Greetings Cass Tech Family!

WELCOME TO THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR! I hope everyone is having a restful and exciting summer vacation. I look forward to our Technicians’ academic growth and professional preparation. As we reviewed last year’s academic and cultural data, we are excited to continue “Building a culture of Caring” and rollout our focus for the 2019-2020 school year: **Bridging relationships between Students, Staff, and Parents!** “When students rise, we all rise.”

**New this year:**
- Dean of Culture
- 6 DPSCD Security Officers
- Student/Teacher Focus Groups
- Parent/Teacher Focus Groups

**Farewell and Introductions:**
Farewell to staff members who have left the CT Family: Lori Singleton, Dr. Deborah Gross, Jamil Abdun-Noor, Sharon Allen, Joel Berger, William Brown, Stephanie Griffin, Dr. Cheryl Harden, Andrew Iannaccone, Dr. Andrew Lapetina, Kimberly McNulty and Chevelle O’Brien. THANKS FOR YOUR YEARS OF SERVICE AT CASS TECH! YOU CAN NEVER BE REPLACED!!

Welcome to the new members of the Cass Tech Family: Assistant Principals Tiffany Cox and Leonard Fields and Dean of Culture, Rodney Hall. Other newly hired staff members will be shared at a later date.

**Staff:**
Monday, August 26, 2019 is the first official day for all staff, 8:30 am—3:20 pm. Please bring your laptops. Upon arriving, staff should report to the Media Center on the 6th floor. Continental breakfast will be served. Feel free to bring a dish to share if you wish. Check your Frontline account to register for upcoming district sponsored professional development opportunities. Please share your registration confirmation with your immediate supervisor.

**Parents:**

**2019-2020 SCHEDULE ALERTS- EVERY STUDENT MUST PICK UP THEIR SCHEDULE-MISTAR HAS ENDED.**

Students can pick up their schedules in the Auxiliary Gym (located on Second Ave.) Wednesday, August 28, 2019 from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm:
- Freshmen 9:00 am -11:00 am
- Sophomores 12:00 pm -1:00 pm
- Juniors and Seniors 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

The School Day Schedule starts at 8:00 am and dismissal is at 3:20 pm. Students will be allowed to enter the building at 7:15 am. Please plan to arrive early as drop off/pick up traffic is very heavy on both the North and South Entrances. All students will have a 1st through 7th hour schedule. The 8th period has been eliminated. Please note, student schedules will consist of 6 classes and a lunch period.

*Parents also note- Power Schools is DPSCD’s new parent and student information systems for 2019-2020.*
Tuesday, September 3, 2019 is the first day of school for students. Students must enter the building in dress code. Students arriving after 8:15 am will not be permitted to attend their 1st hour class. Students will be required to remain in the vestibule until their 2nd hour class.

9th and 11th grade students MUST enter through the South Entrance. 10th and 12th grade students MUST enter through the North Entrance.

Dress Code:
All students are expected to exemplify proper dress standards in a manner that projects an appropriate image for the student, school, and district. Student apparel should not be revealing, tight, see-through, or distracting in any manner and must meet the following:

- **Tops/Shirts**: Solid green, solid white, or solid black with no writing or graphics.
- **Pants**: Full length, solid khaki, solid black, solid white or solid green with no rips, cuts or tears.
- **Dresses/Skirts**: Knee length or longer, solid khaki, solid black, solid white or solid green with no rips, cuts or tears.
- **Lightweight jackets/sweaters**: These items may be worn as long as they are solid and are the colors outlined above. All other outerwear must be removed and placed in lockers.

**Cass Tech Club/Team Paraphernalia**: These items may be worn on Fridays only.

Gameday / Competition shires: These items may be worn on the day of competition with permission from administration.

Student identification cards must be worn and visible.

CT Points of Pride:
- 555 students earned their Cass Technical High School Diploma.
- 6 students traveled with Principal Phillips to Italy for ten days.
- Class of 2019 earned over $67 million in scholarships.
- Notable Admissions: Miah Caine, Luis Jimenez Harvard University; Pamela Beltran, Stanford University
- 2 Gates Scholars- Luis Jimenez, Jada Jackson
- To date…. graduated close to 200 students with their Associate Degree from WCCCD.
- Over 750 rising 9th grade students.
- Cass Tech’s Harp & Vocal Program featured on PBS’ Detroit Performs.
- Students interned with Mercedes Benz; Illitch, and Meijer.
- 1st place Gold Winner at Science and Engineering Fair of Metropolitan Detroit.
- National Champions in Chess and Academic Games.
- 17 students competed in DECA International Competition in Florida.
- City Champions and District Champions: Football and Volleyball. Division, District Champions: Men’s Soccer. City Champions: Men’s & Women’s Swimming; Men’s Cross Country.

Data:
Cass Technical High School continues to show gains in students’ Math and English Language Arts performance on all three College Board exams, PSAT 9, PSAT 10 and SAT. Students continue to make incremental gains in proficiency on the Social Studies MSTEP. One out of four graduating seniors scored a 3 or higher on at least one of their AP exams. IB scores will be released at a later date.

**Upcoming Events:**
Cass Tech will play Chicago Phillips at Wayne State University Football Field, Saturday August 31, 2019 at 5:00 pm.

I am looking forward to an AMAZING school year and hope you are too!

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