



The Bridge

Volume 45 Number 1
AUGUST 2015
IN THIS ISSUE

New Year Schedule
Photos

School Supplies
page 3

Principal's Letter
page 3

Calendar
page 4

Breakfast & Lunch
page 5

Infinite Campus
Schoolology
Link Crew
page 6

Student Support
Catch-up Café
page 7

School Policies
Transportation
pages 8-9

Counseling &
Guidance
pages 10-12

Sophomores
page 13

Juniors
page 14

Seniors
Senior Pictures
pages 15-17

Superintendent
Conferences
page 17

Chromebooks
page 18

National Honor Society
PBIS

Legacy Project
page 19

Theater
Student Recognition
Cooper Cares
page 20

50th Anniversary
page 21

AVID
page 22

Activities/Sports
pages 23

WELCOME CLASS OF 2019 and NEW STUDENTS



Welcome to Robbinsdale Cooper High School, home of the Hawks!

You are about to begin an exciting, challenging and rewarding educational experience.

To ensure an inclusive welcoming atmosphere at Cooper, orientation for new students is scheduled for September 1 at 6:30 pm. Students will be able to pick up a copy of their class schedule. There will be an optional Activity Fair at 6:00 pm. We hope you will choose to attend. It is an excellent opportunity to become familiar with the many activities and/or sports offered at Cooper. You will also be able to purchase CHS sweat-shirts, t-shirts, and other school logo items. The Activity Fair ends at 6:30 pm.

The first day of school, Tuesday, September 8 will begin with orientation activities for Freshman and new students. Your day will begin at our normal starting time of 7:20 am. During the morning, you will learn more about our school in activities supervised by upperclassman in the LINK Crew Program. Following lunch, you will be in an abbreviated schedule that concludes at 2:10 pm.

Backpack Policy



*Acceptable with office approved pass that is visible on the bag



Purse Policy



Cooper **HAWKS** Dress for Success



NO alcohol or drug references, offensive images, or profanity on clothing

NO clothing that is considered distracting to others

NO gang related attire

NO see-through or extremely tight clothing; undergarments should not be exposed

NO low cut tops that expose the chest

NO spaghetti straps

NO hats, bandanas, non-religious headgear, or headphones (earbuds are acceptable)

NO pants sagging; undergarments should not be exposed

NO tops that expose a bare midriff or back

NO revealing clothing such as short shorts, short skirts, or short dresses

NO inappropriately torn or ripped clothing

SCHEDULE A GREAT START TO THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR!

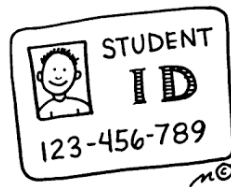
- * August 25 9:00-6:30 Draft copy of schedule & ID photos
- * September 1 6:30-8:30pm New student orientation *No photos will be taken*
- * September 8 7:20am start for 9th graders and Choice Is Yours Students will take regular buses
- * September 8 10th, 11th, & 12th Four hour late start—No lunch
- * September 14 School photo day
- * September 18 Late start/Early release approved forms due
- * September 18 Signed open lunch forms for 11th & 12th due

**SCHOOL DAY
START = 7:20 AM
END = 2:10 PM**



Lockers will be assigned the first day of school during Advisory at 11:15

You must have your Student ID during the school day



Backpacks are allowed at Cooper. All other bags **must** have an administrator's pass approval.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Every student is **REQUIRED** one binder for ALL class materials

- ⇒ One three inch heavy duty binder with EZ touch opener and view front
- ⇒ 8 color tab dividers
- ⇒ Pencil zip pouch with 3 hole punch
- ⇒ 200 college ruled paper with 3 hole punch

No trapper keepers or zipper binders.

Other supplies maybe required for specific classes. Teachers will provide a supply list the first week of school.



Student Pictures

Lifetouch will be taking photographs at Cooper for the Yearbook and required student ID's. Students may have their pictures taken on Tuesday, August 25 from 9:00 am to 6:30 pm for grades 9-12.

The next available date for photos will be Monday, September 14 during the school day. Students and families may purchase photo packages at the photo sessions.

Please remember to dress appropriately as these will be your yearbook photos as well as your school ID's



Cooper High School

From the Principal

Summer Greetings Cooper Families,

I hope you are enjoying your final days of summer vacation. We are gearing up for an excellent and productive year at Cooper High School. It is my privilege and honor to be stepping in to the role as principal and look forward to working cooperatively with students, families, staff and the community. I am dedicated to the mission of Cooper High School to provide a caring and vibrant community where all members are respected and where we educate students to become active, compassionate, principled critical thinkers. I have been in the Robbinsdale Area School District for four years and began at Cooper High School as the Assistant Principal in 2011. I served as the assistant principal of three years, until I was offered the position as head principal at Highview Learning Center last year. I will continue to lead the Robbinsdale Area School's career and college readiness efforts as they coincide with our vision at Cooper to have every student college or career ready upon graduation.

Cooper will be welcoming three new assistant principals this year who are committed to fostering a safe inclusive environment that encourages students' to fulfill their individualized educational goals. Please join me in welcoming Claire Vincent, Eric Norby, and Charles Johnson-Nixon. We will be focusing on our commitment to enhance school culture, create citizens within the community, building strong foundations of communication between students, teachers, and parents, while increasing academic expectations and rigor for all students.



Frank Herman

New Administration

9th Grade Assistant Principal = Eric Norby

10th Grade Assistant Principal = Charles Johnson-Nixon

11th & 12th Grade Assistant Principal = Claire Vincent

WELCOME

September 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 HOLIDAY LABOR DAY	8 1st Day of School	9	10	11	12
13	14 Picture Day HOME	15	16	17 Conferences 5:30-8:00 COMING	18	19 Homecoming 3-6 Dance 7-10
20	21	22	23	24 Small Choir Ensemble Auditions	25	26
27	28	29	30			

October 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5 Mid-Qtr 1	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 Conferences Classrooms 3:15-8:00	14 NO SCHOOL	15 NO SCHOOL	16 NO SCHOOL	17
18	19 Picture Retakes	20	21	22	23	24 ACT test
25	26	27 Halloween Concert 6pm	28	29	30	31 Craft Fair



Breakfast & Lunches

Student Prices

Breakfast	\$1.30
Lunch	\$2.75
Reduced Breakfast	Free
Reduced Lunch	Free

Adult Prices

Breakfast	\$1.80
Lunch	\$3.70

Milk .50 Juice .40

All students approved for free or reduced-price meals will be able to eat *breakfast* at no cost.

Student PIN numbers remain the same if the student stays in the same school. If a student changes schools, they are issued a new PIN number. The new PIN numbers will be available on orientation night at the Cooper.

Free or Reduce Family Meal Applications can be found online at the Cooper website.

In an effort to increase our speed of service to all our students, which will provide them with more time to eat, we have implementing a cashless system. Students will need funds in their accounts for meals, milk and ala carte purchases. We will not be accepting cash on the serving line during lunch. Payments can be made in the following ways:

Send a check or cash to school and bring it to the kitchen, front office or designated area before the start of the school day Online payments through PayPams

Student balances and daily transactions can be accessed through PayPams and Parent Portal.

We thank you in advance for your support of this process, and we look forward to serving our students more efficiently in the upcoming school year.



Open Lunch

Junior and seniors will be able to apply for open lunch. The applications will be available in the office and require a parent/guardian permission and signature. Students must have good attendance and behavior. Students must follow open lunch rules or the privilege will be removed.

RULES FOR OPEN LUNCH

1. Leave and return only by the main door with your Cooper ID.
2. Respect our neighbors and their property.
3. You are expected to leave the campus. Please drive carefully.
4. Open lunch is NOT an excuse for truancy or tardiness to class. Truancy or tardiness will result in loss of open lunch for the remainder of the semester.
5. Open lunch passes may be revoked for disciplinary reasons.
6. Food and beverages purchased off campus during open lunch are to be consumed before returning to the building.
7. You may NOT bring food in to the building for friends.
8. You will not be allowed back in the building until the bells rings.

Open Lunch passes are indicated by a special marking on the student ID and are valid only for the period the student has assigned lunch.

FORMS WILL BE IN THE FRONT OFFICE AND MUST BE RETURNED BY SEPTEMBER 18TH



Research shows that the more involved a family is in their child's school career, the more successful the child will be. Family

Access is a means to further promote the educational excellence of our students by enhancing communication with parents and students. This tool is available 24 hours a day, and gives families access to secure, timely information about their child. Get information about attendance, grades and assessments and more on Infinite Campus pages. Get information about teachers, homework assignments and more from Schoology teacher pages.

All you need is one user name and password to access both.



What's even better, Infinite Campus has gone mobile! You can now access schedules, grades, assignments and attendance using the Infinite Campus Mobile Portal. It's a free app for BOTH an iOS platform, such as iPhones and iPads, and also now available for android smartphone users! You need an active Campus Portal account to access the data. You can also get notifications sent to your device as changes occur, such as updates to homework or grades. It's convenient, and it's private.



D
O
W
N
L
O
A
D



Link Crew

Link Crews an innovative program at Cooper introducing freshman to high school through an electrifying first day experience.

Link Crew is a high school transition program that welcomes freshmen and makes them feel comfortable throughout the first year of their high school. Built upon the belief that students can help students succeed, Link Crew trained numerous members of the junior and senior class to be Link Leaders as positive role models. Link Leaders are motivators, leaders and teachers who guide the freshmen to discover what it takes to be successful during the transition to high school.

Link Crew increases freshmen success; more and more studies are showing that if students have a positive experience their first year in high school, their chances for success are exponential. The Link Crew high school transition program provides the structure for freshmen to receive support and guidance from juniors and seniors who have been through the challenges that high school poses, and understand that the transition to a larger school can sometimes be overwhelming.

Link Crew begins with a powerful orientation day that makes freshmen excited and proud to be attending their new high school and allows them to begin developing relationships and strategies that will contribute to their high school success. After orientation, the Link Crew freshmen transition program continues, providing a variety of both Academic and Social Follow-Up Activities throughout the year. The Academic Follow-Ups are lessons presented by trained Link Leaders during visits to Freshmen Advisories.

Link Crew's goal is to provide Cooper High School with a structure in which students make real connections with each other. Through this program, students learn that people at school care about them and their success.



Attendance at School

Thank You, Gracias, Job Well Done, Way to Go, Keep Up the Good Work!

To all the parents who continue to get their teenagers up and out the door for the bus on time each and every school day.

Sadly, there are many teenagers who are not getting to school or are missing a lot of school due to minor illnesses or other excuses. Attendance at school is important for success at school. Teenagers have a lot of distractions in their lives but parents can continue to help them by focusing on school as the teenagers' primary "job" in life. We have contacted parents and students to discuss why students are missing school and when there is no medical reason for absence we have been sending letters home requiring a doctor's note for any further excused absences from school.

For the 2015-2016 school year, the number of allowed excused absences is 5 per quarter, 20 per school year. We want parents and students to be aware before school starts that this is our expectation for school attendance. There will be phone calls home, letters and discussions at school starting the mid-quarter of the first quarter for students who are missing excessive amounts of school.

If you have concerns about your students' attendance or their health as it impacts their school performance, please contact Cooper's Health Office at 763-504-8509.



**CATCH-UP
CAFÉ**

Catch-Up Café is a chance for 9th grade students who are missing 3 assignments and/or failing a class to get caught up on assignments during their lunch period. Students can eat lunch while they have the opportunity to work with staff to increase their academic achievement. 9th grade teachers will inform students who are struggling academically that they have been assigned to the Catch-Up Café. Students go directly to Catch-Up Café where their lunch is provided



STUDENT SUPPORT

Academic Deans provide the instructional, operational, and administrative leadership necessary to ensure the success of the high school. They responsible for creating and maintaining a positive, engaging, and safe learning environment for high school students.

- ◆ Ricky Williams
11th Grade
- ◆ Lawrence Coleman
12th Grade
- ◆ Yorrick Byers
10th Grade
- ◆ Willie Howard
9th Grade



Wireless & Electronic Devices
NOT Permitted
During Classroom Hours

Wireless devices are not permitted for use in the classroom while school is in session. This includes cell phones, ipads, radios, CD/MP3 players etc. All personal wireless devices must be put away during class hours.



Devices that are in view of teachers or administrators will be confiscated immediately and held until the end of the school day between 2:10 am and 3:00 pm for pickup. Parents may come to pick them up during the same hours Monday through Thursday after school.

If there is suspicion of other violations of school or district policy, devices will be searched. Consequences include confiscation for the first offence and suspension from school for continued infractions.

Personal
Laptop Use
At Cooper



Robbinsdale Area Schools provide the opportunity for students to bring a personal laptop to school to use as an educational tool. Usage is subject to:

1. Access in designated common wireless areas.
2. Students must obtain parental permission before bringing a personal laptop to school.
3. Student use must support the instructional activities.
4. Students must turn off and put away a personal laptop when requested by a teacher.
5. Laptops must be carried in a laptop case or backpack.

6. Audio should be muted on laptop during instruction time
7. Students will restrict the use of their laptop to educational purposes only while on the school campus.
8. The student will not connect his/her laptop to the district network using an Ethernet cable plugged into a wall jack.
9. Wireless access to the network is routed through a content filter and firewall. Efforts to circumvent the content filter and firewall are prohibited.

SECURITY RISKS

- Robbinsdale Area Schools accept no responsibility for personal property brought to the school by students, as described in the student handbook, including laptops.
- Students who choose to bring a laptop to school assume total responsibility for the laptop. Laptops that are stolen or damaged are the responsibility of the student and their parents or guardians.
- Students should take all reasonable steps to protect against the theft or damage of their personal laptop.
- Your laptop should NEVER be left unattended for ANY period of time.
- Never leave your laptop in view in an unattended car.





Dress Code Guidelines for School and Activities

1. Do not wear clothing that displays inappropriate words, pictures of drugs, alcohol, tobacco, illegal products, gang references or hate groups.
2. Outdoor jackets are to be stored in your locker for the entire school day. If you are wearing a hoodie you need to keep the hood down.
3. Headwear such as do-rags, hoodies, bandanas, and electronic devices are not allowed during the school day and must be removed when you enter the building. Students may wear plastic or elastic headband, or scarves folded as a headband designed to hold hair in place. Scarves may be worn on the head only with the approval of the principal.
4. No slippers or heeleys are to worn at school. This is a safety issue. Mouth grills, pacifiers, sunglasses (worn on the eyes or head) or chains are not to be used or worn in school.
5. If you have on clothing that is too revealing you will be asked to change or cover up. Since we are a school, our guidelines are more conservative than what you might wear with friends. Please keep that in mind as you make your clothing choices for school. This includes tops, shorts, skirts, skirts, bare stomach or back and sagging pants. The bottom of your skirt or shorts needs to reach past your fingertips when you put your hands down at your side. Tops must be generous enough to cover your stomach,

back and chest

6. Pants need to be worn at the waist and need to stay there without holding them up. They are too revealing if shorts or underwear are visible when you sit, stand or walk.
7. When you come into school, please take off your headwear and turn off your electronics. Place them in your locker no later than 7:20 am to be removed at 2:10 pm. This includes lunch and study halls. The rule is that headwear and electronics are not allowed during the school day. They must be out of sight of staff and other students.
8. If you are asked, you need to make an adjustment to your clothing so the problem does not happen again. If the problem occurs again you will be referred to your grade level Dean.



Busing information for you student will arrive via mail before the first day of school. Eligible students in grades K-12 receive a postcard with the student's bus number, pick-up location and pick-up/drop-off times.

Contact:

Dial 763-504-8107

Option #1 - Late buses, missing articles, etc.

Option #2 - Bus route information

Option #3 - Special Education

Contact your school with address changes

The district is responsible for students while riding the bus. Students will only be allowed to ride on the bus that they are assigned. There are behavioral expectations that will be enforced and failure to comply will result in parental meeting.

COUNSELING & GUIDANCE CENTER

Who can help you

Counselors

Susan Senger
763-504-8523 Office 220
Grade 12

Katie Burkholder
763-504-8516 Office 218
Grade 11

Guy Stewart
763-504-8525 Office 217
Grade 10

Salinee Hough
763-504-8524 Office 219
Grade 9

Laura Ritter
763-504-8521 Office 232
College Counselor

Guidance Secretary
Roberta Miller 763-504-8519

Guidance Receptionist
Jane Bockhaus 763-504-8520

Career Center Staff
Carol Warndahl 763-504-8664

Nurse (LSN, MSN)
Mary Gunderson 763-504-8509
Mary Johnson 763-504-8509

Social Worker
Barb Mersy 763-504-8528
Tiffany Shaw 763-504-8521

Police Liaison
Dave Fitzke 763-504-8523
Ben Harty 763-504-8495

How to make an appointment

- The receptionist will help you make an appointment and give you a yellow pass with the date and time of your appointment.
- On the day of your appointment, show the pass to your teacher and go directly to the Guidance Office.
- If you have a crisis, you do not need an appointment. The receptionist will get you in to see someone immediately. Be assertive; let the secretary know you need help right away.
- If you wish to see the nurse, obtain a pass from your teacher before going to the health office.

Why would you need to see your counselor or other helping staff?

- Registration, schedule corrections or class needs.
- Help with planning for the future, both during and after high school. Prepare a realistic, appropriate "four year plan".
- Obtain information about scholarships, financial aid, careers, post-secondary opportunities for further education, etc.
- Request recommendations for work opportunities, colleges, etc.
- Personal problems (at home or at school).
- Concerns for a friend.
- Self-improvement related to decision-making, problem solving, assertiveness, understanding feelings, relationships, etc.
- Other questions or concerns are always appropriate.

APPOINTMENTS
with Your Counselor
MONDAY - FRIDAY
7:00 am until 2:00 pm
(Office is open until 3:00 pm)

COUNSELING & GUIDANCE CENTER

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

1. You need to have a **FOUR-YEAR HIGH SCHOOL** plan that is appropriate for your individual abilities and strengths. What you do in high school will affect your future plans significantly!
2. **46 credits** are needed to graduate. If you fail a subject, it must be made up in summer school, or alternative methods. (See your counselor for further information).
3. In addition to completing the specified number of credits, students will be required to meet specific levels of achievement in reading, mathematics and writing to earn a diploma.
4. It is important to maintain the best **G.P.A.** (grade point average) and class rank possible.
5. You are responsible for keeping track of your credits – the course guide explains the requirements and your counselor is available to help you with this.
6. It is possible to take a **P/NC** (Pass/No Credit) in one elective class each semester. This is not encouraged, but the option is available.
7. If you are planning to attend a **4-year college**, see your counselor to be sure you meet the course requirements for entrance. Also, you will have the opportunity to take the **PLAN** test in 10th grade (practice for the ACT).
8. If you are considering a military academy, please notify your counselor in the fall of your sophomore year.
9. If you would like to participate in a **Division I or II Collegiate Sport**, please notify your counselor in the fall of your sophomore year. You must be approved by the **NCAA Clearinghouse**



The Robbinsdale School District has selected Naviance's Family Connection to assist our students and staff in managing the college and career planning process. Family Connections is a comprehensive website that students can use as a tool in planning for their future. We encourage our students to utilize this website throughout their high school years.

HOW TO ACCESS:

Log in at the website:

<http://connection.naviance.com/cooperhs>

REGISTRATION CODES

The student login is the same as the login into the parent/student portal in Infinite Campus.



The Career Center is available for students to stop in to look at available materials. Computers may be used to research post-secondary schools and careers.

Seniors and parents will be receiving an important individual credit summary letter from your counselor in September. It will indicate if a student is on target for graduation. This is one of a number of communications between school and home to help students make the proper moves for this most important final year of high school. However, it is the student's responsibility to make sure they have the proper credits to graduate.

Our very best wishes for 2015-2016.

COUNSELORS SAY “WELCOME”

Welcome back to the 2015-2016 school year. We hope your summer offered you a break from school activities, and you are ready for your most successful year yet!

SCHEDULE CHANGES

Student schedules were developed using the courses they registered for in February. The schedule was created to meet as many requests as possible. We use the registration results to hire staff and build the schedule.

Therefore, we will allow schedule changes for these reasons only:

- ✓ Failure of a class
- ✓ Scheduled in the wrong level class
- ✓ Passed class in summer school
- ✓ You have less than the 6 classes required each semester

QUICK CHECK

A checklist you may want to review when starting out the new year:

Credit check for graduation (*STUDENT'S RESPONSIBILITY*)

- ✓ Have I registered for the credits I need?
- ✓ What credits have I earned so far?
- ✓ 46 semester credits needed for graduation

What are the ways to make up credits

- ✓ Summer School
- ✓ ABC Program
- ✓ Independent Study

MN CA/GRAD Tests

- ✓ Reading
- ✓ Math
- ✓ Writing

Who's my counselor?

See chart on page 10

Online Resources

Resources are online at:
Chs.rdale.org
Under Guidance pull down menu

Cooper High School

Code: 241-597

National College Fair
Minneapolis Convention Center
Wednesday, October 21
9:00-12:00 & 4:30- 8:00
Thursday, October 22
9:00-12:00

Financial Aid Night
(to be set Jan-Feb)

PLAN Test - Cost: FREE
(*Grade 10 Practice for PSAT & ACT*)
Thursday, November 4, 2015

PSAT/NMSQT - Cost: \$16.00
Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test
National Merit Scholastic Qualifying Test
(*Grade 11 used only for National Merit Qualifying*)
Wednesday, October 14, 2015
Register end of September in Counseling Office

ACT with Writing - Cost: \$54.50
College bound Juniors at end of 11th Grade
College bound Seniors in Fall of 12th Grade
Saturdays
9/12, 10/24, 12/12 -- 2015
2/06, 4/09, 6/11 -- 2016
Registration and preparation booklets available in Career Center. Mail registration to ACT.
Deadlines 5-6 weeks before test dates

SAT I Reasoning Test - Cost: \$52.50
10/3, 11/7, 12/5 -- 2015
1/23, 3/05, 5/07, 6/04 -- 2016

Registration and preparation booklets available in Career Center. Mail registration to SAT.
Deadlines 5-6 weeks before test dates.
Register on-line at
www.collegeboard.com

Registration and preparation booklets available in Career Center. Mail registration to SAT.
Deadlines 5-6 weeks before test dates.
Register on-line at



SOPHOMORES: CLASS OF 2018



Welcome back to Cooper for 2015-2016 school year! We are looking forward to assisting you throughout the year as you continue your work toward graduation and your transition to your post-secondary education. The first day of school, Tuesday, September 6 will begin at 11:15 am for grades 10 - 12. Buses for these students will run their normal routes four hours late.



We want to encourage you to work hard in your classes to achieve the best grades possible while earning your credits toward graduation.

To be on track for graduation, you should have *twelve credits at the end of ninth grade*. If you have fewer than twelve credits, be sure to see your counselor to devise a plan to complete enough credits to graduate. Colleges and employers are looking for candidates with complete transcripts and qualifying grades.

All students are encouraged to see their counselors by the end of the first semester to check their transcripts for accuracy: class rank, cumulative grade point average, standardized test scores and the listing of extracurricular activities.



SCHEDULE CHANGES

Student schedules were built using the courses they registered for in February.

The schedule was created to meet as many requests as possible. We use the registration results to hire staff and build the schedule.

Therefore, we will allow schedule changes for these reasons only:

- ✓ **Failure of a class**
- ✓ **Scheduled in the wrong level class**
- ✓ **Passed class in summer school**
- ✓ **You have less than the six classes required each semester**



The PLAN Test is given students in tenth grade November 4, 2015. This test is a shortened form of the ACT (American College Testing Program) a national test used in the college admission process. The PLAN is a practice test for the ACT/PSAT. Normally, students would take the ACT/ SAT in June of the junior year.

Involvement in extra co-curricular activities is an important part of high school life. There are many ways to be involved at Cooper. Participation in all forms of school activities is welcomed and involvement in school events enhances your college, scholarship, and employment applications.

If there are questions regarding your schedule for tenth grade, please check with your counselor.

We look forward to seeing you in September as you begin a new school year here at Cooper!

JUNIORS: CLASS OF 2017



Welcome Juniors!

The first day of school, Tuesday, September 8 will begin at 11:30 am for grades 10 - 12.

Buses for these students will run their normal routes four hours later.

This is an important year as you move towards graduation. It is essential that you and your parents review your graduation plan. Juniors should have *at least 24 credits* on their cumulative record. Credit questions should be directed to your counselor as soon as possible.

SCHEDULE CHANGES

Student schedules were developed using the courses they registered for in February. The schedule was created to meet as many requests as possible. We use the registration results to hire staff and build the schedule.

Therefore, we will allow schedule changes for these reasons only:

- ✓ Failure of a class
- ✓ Scheduled in the wrong level class
- ✓ Passed class in summer school
- ✓ You have less than the six classes required each semester

Your junior year is the time to start making plans for after high school education. The following opportunities are important for juniors:

National College Fair

October 21 and 22

Minneapolis Convention Center

The National College Fair provides an excellent opportunity for students and parents to visit representatives from hundreds of colleges. District 281 encourages parents and students to attend the Wednesday evening session.

Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT) - \$16.00 fee

Test Date: October 14, 2015.

All juniors are welcome to take this test. This is a qualifying test for National Merit Scholarships.

Junior Conferences

Junior Conferences are a unique way to begin the transition from high school to "what's next..." Parents should call our guidance receptionist early for appointments! Junior conferences with parents, student and counselor may be scheduled during the school day, during the student's study hall, or during parent teacher conferences.

Financial Aid Night for Parents

February 2016

The Financial Aid Night provides an opportunity to gain information regarding this extremely important topic of financing a post-secondary education. A keynote speaker will be available to give information and answer your questions. Remember that early planning is essential.

International Baccalaureate (IB)

Exam(s)

May 2-20, 2016

Please see Kari Christensen for a detailed list of the subject exam dates.

American College Test (ACT)

April 19, 2016

The ACT is a major college entrance exam. The Minnesota Department of Education requires that all juniors take the ACT plus writing and is a requirement for graduation.

Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT)

This test is intended for juniors at the end of 11th grade. A few highly selective colleges prefer the SAT over the ACT. Test dates are May 7 or June 4, 2016.

Counseling & Career Center

The Counseling Office is open between 7:00 am - 3:00 pm each school day. Students are welcome to stop in and look at available materials. In the Career Center there are computers to access information on schools, careers, and other educational opportunities. We now have both Internet access for college search, ACT, SAT preparation and college homepages. Representatives from colleges and other post-secondary programs will visit Cooper at various times throughout the school year. Students are encouraged to come in to talk with these representatives.

SENIORS: CLASS OF 2016



Welcome Seniors!

The first day of school, Tuesday, September 8 will begin at 11:15 am for grades 10 - 12. Buses for these students will run their normal routes four hours later.

This is an exciting time for you as you begin to plan for your future beyond high school. This fall, counselors will meet with seniors. Plans for post high school graduation will be discussed. At this meeting you will receive information to help you carry out your plans.

SCHEDULE CHANGES

Student schedules were developed using the courses they registered for in February. The schedule was created to meet as many requests as possible. We use the registration results to hire staff and build the schedule.

Therefore, we will allow schedule changes for these reasons only:

- ✓ Failure of a class
- ✓ Scheduled in the wrong level class
- ✓ Passed class in summer school
- ✓ You have more than the six classes required each semester

The counseling department would also like to alert you to some dates and opportunities appropriate for seniors. Please mark your calendars.

National College Fair

October 21 and 22

Minneapolis Convention Center
The National College Fair provides an opportunity for students and parents to visit with representatives from hundreds of colleges throughout the country and pick up information. District 281 encourages parents and students to attend the Wednesday evening session.

Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT)

You register via the website <https://sat.collegeboard.org/> register prior to September 3, 2015. The test dates begin Saturday, October 3, 2015.

American College Test (ACT)

Saturday, October 24, 2015

If you plan to attend college and did not take the ACT test last year or you wish to improve your scores, this is the best test for you. Register online at <http://www.actstudent.org/regist/>

Free Application for Federal Student Aid

The FAFSA will be available after winter break. *This form is the single most important financial aid form you can complete.* The FAFSA requires material from the 2015 tax year. Forms can also be done online at www.fafsa.ed.gov

Financial Aid Night for Parents

February 2016

The Financial Aid Night provides an opportunity to find out some information regarding this extremely important topic. A keynote speaker will be available to give information and answer your questions. Remember that early planning is essential.

International Baccalaureate (IB)

Exam(s)

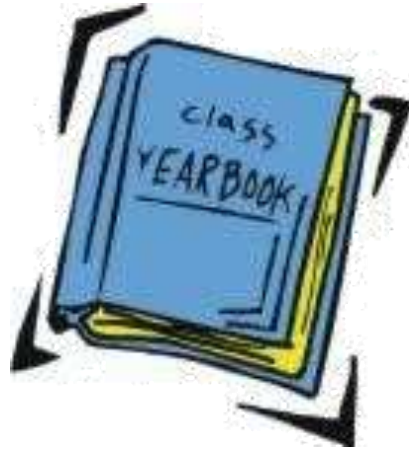
May 2-May 20, 2016

Please see Kari Christensen for a detailed list of the subject exam dates.

Counselor Appointments

All seniors are encouraged to make an appointment with their counselor by the middle of October. Even if you are not certain of your post-graduation plans, we will attempt to help you decide on your options and narrow your focus.

Representatives from colleges and other post-secondary schools will visit CHS throughout the school year. Schedules for these visits, plus Campus Preview Days, will be posted in the Career Center. Deadlines for application to most state schools and the University of Minnesota are between Thanksgiving and early December. Application forms to many of the colleges are available in the Career Center. Students are responsible for all college applications and an Official Transcript. Scholarship listings will be sent to your Advisory on a regular basis as scholarships and other awards become known. Go to the Career Center or to Naviance for the most up to date information.



Senior Portraits for the Yearbook

Dear Parents of the Cooper 2016 Graduating Class,
You are probably already buried in senior portrait solicitations from area photography studios, so on behalf of the *Cooper Talons Yearbook*, I'd like to take this opportunity to clarify details of senior portraits for the 2016 Yearbook.

1. We **MUST** receive your senior portrait by Friday October 23, 2015 in order to include it in the 2016 yearbook. Portraits delivered after this date cannot be included due to deadlines with our publisher. Most studios in the area are aware of our deadlines. You need to work with them to be sure your appointment date allows them time to process your order and get it to us. (Usually at least 4 weeks from your appointment date).

2. We do not have requirements for what you need to wear, what your photo background needs to be, or whether the photo is face only or full length. We do require the following:

a. Photo can be sent digitally (jpeg format) to coopertalons@gmail.com

b. If you prefer to turn in a hard copy, it must be printed on photo quality paper. **NO Xerox copies, no photos printed on typing paper from home printers.**

c. Photo must be portrait, not landscape (vertical, not horizontal)

d. Photo must be tasteful and appropriate. We will not print photos including guns or other weapons, or with clothing or backgrounds that

are disrespectful to our school, our country, or that are discriminatory. We reserve the right to crop or edit pictures and/or return those that are inappropriate for replacements.

3. Cooper does not have a preferred photographer. We believe each family should have the freedom to select whatever works for them and their budget and interests.

4. How your senior's portrait gets to us depends on your studio. Many of the larger local studios will send your photo directly to us once you make your selection. They will have their own time table related to when you need to schedule your appointments in order to take advantage of their delivery process. Other studios will hand you a yearbook portrait in a special envelope for your student to turn in. Still others simply give you your order and you are completely responsible for getting something turned in. We cannot answer how your studio will handle your photo; you need to discuss this with your studio so you are aware of what their process is. We cannot and do not contact studios looking for your photos in the fall – it is up to you to get them in. Lists are posted at school for seniors to verify their photo status before the deadline.



Seniors





5. We are unable to use your student's school ID photo unless you arrange with Lifetouch to get us a copy by 10/23.



Many parents also are curious about the traditional Baby Picture ads. You will receive a letter in the fall regarding purchasing Baby Picture congratulatory ads for your senior. These are not handled until after we complete the senior portrait section of the yearbook and are completely optional. Please look for that letter in early October with details. Please **DO NOT** send your Baby Picture submissions with your senior portraits. They are very apt to get lost!

If you have additional questions, please feel free to contact me via email or via phone after school.

Lindsey Schiffler
Cooper Yearbook Advisor
lindsey_schiffler@rdale.org



TALONS



**ROBBINSDALE AREA SCHOOLS
NEW SUPERINTENDENT**

Dr. Jenkins comes to the district from Atlanta Public Schools, where he served as the chief academic officer. Jenkins spent four years (2010-14) as the superintendent of the Saginaw Public Schools, a district in Michigan with 7,500 students (15 schools, including 10 elementary schools, 1 middle school and 3 high schools). He came to this position after serving for four years as the executive director of secondary leaders (and being a high school principal) in the Beloit Public Schools system in Wisconsin. Prior to this, Jenkins served as a high school principal in the Columbus Public Schools in Ohio.

His experience also includes one year as a middle school principal, two years as an associate principal at a high school in the Beloit Public Schools and one year as an associate principal at a high school in Madison, Wisc. His teaching career started in 1989 at Beloit Memorial High School. Jenkins earned his Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, the same school where he earned his Master of Science in Educational Administration. He is credited with increasing graduation rates in Saginaw by 14 percent.

**CONFERENCE
DATES**

September 17
5:30-8:00

October 13
3:13-8:00

December 3
5:30-8:800



Personalized Learning with 1:1 Internet Devices

The mission of Robbinsdale Area Schools is to "inspire and educate all learners to discover their potential and positively contribute to their community." Technology is an important tool to effectively and efficiently fulfill that mission and personalize teaching and learning. The high school goals focus on instructional strategies that significantly improve learning across all subjects. These include goal setting, targeted feedback, and culturally relevant teaching.

This fall, each student will be provided with a Chromebook and case to personalize and support learning inside and outside of the classroom.

In order for your student to pick up a Chromebook:

1. Sign the Parent & Student Home Use Agreement. Copies of the form will be available at Cooper and online.
2. Pay the insurance fee. The insurance fee is \$37 per year per student. \$22 if the student qualifies for Free or Reduced price lunch.



INSURANCE

In an effort to protect families from unknown expenses that may occur from theft or accidental damage while the Chromebook is in the care of your student, the district is insuring the Chromebook. The fee is \$37 per year per student. If the student qualifies for free or reduced price meals, the fee is reduced to \$22. The fee may be paid online or at your school office. Please note that the insurance covers only the Chromebook, not accessories (charging cord, case, strap, pouch.) Paying online requires a Family Information Access Account. NEW

LINK to sign up for an account. This account also allows access to Infinite Campus (attendance and grades) and Schoology (course descriptions and assignments) NEW LINK to access instructions for paying fees in Infinite Campus.

The Chromebook is an Internet device. Although some tasks can be completed offline, Internet access is important for full functionality.



Learn more about affordable options for Internet at EveryoneOn.org (1-855-EVERY1ON) This non-profit organization provides access to vendors in the area who provide low-cost internet to families who qualify for free or reduced lunch at school. (EveryoneON - Flyer - [English](#) | [En español](#))

Free wi-fi is available at Hennepin County Libraries. Locations and hours can be found at the [library web site](#).



PCs for People is a non-profit organization that offers low-cost Internet access for families that qualify.



Chromebooks

PerL.rdale.org



National Honor Society

The National Honor Society at Cooper High School will begin the year with 38 current senior members. In addition, new senior and junior students will be invited to apply over the summer should they meet the 3.6 GPA to qualify. Induction will be held in the fall for new members.

In order to participate in NHS, students must maintain or exceed a 3.6 GPA, participate in community service and attend meetings. Monthly meetings are held the second Tuesday of every month.

Students in NHS uphold the four pillars of membership: scholarship, character, leadership and service.

The Cooper NHS looks forward to an active year of leadership in the school and the community.

LEGACY PROJECT

The Legacy Project is a collaboration of Cooper Alumni and Cooper administration to support those students who find themselves in desperate situations established by the graduating class of 1969. The Legacy Project has provided coats, hats, boots, gloves, lunches, basic clothing needs, basic hygiene needs, and many other necessities for students. Alumni have become volunteers during and after school. If you are interested in being part of the Legacy Project please contact Heidi Chiodo at (763) 504-8484.



The school district's strategic plan and the School Board have established a direction that is supported district and school wide with a positive behavior support approach to dealing with students. Implementation began in the 2009-2010 school year.

The goals are: to improve students' sense of belonging at school, ensure a safe and orderly learning environment, minimize classroom disruptions that interfere with learning and to encourage and help families partner with schools to ensure student success and reduce disruptions to instruction.

Four Cooper High School expectations are:

1. Be Respectful
2. Be Responsible
3. Engage in Learning
4. Always Apply Empathy

The clear expectations will be taught in Advisory and highlighted in class meetings.

Key Components of School-Wide Positive Behavior Interventions & Support (PBIS):

- Consistent approach to school discipline.
- Clear set of positive expectations and behaviors.
- Procedures for teaching expected behaviors.
- Encourage and help families partner with schools to ensure student success.

Relevance



Fall Play!

Auditions are open to all interested CHS students.

AUDITIONS WILL TAKE PLACE THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 14TH.

Look for posters around school and listen for announcements.

There will be an informational meeting held soon. Audition materials will be available at this meeting.

Performances will be November 18-21st.

Please contact the Cooper Box Office at 763-504-8535 for up to date information regarding show dates, times and ticket information.

Robbinsdale Cooper High School focuses on community long an important part of the International Baccalaureate curriculum, is expanding to include the entire student body through a year-long service project called Cooper Cares.

Cooper launched in 2011 to instill in our students the importance of citizenship, pride in their community, and to create self confidence. The students responded with enthusiasm forging ties with the Middle and Elementary students in the Robbinsdale School District.

The 2015-2016 school year brings a new challenge to Cooper. We have set a goal of 20,000 (20K) hours of service by Cooper staff and students both in the community and within District 281. If you have a project that you feel would be appropriate for Cooper High students please contact Caroline Geise at (763) 504-8484.

Student Recognition

ACADEMIC PEP FEST & HONOR ROLL

Cooper High will continue our tradition of awarding those students who dedicate time and energy to their education. Students who have a Grade Point Average of 3.0 or higher for the first semester.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

The International Baccalaureate Program recognizes students who demonstrate Learner Profile attributes. The aim of all IB programmes is to develop internationally minded people who, recognizing our common humanity and shared guardianship of the planet help to create a better and more peaceful world.



Cooper High School NO longer accepts checks for fines, year-books, prom tickets or parking permits/boots.

Cash or Money Order Only



24 Hour Attendance

A parent or guardian must call

763-504-8510

BEFORE 3:00 PM

ROBBINSDALE COOPER SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION FINALE

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
SEPTEMBER 18 - 27, 2015



RHS/CHS CLASS OF 1965

Robbinsdale/Cooper Class of 1965's 50 Year Reunion

Friday, Sept. 18

Earle Brown Heritage Center Grad Night for the Class of 1965 Classmates

Cost: \$40. Details: robbinsdalecooper65.classquest.com

Celebration of Faith Gathering

Sat, Sept. 19 10:00 am at New Hope Church's Ministry Center

Come join your fellow 1965 Cooper and Robbinsdale classmates and spouses for an informal time of sharing some spiritual highlights or insights from the past 50 years. Your walk of faith will encourage others. Coffee and pastries will be provided for a freewill offering.

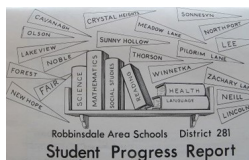
4225 Gettysburg Ave. N., New Hope, MN 55428 (42nd Ave., also known as Rockford Rd or Co. Rd. 9)

Please respond to Rick McClellan at mcclellanrick@bellsouth.net or 865-387-5474 to affirm your intentions and help us to know how many to plan for. We look forward to your joining classmates in this unofficial event related to our 50th Class reunion on the weekend of September 18th. www.newhopechurchmn.org

Robbinsdale/Cooper Class of 1965's 50 Year Reunion

Earle Brown Heritage Center Couples Night ~ Class of 1965 Classmates and Guests

Cost: \$85. Details: robbinsdalecooper65.classquest.com



SOMEPLACE SPECIAL

ROBBINSDALE COOPER SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, Sept. 26 ~ A special invitation is extended to former Cooper employees; librarians, custodians, coaches, paraprofessionals, the beloved lunch ladies, guidance counselors, staff and teachers. The Robbinsdale Schools Area Community is invited; neighbors, Robins and Falcons.

10:00 am - 1:00 pm Cooper Archives; bound copies of the Hawk's Quill, scrapbooks, old photos, programs, and trophies.

11:00 am - 1:00 pm Guided Tours; meet in the foyer and find a student tour guide. ~ The pool is undergoing major repairs; it will not be on the tour.

11:00 am - 2:00 pm Seven Dreams Foundation will run the concessions

Need help in locating members of the Cooper and Ulrich families

Email: cooper77@charter.net

Questions: 218 340-1462

Cooper Alumni web site: <http://cooper.classquest.com>



The AVID Program at Cooper

This fall Cooper will continue their successful tradition as an AVID school; AVID is an in-school academic support program for our students in grades 9-12. Numerous AVID seniors have walked across the stage waving their diplomas proudly and getting ready to embark on their next journey – almost 100% of them are on their way to a post-secondary education, either at a two-year campus or a four-year campus.

AVID stands for Advancement Via Individual Determination. The college readiness program prepares students for college eligibility and success. It places academically average students in advanced classes; leveling the playing field for minority, rural, low income and other students without college-going tradition in their families. AVID is for all students, but targets those in the academic middle. AVID is not a remedial program, a free ride, a niche program nor a college outreach program.



Here's how AVID works:

1. Students are selected from the middle and would benefit from AVID support to improve their academic record and begin college preparation.
2. Student and teacher participation is voluntary
3. The school is committed to full implementation: AVID is scheduled as an academic elective.
4. AVID students are enrolled in a rigorous curriculum.
5. A strong, relevant writing and reading curriculum is a basis for learning in the AVID elective class.
6. Inquiry is used as a basis for instruction
7. Collaboration is used as a basis for instruction
8. Trained tutors regularly facilitate student access to rigorous curriculum using AVID methodologies.
9. Program implementation and student progress are monitored through the AVID Data System and results are analyzed to ensure success.
10. The school or district identifies resources for program costs, supports the Essentials, participates in certification, and commits to AVID staff development.
11. Active, interdisciplinary site teams collaborate on issues of access to and success in rigorous college preparatory classes.
12. Reading is used as a tool for learning.
13. Motivational activities such as field trips or speakers are used weekly.
14. AVID coordinators/teachers received ongoing training and technical support.
15. A regional and district director supports the program.

*For more information, please contact
Amanda Lieser*



2015 FALL SPORTS FALL SPORTS REGISTRATION

Official Opening DATES

Opening Dates

- **Football**
Forms Due: Aug 7 Practice: Aug 10
- **Boys' & Girls' Cross Country**
Forms Due: Aug 14 Practice: Aug 17
- **Boys' & Girls' Soccer**
Forms Due: Aug 14 Practice: Aug 17
- **Girls' Tennis**
Forms Due: Aug 14 Practice: Aug 17
- **Girls' Swimming**
Forms Due: Aug 14 Practice: Aug 17
- **Girls' Volleyball**
Forms Due: Aug 14 Practice: Aug 17
- **Adaptive Soccer**
Forms Due: Aug 28 Practice: Aug 31

Registration paperwork and fees can be picked up and turned into the athletic office starting August 3, 2015. You can download the forms on the Cooper website:

www.chs.rdale.org

Click on Activities/Athletics in center pull-down . Click on Athletics. Scroll down to "Athletes must have completed the following responsibilities to attend practice." You can download the following:

- Athletic Registration Form – 2 pages
- Physical Exam Form
- Cooper Emergency Form

The Daily Activity Schedule is found under Calendars in the center pull-down menu.

**CONTACT
INFORMATION**
Activities Office
(763) 504-8533
www.chs.rdale.org

IMPORTANT:

Prior to the date of practice, students **MUST PROVIDE PROOF OF A PHYSICAL EXAM, DONE WITHIN THREE (3) CALENDAR YEARS** of the end of the season they are registering for (**12/2012**). Check with the athletic secretary or the school nurse to confirm that a current physical is on file before the fall sports practice season starts. If the student does not have a copy of a physical on file with the school nurse, the parent/guardian should call their doctor/clinic and get a copy. If the doctor's office needs a form to fill out, a copy of our physical exam form may be picked up in the athletic office or the nurse's office. If the student has not had a physical in the last three (3) years, then the student must get a physical. It is a Minnesota State High School League rule that all students participating in sports must have a current up-to-date physical on file with the school at the time of registration. (The physical must state whether the student is able to participate in sports.)

Go Hawks

IMPORTANT:

Students will not be allowed to register for a fall sport if they have any outstanding fines or obligations. This may include: athletic, cafeteria, classroom and Media Center fines. All fines/obligations must be cleared through the CHS bookkeeper.

IMPORTANT:

Registration forms and fees must be completed and turned into the athletic office before the official practice start date. Until all of the above tasks are completed, students **WILL NOT** be allowed to try-out or practice.



SCHOOL BEGINS SEPTEMBER 8

Freshman and new students will take their normal transportation and start their day at 7:20 am.

**Sophomores, Junior and Seniors will take their normal transportation; however bus routes will run four hours late.
Their day begins at 11:25 am.**

**Sophomores, Junior and Seniors will not have lunch at school on the first day so eat lunch
BEFORE you arrive.**

THE BRIDGE is a newsletter for the families and communities served by Robbinsdale Cooper High School. Address comments and questions to Cooper High School, 8230-47th Avenue North, New Hope, MN 55428. Phone number (763)504-8500. Michael L. Favor, Principal.
Photographs and articles submitted by Cooper staff and students. Clip art courtesy of Microsoft.