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August 7, 2024

Dear CTA Students and Families:

Welcome to the 2024 - 2025 Crosstimbers Academy school year! I hope this finds you all well and enjoying the last days of summer break. As we prepare for school to begin, I want to provide you with important information regarding the upcoming school year.

Schedule Pick Up: Students may pick up their schedule on Friday, August 9th from 10 am - 2 pm

First Day of School: Tuesday, August 13th

School Calendar - Attached is a copy of the 2024-2025 school calendar. Important dates for this year include

Schedule Pick Up: Friday, Aug. 9
Start of School: Tuesday, Aug. 13
Labor Day Holiday: Sept. 2
Student Holiday: Sept. 23
Columbus Day Holiday: Oct. 14

2nd Semester Begins: Jan. 7
MLK Holiday: Jan. 20
Student Holiday: Feb. 17
Spring Break: Mar. 17 – 21
Student Holiday: April 14

Student Holiday: Nov. 4 **STAAR Testing:** April 8 – May 3 **Thanksgiving Break:** Nov. 25 - 29 **Bad Weather Makeup:** April 18

STAAR Retakes: Dec. 3 - 13 Graduation/Last Day of School: May 23 Christmas Break: Dec. 23 – Jan 6

Attendance: Last year, CTA finished with an overall attendance rate of 88%, which was an all-time low. 85 students owed make up hours, 21 students were denied credit for at least 1 class, and 6 students will not return to CTA due to poor attendance. State law requires students be in class 90% of the days the class is offered to receive full credit.

Attendance is the foundation to success at CTA. To help improve our attendance, the following changes have been made.

CTA has pushed back the start of school to 8:10 am & 12:10 pm. 70% of students who owed make up hours, were absent to first period. Please make sure your student is in class by 8:10 am/12:10 pm. New bell schedule is attached.

CTA has also developed an **attendance contract** to hold students/parents accountable for excessive absences. **Once a student reaches 11 unexcused absences, they will be placed on an attendance contract.** If the student reaches **14 unexcused absences, they will be withdrawn and must return to their home campus.**



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Parking on Campus: Students with a valid driver's license and insurance card can purchase a parking sticker for \$10. Students who prefer to park closer to the school building can purchase an advanced parking sticker for \$20. **Parking stickers can be purchased at schedule pick up or on any school day. All student drivers must have a parking sticker!**

Supply Fee: All students are required to pay the \$25 supply fee by the end of the 1st 6 weeks. This fee covers necessities not paid for by the normal CTA budget. Supply fee can be paid at schedule pick up or on any school day.

Student Handbook – All parents and students are responsible for reading the student handbook before the 1st day of school. The handbook can be found online at **CTAcharter.com** or you may pick up a paper copy in the office.

Remind App — Our Remind Code has changed!!! To stay up to date on important news and announcements from CTA, please make sure you have downloaded the Remind app. The app is available for both iPhone and Android through the play store. Once downloaded, enter the code @ctapar2425 to enroll in the parent information group. Students may join the student group remind by entering the code @ctastu2425. You can also text either of the appropriate codes above to the number 81010 if you can't download the app. Each teacher will have their own remind code and students will receive those on the first day of school. You can also add the new codes to your existing remind account by clicking on add class and entering the correct code.

ALL REMIND CODES FROM PREVIOUS YEARS WILL BE ARCHIVED ON SEPT 3RD!

Safety and Security: The Texas Education Agency and CTA continue to evaluate and update the safety standards to ensure students and staff are safe and secure while on the CTA campus. Once again Cascadia Global Security will be present on the CTA campus everyday students are in attendance. The Parker County Sheriff's Department will also be patrolling CTA and will make regular required safety checks during school hours.

All parents and visitors must check in the front office and show proper identification before being allowed in the back hall. A visitor's sticker must be always worn while parents/visitors are in the back hall.

New Traffic Pattern: CTA has developed a new traffic pattern for students who are being dropped off/picked up from school. This new pattern will ensure students entering or exiting a vehicle will not be crossing traffic. The new traffic pattern map is included in the packet

I look forward to a wonderful school year and thank you for trusting CTA with the education of your student. Please do not hesitate to contact the office by phone (817-594-6220) or me by email (ghetherington@ctacharter.com) if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Geoff Hetherington, M.Ed.

Principal

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CROSSTIMBERS ACADEMY

2024 - 2025 School Calendar

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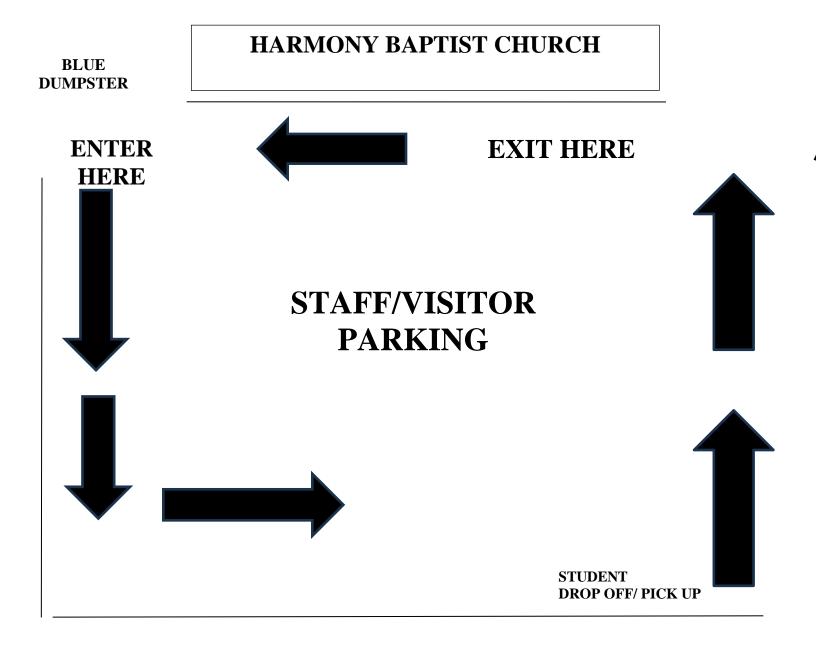
1st Six Weeks	Aug 13 - Sep 20		4 th Six Weeks	Jan 7 – Feb 14
2 nd Six Weeks	Sep 24 – Nov 1		5 th Six Weeks	Feb 18 - Apr 11
3 rd Six Weeks	Nov 5 – Dec 20]	6 th Six Weeks	Apr 15 – May 23

Teacher Workdays	Staff Development	Holidays
	(no students)	
Aug 6, 7, 8, 9, 12	Sept 23, Nov 4, Jan 6, Feb 17,	Sept 2, Oct 14, Nov 25-29, Dec 23-Jan 3,
May 27-28	Apr 14	Jan 20, Mar 17-21, Apr 18 (BWD), May 26
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NEW CTA TRAFFIC FLOW MAP



CTA SCHOOL BUILDING



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CROSSTIMBERS ACADEMY BELL SCHEDULE 2024 -2025

First 10 minutes of class= TARDY after that it is an unexcused ABSENCE! (This includes leaving class early as well)

A.M.

ACTIVITY PERIOD/ATTENDANCE	7:58-8:08
1ST PERIOD	8:10-8:55
2ND PERIOD	8:56-9:41
3RD PERIOD	9:42-10:27
4TH PERIOD	10:28-11:13
5TH PERIOD	11:14-12:00

BREAK BETWEEN SESSIONS (NO STUDENTS IN CLASSROOMS from 12:00 - 12:08)

<u>P.M.</u>

ACTIVITY PERIOD/ATTENDANCE	11:58-12:08
6TH PERIOD	12:10-12:55
7TH PERIOD	12:56-1:41
8TH PERIOD	1:42-2:27
9TH PERIOD	2:28-3:13
10TH PERIOD	3:14-4:00