



September 13, 2006

Dear Cass Families,

It has been great to see so many of you at school in the short time we have been in session. Events like the 5th grade Outdoor Ed. Parent Meeting, the New Student/Parent Breakfast and the 7th Grade Hotdog Roast brought a lot of you into our building. We have some important information to share with you.

Bus Adjustments – One of the concerns we are monitoring on a daily basis is the operation of our bus transportation. While the majority of our bus routes are running smoothly, we have had to make changes in one of our routes to decrease the pick-up and drop-off times. We have also made significant changes in our after-school pick-up procedures in order to facilitate a quicker and effective ride home for our students. **We would also like to remind all of our bus riders to be waiting at the morning bus stop at the scheduled time. The bus will not wait at the stop for students during the morning pick-up.** We urge all of you to please call if you have questions or concerns about the bus transportation.

Stanford Achievement Testing – This will take place September 18-29. Students in grade 5 will be administered an abbreviated battery of tests in reading, language arts, and mathematics. Students in grade 6 will be administered the full battery of tests which also include Science and Social Science tests. Students in grades 7 & 8 will not be tested.

OTIS-Lennon Ability Testing – This test will also be administered in grades 5-6 during the same time period as the Stanford tests. Results will provide an overview of a student's non-verbal and verbal performance levels and assist with instructional decision-making. Students in grades 7 & 8 will not be tested.

Back to School Dance – Our first dance of the year takes place on Friday, September 15, after school. These dances are sponsored by our Student Council and are for 6-7-8<sup>th</sup> graders. The admission is \$3.00; \$2.00 for those wearing red, white and blue. There will also be a concession stand, sponsored by the Fine Arts Boosters.

We look forward to seeing you at upcoming Cass Events.

Yours truly,

Mark Enright

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