



Dear Panther Family,

It is with great honor that I say, WELCOME HOME!

We would like to invite all freshmen to a **Link Crew Orientation** on our beautiful campus **Friday, August 12th at 8:00am in the Big Gym**. This is a day filled with games, tours, and fun. We are excited to bring our Freshmen together to welcome them to Chico High in our traditional Panther way. **NO backpacks needed!**

Welcome to almost 120 years of tradition and pride. The home of the Panther Family, the Pit, our beautiful Panther Stadium, great teachers, and the best students in town! You are a part of something special and you make this community what it is. Regardless of where you come from, we are all united as Panthers, eager to win the day for the Red and Gold.

This is a brand-new year, one that you can make into anything you want and Chico High is here to support you as you embark on this new adventure. We are YOUR family with over 2,000 students, 86 teachers, and 50 support staff here to be your advocates and resources. Our ultimate goal is to make sure your time here at Chico High is the best it can be.

Remember, your experience at CHS is not defined by the campus, sports, clubs, ASB, or even your diploma, but by the people you meet and the relationships you make. So once we are back on campus, get involved with your school! Music, art, athletics, or clubs is a phenomenal way to build relationships and make a tangible, impactful change for yourself and your school.

When I asked current students to offer advice to incoming freshmen here is a sample of what they shared:

- Go to as many events as possible
- Learn the Alma Mater
- This is high school—don't procrastinate on schoolwork!
- Join clubs and sports to meet people and make more friends
- Always talk to your teachers if you are struggling or confused about something because they are very nice and will always help you
- School is as much fun as you put into it—be all in and you'll get so much more out of it.
- High school went by extremely fast; have fun with it
- Go all-out for spirit days
- Be Nice
- Never hesitate to ask questions and speak up—it will help you in the long run.
- Freshman year allows you to grasp which studying habits work best for you. It's almost like a trial and error method.

- Required classes may seem frustrating, so save room in your schedule to take classes that spark your interests and passions.
- I highly recommend being involved in the music department here at Chico High. You make some of the strongest friendships and have access to the most amazing opportunities.

What to expect and what to do next:

Please mark your calendar:

✦ **Freshmen Orientation**

- **Date:** Friday August 12th
- **Time:** 8:00-12:30
- **Location:** Big Gym
- **Pack lightly- no backpacks**
- **Dress comfortably**

- ✦ Please Join the Google classroom for all the Class of 2026 activities. This classroom is a way to help you stay involved and informed about events at Chico High including Homecoming, Spirit days, student feedback etc...

Class Code: ywl3pet

- ✦ Expect a call from a Link Crew Leader within the next few days welcoming you to Chico High and inviting you to the Freshmen Orientation.
- ✦ First Day of school August 15th 8:30am

Good luck, Class of 2026! AND as always...It's a Great day to be a Panther!

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Helpful links and info-

CHS Office: 891-3026

CHS Website: www.chs.chicousd.org

Class of 2026 Google Classroom Code: ywl3pet

CHS Twitter: @CHSRedandGold

CHS Snap: <https://www.snapchat.com/add/chicohighschool>

CHS Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/chicohighpanthers/>

CHS Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/chicohighpanthers/>

CHS Youtube: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCa5PRhtO1ntdr_nB3SXINxA