

CENTRAL SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL



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Dear Tiger Parents/Guardians,

Home Stretch

This week spring sports begin their first competitions signaling the final stretch to the end of the year. The weather will be warming up and we will be entering the spring testing season. We're also, now halfway through the second semester. We highly encourage parents to check in periodically on Infinite Campus to see how your student's grades are progressing in each class so we're not scrambling in May to ensure that they are performing at their absolute best. The fifth term ends next week Friday.

School Safety

As you know, school safety has become a key piece of the national narrative in the media as well as day to day conversations. Cape Public Schools and Cape Central High School continue to place a high priority on ensuring the safety of all students while they are under our care each day.

As part of our continued plan for ensuring that safety, we conducted an Intruder-On-Campus Drill last week. All students and staff evacuated to the football field after a discussion of the protocol and practicing a brief lockdown. We do these drills along with fire, earthquake, and tornado drills so that everyone knows what to do in the event of a real occurrence.

Additionally, last week, construction began on installing access point controls on all doors at CHS. We currently keep all doors except the main entrance locked, but alarms are now being installed on all doors similar to what is used in most other buildings around the district. We will also have a buzz-in system at the main entrance that will allow the doors to remain locked except when we intentionally unlock them for parents and other visitors that need access. We feel these changes will allow our building to be a safer place to learn and work.

Student and staff safety is the only priority that we place above student learning at Cape Central. We will continue to monitor and evaluate changes in our district plan as new technology and research becomes available. Should you have any questions about these or any other procedures related to school safety, please don't hesitate to let us know.

First Impact Driving Presentation

Central Traction, a student organization at CHS focused on improving student safety on the roads, is hosting a program on Wednesday evening called First Impact. The

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program is designed to answer questions parents may have about the graduated driver's license and related laws. The program will be hosted in the CHS library from 6:00-7:30 pm with light snacks provided. The presentation is designed for parents who have, or will soon have, a teen driver in their home, but students are welcome to attend with their parents. Please RSVP through one of the following links:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/161985204395504/>

<https://firstimpact.missouri.edu/events/first-impact-traffic-safety-program-at-cape-central-high-school/>

Student Senate Blood Drive

Student Senate is sponsoring a Spring Blood Drive administered by the Red Cross. Students that are over the age of 17 will have the opportunity on Wednesday to donate blood to save lives. Students that are 16 will be able to donate blood with a signed permission form, available in the main office.

ACT Day Info.

On April 3, we have some special events planned for all students. Last year, the state stopped offering the statewide ACT test for all juniors. Cape Public Schools has made the commitment to continue paying for all juniors to receive this assessment. We've also planned special activities for other classes on this day as well. Freshmen will be going to SEMO for a campus tour and presentations. Sophomores will be taking the ASVAB test which helps to identify strengths and interest for career planning followed by team building activities in the afternoon. Juniors will take the ACT test in the morning followed by the junior picnic in the afternoon. Finally, the Seniors will be headed for Six Flags to spend a day celebrating the conclusion of their high school careers.

It will be very important that students arrive on time for this special day regardless of grade level. A late arrival could mean they aren't able to take their test or miss their bus for the field trip.

Tiger Shoutouts

- Rachel Keele, Natalie Le, and Kennedy Rayburn took first place in the Group Exhibit at the SEMO History Day Competition in our first year participating as a school. They now qualify for the state competition.

This Week At A Glance:

March 13 Spring Sports Picture Day 3:00 pm

March 13 Booster Club Spring Sports Kickoff 6:30 pm, CHS Commons

March 14 Student Senate Blood Drive 7:35 am- 2:00 pm, CHS JV Gym

March 14 First Impact Driving Program 6:00 pm, CHS Library

March 16 No School- District Music Competition

March 17 JV Baseball vs. Kennett- Doubleheader 11:00 am

March 17 Varsity Baseball vs. East Prairie- Doubleheader 11:00 am

Upcoming Events:

March 23 End of Term 5

March 23 Police vs. Principals Fundraiser Basketball Game 7:00 pm, CHS Gym

March 30-April 2 No School- Spring Break

April 3 ACT Test for juniors



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