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Dear Parents/ Guardians and Students,

Welcome to the Blue Team! As a rising 7th grade student at CHMS, expectations regarding social, behavioral and academic competencies increase. Teachers on the Blue Team will hold students accountable to these standards.

Each day when a student arrives on Blue Team, they will be expected to put all their belongings in their locker, including all bags, food and cell phones. If students need access to a phone, every classroom is equipped with one. To be a successful Blue Team student everyday, students must bring their binder, planner, Math and English texts, Science notebook, Chromebook, a reading book, and a pencil to class. Once belongings are placed in lockers, students are to immediately go to their homeroom. It is important that students have everything they need for the day as students will have scheduled times to access lockers to avoid unnecessary interruptions. Students will have access to their lockers when they arrive at school, before lunch, after lunch, before and after encore.

Once in the homeroom, students can socialize before morning announcements. The expectation is that students are in their homeroom by 8:15 am every morning. Arrival after 8:15 will result in a tardy. If a student is late to class and does not have a pass, a lunch detention will be assigned for that day.

Transitions between classes are a crucial part of the school day. Blue Team teachers place a high emphasis on student safety and responsibly traveling to their next class. All Blue Team teachers will have students line up before leaving their classroom. Once students are lined up, they will be dismissed directly to their next class. There will be no locker access during this passing time. Students should line up right outside their next teacher room.

In classes, we expect students to follow the C.A.R.E.S. expectations. The C.A.R.E.S. acronym is meant to guide student and teacher interactions while at school.

Cooperate
Accept Differences
Respond Peacefully
Engage In Learning
Support Success For All

Blue Team students will engage in their learning and interactions among each other through these core values.

The Blue Team teachers strive to develop a climate where every student can come to school, feel safe, cared for and learn.

Celebrations:

Every year Blue Team teachers are astonished with the high level of success that many of our students exhibit. We want to reward our students who are exceeding our expectations. We will recognize two students each month who have excelled academically and socially as our C.A.R.E.S. citizen of the month. Blue Team teachers will also choose students each trimester who exemplify positive behavior to be our C.A.R.E.S. champions. Blue Team teachers will also recognize students during our regular team town hall meetings.

Other positive acknowledgements include:

- Positive office pass referral
- Trimester SWARMS awards
- Honor Roll

Teachers will reward PBIS points for students who exhibit model behavior inside and outside of the classroom. PBIS points are assigned to students digitally. Students can use these points to purchase items of their choice in the school store.

Expectations:

The approach to violating expectations is progressive in nature. As a result of any consequence, teachers strive to bring understanding to students to avoid repeated behaviors.

- Any form of aggressive behavior is not acceptable. This will result in a lunch detention. After a second offense, parents and guardians will be notified. After three lunch detentions, students *may* receive an after school detention. Teachers will log this behavior as a progressive (warning) in our PBIS reporting system.
- Class cutting severely hinders the academic success of the offending student. All students are to remain in their classes to ensure safety and learning with their peers. It is important that all students are accounted for throughout the school day. This will also result in a written referral to the office through the PBIS reporting system.
- Any vandalism and physical contact will not be tolerated. This will result in an after school detention with a Blue Team teacher. CHMS will have late buses Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays that depart school at 4 pm. This will also result in a written referral to the office through the PBIS reporting system
- Any student with an (one) ISS or OSS thirty days before a team wide activity or celebration will be ineligible to partake. This will also apply for students who had more than 5 lunch detentions or 3 after school detention within 30 days.

Planners:

- Planners must be with students at all times. This is crucial as students will write their daily homework in their planner as well as due dates for major assignments. If a student does not have homeroom, the teacher will have them write “none” under that class. Please check this planner as frequently as possible, at least once a week. The planner will serve as the first line of communication between teachers and parents. If a student is not prepared or has missing work, the teacher will stamp their planner. We ask that you sign that stamp so that we

know you are aware of your student's missing work. Powerschool will also serve as an important means to checking on your child's academic process as they proceed through the school year.

- Students must have a pass if they are in the hallway during class time. Each student planner has a section dedicated as a passbook which will be utilized for this purpose. Without this passbook, students will not be allowed to leave the room. In the event a student forgets their planner, they must ask their homeroom teacher for a printout pass sheet which they can utilize for the day. Students will be sent back to their room if they do not have a pass signed from their teacher. We understand that students will need to leave their classroom for various reasons, but we ask that students limit leaving the team to two times between period one to period four.

Again, we are looking forward to a year full of achievement. We cannot wait to get to know each and every one of our students and watch them grow!

Sincerely,
Blue Team Teachers

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Cut / detach below, sign and return to your homeroom teacher.

I, _____, understand the expectations as a student on the Blue Team. I

understand that if I do not follow Blue Team and C.A.R.E.S. expectations that consequences will be issued

including lunch and after school detentions. I will learn and succeed this school year!

Parent signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Student signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Anything that we should know about our new Blue Team student: