



# Cyclone Watch *September 2018*

## Taking education by STORM

### September is Attendance Awareness Month:

#### Did you know?

- Students should miss no more than 9 days of school each year to stay engaged, successful and on track to graduation.
- Absences can be a sign that a student is losing interest in school, struggling with school work, dealing with a bully or facing some other potentially serious difficulty.
- By 6<sup>th</sup> grade, absenteeism is one of three signs that a student may drop out of high school.
- By 9<sup>th</sup> grade, regular and high attendance is a better predictor of graduation rates than 8<sup>th</sup> grade test scores.
- Missing 10 percent, or about 18 days, of the school year can drastically affect a student's academic success.
- Students can be chronically absent even if they only miss a day or two every few weeks.
- Attendance is an important life skill that will help your child graduate from college and keep a job.

### Fall is Coming:

By: Emily Rutland

Fall is coming, here come the pumpkins and Thanksgiving. Give thanks for your good school and your good friends. Also, have a good Thanksgiving with your friends and family and look back at all the good times and have some laughs. I'm looking forward to pumpkin carving, pumpkin pie, and pumpkin cookies! Yum! Just think about the pumpkin carving, carving pumpkins into jack-o-lanterns, and don't forget about the colorful leaves. Fall is amazing!

### Centennial Elementary News:

The peer volunteering after school will begin in October. Applications can be found in the back office. For any questions please contact Dr. Hopkins: [Chopkins@pasco.k12.fl.us](mailto:Chopkins@pasco.k12.fl.us)

Students who walk down to Centennial Elementary after school to wait to be picked up. The gates will now be locked, there should not be any Centennial middle school students on the elementary campus unless you are volunteering.

### Write for the Newsletter:

Any students interested in writing stories for the newsletter please see Ms. Roberts.

### What it's like moving from grade levels:

By: Makaelynn Cameron

When a parent talks about the transition from elementary to middle school it is a heartwarming story of how your parents adapted and changed with age but you don't usually get told about the transition from 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and then to 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Honestly, it's amazing! As you get older you go to 6<sup>th</sup> grade and it's not all that different as you go on, everybody looks out for each other and makes sure everyone is okay.

Sixth grade can be a little odd at first because your starting something new, but by the end you have met new people and learned new things which is well worth the awkwardness that you faced in the beginning.

Seventh grade is not too bad either, well except the fact that you are in the middle of middle school which is kind of weird once you think about it but it doesn't affect you in a bad way at all, it's a good kind of weird.

Now the big dogs, the kids everyone looks up to, the 8<sup>th</sup> graders. Eighth graders know their way around the block and they love watching 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders because they remember they were once like that too! It's really cool and fun to be friends with people from other grades and it shows that we all can co-exist in this small world called school.

People may say middle school is scary but in reality it is not bad at all, middle school is a roller coaster leading off into life and everyone will eventually know what face to make when the camera flashes.

### Theme Parks in Our Back Yard:

By: Ciara Lewis and Maribel Garcia

#### Adventure Island:

Adventure Island is a waterpark with two new rides: Vanish Point and Colossal Curl.

#### Busch Gardens:

Busch Gardens is a theme park with a lot of rides, including rides for adults and kids. One new ride is Falcons Fury which is really big, tall, and scary.

### Free Breakfast!

**Free Breakfast** is served in all classes at Centennial middle school! Download the meal viewer app for all your menu needs (lunch menu, nutrition values, allergies, carb counts). [School.mealviewer.com](http://School.mealviewer.com)

Vending machines have only smart snack standard food. Students or adults can use cash or account money with 4 digit pin to buy snacks.

## Wood Carvings:

By: Clayton Walker

My name is Clayton Walker and I am a 6<sup>th</sup> grader at Centennial middle school and at lunch I noticed Corporal Stimac was selling wood carvings and I was lucky enough to get to interview him. Here's what I found out.

I found out that he got into wood carvings because of his kids and his mom. He has been making the wood carvings for 3 years and he can make anything out of wood, including cake toppers. He sells these wood carvings at school and also on Facebook at a custom wood sign store called "Signs by Joe and Sherry." The prices differ depending on what you are looking for. I thought they look pretty awesome but the question is do you?

## It's All About the Clubs here at CENMS!

By: Chelsea Peace

### Clubs are subject to change:

Hello students of Centennial Middle School. Club selection day is right around the corner and what I mean is that we get to pick clubs! Exciting right? Of course, us 6 graders are new to the School and Club day so most of us didn't know what half of the clubs were that's why I am here to tell you.

#### 1. Fellowship of Christian athletes

The Fellowship of Christian athletes is about Fellowship between athletes giving students to talk with peers about society's issues in school, sports, life and support each other through it. Coach Kirk hosts this club. Will you choose this club?

#### 2. Calligraphy Club

Join Calligraphy Club if you like writing and want to learn how to write in different fonts like chancery, cursive, or italic hand calligraphy. We learn how to use these different fonts by watching videos, instructions, demonstrations and more. One project will be accomplished during the year. The project will be the student's option of a word or phrase that can be framed and pictured in their home or given as a present. If you like art, you will like this club too it turns out anyone can do calligraphy.

#### 3. Gaming / Kahoot Club

Most of us have been introduced to Kahoot these past weeks which is a really fun game to learn new things. Well it turns out this is one of our clubs. The club is based on separating groups that will compete to answer questions on Kahoot / gaming. The winner gets prize. Aren't you intrigued, I certainly am. When playing Kahoot we learn about history or science or other subjects. Playing Kahoot about video games or Disney questions sounds fun, the students get to decide what category they want to play. The club sponsor is Mrs. Rio.

#### 4. SWAT club

The SWAT club is trying to do some good by working against tobacco, will try to get information out there on the dangers of using tobacco and the dangers of smoking. The SWAT club will be the host of several events to include a canned food and Guys Burgers and Fries. It will be acted like a charity to raise enough money to buy educational materials about the dangers of tobacco. This guy makes me inspired will you chose it?

#### 5. Sewing Club

The sewing Club teaches us how to sew which could be useful someday. The really cool thing about this club is they use real sewing machines. They're making all kinds of stuff to put in the county fair. Everything from pot holders to quilts. They will make a display in the front office of the school eventually. The teacher for this club is Miss Travis, some of you have her as your math teacher.

#### 6. Coloring Club

The coloring Club is pretty simple to explain and it sounds really colorful. They have coloring worksheets open for all of the year. Students can relax and color. Even they listen to music and eat a snack. This club sounds really relaxing and if your a relaxing person then you would love it.

#### 7. Hockey Club

Hockey Club is where you get exercise and have fun while playing hockey. You will learn some tricks and skills through your Club days. It doesn't matter how well you can play, you'll eventually learn, everyone starts somewhere #be the thunder. Mister Riba will teach you this fun and exciting game.

#### 8. Manga / Anime Club

In this club we will watch Anime shows throughout the year, who doesn't like cartoons? You'll be watching these cartoons in Japanese and we will have an activity list that relates to the Otaku culture. There will be Japanese cultures, food and maybe even origami. This sounds interesting and full of culture.

#### 9. The random acts of Kindness Club

The random acts of kindness Club is where students group annually to meet and discuss ideas to show kindness at Centennial Middle School. These ideas the club members have to be put into action. Last year they did cards to thank volunteers, sponsored a book drive to collect books for students in need, and made decorations for the Christmas tree with empowering saying which students can have an ornament. If you like to assist people and do nice things for others, then the Random Acts of Kindness is a club you should choose.

#### 10. Odyssey of the Mind

Status and the line is a competition which revolves around creative problem-solving. In teams up to five to seven people, students will produce a parody all on their own and execute in March. The club is based on creative thinking and working in groups.

#### 11. French Club

Bonjour is it only a French word? I know the answer, but do you? In this is your Club not only do you learn conversational French you learn different cultures to. Think about traveling, you should learn the language to the place you're traveling. This is also a great start on preparing you for high school because you take French there too.

#### 12. Gaming Club

Game club is an entertaining club. Your students can bring games and play against their friends or play on their electronic device. It is fun and relaxing. It is a perfect place if you're a gaming Pro, on board games that is. Mrs. Caye supervises this club.

13. The last Club on our list is Color Guard. Color Guard is presenting Arts using a flag and other elements of dance. You will learn basic dance and flag movements..

