



Cass Technical High School

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Greetings Cass Tech Parents & Students:

Welcome to the 2016-2017 school year!!! I hope everyone has enjoyed a beautiful summer hiatus and are ready to embark on an outstanding school year. I am excited to begin my seventh year as principal with the best students, parents, and staff in the city, nation and world. In true CT fashion, we are welcoming over 700 new Ninth Graders making our student body once again the largest class in the city.

Please allow me a moment to update you on past initiatives and some interesting events for the future at Cass Tech High School. It is with mixed emotions that I announce the departure of Ms. Candace Campbell who has been promoted to the position of Assistant Auditor for the District. The following staff members also retired: Ms. C. Well, Ms. McCormick, and Ms. Goston. It is with joy and excitement that we welcome to our Cass Tech family **Mrs. Lucretia Harris** as my assistant. Mrs. Harris has worked with the board for many years. Her years to date have covered twenty-two years in high school and ten years in the assistant superintendent's office.

Updates: I am working on a partnership with Google. This summer we employed twenty four interns through the UAW/Ford program. A sincere thanks to **Mr. Jimmy Settles-Vice, President UAW Ford and Mrs. Angeliq Peterson-Mayberry** for their true support of Detroit Public School Students.

Our first "**Bridging the Gap Program**" was truly a success. We had overwhelming support from the community, staff, Cass Tech Parent Organization and all who love CT. We were able to secure various gifts for 135 seniors of 2016. Next year my plan is to reach out to all Detroit Public Community Schools graduating seniors who meet the criteria and award them a college care gift.

Continuing with good news **70%** of the Calculus BC students passed their AP Exam. Kudos to **Mr. Abdun Noor** for a job well done! Over 400 students took the SAT Exam with an average of **1100**. We still maintained our 98% graduation rate. The class of 2016 earned over **\$55,000,000.00 in scholarship and grants this year**. Great job **counseling department!!!**

What's New in Science, Engineering and Technology in 2016-2017

In 2016 - 2017 in Science, Technical and Engineering at Cass, we will expand our current STEM pathways through the addition of two new **Project Lead The Way Engineering Courses** -- *Principles of Engineering (POE)* and *Computer Integrated Manufacturing (CIM)*. Students who completed the foundation course in 2015-2016, *PLTW Introduction to Engineering Design (IED)*, will advance to either of the PLTW Engineering specialized courses based on their interests and skill sets. We will **also launch two new PLTW Curriculums this fall -- Computer Science and Biomedical Science**. Three additional teachers are currently being trained this summer to become PLTW certified. This certification will ensure that they have the knowledge and skills to deliver the rigorous content and be able to expose students to updated learning technologies and resources related to real-world demands. Our aim is to rekindle a passion for learning upon which students can not only increase performance in science and mathematics on standard measures but also construct marketable skillsets for life beyond high school.

News from the English Department!!!

They plan to:

Create a uniformed school wide writing format

Create a Writing Lab for all students

English Teachers available to assist more with writing, test prep, and preparation for college

Bring guest professors from local universities to allow students to become familiar with college writing

Office of Student Affairs

Create a student body/communities to establish rules, punishments for violations, etc.

Create a student body/committee to advocate as a voice for the student (make announcements, conflict resolution, promote positivity, etc.)

More parental involvement

Visibility for our in-house attendance agents in the classrooms to explain policies and procedures

Mathematic on the move!

All students should take advantage of starting the school year off with an A completing their Mathematics Summer Packet found on the Cass Tech Website.

All current teachers in the Mathematics Department have been recently trained in Advancement Placement strategies to better prepare students for the honors/AP/IB curricula.

SCHEDULE DISTRIBUTION – 9th Grade Students

We will distribute schedules for all 9th grade students on **Wednesday, August 31, 2016, from 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the Auxiliary Gymnasium. Upperclassmen, please read below.** (Students will enter and exit off the Second Avenue Auxiliary Gym Doors.) This process should take no more than 10 minutes. **Students who do not pickup schedules will receive them on the first day of school which is Tuesday, September 6, 2016.**

SCHEDULE DISTRIBUTION – 10TH – 12TH Grade Students

For convenience sake, upperclassmen in grades 10 – 12 will be able to access their schedules beginning Wednesday, August 31, 2016 via the portals listed below. You must utilize your PIN and PASSWORD from the previous school year.

StudentConnect - sis.detroitk12.org/production/studentportal

ParentConnect - sis.detroitk12.org/production/parentportal

If you are unable to access your schedule online or if you are a new upperclassman, you may pick up a schedule on Wednesday, August 31, 2016 between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. in the Auxiliary Gymnasium.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL SCHEDULE

For a smooth start of the school year, please carefully review the information provided on the reverse side of this letter for the First Day of School Schedule and Instructions.

CASS TECH WEBSITE

As always, we want to keep every Cass Tech student and parent informed about what is going on at Cass Tech. So please take a minute to peruse our website - <http://casstech.schools.detroitk12.org>. You will find information such as our calendar, upcoming events, dress code, news releases and much more.

Again, welcome back and I look forward to having a momentous school year together!

Educationally,



Principal

cc: Rebeca Luna, Network Leader
Cass Association Executive Board

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CASS TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

First Day of School – Tuesday, September 6, 2016

- **All Students MUST report to school on the first day no later than 7:45 a.m.**
- 9th grade will report immediately to the Grand Theater located on the second floor.
- 10th– 12th grades will report to their Special Homeroom to receive schedules. Room assignments will be posted as indicated below.
- **Dress Code: Solid Colored & Collar Tops: White, Hunter Green, Black; Bottoms: Khaki or Black**
- **REMEMBER: NO SHORTS, JEANS, T-SHIRTS, JEGGINGS, LEGGINGS, JOGGING/ YOGA/SWEATPANTS OR FOOTLESS HOSIERY !!** Any student that violates the dress code will be subject to change their clothing. (Please consult our website for the entire Dress Code.)

ENTRY PROCEDURES

As students arrive on Tuesday September 6, 2016 they must use the following entrances:

SOUTH LOBBY – 10TH & 12th Graders Enter

NORTH LOBBY – 9TH & 11th Graders Enter

Special Homeroom Location Lists are posted as follows:

SOUTH LOBBY

10th Grade (Lists located on windows in the south lobby facing Second Ave.)

12th Grade (Lists located on windows, second floor looking over staff parking lot)

NORTH LOBBY

9th Grade (Lists located on windows, second floor looking over Cass Park)

11th Grade (Lists located on windows in the north lobby facing Second Ave.)

- Please note the Bell Schedule for the 2016/17 School Year:

First day of School - only

Special Homeroom: 8:00 – 9:00am

1st: 9:05 – 9:45am

2nd: 9:50 – 10:30am

Record Rm: 10:35 – 10:45am

3rd: 10:50 – 11:30am

4th: 11:35 – 12:20pm

5th: 12:25 – 1:10pm

6th: 1:15 – 1:55pm

7th: 2:00 – 2:40pm

8th: 2:45 – 3:25pm

Regular bell Schedule

1st: 8:00 – 8:55am

2nd: 9:00 – 9:55am

Record Rm: 9:55 – 10:15am

3rd: 10:20 – 11:15am

4th: 11:20 – 12:15pm

5th: 12:20 – 1:15pm

6th: 1:20 – 2:15pm

7th: 2:20 – 3:15pm

8th: 3:20 – 4:15pm

9th: 4:20 – 5:15pm After school activities

10th: 5:20 – 6:15pm After school activities

half Day

1st/5th: 8:00 – 8:45 am

2nd/6th: 8:50 – 9:35 am

Spec. HR: 9:35 – 9:40 am

3rd/7th: 9:45 – 10:30 am

4th/8th: 10:35 – 11:20 am

common Wednesday

1st: 8:00 – 8:50 am

2nd: 8:55 – 9:45 am

(Spec. HR: 9:45 – 9:50 am)

3rd: 9:55 – 10:45 am

4th: 10:50 – 11:40 pm

5th: 11:45 – 12:35

6th: 12:40 – 1:30pm

7th: 1:35 – 2:25pm

8th: 2:30 – 3:20pm