

The slide features a collage of three images: a group of students in graduation gowns singing, a group of students dancing in a gymnasium, and a person playing a piano. Below the collage, the text reads "CAPA 9th Grade Family Orientation" and "Wednesday, September 21, 2022". The CAPA logo is in the bottom right corner, and the Pittsburgh Public Schools logo is at the bottom.

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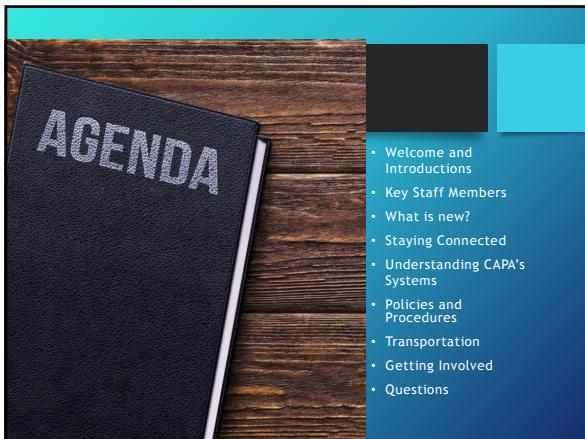
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The slide shows a dark blue book with "AGENDA" written in large, light-colored letters. To the right of the book is a list of agenda items:

- Welcome and Introductions
- Key Staff Members
- What is new?
- Staying Connected
- Understanding CAPA's Systems
- Policies and Procedures
- Transportation
- Getting Involved
- Questions

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The slide features a title "KEY STAFF ADMINISTRATION AND MAIN OFFICE" in a black box. Below the title are four staff profiles:

- MS. PEARLMAN, PRINCIPAL (with a photo of a woman in an orange jacket)
- MR. PINIZOTTO, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL (with a photo of a man in a white shirt)
- MS. LANE, SECRETARY (with a photo of a woman with long dark hair)
- MS. HUSTWIT, ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR (with a photo of a woman in a striped shirt)

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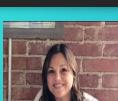


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# KEY STUDENT SERVICE STAFF



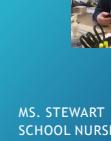
MS. PALERMO  
9<sup>TH</sup> GRADE  
SOCIAL  
WORKER



MR. COYNE  
HIGH SCHOOL  
GUIDANCE  
COUNSELOR



MS. MCCARY  
ATTENDANCE  
OFFICER



MS. STEWART  
SCHOOL NURSE

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<b>WHAT IS NEW?</b>	
<b>DAY 1</b>	<b>DAY 2</b>
BLOCK A: ENGLISH	BLOCK A: SPANISH
BLOCK B: PHYS. ED.	BLOCK B: CIVICS
BLOCK C: MATH	BLOCK C: BIOLOGY
<b>Lunch occurs during Block C</b>	
<b>DAILY: ARTS CLASSES</b>	

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# WHAT IS NEW?



- **START TIME: BLOCK A BEGINS AT 7:30AM**
  - WE SUGGEST ARRIVING AT LEAST 20 MINUTES BEFORE CLASS BEGINS
  - BREAKFAST IS SERVED FROM 7:00AM TO 7:25AM
- **INCREASED INDEPENDENCE IN LEARNING**
- **MORE ACCOUNTABILITY FOR DUE DATES**
- **CLASSES ARE NOT TEAMED; EACH CLASS IS MADE UP OF DIFFERENT STUDENTS AND EVEN DIFFERENT TEACHERS.**
- **MORE LONG-TERM PROJECTS** *verse* **NIGHTLY ASSIGNMENTS**

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## Transportation

- Visit [www.portauthority.org](http://www.portauthority.org) to review route information including times, locations, etc.
- Download one or more of the following apps to your Smartphone for route information in real time. These apps are all free and provide students with the time and location of their desired bus route.

 **Transit**  **PGH Transit**  **Moovit**

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## Transportation Issues

- Visit [www.portauthority.org](http://www.portauthority.org) to review route information including times, locations, etc.
- Report route issues such as delays in arrival, cancellation of routes, conflicts with drivers, etc.
- Familiarize yourself with [www.rideprt.org](http://www.rideprt.org)

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**PORT AUTHORITY AND STUDENT IDs**

- All students should have their ID cards.
- If your student loses their ID or wants a new photo, they can obtain a new ID for \$5.00 from Ms. McCary in 417A.
- New IDs take 48-72 hours to work.

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Understanding CAPA's Systems

**Schoology**

- Each class runs a Schoology page to share materials, assignments, and due dates.
- Some teachers will duplicate grades in Schoology and HAC.

**Home Access Center**

- This is a look at the gradebook that allows you to see your child's grades and attendance

**Talking Points**

- An application that allows teachers to communicate to parents via text message

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**Schoology** 

- THERE ARE NOT PARENTS LOG INS FOR SCHOLOGY
- USE YOUR CHILD'S USERNAME AND PASSWORD TO ACCESS THE SITE
- ASK YOUR CHILD FOR THEIR CREDENTIALS AND KEEP THEM IN A SAFE PLACE

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**CALENDAR**

In the top right corner toolbar, you can see the calendar icon.

In this section you can see upcoming dates or assignments.

You can see the calendar by the month, week, or day as shown in the top right hand corner.

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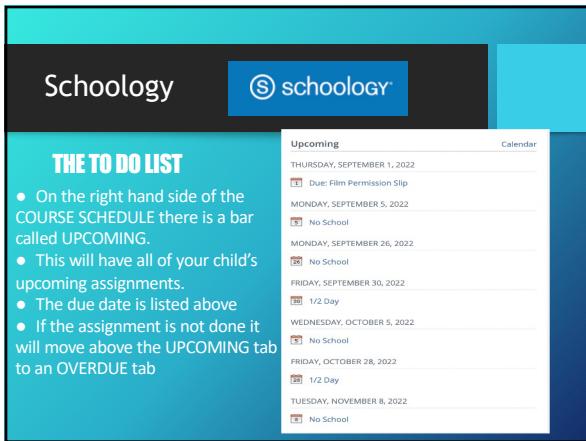


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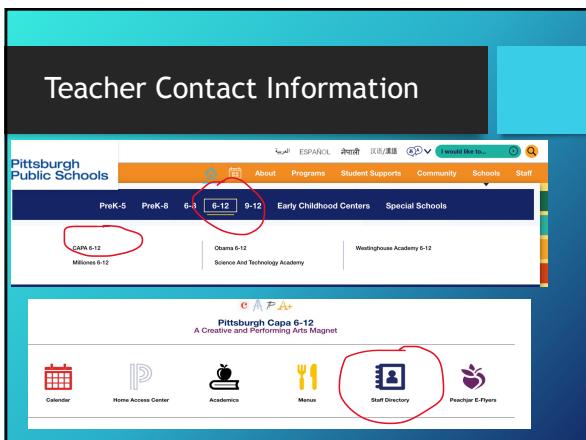
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# Unicorn Project

- Study Skills and Organizations
- Cell Phone Safety
- Conflict Resolution
- Goal Setting
- Healthy Relationships
- Stress Management



# School Mental Health Supports

Mental Health Screenings- **HSAO**

In School Therapy Services- **Glade Run**

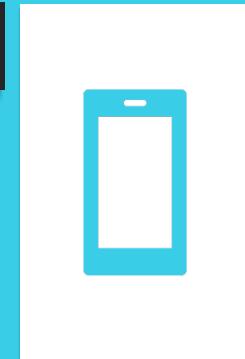
Virtual Therapy Services- **Eluma**



Groups-**HSAO**

## Cell Phones

- Cell Phones are NOT to be used during class time - unless directed to do so by your teacher.
- Texting, make phone calls, posting on social media, etc. is not permitted during the school day.
- Students may use cell phones to listen to music, play games, check grades, check Schoology, etc. during breakfast, lunch and during the change of classes.
- If you need to reach your child in and emergency, contact the main office



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- Missing as little as 2 days a month can impact learning
- Attendance is the leading indicator of graduation
- Attendance is directly correlated with GPA
- As attendance decreases, so do Math and Reading scores

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## Attendance Information

- Automated phone calls will be sent out daily to any student absent or tardy to school.
- When your child is absent from school, make sure to send in an excuse.
- Excuses can be submitted to the [capahs@pghschools.org](mailto:capahs@pghschools.org) email or you can have your child drop off a written note by the main office.
- Excuses will be updated within 2 school days

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## Attendance Information

- The first two attendance notices are now hung in the Home Access Center, the third will be mailed
- We can only excuse absences for legal reasons. Special circumstances require your absence be pre-approved with the **Request for Approved Absence form**. (Main Office)
- You can write up to 10 excuses per year, after that you have to provide medical documentation

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## School-Wide Tardy Policy

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Tardy - Warning
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Tardy - Meet with the Student
- 4<sup>th</sup> Tardy - Contact Home
- 5<sup>th</sup> Tardy - Intervention  
(i.e. parent meeting, attendance plan, school issues consequence)

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## Early Dismissals

- You can submit early dismissal notes to the [capahs@phschools.org](mailto:capahs@phschools.org) email or send it a written note with your child.
- A yellow slip will be delivered to your child during homeroom to allow them to leave class.
- For prompt dismissal of your child, please submit all early dismissal requests by 11AM

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## Staying Connected

Text PGHCAPA to 22828 to receive these emails

- Constant Contact: Weekly communication via email to all members of the school community. The email is a place to share important information, accolades, and relevant events for the CAPA community.



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## Friends of CAPA

- The Friends of CAPA is our independent parent group that meets monthly
- They assist with overall school fundraising and social events
- Run social media accounts to share important information, dates, events, and conversations about our school
- These posts are managed by the FOC Board
- Facebook - Friends of CAPA Instagram @friendsofcapa Twitter @FriendsofCAPA
- If you want to join Friends of CAPA email: pghfriendsofcapa@gmail.com

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## Student Activities

**CAPA Clubs 2022-23**

Asian Student Union	Mr. Howard
Black Student Union	Ms. O'Neil
Book Club	Ms. Hustwit
Ceramics Club	Ms. Tancred
Children of Steel	Ms. <u>Vandergraft</u>
Creator Community	Ms. <u>Holcolmb</u>
Feminist Student Union	Vacant
Financial Solutions	Mr. Finch
Gender Sexuality Student Union	Ms. White
Green Team	Ms. Suhajda
Magic the Gathering Club	Mr. Higgs
Stand Together	Mr. Shephard and Ms. <u>Bosser</u>
Student Council	Ms. Brown
Ultimate Frisbee	Coach Neal
Volleyball Club	Mr. Shephard

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