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"Through rigorous academics, integrative technology, expressive arts, and competitive athletics, the mission of Cuthbertson High School is to empower all students to be leaders in a changing global community."

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Stay Connected

We invite you to stay connected with Cuthbertson High School on Facebook (Cuthbertson High School) or on Twitter (#CHSCavaliers). Daily announcements and information are shared, so please follow us so you do not miss any Cuthbertson High School news! We also update our school website daily at <http://chs.ucps.k12.nc.us/>

Morning Drop-off

Please be reminded that active student supervision does not begin until 7:15 each morning. Students should not be dropped off or arrive on campus prior to this time.

Scholarships and Acceptances

Where will you be in 2018? We want to know! Please submit a copy of ALL of your college acceptance letters and scholarship recipient letters to your counselor. We would also like notification if you plan on joining the military! In addition, please submit copies of ALL academic and athletic scholarships you have received (even the ones you may not be accepting.) We will have a recognition wall listing college acceptances, as well as a special scholarship breakfast. We want to see you there!

Class of 2018 Graduation

Graduation: Monday, June 11 at 10:00 am

Cuthbertson High School's Class of 2018 Commencement will be held on Monday, June 11, 2018 at 10:00 am at Winthrop Coliseum at 1162 Eden Terrace in Rock Hill, SC.

Gentlemen are asked to wear khaki dress pants, a white dress shirt, dark tie, and dress shoes. Ladies should wear a dress/skirt/shorts (not pants), a top that will not show beneath the gown, and dress shoes. No tennis

shoes, boat shoes, or flip flops are permitted for any students. Ladies do not wear the white collar that comes with the graduation gowns.

We will be issuing tickets again this year. Due to the increased costs of graduation, our Site-based Management Team voted to begin charging for some tickets this year. Each student will be given 5 free tickets to provide to family members who wish to attend Commencement. In addition to the five free tickets, students may purchase up to an additional 5 tickets for \$10 each beginning in May. Any remaining tickets will also be sold for \$10.

Cap and Gown Delivery and Graduation Pictures



Cap & Gown Delivery Day!

Announcements & Senior GEAR will be delivered, too.

Tuesday, March 27th

During ALL Lunches



Orders must be **PAID IN FULL**, prior to delivery day, in order to pick up your Cap & Gowns!

**If you haven't ordered a cap & gown yet, please
call our office 800.582.6376**

Order Online www.Jostens.com

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Cap and gown pictures will be throughout the day on April 11. The group photo will be at the stadium during 4th block.

What to wear?

Gentlemen - khaki dress pants, a white dress shirt, dark tie, and dress shoes.

Ladies - dress/skirt (not pants), a top that will not show beneath the gown, and dress shoes. Do not wear the white collar that comes with the graduation gowns.

No tennis shoes, boat shoes, or flip flops are permitted for any students.

Scholarships

We continue to populate our scholarship link. Please continue checking here throughout the year for scholarships: <https://www.ucps.k12.nc.us/Page/4593>

Seniors, those college acceptances and scholarship offers are pouring in! Please remember to submit any scholarship offer letters to your counselor! This includes all offers, not just the ones you are accepting.

EmpowerED Family Portal Link

The EmpowerED FamilyED portal link is now live! Click below for the resource page for parents and students. <https://www.ucps.k12.nc.us/Page/6333>

Volunteer at CHS

Please see the link below! Anyone who wishes to volunteer or be around students (guest speaker, work with clubs/teams/student groups, volunteer in front office, etc.) must complete the volunteer application. Please review the information and let us know if you have any questions!

<https://www.ucpsvolunteers.com/volunteer.php?newflag=1>

17-18 Student Handbook

Our student handbook can be found by clicking here:

<https://www.ucps.k12.nc.us/cms/lib/NC01910453/Centricity/Domain/1853/17%2018%20Student%20Handbook.pdf>

Order Senior Regalia and Yearbooks

Cavs, don't forget to order your yearbook, announcements, graduation regalia, and other senior goodies. Click on the link below: <http://www.jostens.com/apps/store/customer/1851193/Cuthbertson-High-School/>

CHS Theatre Production



Attendance Reminders

- It is the STUDENT'S responsibility to know how many absences he/she has in each class.
- Powerschool may only show the attendance for the current 6 weeks – not the whole semester, so be sure to know the real totals.
- Attendance is counted every single day, from August 28 through June 8.
- Being tardy means being up to 15 minutes late to a class.
- Being absent means missing 16 or more minutes from the beginning, middle or end of any class, so signing in 16 or more minutes late, signing out 16 or more minutes early, or missing 16 minutes during the middle of class is an ABSENCE.
- If a student arrives at school late or leaves early, he/she MUST sign in or out in the front office and receive a pass, even if he/she arrives between classes. Failure to sign in or out and get a pass may result in disciplinary action.
- If a student knows that he/she will be leaving school early, he/she must bring a note from a parent to the front office before school begins at 8:00am. Students will not be dismissed by email or phone call except in emergencies, so if he/she does not present a note, a parent will have to come in to sign him/her out – even if the student drives.
- All excuse notes have to be turned in to the front office within 3 days of the absence, or the absence will be unexcused!
- Excused absences are still absences – they don't go away because a note was submitted.
- These are the only absences that are excused and the type of note the student needs to submit. The date of the absence and the student's name must always be on the note!
 - If a student goes to the doctor, dentist, orthodontist or therapist, a note FROM THE DOCTOR'S OFFICE must be turned in to the front office.
 - If a student is home sick and DOESN'T go to the doctor, a parent note saying that the student was sick can be submitted to excuse the absence.
 - If a student goes to court, a note from the court or the attorney must be turned in to the front office.
 - If a student is out for a religious holiday, a parent note for the holiday should be submitted.
 - If a student experiences the death of a parent, grandparent or sibling, a copy of the obituary or the funeral program should be turned in to the front office.
 - If a student is going to be absent related to a military deployment, he/she should talk to Mrs. Rutowski BEFORE the absence.
 - For college visits, the student should ASK FOR A NOTE FROM THE COLLEGE when the student is there on the visit. Most schools will provide a form letter as an excuse, but you have to ask.
 - For any other absence that might be considered educational, students must submit a "Request for Educational Absence" form (available on the CHS website) BEFORE the absence, and a written report will be required within one week of the absence in order for the absence to be excused.
- These reasons are UNEXCUSED for tardy OR absence: missing the bus, oversleeping, running late, car trouble, car accident, alarm clock didn't go off, traffic problems, weather, a family member is sick, student has to take a family member or friend to an appointment, going out of town, family business, personal reason, no note, etc.
- School field trips, school athletic events and ISS do not count as absences.
- When a student is absent, he/she has 2 days for each day missed to make up his/her school work. It is up to the student to request the work from the teacher and complete it on time.

- If a student is absent from a class 8 or more times in a semester, he/she has failed that class – even if the absences were excused. To find out if he/she can pass, the student must go through a process called waiver and recovery.
 - The waiver and recovery process for this semester will begin in May.
 - During that process, some absences may be waived, depending on the types of notes the student submitted and if the notes were submitted within 3 days of each absence. Waiving an absence means that the student does not have to make up the absences, but they still count as absences. (Waived is NOT the same thing as excused.)
 - A student may be allowed to recover (or make up) up to 3 of the remaining absences in each class, but no more than 8 block absences total for all four classes.
 - A student may be able to pass the class if they have enough absences waived and they are able to recover enough absences so that they have 7 or fewer absences left in each class.
 - It is important to know that parent notes for illness/injury are excused but not automatically waived, so a student could have a parent note for each absence and still fail the class!
 - When a student receives their 8th absence in any class, he/she should see Mrs. Rutowski to find out exactly what needs to happen next, EVEN IF THE 8TH ABSENCE IS AT THE VERY END OF THE SEMESTER.
- If a student fails a class due to absences, an “FF” will appear on his/her report card and transcript. “FF” has the same grade point value as an F, so it is the same as averaging a 0 into the GPA.
- If a student has a chronic or on-going medical condition that may cause a lot of absences, he/she should see Ms. Rutowski to develop an attendance plan.
- If a student thinks there is an error in his/her attendance, he/she should see Mrs. Rutowski right away instead of waiting until the end of the semester.

PTSO

PTSO Scholarships

The PTSO is pleased to announce two different scholarship opportunities for seniors.

As in the past, there will be four \$1,000 scholarships available from the PTSO.

In addition to these four scholarships, there will be an additional five \$2,000 scholarships available to the Class of 2018 sponsored by Skyecroft Realty Group. We would like to thank Rob Callaghan for this generous donation and for investing in our students.

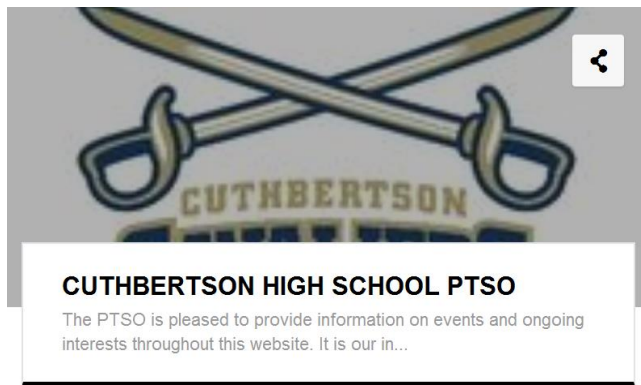
These scholarships are available to highly involved students whose families were paid PTSO members by March 14, 2018. Students must have a minimum GPA of 3.0 and will need to provide essays, and letters of recommendation. Applications are on the [PTSO website](#) and available from the Guidance office. Applications are due April 17, 2018 by 3:00 to the front office.

Any questions about the scholarships should be directed to [Shannon Mallozzi](#), Committee Chair.

Join the PTSO

If you have not joined this school year, it's not too late! Membership Dues are just \$10, all of which go to supporting CHS needs and PTSO funded activities for the school.

[Click here to join today.](#)



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The PTSO is pleased to provide information on events and ongoing interests throughout this website. It is our in...

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