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Dear Future Culinary Student,

Welcome to the Culinary Arts program at Butler County Area Vocational-Technical School! We're thrilled that you've chosen to join us on this flavorful journey. Your decision to explore the world of culinary arts shows commitment, creativity, and a willingness to learn; all of which are qualities that will serve you well both in the kitchen and beyond.

To help you get off to a smooth start, we've put together some important information about scheduling, uniforms, and planning for the upcoming school year.

As future chefs, you'll be preparing food for others, a responsibility we take seriously. Our program follows professional standards modeled after those in real-world kitchens and culinary schools. That means we hold high expectations for both performance and professionalism, and that starts with how we present ourselves.

Here's a quick rundown of the **REQUIRED uniform**:(order information will be provided)

- **Hair Restraint:** Black Flex-Fit or Cool-Vent Adjustable Baseball Cap
- **Chef Coat:** Grey coat with your **embroidered first name** (you'll need two)
- **Chef Pants:** Classic black and white striped chef pants
- **Apron:** Black, standard bib-style apron
- **Shoes:** All-black, slip-resistant shoes

And the **REQUIRED accessories:**

- **Pocket Thermometer:** Bimetallic or Digital
- **Small Pocket Notebook:** Any color of preference
- **Sharpie:** Black Sharpie
- **Three Ring Binder:** Any color of preference

The full uniform (including two chef coats and shoes) will cost approximately **$145**. However, ***the accessories are an extra cost.*** But don't worry**, uniforms are not required on the first day of school.** We will send home ordering information once the school year begins, so you'll have time to get what you need.

We're excited for what's ahead and can't wait to get cooking and baking with you! If you have any questions, feel free to reach out. We're happy to help.

Warm regards,
Chef Don Ras & **Chef Clendenning**

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