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Central Senior News

October, 2022



Words from the Office

The month of September is behind us and we have much to be thankful for at CSS, as we usher in the month of October: we have successfully managed to get our students adjusted to the pace of life as we return to school, extra curricular activities are up and running, and our halls are filled with the sights and sounds of laughter and learning. We would like to thank all of our Central Senior families for their support and patience during our recent, reorganization process. Our enrolment is now at 326 students! We love that our population of Centurions is growing and we appreciate the patience and flexibility of our staff, students, and supporters at home as we created a new class to accommodate our increasing numbers.

School Council @ Central Senior PS

Our School Council will be meeting on the last, Tuesday of each month from 6:30-7:30pm. Historically, our council has been instrumental in raising funds to support our students by helping offset costs of trips, buying sporting equipment, supporting dramatic productions, and much, much more. ALL funds raised go directly to students and new faces are welcome! If you are interested in joining council, please contact the office and we will provide you with all the information you need to get involved!

Newsletter Highlights

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Terry Fox @ CSS

Our annual Terry Fox Run/Walk and fundraiser happened Friday, September 23rd and, thanks to Ms. Nadon and her amazing Terry Fox Committee, it was a great success, raising over \$3000 for Cancer Research. Congratulations to Class 72 (Ms. Nadon's Room) for raising the most funds as a class; they will be receiving a pizza lunch for their efforts. Additional congratulations go out to Leah Hanniman for raising the most individual funds. This student won a Terry Fox TShirt for their efforts. Well done!

A huge thank you to our Terry Fox Committee and their fearless leader, Ms. Nadon, for organizing the event. Students were responsible for advertising, music, counting laps, monitoring fundraising, and doing the display case. They were also responsible for creating our spirited, musical playlist for the walk itself. We have amazing student leaders at CSS!! Keep up the good work, Centurions.



*The Sound of Music @ CSS

If there were hills at Central, they'd be alive with the sound of music! At Central, we are lucky enough to have certified, music teachers on staff. Ms. Smith started Intermediate Band and Choir this week, which resulted in an impressive turnout from our motivated students! We have full-instrumental music which will be delivered in semesters to our regular music classes AND we now have band and choir up and running.

THANK YOU to Ms. Smith for generously donating her time and energy to this endeavour! We can't wait to hear our students play!

CENTRAL SENIOR STAFF 2022-23: UPDATED LIST

John Bianco.....	Grade 7
Courtney Nadon.....	Grade 7
Samantha Manderson.....	Grade 7
Kathleen Rainey.....	Grade 7
Jessica Butcher.....	Grade 7
Jessica Milne.....	Grade 7 French Immersion
Megan Keane.....	Grade 7/8
Sallie Byer.....	Grade 8
Amanda Yandt.....	Grade 8
Jodie Collins.....	Grade 8
Corinne Cotton.....	Grade 8
Robin Steffler.....	Grade 8 French Immersion
Julie Hough....	Grade 7 and 8 English for French Immersion
Matt Lowell.....	Gr. 8 Math (English and French Immersion)
Samantha Tomlinson.....	Grade 7 Math (French Immersion)
Sarah Dales.....	Core French
Douglas Wheeler.....	Prep Coverage
Holly Smith....	Prep Coverage and Resource Teacher
Cathy Webster.....	Educational Assistant
Theresa Serracino.....	Educational Assistant
Lisa Reeds.....	Educational Assistant
Laurie Teel.....	Educational Assistant
Wendy Cummings.....	Head Secretary
Dana Beebe.....	Library Tech/Secretary
Karen Harford.....	Head Custodian
Jessica Dwyer.....	Custodian
Jennifer Whiteway....	Vice Principal and Resource Teacher
Tischa Hetherington.....	Principal

EQUITY, ACCOUNTABILITY, AND KINDNESS: THE CENTRAL CODE

At Central Senior, we are dedicated to ensuring that students feel **represented, valued, and supported** as members of our learning community. The Pillars of our Central Code: Equity, Accountability, and Kindness, will be shared and discussed in detail with each student. We set the bar high with respect to behaviour, and academic responsibility. Our staff are committed to supporting our students in becoming respectful and responsible members of the school, local, and global community.





X-Country Running Team @ CSS

If you are out and about on Tuesday and Thursday mornings, you may have seen a crew of Central students running the streets around our neighborhood. For a few weeks now, Ms. Manderson has been holding team tryouts in anticipation of the upcoming, TLDSB X-Country Meet at Ken Reid Conservation Area on October 12th, 2022. Students who have been trying out will participate in a timed run to qualify to compete on behalf of our school! We are incredibly proud of all the students who have been getting out of bed to come to practice and go for that early, morning run!

Soccer @ CSS

Madame Milne and Ms. Yandt are holding soccer tryouts after school. We have a number of students who have been dedicating time at the end of the day to attend these tryouts, have some fun, and get exercise! Once the final decision is made regarding the teams, our students will be participating in interschool athletics against other schools in TLDSB. We look forward to cheering them on and seeing them represent our school! Many thanks to Madame Milne and Ms. Yandt for sharing their time and expertise with us to coach the teams. The dates for regional competitions are as follows: Intermediate girls AA: Wed Oct 26
Intermediate boys AA: Thurs Oct 27



Dungeons and Dragons Club @CSS

We had an amazing turnout for our first meeting of the CSS D&D club, supervised by Madame Dales. The club runs weekly and will include regular games, character creation, and sharing of cool D&D resources/knowledge!

Vulnerable Sector and Police Checks

As more clubs and teams get up and running at Central, we will be relying on volunteer parents and caregivers to provide support getting to and from games/events. We will also be seeking volunteers for a variety of school-based field trips and activities throughout the school year. If you can foresee being a volunteer, it is best to secure a vulnerable sector check online. Checks are valid for one year and, if you have a current check, you do not need to do a new one, merely sign an attestation that there have been no changes in your status over the year. If you live in the City of Kawartha Lakes, you can obtain a check online at:

<https://www.policereliefsolutions.ca/checks/services/kawarthalakes/index.php?page=pvsc>

STAYING CONNECTED @ CENTRAL

1. **School Website** <https://css.tlidsb.on.ca/>-our school calendar of events is on this site; we try hard to keep it updated with important, upcoming events and dates
2. **Twitter Feed** @centralsenior
3. **Instagram** centralseniorschool
4. MyBusToSchool <https://www.mybustoschool.ca> -bussing-related information
5. TLDSB Website <https://www.tlidsb.ca/> - for board-related events and information



Special Education at Central

The Special Education team at Central has been working hard to ensure students are prepared in their classes. We have distributed SEA equipment, technology and have even started meeting with students who have an IEP to make sure their voice is represented in their needs here at Central. Classroom teachers have been working with the Special Education team as well, reviewing IEP goals and accommodations in the variety of classes.

Central Special Education Team

Special Education Resource Teacher (SERT)

Holly Smith

Jen Whiteway

Central Hosts Parent Special Education Evening

Does your child have an Individual Education Plan (IEP) that you feel you know very little about? Do you know the processes that the SERT team undergo to implement IEP's? Do you know how to help support your child with an IEP? Are you wondering what will happen with the IEP at highschool? Central is hosting a Special Education evening on October 25th from 5:30-6:30pm in the gym to discuss all things IEP. Bring your child's IEP, listen and learn, or ask questions. Please RSVP by calling the school to reserve a spot.

Students with Medical Plans

Please send all outstanding medical forms for students with medical conditions to the office. These forms were sent out during the first week of school. Any medications that students require at school such as puffers, etc. should be sent in to the office as well.

Important Dates:

October 4th- Grade 8 IPRC (parents already contacted)

October 17th- Individual Education Plan (IEP) goes home

October 25th- Central Parent Special Education evening
from 5:30-6:30pm

October 26th-Girls Soccer Tournament

October 27th-Boys Soccer Tournament

October

Canadian Autism Awareness Month

Cyber Awareness Month

Durga Puja (Hinduism)

German Heritage Month

Hispanic Heritage Month

Islamic Heritage Month

Women's History Month

Sunday, October 2

National Custodial Workers' & Maintenance Staff Day

Tuesday, October 4

Yom Kippur (Judaism)

Wednesday, October 5

International Walk to School Day

World Teachers' Day

Saturday, October 8

Mawlid Al-Nabi - Prophet Muhammad's Birth (Islam)

Sunday, October 9

Fire Prevention Week

Sukkot (Judaism)

Monday, October 10

Thanksgiving

World Mental Health Day

Tuesday, October 11

International Day of the Girl Child

National Coming Out Day

Wednesday, October 12

Karva Chauth (Hinduism)

Sunday, October 16

Shemini Atzeret and Simchat Torah (Judaism)

Monday, October 17

Local Government Week

National School Bus Safety Week

Tuesday, October 18

Child Care Worker and Early Childhood Educator
Appreciation Day

Wednesday, October 19

School Bus Driver Appreciation Day

Take Me Outside Day

Thursday, October 20

Installation of the Sri Guru Granth Sahib (Sikhism)

Friday, October 21

Child Care Worker and Early Childhood Educator
Appreciation Day

Monday, October 24

Bandi Chhor Divas (Sikhism)

Canadian School Library Day

Diwali (Hinduism/Sikhism/Jainism)

Wednesday, October 26

Birth of Bahá'u'lláh (Bahá'í)

Thursday, October 27

Dress Purple Day

Monday, October 31

Halloween

Family Support Resources in our Community:

[Big Brothers Big Sisters of Kawartha Lakes- Haliburton](#) - (705) 324-6800

[Chimo Youth & Family Services](#) - (705) 324-3300

[Kawartha Lakes Food Source](#) - (705) 324-0707

[John Howard Society](#) - (705) 328-0472

[A Place Called Home](#) - (705) 328-0905

