



SABERCAT NEWS

August 7, 2026

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

AUGUST

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

SEPTEMBER

SEPT 1: 1ST Quarter General PTO Meeting - 6 PM - CMS North Library

SEPT 7: NO School: Observing Labor Day



A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRINCIPAL

Dear Families,

As we continue adjusting to life across two campuses, I want to take a moment to recognize our students and staff for the incredible way they have risen to the challenge. Moving between campuses adds new routines and logistics to the school day, and I have been so impressed by the flexibility, patience, and positive attitudes our students and staff have demonstrated. I am grateful for the way everyone continues to work together to make this transition successful.

At the same time, we know there are opportunities to make the experience easier and more efficient. Our team continues to look closely at our daily routines and listen for ways we can improve them.

Today, we tried serving lunch on the North Campus rather than having students transition between campuses for lunch. We will be spending time with our Food Services and Facilities teams to evaluate how today went and determine whether serving lunch on the North Campus can become a permanent change.

As we navigate this unique school year, we will continue looking for thoughtful adjustments that make the school day run more smoothly while keeping the needs of our students at the center of our decisions.

Thank you to our students, staff, and families for your patience, flexibility, and partnership. I am proud of how our school community is working together through these changes, and I appreciate your continued support.

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PARENT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORMS

We need your help! Every school-year we have important KSD forms that are required to be reviewed and acknowledged at the beginning of the school year. **If you have not already done so**, please go to [ParentVUE](#) to review and acknowledge all beginning of the year forms (Family Handbook Acknowledgement, Technology Agreement, etc.) as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please call and ask. We are here to help.

VERIFYING EMERGENCY INFORMATION

Dear Family,

Each year, families are required to acknowledge important documents through our online parent portal, [ParentVUE](#). It is important that one parent or guardian logs into ParentVUE to acknowledge these items and confirm emergency contact information by August 31, 2026.

- Examples of required items include:
- Acknowledgment of the Kyrene Family Handbook
- Acknowledgment of technology use guidance

Selection of preference for student survey participation

ParentVUE is accessible from the Kyrene website or directly at www.kyrene.org/pvue. Using the

mobile app? The ParentVUE and StudentVUE apps have a new version, and the older one is no longer supported. When you log in, you may be prompted to update — it takes less than a minute. After updating, you'll reconnect to the Kyrene School District and then select "Already Activated" to get back into your existing account.

When you log into ParentVUE, you will receive an immediate prompt, asking for your acknowledgment of any outstanding items. Please note that if you also use ParentVUE for a Tempe Union High School student, we recommend you log in to your Kyrene account on the website, rather than through the app.

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.

REPORTING YOUR STUDENT ABSENCE

Centennial Middle School is equipped with a computerized telephone attendance reporting system. The **absence reporting phone number is 480-541-6401** and may be called 24 hours a day.

Parents/guardians are asked to call the attendance office by 9:00 am each day that their child is absent. Please leave a message on the voice mail indicating the student's name, grade, date(s) of the absence and reason for the absence.

If we do not receive a parent phone call, the student's absence will be recorded as a truancy.

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](#)

SCHOOL PICTURE DAY - AUGUST 13, 2026



Photographers will be on campus **Thursday, August 13, 2026** to take photos of all CMS students. These photos will be used in the school yearbook. Parents will have a variety of package options should you wish to purchase photos. Pictures will be taken during Social Studies classes. Picture packets will be distributed in Advisory class on August 10. Students should bring the order envelope and money with them on picture day.

Picture day information and online ordering will be available by visiting dorianstudio.com and searching for your school's name. Your online order can be placed before and up to four (4) days after picture day.

Need More Assistance? Contact our Customer Advocate Team by visiting dorianstudio.com, search for your school, and click on the yellow Help button associated with your picture day.



Hello Parents of CMS Student Athletes,

[Registration](#) is still open for Co-ED Wrestling until 8/7/2025. For a complete list of athletic options in the 2026-27 school year, visit [Kyrene.org/athletics](https://kyrene.org/athletics).

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

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd5r_TQ15XAvfHopNrjku2m2Ui4B-vQVW4y39FzR1lLxE9msQ/viewform

NO SCHOOL & OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, AUGUST 17, 2026



Kyrene Positive Parenting - August Presentation

The Kyrene School District is pleased to continue the successful Positive Parenting Series this school year, focusing on issues that affect families both at school and at home. We hope you can join us.

August 19 – Transitioning to a New School Year: Family Support Beyond the Classroom

Unlock the secrets to raising a confident, adaptable child in today's fast-paced world. Discover how your child's brain grows and gain practical, stress-free tools to help them bounce back from challenges, manage big emotions, and thrive through life's ups and downs.

Presenter:

Joronda Montano

Date and Time:

August 19, 2026

6:00-7:00pm

Location:

[Registration/Zoom Link](#)



GENERAL PTO MEETING - TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 6:00 PM - CMS NORTH LIBRARY

Join us at Centennial's FIRST PTO meeting of the year on Tuesday, September 1, 6:00 PM in our CMS North library. Lots of exiting information will be shared.. See you there!!

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

Quick Links

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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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