

# Cougars on the Prowl!



**'24 - '25**

**CHS**

**Cougar  
Orientation**





# Welcome to CHS!

- **Pledge of Allegiance**
- **National Anthem**

"I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

# National Anthem

**Mrs. Jackson, Choir Director**

**Countryside High School**





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CULTY & STAFF | 2023-2024



COUNTRYSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

Proud Cougar  
Culture

Year 46

Welcome Class  
of 2028





# **MISSION** **AND** **VISION**

**At Countryside High School, we are committed to educate and prepare all students for career, college, and life.**

**The vision of Countryside High School is 100% student success.**





Our  
Cougar  
Family

# CHS School Counselors



**Ms. Harris**  
Last Names:  
A – G



**Ms. Parsley**  
Last Names:  
H – O



**Ms. Santiago**  
Last Names:  
P – Z



**Mrs. DeGarmo**  
ISTEM



# CHS Resources



Ms. Cobb  
College &  
Career  
Counselor



Mrs. Saren  
Social Worker



Ms. Taylor  
Psychologist



Mrs. Wright  
Behavior  
Specialist



Ms. Boylan  
VE Specialist

# CHS Office Staff



Ms. Mency  
Front  
Office



Ms. Davis  
Admin  
Office



Mrs. Litchy  
Bookkeeper



Mrs. Copp  
Testing



Mrs. Perry  
Attendance



Ms. Johnston  
DMT



Mrs. Thibodeau  
Sr. DMT



Mrs. Hutchins  
Principal's Secretary



# Cougar Administration



Mr. Henderson  
Principal  
(Year 5)



Ms. Frazier  
Last Names:  
A – G  
(Year 8)



Mr. Murphy  
Last Names:  
H – O  
(The Rookie)



Mrs. Overall  
Last Names:  
P – Z  
(Year 7)



Mr. Bernstein  
ISTEM  
(Year 7)

Thank you,  
Officer  
Faulk and  
Officer  
Comini!



**Michael A. Hawkins SROs  
of the Year**



A close-up photograph of a cougar's face, looking directly at the camera. The cougar has brown and tan fur with white markings on its chest and muzzle. Its eyes are a pale yellow-green color. The background is plain white.

**“B”**

**School Designation**



# We have been waiting for you! Get involved!

- **A legacy of supportive parent involvement!**
- **Booster organizations, supporting our CHS clubs, and School Advisory Council**
- **iSTEM Advisory Board**
- **Quarterly “State of the School” community forums**







# About the real CHS...

- **+1500 Students in 2023-2024**
- **Free Breakfast and Lunch Service**
- **Times: 7:25 AM – 1:55 PM**
- **76 Teachers / 140 Total Staff**
- **25 School Buses**



# Who We Are...

**Parent Survey Says:**  
Compassionate and caring  
staff, overwhelmingly  
positive culture on campus.

**Student Survey Says:** Caring  
staff that has the ability to  
build relationships.







# Cougar Points of Pride

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- Over 40 clubs and organizations on campus to become involved!
  - Two National Merit Scholars in 2023-2024!
  - 12 Cougars earned the prestigious Clearwater for Youth Scholarships!
  - 10 team state championships over 45 years! State champions in wrestling and swimming in 2023!





# Cougar Points of Pride

- Percentage gains in Algebra and Geometry
- Percentage increase for ELA and highest reading learning gains in PCS!
- Cougars on the Prowl in '24-'25! Only a few school grade points from "A" school status!

# How About This Cougar?







**Bobby Finke of Team United States celebrates after winning gold in a world record time in the Men's 1500m Freestyle Final on day nine of the Olympic Games Paris 2024 at Paris La Defense Arena on August 04, 2024 in Nanterre, France. (Maddie Meyer/Getty Images)**

# Cougars Accelerated

77%

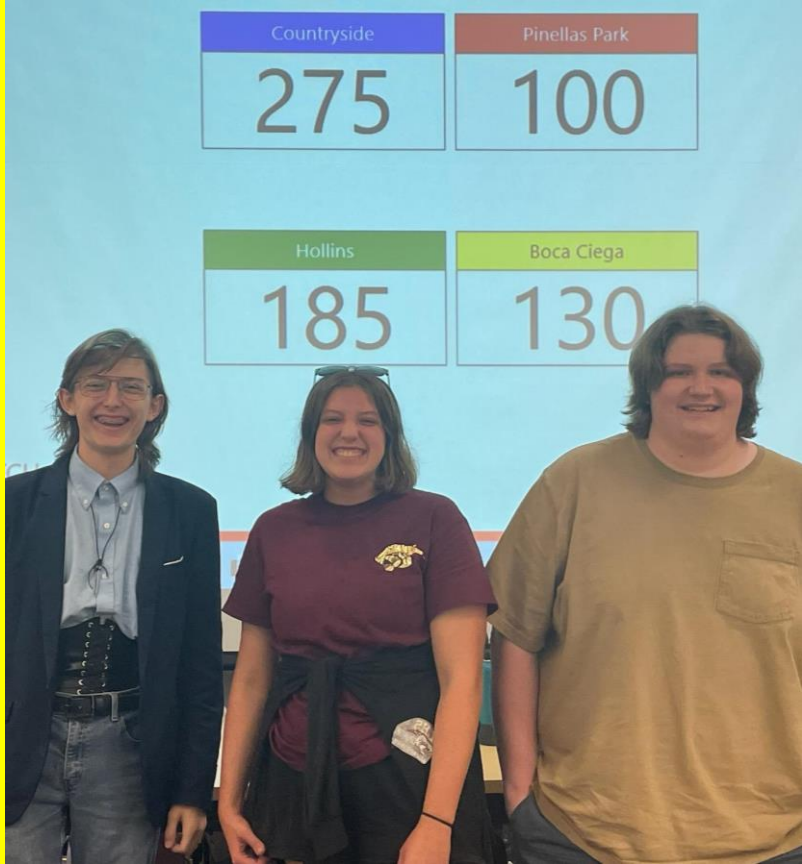




# Graduation Rate

94%





Thank You Coaches and Sponsors





# CHS Athletics on the Prowl!



# COUGARS

VARSITY FLAG FOOTBALL 2024







# Cougars on the Prowl in '24-'25!

**Stronger Processes to Ensure Student Success**

**Focus on Professional Development to Promote Student Success**

**Continued Focus on Collaborative Problem-Solving Among All Stakeholders**



What do you want  
for these next 4  
years?

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Take one minute to share  
with someone near you  
one goal for this coming  
year.

(1 Minute Cougar Talk)



**Mr. Bernstein**

**7 years @ CHS**

**Assistant  
Principal,  
Curriculum and  
iSTEM**





# Graduation Requirements



- **24 Credit Option**
  - **4 credits in English**
  - **4 credits in Math**
    - **Algebra 1**
    - **Geometry**
  - **3 credits in Science**
    - **Biology**
  - **3 credits in Social Studies**
    - **½ US Government**
    - **World History**
    - **US History**
    - **½ Economics**
  - **1 credit in Fine or Performing Arts, Speech and Debate, or Career and Technical Education**
  - **1 credit in HOPE (or 2 years of a varsity sport)**
  - **½ credit in Personal Financial Literacy**
  - **7.5 credits in Electives**
- **Passing score on the Algebra 1 EOC or Concordant Score on PSAT, ACT, SAT or Geometry EOC**
- **Passing score on Grade 10 PM3 or Concordant Score on SAT or ACT**

# Florida Graduation Requirements

- All Cougars must participate in EOC assessments for the following courses
  - Algebra 1
  - Biology 1
  - Geometry
  - US History
- EOC is 30% of overall grade for the course





# Bell Schedule

All Cougars  
report to  
homeroom on  
the first day...

Period	Time	
1 <sup>st</sup>	7:25-8:15	3 Minutes Morning Announcements
2 <sup>nd</sup>	8:19-9:06	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	9:10-10:01	4 Minutes Cougar TV
4 <sup>th</sup>	10:05-10:52	
Lunch (J, K, L, M, N)	10:52-11:22	5 <sup>th</sup> Period 10:56-11:43
5 <sup>th</sup> Period	11:26-12:13	Lunch (A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, Auditorium, Gym) 11:43-12:13
6 <sup>th</sup>	12:17-1:04	
7 <sup>th</sup>	1:08-1:55	

District & School Announcements

News Events


 Alerts

 A form you submitted has been recently processed. [Click here for details.](#)

 07/24 **Parent Portal Registration Has Moved to Focus**  
District Announcement

Parents no longer need to report to the school first to create an account. Parents can create an account and link their student(s) via Focus. Parents will still need to provide their government issued ID at the school or upload their government issued ID to be verified by school staff.

 **Guzman-Ramos, Penelope**  
Curtis Fundamental Elementary

Grades News Planner Reports 

		RQ1	RQ2	RQ3	RQ4	08/10 - 10/13			
Pd	Course	Ex	Unx	Tardy	Grade				
01	LANG ARTS GRADE 5	0	0	0	NG				
02	ART - INTERM 3	0	0	0	NG				
02	ES SOCIAL STUDIES	0	0	0	NG				
02	MUSIC-INTERM 3	0	0	0	NG				
02	PHYSICAL EDUCATION 5	0	0	0	NG				
05	MATH GRADE 5	0	0	0	NG				
07	SCIENCE GRADE 5	0	0	0	NG				

# Student's Account View



# My Information

The screenshot shows the Pinellas County Schools Portal interface. At the top, there is a blue header with the Pinellas County Schools logo, the text "PINELLAS COUNTY SCHOOLS", and buttons for "Portal" and "Help". Below the header, there are two input fields: the first contains "Curtis Fundamental Elementary" and the second contains "2023-2024". A vertical menu on the left side lists various options, each with an icon and a text label. The "My Information" option, which features a person icon, is circled in red. Other menu items include Portal (home icon), School Information (info icon), Preferences (gear icon), Class Schedule (list icon), Class Requests (document icon), Grades (A+ icon), Test History (line graph icon), Test History Report (line graph icon), Standard Grades (checkmark icon), Absences (no icon), Attendance (bell icon), Referrals (flag icon), and Forms Summary (pencil icon). At the bottom of the page, there is a "Messenger" button with a speech bubble icon and a "Logout" button with a right-pointing arrow icon.

PINELLAS COUNTY SCHOOLS Portal Help


Curtis Fundamental Elementary





2023-2024

- Portal
- School Information
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Messenger Logout

# Food Service Pin


**PINELLAS COUNTY SCHOOLS** My Information 

### General


Grd promo St: Good Cau...	[0] Not Applicable
Est. Year of Graduation	
FCAT Low 35% in Reading	
Recommended Reading ...	
Recommended Math Pla...	
Recommended Science ...	
Recommended ESOL Pla...	
Assignment Code	2 - Fundamental School Student [2]
Local Ethnic Code	H
Year Entered HS	
FCAT Low 35% in Math	
ELL Status (Limited Engli...	Not applicable [ZZ]
FDLE Alert	✘
Shielded Student	✘
? * Home Language Sur...	04/12/2016
Team Flag 1	
Team Flag 2	




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FTE Eligibility2	
Summer School	
Application Program	313101 - Curtis Fundamental ES
EOC Courses Enrolled fo...	
Lunch Account Balance \$	
? Food Services PIN	
Online Report Card	✓
? Florida First Start par...	✘
? Resident Status	PK12 - In-County Resident [3]
? * Resident County	PINELLAS [52]



R2.D2  
(Username)


**PINELLAS COUNTY SCHOOLS** My Information 





  

### General

Extra Curricular Eligibility	Z
Grade Level When First ...	
* Student Language	English [EN]
English Proficiency	
* Parent Language	English [EN]
* Birthdate	01/04/2013 10 years 7 months
Birthplace	Safety Harbor, FL
Birth Verification Docu...	Certified Copy of Birth Certificate [1]
Foster Home	✘
Military Family Student	Z
College/Military Info Op...	
Enrollment School Num...	3131
Multiple Enrollment Flag	
E-mail Address	FK.7C@pcs.org
Last School of Attendance	3131
Next School of Attendan...	
Next Grade Level	
Grd promo St: Good Cau...	[0] Not Applicable
Est. Year of Graduation	
FCAT Low 35% in Reading	
Recommended Reading ...	
Recommended Math Pla...	
Recommended Science ...	
Recommended ESOL Pla...	
Assignment Code	2 - Fundamental School Student [2]
Local Ethnic Code	H
Year Entered HS	
FCAT Low 35% in Math	

# Local Student ID (Password, s.#)

**PINELLAS COUNTY SCHOOLS** My Information 


   

### General

* Local Student ID	5215010435
? Pre-Kindergarten Par...	
? Test Accommodations	Not Applicable (None above needed) [Z]
? * Country of Birth Code	United States [US]
Locker	
* Gender	Female [F]
Other Name	
Special Code	
Nick Name	
Old Nick Name	
PE Waiver	
Home Room Number	
Advisor Number	
Counselor Number	
Groups	
Instructional Setting	Regular Ed [RE]
Disability Student	Not applicable / not self-identified [Z]
Section 504 Eligible	Not Applicable
Extra Curricular Eligibility	Z
Grade Level When First ...	
* Student Language	English [EN]
English Proficiency	
* Parent Language	English [EN]
* Birthdate	01/04/2013 10 years 7 months
Birthplace	Safety Harbor, FL
Birth Verification Docu...	Certified Copy of Birth Certificate [1]
Foster Home	✘
Military Family Student	Z



# Class Schedule

PINELLAS COUNTY SCHOOLS Class Schedule		
<a href="#">Print Schedule</a> <a href="#">Course List</a> <a href="#">Weekly Planner</a>		
11 Classes 		
Course	Period - Teacher	Cou Num
Homeroom-05 Team A	0000 - 5A1 - ROBERT D. TUTTLE	HMP
LANG ARTS GRADE 5	0101 - 5A1C - ROBERT D. TUTTLE	5010
LANG ARTS GRADE 5	0202 - 5A1X - ROBERT D. TUTTLE	5010
ES SOCIAL STUDIES	0288 - 5A1 - ROBERT D. TUTTLE	ESS
ART - INTERM 3	0288 - T - 5A1 - LINDA K. HILTERBRANDT	5001
MUSIC-INTERM 3	0288 - M - 5A1 - HOLLY P. NOORDHOEK	5013
PHYSICAL EDUCATION 5	0288 - WHF - 5A1 - SUSAN H. MANLEY	5015
LANG ARTS GRADE 5	0303 - 5A1F - ROBERT D. TUTTLE	5010
HEALTH - GRADE 5	0404 - 5A1 - ROBERT D. TUTTLE	5008
MATH GRADE 5	0506 - 5A1 - DAVID J. SCHELL	5012
SCIENCE GRADE 5	0707 - 5A1 - DAVID J. SCHELL	5020

# Stay Connected!



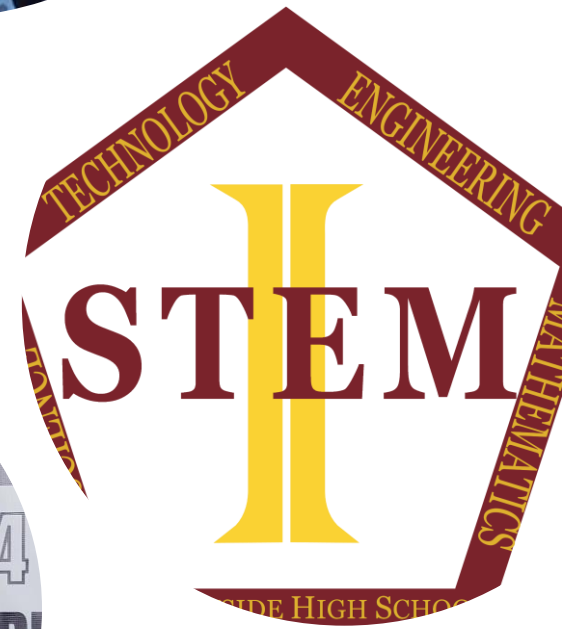
- Login to your Focus account
- Complete required forms
- Review your class schedule
- Save your password



# iSTEM Shines

**Magnet Schools  
of America**

**School of  
Excellence**



iSTEM  
Program and  
Meeting  
Today!





# Mr. Murphy

## 1<sup>st</sup> year @ CHS



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Assistant  
Principal  
(H-O)



## Countryside High School Electronic Device Policy

Wireless Communication Usage Summary Chart		Wireless Headphones and Earbuds Usage Summary Chart	
Time Period	High School	Time Period	High School
After School	Yes	After School	Yes
Before School	Yes	Before School	Yes
During Lunch	Yes	During Lunch	Yes
Passing Period	Yes	Passing Period	No

- (1) Verbal Warning - Restorative conversation documented in portal.
- (2) Written Warning - Restorative conversation, followed by parent/guardian contact via email documented in portal (copy student's AP on email).
- (3) Written Warning (2) - Restorative conversation, followed by parent/guardian contact via email documented in portal (copy student's AP on email). Teacher may confiscate device for remainder of period.
- (4) Referral - Parent contact by teacher, Administrative Detention and confiscation of for remainder of day.
- (5) Referral - Parent contact by teacher, Administrative Detention and confiscation of for remainder of day.

**Repeated Infractions will utilize progressive discipline, including administrative detentions, administrative confiscation, ISS, or device agreement.**

**Continued noncompliance will be considered "Defiance"**

**\*All steps are subject to change per Administrative Discretion\***





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## PBIS ROAR Program at CHS:

- Positive Incentives through Cougar Currency!
- Leadership support and independent growth
- Student choice and voice in school experiences

**R** - Responsible

**O** - Organized and Prepared

**A** - Accepting of Self and Others

**R** - Respectful

What does it look like on campus?

What does it sound like on campus?





	CLASSROOM/LAB/ MEDIA CENTER	CAFETERIA	RESTROOMS	HALLWAYS & CONCOURSE	AUDITORIUM, GYM, and ATHLETIC AREAS	ARRIVAL/DISMISSAL AREAS
<b>Responsible</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Give your best effort</li><li>• Be prepared</li><li>• Push in your chair</li><li>• Sit properly in chair</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Stay in concourse for the entire lunch period</li><li>• Leave your eating area clean</li><li>• Use the trash cans appropriately</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Clean up after yourself</li><li>• Use the restroom for its specific purpose</li><li>• Inform staff of any problem(s) with the restrooms</li><li>• Maximum time out of class is 5 minutes</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Keep lockers clean and secure</li><li>• Have a pass if you're in the hallway during class time</li><li>• Make use of your locker!</li><li>• Break Passes- Limit of 5 minutes (authorized by administration or student services)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Follow teacher/posted rules &amp; expectations</li><li>• Remaining in appropriate and authorized area</li><li>• Represent CHS in a positive, dignified manner</li><li>• Sit in designated areas</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Follow all staff / teacher directions</li><li>• Clear the concourse by 2:00 pm unless supervised by an adult.</li><li>• Share your space with the other riders</li><li>• Abide by traffic rules (student parking lot)</li><li>• Lock your car (student parking lot)</li></ul>
<b>Organized &amp; Prepared</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Be on task</li><li>• Follow directions the first time</li><li>• Bring needed materials to class (Be prepared)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Be ready with your form of payment</li><li>• Give yourself an appropriate amount of time to eat</li><li>• Go immediately to class when the bell rings</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Must have a pass</li><li>• Go/Flush/Wash Hands</li><li>• Plan your restroom breaks at appropriate times</li><li>• Use the restroom closest to your classroom</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Stay to the right</li><li>• Walk with a purpose</li><li>• Must have a pass</li><li>• Walk at appropriate speed</li><li>• Report to class before the tardy bell (respect the warning bell)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Use equipment/facilities as intended</li><li>• Follow staff instructions. Safety is a priority</li><li>• Arrive at a reasonable time before the event begins</li><li>• Enter or leave at appropriate time</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Arrive on time &amp; enter/exit through the proper doors</li><li>• Be at your designated area (Tutoring, APEX, extracurricular, etc...) by 2:00pm</li><li>• Use time wisely to prepare for the school day</li><li>• Go immediately to class when the bell rings</li></ul>
<b>Accepting of self &amp; others</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Consider others</li><li>• Help /share with others</li><li>• Give your best effort</li><li>• Follow classroom &amp; behavior management plans and rules</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Share the space at lunch tables</li><li>• Clean up spills</li><li>• Keep walkways and wings clear</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• One person per stall</li><li>• Keep hands, feet &amp; objects to self</li><li>• Keep the restroom neat and clean</li><li>• Wash your hands</li><li>• Dispose of personal items appropriately</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Share the space</li><li>• Be aware of your surroundings</li><li>• Keep hands and feet to self</li><li>• Keep the hallways clear</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Exhibit good sportsmanship</li><li>• Obey "it's a small world rule" (Honor the diversity in others)</li><li>• Think and act wisely</li><li>• Use good decision-making skills to avoid conflicts</li><li>• Help others get to/from their seats</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Share the space</li><li>• Use level 0-3 voices</li><li>• Report to your dismissal location by 2:00.</li><li>• Use good decision-making skills to avoid conflicts</li><li>• Report inappropriate behavior</li><li>• Be aware of your surroundings</li></ul>
<b>Respectful</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Use manners and kind words</li><li>• Voice level 0- 2</li><li>• Honor others personal space Follow classroom behavioral plan</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sit on the seats/chairs not on top of tables</li><li>• Honor other's personal space</li><li>• Use appropriate language and "inside voices (Use level 0-2 voices)</li><li>• Clean up after yourself</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Honor other's privacy</li><li>• Use restroom manners</li><li>• Use appropriate language and "inside voices"</li><li>• Use the restroom appropriately</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Honor other's personal space &amp; posted work</li><li>• Use level 0-2 voices; level 0-1 during classes</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Use kind words</li><li>• Treat others how you would want to be treated</li><li>• Be attentive and positive</li><li>• Applaud/cheer appropriately</li><li>• Turn off electronic devices.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Use kind words &amp; actions</li><li>• Honor others personal space and time</li><li>• Remain in authorized areas.</li><li>• Exhibit the building promptly</li></ul>

**Ms. Frazier**

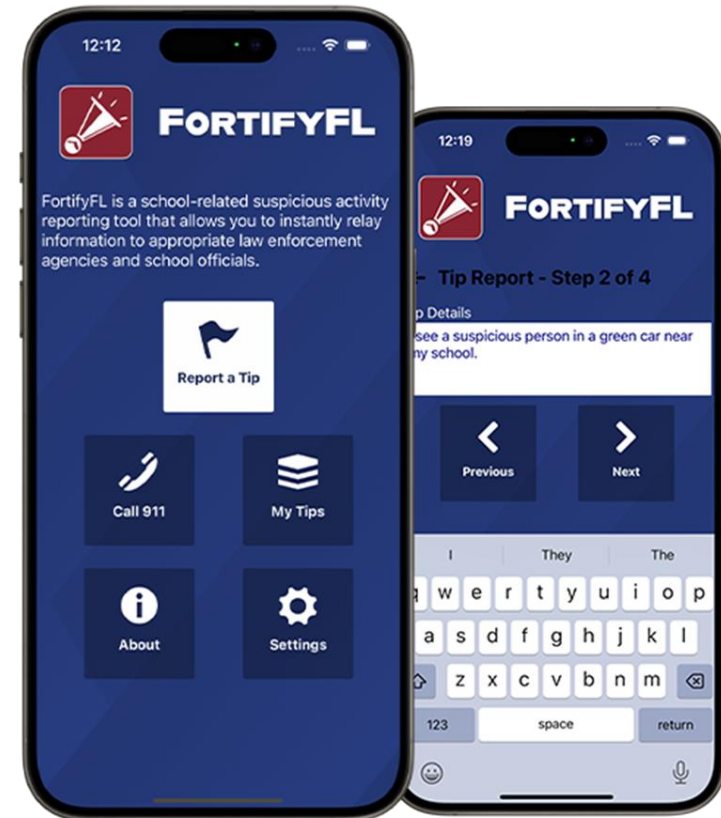
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**Assistant Principal  
(A-G)**



WHEN to report: Immediately

HOW to report: In person or electronically

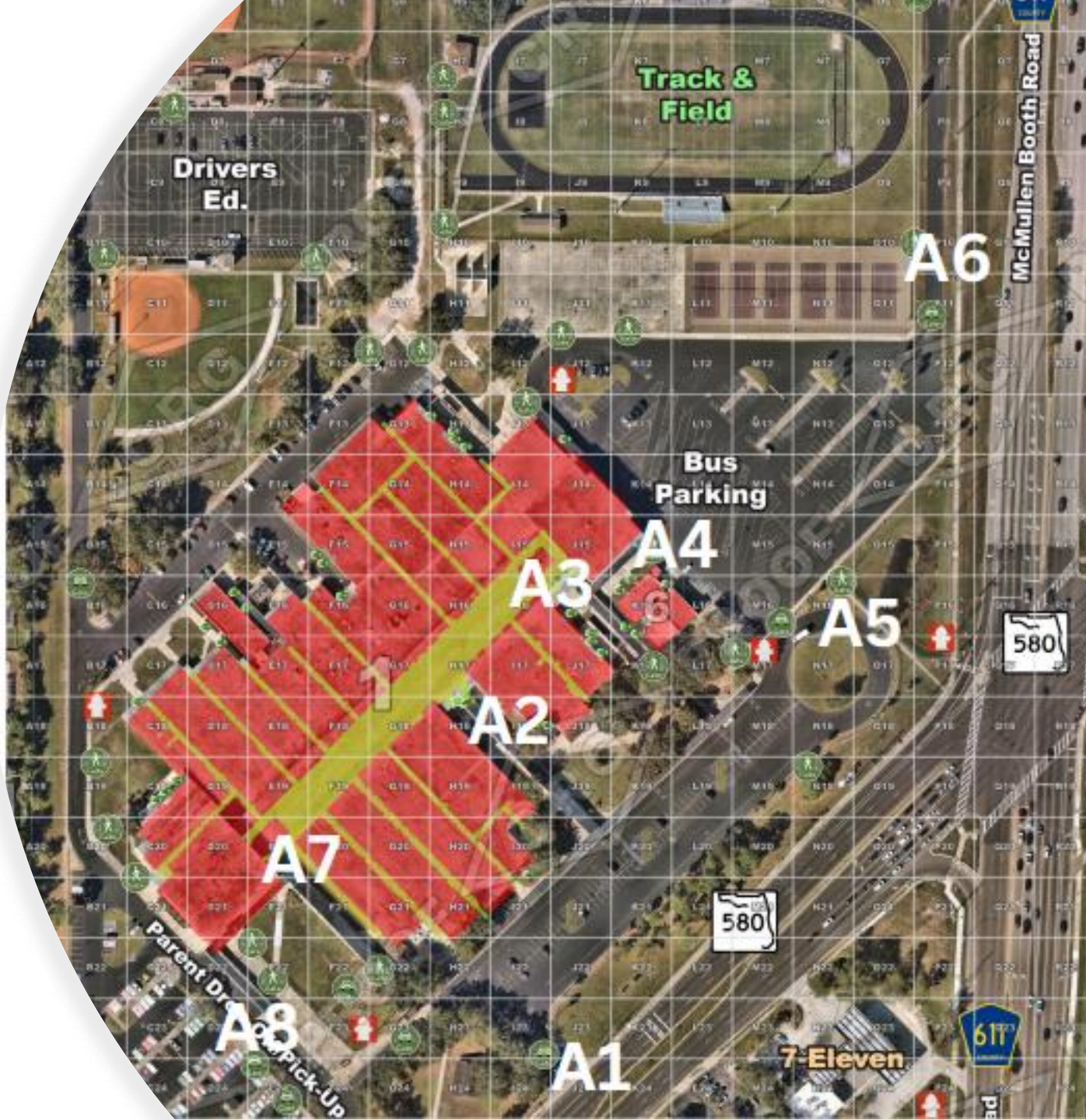






- There will be one drill per month this year at random times.
- Students are expected to play a part in keeping CHS safe.





- A1 FRONT GATE
- A2 FRONT ENTRY
- A3 I-WING ENTRY
- A4 BUS RIDER GATE
- A5 WALKER GATE (EAST)
- A6 BUS ENTRY GATE
- A7 AUDITORIUM DOOR
- A8 AUDITORIUM GATE
- A9 STUDENT LOT EXIT (WEST)



## Student Attendance (Policy 5500.05)

The purpose of this attendance policy is to foster responsibility and reliability on the part of district students to attend all classes.

New in '23-'24 School Conductor attendance tracker for tardies and hall passes!

Midterm & Final Exam Exemptions will be based on attendance. No more than 5 absences!

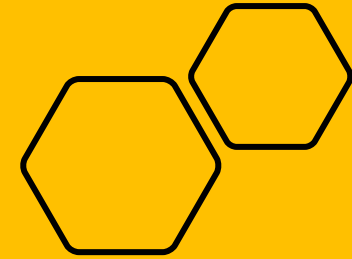
..IF YOU COULD GET TO CLASS ON TIME

THAT WOULD BE GREAT.





Be Comfortable!  
Be You!



### **Dress Code Policy**

**CHS follows the Pinellas County dress code expectations.**

### **Weekly dress up days:**

- AVID College Tuesday
- Garnet and Gold Fridays

Think Apparel has dress code apparel for sale  
in the concourse!



**Free Breakfast and lunch daily! Various options and items for sale a la carte.**

**Countryside High School had the second largest lunch service in 2023-2024!**

**Carol Workley, Cafeteria Manager**

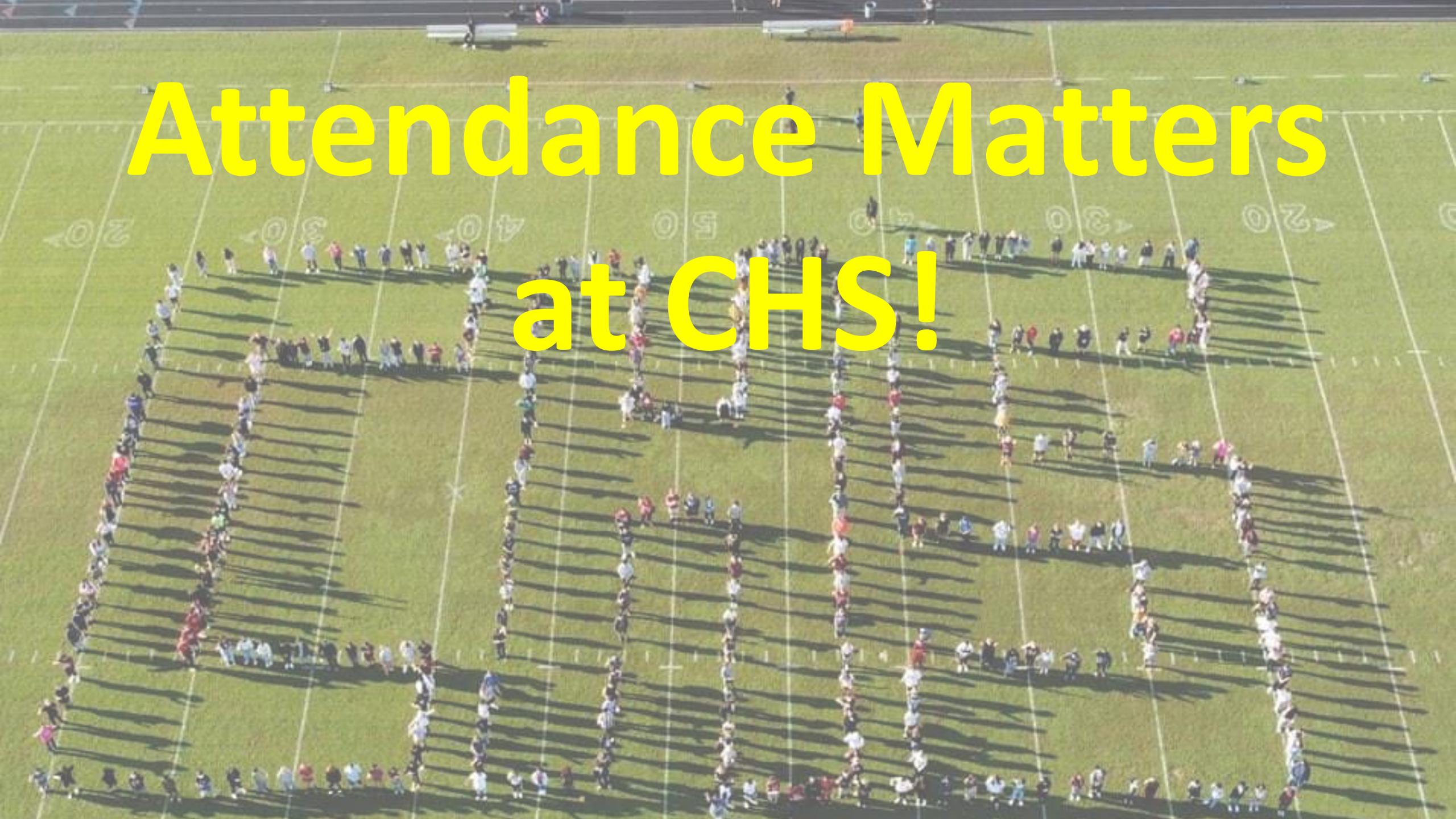
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# Attendance Matters

# at CHS!





A large group of students is seated in bleachers at what appears to be a school event or game. The students are dressed in various casual attire, including t-shirts, tank tops, and shorts. Some are wearing patriotic-themed clothing, such as American flag patterns and red, white, and blue colors. The background shows the structure of the bleachers and a building with windows. The overall atmosphere is lively and social.

**Mrs. Overall**

**7 Years @ CHS**

**Facilities**

**Athletics and Activities**

# Athletics & Activities

- **Fall Sports – Cheer, Cross Country, Football, Golf, Swimming, Volleyball, BOWLING**
- **Winter Sports – Basketball, Soccer, Wrestling**
- **Spring Sports – Baseball, Flag Football, Softball, Tennis, Track, LACROSSE**
- **eSports**
- **Academic Team**
- **Clubs – Over forty currently active clubs to choose from!**

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**GET INVOLVED!**



**COUNTRYSIDE  
COUGARS**





COUNTRYSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

Watch Cougar  
sports live!  
[NFHS.network.com](https://www.nfhs.network.com)

Get Cougar  
gear on BSN  
or off our  
school  
website!



**Support your SGA today by visiting the  
Westchase BBQ food truck and Sweet Ice truck  
outside by the Auditorium!**

**A percent of the proceeds will go to your  
Student Government Association!**





It's Going to be a Great Year!



Go Cougars!



iSTEM  
Program  
Families  
Please  
Remain  
Here

