



Central Collegiate Newsletter



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Back to School!

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Dear Parents and Caregivers:

Welcome to the 2009-2010 School Year at Central Collegiate! I extend a special welcome to those students and parents new to our school and to the community of Moose Jaw.

At Central, we take pride in a rich history of excellence in addition to preparing our students for life in the 21st Century. We are committed to offering:

1. A safe and caring learning environment,
2. Effective instructional practice with a clear focus on student learning and,
3. A well-rounded extra-curricular program.

We have an experienced staff who care about our students and believe in offering the best instructional and assessment practices for students. We want students and parents to understand that Central is a great place and that school work is an important priority. We maintain high expectations for students and will hold them accountable for their behaviour. All issues of drugs, bullying and violence will be investigated. It is our belief students learn best within a safe and caring learning environment.

There are numerous activities in which students can engage at Central. Extra-curricular activities ranging from athletics to fine arts, yearbook and student leadership serve to enhance high school learning experiences. We strongly encourage extra-curricular involvement as such participation forms the foundation of positive relationships and life-long memories.

Earlier this week, you should have received paperwork and information related to school fees, student health and appropriate use of school computers. Please read, sign and return these to the school by September 10. We look forward to working with your child(ren) and look forward to meeting you. If at any time you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school at 693-4691.

Sincerely,
Mr. S. Williamson

STUDENT FEES

Student Fees for the 2009/2010 school year are as follows:

\$50 fee which covers the cost of the yearbook and student activities throughout the year.

\$20 textbook fee for new students. This fee is refunded upon graduation or when a student leaves if the student's textbooks and library books are all returned.



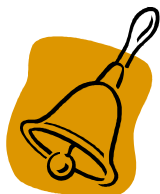
Locks are \$5 each. Grade Nine students will require two locks—one for their daily locker and one for their phys ed locker. Students are not required to purchase locks from the school.

Agendas are \$6 each. Grade Nine students and students new to Central Collegiate receive their first one at no charge.

Please remit the student fees as soon as possible. Please make your cheques payable to Central Collegiate. Post-dated cheques will be accepted—please highlight the date or attach a note. Receipts will be issued upon request only.

SCHOOL BELLS

- 8:40 Warning Bell—classrooms open
- 8:45 Announcements/ Attendance/ Period 1 begins
- 9:50 Period 1
- 9:55 Period 2 begins
- 10:55 Period 2 ends/ Long Break
- 11:05 Period 3 begins
- 12:05 Period 3 ends/ Lunch
- 1:05 Warning Bell—classrooms open
- 1:10 Period 4 begins
- 2:10 Period 4 ends
- 2:15 Period 5 begins
- 3:15 Classes dismissed



SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The Council's first meeting will take place Wednesday, September 2nd at 5:30 p.m. in the Meeting Room, Room 211. Supper will be provided.

STUDENT ATTENDANCE

We ask if your child is absent from school that you notify the main office as soon as possible. The school's voice mail is active 24 hours a day. If you are unable to notify the school please send a signed note with your child upon their return to school.

Students who are marked absent from one or more classes during the day and have not had their absence cleared by a note or phone call may receive a call from the school automated phone message system.

Should you have any questions regarding your child's attendance please contact the vice principal.

OPEN FORUM FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS

The Student Support Services Open Forum is an opportunity for you to tell the Ministry of Education your thoughts about the strengths and challenges of student support services in our province that may include topics such as: intense supports (special education); personal program plans; students whose first language is not English; early childhood intervention programs; policies for students in residential treatment centres; successful transitions for youth in custody; and caring and respectful schools.

Parents/guardians and students are invited to attend one of two forums: October 15th in Saskatoon or October 16th in Regina. The day begins with a continental breakfast at 8:30 a.m. followed by discussions from 9:15 to 3:30 p.m. There is a maximum of 100 participants at each location, so register early. To register, visit the Ministry of Education website: www.education.gov.sk.ca or call Student Support Services Branch: 306-787-1183.

Please visit us @ www.centralcollegiate.ca for up to the minute CCI news.

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CENTRAL COLLEGIATE SCHOOL CALENDAR

Semester One

Wednesday, September 2 School Community Council Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
 Monday, September 7 Labour Day (no school)
 Tues. to Fri., September 8 to 11 Welcome Week
 Friday, September 11 CCI Dance
 Friday, September 18 PLC Day (no classes)
 Friday, September 25 Teacher Convention (no classes)
 Friday, October 2 Report Card One Issued
 Wednesday, October 7 School Community Council Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
 Monday, October 12 Thanksgiving Day Holiday
 Thursday, October 22 Student- Parent-Teacher Conferences (6:30-8:30pm)
 Friday, October 23 Student- Parent-Teacher Conferences (9:00am-12:00pm)
 Wednesday, November 4 School Community Council Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
 Thursday, November 5 Achievement Award Ceremony
 Wednesday, November 11 Remembrance Day Holiday
 Friday, November 13 Report Card Two Issued
 Friday, November 20 PLC Day (no classes)
 Wednesday, December 2 School Community Council Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
 Friday, December 4 Preparation Day (no classes)
 Friday, December 18 Last Day of Classes
 December 19 - January 4 Christmas Break (no classes)
 Monday, January 4 Preparation Day (no classes)
 Tuesday, January 5 PLC Day (no classes)
 Wednesday, January 6 Classes Resume
 Wednesday, January 6 School Community Council Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
 Friday, January 22 Last Day of Semester One
 Monday, January 25 Semester One Exams Begin
 Thursday, January 28 Semester One Exams Conclude
 Friday, January 29 School In-Service (no classes)

Semester Two

Monday, February 1 Semester Two Begins 8:45 a.m.
 Wednesday, February 3 Report Card Three Issued
 Wednesday, February 3 School Community Council Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
 Mon. to Fri., February 15 to 19 Spring Break
 Monday, February 22 Classes Resume
 Friday, February 26 Convention Day (no classes)
 Wednesday, March 3 School Community Council Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
 Friday, March 19 Report Card Four Issued
 Wednesday, March 31 Student- Parent-Teacher Conferences (6:30-8:30pm)
 Thursday, April 1 Student- Parent-Teacher Conferences (9:00am-12:00pm)
 Friday, April 2 Good Friday Holiday
 Mon. to Fri., Apr 5 to 9 Easter Holidays (no classes)
 Monday, April 12 Classes Resume
 Wednesday, April 14 School Community Council Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
 Friday, April 16 All School Dance
 Thursday, April 29 *Central's Official 100th Birthday*
 Wednesday, May 5 School Community Council Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
 Friday, May 7 Report Card Five Issued
 Monday, May 24 Victoria Day Holiday
 Wednesday, June 2 School Community Council Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
 Tuesday, June 22 Last Day Semester Two
 Wednesday, June 23 Semester Two Exams Begin
 Monday, June 28 Semester Two Exams Conclude
 Tuesday, June 29 Report Card Six Issued Graduation - Cap and Gown Ceremony
 TBA Graduation Banquet & Grand March

CELL PHONES IN THE SCHOOL



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.

Positive Ticketing Initiative in Moose Jaw and South Central Area

What is it? The Positive Ticketing project, which began in Moose Jaw on July 1st 2009, aims to promote positive interactions between youth and the community, while reducing incidents of negative youth behaviour through positive reinforcement.

How It Works? Positive Tickets are issued to youth. It is based around the notion of recognizing youth for good behavior, good deeds, and positive actions. The Positive Ticket is a simply a coupon, voucher, token, or note, that has value for goods, services or some type of credit, acknowledgement or appreciation.

What are the benefits? Other centers report a 40% decrease in youth crime after only 3 years of joining the program.

- Builds trusting and visible relationships between police and youth
- Youth are recognized for their positive contribution – positive reinforcement
- Alternative solutions to kids “hanging out on the streets”
- Cost effective – local businesses donate coupons and vouchers



For more information visit www.positivetickets.com

WELCOME WEEK AT CENTRAL COLLEGIATE

During the week of September 8 to 11, Moose Jaw High Schools will be hosting “Welcome Week”. Welcome week is intended to welcome our grade nines and students new to our school. Because your child’s personal well-being is important, we want to inform you that older students will sometime host their own “Welcome” party. These parties are not sanctioned by Central Collegiate or any other Moose Jaw High School. These parties (usually within the first three weeks of school) are not suitable for Grade 9’s. In the past, paddling and getting the “Freshie” drunk have been part of the evening. Ultimately, after-school activities are the decision of the parent but we wanted to give you a “heads up” and an opportunity to discuss with your child what may be occurring in their lives. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the office at 693-4691.

SLC WELCOME WEEK ACTIVITIES

Welcome back to Central everyone! To get back into the swing of things the SLC has a few Welcome Week activities planned.

Tuesday, September 8—Beach Day! Pizza and fruit punch will be sold at lunch for \$2.00.

Wednesday, September 9—Plaid Day! There will be a pancake breakfast from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. in the student lounge.

Thursday, September 10—House Team Day! Alpha, Delta, Kappa and Sigma House Leagues will dress up in their team color. Watch for posters to see which House Team you are on. There will be a Gymblast in the afternoon for all students.

Friday, September 11 - Red and Gold Day! School Dance. Listen for the announcements for cost and more details.



Please join our parents’ mailing list at www.centralcollegiate.ca

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