



**CENTRAL MONTCALM**  
PUBLIC SCHOOL

## Central Montcalm High School

Return to School Information

2020-2021

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We know you have many questions as preparations for the 2020-2021 school year are well underway. Please be assured that as plans are being developed, safety is our number one priority. Decisions are being made based on the requirements and recommendations given in the [MI Safe Schools: Michigan's 2020-21 Return to School Roadmap](#). Central Montcalm has also utilized guidance from the **Mid-Michigan Health Department**. While the plans are well guided, please also know that information is updated regularly and therefore, plans **may change**. Many of your questions will be answered in this communication. Updated information will continue to be communicated on the school website and Facebook page, linked above.

### When is the first day of school?

Tuesday, August 18th is the first day of school. August 18, 19, and 20 are early release days. Dismissal at 12:50. No school on Friday August 20 and Monday August 24.

### What are the expectations for the use of masks?

Masks (face coverings) will be required for all students and staff at the high school at all times (in classrooms and common areas), unless eating. If a student or staff member is unable to medically tolerate a mask, they will not be required to wear one. However, a note and explanation must be provided from a doctor. Outdoor masks breaks with social distancing will be encouraged throughout the day.

### Will students be changing classes every hour?

Students will have six class periods, Classrooms will be cleaned between each group of students. Paths for movement within the building will be one way whenever possible. Students will be informed of these movement patterns and they will be expected to adhere to them.

### What about music and PE classes?

Students will still have access to music (band & choir) classes as well as PE classes. These classes will be outside as much as possible and will follow mask and social distancing regulations when in-doors. It will be necessary for students participating in choir to be masked whether the singing takes place in-doors or outside. Bell covers will be utilized for certain instruments in band class which will help filter airflow from instruments.

### Will there be a Freshmen Orientation or Registration? When will student schedules be available?

There will not be a freshmen orientation this year. Registration will take place the week of August 10th according to the day/time schedule below. Student schedules will be available during registration.

Seniors -	Tuesday, August 11, 2020 -Last Name A-H – 8 a.m. – 10 a.m. -Last Name I – P – 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. -Last Name Q – Z – 12 p.m. – 2 p.m.
Juniors -	Wednesday, August 12, 2020 -Last Name A-H – 8 a.m. – 10 a.m. -Last Name I – P – 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. -Last Name Q – Z – 12 p.m. – 2 p.m.
Sophomores -	Thursday, August 13, 2020 -Last Name A-H – 8 a.m. – 10 a.m. -Last Name I – P – 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. -Last Name Q – Z – 12 p.m. – 2 p.m.
Freshmen -	Friday, August 14, 2020 -Last Name A-H – 8 a.m. – 10 a.m. -Last Name I – P – 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. -Last Name Q – Z – 12 p.m. – 2 p.m.

**\*All students, parents and staff need to wear a mask when coming to the building for their assigned registration time!**

### **Will parents be able to be in the building?**

Only students and staff will be allowed beyond the office area.

### **If I transport my child, what will drop off and pick up look like?**

The building will not be open to students until 7:40 a.m. Students may not congregate outside the building. Students are expected to get off the bus, or get out of their car (drive or drop off) and come directly into the building and go to their first period class. The first few days of school are going to teach us a lot about student traffic flow. Students may be assigned a particular entrance based upon what we learn from our first days back together. **\*Please be patient with us as we try to develop a plan that has student safety at the forefront.** At the conclusion of the school day, students will be exiting the building from several different locations depending on where they are in the building at the end of the day. Students will be expected to leave the building immediately and go straight to their car or to their bus. If extra-curricular sports/activities are allowed to take place, a plan for those students will be made aware to them.

### **What supplies will my child need?**

Students will need **masks**. Disposable masks will be made available if needed. We will be changing all of our drinking fountains to bottle-filling stations only. If your child has a **water bottle** that they would like to use at school, they are welcome to do so. In addition, individual classroom teachers may send home a suggested supply list. **High school students will not be assigned a locker for this school year and therefore back-packs will be able to be carried with them during their school day.**

## **Will my child be required to pass a health screener every day? Will the staff?**

We will be sending home recommended **screening** details to each family. We need everyone to screen their child before sending them to school. Staff will be filling out a health screener every day.

## **Can my student switch to the Hornets from Home virtual learning option?**

Entrance and exit of the virtual learning option is allowed at the semester. If a student signs up for the *Hornets from Home* virtual option and wishes to switch to in person instruction, they can only do so at that time. The same is true for any student who starts the year with in person instruction and would wish to switch to the *Hornets from Home*.

## **What happens if our district is moved to a different phase?**

If Central Montcalm is in Phases 1-3, in-person instruction will no longer be allowed. We will be using a blended learning plan that will have on-line learning instruction provided by the teacher. If Central Montcalm is in Phases 4-6, learning will be in-person with safety precautions followed.

## **What if a child refuses to wear a mask?**

Without a medical reason provided, the act of not wearing a mask will be considered an act of defiance. We will continue to educate the child on the importance of the mask and contact parents to work together to solve the problem. If we cannot come to a solution, a student may be placed in a virtual learning program.

## **What about breakfast and lunch?**

Breakfast and Lunch will be provided free of charge during the 2020-2021 school year. Students will be eating breakfast and lunch in their classrooms.

## **What will happen if my child is diagnosed with COVID-19, someone in their class is diagnosed or a staff member is diagnosed?**

Our school will reach out to the Mid-Michigan Health Department for guidance on how to handle any possible COVID-19 diagnosis or exposure. Please know that absences related to COVID-19 symptoms or diagnosis will not be considered absences that would relate to a truancy violation.

## **What about sports/activities?**

At this time, the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) is moving forward with fall sports as typically scheduled. Furthermore, our league (CSAA) hosts various non-athletic competitions amongst league schools. These competitions are also being planned for according to their typical schedule. As we learn more or if there are any cancellations, we will keep CMHS families updated.

## **What about bussing/transportation?**

All students will be required to wear a mask while on the bus and have an assigned seat to and from school. Specific questions in regards to bus safety protocols should be directed to the transportation department.