



July 24, 2026

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

JULY

JULY 23: Wrestling - First Practice

JULY 24: Girls Volleyball Open GYM - 3:15-5:15 PM

JULY 27: First Day of Volleyball Tryouts

JULY 28: NWEA Testing (ELA)

JULY 29: FIRST EARLY RELEASE @ 1:05 PM - STARTING TODAY (EVERY WEDNESDAY)

JULY 30: NWEA Testing (Math)

AUGUST

AUG 5: First Family Dineout at ZZEEKS PIZZA

AUG 6: 1st Quarter Sports Pictures

AUG 13: School Picture Day

AUG 14: Early Release Day (Planning for Student Needs) 1:05 PM

AUG 17: NO School & Offices Closed due to Staff Development Day

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRINCIPAL

Dear Centennial Middle School Families,

We are off to a strong start, and I couldn't be more excited to welcome everyone to the 2026–2027 school year! The energy on campus is incredible—students are engaged, staff is energized, and there's a shared sense of excitement about the great year ahead.

At CMS, we are committed to building a safe and academically challenging environment for every student. Whether your child is new to middle school or returning for another great year, we're here to support their growth, learning, and success.

Thank you for partnering with us and for trusting us with your child's education. We're looking forward to a year full of learning, connection, and achievement. Let's make 2026–2027 the best one yet!

Sincerely,

James Martin
Principal
Centennial Middle School

EVERY WEDNESDAY IS EARLY RELEASE DAY AT 1:05 PM

Please note that every Wednesday is early release day at 1:05 PM. Students are expected to leave the campus on Wednesdays by 1:15 pm.

STUDENT DROPOFF NOT ALLOWED UNTIL 7:50 AM

Please note, in accordance with the Kyrene Family Handbook and also to promote safe practices, students will not be allowed on campus until 30 minutes prior to the first bell (7:50 AM) and must leave immediately at the end of the school day. We do not have adults on school grounds to supervise students prior to 7:50 AM and after 3:05 PM.

E-BIKES AND SCOOTERS

Please note that motorized vehicles and devices, including e-bikes and e-scooters, are not allowed on Kyrene school campuses. Students may not use them as transportation to and from school, and they may not be operated or parked on campus. This restriction does not apply to approved accommodations such as mobility devices required for disabilities. Those devices are permitted. The City of [Chandler/Phoenix/Tempe] has laws regulating the use of motorized devices, including who can ride them and where. Kyrene's practice is aligned with those laws,

and we will continue to partner with police to help ensure the safety of our campus and community.

[City of Phoenix bike and scooter laws](#)



Hello Parents of CMS Student Athletes,

If your child is participating in Girl's Volleyball, or Coed Wrestling, make sure you don't miss registration deadline!

[Registration](#) is now open. For a complete list of athletic options in the 2026-27 school year, visit [Kyrene.org/athletics](https://kyrene.org/athletics).

Please don't miss out on quarter 1 sports registration. Quarter 1 Sports offered will be Girls Varsity & JV Volleyball (Cut) & COED Wrestling (Non-cut). Girls Volleyball registration will be closing on Friday, July 24. Wrestling registration is open and will be closing August 7.

Girls Volleyball tryouts will be held on July 27 through July 31.

please go to: <https://kyrene.arux.app/athletics> to register for Quarter 1 sports.

Financial Assistance is also available. Act quickly as funds are limited! Apply at:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd5r_TQ15XAvfHopNrjku2m2Ui4B-vQVV4y39FzR1LLxE9msQ/viewform

If you have any questions, call Sheri Horcasitas at 480-541-6404 or email her at shorcasitas@kyrene.org

Arizona Healthy Schools Act

Important changes for the 2026-27 school year



WHAT'S NEW

Arizona's new Healthy Schools Act changes laws governing food in schools, to help kids stay healthy. Schools participating in federal meal programs cannot serve or sell foods with banned ingredients. Additionally, food brought to campus during the school day must not contain any of the banned ingredients.

IMPORTANT! These new rules **do not apply to parents packing their child's individual lunch or snacks**. You can still pack any lunches, snacks, or treats for your individual child.

ALLOWED

- ✓ Food fundraisers held off campus or outside the school day
- ✓ Food brought by parents for their own child
- ✓ Shared food that does not contain banned ingredients

RESTRICTED

- ✗ Shared food during the school day that contain banned ingredients
- ✗ Classroom parties and celebrations with foods containing banned ingredients
- ✗ School-sponsored birthday or holiday treats with banned ingredients

SCHOOL DAY RESTRICTIONS

- School Meals
- School Stores
- Fundraisers
- Class Celebrations
- Culinary or FACS Classes
- Catering
- Vending Machines

For this law, a school day is defined as midnight until 30 minutes after the instructional day ends.

RESTRICTED INGREDIENTS

- Potassium Bromate
- Propylparaben
- Titanium Dioxide
- Brominated Vegetable Oil
- Yellow Dye 5 or 6
- Red Dye 3 or 40
- Blue Dye 1 or 2
- Green Dye 3



For more information, visit www.kyrene.org/foodservices

Quick Links

Kyrene.org/BacktoSchool

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School Hours: 8:20 am - 3:05 pm

Early Dismissal Wed: 1:05 pm

Office Hours: 7:30 am - 4:00 pm

Wednesday: 7:30 am - 2:00 pm

Every Wednesday is Early Release.

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COMMUNICATOR • CRITICAL THINKER • PROBLEM SOLVER • COLLABORATOR

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