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COMMUNICATION #30

April 13-17

Hello C.P. Allen Students and Families:

Here is what is happening this week.

Important Dates:

April 13-17th: Cheetah Spirit Week

April 15: In person prom tickets sales (\$85) at lunch on the 3rd floor next to HRM.

April 16: UNB Faculty of Engineering at CPA for interested students at lunch in the student exchange

April 17: MFC Training Flight School at CPA for interested students at lunch in the student exchange

April 21: Report Cards Distributed Electronically

April 27th - May 1st: Co Prez Elections

April 28th: Grad Breakfast and Class of 2026 Meeting

April 29th: No Classes for Students (Professional Development Day and Parent Teacher Meetings)

April 29th: Parent Teacher Meetings 1-3pm and 5-7pm

April 30th: Band Concert

Graduation Season is Here!

To help support the costs associated with hosting prom, the Prom Committee are organizing this online Silent Auction Fundraiser on Facebook. The auction will run from 5:30pm April 13th to 9:30pm April 19th, 2026, and will be promoted to our school community and their families, as well as extended community shares.

Thank you for this opportunity to support the Class of 2026. We are grateful for the generosity of our community and the role it plays in helping us make this celebration possible.

Make YOUR Grad stand out with a custom Graduation Yard sign!!The waterproof sign is 18" x 24" and

Includes:

-Sturdy H stand, personalized with your grad's photo

-First name and school logo

Perfect for front yards, driveways or surprise celebrations!!!

These signs are weather ready and designed to look great all season long. Message your picture to order at roxannebvail@hotmail.com.

EFT to same email address with password being "**gradsign**"

There is limited availability – book early to guarantee delivery before graduation!

The cost is 55\$ a sign (5\$ goes back into supporting our Prom).

CPA Food Drive

The Bedford Lions Club Community Food Pantry has called on CPA students and family members to support them by hosting a food drive! The food drive will run from Monday, April 20 to Friday May 1st. Non-perishable food items can be dropped off in the box in the Student Exchange or in room 206. Parents are also encouraged to bring donations during our Parent-Teacher Interview times; Leadership 12 will have a booth set up outside of the gym!

Student Parking

HRM Police wanted me to thank students for not parking at Gladys's Porter. Also, they are pleased that no tickets have been issued. Parking has improved in the parking lot as the snowbanks have finally disappeared and all teachers are parking in the Teacher parking lot. Overflow parking is occurring at the Metro Transit parking lot. CPA is very fortunate to have a student parking lot and a larger lot next door. Many schools do not have any parking for students or teachers.

Student Lates

As you are aware, we were very concerned with students who were arriving late to class back in February, and we made a number of changes to support students arriving to class on time. This worked well in February and March, but we have noticed a major uptake of students late for class in the last week or so.

On Friday, I asked every teacher to mark students who were late as LATE in PS during C block, which was the block after lunch. Not all teachers mark lates on a regular basis. For your understanding, teachers wait at the door to welcome students to class and when the bell rings they look up and down the hallway for their students and to encourage them to pick up the pace to get to class. After this time, students will be marked late.

On Friday, there were **270 students late during C block!** When I subtracted the number of students on Study Block and absent from C block this constituted **20% of our students that were late.** This is highly unacceptable.

It is important for students to be on time for class

- Supports the development of responsibility and accountability
- Builds strong work habits that carry into future careers
- Reduces gaps in understanding caused by missed explanations or instructions
- Helps students stay organized and prepared for the day's learning
- Minimizes disruptions to the class when lessons have already started
- Shows respect for the teacher and classmates
- Reduces stress and anxiety from feeling rushed or behind
- Prepares students for real-world expectations (jobs, appointments, commitments)
- Decreases the likelihood of missed assessments, announcements, or deadlines
- Builds a sense of belonging by being present from the start of class
- Interrupts the flow of teaching and learning already in progress
- Distracts classmates who are focused and engaged
- Forces the teacher to pause or repeat instructions
- Draws unnecessary attention away from the lesson
- May result in missed instructions that others then have to help you catch up on

New measures to improve tardiness:

Teachers will discuss the impact of students arriving late.

Parents, please have a conversation with your children about the importance of being on time.

Starting tomorrow, the cafeteria will be closed at the beginning of every class. Students will need to get in line as soon as possible and not wait until the bell to go to class rings.

Also, the doors closest to the Library and Learning Centres will no longer be an option to ring the doorbell to gain entrance. Therefore, all students who are late must enter through the front doors and main office. Not sure if parents are aware but our amazing admin assistants, must unlock the door every time a student rings the bell to enter the building late. This interrupts the important work they are doing.

While, we can consider incentives to have students to be on time, they are in high school and should know that being on time for class is an expectation.

If students are using Metro Transit, they must take a bus that will get them here on time. We know that Innovation Drive is very busy in the morning and afternoon, so students who are driving or getting dropped must leave early so they are not late for class.

Thank you for your support.

Have a great week.

Stephanie Bird, Principal