



Plainfield Central Middle School

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Working in the educational field requires a constant desire to improve the school community. As one academic year ends, transitions for grades five and eight students begin with a new journey, ultimately leading to attending new schools and learning new routines.

Schools typically make use of the summer months for organizational changes. At the central school, these changes include staffing, physical/safety/instructional upgrades to the building and campus, and procedural/expectations updates. I'd like to share most of these changes.

The staffing changes are as follows:

Mr. Colin Delaney, Assistant Principal replaces Mrs. Kelleher, Assistant Principal, PHS;

Mrs. Pam Carleson, Grade 6 Science Teacher fills vacant position;

Mr. Luke Clavet, Physical Education Teacher replaces Mr. Gladue, retirement;

Ms. Stephanie Curtis, Mathematics Teacher replaces Mrs. McAteer, Math Interventionist, PCMS

Mr. John Lorange, Social Studies Teacher replaces Mrs. Farland, retirement.

The physical/safety/instructional upgrades to our building and campus include the following: water fountain upgrades, furniture upgrades in several classrooms, scheduled installation of several sets of exterior doors and cameras (via safety grant), wifi upgrades (safety grant), one of the gazebos is scheduled to be moved to a location in the back of the building for instructional opportunities, chromebook and smartboard replacements and upgrades.

Most of the procedural/expectations updates are listed in our school agenda and are highlighted on our website. They are designed to support students in the academic, attendance, and behavioral domains. I urge parents/guardians and students to become familiar with these updates, which will be shared with each team during the first days of school this year.

Parents/guardians routinely ask our support staff members how to best assist and guide their children as they move through the middle school years. Getting involved in the school, in terms of clubs and athletics routinely yields positive connections to the school. Consistent attendance and work/project completion leads to better student experiences. Open communication (with your child) is critical and without question, cell phones (not allowed during the school day) and social media have resulted in the necessity for home and school to work together in our pursuit to establish and maintain responsible usage for middle school students. We always advise to limit and/or monitor all social media activity as this practice greatly assists our entire school community: students, parent/guardians, and school personnel. Our support staff will provide support lessons and assembly style programming during the year for our school community.

Late buses are scheduled to begin on September 24th and are designed to service students remaining beyond the school day. Most of the time, students attending clubs take advantage of this option. Further, we will be announcing a "Rise To Shine" program to families. This program is designed for a morning tutorial/extra help session (with the teacher), from 7:30 – 7:55 on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Students will need to sign up for these sessions and transportation is the responsibility of each family. More details will be shared with you after the school year has begun.

In closing, our goal is to provide optimal learning experiences for your child. We desire to work in partnership with you and very much believe that the home school connection is vital to the success of students. Enjoy the remainder of the summer.



Scott W. Gagnon, Principal

Dates of Distinction / Information:

Student Schedules	Mailed the middle of August	
Student Supply List	Posted on website	
Fall Athletic Dates	Necessary document/health forms are posted on website	
	Girls and Boys Soccer Try-Outs	September 4 th and 5 th
	Cross Country (all are welcome to join)	September 9 th , first practice
First Day of School	August 28 th – 12:10 Student Dismissal	Lunches not served
School Picture Date	September 10 th	

OPEN HOUSE DATES:

Grade 6	August 22 nd , 8:30 – 10:30
Grades 7 and 8	August 26 th , 2:30 – 4:30.

2019-2020 Highlighted Procedural/Expectations for Students

Extra/Co-Curricular Activities (clubs, activity nights, dances, athletics) Eligibility

Participation in extra or co-curricular activities (clubs, athletics, activity nights, dances, etc.) is a privilege and not a requirement. Participation requires that students are in good academic standing (meet eligibility requirements) and meet our school's behavior and attendance/tardy expectations. The majority of students consistently meet the expectations. As a courtesy, please read the following:

Student Academic/Behavior/Attendance Expectations:

Academics: must not be failing more than 1 subject from the prior marking period (including previous year for Quarter 1);

Behavior/Conduct: must not receive three or more discipline referrals in current marking period;

Absences/Tardies: Must not have more than four unexcused absences per month or more than ten unexcused absences per year AND/OR must not have more than four unexcused tardies per month or more than ten tardies per year.

NOTE: administration reserves the right to place a student on probationary status or declare a student ineligible should that student fall into poor academic standing during a marking period. In this instance, a probationary plan will be developed with the principal, student, and parent/guardian.

Behavior/Conduct Emphasis

Over the past two years, bus behavior and removals from class have caused unnecessary and avoidable interruptions during our school day. In an effort to reduce/limit these unnecessary interruptions, the following procedues have been established:

Bus Referrals:

Referral #1 Lunch privilege is revoked for one day

Referral #2 PM detention is assigned

Referral #3 Extended Day Detention is assigned

Referral # 4 Bus privileges revoked for a period of time and cycle re-starts at the referral # 3 stage

NOTE: Administration reserves the right to revoke bus privileges based upon individual instances