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## SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER 2020

*We can do many things together that would be impossible if we worked alone. - Aileen H. Clyde*

### Message from the Administrative Team

Welcome Back Central Families,

Wow. We write this message six months to the day from the last time our school was open on March 13, 2020. During this time we have adjusted and adapted to a new style of life in ways that have surprised us all. As we reopen our school doors and link up to new digital programs, we want to assure you that we are doing all that we can to keep your children as safe as possible.

We thank you for your patience, your communication and your flexibility over the past months, as well as in the upcoming days as we reflect on and refine our procedures. Some things have changed about Central Public School, but the things that have stayed the same are the most important. Our staff are here to support the physical, intellectual and emotional well-being of your children. We value your input and participation in your child's education, and encourage you to connect with us through your child's digital learning platform, email, social media, or a good old phone call.

We will be providing more updates and revisions to our school procedures as new information becomes available from the TVDSB and Public Health.

We start this year with strength, excitement, creativity and positivity, and we are so glad that you are part of our school family.

Together or apart, we are all Central Cougars.

L. James, Principal

J. Shushkewich, Vice-Principal

## Just a few reminders for the first week of school:

1. Please send a full water bottle with your child. There will be scheduled times during the day to refill the bottle. Ask your child to take the bottle home each night to clean and return it filled the next day.



2. Hand hygiene will be regularly scheduled throughout the day. Students who have sinks in their classrooms will use soap and water and those classes without sinks will have hand sanitizer. Please feel free to send hand sanitizer with your child if you would like. This can be used during the day for unscheduled hand hygiene times. Students will need to use board-supplied products during scheduled hand hygiene times.

3. Remember that masks are to be worn for all grades K-8. Please make sure that they completely cover the nose to the chin. Students will be able to take breaks from their masks while they eat lunch and when they are outside for recess as well as any classes that take place outside.



4. This year, students will need to remain at the school to eat their lunch due to contact tracing. There will no longer be a form to sign grade 7-8 students out for lunch. For those occasions when your child needs to go home for lunch you will be required to write a note on that day.

5. If you still have a loaned device, please return with your child ASAP so that we can start to distribute technology back into the classrooms. We will have a drop-off box at the Junior/Intermediate gate every morning this week.

6. Student cell phones will once again be "parked" in the office for the day in our "Cell Hotel." Due to changes in entry procedure this year, instead of students coming to the office with their phones, we will go class-to-class to pick them up. If your child needs to use their cell phone for urgent matters they can come to the office to use it. Students may use the student phone to make phone calls when necessary. Thank you as always for your cooperation with this procedure.



7. Please review the arrival and dismissal procedures posted and emailed earlier this past week. When students arrive at school, they will go directly to their class zone. Students will be in the same zones at dismissal. A friendly reminder that parents/guardians are to wait outside of the gate before and after school.

8. All doors to the school will be locked during the day. Entry will be for board employees and students only. In unique situations, parents/guardians can call the school for an appointment.

If you arrive late, please ring the doorbell and a staff member will meet your child and take them to the office.

If you need to pick up your child for an appointment, please notify the school prior to coming so that we can have your child ready at the office. When you arrive, a staff member will bring your child to the door.

Thank

You

# TVDSB Student Health Agreement

We are looking forward to welcoming back all of our students in September. Thank you for your patience as we plan for your child's safe return to learning. In order to support the health and well-being of our Thames Valley community members, we are requiring all parents and guardians with children attending one of our schools in-person this September to complete a Student Health Agreement by Monday, September 14. This agreement outlines important steps that need to be taken by all of our families in order to reduce the transmission of COVID-19. The Agreement is now posted on the Parent Portal ([www.tvdsb.ca/parentportal](http://www.tvdsb.ca/parentportal)).

One important component outlined in the agreement involves committing to monitoring your children's health each day before riding school transportation or arriving at school. If parents and guardians answer "yes" to any of the screening questions, they must not send their child on school transportation or to school and must contact their family health care provider and/or their local health unit for further instructions.

If you have any questions about the Student Health Agreement please contact your child's school.

We look forward to welcoming back all of our students on September 14.

Thames Valley District School Board

## Safe Mask Storage Solutions

Students are required to wear masks at all times inside of the school. That means travelling at recess from classroom to outside and back could be a challenge. We suggest a “fanny pack” or other closed pocket-style item that does not loop around the neck to keep the child and the mask safe and clean during recess play.

## Connect with Central!

There are many ways to communicate with us:

- email [l.james@tvdsb.ca](mailto:l.james@tvdsb.ca) OR [j.shushkewich@tvdsb.ca](mailto:j.shushkewich@tvdsb.ca) OR [centralsenior@tvdsb.ca](mailto:centralsenior@tvdsb.ca) OR your child’s teacher
- connect with teachers through your child’s digital learning platform (Google Classroom or Brightspace)
- follow us on Twitter @central\_public
- follow us on Facebook @CentralPrincipal
- call the school 519-537-5362

We look forward to hearing from you!

## Tobacco, Cannabis and Smoke-Free Environment:

Students, staff and visitors are prohibited from smoking or vaping on school board property and within 20 metres from any point of the perimeter of any school board property. This includes the smoking or holding of lighted tobacco or cannabis (marijuana), and includes a ban on the use of e-cigarettes and electronic smoking devices. Students and staff

that have a legal medical document authorizing them to use medical cannabis will be able to do so on school board property, but only in a non-smoking or non-vaping form (e.g., capsules, edibles and oils). Students, staff and visitors are also prohibited from using shisha, smokeless tobacco and/or cannabis products (unless medically prescribed) and all related accessories. This code of conduct is in effect 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and on school buses, or during any part of an official school field trip, including athletic team trips and school club excursions.

Failure to comply with this code of conduct may result in internal student discipline (e.g., warning, notification to parents/guardians, withdrawal of privilege, suspension, etc.) and/or charges and fines issued by an Officer of a Provincial Enforcement Agency.