Important Date:

Wednesday, February 7th
Jean Day (College Day)

Thursday, February 8th
Black History Literature/poetry display

Friday, February 9th
Boys Basketball v Cedar Creek @ Cedar Creek
Boys Soccer v Cedar Creek @ Cedar Creek
Girls Soccer v Cedar Creek @ CHS
Black History Video (AV Students)

Monday, February 12th
Softball game v Gateway @ CHS

Tuesday, February 13th
JV Baseball v Ellison Scrimmage @ CHS
V Baseball v Ellison Scrimmage @ Ellison
Boys Soccer v Georgetown @ CHS
Girls Soccer v Georgetown @ Georgetown
Boys Basketball v Georgetown @ CHS

Wednesday, February 14th
Valentine Day

Thursday, February 15th
Mug & Muffin Day
Softball v Harker Heights TRNMT @ City Complex @ Harker Heights

Friday, February 16th
Black History video AV students
Junior Class Meeting in the PAC during PAWS
Softball v Harker Heights
TRNMT @ City Complex @ Harker Heights

Parent Communication
John B. Connally High School

Spring Semester

Dear Cougar Family,

Five and a half months ago we started the new school year and now we find ourselves well on the way of completing the 3rd 9 weeks of the second semester. During this semester the winter weather has brought sniffles, sneezes, coughs, and fevers, and many students have missed a few days of school because of it. While these absences may be excused with parent or doctor’s notes, too many absences can add up to academic trouble—taking a serious toll on your child’s grades. So, encourage your student to stay focused and motivated avoiding setbacks that these absences may have caused. Stay on top of your student’s academic progress by checking grade and seeking help from teachers or tutors if necessary. Make sure teachers know how to contact you because your child’s chances of success are greatly improved by these meaningful contacts.

Your involvement in offering your student positive expectations and aspirations will also lead to improved achievement. There are plenty of opportunities (tutorials and interventions) provided by teachers to also help them achieve semester success. As always we are committed to providing your student with the necessary tools to achieve which is critical to their long-term success in college, work and life.

Thank you for your continued commitment to our CHS Family!

The Spring semester brings numerous events and activities from the Arts and Athletics to Academics. Our students are competing weekly and monthly in ways that make us so proud. These activities are very important in the school life of your child and they provide wonderful development opportunities to connect with the campus. They are also a way to showcase of their talents which is a testament to the support and dedication of parents.

Please see the attached document of some of our CHS PROUD MOMENTS!

ALWAYS PROUD OF OUR COUGARS!!

We are also proud to celebrate the following staff for their dedicated service to PFISD.

- Midorie Clark—10 yrs
- David Conover—10 yrs
- Ryan Ford—10 yrs
- Curtis Knight—10 yrs
- Jessica McCartney—10 yrs
- Rachel Roeke—10 yrs
- Patrick deLeon—15 yrs
- Pamela Wozniak—15 yrs
- Sheila Reed—10 yrs
A message from the Counselors

The success of a student beyond high school can come down to a student’s preparation for college, career, or life. Choosing the right courses play a big part in that preparation. Therefore, the counselors have begun the process of meeting with students about their course selection for next year. Your child should consider taking classes that are rigorous and challenge. If a student does not know what class to select, they should take the advice of Tanya Abrams “…let their curiosity overcome their hesitation”. The counselors will be sending out verification forms for the choices that the students selected. That would be the time to make any necessary changes needed to their selection. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact your child’s counselor.

The Big Event

The Big Event started in 1982 at Texas A&M University as a student-run community service project where a group of students performed community service projects throughout the city as a way to thank the community for their support of the university and its students. The event has grown to include more than 22,000 students at Texas A&M and has spread to other universities across the country and overseas. Pflugerville ISD students will be participating in the Big Event service projects in the Pflugerville community at numerous job sites. The projects include planting trees, spreading mulch, picking up trash, painting and many more.

What students should expect:
Expect to put in hard work where students may get dirty and sweaty

What should students wear:
Clothing they don’t mind getting a little messy, the Big Event T-Shirt or a CHS shirt (All clothing must meet district dress code standards)
Lunch will be provided

What students should bring:
Water, snacks, work gloves (if you have them), hat, sunscreen, sun glasses

Perfecting Academics With Support—PAWS

Perfecting Academics With Support (PAWS) is designed to provide a structured time for all students to engage in an intervention based on data-driven needs or enrichment that challenges students to graduate with college and career readiness skills—personal, academic, career, and financial to accomplish their goals.

Attendance of PAWS is mandatory

How do students know where to go for their PAWS class?
PAWS Rosters will be posted outside the library and other various locations around the school
3A/7B teachers may also notify students of PAWS location at the end of the 3rd/7th period

PAWS Days: Monday – Fridays
Class time: 2:11 - 2:41
Passing period: 5 Minutes
PAWS occurs: 30 Minutes after 3rd/7th Period

How often does the PAWS class change?
PAWS classes change every 3 weeks.

This multi-step approach to providing interventions to students who struggle or need to be challenged is closely monitored. Results of this monitoring is used to make decisions about the need for further research-based instruction and/or intervention.
Helpful Resources: Helping your Student Achieve in High School

https://www.teachingquality.org/content/blogs/nancy-barile/parent-and-family-engagement-15-tips-help-high-school-students-achieve


Preventing the Flu: Good Health Habits Can Help Stop Germs

https://www.cdc.gov/flu/protect/habits.htm

How to stay informed:

YOUR SUPPORT DRIVES OUR SUCCESS!!

Below I have given you some links of other ways to stay informed of what is happening on the campus and to get more clarification to some of your questions. If you are not already a member, I would love for you to consider becoming a member of the PTA (Parent Teacher Association) to help us make sound decisions effecting your student and the campus as a whole.

Become a PTA member-- www.chspta.org


The Connally Website-- http://www.pfisd.net/Page/450

The Parent Portal-- http://www.pfisd.net/Page/5671

The District/ CAMPUS Notifications (subscribe)-- http://www.pfisd.net/Page/837

The School Messenger-- http://www.pfisd.net/Page/4085

Volunteer--for Campus Committees/Booster Clubs/Organizations http://www.pfisd.net/domain/81

Come Visit Us (please make sure you check in the front office)

Last but not least, ask your student about their day

The School Messenger--

Value Statement:

In collaboration with our families and community we value: children, first and foremost; safety and security; uniqueness and diversity; high expectations; college and career readiness; learning as a lifelong process; and equal access to a quality education.

About Us...

Mission:
The mission of John B. Connally High School is to provide quality learning experiences and to ensure that students are college and career ready while developing personal responsibility and values that will empower them to achieve to their fullest potential.

Vision:
The vision of John B. Connally High School is to realize excellence in teaching and leadership by enabling: Students to participate in 21st century blended academic opportunities that allow all students to become contributing citizens in an ever-changing world. Students to be empowered with high expectations that allow all students to take personal responsibility for their actions and the resulting consequences. Students to graduate with postsecondary personal, academic, career, and financial skills to accomplish their goals.

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