Dear CCHS Families,

Welcome to the 2026–27 school year! I hope you had a restful summer and found time to enjoy family, friends, and those that are important to you. As we begin the new year, I want to thank you for being such an important part of our school community. Your support, trust, and involvement truly make a difference.

At Crook County High School, our mission is clear: all students known by name, strength, and need graduate college and career ready. That goes beyond academics—it's about building the skills, habits, and relationships students need to thrive in whatever path they choose.

Each year, we listen carefully to feedback from our families, students, and staff to help guide our work. We're proud of the positive feedback we received about our teachers, the wide range of opportunities available to students, and the strong sense of connection many students feel at CCHS. Those strengths provide a solid foundation as we continue to grow.

We also know there is always room for improvement. We want to improve the school experience for our students and our parents.

One of our biggest commitments this year is improving timely communication with families. We don't want parents to be surprised by trimester grades. Whether a student is struggling academically, demonstrating exceptional growth, or going above and beyond in the classroom, our goal is to communicate early and often so we can celebrate successes together and quickly provide support when challenges arise.

Another area of focus is strengthening reading and writing across every content area. Regardless of whether students are in English, math, science, agriculture, career and technical education, or the arts, strong literacy skills are essential for success after high school. By intentionally incorporating meaningful reading, writing, and communication into every classroom, we are helping students become stronger critical thinkers, problem-solvers, and communicators.

Finally, we are renewing our commitment to maintaining classrooms that are focused, engaging, and free from unnecessary distractions. Research continues to show that excessive cell phone use can negatively impact learning, attention, and student well-being. This year, we will be more consistent in enforcing our cell phone expectations so students can fully engage in instruction, participate with their peers, and make the most of every class period. We appreciate your partnership in reinforcing these expectations at home.

As always, our ultimate goal is to prepare every student for life after high school—whether that path leads to college, the workforce, military service, or another opportunity. We are committed to providing rigorous learning experiences, meaningful relationships, and the support each student needs to succeed.

Thank you again for your partnership and for entrusting us with your children each day. We are excited to welcome students back and begin another outstanding year together. Please don't hesitate to reach out with questions, concerns, or ideas. Working together, we can ensure every student has a successful and rewarding year.

Go Cowboys!

Sincerely,

Jake Huffman
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