

# **COLVILLE HIGH SCHOOL**

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Dear Families of CHS Students,

As we near the end of first semester, I want to update you on several issues regarding Colville High School and the coming weeks.

Colville High School's Mission is still to promote academic excellence in a safe and caring learning environment by providing all students an education that empowers them to reach their goals beyond high school. With that in mind, we thoroughly believe that every day school is the best way to provide that opportunity. Our long-term goal would be to offer every day school to all students. In preparation for every day school in the future, Colville High School will be moving to a hybrid seven period day starting January 26 (Second Semester). When it is safe for students and staff and when we are prepared to return to every day in-person education, we will communicate with you. A seven-period day will enable us to shift quickly to every day in-person instruction. We will have smaller class sizes and students will have one additional class. This will allow students to have an extra elective, focus on credit recovery, double up on a specific subject, or have a study hall if warranted. In addition, students may earn an additional .5 credit for the second semester.

We are currently working with students on their schedule for second semester. This will occur through English classes. Schedule questions should be directed to your student's counselor.

We have been following safety protocols, enabling our school to remain open for face-to-face instruction. We will continue all existing safety protocols as the school year progresses. We are hopeful that we will be able to return to every day in-person instruction in the future by changing to a seven-period day and modifying our break and lunch routines. We will have additional information as we progress toward every day instruction.

On the athletic front, on January 6, the WIAA announced the movement of the sports seasons to align with Governor Inslee's "Healthy Washington - Roadmap to Recovery" plan. The WIAA shifted seasons and moved "fall" sports so that they have the opportunity to begin on February 1, and running a seven-week season. "Winter" and "spring" sports dates are yet to be announced.

WIAA's announcement served as a launching point for leagues around the state. The NEA League Athletic Directors are working on sports seasons that are conducive to our area of the state. Eastern Washington weather, new COVID phases, and designated sport risk levels all pose challenges, but we hope to have the plan approved by the WIAA soon. Once we have approval, the plan will be communicated immediately. Thank you for your patience throughout this process.

If you have any questions please email or call me at 684-7800.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kevin Knight'.

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