Dear Parents and Students:

We look forward to your return on Tuesday, September 2, 2014, and to another exciting school year. Please take the time to familiarize yourself with the following information regarding the opening of school. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child’s counselor.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

John A. Banbury, Ed.D.
Principal

ADMINISTRATION
Colleen Eddy – Supporting Students A – Esl
Chip Comstock – Supporting Students Esm – Lal
Michelle Taylor – Supporting Students Lam – Ric
LeAnne Kannapell – Supporting Students Rid – Z
Pat Full – Director of Student Activities

Pete Duperrouzel – Director of School Counseling
Martha Rodeheaver – Assessment Coordinator
Anita Hartley – Resource Teacher
Derek Smith – Systems of Support Advisor

IMPORTANT DATES
Cougar Kickoff – Tuesday, August 26, 4:00 – 7:30 p.m.
Freshman/New Student Orientation – Thursday, August 28, 1:00 – 3:45 p.m.
Back to School Night 9th & 10th grades – Wednesday, September 17, 7:00 p.m.
Back to School Night 11th & 12th grades – Tuesday, September 23, 7:00 p.m.
Strategic Planning Day (Student Holiday) – Monday, September 29

CLASS SCHEDULE CHANGES
We are in the process of finalizing our master schedule for the coming school year. Our staffing decisions and the number of courses offered are based on the classes students selected during the registration period. To maintain the best possible program for our students and one that is most responsive to their educational needs, schedule changes will be very limited. Schedule change requests will only be processed for school errors and summer school adjustments. Counselors will begin this process when they return on August 18. If you have any concerns regarding your child’s schedule, please contact his or her counselor after August 18.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL NIGHTS
Wednesday, September 17, 9th & 10th grades, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, September 23, 11th & 12th grades, 7 p.m.

BUS SCHEDULES – A.M. AND LATE RUNS
The morning bus schedules will be available at Cougar Kick-Off and in the School Counseling and Main Offices. Late buses will run on Wednesday afternoons, departing at 4:30 p.m. The late buses will start on Wednesday, September 17, and the schedule will be posted outside the Main Office to enable students to check for their bus.
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DAILY SCHEDULE
Again this year, Oakton students will have an eight-period schedule with odd periods meeting on Burgundy days and even periods meeting on Gold days. Fourth period will continue to include a Student Advisory period and two Cougar times, providing students an opportunity to receive enrichment or remediation with different teachers. The purpose of student advisories is three-fold: to build connections, to build community, and to enhance communication. In a large school such as Oakton, especially amidst a fast-paced culture of achievement and rigor, students may feel lost and disconnected at times. Student Advisories will afford student a home base where they can learn about school events, connect with their advisors, build mentor/mentee relationships with peers, and practice vital life skills. In addition, seniors will work with their advisors throughout their Capstone Project. Essentially, student advisories will strengthen interpersonal relationships at Oakton High School with the end goal of supporting each and every student throughout his or her high school experience.

Cougar Time, as mentioned above, is a designated period of time for extra help, make up work, peer collaboration, and enrichment. There are two, 28-minute periods of Cougar Time, both of which occur during 4th period after Student Advisory. Students may choose to work with their own teachers in a classroom, work individually or collaboratively in the library and cafeteria, or work with a tutor in the Writing Center. At times, students will be required to participate in other instructional opportunities. All students should use this time to seek additional assistance to improve their performance, and we encourage students and parents to consult with teachers to plan how Cougar Time might be best used to support achievement.

COUGAR KICK-OFF - Tuesday, August 26th 4:00-7:30pm
Please join us for the 4th Annual Cougar Kick-Off on Tuesday, August 26 from 4:00 to 7:30 pm. The Oakton Leadership program and Student Government Association will be hosting this event as a celebration to start the new school year with school spirit! This event will be in conjunction with our form collection and student schedule pick-up. The Oakton staff and Oakton organizations will have a variety of items available at the event including club and organization membership information, spirit wear items, food and drinks, games and activities, performances and more! Cougar Kickoff is an excellent opportunity for students, parents, and the community to come out and show their support for Oakton High School and to see everything Oakton has to offer. Come be a part of the Cougar Pride!

Take Care of Business - Cafeteria (Door 14) - 4:00-7:30pm
- Submit Updated Emergency Care Forms & Health Forms
- Receive Class Schedules
- Obtain Parking Permits (if all fines and fees are paid)
- Purchase PE uniforms (shirt $7, shorts $8)

Connect With Your Class – Cafeteria Lawn (Door 13) - 4:00-6:30pm
- Visit your Class Table
- Meet your Class Officers elected to the Student Government Association
- Sign your Class Banner which will be proudly displayed in the school
- Purchase your Class Shirt to show your class/school spirit ($8)

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Explore Clubs and Activities – Gravel Lot and Tennis Court Areas - 4:00-6:30pm
- Learn more about the clubs and activities at Oakton
- Talk to other Oakton students, parents and staff
- Sign up to join clubs and organizations
- Enjoy performances and activities
- Purchase spirit wear and other items – both general and club/sport/activity specific

Grab a Snack – Gravel Lot, Tennis Court and Front of School Areas - 4:00-6:30pm
- Purchase food and drinks from various club tables
- The Food Trucks are expected to make another appearance for this event!!

Donate Blood – Health Rooms (Door 11) – 4:00-6:30pm
- The Live.Give.Life Program, part of the American Red Cross, will be hosting a blood drive

Show Your School Spirit – Main Gym – 6:30-7:30pm
- Meet the leaders of our Cougar pack
- See performances by our award winning groups (band, dance team, etc.)
- Kick off the fall sports season and teams
- Celebrate being an Oakton Cougar!

FORMS INFORMATION
Oakton High School is continuing with an online student packet for the 2014-2015 school year. All forms will be available online starting August 13 on the Oakton High School website at: http://www.fcps.edu/OaktonHS/. If you do not have internet access, you may pick up a forms packet in the Oakton High School Main Office starting August 13, 2014, during the hours of 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Schedules will be issued on August 26 during Cougar Kickoff. We are requesting that students or parents bring the following completed forms to the schedule pick-up during Cougar Kickoff from 4:00-7:30 p.m. Listed below are the required forms:

1. Acknowledgement of Required Document Form
2. Updated Emergency Care Form
3. Health Information Form

We will also be collecting all other optional forms including epi-pen, medication authorization, inhaler and opt-out forms. If you are unavailable to attend Cougar Kick-off, you may also drop the required forms off in the Main Office and pick up your student’s schedule Wednesday through Friday.

If you have any questions, please call the Main Office at 703-319-2700.

SR&R and OPT-OUT RIGHTS AND FORMS
During the Student Advisory period (4th period) during the opening week of school, all students will receive two very important documents that should be taken home and carefully reviewed: the Student Rights and Responsibilities (SR&R) booklet and an important factsheet entitled 2014-15 Annual Notice of Survey, Records, Curriculum, Privacy, and Related Rights and Opt-Out Forms.

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Both the parent and student should sign the SR&R acknowledgement form in the front of the SR&R booklet and the signed form should be returned to their 4th-period Student Advisory teacher on the following gold day. Students will receive SR&R instruction during the first week of school and will be tested on their knowledge of the SR&R.

The 2014-15 Annual Notice of Survey, Records, Curriculum, Privacy, and Related Rights and Opt-Out Forms factsheet details parents’ rights regarding FCPS policies. Included in the factsheet are instructions on how to access opt-out forms online. You may also go to the FCPS website at http://www.fcps.edu, then click on Forms on the left-hand side, scroll down to Opt-out Booklets, then choose either K-8 or 9-12. These forms should be printed out and turned in in ONLY IF YOU WISH YOUR CHILD TO BE OPTED-OUT. You may turn these forms in during the Cougar Kick-off, in the Main Office or your student may bring them in during the first week of school. If you do not have internet access, you may pick up a copy of the factsheet in the Main Office.

ATHLETICS / ACTIVITIES
Please visit www.Oaktonathletics.org for any information about our athletic programs. You may use oaktonathletics.org or Activities Hotline, 703.749.8039, for schedule changes or cancellations. All other questions related to Activities/Athletics should be directed to the Activities Office at 703.319.2760.

HEALTH ROOM (Clinic)
Our goal is to ensure that your student will enjoy a healthy and safe school year. Parents assist the health room by providing a Health Information Form each school year. Should your child have any specific health concerns or develop a new health condition during the school year, please contact Ms. Paterno-Hardy, RN, School Public Health Nurse at 571-722-7285.

If medication is needed at school or for any after FCPS sponsored activity (field trips, sports, band, drama, choir etc.), specific guidelines in accordance with the FCPS Medication Administration Regulation 2102 must be followed. A Medication Authorization form MUST be on file in the Health Room for any medication administered at school OR carried by student. Forms (for epinephrine, inhalers and medications) are available in the School Health Room or online at http://www.fcps.edu/dss/osp/healthservices/forms.shtml.

A current Emergency Care Form, with accurate telephone numbers, must also provide an emergency contact person to be called when a parent is unavailable. FCPS policy requires that a parent signature be obtained before a student is released. Parents must come in to pick up their children, email or FAX a note with a signature to Ms. Denise Lutz, School Health Aide at 703-319-2712. If you do not have access to a FAX machine, we encourage you to list on the Emergency Care Form a contact person who does.

BASIC SCHOOL SUPPLIES
Teachers will provide supply lists on the first day of class. Calculators for Math: Most math courses require a graphing calculator (TI-83 or TI-84). Calculus courses also allow and support the use of the TI-89 model. Oakton High School has a limited number of TI-83 calculators to loan students in Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II. Students will be using this calculator in the classroom, as well as having homework assigned that utilizes a graphing calculator. This graphing calculator may be used on the Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry, and SOL tests; the PSAT, SAT, and AP exams for Calculus AB and BC.

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BREAKFAST – LUNCH PRICES
This year, the cost of breakfast is $1.75 and a regular lunch is $3.00. Students who qualify for free meals receive breakfast and lunch free. Reduced-price eligible students will also receive free breakfast and lunch on a continued pilot basis for School Year 2014 – 2015. Food and Nutrition Services will absorb these costs.

LOCKERS
Valuables or large sums of money should not be brought to school or stored in school or gym lockers. Students and parents are reminded that the locker space remains the property of the school, and the school has the right to inspect lockers at any time. Students may not share lockers.

OAKTON HIGH SCHOOL POLICIES 2014-2015
- No backpacks will be allowed in the locker rooms.  
- Personal electronic devices may be used according to the Oakton High School Personal Device Usage Guide. This guide uses four color-coded levels which clearly distinguish when and where students may use their personal electronic devices. Oakton High School assumes no responsibility for these items should they be lost or stolen.  
- Cell phones may not be used on school buses.  
- Graphing calculators and other valuables are the responsibility of students and should be secured at all times.  
- No skateboarding on school property.

PARKING
Limited free parking is available along Sutton Road on a first-come, first-served basis. Students MAY NOT park in any of the residential areas surrounding the school. Students parked on campus MUST display a valid permit. Cars not displaying a valid permit or cars parked improperly will be ticketed and fined $25. A second violation may result in forfeiture of the parking permit without benefit of refund. Students who park on school grounds without a pass will be fined, booted, and may be towed. Parking enforcement will begin on Monday, September 8, 2014.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION CLASSES – NINTH AND TENTH GRADE, ADVANCED P.E., AND WEIGHT TRAINING CLASSES
Physical education includes the organized teaching of fitness, inventive movement patterns, games, physical skills, hygiene, and healthy lifestyles - all contributing significantly to an individual’s mental functioning. In fact, the teaching of certain thinking and psychological skills is an integral part of an effective physical education program. Furthermore, research shows that exercise actually enhances thinking skills and a person’s readiness to engage in mentally challenging activities.

Each ninth and tenth grade P.E. student are required to:
- Bring a towel and a combination lock from home.  
- Purchase an Oakton T-shirt, $7.00; and gym shorts, $8.00.

Each Advanced P. E. and Weight Training student are required to:
- Bring a towel and a combination lock from home.  
- Bring appropriate athletic clothing or purchase an Oakton T-shirt, $7.00; and gym shorts, $8.00.

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These items will be for sale during the Cougar Kick-off and the first two days of school, September 2 – 3, as well as at Cougar Kick-Off.

SCHOOL COUNSELING OFFICE
Counselors work directly with students, teachers, and parents to provide the best possible school experience. You are encouraged to work closely with counselors to take advantage of their expertise and experience. Please note that counseling alpha distribution list has changed.

Pete Duperrouzel: Director of School Counseling
Elizabeth Lyons: A-Car, 703.319.2804
Charles Grausz: Cas-Esl, 703.319.2809
Karyn Mrowka: Esm-Heo, 703.319.2806
Elizabeth Chase-Kang: Hep-Lal, 703.319.2807
Gloria Harris: Lam-Mul, 703.319.2808
Laura Osborne: Mum-Ric, 703.319.2803
Naa-Adjeley Wilson: Rid-Tat, 703.319.2891
Fred Priester: Tau-Z, 703.319.2805

SCHOOL PICTURES
School pictures will be taken of every student by Victor O’Neil Studios. Underclass student pictures will be taken on Wednesday, October 1 and Thursday, October 2 with make-ups on October 23. These pictures will be used for the yearbook and offered for sale to students and parents. Victor O’Neil’s contract with Oakton does serve as a fundraiser for the school and profits from student pictures are used to enhance the instructional program. As a reminder, dates and times for picture taking will be announced during morning announcements.