Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year! I will admit, this is the most unique set of circumstances I have ever faced in my thirty-year career. Although the past several months has been a bit of a whirlwind for school personnel, I am proud of our Central staff for the way in which we continue to serve our students and families. Please know that our goal every day is to serve our students, parents, and community with excellence as the standard, even in these challenging situations.

I certainly understand the wide range of emotions COVID-19 has brought to our schools and community. I ask that we all exhibit patience, flexibility, and grace. When a problem or issue arises, I ask that we exhibit kindness to each other. Central is a large middle school, serving 1200 families. We strive to communicate accurately and efficiently with our available resources.

The School Board and district staff have provided parents a variety of learning options for this school year. We understand the unique circumstance we are facing; but please be patient as we work through every issue. The past three weeks, administrators and counselors were asked to develop a 4x4 block schedule to help de-densify our campus. We have risen to the challenge! Please understand, student safety is the priority, not necessarily student elective choices. We have done the best we can under the circumstances. We have posted a video on our website that explains block scheduling as well as the learning options.

We are applying lessons learned at the end of last year to better serve students, teachers, and parents; especially through E-Learning. Please remember, the main platform for academic engagement and communication is FOCUS.

Your child’s safety is always paramount in our daily priorities. Our custodial staff has done amazing work cleaning our campus and preparing for students and teachers to return. We have reviewed, practiced, and enhanced our cleaning protocols; all efforts to keep students, teachers, and staff in a safe environment.

It is a priority that you read with your child the Central COVID-19 Safety Protocols. We have outlined what will be our daily safety expectations for everyone while on campus.

I will communicate with parents regularly regarding issues through synervoices and emails. Please be sure to stay informed.

My top priorities have never changed as a principal; student safety, high learning expectations, open communication, and transparency. Every student should have the opportunity to develop their academic, social, and emotional skills in a safe and supportive environment. At Central, the team is committed to those ideals.

I am going to ask again that we all exhibit PATIENCE, FLEXIBILITY and GRACE to help us in the days, weeks, and months ahead. Please do not hesitate to communicate with me regarding any issue or concern. Thank you in advance for your support as we come together to make your child’s school year a success. Go Eagles!

Mr. Todd Scheuerer, Principal
Central Middle School Supplies for 2020

1. Binder - Durable - View - 3 Inch - White - Avery
2. Divider - Avery - 5 Tab - Plastic - Insertable
1. Highlighter - Pen Style - Chisel 3 Pack - Yellow, Blue, Pink
1. Notebook - Five Star - 1 Sub - CR - Blue - 11 x 8.5 - 100 Ct
1. Notebook - Five Star - 1 Sub - CR - Green - 11 x 8.5 - 100 Ct
2. Paper - Filler - College - 100 Ct - Reinforced
1. Pencil - Ticonderoga - Sharpened - No 2 - 12 Pk
1. Pencil Pouch - Clear - 9 x 10.5 - 3 Ring
1. Pens - BIC - 8 Pack - Assorted Colors
1. Sheet Protector - Plastic - 10 Pkg - Avery

What is 4x4 Block Scheduling?

A county wide shift has provided all secondary schools with the opportunity to switch to block scheduling. This simply means that students will attend 4 classes a day rather than 7. Now, that also means that children will start and finish 4 classes within one semester. Then when the 2nd semester resumes, they will complete 4 New courses. This allows the completion of 8 courses in one year instead of the 7 completed in the past.

CMS has selected a 4x4 Block Schedule which places students in 2 academic classes and 2 elective per semester. Efforts are also being made to ensure Math and Sciences are split and Social Studies and English courses are divided to provide even instruction and skill building throughout the year. This is a simplified model that includes several benefits for teachers and families. Classes are no longer 47 minutes long, and lessons divided several days, but 90 minute blocks. This gives enough time to focus on starting and finishing new lessons, applying what was learned, and even assessing learners growth all within a single time block. This allows fewer class preparations for faculty members, more intimate reporting with students and families because teachers have fewer students per semester, and more planning time for teachers. Please keep in mind that any absences will count Double in a block schedule.

Really, it allows space for an extra elective course. Where students often struggled to chose which electives they wanted in the past, they may now try something new and exciting, or have room for the course they couldn’t have taken previously, eliminating compromise. Many students will in fact embrace the opportunity to earn more high school credits in middle school, engage in and excel in life skills courses or perhaps work towards industrial certifications through our award winning business programs. This shift is ultimately a win-win-win situation that provides greater care and attention for your students, their teachers, and our community members who continue to make our school a special place for each of our developing young citizens.
Don’t Forget Your Lunch!
The Office of Food and Nutrition has not changed lunch prices since the 2014-2015 school year. On June 16, 2020, the School Board approved a 2-year lunch price increase.

Secondary: $2.20 (old price $1.90)
Reduced: $ .40 (no change)

- To minimize contact with cash in the cafeteria we are encouraging parents and guardians to prepay their child’s meal account at www.mypaymentsplus.com
- Due to coronavirus concerns, Food Service is pleased to announce that the Free and Reduced Price Meal application has gone paperless. Parents will be able to complete the meal application online from a computer or mobile device.
- The application will be available on the website on or before August 1st.
http://www.brevardschools.org/Page/3473

Food Service will continue to offer FREE breakfast to all students regardless of status.

Central Middle School
BEL SCHEDULE 2020 – 21

Block 1 - 9:30 – 11:00
Block 2 - 11:04 – 1:07
Block 3 - 1:11 – 2:41
Block 4 - 2:45 – 4:15

EARLY RELEASE FRIDAY

Block 1 - 9:30 – 10:38
Block 2 - 10:42 – 12:38
Block 3 - 12:42 – 1:49
Block 4 - 1:53 – 3:00

Welcome our new Assistant Principle of curriculum Mrs. Jessica Thomas

Jessica Thomas has been working for Brevard Public Schools since 2011. She was an English and Social Studies teacher at West Shore, Jr./Sr. High School as well as Heritage High School before being promoted to Assistant Principal/Dean at Satellite High School.

After two years as an administrator at Satellite High School, Mrs. Thomas was promoted to the Curriculum Assistant Principal at Central Middle School! She obtained her Bachelor’s degree from the University of Central Florida, her Master’s degree from the University of Florida, and is currently finishing her dissertation for her doctoral degree from Grand Canyon University.

In her spare time, Mrs. Thomas loves spending time with her husband and three beautiful children, exercising, and reading.
Welcome all New Teachers and Staff

Ms. Sandra Diaz – School Secretary
Patricia Gentile – U.S. History
Colleen Hogan – Reading
Ellen Wilde – Language Arts

Julie Miner – Civics
Tracy Asby & Amy Jones – Art
Jackie Algire & Bryant Doricott – Math

Grace Bermudez – Interpreter

Eagles Have Champion DNA

Our Eagle athletics culture is built on student athletes who represent our entire community with integrity and a never-quit attitude. Our top rated Cheer squad is second to none, and our Lady Eagle Highsteppers dance team has crushed the competition for years! County Champion Basketball teams and Track squads are looking for new members this year. Pay close attention at the start of the school year as new procedures and try out start dates will be shared for all.

Congratulations
Highsteppers
Butts, Brynn
Crespo, Jaylene
Fider, Yesenia
Forsythe, Sage
Hernandez, Abigail
Knight, Lila
Lewis, Nicole
Luba, Gianna
Mayo, Analisa
Modugno, Devon
Rodriguez, Gabriella
Rouw, Natalie
Stewart, Reese
Swayze, Rilynn
Ward, Kate
Whiting, Isabella

Meet our new Lady
Eagles Cheer Squad!
Bautel, Audrey
Berger, Kaila
Carlson, Taylor
Fernandez, Isabel
Fider, Yesenia
Gaffney, Addison
Goslant, Nicole
Jeffreys, Emma
Letzinger, Emma
Martin, Jayla
Matthiesen, Rachel
Richman, Autumn
Robertson, Aubrey
Rosado, Nicole
Snyder, Taylor
Viegas, Maya

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