

# COLUMBUS



## ARTS & TECHNOLOGY ACADEMY

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Dear Columbus Arts and Technology Academy Parents and Students,

Welcome to the Trailblazer family! It gives me great pleasure to extend a warm and heartfelt greeting to all our new and returning students and their families. At CATA, we are more than just a school building, we are a vibrant, supportive community committed to academic excellence, personal growth, and creating a sense of belonging for every student. From a robust catalog of sports to programs like Lead Well, Drama Club, Orchestra, Student Council, and so many more, we encourage your students to get involved as much as possible.

We are proud to share that last school year, CATA was recognized for **Outstanding Reading Growth**, a testament to the dedication of our students, families, and staff. Building on that momentum, our schoolwide theme this year is **Leading with Literacy!** We believe every student has a *right to literacy*, and that it is our shared responsibility to ensure that no child slips through the cracks. You will see this focus reflected in classroom instruction, school-wide events, and family engagement activities throughout the year. We will be bringing back Literacy Night and the Scholastic Book Fair to support this mission!

Our team of passionate educators is dedicated to fostering curiosity, creativity, and critical thinking, while creating a safe and inclusive environment where all students can thrive academically, emotionally, and socially. We are continuously improving our teaching practices and embracing innovative approaches to ensure our students are equipped for the challenges ahead.

We know that strong school-family partnerships are key to student success. This year, we invite you to join our Wellness Committee, a group of staff, students, and families working together to support the whole child—focusing not just on academics, but also on health, mental well-being, and community connection. More information on how to get involved will be shared soon. Please contact our office and ask for Ms. Curenton if you would like more information.

Communication remains a top priority for our team. Please stay connected through our school website, school-wide calls and emails, and social media platforms so you're always up to date on important news and events. If you ever have any questions or concerns, please reach out. We are here to help and value ALL feedback. We want to continue to grow alongside you and feedback is an important part of this process. Keep an eye out for more frequent parent surveys throughout the year.

To our new families, welcome! We're so glad you're here, and we'll support you every step of the way as you get to know our community. To our returning families, welcome back! We're excited to continue building on the successes we've shared. Thank you for entrusting us with your child's education. Let's work together to make this school year one of growth, joy, and excellence. After all, together we are CATAmazing.

Warm regards,

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