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Hello parents and students,

We have successfully completed the first marking period of the school year. Can you believe Thanksgiving is just around the corner. I hope that you all take time to relax and enjoy family and friends.

Parent/Teacher conferences:

November 22 (two-hour late arrival) and November 23 (two-hour early dismissal) are parent/teacher conferences. These will be by invitation only. It is our goal to wrap around and support our students who experienced challenges and difficulties during the first marking period. For those parents who do not receive an invitation and have a concern, please contact your child's counselor so that they can schedule a time for you other than November 22-23. Ms. Siwicki is the counselor for students whose last names begin with A-L and her email address is jsiwicki@mycsp.org. Ms. Shepherd is the counselor for those students whose last name begins with M-Z and her email address is mshepherd@mycsp.org.

I thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation with this protocol.

March Parent/Teacher Conferences: will be on a first-come, first-served basis.

Second Marking Period: Now that the first marking period is behind us, I want to share a few suggestions on how you can help your student be more successful in their academics.

- Monitor your child's grades through the Parentportal weekly. Tuesday is our day that teachers have updated grade books from the week prior.
- Communicate with teachers when and if there is a concern.
- Monitor your child's BrightSpace account. For those of you having difficulty navigating through BrightSpace, we do plan to offer three parent sessions to help you become more familiar with the BrightSpace platform. More information will be provided in the coming weeks.
- Please make sure you take time to read the bi-weekly newsletter and weekly updates that are being emailed to you.

Visiting the Building

- We recognize that as students fully return to buildings, families and community members will naturally want to be involved in our school. Given that we remain in a pandemic and our focus must be on the instruction of our students, visitors to our school will be permitted only on a limited basis and only by appointment. We ask that families and community members work with us to help fulfill our main goal: to keep the school open and fully functioning in the safest manner possible throughout the school year
- If you need to schedule an appointment and are unsure whom to contact, please email Ms. O'Brien AOBRIEN@MYCSP.ORG, and she will assist you. As much as we miss you all visiting the building, we are unable to honor that request at this time.
- If you are visiting the building, you must park in a parking space. Please do not park on the curb outside the main entrance.
- If you need to drop off medication for your child, please contact the nurse to schedule an appointment. Her email address is hdstoc00@aacounty.org.

Drawstring Bags Water Bottles - Students are permitted and encouraged to bring a water bottle and drawstring bag with them to school each day. Drawstring bags are allowed to be carried throughout the day without having to be placed in the locker like backpacks.

Uniforms:

- **Backordered Items** - Flynn O'Hara has shared the list of students who have uniform orders arriving after the start of school. Only these students are permitted to wear solid-colored polo shirts assigned to middle or high school until **November 29**. **No exceptions will be made after this date.** Again, this only applies to those students whose names have been shared with the school.

Make-up Picture Day for grades 6-11 and staff - Tomorrow, Wednesday, November 17

- In the past, students were required to wear their white Oxford shirts in order to be photographed for the yearbook. This year, because of our unique circumstances with uniforms, students will be allowed to wear their white Oxford or their CSP polo shirt. We will no longer lend out shirts or ties to students in order to be photographed for the yearbook. That practice has been discontinued. Those that missed the first date were given a form today. Students should bring those tomorrow if they wish to purchase them. Parents can also register online to purchase packages.

Covid-19 Information

Parents, Please send all communication re: COVID symptoms, tests, and quarantine to Mrs. O'Brien at aobrien@mycsp.org.

I would like to end my letter with two very important pieces of information. For those students who are quarantined, CSP will utilize the Virtual Classroom on BrightSpace to grant them access to the day's learning. Teachers will support those students during ROAR time and/or virtually through BrightSpace's virtual classroom after school hours on designated days. Later this week, we will send home detailed information on how we will support students who are out of school due to Covid-19 quarantine.

As a reminder, if your student is experiencing any one of the following symptoms, please keep them at home. We are approaching the cold and flu season and want to keep the safety of our students and staff at the forefront.

- Fever of 100.4 or higher
- sore throat
- cough
- difficulty breathing
- diarrhea or vomiting
- new loss of taste or smell
- new onset of severe headache (especially with fever)

Respectfully,

Dwight L. Jefferson

Principal