Welcome to Chico High School!

Here at CHS we are excited to welcome the incoming class of 2024! The transition from 8th grade into high school is filled with new experiences and a few questions. At Chico High, we have awesome students, teachers, counselors, administrators, and support staff to help our freshmen get off to a great start.

We are looking forward to meeting all 8th graders during Freshman Visitation Day on Thursday, February 13th. The incoming freshmen will meet our Leadership and Link Crew students who will also be around for Freshman Orientation in the summer and are always here to help show our newest Panthers our CHS spirit.

Chico High is an award-winning, Gold Ribbon comprehensive high school that provides a rigorous academic program for all students. The course offerings provide multiple A-G classes, which build a strong educational foundation to enable students to enroll at a UC, CSU, or Community College upon graduation. CHS also has multiple Advanced Placement courses in all of our core departments: English, math, science, social science, and Spanish. The AP program allows students the opportunity to take college level courses and earn college credit upon passing course-specific tests administered each May.

The Visual and Performing Arts Department boasts multiple art classes such as ceramics, drawing, and glass design as well as a vibrant band, multiple choirs, musical theater, and beginning music classes. The World Language department offers Spanish and French classes for beginners as well as native speakers.

In addition to traditional core academic paths, there are also several CTE pathways designed to support career readiness.

**Agriculture Pathways (Ag Science, Ag Mechanics, Ornamental Horticulture, and Floral Design):** Students have many diverse opportunities to take ag science classes as well as get hands-on experiences in welding fabrication, horticulture, and floral design.

**Technology and Programming:** Students have many different opportunities in the fields of computer engineering, cyber security, software engineering, and robotics. Students can test to earn certifications in their selected pathway to help prepare them for the workforce as well as receive Butte College credit.

**Medical Science:** Students learn the details of sports medicine and then move on to a medical careers course that provides hands-on field experience with local internships and work opportunities at local medical facilities.

**Digital Arts & Design:** Digital Arts I students learn the basics of proper camera use, composition, videography, and graphic design. Digital Arts II builds on these skills while focusing on more complex projects. Students work directly with clients and have opportunities to participate in both job shadowing as well as national competitions while using state-of-the-art industry standard design equipment.

**Engineering and Architecture:** Students have an opportunity to earn college credit and certifications while learning industry standard software on state-of-the-art computers, plotters, and 3D printers. Students also create designs for actual clients, and many businesses in Chico offer internships to students in advanced level courses.

Chico High School also offers twenty-six interscholastic sports. The successful tradition at CHS started in 1903 with the baseball team earning the first league championship in the school’s history. Now, 116 years later, there is still a winning tradition at Chico High. During the 2018-2019 school year, our student-athletes brought home twenty EAL, NSCIF, or NorCal championships across our athletic programs. In this past fall season alone, we celebrated the following EAL varsity championships: Football, Boys and Girls Cross Country, Girls Swim, Girls Tennis, and Girls Golf. Our athletes were also the section champions in Cross Country, Swim, and Tennis. Chico High athletics builds upon excellence and is continuously looking to help support and include new athletes.

We are looking forward to meeting all of our incoming CHS students. Please see our website: chs.chicousd.org, or contact us at: 891-3026 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Douglas Williams
Chico High School Principal
Chico High School
Incoming Class of 2024

Important Dates and Upcoming Events:

Thursday, February 13 — Freshman Visitation Day at Chico High School (students only)
All incoming 9th graders will have the opportunity to tour the school, meet CHS leadership students, see our CTE programs, meet our teachers and administrators, and eat a delicious BBQ lunch.

Thursday, February 20 — Parent Night in Lincoln Gym at 6:00 pm
CHS Showcase and Counseling Presentations
All parents and guardians are invited to CHS to learn about our academic programs and talk with teachers from each department as well as our counseling staff to begin planning with your student and building a four-year plan. There will be break-out sessions with opportunities to talk with teachers from our CTE pathways, Advanced Placement program, Special Education, ELD program, Student Government, individual departments, and athletic programs.

Chico High School Counseling Visits:

Chico Junior High
Thursday, February 27th — Class Presentations
Thursday, March 5th — Advisement
Friday, March 6th — Advisement

Marsh Junior High
Tuesday, February 25th — Class Presentations
Tuesday, March 3rd — Advisement

Bidwell Junior High
Wednesday, February 26th — Class Presentations
Wednesday, March 4th — Advisement (5th and 6th period)

Chico Country Day School
Friday, February 28th — Class Presentations
Wednesday, March 4th — Advisement

Schools outside of CUSD: Families will need to enroll their student online through the Chico High School website: chs.chicousd.org (under the “Enrollment” tab). Once the enrollment form is submitted, the counseling office will call you to schedule an appointment with a counselor on March 11th from 4 – 6 pm in the Chico High Library.