



## County Central High School

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Dear parents and guardians:

To our new families, welcome! And to our returning families, welcome back! We hope you all had a good summer. As the start of the new school year approaches, I would like to share some information with you about this year's start-up. In an effort to help our new students ease into the building, we will once again be having a staggered start to the school year:

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| <b>→ Grades 7 &amp; 10</b>     | <b>Tuesday, September 5th</b>   |
| <b>→ All Students in Class</b> | <b>Wednesday, September 6th</b> |

Over the first few days of school, we will be handing out schedules, assigning locks and lockers, supporting students with accessing the wifi for their Chromebooks, and spending some time reviewing expectations. Upon arrival at the school during the first two days, students are asked to report to the CRC. Once we are all settled, we will chat with the students, introduce staff members, and hand out timetables. Once they have received their schedules students will be directed to their first period class and will follow their schedules for the remainder of the day.

Any students in Grades 10-12 wishing to make a timetable change or needing to fill empty blocks are asked to pick up a Course Change Request Form from the Main Office, complete the form, and hand it in. Students will then be called down one at a time to meet with an administrator. This same process applies to students wishing to enroll in an online course through Palliser Beyond Borders. For the sake of accurate student counts, we request that students waiting for a course change attend the classes that are listed on their schedules until a new schedule has been provided.

I would like to take this opportunity to let you know about some changes we are making to our operations this year. Firstly, we are continuing to offer our CHAT block (Community-Building, Homework, and Tutorial) Monday through Thursday during the period before lunch. This change has been made in consultation with students, parents, and staff. CHAT exemptions will no longer be available to Grade 12 students. However, we do have a plan whereby students in Grades 10-12 can be exempted if they are able to show that they are earning credits elsewhere during that block (i.e. Work Experience). This will be discussed in further detail once students are back in school.

Secondly, cell phones are no longer permitted in classrooms. Phones must be in lockers from 8:30 am - 12:05 pm and from 12:55 pm - 3:30 pm (No Cells Between Bells). All students will be assigned a lock

and locker, and the expectation will be that they use them. Locks used for school lockers must be provided by the school - students are not permitted to bring their own locks to school. We strongly encourage all students to lock their lockers in order to keep their belongings safe and secure.

Lastly, we will once again be using Edsby as our main tool for communication this year, so I highly encourage all parents and guardians to ensure you are signed up and that you have your notifications turned on. Edsby will be the portal where you can view student marks, enter absences, and message teachers directly. This is also where you will find classroom and school-wide information and announcements.

We have two new staff members joining our team this year:

- *Mr. Jon Harty will be teaching Senior Social Studies*
- *Ms. Kristen Suderman will be taking over the position of Family School Liaison Counselor*

Please join me in welcoming our new staff members to our school community!

Please note that the school will be open beginning on August 29th. Our updated school calendar and bell schedule can be found on the school's [website](#), and the updated School Handbook will be posted shortly. I sincerely appreciate your help with getting the new year underway. If you have any questions about our 2023-2024 school start up, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Sincerely,

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**Helpful Links from our Website:**

[School Calendar](#)

[Bell Schedule](#)

[Junior & Senior High Supply Lists](#)

[School Handbook](#)