

Cass Technical High School

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Greetings Parents,

I hope all is well with you and your family. As the principal of Cass Technical High School for the past eleven years, I want to thank you for your support and understanding as we respond to the unexpected invasion of COVID-19 in March 2020. I am extremely proud of how our parents, students, teachers, and staff are handling the difficult demands we face. We, as well as the district, have held several meetings regarding safety protocols and the opening of school. While we are in the business of educating students, the safety of our students and employees is our "Number 1 Priority." As you know, there remains numerous, complex questions and concerns around this worldwide pandemic. Be assured that we have diligently aligned our Opening Plan with the district's COVID-19 protocols and will post it on our school's website. Our Opening Plan can also be accessed via the Cass Tech PTA network. Please visit our site regularly to stay abreast of new information and updates.

Students will receive their schedules by Friday, September 4th. Starting immediately, online support by counselors, social workers, attendance agents, club sponsors, academic interventionists, and other support staff will be available to all students and parents. Teachers, as well as all other staff, will maintain Office Hours to assist students and to confer with parents. Office Hours will be shared with you by teachers and staff. Please do not hesitate to schedule conferences as needed.

It is important that you know that we will open this fall as a full "virtual high school". All instruction will be conducted online only. If you selected face-to-face (F2F) as an option, your child (ren) will report to school at 8:00 am and remain at school until 3:20 pm every day. F2F students will be routed to 1 of the 3 Learning Centers that have been established. Each Learning Center will be monitored by a staff member. Students will be seated 6 feet apart per Covid-19 guidelines. They must bring their tablets with them to access their classes via Teams. Please ensure that the tablets are fully charged nightly and used responsibly always. Students must wear a face mask while in the building. A reusable face mask will be available for students who require them. Each student will be afforded a grab and go breakfast and lunch, regardless if they selected F2F or virtual instruction. A separate letter concerning sports will be sent home to parents by individual coaches. School club sponsors will reach out to participating students regarding how they will engage virtually in club activity.

Prior to entering the building for F2F instruction, students will be required to take a temperature check and answer the daily monitoring questions. If your child becomes ill or enters the building ill, they will be escorted to the "Isolation Room" and will remain there until they are picked up by a parent or guardian. In such cases we will notify all required authorities and the student's parents. Student names will not be shared, just the information concerning the case.

There is an incredible level of excitement in the air as we finalize preparations for the 2020 2021 school year. As always, you can count on us to approach this new way of virtual teaching and learning with great care, enthusiasm, and commitment. We are poised to deliver a strong virtual educational program that addresses each child's social, emotional and academic needs. We are committed to providing a virtual learning environment that engages all students in meaningful work so that they develop the critical skills necessary to become independent, responsible, and productive citizens.

The staff and I eagerly welcome you to another wonderful and safe 2020-2021 school year at Cass Technical High School. Thank you for entrusting us with the education of your children. We are here for you!

Sincerely,
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