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Welcome Back!!!

WE ARE BACK!!!
Even though we are in uncertain times, there is one thing you can count on; Croom is your safe space.

We are here to instruct, assist and guide you in any way we can. if you need anything, reach out to anyone at Croom, we will be there.

SENIORS—This is where you will find all the information you need for the school year.



Get on the mailing list
eMail:

Gary.puzzella@pgcps.org

2022 SENIOR INFORMATION

Class Sponsors
Mr. Phillips and
Mrs. Robinson will be informing us of activities and deadlines throughout the year.
Stay Tuned!!!

Croom Student Government Association Need

YOU

The Class of 2022 is looking for Student Government Officers. Now you can make a difference and become part of the team that helps lead the 2020-2021 Senior Class.

Please contact Ms. James at
Angela.james@pgcps.org

BECAUSE



WE CARE

Write for the School Newspaper

The Cougar Chronicle is looking for Writes, Poets and Artists to contribute to the monthly School Newspaper.

If you are interested please email Mr. Puzzella at:

Gary.puzzella@pgcps.org

The Croom Cougar Chronical Sports Beat—Your Name Here!

The Croom Cougar Chronical is looking for sports writers.

Are you interested in attending Croom High Schools sporting events? Will you be participating in Croom sports? You could play and write about the games after the games!

Don't worry if you have never written for a paper or newsletter before, we will help you with your column!

This could be YOUR column featuring local and professional sporting news

If you are going to attend College, writing for the school

newspaper will be a great addition to include in your College application.

See Mr. Puzzella if you have an interest in writing!



Club, Group & Organization News

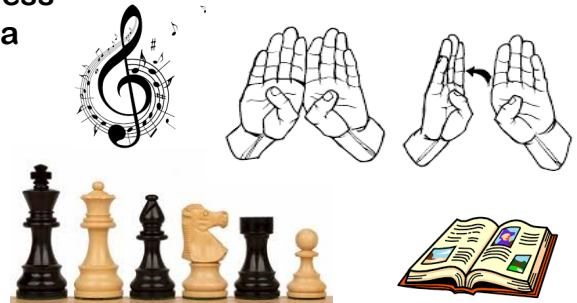
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Clubs and Organizations are a great way to share your hobbies and interests with others.

The options for clubs are limited to your imagination.

Give it try, you will enjoy it! How about a Guitar Club? Or

even a Music Club, a Chess Club a Book Club, even a Sign Language club!



Staff News

We would like to wish Happy September Birthdays to:

- Ms. LaVoy (12)
- Mr. Savoy (15)
- Mr. Whittaker (22)
- Mr. Nelson (25)

Faculty & Staff



We would also like to wish a happy birthday to staff from over the summer:

- Ms. Brooks (July 2)
- Mr. Stephenson (July 19)

And last but not least, Mrs. Newman (August 6) Mr. Curtis (August 31)

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Positive Parenting Page

Complete the Free and Reduced-Price Meals Application.

Meals are free for all students this school year, but it is important that families still submit the [Free and Reduced-Price Meals application \(FARMS\)](#). FARMS responses impact more than \$400 million of PGCPS revenue for a variety of programs beyond free meals.

Scholar Suppers Are Ending Soon.

Beginning the week of October 4, PGCPS will discontinue the distribution of student suppers outside of Before and After School Enrichment programs due to supply shortages. With meals being free for all students nationwide, increased demand has placed a strain on food companies.

Free breakfast and lunch for all students will continue in schools daily along with [weekly meal distribution for virtual learning students](#). Families should anticipate menu changes as our Food and Nutrition Services team explores different options and meal substitutions in light of the supply shortage. Changes to school lunch menus can be seen in our online [Meal Viewer](#).

Transportation Updates

Our team is working overtime to recruit and hire qualified, full-time drivers amid the ongoing school bus driver shortage. We continue to encourage families to drive or carpool children to school when possible. Middle and high school students may ride [TheBus, operated by Prince George's County](#), for free with their student ID. Our team is also working with schools to better

COVID-19 Vaccination & Testing

Scholar Pool Testing

Schools will begin random pool testing of students regardless of symptoms and vaccination status. Parents and guardians must provide consent prior to testing.

Athletes

Student-athletes over age 12 are required to present proof of vaccination to participate in all sports. Unvaccinated individuals will have to undergo weekly testing starting the week of October 18.

Deadlines to provide proof of full vaccination: Friday, Oct. 15 for fall sports, Friday, Nov. 12 for winter sports and Friday, Jan. 14 for spring sports.

Volunteers

All non-PGCPS employees doing business or providing services in schools or offices are required to show proof of vaccination or submit proof of weekly COVID-19 negative

Every November We Have Elections. Are you Registered to Vote?
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Student Poetry by Gen Aranas. We are proud to present poetry that will make you think and reflect on life. [CLICK HERE](#) to read and enjoy new and fresh poetry from one of our very own scholars!

Information to Live by - September

As the ninth month of the year, September marks the beginning of autumn in the northern hemisphere (and the start of spring in the southern). Traditionally considered the month that marks the transitions between seasons, it is often one of the most temperate weather-wise.

Here are some interesting facts about the month of September.

The name September comes from the Latin *Septem*, meaning seven, since it was the seventh month of the Roman calendar, which began with March.



September has three birth flowers: the forget-me-not, the morning glory, and the aster.



Forget-me-nots represent love and memories, asters represent love as well, and the morning glory represents unrequited love.

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The birthstone for the month is the sapphire.

September has several United States and international holidays.



Labor Day is the most well known holiday in September. It is observed

every year on the first Monday in September.

Native American Day is always celebrated on the 4th Friday of September.



Grandparent's



Day is observed in the United States on the first Sunday after Labor Day.

Constitution Day, celebrating the ratification of the governing



document of the United States, is observed on the 17th.

The autumn equinox, which is the traditional transition from summer into fall, takes place on or around



September 22nd, depending on the year.

There are lots of days dedicated to fun activities in September. Look out for these days.



September 5th: National Cheese Pizza Day



September 9th: National Teddy Bear Day

September 16th: National Play-Doh Day



September 19th: International "Talk Like A Pirate Day"



On Tuesday morning, September 11, 2001, members of the Islamic terrorist group al-Qaeda hijacked four airliners as part of a series of coordinated attacks against targets in the United States. The Twin Towers in New York City were hit by one plane each, American Airlines Flight 11 and Flight 175,



while American Airlines Flight 77 was crashed into the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. The fourth plane, United Airlines Flight 93, is thought to have been headed for the White House, but passengers overtook the hijackers and the plane crashed into a field in rural Pennsylvania. More than 3,000 people lost their lives during the deadliest terror attack on U.S. soil to date.

Important Dates To Remember

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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

September 6	M	Labor Day—No School
September 3	F	Scholar Orientation
September 7	M	Staff Meeting 4:15—5:15
September 8	W	First Day of School
September 16	TH	Yom Kippur—NO SCHOOL
September 22	W	Back to School Night 5:45pm-8pm
September 24	F	Code of Conduct Assembly 11:15am
September 25	F	Professional Development No Students
October 1	F	Professional Development No School for Scholars

Letters to the Editor



Dear Editor,

Why are all school buses yellow?

- No Name

Good Question! Here is what we were able to find out:

Federal law in the United States requires that, in addition to flashing lights and safety devices, school buses must be painted "School Bus Yellow."

Before the standard school bus yellow color was developed, school buses were a pure yellow, closer to

the color of a lemon.

School bus yellow is neither pure yellow nor pure orange. Instead, it is a mix of the two. You may not find it in a box of crayons, but school bus yellow is a real color.

In 1939, Dr. Frank W. Cyr organized a conference to establish standards for U.S. school buses. This included a standard yellow color for all school buses in the United States. Originally the color was known as "National School Bus Chrome."

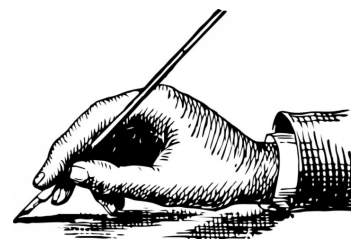
Stop signs and stoplights are red, which leads many people to believe red is the most attention-grabbing color. In fact, yellow gets your attention faster than any other color.

Even if you are looking straight ahead, you can see a yellow object that is not directly in front of you or in the corner of your eye. Objects you can see out of the corners of your eyes are in your "peripheral field."

Scientists have found that people are able to see yellow objects in their peripheral field 1.24 times better than red. Unlike red, yellow is also more easily noticed in a dark environment.

This is one of the major reasons school bus yellow was chosen. The black lettering on yellow is the easiest color combination for drivers to see in the darkness of early morning when students are being picked up for school.

- Editor



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