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Class of 2022 families,

Last week I visited English classes to talk to the freshman class. Every student received an individualized folder that contained login information for their Tyler accounts, a copy of their transcript, and some handouts about what to expect freshman year. This information is attached this email and will be posted to our website under the Class of 2022 tab. Some of the talking points of our meeting included the following:

- We went over their first transcript; what is a transcript and why is it so important to know how to read their transcript. Credits they need to graduate. What are required classes, and what happens if a student fails a required class. I encourage you to ask your students for the answers to these questions.
- Freshman year is different from middle school. Classes will be more challenging; expect more homework. Expect more responsibility and accountability. It is so important for students have good organization and time management skills. Students will also begin to learn how self-advocate and be encouraged to communicate with their teachers.
- Freshman year is about creating good work habits, learning to be a high school student, and self-discovery. We will talk about and plan for college/career aspirations. We will also take some time to learn about your student's interests and strengths, but the emphasis of will be to make sure they are adjusting to high school.
- There is so much to look forward to! We have a lot of extracurricular activities; I encourage students to try to get involved in something.
- To stay up to date on everything going on at school, I encourage students to check their email, listen to morning announcements, and check the CCHS website. I also have a Remind account available.
- I will be meeting with students quarterly. Next time we meet we will have an entire class period and will begin working with Naviance.
- Help is available! If a student needs additional help with school work, we have ARP (Academic Review Period) every day from 8:00- 8:25 am teachers are available to meet with students and help them. We also have Terrier Tutoring; this is available Tuesday-Thursday from 3:15-4:45 pm. There is always an English and Math teacher there to help students. Even if you do not need help, it is also a good space to go to get homework done. There is a late bus to help with transportation. It leaves CCHS at 5:00 and drops off at the following locations:
 - Giant City School
 - Unity Point School
 - Evergreen Terrace
 - Trinity Christian School
 - Washington & College St.
 - Eurma C. Hayes Center
 - Boys & Girls Club
 - Crossings Laundromat
 - De Soto Car Wash

I am here to help. If anything comes up whether it be academic or personal I am available to meet and help students work through any problems. No conversation is off limits. I look forward to getting to know the freshman class and working with them and you

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