



ÉCOLE INTERMÉDIAIRE CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Central Students and Families:

Greetings to you all! I hope that you have had a wonderful summer and are looking forward to another great year of learning. We can't wait to see you again! This is my third year as Principal of Central and I am really excited to reconnect with our returning students and families as well as getting to know everyone who is new to our community. This year we are pleased to welcome Jon Hamlin as our NEW Vice Principal.

At the school we are in the final stages of preparation for the year to come. In addition to this letter, we will be sending out further information during the first week of school. You should expect an email by Monday with COVID-19 reminders and final information about the first day. During the first week of school your child will receive a Student Pack-Up with a number of important forms for you to review and sign. Your child will receive them from their Advisory teacher. Please return these as soon as possible, as the information in them is critical to our school operations. If you would rather fill in some of those documents online, you can do that on the new [Parent Connect portal](#).

The school year will begin on Tuesday, September 7th. We ask that all students arrive at the front of the school between 9:15am and 9:25am. All class lists will be posted by the main school doors. Students should look on these lists to determine their division number and then gather on the front field (we will be very spread out) by their division sign. Staff will help students with this process. **Dismissal on September 7th will be at 11:30am.**

****Due to fluctuating enrollment, students will begin the year in temporary divisions and be confirmed in their final divisions by the end of the first week.



Tuesday Sept 7
Arrival time: 9:15am-9:25am
Start time: 9:30am
Dismissal time: 11:30am

Regular Hours (Weds Sept 8 onwards...)
First Bell: 8:29am
Start time: 8:34am
Nutrition Break: 10:15am-10:30am
Lunch Break: 11:54am-12:39pm
Dismissal time: 2:45pm

At Central we have a welcoming and inclusive Parent Advisory Council (PAC). PAC connects families to our school and to each other. PAC also provides learning opportunities that can help guide families during these important formative years. The first PAC meeting of the year will be at **7pm on Tuesday, September 14th** via Zoom (link to come). As a Central parent you are already a member of this advisory group, so I encourage you to attend in order to stay involved in your child's school. PAC support is a critical part of our school community.



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Central relies quite heavily on volunteer drivers for field trips, sporting teams etc. If you can help in this area, please complete [the Volunteer Driver/Criminal Record Check form](#). The process is simple and there is no fee. Volunteers make much of what we do at Central possible and we greatly appreciate anyone that can support. Thank you in advance.

If you have yet to purchase school supplies, grade level supply lists are [available on the website](#). Additionally, our PAC is raising funds through a joint initiative with Monk Office. Should you wish to support that fundraiser, more information is [available here](#) and on our website.

As you are aware, we do not allow students to bring their cell phones to Central. This measure has positively impacted our school learning environment and student social connections. Please remind your child to leave their phone at home. Parents, if you have any questions or need clarification, please contact me at 250-386-3591.

Lastly, in an effort to support your child's learning, it is important that you have open communication with the school. We encourage you to read our Central Weekly (emailed to you each Friday) and access our school website for general information. Additionally, you can follow us on social media to see what's happening daily here at school. We are now on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#)! These can be great places to see what's happening at school and to read interesting information pertaining to our school community.

For matters more specific to your child's program, you are welcome to contact your child's advisory teacher via phone or [email](#). You can also contact administration at 250.386.3591.

I hope you enjoy the remainder of the summer and we look forward to seeing our students on September 7th!

Sincerely,

Gillian Braun

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Principal