



ALPHARETTA HIGH SCHOOL

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Good Morning Raiders,

Happy Friday!

We had a great week two of the semester this week! I was able to get into classrooms, and it is awesome to see our students engaged in learning with our amazing faculty in a face-to-face setting including hands on labs, Socratic seminars and cooperative groups. Students will be engaged in district required diagnostic MAP testing in reading and math in their AHS math and English courses next week. Please encourage your students to do their very best on these assessments so we can understand where we need to support our students.

During the first two weeks of school, our district engages in the process of monitoring enrollment numbers. AHS was projected to have 2,187 students for this school year, and on the 6th day of school our enrollment count was 2,160, 27 students under projections. We will have the final enrollment count today since students enroll and withdraw at high rates during the first 10 days. It is feasible that if our enrollment count decreases even a few students we would be required to surplus one general education teacher. If that occurs, it would disrupt our Master Schedule as many of our students would have schedule changes. Please know that I will communicate this information directly via e-mail if I get notification that we need to transfer one of our teachers to another FCS school that is over their enrollment projections.

Thanks to Pam Kelly, Mike Scheifflee and our device deployment team for distributing over 1500 computers to our students this week. All students who still need to receive a school issued device may come to the media center before school or during their lunch period. Please do not come during instructional time.

Attention Seniors:

The Alpharetta High School Counseling department will stream our first virtual Senior Advisement meeting today, Friday, August 19th, during Advisement from 12:10 – 12:39. Senior Advisement teachers will broadcast the meeting in their classrooms, and we invite parents and senior students who are off campus to view the pre-recorded link that will be emailed out by Brandi Taylor and posted to the AHS website prior to the meeting.

Topics to be discussed include:

1. Review your transcript in IC and email your counselor if you have concerns. Transcripts will be loaded to GA Futures (HOPE scholarship) and Naviance next week.
2. Directions to schedule Senior one-on-one meeting with your Counselor. Links posted after August 19, 2022.
3. Understanding Naviance and how to link your Common App Account
4. Understanding HOPE eligibility & documentation





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5. FAFSA application opens 10/1/2022
6. How to sign up for College Visits and Pre-Approved Absences
7. CNA vs GPA
8. Requesting Teacher Letters of Recommendation
9. Scholarship Search
10. NCAA

Next week, eligible seniors will be scheduled into their Off Campus Anchor Time classes. On Tuesday, eligible seniors will receive their off campus extended lunch stickers and will begin being able to leave campus for Anchor Time and lunch.

Please know that the link for extended lunch privilege forms will reopen on August 21st for any senior and eligible junior who missed the first submission deadline.

The senior extended lunch form and submission link will be placed on the AHS website for students who may need it. Eligible juniors, please check your fcstu.org email for the form being sent by Ms. Ketchup.

Finally today, please join me in wishing our Athletic Director, Chandler Yount, well as he moves into a career outside of education. Please know I am working to fill this important position for our school. A special thanks to Assistant Athletic Director Marc Lassiat who will serve as our point of contact for AHS athletics during this transition.

Speaking of athletics, please join me tonight as we kick off Friday Night Lights in Raider Stadium! We are hosting our first home football game of the season, and it is also Senior Night! The senior tailgate begins at 6, the senior march begins at 7 and kick-off is at 7:30. Come on out and enjoy the excitement! Thanks to our football players, bandmembers, cheer leaders and broadcast video students for your hard work in preparing for tonight and this season!

That's all for today, Raiders! Stay Safe!

With Raider Pride,

Shannon N. Kersey, Ph.D.

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