

August 4, 2026

Dear CTA Students and Families:

Welcome to the 2026 - 2027 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 as it pertains to the new school year

Schedule Pick Up: Returning students may pick up their schedule on Monday, August 10th from 10 am - 2 pm

First Day of School: Wednesday, August 12th

Cell Phone Policy: House Bill1481 is a Texas law that prohibits students from using personal electronic communication devices during the school day. Devices include (but are not limited to): Cell phones, Smartwatches, Tablets, Ipads, Bluetooth earbuds or headphones, and any device used to call, text, message or access the internet

Students will be required to power devices off and place them in a secure location prior to attending their first class of the day

Any student who refuses to turn in their phone or is found in possession of their phone during instructional time will result in the following consequences:

1st time offense: warning and corrective action will take place.

2nd offense: cell phone will be collected and returned to the student at the end of the school day.

3rd offense: cell phone will be collected and will require a parent(s) to pick up the phone from school personnel.

4th offense: student will serve 5 days of ISS.

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Parents will be notified after each offense

Attendance: Attendance is the foundation to success at CTA. Unlike traditional ISD's, charter schools receive most of their funding from daily student attendance. **During the '25 – '26 school year, CTA lost over \$25,000 in funding due to student absences. This cannot continue to happen. For more information on attendance please see the Student Handbook**

Below is the, by law, notifications for unexcused absences.

Notification of Unexcused Absences

3 unexcused absences = first written warning mailed to parent(s)

8 unexcused absences = second written warning mailed to parent(s)

11 unexcused absences - student will be placed on an attendance contract. Campus attendance officer will file truancy.

15. unexcused absences - a student will be withdrawn and returned to their home campus. Students will not be allowed to re-enroll at Crosstimbers Academy without showing an attendance improvement from their home campus

Parking on Campus: Students with a valid driver's license can park on the CTA campus. **Parking stickers can be picked up from the principal. All student drivers must have a parking sticker!**

Supply Fee: All students are required to pay the **\$50 supply fee by the end of the 1st 6 weeks**. This fee covers school supplies, student parking and other necessities not paid for by the normal CTA budget. **New this year, all students will receive a '26/'27 yearbook free of charge. Supply fee can be paid at schedule pick up or on any school day.**

Student Handbook – There have been changes and updates to information in our 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 @CTA2627 to enroll in the parent information group. You can also text the code 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 2ND!**

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 an armed security officer from 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.

Bell Schedule/School Calendar: Enclosed is a copy of the 2026 – 2027 Bell Schedule and Calendar. Please look over them carefully.

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

CROSSTIMBERS ACADEMY

BELL SCHEDULE

2026 -2027

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

A.M.

ACTIVITY PERIOD/RECESS	7:50-8:00
1ST PERIOD	8:05-8:50
2ND PERIOD	8:51-9:36
3RD PERIOD	9:37-10:22
4TH PERIOD	10:23-11:08
5TH PERIOD	11:09-11:54

P.M.

ACTIVITY PERIOD/RECESS	11:50-12:00
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



CROSSTIMBERS ACADEMY CALENDAR 2026 -2027

DATES	DESCRIPTION
August 5-11	5 staff workdays
August 12	Start of Semester 1
September 7	Holiday
September 18	Staff Development
October 12	Holiday
October 30	Staff Development
November 23-27	Holiday
December 18	End of Semester 1
Dec 21-Jan 4	Holiday
January 5	Staff Development
January 6	Start of Semester 2
January 18	Holiday
February 15	Holiday
February 22	Staff Development
March 15-19	Holiday
March 26	Holiday
April 12	Staff Development
May 26	End of Semester 2
May 27-28	2 Staff Workdays
Cycle 1	Aug 12 - Sept 17
Cycle 2	Sept 21 - Oct 29
Cycle 3	Nov 2 - Dec 18
Cycle 4	Jan 6 - Feb 19
Cycle 5	Feb 23 - Apr 9
Cycle 6	Apr 13 - May 26
BWD:	Mar 26, May 27