

CENTRAL GWINNETT HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Students:

Well, it is done. Our school has officially split. While I must admit the split was tough for all of us, a smaller school provides our school numerous opportunities to re-think what we do for our students. In such times of change, it is appropriate to revisit our vision statement:

“Central Gwinnett High School will become a student-focused school committed to high student achievement that serves to cultivate and inspire the continuous improvement of the life-long learner both academically and in the global society.”

Our Academies teach our students 21st Century skills which are necessary skills desired by professionals in both college and career tracks. Mastery of these skills will enable our students to prepare for college and be competitive in our global marketplace. It is my hope that a smaller school will allow us to personalize learning experiences for our students in order to better prepare them for college and careers. To that end, each student will be assigned an Academy Advisement teacher. That teacher will take the lead in monitoring students' grades and attendance. We hope to keep students with the same Academy/Advisement teacher from grade 9 -12, and this teacher will be noted on the student's schedule.

In addition to our Academy college and career exploration, we will focus strongly on developing and sharpening core reading, numeracy, and writing skills. This year, we want our students to become more engaged in their own learning. We will offer them more choice in creating their own projects and encourage them to become drivers of their own learning. We hope that as a family, you will take time to discuss student learning and keep abreast of progress.

In order to maximize our learning opportunities, we have moved to an A/B Block 8 period schedule. This means students will have the opportunity to take 8 classes each semester. Our goal is for our students to use the extra time to become pathway completers. If you do not know what it means to be a pathway completer, please ask your student or visit the Academy portion of our website.

Attached you will find information about our Orientation **on August 6th** and information about our Open House on **August 25, 6:30 pm** when you will meet our teachers. Please mark these dates on your calendar and please plan to attend. We anticipate a large crowd for both and will plan accordingly.

I am looking forward to another great year in Black Knight country.

Sincerely,

Maryanne Grimes, Principal

BLACK KNIGHT NEWS

Summer 2015

Orientation – Overview and Instructions

Thursday, August 6th

8:00am –10:00am

9th and 10th graders

10:00am –12:30pm

11th and 12th graders

Welcome CGHS parents and students!

We are pleased to announce that Central Gwinnett High School's orientation for the 2015-2016 school year is available through www.MyPaymentsPlus.com.

- If you already ***have*** a MyPaymentsPlus account and have completed the registration process, print your confirmation and present it at the welcome table to expedite your experience.
- If you ***have not*** already completed the process through MyPaymentsPlus report to any computer lab where teachers will assist you with the orientation process.
- Upon signing in to MyPaymentsPlus, you may view/print the necessary paperwork to complete your 2015-2016 school orientation. Once you acknowledge that you have read these documents, you may continue to the next screen. You will then be allowed to pay fees such as parking, lockers, and senior dues. Central also appreciates any contributions to the clinic or course departments in which your student may be enrolled.
- You may apply for free and reduced lunch by clicking on the link found at centralgwinnett.net website.
- You must print **your meal payments plus confirmation and receipt** and bring it to Orientation (receipt may also be shown on your smartphone).

Orientation Directions:

1. Welcome Tables will be stationed at building entrances and in the cafeteria. You will receive your student's homeroom location at this time. **Be prepared to present your meal payments plus confirmation.** Those without confirmation will be directed to a nearby lab.
2. At your assigned homeroom location, be sure to complete the following items:
 - a. Receive your class schedule and packet of other information
 - b. Complete clinic card with parent signature
3. Report to the commons area/cafeteria for the following:
 - a. Clinic – station for receiving medication/information
 - b. Cafeteria – general information and free and reduced lunch forms
 - c. Bus schedules – routes will be available in the commons and throughout the building
 - d. Parking – fees are \$60.00
 - e. Schedule questions
 - f. Parent portal information/application turn in location
 - g. Senior dues and yearbook information
 - h. Lockers will be available in the commons and may be purchased for \$3.00

School maps and **bus route** information will be posted throughout the building. Volunteers and school personnel will also be available in the hallways to distribute maps and to assist you.

Calendar– Semester 1

Monday	August 10	First Day Of School
Monday	September 7	Labor Day Holiday
Monday	October 12	Student Holiday
Monday-Friday	November 23-27	Thanksgiving Break
Wednesday-Friday	December 16-18	Early Release - Exams*
Friday	December 18	End of 1 st Semester
Monday-Monday	December 21- January 4	Winter Break
Tuesday	January 5	Student Holiday
Wednesday	January 6	Beginning of 2nd Semester

* **Final Exams will NOT be given early. Please plan winter break accordingly.**

General School Information

School Start Time

Students are allowed into the building at the 6:45 A.M. The bell to begin first period will ring at 7:10. Students are released from classes at 2:10 P.M. Students must not be on campus before or after school hours unless supervised by a staff member.

Student Handbook

Central Gwinnett High School’s Student Agenda/Handbook is a phone/tablet APP that can be downloaded at the beginning of school. The handbook can also be downloaded as a PDF at centralgwinnett.net. The CGHS student handbook includes important school information regarding our processes and procedures, general information, and discipline information. Students will also be receiving a Gwinnett County Public Schools Student/Parent handbook which will be reviewed with them during the first week of school.

Student Pickup and Drop-Off

Parents who drive their students to school should enter campus from Gwinnett Drive by the new gym and proceed to the four-story building for pickup/drop-off. Parents will then exit the campus onto Highway 29.

Parking

The cost for parking is \$60 for the school year and students must have a valid driver’s license and proof of insurance. An application must be completed and signed by the student and parent prior to purchasing a decal. Students must park in their designated area. Parking is limited and will be sold on a first come, first served basis.

Payment Options

Central accepts cash or an electronic check or debit/credit card transaction through the MypamentsPlus system. Assistance with the MypamentsPlus payment system will be located in the media center during Open House.

Dress Code

Appropriate school attire is important. No student shall dress in such a way that distracts the learning process of other students. We appreciate parent and student cooperation in this matter. Students found in violation of the dress code will be to contact parents to bring appropriate attire or will be required to wear school provided clothing. Specific information regarding the dress code is available on the school website and in the student handbook.

Lunch Program

Prepaid Meals: Daily cost of meals is \$2.50. Breakfast is provided for all students at no charge. Side items are .40 cents each. Students may prepay for multiple meals. Students are not permitted to charge. Refunds: As the end of the year approaches, students should prepay only for the number of meals to be received. Amounts may be rolled over to the next school year for returning students. Free/Reduced Lunch Forms: You may apply for free and reduced lunch by clicking on the link found at centralgwinnett.net website. On-line Free/Reduced applications will be available for the 2015-2016 school year in mid-July.

Electronics

Please be aware that students bring these items at their own risk.

Students who bring an electronic device (cell phone, mp3 player, camera, etc.) to school, device must turn them off and put them away during class. Students seen with these electronic items during instructional time, unless permitted by teacher for instructional purposes, will receive an administrative consequence. Students may not charge these items while on campus. **Headphones may not be worn in the hallways.**

Clubs

Please review the listing of club opportunities on our website and in the CGHS student handbook. We encourage all students to participate in our many school activities and clubs.

Fall Sports/Band

Football		
<i>Games begin @ 7:30 PM</i>		
8/14	Union Grove (Scrimmage)	Away
8/28	Collins Hill	Home
9/4	Mundy's Mill	Away
9/11	South Gwinnett (Youth Night)	Home
9/18	Shiloh	Away
9/25	Bye	
10/2	Dacula (Homecoming)	Home
10/9	Brookwood	Away
10/16	Grayson	Home
10/23	Archer	Away
10/30	Parkview (Senior Night)	Home
11/6	Berkmar	Away

Volleyball

Conditioning & Skills will be 7/13- 7/16 and 7/20-7/23, 7/27-30 (M-Th) 9am-11am. Participants must have a current physical on Central's physical form to participate in conditioning and tryouts. **Tryouts: 8/3 (Monday) 2:30-5:30 and 8/4 (Tue) 2 :30-5:30 for Varsity and JV teams. Participants must attend both days of tryouts to be considered for a team.

Softball

Softball conditioning began in May and runs through the summer. If you were unable to attend tryouts, please email Coach Matunas at nicole_matunas@gwinnett.k12.ga.us. You must have a valid physical on file in order to participate. Please visit www.centralgwinnett.net for more information.

Band Camps

Rookies, Drum Line & Color Guard	July 20-23
Full Band	July 26-30
Parent Performance	July 30- 6:00 PM/Stadium

PTSA

Central Gwinnett High School PTSA

Membership Form

Membership is \$6.00 per person. Please complete the form below and return to a PTSA representative or the front office along with payment. A membership card(s) will be issued and returned to you. Thank you for your support! For more information please contact Teresa Blackwell at Tblackwellpta@aol.com.

I would like to purchase _____ PTSA Membership(s) @ \$6.00 each

Please list member's name(s):

Student's Name: _____