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Corrigan's Corner: A Message From The Principal

It is hard to believe that we are coming to the close of another school year. I tell our students and staff every morning during the announcements that we have so much to be thankful for at Chattahoochee High School. Thank you, Hooch Family, for all that you do – tirelessly – day-in and day-out, to help us achieve our vision of creating a community where everyone loves to learn, work, and serve. Some days are difficult and some days are easier than others, but we all persevere – we have all practiced immense patience at different time throughout the year. I came across this quote from Iyanla Vanzant that sums up this season of the school year: *“You cannot make your life move faster than it’s moving. No matter how urgent your situation may seem to be, things are going to happen when they happen, not a minute sooner. Be patient with yourself. Be patient with others. Be patient with life. Patience always pays off.”*

To the Class of 2018 - Congratulations! You have graduated from one of the finest high schools in the United States. This was not an easy task but you did it! Now is the time to celebrate all you have accomplished and to thank everyone that helped you along the way. All of you have experienced some level of success in academics, the arts, athletics, and service to the community. This is what makes our Hooch Family so strong. These experiences have set you up for success in the future regardless of what path you take. Now your job is to maximize your strengths and make this world a better place. Get involved and serve others – get out of your comfort zone. Remember, there are no shortcuts in life – go the extra mile. Fight the urge to disengage – get involved. Grab life and get everything you can out of it. It is my hope and prayer that you will have the courage and wisdom to make a difference in this world. Good Luck!

Important Dates for the 2018-2019 school year:

- Summer office hours 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM – Closed July 4, 2018
- Summer New Student Registration by appointment: Tuesday & Thursday 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM
- August 1st – Information Day Times TBD
- August 6, 2018 – First Day of School

It is a honor to serve this community, and I wish you all a very enjoyable and safe summer.

Blessings,
Tim Corrigan,
Principal



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From the Desk of Dr. Mike Todd

Assistant Principal

One of my growing responsibilities at the HOOCH is support of our Athletic Director, J.J. Hicks, and the athletic program. To this end, I want to provide specific information for our student athletes and their parents as we finish the 2017-18 school year.

In the event that your student finds themselves lacking credit as a result of poor performance on final exams, please be sure they visit the counseling office to get necessary information to retake he needed courses (ONLY 2 courses can be completed) in summer school. This is important for them to stay on track for graduation and the ability to participate in athletic competition. The following are the guidelines for eligibility of student athletes:

Students gain or lose eligibility on the first day of the subsequent semester. The first day of the Fall semester shall be interpreted as the first date of practice for the first sport.

(a) Exception: Students who successfully complete summer school to maintain eligibility become eligible the last day of summer school.

Summer school is an extension of the previous semester and courses may be:

(a) Remedial in nature where a previously-taken course is repeated in its entirety with a new grade being given.

(b) Enrichment in nature where a new course is taken that results in new credit being earned. A maximum of two (2) unit credits earned in summer school may be counted for eligibility purposes.

Summer school credits earned in non-accredited home study programs or non-accredited private schools may **not** be used to gain eligibility. Accreditation recognized under the rule shall be from the Georgia Accrediting Commission (GAC) or a regional accreditation agency (such as SACS) or the Georgia Private School Accreditation Council (GAPSAC).

Students must accumulate units towards graduation according to the following criteria:

(a) First-year students (enter 9th grade) are eligible academically. Second semester first-year students must have passed courses carrying at least 2.5 units the previous semester in order to participate.

(b) Second-year students must have accumulated five (5) total units in the first year, AND passes courses carrying at least 2.5 units in the previous semester.

(c) Third-year students must have accumulated eleven (11) units in the first and second years, AND passed courses carrying at least 2.5 units in the previous semester.

(d) Fourth-year students must have accumulated seventeen (17) units in the first three years, AND passed courses carrying at least 2.5 units in the previous semester.

(e) Students may accumulate the required units for participation during the school year and eligibility will be reinstated at the beginning of the next semester.

Student Calendar

May 24 Last Day of School

May 25 Post Planning

May 28 Memorial Day Holiday
(schools closed)

From the Desk of Garrett Abelkop

Assistant Administrator

Student Parking

ELIGIBILITY: to be eligible to apply for a student parking permit

- Students must have earned enough credits to be academically considered seniors or juniors [17 credits to be a senior, 11 credits to be a junior]
- Students must have less than six (6) unexcused absences in the current semester

APPLYING: to apply for a student parking permit

- If you will have a drivers license and a vehicle by the start of the 18-19 school year;
 - Complete the 2018-2019 Student Parking Application - <https://goo.gl/forms/qaGp7gXBPBQkooqy2>
- If you anticipate receiving your license/vehicle later on during the 18-19 school year;
 - Complete the 2018-2019 Student Parking Waitlist Form - <https://goo.gl/forms/qMp8wczDUxkzXZ3D3>
- The Application will be available from Wed April 18 through Friday May 4, 2018
- Unfortunately, due to limited spots submitting the application does not guarantee a permit
- The list of approved students will be posted outside the AP office by Mon May 14

IF APPROVED, PAY FOR YOUR PERMIT ONLINE DURING THE SUMMER STARTING JUNE 1, 2018

IF APPROVED, PICK-UP YOUR PERMIT DURING THE SUMMER STARTING MON JUNE 18, 2018:

Students must bring the following

- Driver's License
- Valid Proof of Auto Insurance or Motor Vehicle Registration
- Completed Fulton County Vehicle Information Form - <https://docs.google.com/file/d/0B2oBm3o2J0Bib2JWZ05naU8xZjg/edit?usp=sharing>
- Payment for \$90 [online payment receipt, cash or check]*

**Note that payments made through the online payment portal will include an additional \$3.95 credit card processing fee.

Permits may be revoked due to failure to follow parking regulations, excessive tardies and/or absences, or violations of the Code of Conduct. Students must comply with Georgia law. Cars parked without a valid permit properly displayed may be booted or towed at the owner's expense without warning.

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Final Exam Schedule

SPRING SEMESTER 2018	
<u>Monday - May 21, 2018</u>	1st and 7th periods
Regular bell schedule...	Seniors ONLY
Exams for SENIORS ONLY	(55 minute class/exam period)
<u>Tuesday - May 22, 2018</u>	2nd and 6th Periods
2nd period exam	8:20 AM - 10:10 AM
Break (10 minutes)	10:10 AM - 10:25 AM
6th period exam	10:25 AM - 12:15 PM
Lunch (optional)	12:15 PM - 12:35 PM
Buses Depart	12:40 PM
Graduation Practice	1:30 PM at Verizon Wireless Amphitheatre
<u>Wednesday - May 23, 2018</u>	3rd and 4th/5th Periods
3rd period exam	8:20 AM - 10:10 AM
Break (10 minutes)	10:10 AM - 10:25 AM
4th/5th period exam	10:25 AM - 12:15 PM
Lunch (optional)	12:15 PM - 12:35 PM
Buses Depart	12:40 PM
<u>Thursday - May 24, 2018</u>	1st and 7th Periods
	(No Final Exams for Seniors)
1st period exam	8:20 AM - 10:10 AM
Break (10 minutes)	10:10 AM - 10:25 AM
7th period exam	10:25 AM - 12:15 PM
Lunch (optional)	12:15 PM - 12:35 PM
Buses Depart	12:40 PM
<u>Friday - May 25, 2018</u>	Post Planning Work Day for Teachers
Graduation	7:30PM at Verizon Wireless Amphitheatre

Counseling Department

We are rapidly approaching the end of the 2017-2018 school year. Right now, the focus of your student should be on a strong finish and you can help. Your attention and involvement in this effort will reinforce the importance you place on your child's education. Please take the following steps to support your student during this critical time.

1. Reinforce positive and successful school habits. Attention in class, homework, test preparation, and attendance are key factors.
2. Access and review your student's progress, attendance, and test schedules on Parent Portal.
3. Help your student create a plan to improve current weaknesses and prepare for final exams.
4. Be aware of tutoring and study assistance classes available at the school and encourage your student to participate.
5. Help your student to stay focused. 'Coasting' is a natural, but deadly tendency.

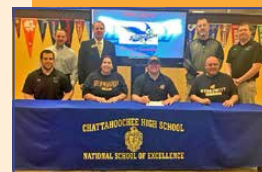
Your involvement is a tremendous positive factor for a strong finish. Your interest, willingness, and dedication to helping your child succeed provides an unmistakable message. Your child will thank you for it – someday.



Mason List signs with South Georgia State College to play baseball!



Noah Latzsch signs with Reinhardt for wrestling!



Noah Cooper signs with Gardner-Webb University to play soccer!



Cecily Mohammed signs with the University of Georgia to play soccer.



Jack Corrigan signs with Lenoir Rhyne University to play soccer!



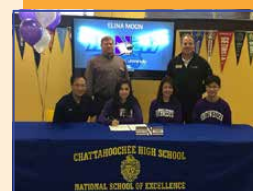
Samantha Kicklighter commits to play softball at North Greenville University in Tigerville, South Carolina.



Samantha Richards commits to play softball at Valdosta State University in south Georgia.



Elina Moon commits to fence at Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois.



Braden Boyle commits to play volleyball at Emmanuel College in Franklin Springs, which is in northeast Georgia.

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Summer School

Summer School for Face-to-Face, Fulton Virtual, and Georgia Virtual REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Summer School is an opportunity for high school students to accelerate or recover credits during the summer. Face-to-face facilitation and at home virtual offerings exist. The summer sessions are condensed versions of content provided during the school year, and students must have their course requests approved by their counselor before being enrolled. Summer school registration does not require an online contract. All face-to-face and virtual students who are taking an EOC course must participate in EOC testing which will take place at the Summer School site. This information is also available on the Counseling blog at <http://hoochcounselors.blogspot.com>

****The bus for Face-to-Face Summer School will depart from the covered bus loop at Chattahoochee at 7:38AM. Summer school at Northview High School begins at 8:30AM. Afternoon drop-off at CHS is approximately 12:50PM****

Face-to-Face Facilitation

- Hosted at **Northview High School**, with transportation provided if needed (see yellow information above).
- A subject area teacher serves as the facilitator for the course and the content is completed online. Face-to-face facilitation provides a designated time, location, and the technology needed for students to complete courses.
- All EOC courses (9th Lit, 11th Lit, Algebra 1, Geometry, Biology, Physical Science, US History, and Economics) plus Personal Fitness are available for students who have previously failed that specific course(s).
- For students who want to accelerate, the only courses available to take for the first time in the face-to-face setting are Economics and Personal Fitness.
- **Students are only allowed to take ONE content area during Face to Face Summer School.**
- **Students who have previously failed a course (recovery) may take up to two credits at no cost.** Face to Face summer school must be in the same content area with a max of one credit during Face to Face facilitation – or a student could take one content area through Face to Face and do a different content area through Fulton Virtual School.
- Students who are taking a course for the first time (accelerating) will not be able to do so through Face to Face summer school, unless it is Economics or Personal Fitness. Those are the only options for first time courses.
- Course dates are **June 11th - July 13th**. Personal Fitness will only meet June 11th – June 29th.
- All EOC testing occurs July 12th – 13th.
- School will be closed July 4th – July 6th for Independence Day.
- **Late Registration: June 4th - 8th. Face-to-face students will be able to register in person at Northview HS during this window. Students will not be able to register for classes that are already full.**
- For more information and to register for face-to-face courses, please visit: <https://www.fultonschools.org/SummerSchool>.

Fulton Virtual School

- Available to retake a course or get ahead (recovery or acceleration).
- All content is completed online at home.
- Students who have previously failed a course (recovery) are eligible to take up to two credits at no cost.

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- Students who are taking a course for the first time (accelerating) must pay tuition at the rate of \$225 per 0.5 credit (\$180 per 0.5 credit for students approved for free/reduced lunch).
- Course dates and times are **June 4h – July 13th**. EOC testing occurs July 12th – 13th at Northview High School. School will be closed July 4 for Independence Day.
- **Deadline is June 1st with Late Registration from June 4th to 8th. After June 1, students will not be able to register for classes that are already full.**
- There are strict completion benchmarks for online summer classes. If a student is not making adequate progress they will be dropped from the course with no refund.
 - » 33% complete by 6/15 at 11:59pm
 - » 50% complete by 6/22 at 11:59pm
 - » 67% complete by 6/29 at 11:59pm
- For more information and to register for Fulton Virtual courses, please visit: <https://www.fultonschools.org/FultonVirtual>

GA Virtual School

- Available to retake a course or get ahead (recovery or acceleration).
- All content is completed online at home.
- Both students who have previously failed a course (recovery) and students who are taking a course for the first time (accelerating) must pay tuition at the rate of \$250 per 0.5 credit if choosing to go through GA Virtual.
- **Course dates for the 6-week session are June 4th – July 12th and for the 5-week session are June 11th – July 12th. EOC testing occurs July 12th – 13th at Northview High School.**
- Students can register and pay for summer classes beginning on March 1st – May 31st for the 6 week session. The last day to register and pay for the 5 week session is June 7.
- For more information and to register for GA Virtual courses, please visit: <http://www.gavirtuallschool.org>

**** We advise students to only attempt 0.5 or 1.0 credit of summer courses. ****

- 1 semester long course (0.5 credit) requires about 3 hours of work a day
- 1 year long course (1.0 credit) requires about 6 hours of work a day
- Expect 6 to 9 hours of work a day if your student enrolls in an accelerated math course

Other Important Information

Please also note that for high school students there are specific promotion requirements which are based on the number of credits a student has earned. You can check your student's transcript on Home Access on the "Grades" tab, then click on "Transcript." You will need to add up all the credits earned each semester to get the total number of credits earned. Promotion requirements for each grade level are below. If your student falls short on credits, then please know they will not be promoted to the next grade level and they will be assigned to the previous grade level homeroom.

- Students must have at least 5 credits by the end of July in order to be promoted to 10th grade.
- Students must have at least 11 credits by the end of July in order to be promoted to 11th grade.
- Students must have at least 17 credits by the end of July in order to be promoted to 12th grade.

** Promotions are not made in the middle of the school year unless the student is graduating that year (ex: May 2019).

Once a student registers for summer school, it will come to a counselor for approval. Counselors are approving classes daily.




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Summer Literacy Strategies for Teens

8 tips and tools to keep your high school student engaged in learning all summer long!

High school students have packed schedules in the summer. Between part-time jobs, sports, parties, family vacation, and time with friends, most teens take advantage of every sun soaked moment. As parents, it's tempting to just let your child run carefree during the summer months: childhood is brief, right? While of course this is true, and free time is vital to development, it's also important for parents to be aware of the summer slide. Research shows that students lose up to two months of curriculum content over the summer, and teachers often spend weeks re-teaching lessons from the previous grade level. By high school, your child's standardized test scores and GPA become important factors in their future, and literacy becomes particularly important to performing well on exams and keeping up with readings. So, the question becomes, how can parents help their teens avoid the summer literacy slide by retaining — and even building upon — the literacy skills they learned in school? It can be done without ruining your child's summer: just check out these tips and activities for blending literacy practice with engaging, exciting summer fun.

1. Encourage your student to sign up for Goodreads

For the teen who is "too mature" to sign up for your local library's summer reading programs, literary social media sites like Goodreads are a great platform to track your reading, share your thoughts about books and find new books to read in the future. Some high schools even use Goodreads for grading and communication purposes, so your teens might already be familiar with it. Encourage them to use the site for personal use and fun: they might discover some great books, and will definitely find a wonderful literary community!

2. Suggest starting an Instagram account or blog to document their summer reading journey

Literary-specific sites are not the only platforms to share reading experiences. Instagram is full of young readers, posting artsy pictures of their favorite books, making recommendations, and connecting with other readers across the world. Literary blogs function the same way: for a generation fluent in the art of digital communication, parents should take advantage of the opportunities

available on social media, and encourage their teens to incorporate their reading experiences with their social experiences. It's an exciting new way for young readers to share their passion for literature, and inspire others!

3. Prep for SAT/ACT

Very few teens want to spend their summer vacation preparing for college entrance exams, but at this stage in the game, this is often the kind of literacy building that needs to take place. To help your teen get motivated, make interactive and quick study activities that don't eat up too much of their day, but work efficiently. You can find online flashcards already made at Quizlet. <https://quizlet.com/1022309/college-board-top-100-common-satact-vocabulary-words-flash-cards/>.

4. Host a teen trivia night or book club

Keeping your high schooler locked away in the house all day away from friends just isn't going to happen. So instead, take advantage of your child's social life. Hosting a teen trivia night at your house will get your more competitive kids — and their friends — motivated to study for college entrance. For talkative or introspective teens, try hosting a teen book club at your house. You could introduce books that were made into movies, and hold a movie night when the kids are finished with the book. For music lovers, suggest that the teen members come up with playlists or write songs to correspond with the novels they read. It will be a lot of work to manage so many excited learners at once, but your teens will thank you later!

5. Encourage your teen to tutor a younger child

One of the best ways to learn is to teach. Many parents of elementary or middle school kids are often looking for a high school student to tutor their child in a difficult subject. Sometimes parents feel uncomfortable teaching the subject themselves, or feel that their child would respond better to an outside influence — especially a cool older kid. Encourage your teens to seek out tutoring positions in a subject that interests them. They will gain a unique understanding of any subject when forced to break it down into comprehensive steps. They might also gain a new sense of responsibility and self that comes from mentorship.

6. Challenge your teen to a reading list that focuses on content, not

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Finding a summer reading list is always a great way to kick off a summer reading experience. Find a list of summer reading books that will challenge your high school student in their content, not the amount of books involved. Try a list of books with powerful female protagonists or some that feature culturally diverse narratives. Even explore new media with masterful YA graphic novels, like Gene Lueng Yang's "American Born Chinese" or Cece Bell's "El Deafo." Literature is about sharing experiences through words: challenge your teens to open their minds to the stories of those voices.

7. Help them incorporate writing into their daily lives

Beyond building reading skills, high school is the beginning of the time where students should be developing their own voices, academically and creatively. Help your child begin to foster a love for writing and incorporate it into their daily lives by providing them with a peaceful and private space to write. If they respond positively, encourage them to enter their writing into scholarship or academic contests. You can also research summer writing programs to really give your teen an immersive writing experience. Follow their interests and support them along the way.

8. Be an active reader yourself

One of the greatest ways to motivate your child to read is to read the same books and talk about them. If you've been doing this since elementary school, kudos! You probably already have a great reading relationship with your teen. If not, don't worry- it's not too late! You can always pick up a book that your child is reading, or has read, and strike up a conversation about the characters. Reading with your student will open your eyes to the stories and voices of today's teens, the struggles they face, and might even help you discover something about your child — or yourself! — that you never knew before.

Professional of the Year

Counselor, Elizabeth Chilson (left) was named the Professional of the Year for Chattahoochee. Ms. Alyssa Martin (right) was named our Teacher of the Year.



NELC Assistant Principal of the Year

Camille Christopher was named Assistant Principal of the Year for the Northeast Learning Community.



Georgia Economics Teacher of the Year

Congratulations to Tim Reeder, a Chattahoochee graduate, for being named the Georgia Economics Teacher of the Year by the Georgia Council on Economic Education.



Debate Tournament

Chattahoochee High School student's David Hauser and Suraj Peramanu competed in the Junior Varsity State Championship Policy Debate Tournament in the second week of February.

They sought to defend the novice state title that they won in 2017 and pulled it off becoming the top two debaters in Georgia in their age group for the second year in a row.

Pictured from left to right are: Debate Coach Kevin Bancroft, Suraj Peramanu, David Hauser and Principal Tim Corrigan.

Engineering Hovercraft Team

Our Hooch Engineering Hovercraft team who won 1st place in 2 out of 3 categories in Saturday's Fulton county competition.

- 1st Place straight line race.
- 1st Place Design

Congratulations to Quintin Thernize, Akhil Sadhu, Justin Lederman, & Keegan O'Brien!



NELC Teacher of the Year

Chattahoochee's Teacher of the Year, Ms. Alyssa Martin, was also named Teacher of the Year for the Northeast Learning Community.



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ATTENTION SENIORS who will be attending a GSU Perimeter Campus in the Fall - Georgia State University's Office of Latino Student Services and Outreach at Perimeter College is happy to announce that they are now accepting applications for our Fall 2018 Goizueta Latino Leadership Pipeline scholarship at all Perimeter College campuses (Alpharetta, Dunwoody, Clarkston, Decatur and Newton).

This scholarship is for first-time freshman of Hispanic or Latino heritage that exemplify leadership in their communities as well as academia.

Link for more information and to apply: <http://success.students.gsu.edu/perimeter-goizueta/>.

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Class of 2018 Graduation

Hooch Senior Families:

We are underway with preparations for the Class of 2018 Graduation Ceremony. Our date and time for the Graduation ceremony is Friday, May 25, 2018 at 7:30PM at Verizon Wireless Amphitheatre. Our date and time for Graduation practice is Tuesday, May 22, 2018 at 1:30PM at Verizon Wireless Amphitheatre.

The cap & gown is included in our senior graduation fee – a \$65 fee paid directly to Balfour. Go to www.gabalfour.com, select Chattahoochee from the drop down list, and click the link for graduation fee/cap & gown order.

PERSONAL FITNESS WAIVER REMINDER! If you have completed 1 year of a GHSA sport OR 1 year of marching band, you are eligible for a Personal Fitness Waiver! Personal Fitness is a graduation requirement for all students but you can fulfill the requirement with participation in a GHSA sport or marching band and submitting the paperwork. You **MUST** complete and submit the required form in order to fulfill the requirement and receive credit on your transcript. Forms are available in the counseling office. Please continue to stop by the Learning Studio every morning and during lunch time to troubleshoot and replace your broken cases and devices with those discolorations on the screen. Keep up with the #HoochFamily! Follow us on Twitter @HoochHappenings & on Facebook @ChattahoocheeHighSchool. Also on the web at ChattCougar.com.

Important Senior Dates

- May 20 – Baccalaureate Service 2pm at Mt. Pisgah UMC
- May 22 – Graduation Practice 1:30pm at Verizon Amphitheatre
- May 24 – Last Day of School
- May 25 – Graduation 7:30pm at Verizon Amphitheatre