



# Allatoona High School

## Cobb County School District

*"Anchored In Excellence"*



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*Principal*

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Dear Parents and Students,

I am excited to prepare for the 2021-2022 school year. I am proud of all that we have accomplished as a school community during the global pandemic. Over the last year and a half, everyone has been challenged to adapt and adjust. I appreciate the hard work and dedication of our students and the ongoing support of our parents. I so appreciate the amazing team of parent volunteers who dedicate many hours to our school through our arts programs, athletics, and PTSA. A special thank you to our PTSA for being enthusiastic advocates for our school! Our school is only as strong as our community.

Now it is time for us to make the transition back to a typical high school learning environment. In the coming year, Allatoona students will be asked to meet the long-standing expectations of excellence in the classroom, in extra curriculars, and in their behavior. These expectations include:

- having a strong attendance record for each class - there will not be a virtual option to attend class remotely
- arriving to school and class on time – all late arrivals must check in via our Attendance office
- working up to their potential in the classroom and in extracurriculars – hard work equals success
- meeting class deadlines for assignments and tasks – assignment extensions will be very limited and reflected in individual teachers' syllabi
- following the rules and procedures outlined by teachers and administrators – respect for others shows your character

Our teachers will work very hard this year to provide creative learning activities that challenge our students to excel. Our goal is to provide our students with an exceptional engaging learning experience while equipping them with the skills to be successful in high school, college, and career. We acknowledge there may be a steep learning curve for our students who have not encountered traditional classroom expectations in over a year, and we ask for your support in monitoring your child's progress. Our teachers, counselors and administrators are here to offer support and encouragement while holding students accountable for engaging in learning.

Part of a memorable positive high school experience are the additional events that take place on campus. As a school community we have missed so many of them...the pep rallies and tailgates before the big games, the send-offs for teams in the playoffs, the field trips to exciting locations, amazing performances by our drama and music departments, and the community events we love to support. All of this helps to build Buc Pride. My goal is to re-establish these in the coming school year, so our students truly have the positive high school experience Allatoona is known for in our community. Our student government, the Helm, will be planning events along with class and club

sponsors. In the coming weeks and months, please keep an eye out and encourage your student to take part. I encourage more students to join our clubs, teams and organizations and work to shape our students' high school experience through student leadership. There is a place for every student to get involved at Allatoona.

I have included a few updates for you as you prepare for school to start on August 2<sup>nd</sup>:

Updates:

- Buc Bash, our kickoff for the new year, is scheduled for Thursday, July 29. Here we will welcome our 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade parents and students to meet in the main gym, then meet their HR teacher, collect their schedule, walk the building to meet their teachers, and visit the Club Expo in the Auxiliary Gym.
  - 9<sup>th</sup> Grade- 9:00 a.m.
  - 10<sup>th</sup> Grade- 10:30 a.m.
  - 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Grade- 1:00-2:00 p.m. ~ Schedule distribution, Club expo, purchase parking, etc.
- Supply lists will come from individual teachers with their syllabus.
- Please visit our website as school draws near for updates.
- Check out our PTSA web links to join and offer your support and learn how you can connect with the Allatoona community.

Mark your calendar:

- Buccaneer Football
  - August 20<sup>th</sup> v. Harrison ~ First regular season game with PTSA Tailgate & Football Senior Night
  - August 27<sup>th</sup> v. Langston Hughes ~ Cheer, Hotshotz, Manager/trainer Senior Night
  - September 17 v. Osborne ~ Homecoming
  - November 5 v. Pope ~ Band Senior Night
- Buccaneer Community Events
  - August 24<sup>th</sup> - Open House
  - October 18<sup>th</sup> - Buccaneer Charity Golf Tournament. For information & to participate- contact Keith Hansen [keith.hansen@cobbk12.org](mailto:keith.hansen@cobbk12.org)

Please enjoy the last weeks of summer. We are looking forward to seeing you in a few weeks!

Sincerely,



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Principal