

Cedar Falls High School News



CENTER FOR ADVANCED PROFESSIONAL STUDIES



(Agile/Scrum training from Angie Steffen)



(Mock project meetings at Viking Pump)

CF CAPS is two and a half weeks into rolling out the program and our associates (students) are excited about their experiences and the opportunities to come. During the onboarding phase, the associates have been busy preparing themselves for taking on projects which will provide value to companies in the Cedar Valley. The onboarding focus is on professional skills and project management.



Registration and Scheduling for 2017-18

The process for students to choose classes for next year starts ***NOW***. Please be prepared and help your student make great choices! CFHS offers a number of different classes, and many awesome opportunities are available. Please check out the [Awesome Tables](#) with course offerings and descriptions. High school core department teachers have already started working with the sophomores and juniors on choices for the next school year. Core departments include English, Math, Science, and Social Studies. Students should also be thinking about what electives they would like to include in their schedules. It is an extremely important process, and parents need to be involved in these discussions. We want students to be highly intentional about completing high school and college requirements and also taking classes to explore career interest areas.

Time Line

The juniors and sophomores will be meeting with the school counselors during the week of **February 13th** to complete their scheduling choices. We will be meeting with **JUNIORS** during English classes and **SOPHOMORES** during Social Studies classes. Core classes will already be entered and locked on their PowerSchool portal. Students will have an opportunity to add elective classes and print out a copy of their choices to take home and discuss with their parents. **Students will need to return a copy of their choices with parent signature by FEBRUARY 20th.** If you have questions, there will still be time to make changes. Individual meetings will then be held starting February 22nd with the counselors to **review, discuss and finalize** their choices. Please take the time to visit with your students about what classes they sign up to take for next year. Many critical decisions are made at this time, and changes are not always possible.

We will also post the powerpoint with the information the students received during their class presentations on the [School Counseling Website](#)

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SCHOOL COUNSELING DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

Important Upcoming Dates:

- National School Counselor Week
 - February 6th - 10th
- Class of 2020 Parent Meeting - CFHS Auditorium
 - Monday, February 6th @ 7:30 p.m.
- Class of 2020 Registration Presentation with 9th Grade Students at Peet and Holmes
 - Thursday, February 9th
- 10th and 11th Grade Registration and Scheduling Presentations with Students
 - February 13th-15th
- [College Planning Meeting for Juniors/Sophomores and Parents](#) - CFHS Auditorium
 - Monday, February 20th @ 6:30 p.m.
- Financial Aid Presentation for Juniors and Parents-CFHS Auditorium
 - Tuesday, April 4th @ 6:00 p.m.



Please check out the [Preparation for College Testing Information](#)

- ACT Sign Up Deadline for April 8th Test is Friday, March 3rd
- ACT Sign Up Deadline for the June 10th Test is Friday, May 5th
- Students can sign up for the ACT at [ACT Test for Students](#)



Local Scholarships Updated in Career Cruising for Student Access

All of our local scholarship information, applications and deadlines are updated in students' Career Cruising. All students have access to this information by logging in with their username (school email address) and their created password. If parents would like their login information, they can contact their student's school counselor.

New Website for School Counseling Department

The Cedar Falls High School has redesigned their website to help students and families in seeking out needed resources. On the website, you'll find contact information, a booking appointment tool, academic course resources, college and career planning material, and former graduate data including college application results and a college intention map showing where our graduates have landed postsecondary.

You can also utilize the CFHS Counseling [FACEBOOK](#), [TWITTER](#) and [BLOG](#) to stay updated.



GOLD STAR NOMINATIONS

The nominations for the 2017 Gold Star Award for Outstanding Teaching are now open! Do you have a teacher who has made an impact in your life? Someone who has gone above and beyond as an educator? If so, send in a nomination! Your favorite teacher could be honored at an award ceremony and win \$1,000 for their hard work! Nominations are due by midnight on February 20th, so submit yours [online](#) or in the main office at CFHS!

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PARENTS AND TEACHERS TOGETHER (PATT)

Thank you to all the families that joined PATT for the 2016-2017 school year. We had an increase in membership and thank you for your support.

The mission of the Cedar Falls High School P.A.T.T. is to support the needs of the students, faculty and parents in all aspects of education and extra-curricular activities.

Fall 2016 - P.A.T.T. was able to purchase and support the following:

- a teacher hospitality buffet during fall conferences.
- purchased towels, dish clothes and aprons for the Family Consumer Science Department
- purchased review books "AP Chemistry Crash Course" for the Science Department to help students prepare for the AP exam.

Spring 2017- P.A.T.T. will be supporting & purchasing the following:

- teacher hospitality buffet for spring conferences.
- pizza meal for teachers for spring conferences.
- donation to Post Prom
- granola bars for a student snack during Iowa Assessments

Please continue to save your Hy-Vee receipts for the Hy-Vee Cash-4-Students program. They can be dropped off in the main office. This is another way you can support CFHS and our students. THANK YOU!!

GRADE UPDATES

Teachers are asked to have updated student grades in their grade books on PowerSchool approximately every three weeks. Below is our schedule so families are aware of the update deadlines. If you have a concern regarding any grading issue, please discuss the concern with your student and then contact the teacher directly. We will email home grade updates after each date listed below.

PowerSchool 3 Week Posting Dates (2016-17)

Monday, Feb. 6, 2017 @ 7:30 a.m.

Monday, Feb. 27, 2017 @ 7:30 a.m.

Monday, March 27, 2017 @ 9:00 a.m.

Monday, April 17, 2017 @ 7:30 a.m.

Monday, May 8, 2017 @ 7:30 a.m.

Tuesday, June 6, 2017 @ 3:30 p.m.

FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

February 6th	Incoming 10th Grade Parent Meeting - 7:30 p.m.
February 24th	Professional Development - NO SCHOOL
March 11-19th	SPRING BREAK - NO SCHOOL
March 24th	End of Quarter 3
March 28th	Iowa Assessments - Sophomores
March 28th	Parent-Teacher Conferences: 3:30-7:30 p.m.
March 29th	Iowa Assessments - Juniors
March 30th	Parent-Teacher Conferences: 3:30-7:30 p.m.
March 31st	Conference Compensation Day - NO SCHOOL