

**Dulles High School**

*Corey Stewart, Principal*

Dear Viking Parents,

As principal of Dulles High School, it is my pleasure to welcome everyone back for another great year! We are excited to have students back in our classrooms and hallways filling them with energy and enthusiasm for learning as we begin the 63rd year of the Tradition of Excellence at Dulles!

Our partnership with you and the community is important and we understand that the education of our children entails all of us working together. As both a parent and an educator, I envision a place where everyone is valued, engaged in the learning process, safe and enjoying their school environment. We welcome your ideas throughout the year, so if you have any praises and concerns or would like to volunteer, please feel free to contact me or Ms. Nancy Thomas, Associate Principal or our Executive Assistant, Mrs. Beth Sanchez.

As we near the start of the school year, we would like to introduce all of you to a change in expectations regarding cell phone use by students during school hours. In the past few years, we have seen a dramatic increase in the use of mobile devices throughout the school day. At Dulles High School, we are fortunate to have a variety of technology which allows us to address the educational needs of our students, such as access to devices including laptops and iPads. While we recognize that cell phones are a part of our everyday lives, they are not a necessary requirement to meet our curricular outcomes. In order to support student learning, the cell phone expectation is that all students will silence their cell phones and place them in their backpacks during all instructional time. Students will continue to be allowed to use their devices before and after school, during lunch as well as between classes. We hope this change increases the amount of time students are engaged with their classroom activities. Should a situation arise where you need to get ahold of your student during class time, we ask that you call the front office. Please see our student handbook for more details regarding our updated cell phone procedure.

High school is a special time in our students’ lives in which they form relationships and memories that will last a lifetime. We ask that you encourage your student to get involved in extra-curricular activities, or one of the many clubs and organizations that Dulles has to offer. We know a strong partnership with you will make a great difference in your child’s education. As partners, we share the responsibility for our student’s success and want you to know we will do our very best to carry out our responsibilities.

Some key points to take note of:

* The first day of school is Wednesday August 10, 2022. The daily start and dismissal times will remain the same with first period beginning at 7:30 A.M. and seventh period ending at 2:45 P.M.
* All students (including seniors with “off-campus” periods) will report to campus at 7:30 A.M. on August 10. Room rosters will be posted near entrances in the main hall area.
* Lunches cannot be delivered to students at school. We must secure our entry vestibules at the front door. Additionally, students are not permitted to leave campus for lunch.
* Be certain that your student brings lunch to school or has money in his/her lunch account. Please use the Fort Bend ISD meal payment system to add money to your child’s account.
* Students may not carry medication with them during the school day. Parents/Guardians must deliver all medications to the clinic.
* Traffic will be very busy around the campus during the first few days of school. I encourage you to leave home early, drive slowly, safely and device-free. We have many walkers – please use caution while driving on and near campus.

**Important dates to mark on your calendar**

* Saturday August 6th – Fish Camp 8 A.M. – 12 P.M.; parent meeting begins at 11:30
* Tuesday August 9th- First Varsity Volleyball game at 6:30 P.M.
* Wednesday August 10th- First Day of Classes
* Tuesday August 23rd- Fall Open House at 6 P.M.
* Wednesday August 24th – Meet the Vikes at 6 P.M.
* Saturday August 27th – First Home Varsity Football game vs. Clear Lake at Mercer Stadium at 6 P.M.

**Become a Viking Volunteer**

DHS’s Volunteer in Public Schools (VIPS) is always looking for help. Your support is greatly appreciated either through making donations, assisting with school events, helping with communication or all of the above! If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please email Shelley\_Martin@msn.com

To close, I would like to thank you for all that you do for students and our school community. Together, we will work diligently towards maximizing the potential of every student academically, emotionally, socially and physically.

Sincerely,

Mr. Corey Stewart

Principal, John Foster Dulles High School