



Central
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Newsletter

Eagles Nest

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WELCOME BACK EAGLES!

We are **SUPER** excited to welcome all our students back to school this year. This year we will be focusing on **UNMASKING OUR SUPERPOWERS**. At Central, we believe that every student has a special ability. By embracing our diversity and fostering an environment that allows each student to build on their strengths and learn to navigate through challenges, we believe we can help students reach their highest potential.

Like any good superhero, we understand the value of teamwork. Collaboration between families and the school is vital in ensuring the success of all our students. We want to hear from you in how we can support you at home. Please complete this form to provide us with important feedback:

Sincerely, *Heather Smith*



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Google Apps - Share



Central Middle Home



Google Classroom

When utilizing Launchpad at home students will use

Studentnumber@st.brevardschools.org and have already reset their Passwords.

Teachers may unlock a student account only once a day so it's important that they know and use their account often. A good practice is to sit at least one evening each week and review their launchpad with them. View Grades in FOCUS, updates in their Google Classrooms, and have them show you new programs or apps that they've been using in different classes during the school day.

(Students will use their student number - do not type student number - if you need support, our school website has troubleshooting documents, or you can reach out to teachers and staff for more tech support)

Keep in mind that **FOCUS** is still our **District tool for grade reporting and communications**. All attendance and discipline will be logged in the program this year. To gain access, please use the mobile app or secure your log in credentials from our administrators. FOCUS is a direct line to your student's progress reports, interims, report cards, classes, and teachers. Please make this a check-in point, each week, with your students at home. They can show you everything!



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

AVID is an inspired program built to enable student Advancement Via Individual Determination. (AVID) Get it?! WE are AVID Whole School. There aren't AVID and Non-AVID students. There are groups of students who have an AVID Elective to promote college and career readiness skills. They are supported by our AVID coordinator, James Kelly, and AVID Instructors Lisa Dahl and Katrina Neill.

AVID binders and strategies are used throughout campus to support our mission statement and establish learning as our top priority for each student at CMS!

Why AVID Binders?

Less Wasted Time

- Everything is in place
- No more digging in backpacks

Less Lost Work

- Nothing is loose
- Backpacks are clean

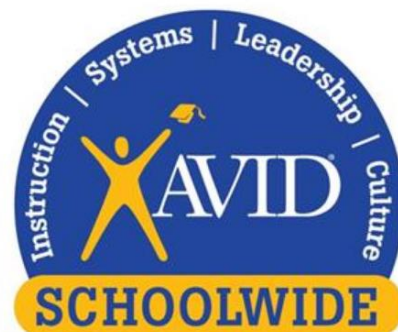
Less Stress

- Students know where everything is

All students with the same system

- They can help each other

Life Skills



WE WALK THE WALK



Please meet our new Deans! Mr. Terry Haus and Ms. Jonna Karikas. Each were selected to provide the service to our community that we need, and they share a vision together. Mr. Haus stated, "I strive to provide our community with the servanthood that anyone in the public sector sets out to do. Educating our youth has never been more important than it is today. Fostering and equipping these young minds to be contributing members of society can only better the community as a whole. We live in this community and love to be a part of its natural diversity." Ms. Karikas added, "My goal is to help all students achieve their aspirations and goals. My passion is preparing students for life after high school graduation whether that is attending college or finding the right career."

Our School *is beginning its "unmasking" and when asked who they identify with or why they replied:*

Mr. Haus – "The Dark Knight (Batman) – Although a vigilante, sometimes servanthood must be taken into our own hands, and most of the time it is done so behind the scenes, without recognition. Once Bruce Wayne dons the capped crusader's costume, he humbly assists those in need seeking nothing but justice and civility for members of his community. I can relate to this mentality; we don't enter education for fortune and fame. We enter it to help guide future citizens of society to be knowledgeable and contributing members for a better tomorrow."

Ms. Karikas – "I chose Superman because both his strength and excellent hearing allows him to help others. I studied education in college because I knew I wanted to help others and make a difference."

Initiatives

- **Continued adherence to non-cell phone use**
- **Appropriate clothing for school as a safety concern**
- **Being on time to class, 3 tardies will result in a detention**
- **Importance of keeping our hands to ourselves, BPS has zero tolerance for this**
- **Detentions are every Wednesday 8:15-9:00AM, 3:15-4:00PM, or during lunch**
- **No shows to detention will result in ½ day In School Suspension**



Attention Eagle Athletes!

Middle School Athletics has received an upgrade!

Basketball competition will now be in the Fall. Tryouts begin August 29th. Boys begin at 7:30am in the gym and Girls will start immediately following dismissal at 4:30 in the gym. All student athletes must meet the requirements of FHSAA competition by completing their sports physical (forms on website), be academically eligible and of the appropriate age. All can tryout with the proper documentation. Teams will be announced by the end of the week at our coach's discretion.

Winter Athletics are introduced for the first time in a long while. Soccer and Volleyball are going to begin as "intermural" clubs for boys and girls. We are receiving brand new equipment and looking for more students who want to be a part of our community, something bigger than themselves.

Track and Field will now shift back to the **Spring**, and we will have updated information after the first semester ends. Please note, all physical forms are required for each school year and will enable student athletes to compete all year long. Having a renewed sports physical may take time with your pediatrician, so please plan ahead. Some local walk-in clinics and chiropractors may conduct the exam if you ask around.

FAST assessments are computer-adaptive tests taken on a computer or tablet. The questions get easier or more difficult depending on how the student responds, and each student will see different questions from a common item bank. Each test attempt (PM1, PM2, and PM3) will present 35–40 items that will cover the entire test "blueprint," meaning students will encounter items representative of the standards within the subject or grade level. For more information on the test design, please visit <https://www.fldoe.org/accountability/assessments/k-12-student-assessment/best/>. If you or your student would like to interact with the online testing platform or review FAST Reading and Mathematics sample items at home, sample test materials are available at <https://flfast.org/families.html>.

✓ Eradicates Common Core from our classrooms

✓ Builds upon Florida's school accountability by meeting the needs of and empowering educators, parents and students

✓ Focuses on real time results to drive decisions that set everyone up for success before it's too late



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