August 22, 2014

Hopefully this letter finds you enjoying the last few days of summer. It is an exciting time of year and we are getting ready for the first day of school. Welcome back to all of our returning seventh and eighth graders and welcome to our new students and sixth graders. Our staff is preparing to continue providing our students the best education. Also, our Parent Teacher Organization is working on ideas to create opportunities for more student enrichment.

As I begin my second year as the principal of CMS, I realize how lucky I am to serve in this position. We have a dedicated teaching staff that will provide a quality learning experience for our students. Our support staff provides a safe, clean, and caring learning environment. The parents of CMS are supportive and expect the best for their student. But most importantly, we have amazing students. It is a joy getting to know our students and watching them grow.

As a staff we are dedicated to helping our students grow academically and socially. Communication is a key to this success and we will continue to use the Skylert system. Our Centennial Updates (Friday emails) will continue to be our main form of communication. Please be sure that we have accurate contact information for your family. We also use Twitter to share upcoming events, highlight learning, and celebrate success. Check us out @CentennialMS.

Each school year brings new members to our staff and we are excited to welcome six teachers to our staff this year. Marco Carnacchi will be teaching physical education and performing arts. Christina Cibrario will be teaching keyboarding, pre-algebra, and 6th and 7th grade science. Andrew Klebba will be teaching one section of art. Stephanie Sexton will be teaching 6th and 7th grade social studies, English 8, and keyboarding. Christina Williams will be teaching in our CI department. We also welcome back Darel Middaugh, who will be teaching our select choir class, Charger Singers.

In closing, it is a wonderful time of year with excitement and anticipation. We are eagerly waiting the return of students to the CMS hallways. We wish each of you the best of success and look forward to a great year.

Sincerely,

Brian Toth
Principal
Centennial Middle School
# List of Staff 2014-2015

## Administration
- Brian Toth, Principal
- Kelly Gallagher, Assistant Principal

## Secretaries
- Kellie Angelosanto, 6th grade office
- Cindy Dobrovic, 7th/8th grade office
- Nancy Horvat, Data processor

## Clerk
- Dawn Hesterman

## Counselors
- Jason Gilders
- Lisa Judd

## 6th Grade Teachers
- Maureen Cauchi, Language Arts
- Shelly Demoss, Science
- Marcy Gallagher, Math
- Andrew Kaschalk, Language Arts
- Leann Lambert, Math
- Brenton Montie, Social Studies
- Jaclyn Payne, Language Arts
- Bonnie Sevakis, Science
- Stephanie Sexton, Social Studies
- Tracy Steffes, Social Studies

## 7th Grade Teachers
- Tamara Besco, Algebra
- Justin Chamberlin, Social Studies
- Jesse Christner, Social Studies
- Holly Hare, Algebra
- Stephanie Jordet, Social Studies
- Darcy Lab, Language Arts
- Derrek Ross, Science
- Michelle Sanderson, Science
- Stephanie Sexton, Social Studies
- Heather Thomas, Language Arts
- Lisa Welch, Math

## 8th Grade Teachers
- Jennifer Barshaw, Social Studies
- Tamara Besco, Algebra
- Stephanie Ferguson, Language Arts
- Carol Hildebrandt, Science
- Rachelle Kalbfleisch, Algebra
- Andrew Kaschalk, English
- Erin Lowery, English
- Brooke Ortwine, Algebra
- Stephanie Sexton, Language Arts
- Kimberly Staley, Social Studies
- Brian Wilson, Science

## Learning Resource Teachers
- Megan George, T.M.I.
- Lucy Gilders
- Heidi Host, Math
- Liz Rhoad
- Stephanie Rohrbach, Math/LA
- Christina Williams, T.M.I.

## Elective Teachers
- Anthony Arbini, Art 6,7

## Physical Education Teachers
- Misty Bratcher 6,7,8
- Marco Carnacchi 7
- James Reddy 6,7

## Teacher Consultant
- Heidi Host

## Media Center
- Laurie Ketron

## Paraeducators
- Patricia Barlow
- Linda Browne
- Lori Gasparotto
- Cynthia McPhail
- Anne Marie Noyes

## Restorative Practices
- Monica Mapley

## Building Engineer
- Jim Shekell

## Custodians
- Bridget Koslowski
- Kathy Nichols
- Kathy Vines

## Kitchen
- Rebecca Hull, Manager
- Jennifer Miller, Helper
- Jeanne Morris, Helper

## Hall Monitor
- Julie Miller

## Lunch Aides
- Laura Elwood
- Robbie Levett
- Devona Nanda
- Sharon Vinson

## Miscellaneous
- Stacey Bean, Social Worker
- Amy Dietz, Speech Pathologist
- Kristina Hughes, Social Worker
- TBA, Career Development Facilitator
Required before School Starts
7th Grade Immunization Requirements

All school districts are required to report to the Michigan Department of Community Health the immunization status of all 7th grade students, new school entrants, and kindergartners. All 7th graders must have documentation showing that they have had the following immunizations:

- Two doses of MMR on or after 12 months
- Three doses of Hepatitis B (HBV)
- Complete series of DTaP/Td with one dose of tetanus/diphtheria/cellular pertussis (Tdap) vaccine (if 5 years have passed since last dose of tetanus/diphtheria vaccine-DTaP, Td or DT)
- Four doses of polio, if dose 3 administered on or after 4 years, only 3 doses required. (OPV)
- Two doses of varicella (Chicken pox vaccine) or the month and year that the child had Chicken Pox disease.
- *One dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV4 or MPSV4) on or after the 11th birthday.
*New Requirement

This requirement will help assure that school-aged children are up-to-date and protected against vaccine preventable diseases.

Michigan Department
Of Community Health

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Notification Regarding Report Cards at Secondary Schools

Grades can be viewed online using Skyward. First marking period report cards will be handed out at conferences or sent home with students to those parents not in attendance. Report cards will be mailed home at the end of each semester. Parents will receive an email alert when report cards are ready to view for all other marking periods. Parents without email access will have a report card sent home with their student.

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Centennial–Millenium Cross Country Team

To all students (boys and girls) interested in running: the “Cross Country” team season starts with our first practice Wednesday, September 3rd. You must have a physical to participate. Practices are Monday – Thursday from 2:45-4:00 p.m. Our season “runs” through late October. There will be an informational parent meeting on Thursday, September 4th at Millennium Middle school in the Media Center at 4:00 p.m. (for both MMS and CMS runners). If you have any questions, feel free to email the coaches:

Millennium - Coach Costa  costac@slcs.us
Centennial – Coach DeMoss  demosss@slcs.us
First Day of School
Students’ first day back will be September 2nd. This is a half day with dismissal at 10:29 AM. Office hours will be 7:00 AM - 3:30 PM.

Emergency Cards
All returning students must fill out a new emergency card regardless if they are at the same school or not. Every year a new card must be completed with reliable phone numbers.

Student Drop Off
Student drop off will continue to be the same with parents dropping off/picking up in the front loop. The south-east doors off 9 Mile will remain locked. The south-west doors off 9 Mile and bus loop doors will be open.

Students are not permitted in the building until 7:20 am at which time supervision will take place. If you have any questions regarding this policy, please call the main office.

CLASS CHANGE SCHEDULE

Hours Class Time
Warning Bell 7:30 am
1st Hour 7:35 am - 8:36 am
2nd Hour 8:41 am - 9:40 am
3rd Hour 9:45 am - 10:44 am
4th Hour (includes lunch) 10:49 am - 12:18 pm

Lunch Periods
Lunch “A” 10:44 am - 11:14 am
Lunch “B” 11:16 am - 11:46 am
Lunch “C” 11:48 am - 12:18 pm
5th Hour 12:23 pm - 1:22 pm
6th Hour 1:27 pm - 2:28 pm

1/2 DAY BELL SCHEDULE
1st Hour 7:35 am - 8:00 am
2nd Hour 8:05 am - 8:30 am
3rd Hour 8:35 am - 9:00 am
4th Hour 9:05 am - 9:30 am
5th Hour 9:35 am - 10:00 am
6th Hour 10:05 am - 10:29 am
Announcements 10:25 am - 10:29 am
Dismissal 10:29 am

Messages to Students
In order to protect instructional time, students are not called down to the office for messages or to pick up items (lunches, homework) except before lunch at 10:44 AM. Please do not text or call cell phones to contact students during the day as these are to be turned off in lockers.
Please contact the office before 10:30 AM for messages to be relayed.

CELLULAR PHONE USE POLICY
Please be advised that if your child brings a cell phone to school it must not be heard, seen, or used. Cell phones at the middle school level are not allowed during the instructional day and should be kept in their lockers. If a student is caught with a phone that is not off and out of sight it will be confiscated and they can pick it up at the end of the day in the office. Parents, we ask that if you need to speak with your child during the course of the day, please call the office and we will call them down to speak with you.
Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.
**BREAKFAST PROGRAM**

We are pleased that a large number of students take advantage of the Breakfast Program in the CMS cafeteria. However, if students do not carefully manage their time, it will result in an unexcused tardy to first hour. The serving line will open at 7:20 am and will close promptly at 7:30 am to prevent students from coming to the cafeteria at the last minute. If students would like to buy breakfast, they should go to the cafeteria as soon as they arrive in the building; they can socialize after eating. Students will be expected to eat, go to their lockers, and arrive on time to their first hour classes. We do not expect issues with late buses, so students should have ample time to accomplish these tasks. Passes will not be issued from the cafeteria. If there are extenuating circumstances, students should see an administrator. If a student is not able to manage his/her time, then perhaps purchasing breakfast at school is not a viable option for that student.

**ENERGY DRINK ADVISORY**

Parents, please do not send students to school with ultra high-energy drinks. Not only do your sons and daughters have enough adolescent energy already, but many of the products currently on the market have warning labels that indicate use by children is not recommended. Previously, we had a student experience a negative reaction after drinking several of these.

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**Water Bottles**

Students will be permitted to carry water bottles with them throughout the school day under the following conditions:

- The bottles may only contain water.
- Only clear bottles will be permitted (No colored bottles of any kind).
- No soft plastic bottles.
- The water may not become a distraction to the learning environment.
- Water bottles will not be allowed in computer labs, technology labs, Media Centers or gymnasiums.

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**SCHOOL CLOSINGS - HOTLINE**

For up to date school closings and transportation information, including cancellations and double bus runs, please call - 248-573-8251
REQUESTS FOR HOMEWORK
If a student is absent three or more days, a parent may call the office to arrange for work to be collected. We request that you not contact individual teachers directly as it is much more efficient and less disruptive for arrangements to be handled by the office staff. Please note that teachers require 24 hour notice to prepare homework. Work can then be picked up in the office at the end of the next school day. Additionally, if a student will be gone for a pre-arranged absence (such as a vacation), there is a form which must be completed in advance. When work is requested for a long period of time (such as an extended vacation), teachers will do their best to anticipate what will be covered based on their lesson plans; however, at times, these plans may be altered while the student is gone. Therefore, it is always important for the student to speak with the teacher when turning in assignments upon return to school.

Vacations will be considered as unexcused absences. If you are planning a vacation please stop by the main office and pick up a pre-arranged absence form.

Fall Sports
If your child is planning on participating in a fall sport, he/she must have a physical dated after April 15th. All students trying out for any sport must also have a physical. This holds true for any student entering the high school in the fall. ($850 cap per family)

PAY TO PARTICIPATE (SPORTS) FEES
The pay to participate sports fees for the 2014-2015 school year are:
High School - $175.00
Middle School - $85.00

Medications
Over the counter or prescription medications can only be given in school with authorized school forms filled out and signed by a physician detailing dosage and time intervals with the name of the medication. Parent’s portion must also be filled out and signed. Forms must be renewed annually. Medications need to be in their original container with student’s name on them and need to be brought to and picked up from school only by a parent. No medication will be kept for more than one school year.
Security Enhancements

After the start of the school day and during school hours, all doors at District school buildings will be locked. Before entry to a building, visitors will be required to press the intercom call button at the main entrance, state their name and reason for visiting the building, and then face and extend a photo ID towards the camera. It is possible that there could be delays when requesting entrance to one of our buildings, and we appreciate your patience as we strive to provide a safe learning environment.

When the office staff responds and unlocks the door, visitors will be required to report directly to the office. After signing a visitor log, a visitor badge will be issued and must be worn in plain sight at all times while inside the building. The visitor badge must be returned to the main office at the conclusion of the visit and the visitor log must be signed to indicate the time of departure. Similar to the visitor badge process, the other visible change to our security procedures is that all District staff will be wearing photo security badges at all times in District buildings. Many of the other security improvements will be purposely less visible.

The physical and mental safety and security of our students remains our top priority in the South Lyon Community School District.

As a parent, volunteer and/or building visitor how can I help?

Never open the door for other visitors.
Report any concerns to the office immediately.
Whenever possible, schedule appointments with staff prior to arriving at school.
Whenever possible try to avoid picking students up early from school.
Have your photo ID available prior to pressing the call button at the front door.
Once at the main entrance-
   Press the call button.
   The office staff will respond.
   State your name and purpose for your visit.
   Extend a photo ID towards the camera.
Once inside go straight to the office to sign in and receive your visitor badge/sticker.
Visibly display your badge/sticker during your entire stay at the building.
Remember to return your visitor badge/sticker and sign out in the office at the end of your visit.
Disclosure of Personal Information

If you DO NOT want the following information available to the public, please notify the Principal, by October 1st:

In accordance with the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA 20 USC 1232 [g], the Board of Education of SLCS designated the following information as “Directory Information:”

- student’s name
- names of student’s parents
- student’s address
- student’s date of birth
- student’s class designation
- student’s achievements-awards, honor, etc. (not scholastic grades)
- student’s extracurricular participation
- student’s height/weight if documented through the athletic department
- student’s photograph
- the name of the school or school district the student attended prior to enrolling in SLCS.

While other information concerning students of the district remains confidential, and will be released only in accordance with the school district’s Student Record Policy, “directory information” will be released to a requesting party, absent a parent or an eligible student advising the school district that such information should not be released with respect to that particular student by contacting the students’s building principal in writing.

Child’s Name (print):________________ Parent/Guardian Signature:______________
Date:__________________ Name of School:______________________________

_____ Even though I signed this disclosure, I would like my child’s picture in the yearbook.
_____ I do not want my child’s picture published in the yearbook.

Pesticide Notification

As a part of the South Lyon Community Schools district’s pest and grounds management program, pesticides are occasionally applied. You have a right to be informed prior to any pesticide application made to the school grounds and/or buildings. In certain emergencies, pesticides may be applied without prior notice, but you will be provided notice following any such application. If you need prior notification, please complete the information below and submit to:

Facilities and Maintenance
22727 Griswold
South Lyon, MI 48178

Parent/Guardian name: _____________________________________________________________
Student’s name:  ___________________________________________________________________
Street address:  _____________________________________________________________________
City: _______________________________________ Zip code: _______________________________
Daytime telephone: __________________________ Evening telephone: _______________________
Signature: ___________________________________________ Date: ________________________
**PLEASE READ CAREFULLY**

South Lyon Community Schools
NOTIFICATION TO PARENTS/GUARDIANS

Date: August 22, 2014

The Board of Education has established a program of instruction, which includes HIV/AIDS and other serious communicable disease prevention education and sexuality education. Enclosed is an outline for the units of study in each of the above content area(s).

According to Michigan law, you have the right to review the materials and curriculum content to be used in HIV and other serious communicable disease prevention education, as well as sex education. The local board of education, in compliance with the statute, has made the materials and curriculum guides available for your review. If you are unable to make the open preview session and wish to review the materials or curriculum content, please contact the district at 248-573-8600 to arrange a time for your review. You also have the right to observe instruction in your child’s classroom. If you wish to do this, please call 248-573-8600 to make arrangements.

This statute allows you to excuse your child from participation in the classes that include HIV and other serious communicable disease prevention instruction, as well as sex education if you choose. If you wish to exercise your right to excuse your child from instruction without penalty, please send written notice to the principal of your child’s school before OCTOBER 3, 2014.

THERE WILL BE AN OPEN PREVIEW SESSION ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2014 (TENTATIVE) at 3:00 P.M. IN THE CENTENNIAL MEDIA CENTER. RETURN THIS FORM BY THE DEADLINE ONLY IF YOU DO NOT WANT YOUR CHILD TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS HEALTH UNIT. AN EVENING SESSION WILL ALSO BE SCHEDULED ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2014 AT CENTENNIAL MIDDLE SCHOOL’S TEAM ROOM, BEGINNING AT 6:00 P.M.

Sincerely,

Brian Toth
Principal

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Parent Request to Excuse Student From Reproductive Health and/or HIV Education

_______  1. My child may be included in this instruction. If you choose this option, you do not need to return this form to school.

_______  2. My child will be excused from the instruction only for the lessons outlined on the attachment.

_______  3. My child will be excused from the instruction outlined on the attachment and all future reproductive health education instruction until I further notify the principal of my child’s school.

Student Name: ____________________________________________________________

Parent Signature: ________________________________________ Date: _____________
As approved by the Board of Education, the district will be implementing a one-time annual fee for activities. This activity fee will be charged to cover extra and co-curricular activities such as plays, yearbook, NJHS, Science Olympiad, and Student Council. Only students participating in these extra or co-curricular activities must pay the Pay to Participate. The fee is to be paid once a year allowing students to participate in as many programs or activities as they choose. The fee is $30.00 for all middle school activities.

A check or money order can be made out to South Lyon Community Schools (SLCS). This check will cover all extra and co-curricular programs for the entire school year. Please fill out the form below and return it with your check or money order when your child joins one of the above activities.

If you need additional information, or have questions about the programs requiring a fee, please feel free to contact the middle school office at (248) 573-8600.

Activities Fee
2014-2015 School Year - $30.00

Last Name: ___________________________ First Name: ___________________________ Grade: ___________

Extra/Co-curricular activities _____________________________________________________________
_______________________________________________________________________________________
_______________________________________________________________________________________

Student signature: ___________________________ Date: ____________

Parent signature: ___________________________ Date: ____________

***Important Safety Notice***

Attention Parents

We ask your assistance in not parking by the “drop off” loop prior to school. The loop was designed to standing for parents to drop students off at the right curb and then continue to the exit. The concern has been that parents park and wait for the bell before releasing their student thus creating back-ups and safety concerns. Please adhere to the following:

- Please proceed to the furthest point available in the loop to drop off your student. Stopping on the curve will only create problems. Do not park or remain in the line of the traffic pattern.
- Please keep right. Drop off on the left side requires students to cross traffic.
- The loop is not designed to hold cars for long periods of time. If you would like to wait with your student until school is open, please move to the parking areas behind CMS: there is enough space.
- Do not use the parking lot area or the sidewalk by the cafeteria as a “drop off” loop. This also has created safety issues as staff is entering the building.

In the interest of student safety, your cooperation is appreciated.

E-MAIL INFORMATION

If you would like to e-mail Derrek Ross, please be sure to add the #2 after his name, rossd2@slcs.us
Forms to Return to School
(If you haven’t already done so)

**Required:**
- Emergency Card
- Technology Agreement

**Optional**
- CHEERS Volunteer Form
- Disclosure of Personal Information
- Pesticide Notification
- Free/Reduced Lunch Form

Please remember to send a note with your child to the office before school if he/she will be picked up early.

Students will then receive a pass with the appropriate time they need to leave to show to their teacher. This will keep classroom interruptions to a minimum.

Upon return, please bring doctor/dentist slip for attendance.

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**SOUTH LYON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS 2014-2015 CALENDAR**

- September 2 ................................................................. Students A.M. Only
- September 3 ................................................................. First Full Day of School
- October 23 ................................................................. High School Parent Teacher Conferences
- October 30 ................................................................. Middle School Parent Teacher Conferences
- November 4 ..................... All Teacher Curriculum Day, no school students
- November 11 & 13 ..................... Elementary Parent Teacher Conferences;
- November 26 ............................................................. Compensatory Day; No School
- November 27-28 .......................... Thanksgiving Recess
- December 22 – January 2 ................................................. Winter Break
- January 20-22 .............................. Middle School Students ½ day for Assessments
- January 20-22 .............................. High School Students ½ Day for Assessments
- January 23 .............................Records Day - No School for Students
- February 16-20 ................................. Mid-Winter Break
- March 11 ................................. All Teacher Curriculum Day; no school for students
- April 3-10 .................................................................Spring Break
- April 22 ................................................................. Elementary Records Day
- May 25 ................................................................. No School for Elementary Students
- June 9-11 ................................ Middle and High School Students, 1/2 Day Assessments
- June 10 ................................................................. 1/2 Day for Elementary Students
- June 11 ................................................................. Last Day of School; Students A.M. Only
Mission Statement
The Centennial Middle School partnership of staff, parents, and community will provide its students with an opportunity to achieve their individual potential through diverse and challenging educational experiences in a safe, cooperative environment that respects individual differences and fosters productive, independent and responsible citizens.

CMS PHONE NUMBERS
Please feel free to make copies for your home and car.

7TH/8TH GRADE OFFICE - 248-573-8600  
6TH GRADE OFFICE - 248-573-8590
7TH/8TH GRADE FAX - 248-486-4302  
6TH GRADE FAX - 248-486-4303
ATTENDANCE - 248-573-8610

UPCOMING EVENTS AT CENTENNIAL
September 2 – 1/2 day of school
September 3 – First full day of school
September 11 – Open House
October 30 – Parent/Teacher conferences

Section 504 Notice of Nondiscrimination
Applicants for admission and employment, students, parents, employees, sources of referral of applicants for admission and employment, and all unions or professional organizations holding collective bargaining or professional agreements with the South Lyon Community School District are hereby notified that this District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, disability, age, height, weight, marital status, genetic information, or any other legally protected characteristic, in its programs and activities, including employment opportunities. Any person having inquires concerning the South Lyon Community School District’s compliance with the regulations implementing Title VI, Title IX, The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) or Section 504 is directed to contact Melissa Baker, Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services, 345 South Warren, South Lyon, Michigan 48178, 248-573-8130, who has been designated by the South Lyon Community School District to coordinate the District’s efforts to comply with the regulations implementing Title VI, Title IX, the ADA, and Section 504.