



## Who do I contact?

### Guidance Dept.

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### Attendance

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### Dean's Office

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### Partner in Education

#### Coordinator

Scott Rosenbaum Ext 5507

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Jennifer Zifer Ext 5513

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AP Mrs. Higham Ext 1009

AP Mr. Mannes Ext 5116



Central Middle School's vision is to empower students by promoting leadership through AVID practices.

## Welcome Back Letter

Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year. If you are a new 7<sup>th</sup> grade parent, I want to assure you that we are here to support you and your child through the "middle school" years. Welcome back to our 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents!

We are in our second year as an AVID school. AVID is a nationally recognized program to benefit all students in the learning process. As an AVID school, our teachers focus on AVID instructional strategies that benefit all students.

Our top priority is always student safety. Please make sure we have your most recent emergency contact information. We are required to conduct twenty safety drills throughout the year, most of which will be unannounced. I will communicate with you prior to the drill and when the drill is concluded. School safety is a responsibility we all share, students, administrators, teachers and parents. We expect our students who "See Something, Hear Something – Say Something"! Please monitor your child's social media regularly. Rumors and "drama" often begin on social media. Reviewing your child's text messages can help alleviate many issues. Our goal is to be proactive and guide students to make wise choices.

Another one of our goals this year is to build out extra-curricular programs. All research indicates that students who are involved in extra-curricular activities benefit greatly in their development. Teamwork, leadership and communication skills play an important role in adolescent growth. As I say to students regularly, our focus is to prepare your child for success in high school by helping to develop them academically, emotionally and socially. At Central, we are committed to helping students succeed and reach their goals. Thank you for investing in your child's education and your continued support.

Go Eagles! - T. Scheuerer, Principal.

## Adventure awaits for ALL our CMS students!

Central Middle School (CMS) is an AVID school; our CMS students will soar through the 2019-2020 academic year Advancing Via Individual Determination (AVID).

Our remarkable CMS staff partakes in continuous yearly AVID professional development to stay well-informed on best-researched teaching practices. The CMS staff develops standard-based lessons through meaningful Writing, Inquiry, Collaboration, Organization, and/or Reading (WICOR) learning experiences. It is through CMS's teacher's commitment, passion, and belief that all CMS students' will achieve the next step in achieving their career and college dreams. Every journey begins with a single step. CMS's first step towards AVID is to help support your child with the organization (WICOR).

All CMS will use their 3-inch, D-ring, binder as their school organizational tool. First, the binder should contain a 3-hole pencil pouch with a highlighter, pencils, blue/black pen, and an eraser. Next, should be 10-tabs, in order (Important Info, Math, English, History, Science, \*Elective, \*Elective, \*Elective, Binder Check, and Clubs/Activities). Please help ensure that your child's papers for each class are hole-punched and placed in the specific content tab.

An enormous thank you to all our Central Middle School student leaders that donated time this summer to prepare college signs throughout CMS and sending encouraging messages to our 13 CMS staff members that volunteered a week of their summer to become AVID certified. It is through your gratitude, passion, and dedication that we are establishing a schoolwide culture of "Limitless" opportunities. Lastly, thank you to our local community sponsor, 7Eleven, who donated pizza to our student volunteers over the summer. If you are interested in becoming an AVID tutor of volunteer please contact Jennifer Zifer, our avid coordinator @ [Zifer.Jennifer@brevardschools.org](mailto:Zifer.Jennifer@brevardschools.org).



"I was a teacher at Heritage High for the last nine years before arriving to Central, and prior to that I was an Indian River Lagoon naturalist at Brevard Zoo. I'm looking forward to joining the Central community. **Adapt and overcome!**"

### Deans Corner

Great start to the new school year! We really have enjoyed getting to know your students and appreciate everyone following the policies and procedures at Central! The safety and security of every single student is always our priority. If you are unsure about our policies, please refer to the **planner** or feel free to contact Mr. Mannes or Mrs. Higham.

**Reminders:** District dress code is enforced. Cell phones must be turned off and not be visible during the school day. All students must be inside each class by the tardy bell. Failure to meet these expectations will result in a dean's detention at **8:15 each Wednesday morning.**

Students are expected to discuss with their guidance counselor or the deans any issues they are having with other students. We are here to help them problem solve! Physical altercations will not be tolerated. We look forward to teaching your students how to make wise decisions!

## CMS featured in CET District Success story

Student certifications eclipsed the district average and raised **\$104,937** that return to the school for future tech



**Mrs. Donneta Hrkach** has been producing technologically advanced students at CMS for longer than some of us can remember. Now that she has paired with **Mr. Michael Berryman**, we possess an indispensable team of Tech-Educators that continue to define district success at, dare I say, heroic levels. According to Mrs. Hrkach, these courses don't just lend themselves to Middle School student success but, "...future success in EVERYTHING! IT skills are in short supply in our workforce and projected to grow in the future. Just because our students think they are great at working on a computer they are NOT proficient at using Microsoft Office products (Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Access) that can help them academically and professionally. Certification attainment, both Microsoft AND ICT Digital Tools, are associated with higher GPA, lower absenteeism, fewer disciplinary actions, lower dropout rate and greater enrollment in accelerated and STEM courses." When asked about student attitudes towards school she replied using the notion of *self-esteem* rather than *attitude* stating, "It is not unusual for students to fail an exam and then pass after a 20 day retraining period. Students who retake and pass the second or third time are especially proud of themselves. Lots of high fives around the room. Certificates are printed and students eagerly show off their accomplishment. The skills these students are learning are lifelong and carry over to all academic subjects."



Central Middle School is participating in a 20-Book Challenge again this year! Students are encouraged to read 20 different books over the course of the school year, with all sorts of prizes and rewards for students to keep them excited and reward those participating. To participate, students join a Google Classroom through their ELA teacher. From there, students respond to a short prompt for each chosen category. For more information, please see Ms. Edwards or Ms. Kerstetter in the Media Center, or ask your ELA teacher.



Students are responsible for their own personal property. Great care should be taken not to leave purses, jewelry, book bags, books, cell phones, etc., in places where they may be taken. Thefts should be reported immediately to the teacher or school resource officer. Students should never bring valuables or large amounts of money to school.

## Fall Athletics in Full Swing

Join our CMS Eagles on Tuesday when we open the season against the Southwest Bronco's and be sure to dress for our "White Out" game Thursday when we welcome Stone to the Eagles Nest for another thrilling episode in the South Area saga for County Championship rights!



**Defending Championship Boys Basketball** Brady Clark, Derrick Ingram, Elijah Reynolds, Tylor Moreno, Elias Wheeler, Zachary Emery-Foster, Kevaris Cohen, Etienne Aime, Ezechiel Aime, Andrew Young, Christian Berger, Landon Mallady, David Simpkins, Alreece Brown, Carter Zgonc Wyatt Votava, Victor Nardone, Nick Ramos. The Boys are lead by Coach Ryan and Coach Gent.

**New look Eagle Girls Team** Sophia Allender, Kennedy Arthurs, Kiara Clarke, Daymara Colbert, Alison Hayes, Brianna Hernandez, Vivian Huynh, Lauren Mallinger, Daylani Medina, Aphrodite Stevens, Ariaah Stroble, Rilynn Stuart, Kiera Wells.  
**Welcome Coach Boyce to the CMS Athletics family!**

**Eagles Cheer Squad** Audrey Bautel, Kaila Berger, Rekeya Blackmon, Abigail Bryant, Maddy Christy (CAPTAIN), Aniyjah Colon, Iyana Cook, Addie Derfuss, Demi Feiss, Grace Flieder, Addison Gaffney, Leah Hobbs, Emma Jeffreys, Emma Kushner, Emma Letzinger, Keilani Ramirez, Emily Rossi, Taylor Snyder, Kayley Tawney, Maya Viegas. The Girls are coached by Mrs. Rene Ambrose and Miss Shawna Ambrose.

**CMS Highsteppers Dance Team** Layan Albaraiki, Gracie Busing, Micaela Cosgrove, Isabella Cales, Channing Costello, Jaylene Crespo, Kyla Gress, Ava Hernandez, Cesilie Kadlec, Eva Langman, Lillian Lewis, Nicole Lewis, Irlanda Martinez, Devon Modugno, Katie Reilly, Alyssa Richardson, Natalie Rouw, Reese Stewart, Selena Valenzuela. The Highsteppers are coached by Mrs. Angie DeRoche.

## Best Buddies Program comes to Central Middle



Lucy Gallo (left) pairs with new Best Buddy D.J. and says that, "Although this is very new to all of us, we've begun to work and respond together, and have a lot of fun! Learning to work with students with disabilities is rewarding and I'm encouraged to do more work like this in the future."



This year begins a new chapter at CMS as our "Rising Stars" program pairs with students across campus to blend students with disabilities into elective classrooms. Volunteer students are paired with students of all exceptionalities to bring Art and Physical Education alive. Together they will explore opportunities to lean with peers and coaches who celebrate their abilities in new and creative ways that truly enhance the culture we wish to share with our community. That is a culture of love, sacrifice, hard work, and justice.

## Bullying @ CMS

...Here at Central Middle School, we do not allow any form of bullying. We attempt to stop any issue before it becomes a problem. Please assure your student that they can talk to a guidance counselor, teacher or administrator if they are being bullied and it will be addressed. Remember, Conflict management is taught to students and they are expected to practice responsible decision-making strategies. We will help your child problem solve conflict and investigate any conflict. Students found guilty of bullying will have consequences

## Bike Helmets

All students who ride a bike to and/or from school are required by law to wear a bicycle helmet. Our own West Melbourne Police Department have emphasized their intention to enforce this law throughout the school year.



## FREE SCHOOL BREAKFAST

Brevard Public School provides a free breakfast to all students. The School Breakfast Program promotes the increased consumption of high quality, nutritious, agricultural products from Florida. Please remind your student to stop by the school cafeteria for a healthy, free school breakfast at 9:00am.



## SAC Committee

Liz Bowen

James Kelly

Mark Mallak

Scott Rosenbaum

Jennifer Zifer

SAC meets with all appropriate stakeholders. Admin, Teachers, Parents, Students and Community leaders to discuss the direction and facilitation of CMS Policies during the year.

8 a.m. in the Media Center

Thursday, Aug. 29<sup>th</sup>

Thursday, Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>



## CMS Basketball Schedule 2019

Tuesday 9/10 – Vs. Southwest

Thursday 9/12 – Vs. Stone

Tuesday 9/17 - @ DeLaura

Thursday 9/19 - @ Johnson

Tuesday 9/24 – Vs. Hoover

Thursday 9/26 - @ Southwest

Tuesday 10/01 – Vs. DeLaura

Thursday 10/03 - @ Stone

Tuesday 10/08 - @ Hoover

Thursday 10/10 – Vs. Johnson

*Girls play first on Tuesdays, approximately 5:30 pm tip.*

*Boys will play first on Thursdays.*

*Playoffs begin 10/15!*

## CMS Spirit Week



### Each Day will have a different Theme:

(Must be Dress Code appropriate)

**Monday, Sept 9<sup>th</sup> – Twin Day**

**Tues, Sept 10<sup>th</sup> – Disney Day**

(No Masks or full costumes, it's not Halloween!)

**Wed, Sept 11<sup>th</sup> – All American Day**

(Wear Red, White, and Blue)

**Thurs, Sept 12<sup>th</sup> – Red and White Spirit Day**

(8<sup>th</sup> Grade Wear Red, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Wear White)

**Fri, Sept 13<sup>th</sup> – Team Day** (College, Pro, Local...)



ALL Students are engaged in

Reading Plus Testing.

We strive to track students reading

skill as they progress through the

year so that we may focus on

support and strategies that may

assist specific readers as they

journey through their academic

career.

## ATTENDANCE POLICY

**A student who is absent more than nine (9) days within a semester is in jeopardy of not receiving a passing grade for that semester. Excused absences include:**

### 1. Court Dates

**2. Illness** with medical documentation, *which are turned in within 5 school days after returning from absence.*

**3.** If your child is absent without a medical excuse, a parent must send a note for documentation of the absence, but please know that a parent note still counts toward the nine days, but changes the absence from unexcused to parent note.

**4. Chronic or Extended Illness:**  
\* The form is available through the school clinic and *must be completed every year.*

\* The form must be completed by your doctor and the county nursing supervisor for your school.

## Semester Exam Dates and Reminders

**All students are required to be present for semester exams unless they've received Administrative approval.**

### Sem #1 Exam Days:

Wed-Fri, Dec 18-20

### Sem #2 Exam Days:

Tues-Thurs, May 26-28

**Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup> 2020 is the last day for students.**

1<sup>st</sup> Interim ends 9/11,  
secondary posted 9/16

1<sup>st</sup> 9 Weeks ends 10/11,  
secondary posted 10/16

Wed 10/23, **Middle School Conference Night**

2<sup>nd</sup> Interim ends 11/15,  
secondary posted 11/20

2<sup>nd</sup> 9 Week grades posted  
on FOCUS 1/13

*Do you want to work in the school clinic? We are looking for Licensed Practical Nurses and Health Support Technicians.*



*If interested in a part time position please call the School Health Office at 321-454-7134*



**CMS Picture Day is Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup>!**

*Retakes will be on October 24<sup>th</sup>*

## CLASSROOM INTERRUPTIONS

All deliveries of books, clothing, money and messages will be made through the front office. Administration will deliver items to students during their scheduled lunch time ONLY. Students will not be called from the classroom.

Outside food and flowers from vendors are not acceptable items and *will not be held for students*. The Central Middle School Administration, Faculty, and Staff value classroom instructional time. We know that your child's learning time is also important to you and we appreciate your cooperation.

## Spirit Dance

Friday, Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>

3:15 – 5:30 p.m.

Casual Dress – Must Adhere to School Dress Code Policies.



Tickets will be on Sale Wednesday Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> – Friday Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> during ALL Lunch Periods.

**\$5 Cash!**

NO Tickets will be sold after school or at the Door!

Concessions will be available: \$1 - \$2 per item

*Pizza*

*Candy*

*Soda*



Photo Booth is included with Ticket Price!



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