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Dear CBGS Families,

One of the biggest days of the Chesapeake Bay Governor's School calendar is quickly approaching as we are making final preparations for the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Science Symposium at VCU **this Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>**! CBGS seniors will be presenting results and conclusions from original research projects they designed, developed, and implemented over the course of a year or more. It will be a powerful day of knowledge sharing and personal achievement for every senior.

Here are a few things to keep in mind for this event:

- It is **very** important for students, parents, and any other attendees to be on time. Each session will start at precisely the time indicated on the program. Doors will be closed once a presentation begins, so don't be late!
- All students are expected to attend the symposium as engaged and respectful participants. Every student will have a job or assignment to complete on the day of the symposium. Most students will be able to move between rooms, but they must attend a presentation during each time slot.
- This science symposium is a professional event that requires professional attire. Students should dress as they would for a job interview or other formal event.
- Students should pack a lunch, as they will not be able to leave the VCU Student Commons.
- The schedule for the day:
  - 9:00-11:45 – Student Presentations
  - 11:45-12:45 – Lunch
  - 12:55 – Report to the Commonwealth Ballroom
  - 1:00 – Keynote Speaker: Dr. Catherine Hulshof De La Pena, VCU Ecologist and Environmental Data Scientist
  - 1:30 – Awards Presentation and Closing Remarks

We're looking forward to celebrating the hard work, determination, and brilliant representations of student learning on display this Saturday!

Sincerely,

Jason Strong, Ed.D.  
Director