



County Central High School

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Dear parents and guardians:

It is with great excitement we welcome new and returning families to the 2024-25 school year. We can't wait for the journey to begin! We hope you had a restful and engaging summer, filled with family, friends and fun. We are ready to partner together - teachers, administrators, support staff, students and families - to build an amazing year. We invite you to reach out and connect with our new Administrators and school staff, as we continue to build a supportive community. As the start of the new school year approaches, we 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:

→ **Grades 7 & 10**

Tuesday, September 3rd

→ **All Students in Class**

Wednesday, September 4th

Our school theme this year is “Reach for the Stars”, with a focus on Respect for People, Respect for Learning, and [Soft Landings](#). We will share more about this theme as the year moves on, and look forward to seeing all the great things that the students will accomplish! 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 and the changes for this year. Upon arrival at the school during the first two days, students are asked to report to their homerooms - lists and locations will be posted in the entryway. Teachers will greet the students, give them some opening information, and then the schedule for the day will be shared with them. Tuesday will be a full fun day for the 7s and 10s, with a variety of activities and introductions and a chance to meet some student leaders and the staff. Later in the morning on Wednesday all students will be called down to the CRC for our opening assembly, to gather in community, welcome the new and returning students, and introduce our amazing staff!

Any students in Grades 10-12 wishing to make a quick timetable change or needing to fill empty blocks are welcome to meet with one of the administrative team after the assembly. If it is a major change, students will be asked to pick up a Course Change Request Form from the Main Office, complete the form, and hand it in. Students will then meet with one of the administration team to complete the process. Please understand we will be prioritizing Grade 12 students as they are our super awesome grads! 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.

One major change this year is the new daily timetable. We are returning to a 4-block schedule for Senior High of 90 minutes, and an 8-block schedule for Junior High of 44 minutes each. Friday remains the same as 4-blocks of 52 minutes, alternating Fridays. Mr. Knafla will be sharing the reasoning for the change at the first School Council Meeting. The plus side is lunch is now 5 minutes longer! Start and end times have not changed to ensure we meet the requirements of busing. The bell schedule is below, and will be posted shortly to our school website in addition to the year calendar. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we work diligently to take time to ensure the information is accurate before posting.

As you may have heard, Alberta Education has released a province-wide cell-phone policy. Palliser will be sending out their Division-specific policy later this week, and we will share our school-specific policy next week, and walk through it with students. The general rule is that cell phones are not allowed in classrooms except for individually-approved circumstances, and most social media has been locked down when using Division-provided resources (WiFi, chromebooks, etc). Locks used for school lockers are 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, where you can enter absences, view marks, and message teachers. We are excited that we have such a great platform to communicate clearly and consistently with the community, and we encourage you to ensure your notifications are turned on so you can stay connected with all the great things happening in the building. This is also where you will find classroom and school-wide information and announcements.

We have six new staff members joining our team this year. Please take the time to say “Hi!” - we look forward to introducing our awesome new staff and meeting the community.

- *Mr. Philip Knafla, Principal, High School key contact, and the Math/Science lead*
- *Mr. Jason Porteous, Vice-Principal, Junior High key contact, and the Humanities lead*
- *Ms. Lisa Leclaire, Junior High Math specialist, and Grade 10 Math/Science*
- *Mr. Dominic Centola, shop specialist*
- *Mr. Chris Watters, Senior High Math and Physics*
- *Andrea Bradley, Family School Liaison Counsellor, in on Mondays and Thursdays*
- *Caroline Hood, Making Connections Worker, in on Mondays*

Please note that the school is now open for inquiries. Our updated school calendar, bell schedule and updated School Handbook will be found on the school's [website](#), posted shortly. Thank you to those of you who have reached out already, and we look forward to working together with everyone to create an amazing year!

Go HAWKS! (H - Honesty; A - Awesome Attitude; W - Work Ethic; K - Kindness)

Mr. Philip Knafla, Mr. Jason Porteous & Mrs. Shila Provost - CCHS administrative team

School:	COUNTY CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL	
Division:	IV	
Year:	2024-2025	
Bell Schedule (Monday – Thursday)		
Class/Bell	Period Start/Stop	# Minutes
Warning Bell	8:25 am	5
Period 1 / 2	8:30 AM – 10:00 AM	90
Class Break	10:00 AM - 10:05 AM	5
Period 3 / 4	10:05 AM - 11:35 AM	90
Lunch	11:35 AM - 12:25 PM	50
Warning Bell	12:25 pm	5
Period 5 / 6	12:30 PM - 2:00 PM	90
Class Break	2:00 PM - 2:05 PM	5
Period 7 / 8	2:05 PM - 3:35 PM	90
Dismissal	3:35 pm	
Total:		360
Friday 1 & Friday 2		
Class/Bell	Period Start/Stop	# Minutes
Warning Bell	8:25 am	
Period 1	8:30 AM - 9:22 AM	52
Class Break	9:22 AM - 9:27 AM	5
Period 2	9:27 AM - 10:19 AM	52
Class Break	10:19 AM - 10:24 AM	5
Period 3	10:24 AM - 11:16 AM	52
Class Break	11:16 AM - 11:21 AM	5
Period 4	11:21 AM - 12:13 PM	52
Dismissal	12:13 pm	
Total		208

School:	COUNTY CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL	
Division:	III	
Year:	2024-2025	
Bell Schedule (Monday – Thursday)		
Class/Bell	Period Start/Stop	# Minutes
Warning Bell	8:25 am	5
Period 1	8:30 AM – 9:14 AM	44
Period 2	9:16 - 10:00 AM	44
Class Break	10:00 AM - 10:05 AM	5
Period 3	10:05 AM - 10:49 AM	44
Period 4	10:51 AM - 11:35 AM	44
Lunch	11:35 AM - 12:25 PM	50
Warning Bell	12:25 pm	5
Period 5	12:30 PM - 1:14 PM	44
Period 6	1:16 PM - 2:00 PM	44
Class Break	2:00 PM - 2:05 PM	5
Period 7	2:05 PM - 2:49 PM	44
Period 8	2:51 PM - 3:35 PM	44
Dismissal	3:35 pm	
Total:		344
Friday 1 & Friday 2		
Class/Bell	Period Start/Stop	# Minutes
Warning Bell	8:25 am	
Period 1	8:30 AM - 9:22 AM	52
Class Break	9:22 AM - 9:27 AM	5
Period 2	9:27 AM - 10:19 AM	52
Class Break	10:19 AM - 10:24 AM	5
Period 3	10:24 AM - 11:16 AM	52
Class Break	11:16 AM - 11:21 AM	5
Period 4	11:21 AM - 12:13 PM	52
Dismissal	12:13 pm	
Total		208