



# Welcome Back!

Dear Students and Families,

As we prepare to welcome you back for another exciting school year, I am filled with hope and enthusiasm for all the wonderful possibilities that lie ahead. Our district's theme continues to be Kindness, and we are committed to fostering a culture of compassion, empathy, and understanding in our schools. Together, we can make our community a place where everyone feels valued and respected. We eagerly look forward to welcoming our students back on the first day of school, Wednesday, September 4, 2024.

Over the summer, we have been hard at work making significant improvements to our schools and grounds to provide our students with the



*Upgraded Facilities*

best learning environment. Here are some of the highlights:

**Upgraded Facilities:** We have substantially renovated our facilities, including installing new student lockers in the High School and Middle School, Renovating elementary school classrooms, the Middle School home & careers/life science room, student bathrooms, the High School Wrestling Room, the High School pool and the Morrow kitchen. We have also made vast infrastructural improvements, including replacing roofing and waterproofing building facades.

**Enhanced Outdoor Spaces:** Our playgrounds and sports fields have been revamped, offering safe and enjoyable areas for our students to play and exercise. At the High School, we welcome new baseball and softball fields and tennis courts; at the Middle School, we welcome new and improved track and events stations.



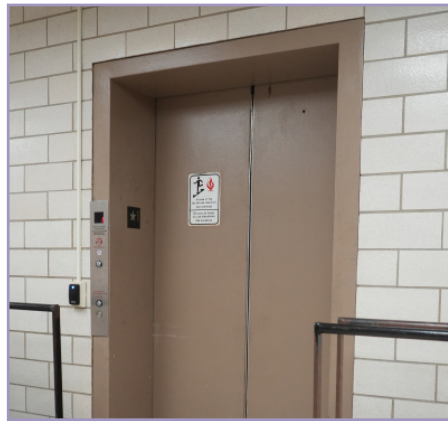
**"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."**

**- Nelson Mandela**

CENTRAL ISLIP  
UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SEPTEMBER 2024



*Enhanced Outdoor Spaces*



*Improved Accessibility*



*Sustainable Initiatives*

**Improved Accessibility:** We have made important upgrades to ensure our schools are accessible to all students, including modernized elevators and accessible restrooms.

**Sustainable Initiatives:** In our commitment to a greener future, we have implemented eco-friendly practices across our district, such as energy-efficient lighting and water-saving fixtures, and we are now operating our own Co-Generation plant at the High School. We are also renovating Mulvey School's boiler plant with more efficient boilers and hot water heaters.

In addition to these facility improvements, we are thrilled to announce some technology initiatives and enhancements created with our students and community in mind:

**Brand New Website** – we have overhauled our district website with our community's needs at the forefront. Utilizing a modernized platform, our technology team has designed an enhanced user experience, allowing easy access to event calendars, news, announcements, our virtual backpack, policies, and more. Visit <https://centralislip.k12.ny.us/web> for more information on our new website features and services.

**Weekly Emails** – community members can now opt-in and sign up for our “Upcoming Events” and “News &



*New Website*

Announcements Recap” emails. Visit <https://centralislip.k12.ny.us/emails> for more information.

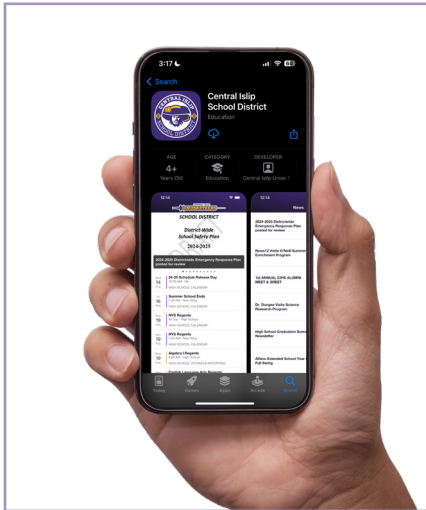
**New Mobile Smartphone App** – a brand-new smartphone app that provides instant access to upcoming events, calendars, news, and a complete Central Islip Faculty & Staff contact directory. Visit <https://centralislip.k12.ny.us/app> for more information.

**Spectacular Informational Videos** – short, bite-sized videos about our district, departments, policies, enrollment process, and each individual school. These videos are custom-made for our community to provide transparency and information about every facet of our school district. Visit <https://centralislip.k12.ny.us/videos> for more details. Additional videos are coming soon as we expand our library of information for the community.

**New Residents Page** – If you are brand new to Central Islip or a long-time resident looking for information on the school district and our wonderful community, visit our “New Residents Page” to learn more about Central Islip. Visit <https://centralislip.k12.ny.us/new> for more details.

**Intuitive Navigation:** The website layout is simple and easy to navigate, allowing you to find important information quickly and efficiently. We have also added a “Central Islip A-Z” page, which lists nearly every piece of information posted on our website! Visit <https://centralislip.k12.ny.us/a-z> for more details.

**Expanded One-to-One Device Program:** 100% of our PreK-12 students are assigned individual Chromebooks or iPads (based on grade level). We are so proud of this achievement and the ability to provide our students with the best technology. Visit <https://centralislip.k12.ny.us/one-to-one> for more information. We encourage you to visit our One-to-One page to learn about our program's latest enhancements, allowing all students to use their devices at school and home, including virtual instruction on inclement weather days.



*New Mobile Smartphone App*



*New Informational Videos*



*New High School Lockers*

**Technical Support:** If any community member, parent, or student needs technical assistance, please visit our newly updated support page at <https://centralislip.k12.ny.us/support>. This page contains useful information and resources for parents and community members to help keep children safe and productive online. Don't hesitate to contact your child's classroom teacher or building principal if you have any questions or concerns.

**District & School Alerts:** Please be sure to sign up to receive alerts for your child's school. Visit <https://centralislip.k12.ny.us/remind> to sign-up.

I look forward to seeing you all soon and wish you a year filled with learning, growth, and kindness!

Warm regards,  
Dr. Sharon Dungee  
Superintendent of Schools



*Supplies Donation from Costco*



*CIHS Marching Band Seniors*