



WE ARE CENTRAL CYCLONE SCOPE

Jan 11th - 14th, 2021

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

I want to thank all parents and students for your response to online learning. The staff at Central Middle School are grateful that we have such a phenomenal community that has worked together to ensure a continued and genuine learning experience for our students. The result has been that we have had excellent attendance and engagement across the board. I also want to acknowledge our awesome staff (teachers, EAs and Support Staff) for the work they have put in to create a smooth transition to virtual learning.

With the Government of Alberta's announcement of a return to in-person learning beginning Monday, our staff will be ready to welcome our students back into our building - Grades 6, 7 and 8.

The following is important information for students and parents in advance of Monday, January 11th:

- A representative from Alberta Health Services (AHS) toured our school in December and confirmed that CMS is meeting or exceeding all AHS recommended safety precautions. We will continue our enhanced cleaning protocols, hand sanitation, mask requirements and many other changes that were implemented at the beginning of the school year as the health and safety of our students and staff continues to be a top priority.
- Our school is a safe environment for all our staff and students and therefore our expectation is that students will be returning to in person learning at CMS on Monday. We will not be operating a hybrid model of delivery beginning on Monday. Lesson delivery will not be live streamed beginning on Monday. Students in class will be given full attention while students who remain home will find their Google Classroom updated with the day's instructions at the end of the school day. This will change if a group of students are isolated due to COVID.
- We will begin Monday with a 30 minute Homeroom class (8:15 - 8:45 am), so that all students receive a consistent REFRESH message of all COVID Safety precautions while at CMS.

January 11 Refresh - Parents

- Term 2 Timetables will be distributed in the Homeroom. Term 2 will run from January 11th until March 12th. The length of the term will be 38 school days and will be split in two (19 straight days of Day A Options, and then 19 straight

Day B Option days). Note - the reasoning behind the change is to lower the cohort size for students (2 option classes instead of 4 options).

- Option changes can only be made on Tuesday during grade specific option time. Students wishing to change an option are required to pick up an option change form at the office on Monday, have a parent sign it, and then return it for Tuesday. As the term is shorter due to lost option days because of virtual learning, we are putting the responsibility on students to be efficient.
- Another change: PE, going forward will now be operated in a cohorted group. Generally, we have 2 PE classes operating at the same time, so we have split them into 2 cohort groups based on a homeroom grouping. Numerous students have been affected by this change, and once they arrive at their PE class, they will be sorted to reflect the changes.
- We have made the above changes to our cohorts to decrease the number of students affected by a positive COVID case; the number of students affected will be reduced by approximately 30-40%.
- Keep your child home if they have had risk of exposure or are exhibiting symptoms. We encourage families to remain vigilant and use the [Daily Health Checklist](#) before sending your child to school each morning. Students who develop symptoms during the school day will be removed from class and parents will be contacted for immediate pickup.

Thank you for your continued support. We are truly looking forward to the return of students to Central Middle School.

Darrin DeMale
Principal

CMS families,

Thank you for your engagement during our period of online learning! Central Middle School was happy to provide technology in the form of Chromebooks during our period of online schooling for every student in Grades 6-8 who required one.

As we return to in-person-learning on Monday, January 11, we require our technology to be returned by all students who borrowed Chromebooks. Red Deer Public School District mandates these Chromebooks to be returned, with the cord, on Monday, January 11 when school returns. This is critical for ensuring our access to technology within the school for in-person learning.

Students who are not returning to CMS in-person are not permitted to keep a CMS Chromebook; these must also be returned on Monday to the school.

Thank you for your cooperation with this!
Nathan Good
Vice-Principal



Did you travel outside of Canada during the Christmas Break? If so, please contact the school to inform us of return dates and COVID test results. This information will assist us in planning for your student to return to school.



With in-person learning resuming Monday, January 11th, please remember to do the following screening with your student(s) prior to sending them to school each morning:

[COVID 19 Alberta Health Daily Checklist For Children Under 18](#)

Click this [LINK](#) for the flowchart indicating what to do if your student is sick.

Click this [LINK](#) for the new school re-entry online assessment tool.

PLEASE INFORM THE SCHOOL IF YOUR STUDENT TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID-19, OR IF THEY HAVE BEEN A CLOSE CONTACT OF A POSITIVE CASE OF COVID-19 (all information shared will remain confidential)



NO SCHOOL FRIDAY, JANUARY 15TH: STAFF LEARNING DAY

REMINDER TO PARENTS TO CLICK THIS LINK TO YOUR [PARENT POWERSCHOOL ACCOUNT](#) AND LOGIN TO SEE UPDATES ON YOUR STUDENT'S ASSIGNMENTS AND ASSESSMENTS.

[HEALTHY HUNGER HOT LUNCH!](#)

***JANUARY HOT LUNCH HAS BEEN CANCELLED AND WE HAVE REQUESTED FOR HEALTHY HUNGER TO REFUND CUSTOMERS.**

- Memphis Blues BBQ - Monday, February 22 (order deadline: Feb 17th)
- Chopped Leaf - Monday, March 22nd (order deadline: March 17th)
- Quiznos - Monday, April 19th (order deadline: April 14th)
- The Pizza Boxx - Monday, May 17th (order deadline: May 12th)

Counseling Corner and Resource Information

Karen Sveinson - School Counselor - 403-304-4559, Mon-Wed and some Thurs, 8:30am-3pm.

Available by phone, text or google hangouts. In person appointments, during option blocks, resume when students return to school Monday, Jan 11th.

Kersten Johnson - Community Liaison Worker - 403-350-4577, 8am to 4pm on weekdays.

Available for video, phone, google hangouts and in person appointments, during option blocks.

Thank You to our Community Sponsors!

Thank you to the following sponsors who made Christmas joyful for many of our families this year.

Mustard Seed: Providing food

The Red Deer Christmas Bureau: Providing gifts

McMann: Family Connection kits

Parent Information, Resources and Webinars

The Community Education Service (CES) Free, public [education sessions](#) on child and youth emotional wellness and health topics. Visit [Current Sessions](#) for a complete list of sessions available.

Live Scheduled Webinars:

- Managing Anxiety within the COVID-19 World: January 19th 1:00pm-3:00pm. Visit [this page](#) to register. Registration is required to participate in the live webinar.
- Mindfulness: Supporting Your Child's Social and Emotional Well-being:

January 14th 6:30pm-8:30 pm. Visit [this page](#) to register to participate in the live webinar.

McMan Family Resource Network

- Family Connection Kits, Anxiety kits & craft kits. Contact Kendal.Buxton@mcmancentral.ca
- Parents with Children ages 0-6, contact Natasha Wilton, Natasha.Wilton@mcmancentral.ca 403-896-6401
- Youth Programs, ages 7-18, contact Kendal Buxton, Kendal.Buxton@mcmancentral.ca 403-896-4131
- Parent Education Programs: Michelle Simon, Michelle.Simon@mcmancentral.ca 403-896-5348

Food Insecurity:

Salvation Army Backpack Program:

The Salvation Army provides a bag of snacks and small individual meals. This program is for families experiencing food insecurity. Please contact Kersten Johnson for more information.

Mustard Seed Lunch Program:

The Mustard Seed provides lunches for students whose family struggles with food insecurity at home. This program ensures students have lunch for students attending in-school classes.

Resources

Indigenous Support for Student Learning

A project for Indigenous Students across Canada with limited financial resources. You can fill out an application for a student of any age in formal education (at school or at home) to receive a laptop and accessories to assist with continuing education. Click this [LINK](#) to see if you qualify to apply.

Telus Internet for Good

Internet for \$9.95 a month for 24 months. Available to PWD and AISH recipients and extended to families in need. Click this [LINK](#) for more information.