

CENTRAL NEWS

Grd. 7 and 8 Division

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Message from the Office

First term reports are being sent home today - Feb. 20th. Term 2 has now begun and we continue to celebrate many successes academically for our students. Please read the report card carefully paying close attention to learning skills and comments which will help your son/daughter succeed in improving their results. Important next steps are listed in the report and you will have the opportunity to reflect on the report card which needs to be written and returned.

Please remember that there are so many advantages to having our students in a 7-12 building. We encourage your son/daughter to seek academic help and to participate in the many activities we have available.

Dates to Remember 2017-2018

Feb. 20 - Term 1 Report Cards home
Feb 23-March 8 - Fundraising: Chicken and Flowers
March 7 - Boys and Girls Basketball - AgriPlex
March 10-18 - March Break
March 30- Good Friday
April 2 - Easter MOnday
April 25/26 - Musical Bugsy Malone 7pm
April 27 - PA Day
May 21 - Victoria Day
May 29-June 1 - Quebec City Trip, Grade 8
June 7 - Toronto Trip - Grade 7
June 8 - PA Day
June 12 - Regional Track and Field, Central
June 19 - District Track and Field, Central
June 26 - Final Report Cards home
June 29 - PA Day

Open House

Recently we hosted our annual incoming grade 7 and 9 student open house which was a huge success. Grd. 6 students coming to Central next year toured the school and were given information on registration. Grd. 8 students were also given the opportunity to see what the High School has to offer. We had a fantastic turnout and the staff and students responded with an exceptional evening for the new students and their parents. Please call the school if you have any questions about registration, border crossing and/or the border cross renewal process.

School Council

School Council is chaired by Lisa Cousins. We meet every 3rd Tuesday of each month. Our discussion centres around parental involvement/concerns on educational topics. Student and teacher voice is also heard at each meeting. We welcome new grade 7/8 parents to attend.

Grd 9 Course Selection for our Grade 8 Students

Course selection sheets should now be handed into the school. Please ensure that these are complete. If you have any questions about what courses and/or level to select for your son/daughter please contact us.

Website

Please check our website for school news. You can find teacher contacts and links to their websites to stay up to date on what is happening in their classrooms.

<https://stratford-central.weebly.com/>

Absences and Lates and Work Expectations

Regular attendance and being on time are expectations that will help all of our students succeed. A note or phone call is required for absences and lates. Unexcused lates and absences will be addressed using detentions when possible.

Students are expected to keep up on their school work and homework even when they are absent. Should there be any difficulties due to illness or family issues please contact the classroom teachers to make arrangements.

iPad Use at the School

We continue to have challenges with the iPads and students playing games and using social media. We are in the process of restricting these apps as it has become a distraction for some of our students. Please note that iPads are to be used for classroom educational purposes only. It is also the responsibility of all students to bring their iPad to class and to make sure they are charged each day so that they can be used in their classes.

Extra Help and School Supplies

Teachers are always available for extra help. They provide assistance at lunch time and after school. They are pleased to offer any help that they can for your child to succeed. Please encourage them to take advantage of this help and/or our homework club which is offered after school.

School supplies help with each child's success at school. Please check with your child to ensure that they have the paper, notebooks and pen/pencils that they need for success.

Great Things Happening at Central

Fundraising opportunities for our school trips will begin at the end of this week. Please look for information that will come home. We continue to have so many incredible activities happening at Central. Recently, we had a robotics challenge and cardboard boat races. Caribou math competitions have started and our grd 7/8 boys and girls basketball teams are preparing for their tournament in March. Students council ran a fantastic Valentines Dance and we have many other students practicing for Band, Choral Music, Dance and our school Musical - Bugsy Malone.

We are looking forward to another fantastic term at Central. Please feel free to contact the school if you have any questions or concerns.

Regards,
R. Simmons