

NEWSLETTER



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A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPALS DESK

It sure is hard to believe that the school year is half-way over! I would like to wish all of our students the best of luck in the new semester. I would also like to remind both students and parents about our "Structured Support" program – a program that was put in place to help facilitate student success. Structured support is run every noon in room 102 (Ms Litt's room). Students who need some extra help or a quiet place to work on homework are welcome to attend this program – all they need to do is show up and tell Ms Litt that they are there to work! Students who have had difficulty meeting the due date for an assignment are assigned to Structured Support by their teacher and are given the option of attending at noon, where they can receive some help, or getting the assignment done on their own . . . by the next class; incomplete assignments can quickly take their toll on a student's average. If you should have any questions about your student's progress, I encourage you to contact the teacher. Open communication between the home and the school is one of the best ways to help ensure student success. Please feel free to call 693-4691 and leave a message for one of our teachers or email them at last.name.firstname@prairiesouth.ca . As always, please don't hesitate to contact me if you ever have any questions, concerns or suggestions. Sincerely, Trevor Smith, Principal.

THANK YOU

We would like to congratulate all of our winter teams on their successes to date. We also want to extend a great big thank you to all coaches for volunteering to provide these opportunities for our students. We would also like to acknowledge the excellent work of the music department during the winter concert season. We are proud of the work you do as ambassadors of Central Collegiate.

BALLROOM DANCING

Students from Central began ballroom dancing lessons on Wednesday, January 16 at "Combinations in Dance" studio on Fairford Street. The first class will run for nine weeks, but if there is enough interest another class may be offered. For parents who might be interested, adult classes are also available. Call Ms. Veer at 693-4691



Staff PD Day

On Friday, January 25th, the teaching staff from Central attended a professional learning day at the Moose Jaw Public Library. The staff participated in a work shop, conducted by Mr. Smith and Mr. Swanson, designed to reacquaint them with the vision, mission and guiding principles of both the school and the school division. They also worked on developing a school wide plan aimed at assisting students to improve their problem solving skills. With this school wide plan we will be striving to improve our school's performance on the application and problem solving questions part of the Ministry of Education's Mathematics Assessment.



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CENTRAL COLLEGIATE SCHOOL CALENDAR

<u>Semester Two</u>			
Friday, February 15	Professional Learning Community Meeting - no classes	Wednesday, April 9	Mid term report cards issued
Monday, February 18	Family Day Holiday	Thursday, April 10	Parent-Teacher Interviews (6:30-8:30pm)
Mon. & Tues., February 25 & 26	Teacher's Convention	Friday, April 11	Parent-Teacher Interviews (9 am to noon) no classes all day
Wed. to Fri., February 27, 28, 29	Spring Break	Monday, May 19	Victoria Day Holiday
Monday, March 3	Classes Resume	Friday, June 20	Last Day of Classes for Semester Two
Friday, March 14	Professional Learning Community Meeting - no classes	Monday, June 23	Semester two exams begin
Friday, March 21	Good Friday Holiday	Thursday, June 26	Semester two exams conclude
Mon. to Fri., March 24 to March 28	Easter Holidays (no classes)	Friday, June 27	Graduation Cap and Gown Ceremony
Monday, March 31	Classes Resume	Saturday, June 28	Grand March, Graduation Banquet and After Grad Activities
Friday, April 4	All Schools Dance	Monday, June 30	Final Report Cards Issued

CENTRAL COLLEGIATE'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY

The 100th Anniversary website is now in operation. Log onto www.cci100.com to register as an alumnus and to find out more about the 100th Anniversary Reunion.



SCHOOL FEES ARE NOW OVERDUE! PLEASE HAVE YOUR STUDENT BRING THEIR FEES TO THE OFFICE TODAY. POST-DATED CHEQUES WILL BE ACCEPTED.

Drug Education Begins At Home

Created by Centre of Addictions and Mental Health

Drug use is part of everyday life. Sometimes we forget that cough syrup, headache pills, alcohol and tobacco are drugs. Children learn about drugs in school, from other kids and on television, but what we do in our own homes is the beginning of drug education.

You are your children's most important teacher. Your words and actions help shape their ideas about alcohol and other drugs.

The first few years of life are important in building good values, self-esteem and the skills needed to prevent the misuse of alcohol and other drugs.

We have to start talking with our children about all sorts of things, including drugs, when they're very young. We need to give them clear and consistent messages about what's expected of them. Children need rules and limits.

Children are naturally curious and should be encouraged to ask questions about what they see around them. We let our children know they're important when we listen carefully to their questions. Simple, direct answers often satisfy them.

Young children also learn by watching you and others. Has your child ever picked up a beer bottle, asked for a pill to feel better or pretended to smoke a cigarette? Children copy what they see. Think about your actions and what they may mean.

Submitted by: Moose Jaw-South Central Region Drug Strategy

Cell Phone Reminder



Cell phones at school are often a source of unneeded interruptions and distractions. Therefore, we would like to remind parents that Central Collegiate does not permit the use of phones during instructional time. Below is a copy of the cell phone policy from our school handbook:

- Cell phone use is not permitted during the instructional part of the day both on and off school property (Field trip, etc.). This includes all class times and break times except for the lunch hour. Cell phones are to shut-off and are to be out-of-sight during such times.
- Use of cell phones for field trips and sporting events during school hours will be at the discretion of the sponsor/coach.
- The school will not be responsible for loss, damage, or theft of any electronic device brought to school.
- A first violation of the policy will result in the cell phone being confiscated for a time period as determined by the teacher or school administration. A second violation of the policy will result in the cell phone being returned only to a parent or after 7 days. A third violation will be considered non-compliance with school regulations and dealt with according to the Education Act.

As with any of our school practices, please contact us with your questions or comments.

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