



# CAT Newsletter - September 2019



## Starting off the 2019-20 School Year Right!

CAT is off to a great start! Students have started their college prep classes and teachers are prepared for each day. We celebrated the end of the first week of school with a community BBQ! We will hold more events like this one in the future!

## September 19 is Back to School Night from 6:00 - 7:30!

Come and meet your student's teachers! We hope you will join us on Sept 19 to learn more about what to expect this school year and meet all of our staff. There will be a brief 20 minute presentation for everyone followed by time to get more information from the teachers in the grade level of your student. Dinner will be provided!

Check out important upcoming dates for September and October:

Sept 19	Back to School Night - 6:00 pm - 7:30 - Includes dinner!
Sept 23	Picture Day - Order forms will be sent home
Sept 27	Grade-Level Picnics - Permission slips coming soon
Oct 10	End of Quarter 1
Oct 11	No School - CAT Staff PD
Oct 14	No School - Indigenous Peoples' Day
Oct 21	Picture Retake Day
Oct 22	College Application Day (12th Grade)
Oct 25	No School - CAT Staff PD
Oct 29	Cash for College Night (12th Grade)

## All Students at CAT Will Receive Chromebooks!

We are very excited to go one-to-one with computers this year! This means that every student at CAT will receive a Chromebook to use at school and bring home each day. This level of technology helps us fulfill our mission of preparing students for college. A computer-use agreement will be sent home detailing the rules around using the Chromebooks as well as information about what happens if it is misused



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or not cared for responsibly. We are very confident that our students will do a great job of taking care of the Chromebooks. This is a great opportunity for all of our students!



## **CAT Attendance Policy**

The best way for students to learn and be successful is to be at school, everyday, on time. Classes begin at 8:30, so it is important to be here at CAT by at least 8:25. That said, we want to make sure that students and families are aware of the attendance policy.

First, it is important to know some of the basic definitions and attendance codes.

**TT - Tardy Truant** - A student is coded with a TT is they are over 30 minutes late to school.

**AU - Absent Unexcused** - If a student does not come to school and we do not have information as to why, it counts as an unexcused absence.

**PE - Parent Excused** - If a family member or guardian calls in and let's us know that the student will not come in, it counts as Parent Excused. The confusing parts here is that the state of California will not let us excuse the absence without a note, so it still counts like an AU unless we have a doctor's note.

**AE - Absence Excused** - An absence that is excused by a doctor's note, a funeral, or a court appointment does not count toward the total number of absences that a student has. AEs are fully excused.

So what is the actual policy? TTs, AUs, and PEs all add up to the total number of tardies and absences that a student has. Students will be called for every tardy truant or absence. Different interventions occur as the number increases.

**5 Absences or Tardies** - Letter home, meeting with student

**10 Absences or Tardies** - Letter home, individual meeting and attendance contract

**15 Absences or Tardies** - Letter home, warning of upcoming School Attendance Review Board (SARB) meeting

**20 Absences or Tardies** - Letter home, SARB meeting at Envision Schools offices in Oakland

More information will be shared about this throughout the school year. Overall, we want