

CBHS Parent Newsflash, September 22, 2026

Dear parents and guardians,

Our 12th graders have landed safely at Ripple and at Hurricane Island and are enjoying a classic Maine fall evening! Reports coming into me are full of joy and excitement and nostalgia from their 9th grade Quest back in 2023! The philosophy of Expeditionary Learning specifically calls out the importance of recognizing the natural world and taking the time to reflect on successes and milestones, and we believe that Quest is an important element of both.

While the Seniors are out on Quest, the rest of our students are continuing to dive deep into their new classes, including finding independent reading books in the library, logging into iXL (which has taken the place of ALEKS for Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II) and for most students, completing their first science labs and discussions. The business of the school year is well underway! For more students, some amount of homework should be happening—whether it's reading, revising Google Classroom assignments, completing iXL topics, or working on notecatchers.

As you may know, the 8th grade High School Preference process kicks off this coming week! On Monday, there is a Zoom session for any interested 8th grader and parents/guardians about all three high schools and PATHS. Then on Monday, October 5th, we will host our 8th grade Open House. We value having current parents and students there to act as docents and tour guides and friendly faces who can answer specific questions. If you are willing to be a Casco docent that night, please let me know! We'd love to have you.

We do have a new photographer, Angela DePhilippo, after our longtime photographer, Rhonda Farnham, decided to take a break from school photography this year. Later this week, I will be sending a Reach My Teach with a website and a student-specific code that parents/guardians can use to see their student's School Picture and also to order specific packages. We hope this will make it easy for you to order the packages you like or to ask your student to do retakes.

Sincerely,
Ms. Natarajan

Dates to Know Now

Sept 22-25 Senior Quest

Sept 23 First Fresh Food Pantry! All students are welcome to take food home after school.

Sept 25/26 DHS Pep Rally & Homecoming—only for current DHS fall athletes (check email)

Sept 28 Virtual Information Session for Current 8th Graders, 6:30- 8 p.m.

Sept 29-30 9th Grade Quest

Oct 2 Junior Trip to Bradbury Mountain & Field Work

Sophomore Maine Through The Year Standardized Testing (Digital)

Oct 5 8th Grade Open House (Student & Parent Volunteers Needed and Welcomed!) 6-7:30 pm

Headline News

A note from PAG:

*Parents/caregivers: please take a minute to fill out the Parent Advisory

Group interest form: * cbhsfamily.org/signup/.

The CBHS Parent Advisory Group (PAG) facilitates communication between families and the school, leads efforts to appreciate CHBS staff, and raises essential funds to support expeditionary learning and other unique opportunities that define the student experience at CBHS.

*Our next meeting is **Tuesday, October 13 6:00-7:30 pm *in the Library.

All parents/caregivers are welcome!

Today's [Cabinet Bulletin](#) is here.

On Sunday, September 6, you should have received the **Household Income Form** through ReachMyTeach. This quick, 1-minute form directly affects our school's state funding, because the information you provide allows the state to calculate the correct amount of education dollars our school should receive. Your responses are confidential and used only for state funding purposes. **Please do the form!**

11th/12th Grade Parents: Please save the dates for our College events

September 29th, 6-7:30 pm at CBHS: College & Career Night with our Counselors!

October 8th, 6-8 pm at Portland High: PPS Parent University "Understanding College Admissions", Sponsored by the Multilingual Center

October 29th, 6 pm at the DHS Library: Districtwide Financial Aid Night

Repeat: The PSAT is coming up on October 14th! 11th Graders are automatically registered. 10th grade parents, please fill out the form I emailed to you so I can register your students. They can bring their \$10 payments to the main office.