



# Chippewa Valley 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Center

## Weekly Announcements

### Week of September 4, 2023



**NEWLY ADDED ANNOUNCEMENTS for 9/4/2023 – 9/8/2023 (please read)**

**Spoiler Alert:** You will undoubtedly notice that for CV9’s first *Weekly Announcements* of the year, there are more announcements than you would prefer to read at once. Going forward, only new or current announcements will be in this section for a quick read of what you need to know for the upcoming week. All other information will be moved to the *ON-GOING ANNOUNCEMENTS for Parents (please review as needed)* section. Should you ever need previously sent information, simply scroll down to this section. This week, new information was placed in the *Previously Posted* section as a preview of what is to come. Please be sure to read them all at least once 😊.

| Daily Class Schedule |               |
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| Periods              | Times         |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Hour | 7:10 – 8:09   |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Hour | 8:15 – 9:14   |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Hour | 9:20 – 10:19  |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> Hour | 10:25 – 12:56 |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> Hour | 12:02 - 1:01  |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> Hour | 1:07 - 2:06   |

- Tuesday, 9/5/23, is the **first day of school for students**, and it will be a full day for high school students. Students will report to 1<sup>st</sup> hour to receive their schedules, since many of them were modified since *Big Red Check-in*. For added comfort, please be sure to visit ParentPortal Monday, 9/4/23, for the most up-to-date schedule. Be sure to encourage students not to misplace their schedules, especially since the barcode gives them access to our lunch program until they receive ID’s.
- **First-hour band and choir students** will report to CV9’s media center **on the first day of school only**. They will be escorted to the main building by Mr. Pecar, the choir instructor.
- **Sixth-hour band and choir students** will report to CV9’s media center **at the start of 6<sup>th</sup> hour**. They will be escorted to the main building by Mr. Pecar, the choir instructor.
- **Picture day** is Wednesday, 9/6/23. Picture make-up day will take place Thursday, 9/7/23 in the afternoon. To order online, please click on [mylifetouch](#), select Picture Day ID: **EVTKJC3D3**, and follow the prompts. For a preview of what is offered, or to print an order form, please click on [Lifetouch - hard copy](#).
- **Free and Reduced School Meals:** For the 2023-24 school year, breakfast and lunch will be free to all students, regardless of income; however, in order to ensure that CV9 has full access to federal and state funding for educational programs (i.e., credit recovery) to which our students are entitled, please fill out the application for free and reduced lunch, even if you don’t believe you qualify. **If you’ve never filled out this form, please start. If you’ve ever completed the form, please continue.** Click on [Free & Reduced Lunch Application](#) and select *Apply for Benefits*.
- **Communications:** If you call or email Mr. Williams during school hours, please expect a response on the same day, even if the correspondence comes after school hours. If you do not receive an email or call, please verify that you used the correct email address, which is [rwilliams01@cvs.k12.mi.us](mailto:rwilliams01@cvs.k12.mi.us), or contact the office the following morning to confirm that your message was received.
- **SchoolMessenger:** In order to receive text messages, you must opt in using the text that was recently sent to your cell phone number on file. Otherwise, the messages will not come to you.
- **Schoology:** Please take a moment to have your child join the group *2022-23 CV9 Students* in **Schoology** using the included access code (please copy and paste). Students will receive messages to keep them informed and help them stay as academically and socially connected as possible. To join, please follow the included steps.
  - Click on Groups.
  - Click on My Groups.
  - Click on Join Group.
  - Copy and paste the included access code: TMQT-TJ6V-TCGWZ
  - Click Join.

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- **ClassLink:** You (parents/guardians) now have the option to sign up and access a ClassLink dashboard that includes common district-websites, such as PowerSchool Parent Portal, Meal Magic, PaySchools Central, and more! Like staff and students, you can also add additional apps to customize their dashboard. Please click on the link for step-by-step directions.
- **Freshman Fall Dance:** The fall dance takes place Saturday, 10/21/23 from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. in CV9’s cafeteria. Enjoy the 13% early-bird special by purchasing tickets between 8/23/23 – 9/15/23. For those who do not purchase tickets during the early-bird special, ticket sales will resume 10/2/23 – 10/18/23, for the low price of \$15. Ninth grade students will not be allowed ingress to the dance for upperclassmen. Please use the [Freshman Fall Dance](#) link for purchases. Your child’s ID number is needed for the access code.
- **Bus Stop & Schedule:** Click on [Transportation - Departments - Chippewa Valley Schools Home Page](#) for information.
- **Gym Apparel:** Click on [CV9 Gym Apparel](#) if you would like to purchase t-shirts and shorts with the high school’s name.
- **The SpongeBob Musical:** If you are interested in being involved with our school musical, The SpongeBob Musical, as a performer on stage or working behind the scenes, please come to the CVHS 10/12 choir room Wednesday, 9/6/23, after school from 2:30-3:30 p.m. for an informational meeting to learn more about the musical and to see if it is a good fit for you! SpongeBob is open to all students in grades 9-12. Everyone has a spot in our show – we do not cut! If you don’t know where to go, ask a teacher for directions to the choir room. We hope to see you there!
- **Attendance:** Please view the [attendance policy](#) so that you are fully aware of the process.
- **Signing Out Students for Early Dismissal** – Although we expect the students to act more mature than their middle school years, they are not adults just yet. Please help us maintain proper care of your child by calling the office to sign out your student instead of calling/texting your student to just leave the building. Undocumented absences will be marked as unexcused.
- **Parking Lot Procedures:** When **dropping off** your student in the morning, please recognize that there is only one way in and out of the CV9 court. When you arrive, please keep your child inside the vehicle, follow the flow of traffic around the circle, and do not release your child until he/she is curbside. To maximize movement, please pull as close to door 2 as possible (just beyond the main entry) and allow your child to quickly exit the vehicle as soon as he or she is curbside; there is no need to wait until he or she is right in front of the main entry. **At no point should your child cross the street.** Please do not use the middle lane until you pass door 2 (one door past the main entry). Doors open at 6:25 am. To avoid the morning rush, please consider dropping off your student prior to 6:45. Always practice patience. When **picking up** your student, park alongside the curb as traffic dictates. Pull forward to door 2. Whenever possible, please continue to move forward. **Your child will be able to cross the street at the main crossway in front of the main entry only.** He or she must wait until Mr. Williams gives the signal to cross. After picking up your child, and you are still not able to progress, please kindly signal, and Mr. Williams will help you access the middle lane.
- **Transportation Options** – If you live in-district, but you drive your student to and from school, please consider allowing your child to ride the bus. For those of you who are uncomfortable with your child walking in the dark, your child can wait at his or her bus stop inside your vehicle until the bus arrives. This way, you won’t have to worry about traffic jams or making a left turn out of CV9’s parking lot. You can also wait for your child to arrive at his or her bus stop in the afternoon from the comfort of a nearby subdivision. **If you still prefer to drop off and pick up, please strongly consider making a right turn.** You will find that turning right is less stressful, and the two extra minutes it takes you to get home will be the same two minutes you would have used waiting for others as you attempt a left turn out of CV9’s parking lot. **Those of you who arrive early for afternoon pick-up, please fight the urge to park beyond door #2.** Doing so may create a shortcut or be easier for you, but it blocks a lot of drivers from entering the lane to make a right turn, which inhibits everyone’s ability to exit. Be patient, and remember, there is only one way in, and one way out.
- **Okay2Say:** Please keep the link for **Ok2Say** in an easily accessible place <https://www.michigan.gov/ok2say>. Ok2Say is a part of Michigan School Safety programs. If you are ever aware of a threat to our school or to a student in our school, report it. 24/7/365.
- **PaySchools:** Please click on the newly improved [payschoolsevents](#) so that you can easily purchase CV9 PE (gym) apparel or CV9 apparel in general.

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- **Helpful Documents:** Please review the documents that are posted on the [Big Red Check-In](#) page with your son or daughter so that he or she is as familiar as possible with CV9.
- **Positivity Quote** of the week: The journey of a thousand miles begins with a step. Take that first step today at CV9.

Choose to have an awesome week!



**ON-GOING ANNOUNCEMENTS for Parents (please review as needed)**

- **COVID Cases:** Should your student receive a positive COVID test, please complete the [Community COVID Reporting Form](#). Our COVID assistant will confirm the case, provide the 5-day isolation dates, and your child's return date. **If your child is well enough, he or she should live stream during each class period.**
- **Medication:** If your child takes any medication including over-the-counter medicine, please click on the link for guidance regarding [School Medication Procedures](#).
- **IDs:** If your student has a mobile phone, please encourage him or her to **take a picture of the ID** (once available) and be sure that the barcode is visible. The cost to replace an ID is \$2.
- **Parent Portal:** Please frequently check Parent Portal, and email teachers for grades and other information. If you would like access to your child's Schoology account, be sure to email ONE of your child's teachers for a parent access code.
- **Student Clubs and Activities:** CVHS has several clubs and groups in which students can be involved. For more information, please have your child visit [Student Clubs and Activities](#) (our most recent list) and email the appropriate teacher.
- **Backpacks:** For the 2023-24 school year, students will not be allowed to carry clear backpacks or backpacks of any other material into their classrooms. Only laptop carrying cases will be allowed inside of classrooms. Students may, however, bring backpacks to school, but the backpacks must be stored in the students' assigned lockers during the school day. Larger instruments or sports-related bags can be brought to the main office for storage.
- **Dress Code:** Please be sure to review Chippewa Valley High School's [Universal Dress Code](#) with your child to help ensure an amazing start to each day.

**Students who travel to the main building first or sixth hours for band, choir, German, or non-freshman-level courses will be allowed to carry clear backpacks (no other type i.e., fabric, mesh) to the main building.** For any other type of backpack, students will need to report to their lockers before traveling to the main building first hour or return to their lockers after traveling to the main building sixth hour. Students who travel to the main building during hours two through five should carry only what is needed for that particular course. Traveling students are given additional time to reach their designated class on time, which also includes time to stop at their lockers.

- **Physical Horseplay** – Please help reinforce that students must keep their hands to themselves. Many would like to say they are playing with friends, but when asked, they don't know the other person's name. Other students say they are just having fun, but these playful actions set the stage for accidents or an escalation due to one student feeling embarrassed in front of a group.
- **Inappropriate Language** – Recently, there has been an increase in students using inappropriate language (profanity/n-word). Even if they can use this speech at home, please speak to your child to ensure they are using productive, positive language and that they are being respectful of those who are near while at CV9. Students were given this message and were reminded that they are responsible for the choices they make.
- **House Slippers, Hoods, and Other Head Gear** – Slippers must not be worn during school hours. Please remind our students that full head scarves, bonnets, and do-rags are prohibited; however, hoods and hats can be worn during lunch and in the hallways but not during class.

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- **Restroom Expectations:** Please remind your son or daughter of the following **restroom expectations**:
  - Do not enter the restrooms in groups of three or more. Those who need mirrors, please use the mirror outside of the office, or reverse the camera view on cell phones to inspect appearances.
  - Phones must be put away while in restrooms, even when waiting for an available stall.
  - Only one person is allowed in a stall at a time, no exceptions.



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