



GREENWICH PUBLIC SCHOOLS

CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Welcome Central Middle School Parents/Guardians!

We are working very hard to meet the guidelines for health and safety while continuing to offer the best educational experience possible for every child. It goes without saying that school will look different this year, however, our goal is to plan and implement an instructional program that feels like school should, complete with triumphs and trip-ups, celebrations and moments to grow on.

Central Middle School is a learning organization and community that prides itself on reflection and resilience. As such, we head into the 2020-2021 school year determined to keep our students and staff safe, our families engaged and informed and committed to optimal growth and achievement for every child. That work is guided by our school [Vision, Values and Beliefs Statement](#) developed with input from staff, students and families in 2019. In a continued effort to foster our partnership in learning, please take some time and review our school vision, values, and beliefs. As you think about these statements, consider how you will support our community of learners to ensure we live up to this commitment to our children.

Our volunteer committee of teachers is currently working on the details for our reopening with the following three topics directing our efforts:

- Logistics of the school day (schedule, movement through the building, lunch, mask breaks, etc.)
- Social and Emotional Health (student and staff well being, school-wide, cohort based and individual plans)
- Teaching and Learning (strategies and best practices for meeting the needs of students who are learning both in-person and remotely)

Taking our direction from the district reopening committee, our school team will develop site-based plans that will be shared with the full CMS staff upon our return to work on August 27th. We will spend the days leading up to our 6th grade orientation day, Sept. 8th, and the first day for all students, Sept. 9th, building our professional capacity and increasing our knowledge and skills in support of education during our current circumstances. Through a collaborative process, the Central Middle School staff will be prepared to engage our students both physically in the classroom and those who may be joining remotely. We are committed to making all of our students feel welcomed and valued as members of our school and classroom community. Throughout the year, we will seek feedback from students, staff and families about the experience and adapt and improve upon our practice as a result. If you missed my email from August 4th that included the list of steps we are taking to establish a healthy and safe school environment, feel free to review them here, [CMS Steps for Safe and Healthy Schools](#).

Sincerely,

Mr. Tom Healy
Principal, Central Middle School