



GREENWICH PUBLIC SCHOOLS

CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Central Families:

We are less than two weeks from the start of the 2022-2023 school year and finalizing our preparations for the staff and students to return from what we hope has been a relaxing and enjoyable summer vacation. As you are likely aware, beyond the usual summer work of data analysis, professional learning, hiring, and master scheduling, we have also been engaged in facilities projects to address the issues identified last school year. I am happy to say the work is going well and the exterior scaffolding has already been taken down in accordance with the completion of the work in all areas of the building. At this point, the work is on schedule and we expect to have everything completed in the next week. Furthermore, the more exciting process of planning a new Central Middle School building is well underway. The CMS Building Committee began their regular meetings and the Board of Education approved the education specifications at the special meeting on August 11th, which will guide the work of the building committee. The town and school district are committed to transparent communications throughout the process that can be accessed using the following link: [CMS Building Page](#).

As for what happens inside the building, CMS is a learning organization and community that prides itself on reflection and resilience. We are guided by our vision statement and our core beliefs, *Central Middle School develops high performing students in a safe and nurturing environment. At CMS, All learners are empowered for active participation in their community through purposeful, authentic, and personal learning opportunities.* To that end, Central is focused on mastery of skills and knowledge in a collaborative and engaging learning environment.

Through these extraordinary times, the contents of this guiding document have maintained our collective focus on and commitment to, student well-being, achievement and growth. 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. In the meantime, here are a few important links with information for the start of school:

- [School Supply List 2022-2023](#)
- [CMS Bus Routes 2022-2023](#)
- [Student Drop-off and Pick-up Procedure](#)
- [CMS Bell Schedule 2022-2023](#)
- [GPS District Calendar 2022-2023](#)
- [CMS Webpage](#) (Summer update complete by Monday, August 22nd 4:00pm)

All students will receive their schedules on the first day of school in their advisor base class. 6th graders will report to the auditorium when they arrive at school on their first day and will be organized into advisor bases from there. All 7th and 8th grade advisor bases will be posted in the main foyer, or students can log into Aspen during the evening of August 31st to view their AB and schedule of classes.

- **Wednesday, Aug. 31st - 6th grade orientation day, early release schedule (8:00 - 12:45pm)**
- **Thursday, Sept. 1st - First day for all grades, full day schedule (8:00 - 2:45pm)**

Please look out for our first Cougar Chronicles (weekly school-PTA newsletter) email of the 2022-2023 school year on Friday, August 26th. We are so excited to welcome our new students to the Central community and to see our returning students again after what I hope was a wonderful summer break!

Sincerely,

Mr. Healy