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BUS SCHEDULES FOR WEATHER RELATED DELAYS: If there is a weather related delay (Monday – Friday), buses will run 90 minutes later than the Tuesday-Friday bus schedule. They **do not** run on the Monday late start bus schedule. Bus schedules can be found at <http://www.cfschools.org/parents/transportation>

WINTER BREAK REMINDER: A reminder that we will have classes on Friday, December 22, winter break will begin on Monday, December 25 and run through Tuesday, January 2nd. Classes will resume on Wednesday, January 3rd.



CABARET 2018: Cabaret 2018 will take place on Friday, February 23rd at 7:30 pm and Saturday, February 24th at 2:00 pm and 7:30 pm. Pre-audition workshops (coming in to a director and getting some help/feedback before actual auditions) are being held on Friday January 5th after school. Students will need to sign up for a specific time with a director.

The second week we return from break students interested in auditioning for the part of M.C. can get a script from one of the directors on Wednesday the 3rd. Auditions for M.C. will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 9th in the choir room. There will be specific times for students to sign up for. Act Auditions will take place in the choir room that same week after school on Thursday, Jan. 11th. Again, there will be specific times available for students to sign up.

We are excited for what is sure to be another fantastic showcase of the talent we have here at Peet!

MINOR SCHOOL LICENSE INFORMATION: Click [here](#) for a review on minor school license information. You can also get more information on the website: http://www.cfschools.org/schools/cedar-falls-high-school/driver_education.

ADOPT-A-FAMILIES 2017: Every year, our staff and students donate items and money in support of Peet families, called Adopt-a-Family! This year, we helped assist 4 families with necessities, but also, fun items for the holiday season. Our teachers do a great job getting students involved in the giving spirit and paying it forward, truly The Tiger Way! Besides items that were individually purchased, our staff and students raised over \$2,500 to use towards items for these families!

On Friday, December 8th Peet had their 5th Annual Ugly Winter Sweater day! Participating staff and students paid \$1.00 and all money went towards our Adopt-a- Family fundraiser! Together we raised \$262! Students were also given the opportunity to purchase candy canes for \$1 to be given to their friends or themselves. This initiative alone raised a lot of money towards this effort! Thanks to all students and staff who supported and gave generously during this winter season!

WINTER ATHLETICS: Parents and spectators are reminded that we do charge a minimal admission fee of \$3 for adults who are attending our winter sporting events at Peet including girls and boys basketball as well as wrestling. There is no charge for students. Cedar Falls Activity Passes are accepted.



END OF QUARTER 2/Semester 1: The End of Quarter 2/Semester 1 will be on Thursday, January 11th. Up-to-date grades will be viewable on Tuesday, January 16th at 8:00am. Grades will be emailed out on Tuesday, January 16th.

- Login to PowerSchool to view student grades: <https://powerschool.cfschools.org/public/>
- **Academic concerns** should first be directed to the classroom teacher. All teacher contact information is located at: <http://www.cfschools.org/staff/#peet>

GRADE UPDATES: Teachers are asked to post 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 mail home any D or F grades every 3 weeks.

PowerSchool 3 Week Grade Posting Dates (2017-18)

Tuesday, January 16 – 8:00pm (Quarter 2, Semester 1)

Friday, February 2 – 4:00pm

Tuesday, March 6 – 4:00pm (Tri 2)

Monday, March 26 – 8:00am (Quarter 3)

Friday, April 20 – 4:00pm

Friday, May 11 – 4:00pm

Thursday, May 31 – 12:00pm (Quarter 4, Semester 2, Tri 3)

COUNSELING SOUND-BYTE: Pay Attention to Attendance - Keep Your Child On Track in Junior High and High School
Showing up for school has a huge impact on a student's academic success starting in kindergarten and continuing through high school. Even as children grow older and more independent, families play a key role in making sure students get to school safely every day and understand why attendance is so important for success in school and on the job.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Students should miss NO more than 9 days of school each year to stay engaged, successful and on track to graduation.
- Absences can be a sign that a student is losing interest in school, struggling with school work, dealing with a bully or facing some other potentially serious difficulty.
- By 6th grade, absenteeism is one of the three signs that a student may drop out of high school.
- By 9th grade, regular and high attendance is a better predictor of graduation rates than 8th grade test scores.
- Missing 10 percent, or about 18 days, of the school year can drastically affect a student's academic success.
- Students can be chronically absent even if they only miss a day or two every few weeks.
- Attendance is an important life skill that will help your child graduate from college and keep a job.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Make school attendance a priority

- Talk about the importance of showing up to school everyday, make that the exception.
- Help your child maintain daily routines, such as finishing homework and getting a good night's sleep.
- Try not to schedule dental and medical appts. during the school day.
- Don't let your child stay home unless truly sick. Complaints of headaches or stomach aches may be signs of anxiety.

Help your teen stay engaged

- Find out if your child feels engaged by his classes and feels safe from bullies and other threats. Make sure he/she is not missing class because of behavioral issues and school discipline policies. If any of these are problems, work with your school.
- Stay on top of your child's social contacts. Peer pressure can lead to skipping school, while students without many friends can feel isolated.
- Encourage meaningful afterschool activities, including sports and clubs.

Communicate with the school

- Know the school's attendance policy - incentives and penalties
- Talk to teachers if you notice sudden changes in behavior. These could be tied to something going on at school.
- Check on your child's attendance to be sure absences are not piling up.

FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

Winter Break – No School	Dec 25-Jan 2
School Resumes	January 3
End of Quarter 2/Semester 1	January 11
No School	January 12
MLK Jr Day – No School	January 15
8 th Grade Hearing Checks	January 23
8 th Grade Hearing Re-Checks	February 6
Professional Development Day – No School	February 23
End of Trimester 2	February 27
Spring Break – No School	March 12-16

TUESDAY – FRIDAY DAILY SCHOOL DAY SCHEDULE:

7:15 am	Front Lobby Doors are Opened
7:50 am	First Bell
7:55 am	Warning Bell
8:00 – 8:46	Period 1
8:50 – 9:36	Period 2
9:40 – 10:28	Period 3 / Announcements
10:32 – 11:00	Tiger Time
11:04 – 12:28	Period 4 / includes lunch
	A Lunch - 11:04 – 11:34
	B Lunch - 11:31 – 12:01
	C Lunch - 11:58 – 12:28
12:32 – 1:18	Period 5
1:22 – 2:08	Period 6
2:12 – 3:00	Period 7 / Announcements

MONDAY (90 minute) LATE START SCHEDULE & WEATHER RELATED DELAY SCHEDULE:

7:30 – 9:00am	Staff Report for PLC Work
8:30 am	Students may enter the building – Cafeteria
9:20 am	First Bell
9:25 am	Warning Bell
9:30 – 10:01	Period 1
10:05 – 10:36	Period 2
10:40 – 11:14	Period 3 / Announcements
11:18 – 11:46	Tiger Time
11:50 – 1:14	Period 4 / includes lunch
	A Lunch - 11:50 – 12:20
	B Lunch - 12:17 – 12:47
	C Lunch - 12:44 – 1:14
1:18 – 1:49	Period 5
1:53 – 2:24	Period 6
2:28 – 3:00	Period 7 / Announcements

SCHEDULING: In January, Peet Counselors will be visiting all grade levels to discuss scheduling options and registration for the 2018 – 2019 school year. Please refer to the scheduling dates below to see when the counselors will be in your student's classroom. For a schedule to be complete, each student needs to have a parent or guardian signature.

If you are a parent of an incoming 7th grader, you will receive a letter in the middle of January with a green registration sheet and information about Peet courses. Peet counselors will be visiting each elementary classroom to discuss with students scheduling for 7th grade. The dates are as follows:

Orchard Hill Elementary - Friday, January 26th 10am - 12pm
Cedar Heights Elementary - Tuesday, January 30th 1:30 - 3:30pm
Southdale Elementary – Friday, February 2nd at 9 - 11am

If you are a parent of a current 8th grade student, there will be a parent meeting on Tuesday, January 23rd in the Peet Cafeteria at 6:30 p.m. We would like to discuss with you the importance of your student's 4-year-plan and starting their high school transcript. High school courses and information on graduation requirements, etc. can be found on the CFHS School Counseling academic development page through this link: <http://www.cfschools.org/students/graduation-planning/requirements>.

If you are a parent of a current 9th grade student, please make sure you come to the 9th to 10th Grade Parent Orientation meeting at CFHS (Monday, February 5th). This is a great opportunity to learn about your student's academic and extracurricular options!

Below, we have included CFHS graduation requirements for core classes and credits. A credit is earned by receiving a passing grade in a class. Passing a one semester course would be equivalent to one credit, a year long course is two credits, and an alternating day class for the whole year is one credit. If you have any questions regarding scheduling for your student, please call or email your student's counselor!

IMPORTANT SCHEDULING DATES:

January 23	Lins/Kenser to 8 th Grade Science Classes
January 23	8 th to 9 th Grade Parent Meeting - Peet Cafeteria 6:30pm
January 25	Lins/Kenser to 7 th Grade Science Classes
January 26	Lins/Kenser to Orchard Hill 9:00am
January 30	8 th to 9 th Grade schedules due
January 30	Lins/Kenser to Cedar Heights 1:30pm
February 1	7 th to 8 th Grade schedules due
February 2	Lins/Kenser to Southdale 9:00am
February 5	9 th to 10 th Grade Parent Orientation Mtg CFHS 7:00pm
February 6	Lins/Kenser & HS Counselors to 9 th Grade US History Classes
TBD	9 th Grade Orientation – CFHS (Time TBD)
February 13	9 th to 10 th Grade schedules due
February 16	9 th Grade registration sheets sent to High School

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