

Centre School September 2021 Newsletter

Dear Centre School Parents and Students,

With school vacation now coming to a close and the new school year arriving, We are excited to see everyone ready for school! Please note that Centre School students are invited to school with their parents on Monday afternoon, August 30th for Meet The Teacher/ Orientation . The first full day of classes for K-2 students at Centre School will be held on Tuesday, August 31st. The school day for K-2 students begins at 8:30 AM and ends at 2:50 PM. Our preschool program will begin on Tuesday, Sept. 7th. Morning pre-school meets from 8:45-11:15 AM and the afternoon pre-school class meets from 12:00-2:30 PM. The Centre School student population totals approximately 325 students. We continue to be fortunate to offer an educational program provided by a staff with extensive instructional expertise and experience. Centre School (PreK-2) is one of three schools providing public education for the Hampton School District, Marston School (3-5) and Hampton Academy (6-8) are the other two schools. Students leaving the Hampton School District after grade 8 attend Winnacunnet High School (9-12). The Hampton School Board meets monthly on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00 PM in the Hampton Academy Cafeteria. The Hampton School District is called “SAU 90” and is led by Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Lois Costa.

The following information is given to parents at school orientation and needs to be completed and returned to your child’s classroom teacher.

1. Check all of the information in the Centre School Eagle Folder/Student-Parent Handbook given to you at orientation.
2. Please complete and sign all forms and cards and return these to your child’s teacher.
3. Eagle Folder & Student-Parent Handbook – Please read these two together as a family. This information gives our expectations for students at Centre School.
4. Emergency contact information – The emergency card provides us with current emergency contact information. Please notify the school office secretary immediately if any of the information on your emergency contact card changes. It is vital that we can contact parents & guardians during the day in case of emergencies.

Students may begin arriving 8:20 AM and this year, they will go directly into the building (at their designated door) and go directly to their classroom. All students should be inside the doors prior to the 8:30 official start of school day bell. Students are marked “tardy” if they are not in the building by the 8:35 AM tardy bell. If you drop off your child at or after 8:35, please note all doors are locked and you will need to sign in your child at the main office. Dismissal is at 2:50 PM for kindergarten, first grade and second

grade students. Your child's safety at school and their success as a learner are prime concerns for all of us at Centre School. Our school expectations include the right for "Every child in our school to have an uninterrupted opportunity to learn" and that "Every Centre School child has the right to feel and to be safe". At Centre School harassment, bullying, disruptive behavior, and unsafe behavior will not be tolerated in the school building, on the school grounds or on the school buses. Parents will be notified immediately if their child's behavior creates an unsafe or disruptive school environment for others. School privileges may be denied until students can demonstrate expected behavior. To assist students in maintaining appropriate behavior our school wide social development program is modeled on Responsive Classroom strategies which strive to help students achieve academic excellence within a community that teaches cooperation, responsibility, independence, caring and self-control.

Our two school secretaries, Mrs. Melanie Liebenow, Secretary to the Principal, and Mrs. Kimberly Larck, Office Receptionist/Secretary, will be happy to assist you when you call (603) 926-8706 or fax (603) 926-1177. Also available to assist you with any medical questions/concerns is our school nurse, Amy Pietras. She can be contacted at apietras@sau90.org.

Our school entrance is secured to increase student safety. You will need to stop at the office window when you visit, identify yourself, and sign in before the door will be opened. We expect parents, guardians, visitors and staff to wear visitor tags at all times while in our building. School office hours are 7:30 AM – 4:00 PM. If you have questions or concerns about your child's progress you are welcome to contact your child's teacher through the school office at (603) 926-8706 or by emailing them.

Current information about all of our school's programs and events are maintained on the school's website: www.centre-school.sau90.org Also on the web site please be sure to find and review our SAU 90 Student & Parent Handbook. The Centre School family newsletter is published monthly and sent home along with the school menu on the last day of each month with your child. Classroom teachers use the school's "Eagle folder/student handbook" to send important papers and homework with students in their backpacks on a regular basis. Our school mascot is the American Bald Eagle. We will provide Eagle Shirts to all Kindergarten students entering Centre School this fall.

The security of our students is a top priority at Centre School. Security cameras monitor the school environment. **We ask you to help our school staff to keep all of our children safe by observing the following safety guidelines.**

1. All parents, guardians, volunteers and visitors must sign in at the school office and wear nametags while in school.
2. The Hampton Police Department has been working with the Centre School staff and the Superintendent of School's office to help assure that safe student arrival and departure procedures are in place daily. It has been determined that the safest way to cross Winnacunnet Road is at the blue crossing with our crossing guard, Mrs. Moore, directly across from the school entrance (if you would like to use the blue crossing path in front of the Town Hall please do so only if that walk is monitored by a Hampton Police officer (they are there most times) as it is dangerous as buses depart from the lot at that point of the road.
3. Parents who drive students to school are expected to park briefly in the Town Hall lot and then have their children walk on the sidewalk to cross with the crossing guard. School crossing guards will assist students at the blue crosswalk directly across from the school entrance. Parking in the school lots is limited. Please park on Towle Avenue or the town lot across from the Lane Library. Parking is prohibited at the Ross Apartments next to the school and on the Centre School side of Winnacunnet Road.
4. Parents are reminded to closely supervise children if using our playground after school. Students are expected to follow the playground rules posted on the gym door at all times.
5. NO DOGS ON SCHOOL GROUNDS AT ANY TIME (POSTED).
6. Please remember to call us in the morning if your child will be late or absent from school. You may call the school office at (603) 926-8706.

Thank you for helping to keep our little ones safe.

At Centre School, we endeavor to help each child enjoy this gift of public education as they continue the life long learning that begins at home and we look forward to partnering with you to assure that every Centre School child "soars like an eagle" throughout this school year. On behalf of all of the Centre School staff members, we look forward to this new school year with you!

Sincerely,

Mr. Timothy J. Lannan
Principal

Mrs. Jamie Hayward
Assistant Principal

Upcoming Events:

Aug 30 – Orientation for K-2 students 12:30-1:30 for last names beginning A-L, 1:30-2:30 for last names beginning M-Z

Aug. 31 – First day of classes Grades K, 1 & 2

Sept. 3-Sept. 6 – No School, Labor Day Weekend

Sept. 7 – First day Pre-School classes

Sept. 14 – School Board Mtg. 6:00 PM @ H. Academy

Sept. 21 – School Picture Day

Sept. 21 – Open House 5-7 PM

Sept. 22 – NO SCHOOL – In-Service Day