

## Welcome to the CLASS OF 2023!

The Colts Neck High School community extends an invitation to all incoming 9<sup>th</sup> grade students and to all students who are new to the Colts Neck High School community.

### ***COUGAR KICKOFF***

Thursday, August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019

6:00 p.m.

Main Gymnasium

An evening of fun is being planned just for you! Meet your student council officers and peer leaders, get your school spirit on with the marching band and the dance and cheer teams, gather some important facts about high school life and begin your transition into the Colts Neck High School community. More information is detailed on the Cougar Kickoff Fact Sheet.

We look forward to seeing you there ...

Dr. Brian Donahue  
Principal

Mrs. Jennifer Williams  
Assistant Principal  
Grades 10 and 12

Mr. Shawn Currie  
Assistant Principal  
Grades 9 and 11

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#### MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR IMPORTANT SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER DATES:

- 9/4 Ninth Grade Orientation
- 9/5 First Day of School
- 9/19 Club/Activities Fair (during school day)
- 9/19 Back to School Night - Early dismissal for students
- 9/25 Professional Development for Staff - Early dismissal for students
- 9/28 Opening Home Football Game - 12:00 p.m. vs. Toms River East
- 9/30 Rosh Hashanah - No School
- 10/1 Rosh Hashanah - No School
- 10/2 Yearbook Photos
- 10/9 Yom Kippur – No School
- 10/14 Staff Development – No School for Students
- 10/16 PSAT Testing

**COUGAR FRESHMAN KICKOFF**  
**THURSDAY, AUGUST 29, 2019**  
**6:00 p.m. – Main Gymnasium**

5:45 – 6:00 *Background music provided by CNHS Band (Advisor: Ms. Smith)*  
*Peer leaders/Student Council members greet/welcome and then sit in bleachers with visitors!*

6:00 p.m. ROTC Presentation of Flag – National Anthem  
(Advisors: Major Penczak & Ms. Smith)

WELCOMING REMARKS

Dr. Donahue, Principal  
Student Council Executive Board Members  
Ms. Hill, Class of 2023 Advisor

Dance Team  
(Advisor: Ms. Yutko)

Cheerleaders  
(Advisor: Ms. Groninger)

Peer Leader(s) describe format for the evening.  
(Advisors: Mr. Jansen and Ms. Barra)  
*(Peer leader advisors to provide names of two students who will perform this function)*

Instruct peer leaders to hold signs and invite 9<sup>th</sup> grade and new students to find their groups *(alphabetical breakdown)*

*CNHS BAND PLAYS MUSIC AS FRESHMEN LOCATE THEIR TOUR GROUPS*

6:30 p.m. **PEER LEADER ACTIVITIES (Inside Building)**  
Icebreaker/Tour of building

6:30 p.m. **PARENT ACADEMY – AUDITORIUM**

- Welcome – Dr. Donahue
- PTSO Representative – Mrs. Halmi
- NHS Overview – NHS Advisors/Officers (Ms. Lucarelli & Mr. Niemierowski)

- Transitioning into a new school\*

\*Presented by: Mr. Currie and Ms. Williams, Assistant Principals, Ms. Peterson, Guidance Supervisor, and Mr. Zwirz, SECA

7:00 p.m. *Peer leaders should begin to escort groups to the AUDITORIUM.  
Please move student groups to the FRONT seating area.*

- Skits by Student Council (Advisor: Ms. Abdul-Malak)

Reminders:

FRESHMAN ORIENTATION – Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup> - You will be able to obtain your bus stop information from the parent portal. Please meet in the auditorium upon arrival. Program runs approximately 8:25 a.m. – 10:40 a.m.

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT – Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

CLUB/ACTIVITY FAIR – Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup> in the cafeteria during health/physical education classes

*Please gather in the cafeteria for light refreshments following the presentation*

## COUGAR KICKOFF! THE FACTS. . .

- The program lasts *approximately* 1 ½ hours.
- The program is designed for incoming freshmen and upperclassmen that are new to our school community.
- The goal of our program is to make the transition from middle school to high school as comfortable as possible.
- The program is cooperatively planned by administration, staff, and students and involves our student council officers, band members, dance and cheer teams, and peer leaders.
- Students will have an opportunity to tour the building and interact with peer leaders, becoming familiar with their new community prior to their freshmen orientation.
- As students arrive, they should report to the main gymnasium and sit in the bleachers.
- Parents and students will have an opportunity to purchase *Cougar Wear*, sponsored by our PTSO.
- Parents are invited to attend a Parent Academy workshop, **The Transition into High School**, beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the auditorium. This workshop will provide those attending with some valuable insights regarding their child's transition and their new experiences at CNHS.

*For further information, please contact Colts Neck High School at (732) 761-0190*

Colts Neck High School Class of 2023,  
Welcome to Colts Neck High School!

My name is Mrs. Hill and I will be your advisor during your freshman year. The best way for you to become involved in school and make the most of your high school experience is to join student/class council!

This sounds great, but you might be asking yourself, what does student/class council do?

Student and class councils exist to improve school life for the existing student body. We do this through planning major events like Homecoming and Prom or doing small things, such as advertising for club events and offering cougar pride decorations at home games.

It is important to realize that joining student council is not something just to put on your resume to apply to college. It requires a commitment to be a part of a team, to be a role model for your classmates, and to provide assistance to the advisors and administration for carrying on the traditions of CNHS.

The reward of planning and executing events that your classmates will remember the rest of their lives is well worth all the effort.

Whether you want to run for an officer position during your freshman year or you just want to be involved, we encourage you to join!

We encourage all students and parents to follow the class of 2023 on Twitter @cnhsclassof2023 and on Instagram @cnhs\_classof2023 to keep up to date with all that is happening with the Class of 2023!

I am looking forward to meeting all of you at the Cougar Kick Off; enjoy the remainder of your summer!

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