

HOLICONG MIDDLE SCHOOL



Central Bucks School District



Summer 2020

Welcome to ninth grade!

September 8th marks the beginning of your freshman year!

It's also the start of a school year unlike any we have seen before. Despite these unprecedented times, our goal is that your 9th grade year will continue to build upon the foundation of your middle school experience, but also transition you to life as a high school student – a challenge that will provide you with enjoyable, rewarding, and memorable experiences, both in and out of the classroom. As we all prepare for what will be a year of learning for everyone in our Central Bucks community, consider the wise words of educational activist, Malala Yousafzai:

"Let us remember, one book, one pen, one child and one teacher can change the world."

With that, we encourage you to communicate and initiate conversations often with your teachers about your schoolwork in order to take ownership of your learning. Success is something we achieve together! Your teachers are here to support you and to guide you to success.

We understand that things may look differently this year, but your teachers are determined to help you make your 9th grade journey successful! As you know, we will be starting the school year in a virtual learning format and transitioning to a hybrid learning format later in the year. This will require some adjustments in how we will be teaching and how you will be learning. In order to set yourself up for success in the virtual learning environment, we encourage you to:

- reflect on your past successes and failures as a student – what has worked for you and what has not?
- determine what organizational strategies work for you (notecards, digital sketching, notes, etc.).
- recognize the importance of organization – just because you are learning online, doesn't mean you need to do **EVERYTHING** online – maybe a paper to-do list and paper flashcards work better for you.
- recognize the importance of establishing a routine.

The ninth-grade team is determined to make your freshman year as meaningful as possible. We recognize that social and emotional wellness are incredibly important to learning both in and outside of the classroom. We encourage you to get involved in the many opportunities that will be available to you this year. These opportunities not only look great to colleges, but they help shape you into well-rounded members of your community – **STAY TUNED FOR ACADEMIC & OTHER EXTRA CURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES FOR 20 – 21!**

You can learn more about 9th grade team expectations/policies and the team teachers on our Canvas site located here <https://cbsd.instructure.com/courses/38017>. Your teachers are looking forward to meeting you and starting this upcoming year of teaching and learning! "See" you soon! 😊

PLEASE SEE THE ATTACHED INFOGRAPHIC GUIDES FOR MORE 9TH GRADE SPECIFICS

Sincerely,

The Ninth Grade Team of Teachers