedi Young
	Juneyd Sakhavat	17th	Grace Chen
4th	Yasmine Cedars		Caleb Lee
	Emily Mei	18th	Liam Olson
6th	Emmallia Cortes	19th	Seth Demuren
	Sakshi Schull		Mila Rogers
7th	Isaiah Irvin	20th	Benjamin Kharrazi
8th	Hannah Gorsuch	22nd	John Kostibas
	Douglass Gartell		Elsa Nguyen
9th	Milan Merrills		Shahzaib Syed
10th	Ace Hart		Sebastain Taylor
	Grace Jung	24th	Aidan Kearney
12th	Soany Lopez Hernandez	25th	Katherine Liu
13th	Daniel Jackson	28th	Jeffrey Love
	Azra Mirasyedi		Marwan Almekkawi
14th	Emily Oh	29th	Xylia Wheat
	Gianna Laguardia	30th	Kai Jensen
	Yassaman Nasser-Asi		Cole Pickett

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WELCOME BACK! CES SPIRIT DAY



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Show your Cougar pride by wearing **CES spirit wear or blue and gold** to class on **Friday, September 11, 2020!**



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