

Frequently Asked Questions

Central Middle School

1) What time does school begin and dismiss? *School starts at 8:15 a.m. and dismissal is at 2:45 p.m.*

2) How is arrival and dismissal organized?

Morning arrival:

Morning drop off will be conducted in front of the school along Central Avenue. Please do not pull cars into the lots as they are used for busing. The Main Gym doors will open at 8:00 a.m. and students will be able to report to the all purpose room. At approximately 8:15 students will be able to report to their lockers.

Dismissal:

Car pick up: If you choose to pick up your child by car please enter the northern driveway only after 2:45. Please do not pull directly into the main parking lot. Students are to gather in Main Gym hallway and will be escorted to the rear of the building by staff to be picked up by car. You may also pick up your child on Central Avenue if you choose.

Bus Students: Students that take the bus report directly to Main Gym exit doors after school to line up and board your buses. Staff will be there to assist with bus duty.

Students that walk home: Are to exit the main office doors

3) When will my child receive the student handbook? *Student handbooks will be available on our Central Middle School website.*

4) Which guide classes are offered by grade level?

<u>6th Grade</u>	<u>7th Grade</u>	<u>8th Grade</u>
Geography	21 Century Skills/Info. Literacy	21 Century Skills/Infor. Literacy
Health	Health	Health
Art	Art	Art
Music	Music	Music
STEM	STEM	STEM

5) My child never used a locker before, will they have one? *Yes, middle school students will have a locker located close to their first period class. First period teachers will instruct students how to use it, provide combinations and allow for practice time. Students should not share their locker combinations. If you lose your combination or have trouble with your locker please see your first period teacher for assistance.*

6) What if I need my child to leave school early? *For safety, students will only be released to their parent/guardian or another adult listed as the emergency contact. If you need to pick up your child early you must notify the main office via phone call or send a note ahead of time.. Your child must be signed out in the main office before they can leave the building.*

7) Will students change for Physical Education? Will their items be secure? *Yes, students will change for each physical education class. All students will be required to use a lock for their gym lockers which will be*

provided by Physical Education Staff. A separate lock will be provided for Physical Education. Instructions for attire and lockers be provided on the first day of physical education classes.

8) What documents must be completed in order to participate in a sport?

Please see the bottom two scenarios to determine the documents that must be completed.

- *If your child has **not** had a physical in the past year (365 days) from the start of the sports date they will need to have a physical and associated paperwork "Pre-Participation Physical Evaluation Form" completed.*
- *If your child has had a physical in the past year (365 days) from the start of the sports date parents will only need to complete the "Health History Update Questionnaire".*

Both forms can be found on our Nurse Lauren Lozowski's staff website. Upon completion the appropriate document is to be returned to the nurse. Once approved and your child is on a team both the concussion and cardiac arrest forms must also be completed.

9) Is there an expectation/criteria for participating in a sport? *Yes, to participate in a sport you must pay the team sports fee, maintain a grade of C - or higher, and earn a Effort and Conduct rating of satisfactory or above. If you fail to meet the the criteria on a report card, you will be removed from the athletic team. If you have frequent or serious disciplinary concerns it may also jeopardize your eligibility for a sport.*

10) Are electronics allowed in the school or cafeteria?

Electronic devices (cell phones, ipods, music players, handheld video games etc) are not allowed to be used in the school including the cafeteria. Only during a staff sanctioned activity are students allowed to use their own technology. If a child breaks the policy appropriate disciplinary actions may follow. Remember that if you bring in electronics and they are lost or stolen they are your responsibility.

If a student has such a device, it must be turned off (not just silenced) and stored in the student's locker during the school day. If it is determined by a staff member that such a device is used during the school day, the device will be confiscated. The device will be held in the office until a parent or guardian retrieves it.

11) I need to see the school counselor what is the procedure? *If you would like to see the school counselor for any reason (grades, scheduling concerns, conflict resolution, social concern, etc) you may ask your teacher to obtain a pass for the counselor, stop by the office, or complete a "Student Concerns Form". This form can be found at the main office, counselor's office, or from any classroom teacher.*

12) Are there consequences if I violate a rule or policy? *Yes, a staff member has the right to provide a consequence for rules or policies that are violated within their classroom. Additionally, if you violate a policy or rule a "Disciplinary Referral" can be submitted which is a report of the conduct. After the Disciplinary Referral is reviewed by administration a consequence or remediation may be assigned based on the infraction. Please see the handbook for specific rules, regulations, and policies.*

13) Is there a procedure for asking to leave the classroom? (bathroom, nurse, visit the office, etc) *All students must sign out of their classroom and obtain a pass from a teacher prior to leaving. Every student that is in the hallway is required to have a pass. It is expected that all students act maturely and respectfully throughout the building and grounds. Additionally, backpacks and purses are prohibited in classrooms and hallways during the school day. Please place them in your locker at the beginning of the school day.*

14) What is guide period? *During Grade 7 and 8 lunch period students are assigned to a teacher for half the period (20 minutes). During this time students are able to meet with teachers or complete their work or gain assistance in a classroom.*

15) Can students order lunch? *Our PTO organizes special lunch days at which any middle school student can participate in. Please see the PTO website for additional details.*

16) How much time do I have to travel between classes? *Between each class three minutes is scheduled for students to visit their locker and be seated in your next class period on time.*

17) How can I stay connected to Central Middle School?

Honeywell Instant Alert

This is the system allows messages to be delivered to parents via email and text message.

Access at: <https://instantalert.honeywell.com/>

Genesis Parent Portal

Allows access to student report cards and attendance.

Access at: The Parent Portal button is with the Quick Link buttons in the middle of the district webpage.

Long Hill School District Website - www.longhill.org

Central Middle School uses the website to email its "Daily Bulletin" and "Friday Flyers" to parents.

Access at: Visit www.longhill.org and click on the "Register" button at the top of the screen.

Twitter: @CentralMS_MrV - Mr. Vitarello's Twitter Handle