

Good afternoon Marauder Families,

I hope the start of the school year has been smooth and that everyone is settling back into the swing of things. We've had many wonderful things happen already at CHS this year that I'm excited to share:

- CHS has two direct college courses that are running on our campus this semester. Direct college courses are courses that are taught by a professor from Monroe Community College on our campus. Currently we are offering Introduction to Humanities and Introduction to English Composition 1 and both classes are full! We are going to be offering 2 more classes during second semester on campus, so please be on the look out for placement testing (if your child hasn't already taken a college course) and sign up times.
- CHS also hosted our College Fair this past week and had over 50 different colleges represented from both in and out of state. The turn out was fabulous and many of our students walked away with great options for their future!
- Speaking of college, we are fast approaching College Application Week (10/24 - 10/28). During this week, all seniors will be completing an application to college for free. It is our hope that students will have at least one opportunity after they leave here and that all will leave with a post-secondary plan.
- We are currently in the process of replacing our M-CAN Adviser who left to work for a university. There will be more information coming soon about this important position!
- Last week, Weather STEM was here with Edward Mansouri (of Weather Channel fame) to install a weather station on the roof of Shumate and Carlson. This is such an exciting thing for our schools and for Gibraltar School District because we are the first school in Michigan to have it. Because of this, our teachers have access to real-time weather data that will allow students to think much more deeply about the causes and effects of weather on the community. Thanks to Jeff Bouwman (SMS teacher) for all of his hard work in getting the grant to bring this to our schools.
- MPT (Marauder Pride Time) is up and running and many people are asking what this time is. MPT is designed to be a time where intervention and enrichment can be individualized for students. This means that students will be able to learn about topics that extend their learning beyond the standards and connect to real-world examples and students will also be able to receive support during the school day when they are struggling with a particular concept. You will continue to see this idea grow and evolve throughout the school year, but for now, it's very exciting to be able to offer to all of our students.
- Connected to the last idea, we are using our late start Mondays to get the data about students' needs so that we make the right decisions about the supports that we are offering during MPT. CHS staff has been looking at our SAT and M-STEP data as a first step and have made connections to the curriculum work that we did last year. As we move forward, we will be breaking down our data to help us provide that individualized support I mentioned with MPT.
- Homecoming is fast-approaching and we have lots of events planned. We hope to see you out for the parade and the football game. The Homecoming dance is Saturday 10/8 from 7-10 pm. Tickets are \$20 and must be purchased ahead of time. There are no ticket purchases at the door. Students should also bring their IDs with them to the dance to be admitted.
- Many of our staff are connecting with parents via Twitter and Facebook. Please be on the look out for this opportunity to keep up on class news. You can follow me at @shultzatcarlson on Twitter.

That's it for now! Hope you have a wonderful weekend!

Thank you,

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