

July 16, 2009

Dear 6th Grade Parents/Guardians & Students:

Welcome to Central Middle School! We hope you are as excited about becoming a sixth grader as we are about meeting you! Middle School can be very different from elementary school so we are planning to answer all of your questions and alleviate all of your worries on the first day of school. Below is a schedule of your day, so that you will know what to expect:

- Wednesday, September 9th, will be the first day of school for students. This will be a full day of school for all students.
- School starts at 8:15 AM and ends with dismissal at 2:30 PM.
- Transportation to and from Central is not provided. However, the MBTA generally offers a few bus routes designated for Central students. Please contact the Quincy T Station for more information. Buses may not be running the first week of school so please make sure you have arranged for your child to get to and from school safely.
- At the entrance bell (8:15), grade 6 students will gather on the Butler Road side of the building and will proceed to the gymnasium.
- Please be assured that homeroom teachers will be waiting for your child in the gymnasium so parents/guardians should feel comfortable leaving their 6th grader!
- Once in homeroom, students will receive an agenda book and their schedule.
- Detailed information relative to school policies and other school programs will be provided during the first week of school. We will be distributing a clear plastic "*Communication Folder*" to each student to keep in their trapper keeper.
- Sixth graders are scheduled to eat first lunch during the school year. However, for the first week of school ONLY, sixth graders will eat third lunch and will be allowed a brief snack time.
- Teachers will assign lockers, provide schedules, explain procedures and tour the building with all sixth graders.
- Open House is scheduled for Tuesday, September 22, 2009.

We are asking parents/guardians to sign up for Instant Alert if you have not done so within the past year. This is so you may receive notifications from Central. Please see reverse side of this letter for more information.

We have enclosed a supply list from the teaching team and a letter from the nurse that will be helpful as you start to prepare for the first day of school. Our school office will re-open Monday, August 31st. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us via phone or email and we will get back to you as soon as possible. This summer, your child's school supply list and Suggested Summer Reading List will be posted on our school's website found at www.quincypublicschools.com. Click on Central and follow the link. Enjoy the rest of the summer!

Sincerely,

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