

CHEBOYGAN AREA HIGH SCHOOL

FALL NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2011

Welcome!

Welcome to the start of the 2011-2012 school year! Cheboygan Area High School welcomes parent input, suggestions and participation. Our parent organization, the Academic Booster Club (ABC), is a wonderful way to become involved and make a difference at Cheboygan Area High School. Please join us on the 4th Monday of every month at 7:00 PM in the High School library. The first meeting is September 26, 2011.

High School Phone Numbers

Main Line 627-7191

Athletics 627-5613

Attendance – Press 1

Guidance Office – Press 2

Food Service – Press 3

Main Office – Press 4

Individual staff extensions are listed on our website at www.chebschools.com. Click the High School tab, and then click Staff.

Newsletter Online

This newsletter is updated and published online each trimester. Please visit www.chebschools.com for this and future newsletters. If you would like to receive a hardcopy, please notify the main office.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The school day will begin with **1st hour at 8:00 AM sharp!** Please make sure that your student is on time to school every day. The school day ends at 3:10 PM. The first day of school is Tuesday, September 6th.

Parent Messages to Students

We encourage parents to leave voice mails or text messages on student cell phones. Students are allowed to use cell phones before the start of school, at lunch, and after school. If your student does not have a cell phone and you have an URGENT message, you may leave your message with the main office.

Guidance Office

Mrs. Kolb is the counselor on staff in the guidance office, and she is assigned to the Juniors and Seniors. The high school administrators have divided the remaining grades as follows:

Freshmen A-R	Dr. Ackerman
Freshmen S-Z	Mrs. Herman

Sophomores A-S	Mr. Jeannotte
Sophomores T-Z	Dr. Ackerman

In addition, Mrs. Herman will oversee all special needs. Please schedule appointments with Mrs. Neuman in the guidance office. Schedule changes will be very limited. Student course requests were used as a guide for creating schedules, and students may be registered for classes that they did not originally request.

Student Handbook

All students will attend a formal orientation in September to discuss the Parent-Student Handbook. Handbooks are available online at www.chebschools.com, and it is very beneficial for students and parents to become familiar with the district and school policies and rules that are in place.

Medication

It is the policy of the Board of Education that the schools not provide students with any medication. If medication is necessary for a student to remain in school, please have your child's physician complete a Permission to Administer Medication form which is available in the main office. The parent can then bring in the completed form along with the medication, and we will administer it as prescribed by the doctor.

Immunizations

Before a student can be permitted to enter or attend school, parents must present documentation that their child has received all required doses of vaccines. You will be notified by letter if your child has incomplete immunizations/documentation. In such cases, the student may be excluded from school.

Insurance

There is no school insurance for student accidents or injuries. However, you may purchase complete or graduated coverage on your own. The school has forms available for your convenience, and we strongly encourage you to have some type of coverage for your student, especially athletes.

Progress Reports and Report Cards

Our grading system is divided into three 12-week trimesters. At the mid point of each 12-week period we will distribute progress reports during parent-teacher conferences. Report cards will be distributed to students in their homerooms after each 12-week trimester.

Free Breakfast

Cheboygan Area Schools is once again providing free breakfast to all students! Please encourage your student to take advantage.

PowerSchool

Cheboygan Area Schools are now using the PowerSchool data management system. Parents will have the opportunity to monitor grades, attendance, discipline and lunch using this online system. Usernames and passwords will be sent later this fall.



PARENT NOTIFICATION ON REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND HEALTH EDUCATION PROGRAM

The Cheboygan Board of Education has adopted a comprehensive Health Education Program, which includes education on human sexuality, venereal and other non-casual contact communicable diseases such as AIDS. It is designed to provide an appropriate means for students to acquire the knowledge, skills and attitudes necessary to maintain good health. The program also includes instruction in abstinence from sex as a responsible method of preventing unwanted pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases and as a positive lifestyle for unmarried young people.

In compliance with state law and with its desire to maintain effective communication with parents and the community, the Board has made arrangements for the programs and instructional materials to be available for review by any parent or interested members of the community. If you wish to review any or all of the programs, please contact the principal or main office.

Your child is required to participate in these courses, but the law allows you the right to have your child excused from participating in classes which include instruction in sex education, reproductive health, family planning, and AIDS education. The Board's policy is to honor parents' written requests that their child be excused from such classes. We encourage you to personally review the program lessons and materials, and return the bottom portion of this letter to the school principal so that appropriate alternative activities can be provided.

The Cheboygan Area High School classes that include instruction in the aforementioned topics are: Health, Parenting, Anatomy and Physiology, Physical Education, Biology I and II, Allied Health, and Advanced Biology.

Below is a form in which you can state you are withholding your permission for your child's participation in one or more of these units.

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My student is to be excused from the Human Sexuality unit of:

during the 2011-2012 school year.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Student Name

Date

Grade