



January 10, 2021

Happy New Year and welcome back!

Thank you to those of you who have given to the Eagle Fund during our Season of Giving.

We are still collecting shoes! Bring them in to the front office on weekdays between 7 am-4 pm.

Message from Mr. Jeffries: “We are excited to offer more face-to-face options this spring for our CHS students! It was so great to greet and talk with students as they came to campus last week. We are following extremely specific safety protocols established by Polk State College for a safe return to campus including mask mandates for everyone while on campus, small class sizes, practicing social distancing and various sneeze guards that have been installed on teacher and staff desks. Students who, for health or family reasons, desire to remain in online classes should keep in touch with Ms. Edgecomb to be sure your schedule works with your needs. If any CHS student or family experiences COVID-19 issues, Polk State has a reporting system that will help guide everyone through the process of maintaining a safe environment for all. Any exposure to COVID-19 or positive test results should be reported to the COVID-19 team at Polk State. You may also notify your teacher if you so choose. We are working hard to keep everyone safe while continuing to offer learning choices for all our students. We all anxiously await the day when we can return to normal and enjoy being together full time! Thank you as always for your patience, flexibility and perseverance throughout this challenging situation and please let us know if there is any way we can help you at any time!”

COVID-19 Information and Reporting Link: <https://www.polk.edu/public-safety-security/covid-19/>

Quick Info and Links:

Phone: (863) 669-2322

Office Hours: Monday – Friday 7:00 am – 4:00 pm

Chart Lab Hours: Monday - Friday 9:00 – 3:00

Website: <https://www.polk.edu/polk-state-lakeland-collegiate-high-school/>

You Tube: <https://youtu.be/a27tLPc5Fc>

Visiting campus? Come during Office Hours, wear a mask and practice social distance guidelines. The front office door will be locked, so you will need to be let in by the adult seated at the front desk. If you do not see anyone, press the doorbell or call (863) 669-2322 and someone will come to let you in.

Need to see a staff member? Call (863) 669-2322 and make an appointment to ensure availability.

CHART Lab: If you are having trouble with your home internet connection, using zoom, accessing Canvas or just need/want to come to campus to work, the Chart Lab is available Monday – Friday from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm. Call (863) 669-2322 before you come in as seats are limited and there may not be room if you do not call first.



School Hours: 7:15 am – 1:45 pm. Students are NOT to be working during these times.

Who do I contact if I am having issues with:

Technology/Passwords/Canvas/Email/Textbooks: Ms. Richard vrichard@polk.edu

Mental Health Services/Degree Audits/H.S. Scholastic Review: Mrs. Edgecomb pedgecomb@polk.edu

H.S. Transcripts/Community Service/Test Fee Waivers: Mr. Hofstetter bhofstetter@polk.edu

Reminders:

Parents of Seniors – Do you have questions about financial aid, scholarships, university applications, or Polk State AA Degrees? Complete the following survey to help us plan informational zoom sessions to address your concerns. <https://forms.gle/s2qy7dneffxw4MKy5>

Mandatory class meetings via zoom Friday January 15, 2021. Juniors 9:00 am; Seniors 10:30 am

Spring Course Updates

Contact Mrs. Edgecomb if you would like to DROP a 16-week or Fast Track 1 course (without penalty) by Tuesday, January 12 at 4pm. Requests made after the DROP deadline will now become a course WITHDRAW and posted to transcripts. Students cannot ADD, DROP or WITHDRAW from a course via PASSPORT, as such features are blocked for all high school students. Contact Mrs. Edgecomb for schedule changes before the academic term deadlines. CHS students must be enrolled in a minimum of four courses per fall and spring term.

Spring Academic Course Deadlines:

- 16-week – DROP by January 12 at 4pm
- 16-week – WITHDRAW by March 31 at 4pm
- Fast Track 1 – DROP by January 12 at 4pm
- Fast Track 1 – WITHDRAW by February 12 at 4pm
- 12-week – ADD by February 2 at 4pm
- 12-week – DROP by February 9 at 4pm
- 12-week – WITHDRAW by April 8 at 4pm
- Fast Track 2 – ADD by March 5 at 4pm
- Fast Track 2 – DROP by March 12 at 4pm
- Fast Track 2 – WITHDRAW by April 19 at 4pm



SENIORS:

Deadline to **order your cap and gown** is February 10, 2021. Go to www.balfourfl.com to order.

You must have community service hour forms turned in by April 2nd for processing to receive credit for graduation. Please contact Mr. Hofstetter for additional information about volunteer opportunities and the Bright Futures program.

Contact Mr. Hofstetter if you have been accepted into a college or university ASAP!

Contact Mr. Hofstetter if you need transcripts, waivers for ACT/SAT or assistance with University applications at bhofstetter@polk.edu

The 2021-22 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is currently open for students seeking post-secondary admission for Fall 2021.

Federal Aid Resources: <https://studentaid.gov/>

FAFSA Form: <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>

FAFSA Overview video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gUis5lityCQ>

FAFSA Form and FSA ID Tips video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fz9j-g1FIHQ>

The Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA) is currently open for the Class of 2021.

FFAA: <https://www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org/SAPHome/SAPHome?url=home>

FFAA Reference Guide: <https://www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org/PDF/PSI/HS-1920-03a.pdf>

FAA Quick Guide: <http://bit.ly/FFAAquickguide>

JUNIORS:

Call or go online to have your picture taken for the yearbook. Perspectives Photo Artistry 863.243.1543 or www.perspectivesphotoartistry.com

Contact Mr. Hofstetter for guidance in career and university choices and to discuss preparations for your Senior year. bhofstetter@polk.edu

Fundraising

Season of Giving letters went out asking our collegiate families to donate \$25 to our Eagle Fund at www.polk.edu/eaglefund We are very thankful for your support of our students!

GREAT NEWS!! The organization we are working with cannot come to weigh our shoes until late January, so we have some extra time to meet our goal of 100 bags. Keep collecting those gently worn, used and new shoes and bringing them in!!

If you live in the area near the YMCA on Cleveland Heights, one of our collegiate parents, Stephanie Gavric, has graciously offered her home as a drop off location. You can contact her at mrssgavric@gmail.com or (863) 944-5577. Thank you, Stephanie!!



LCH MISSION AND OBJECTIVES

Polk State College Lakeland Collegiate High School will empower students in a college environment to graduate high school with a significant number of college credits and a vision for their future.

Each of our students is expected to:

1. Be engaged in community service as indicated by each student's transcript
2. Demonstrate personal responsibility, initiative and adherence to school policies as indicated by class attendance, participation in class meetings and completing required tasks on time.
3. Earn a high school diploma and at least 30 college credits as indicated by graduation records and transcripts.
4. Establish individual goals and a plan to pursue a chosen career as indicated by each student's individual pathway document.
5. Apply for Bright Futures, FAFSA, and chosen colleges as indicated by Bright Futures, FAFSA and college application records.
6. Show civic engagement as indicated by school leadership roles, club membership and other civic engagement activities.