

WELCOME TO 9TH GRADE ACADEMY 20/21

WE ARE EXCITED TO MEET YOU!

Hello 9th Graders. We are your Cohort Faculty Support Team. While we know this school year is filled with uncertainty, you can feel safe knowing you have a core group of dedicated teachers, tutors, and counselors who are eager to help you to find your place, find your people, and find success at CCHS (and of course, have some fun too...).

What are Cohorts and How Do They Work?

When you arrive at CCHS, you will see many new faces. There are over 300 incoming 9th graders this year from Concord, Carlisle, & Boston as well as from a few other communities (ie. faculty children). And don't forget new folks who have transferred or moved to the school district.

We have divided the 9th Grade class into 4 cohorts of 80-90 students. A core team of faculty will work with each cohort. This team will work to connect with every student to meet the academic and social emotional challenges of 9th Grade. Our goal is to help each of you to feel confident and engaged by the end of your first year and excited to return to make the most of your next three years at CCHS.

*** Find out about your specific cohort and Faculty Support Team on the next page.**

Will I Ever Get to See Anyone From Outside My Cohort?

Of course. While you will have four classes with your cohort taught by team teachers, you will also be able to take your other classes with students of all grades taught by teachers from all over the school. You will also see students from other cohorts at lunch and during extra curriculars. And since many of us coach or run clubs or activities, we can introduce you to upperclassmen who may become your good friends.

But Isn't Everything About School Up in the Air Because of the Pandemic?

The daily uncertainty and anxiety caused by the pandemic makes it difficult to predict exactly how the school year of 20/21 will play out. We want to assure you that no matter what learning model CCHS follows, whether remote or hybrid, we will be there to guide and support you.

We look forward to meeting you in September. Stay tuned for updates from us, your Cohort Faculty Support Team, in the coming weeks such as login and schedule information for the first day of school.

Welcome to the Oak Cohort!



Oak trees are both familiar-- found all around New England-- and special. They're worshipped by many cultures and chosen as the national tree of many countries, including our own. Because they live for so long (sometimes over 1000 years!), they often represent wisdom. Because they're sturdy and their leaves are some of the last to fall, they represent strength and resilience. Wisdom and resilience are two qualities that we all need, especially right now. We know you already have these traits, and that they'll only grow stronger through our bonds as a cohort.

Meet Team Oak

We are so excited to meet you in September

Click on the links below to see a quick introduction from the Oak Cohort educators.

Theresa Ruggerio	Planet Earth	Link to video
Maia Raber	English	Link to video
Alex Spence	English	Link to video
Johanna Glazer	World Cultures and Civilizations	Link to video
Agatha Wozniak	World Cultures and Civilizations	Link to video
Sara Kiesselbach	Math	Link to video
Shannon McCarthy/ Lauren Reese	Math	Link to video Link to video
Alison Nowicki	Guidance Counselor	Link to video
Matt Rudmann	Guidance Counselor	Link to video
Jackie Brown	Special Education	Link to video

Now it's your turn: Make a Google Slide **Introduce yourself to your cohort!**

Please make a slide [in this slide deck](#) to share a little bit about who you are. Your teachers have made the first few slides so you can see what we would like you to do. Be sure to pick a blank slide to complete so that you don't edit someone else's work. Don't forget that everyone will be able to see this and will be our first chance to get to know each other.

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