



Cyclone Watch

From your Principal

Welcome to the 2014-15 school year! We hope that you are enjoying your summer. There is some very valuable information in this newsletter to help everyone get ready for the upcoming school year.

When we review our students' performance we find that the strongest factors in their success are attendance and homework. Simply, students who come to school and do their homework will succeed in school. Please be sure your child is in school every possible day. If he or she is sick check with teachers for make-up work. Also, as teachers align their instruction with the new Florida Standards it is even more important for students to be in class as some of the activities cannot be made up easily. In many cases missing one day of school now is like missing 2-3 days of school a few years ago. Students usually have some homework most days, especially in math. Be sure that you work with your child to set aside some time every day for homework. Attendance and homework are a dynamic combination guaranteed to turn your student into a Super Cyclone!

Also, this school year there will be a new assessment for students called the Florida Standards Assessment. Information on this assessment including some practice training tests are available at <http://www.fsassessments.org/students-and-parents>. Please take a look at this website when you have a chance and take one of the practice training tests so that you can have a better understanding of the assessments that your child will be taking in the Spring.

Please pay special note to the information in this newsletter about completing the Free and Reduced Lunch Application online. We are hoping that all parents complete this form online. We will have computers at Registration to access the online application or you can complete prior to Registration. We value your time and we thank you for taking the time to complete this application in order to better help our school obtain accurate information in order to best meet the needs of our students and their families, and to possibly make our school eligible for grants and other financial programs.

I am very proud of the students and staff of Centennial Middle School. I hope you will visit our school often, not only on planned parent events, but also at any time. We encourage parents to come and have lunch with their child throughout the year just please make sure to stop by the main office to sign in. If you have a question or a comment, never hesitate to call. Also, to keep updated on news and events at Centennial Middle School please check our website, "Like" us on Facebook, and follow us on Twitter.

This promises to be another exciting year at Centennial Middle School and we look forward to another year where all cyclones "Expect Excellence". Hope you enjoy the remainder of your summer and we look forward to seeing on registration day, Tuesday, August 12th.

Rick R. Saylor
Principal

School Meal Prices

Meal prices for the 2014-2015 school are as follows:

	Full
Breakfast	\$1.50
Lunch	
Classic Combo	\$2.60
Alt Combo	\$3.00

Reminder – free and reduced price meal applications for the 2014-2015 school year **CANNOT** be used for next school year. Prior year applications submitted will not be accepted and will require families to submit a new 2014-2015 free and reduced price meal application.

The 2014-2015 applications are available now if you would like to go ahead and fill it out. Go to the Pasco County School Board web site at www.pasco.k12.fl.us.

We are asking each family to complete the Free/Reduced-Price Meal Application. This will allow us to have the most accurate records to be eligible for grants, financial assistance and to best serve the needs of our students and families. Please fill out the application at http://www.pasco.k12.fl.us/nutrition/free_reduced/application/.

Registration

Registration for all students is Tuesday August 12 from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm in the cafeteria. You will be able to verify student information, sign up for the free and reduced lunch program, pay school fees, pick up your students schedule and walk the campus.

You will be given your student's registration form to verify, a student access card to complete, and a general information packet. Once you have verified the registration form and completed the student access card you will then take both to the appropriate grade level table to complete the process of paying your fees and receiving your student's schedule.

As in the past we will accept cash and checks but starting this year we will also accept credit card payments. There will be a 3% convenience fee charge for use.

If you do not have any bus information on the schedule there will be someone in the back office that can help you pick a bus stop. Due to a change in policy – no new bus stops will be added for at least the first 10 days of school. You will have to pick the closest bus stop to your house. If you want to request a new stop you will be able to complete a request form that we will forward to the transportation department.

We will have a representative from Food and Nutritional Services available with the free and reduced meal forms for you to complete. Remember – you must complete a new form every year.

We will also have representatives available to help you sign up for the Parent Support Group, School Advisory Council and Volunteer applications.

Once you have your student's schedule you are welcome to follow the schedule and locate the rooms.

If you cannot attend on Tuesday we will have a make up registration on Friday August 15 from 8:00 am – 2:30 pm in the main office.

School Fees

Listed below are the Board Approved fees for 2014-2015:

General Fee	\$7.00/yr
Art Fee	\$6.00/sem; \$8.00/yr
Science Fee	\$8.00/yr
Voc Lab Fee	\$6.00/sem; \$8.00/yr
Band Fee	\$15.00/yr
Chorus Fee	\$10.00/yr

Dress Code

As you begin your back to school shopping, please be sure that the student's clothing choices meet the District and School Dress Code. For your convenience we have included a copy of our dress code.

School Times

This year the warning bell will ring at 8:37, and the tardy bell will ring at 8:40. Students must be in their classrooms seated and ready to learn at 8:40. Please emphasize this to your students.



In addition, release time is 2:53 pm. Please remember if your student is a car rider that he or she must be picked up no later than 3:15 pm.



Electronics

In addition to dress policies, please also be familiar with the policy on electronics, including music players, games, phones, laptops, netbooks, iPads, and cell phones. We realize these devices are important to most students, and that they can be used for both academic and personal needs.

During class, however, all electronics must be turned off and put away, unless specifically directed or granted permission by a teacher. All personal computers must be registered with the school's Resource Officer. You will be able to register your device during lunch beginning the first week of school.



Supply List

It is our goal to lighten up the Book Bags and Back Packs this year. For most classes, there are class sets of textbooks meaning student issued books can be left at home. Also, parents should help students clean out their Book Bags regularly and teachers will do the same. Enclosed is a list of supplies for each grade level.

School Website

Please check out our school website at CENMS@pasco.k12.fl.us for all kinds of information about our school. Information on athletics, the school calendar, links for student websites, teacher websites, and teacher contact information.

Remind 101

Here is another great way to stay up-to-date on what is happening at CENMS. You can sign up at the following site: <https://www.remind.com/join/cenm> to receive emails and/or text messages about events and reminders from the school.

Parent Support Club

Please consider joining our very active Parent Support Club for 2014-2015. There will be a table to sign up at Registration, and there are numerous benefits to parents, teachers, and most importantly – students.

Open House

This year we will have two open house nights. On Thursday, August 14 at 6:00 pm we will have the 6th grade open house. We ask that everyone meet in the cafeteria and we will direct you from there.

On Tuesday, August 26 at 6:00 pm we will have the 7th/8th grade open house. We ask that everyone meet in the cafeteria and we will direct you from there.

Please be sure and bring your student or their schedule with you.

Parents of Incoming 7th Grade Students for the 2014-2015 School Year

Students entering, repeating or transferring into the 7th grade will need to provide documentation for the Tdap vaccine. This is a state of Florida requirement that must be met prior to returning to school, by registration day August 12 if possible.

If this immunization has been given and you have not notified CENMS please do so in writing. Please provide our school with verification of the date it was given and the location of where it was administered. We will need that information in writing from a physician. (Blue immunization card)

If this immunization has not been given by registration day, you should contact your family physician or the Health Department prior to registration day.

Students will not receive a schedule for the 2014-2015 school year on registration day if they are not in compliance with the State of Florida immunization requirements.

Advisory Council

We have several openings for parents to serve on the School Advisory Council (SAC). This is an important group created by the state legislature to provide advice on school policy. If you are interested in serving on the SAC, be sure to fill out a nomination form at Registration.

Important Dates

August 11	Teachers Return
August 12	Registration/Orientation 8:00 am – 2:30 pm
August 14	Open House for Incoming 6 th Graders Only – 6:00 pm
August 15	Make-up Registration 8:00 – 2:30
August 18	First Day of School
August 26	7 th /8 th Grade Open House 6:00 pm
September 1	Labor Day Holiday No School
September 4	School Pictures

Athletics

In order for a student in 7th or 8th grade to try out for an athletic team they will need to meet the grade eligibility and have all participation forms and physical forms completely filled out and turned in prior to a student actively engaging in physical activity.

Athletic eligibility, as set by the FHSAA, is that the athlete must have a 2.0 GPA for the previous semester in school. All of the forms required are available on the CENMS website at <http://cenms.pasco.k12.fl.us/CENMS/HOME.html> under athletics. They are also available in hard copy at the school.

There is no try-out fee but if your child makes the team there will be an athletic fee of \$45.00.

Football Try-Out Information

All paperwork is due by Tuesday August 12. Mandatory try-outs will take place August 13 – August 15 from 3:00 – 5:00 pm. Transportation must be available by 5:00. Proper attire includes shorts, t-shirt, and football cleats. Gym shoes are also required in case of inclement weather.

Any questions, please contact Coach Joe Neale at 352/524-9762 or jneale@pasco.k12.fl.us.

Volleyball Try-Out Information

All paperwork is due by Tuesday, August 19. Mandatory try-outs will take place August 19 – August 21 from 3:00 – 4:45 pm. Transportation must be available by 4:45. Proper attire includes shorts, t-shirt, and gym shoes.

CENMS DRESS CODE

**INFORMATION
YOU MUST KNOW
& FOLLOW**

**The dress code will be
enforced! Students shall wear
appropriate clothing to all
school functions.**

See the CENMS Student Planner for specific details on the Pasco County District School Board dress code policy.

The following clothing choices are not permitted at CENMS:

- Short shorts, skirts, or dresses or immodest clothing (i.e. beach/recreation clothing, spandex clothing, gym shorts). May not be shorter than 4" from the middle of their knee.
- Bare midriff or blouses that are too short. Blouses or tops must be long enough so that they could be tucked in or stay tucked in.
- See-through, sheer blouses or dresses; mesh clothing.
- Muscle Shirts, tank tops, halter tops, sun dresses, or clothing with spaghetti straps. Clothing must have sleeves beyond the shoulder seam.
- No pajamas.
- Clothing which is offensive to good taste (through symbols, mottos, decorations, or designs) or which advertises tobacco, alcohol, or drugs.
- Hats or head coverings; sprayed on hair coloring/paint which is disruptive. Hairstyles that are disruptive or unhealthy.
- Pants or shorts that do not fit securely at the waist.
- Wallet chains; neck (dog collar) chains.
- No soft shower shoes normally worn at the beach. No house slippers.
- Low cut tops which are cut below the armpit area.
- Piercings about or around the mouth, nose, or eye areas due to health and safety concerns

Any student in violation of the dress code will be taken to the administration office and required to change. Any student wearing inappropriate clothing will be required to change into appropriate clothing and will not be allowed to cover up the inappropriate article with a jacket, sweater, or another shirt.

**A SECOND VIOLATION WILL RESULT IN THE STUDENT BEING TAKEN
TO I.S.S. FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE DAY.**

6th Grade Supply List 2014-2015

This is a general supply list for the materials your child will need for the 2014-2015 school year. At registration, you will receive a more detailed list required for each individual course on your child's schedule.

2 COMPOSITION BOOKS (LANGUAGE ARTS & MATH)
ONE SUBJECT SPIRAL NOTEBOOK (SCIENCE)
3-PRONGED 2-POCKET FOLDER (ALL CLASSES)
NOTE: YOU WILL NEED 4 FOR SCIENCE
AND 2 FOR MATH
WIDE-RULED NOTEBOOK PAPER
PENCILS
HIGHLIGHTERS
GLUE STICKS
COLORED PENCILS

7th Grade Supply List 2014-2015

This is a general supply list for the materials your child will need for the 2014-2015 school year. At registration, you will receive a more detailed list required for each individual course on your child's schedule.

Glue Sticks (please purchase many while on sale!!)
Markers
Highlighters
Pencils (#2 or 1.3 mm mechanical)
Pens (blue or black)
Colored Pencils
Scissors
Earbuds
Flash Drive - 2GB
Composition Book (3)
Spiral Notebook - 5 Subject (2)
Spiral Notebook - 3 subject (2)
3 Prong Pocket Folders with Clasps (10)
4 Function Calculator
Notebook Paper

8th Grade Supply List 2014-2015

This is a general supply list for the materials your child will need for the 2014-2015 school year. At registration, you will receive a more detailed list required for each individual course on your child's schedule.

Glue Sticks (please purchase many while on sale!!)
Markers
Highlighters
Pencils
Colored Pencils
Scissors
Earbuds
Flash Drive - 2GB
Composition Book (3)
Spiral Notebook - 5 Subject (2)
Spiral Notebook - 3 subject (2)
3 Prong Pocket Folders with Clasps (10)
4 Function Calculator
Notebook Paper

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