

# Central New Brunswick Academy School Newsletter

September 12, 2018

**“The vision of Central New Brunswick Academy is to encourage the development of accountable, confident critical thinkers and life-long learners who possess the skills to contribute to the success of their community.”**

Welcome to the 2018-2019 school year at Central New Brunswick Academy. We look forward to meeting you and working together throughout the year to ensure that the students at CNBA get the best education possible. We are very fortunate to have teachers and educational assistants who go above and beyond to assist in our endeavors to create a positive learning environment at CNBA that supports the academic growth of students.

For students, we encourage each of you to become involved in school life by participating in the various activities offered at CNBA; to accept leadership responsibilities; to challenge yourself academically and to be a proud member of your school community.

For parents/guardians, it is extremely important to remain current on school policies; to communicate with the school when an issue needing addressed arises; to encourage good study habits with your child and to ensure your child maintains regular attendance at school.

With the combined efforts of teachers, parents and students, we can guarantee an educational system that serves the students in our area well. Having a great facility, wonderful students, supportive parents and a caring community will allow our students/your children to make a strong presence in both the educational and athletic realm.

If you require any assistance during the school year, please contact the school. Please keep in mind that CNBA can be a busy place as we work hard to meet the needs of the students; therefore, we ask for your patience and understanding when you contact the school. We assure you that your concerns/inquiries will be addressed in a timely fashion. Out of respect for your child's school and his/her educators, please work through any issue with us as opposed to social media. We are willing to assist you in understanding decisions made at the school level or clarify realities distorted by misunderstandings.

We consider you as partners in education and will do our best to address your needs and/or those of your child's. Welcome to Central New Brunswick Academy and may each of you have a successful year.

Yours in education,  
Barbara A. Long, Principal  
Grant Ross, Vice Principal

## **Talk Mail/Attendance Manager**

The school will be utilizing the services of School Messenger for communicating with parents/guardians. This enables us to send messages home to the entire student body or to particular grade levels by phone and/or email. Please make sure that the school has current phone numbers and email addresses. In respect to attendance, the system will send out a message at approximately 8:45 a.m. alerting you to the status of your child's attendance at school. If a student is absent (unexcused) or late to school/class, you will be alerted by phone. To avoid a call on an absence of which you are aware, call the school with a valid reason for the absence prior to 8:30 a.m. Any calls that go out at 8:45 a.m. will be notifying parents of the status of their child at the beginning of the school day (Homeroom and the beginning of period 1). At the end of the day, you will receive a call notifying you of any unexcused absences throughout the day. Please contact the school immediately to inform us of absences so that we can enter it in the system. Excuses must come from the parent/guardian and not from students. These guidelines allow school administrative staff to manage students' attendance at school to ensure all of our students are accounted for during the school day.

**\*Please note – If you have Caller ID on your phone and it shows Central NB Academy or 365-2090 then it is either a Talk Mail message or an Attendance message. If someone is trying to contact you from the school, it will show as Private call or PNB.\***

## CNBA STAFF

**Principal** – Barbara A. Long

**Homeroom Teachers:**

Grade 6 – Kristy Brawn

Grade 7 D – Jason Davy

Grade 7 H – Katheryne Hay

Grade 8 C – Josh Campbell

Grade 8 R – Jon Roe

Grade 9 – Lyn Munn

Grade 10 M – Julie Munn

Grade 10 S – Charissa Smith

Grade 11 C – Shelley Carson

Grade 11 S – Ryan Slade

Grade 12 C – Steven Carson

Grade 12 L – Carl Legere

**Vice-Principal/Teacher** – Grant Ross

**Industrial:** Jonathan Hunter

**Guidance** – Susan Elliott

**School Intervention Worker (SIW):** Shauna O'Donnell

**Resource:** Lisa O'Donnell, Kristy Brawn

**Library** – Gail Ross, Krista Higgins

**Cafeteria** – Paula Munn, Carla Howe

**Social Worker** – Lynsey Wilson

**Nurse Practitioner** – Vanessa Betts

**Administrative Assistant:** Michelle Arbeau

**Educational Assistants:** Claudette Carson, Iris Doak, Karen Beek, Bonnie Hunter, Chrissy Pratt

**Custodians:** Rita Beek-Luce, Carla Black, Donna Hickey, Elissa Norwood, Dixie Porter

**Bus Drivers:** Graham Lyons; William Lyons; Tony Munn; Penny McAleer; Ryan Chase, Vernon Daigle.

## IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- Becca Schofield & Terry Fox Day at CNBA – September 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Harvey Studios School Photos – September 17<sup>th</sup>
- Becca Schofield Day – September 15<sup>th</sup>
- Community Terry Fox Run – September 16<sup>th</sup>
- Immunization Clinics – September 20<sup>th</sup>
- All Grade 9 students (Meningitis)
  - Grade 7 girls (HPV #1)
  - All Grade 7 students (TDAP)
- AARAO Tour (Career Fair for grades 11 & 12) – September 20<sup>th</sup> 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.
- CNBA Open House/Social Evening – Thursday September 27<sup>th</sup> 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- PSSC Elections – September 27<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30 p.m.
- Grade 12 Parent/Student Meeting – September 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.
- Motivational Presentation – September 26<sup>th</sup> Live Different @ 11:00 a.m.
- Wellness Week – October 1<sup>st</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>
- Thanksgiving Holiday – Monday, October 8<sup>th</sup> – no school for students
- Sports Fundraiser – October 14<sup>th</sup> Lumberjack Marathon 2pm at RCUM Park.
- Safe Schools Week – October 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>
- Grad Gown Photos – October 24<sup>th</sup>
- Remembrance Day – November 12<sup>th</sup> – No school (in lieu of November 11<sup>th</sup>)

### **No Child Without Program**

"No Child Without" Medical Alert bracelets are available for free to children up to age 14. Elementary schools should be receiving pamphlets soon which have the special PIN for coding. Meanwhile, families can call these numbers:

1-877-282-5378 between 10am – 6pm or 1-866-679-3220

Students aged 14 to 18 can get a reduced rate.

### **Visitors**

All visitors entering Central New Brunswick Academy are required to report to the main office immediately. Visitors are not permitted to roam through the building at any time without registering at the main office and are expected to follow all school rules. Requests for people to visit over the lunch break or spend the school day at CNBA will not be considered. Visitors who have registered with the office will receive an identification badge to be worn while at CNBA. These badges let school staff/students know that the visitor has received permission to be in the building. Absence of the badge signifies that a person has not registered at the main office.

### **Student Fees**

A student fee of \$20 per student, or \$40 per family of three or more, is necessary to cover the cost of a yearly planner, rental fee for a locker and lock, exam booklets, school sponsored activities and I.D. card.

NOTE: Student fees are to be paid by September 30<sup>th</sup>. The student fee must be paid in order for a student to participate in extra-Curricular activities.

### **Sign-In and Sign-Out Procedures**

To conform to the Anglophone West School District Policy (Safe School Environment), students will be able to sign-out of school once the school office has received written or verbal consent from a parent/guardian. Students will remain in class until the parent/guardian has made a personal appearance at the school office to take responsibility for the student and complete the sign-out procedure. ***Students may not leave the school without permission.*** Students arriving at school after the homeroom period has begun in the morning or afternoon must **sign-in at the office.**

### **Transportation**

In the interest of the safety of all concerned, it is essential all students traveling on the school buses behave responsibly and follow the rules and regulations as required by the bus driver and the school district. Failure to do so could result in the loss of bus privileges. Students in grades 6 to 8 may only travel on another bus for child care purposes or other reasons deemed valid by administration. No child can travel by school bus to attend social gatherings such as birthday parties, sleepovers, etc. In order for a student to travel on a different bus or be let off at a different stop, he/she must present a note at the office and once approved, a bus note will be provided. A bus note from the office must be presented to the driver in order for a student to be transported on a different bus or dropped off at an alternate address on a student's route.

**Due to lack of bus capacity, bus notes for alternate transportation will not be an option for high school students.**

**Peanut Free School:** *Due to individuals with severe nut allergies, please refrain from sending any products with your child that contain or may contain nuts.*

**Scent Free School.** *Many persons are extremely sensitive to perfumes, colognes, after shave and other scented products.*

*Please do not wear them at any time at school or on school busses.*

## Electronic Devices and Cell Phones

The staff at CNBA allow the use of Cell phones during break and lunch time. Other than these times, cell phones are to be turned off and kept in the student's locker during what is considered instructional time. Here is the schedule of use that must be adhered to:

- Upon the beginning of homeroom at 8:20 a.m., your cell phone is to be turned off and secured in locker
- Cell phones can be used during break (15 minutes) and lunch time. It must be shut off at all other times. Upon return to class from breaks/lunch, phones will be placed in locker.
- Cell phones are to be appropriately used. Cell phones that are used for cyber-bullying, communicating inappropriate messages or graphics, spreading gossip/slander, will result in the loss of cell phone privileges of the owner.
- Even though your cell phone may have photo capabilities, photos or videos are not to be taken at school during the instructional day.
- **If you become ill while at school and need to go home, it is extremely important that you make the phone call home from the office.** The Administrative Assistant/Administrator will need to speak with a parent/guardian to care for your needs and ensure that transportation home is secured. If this guideline is not followed, cell phone privileges may be revoked.
- If cell phone use interferes with the teachers' or administrators' ability to deal with a problem at school effectively, then privileges will be revoked. When incidents occur at school, it needs to be dealt with by school staff without outside interference. **Students should not be contacting parents/guardians before school staff have had time to investigate/deal with an incident.**
- **The use of cell phones is a privilege**, so make responsible choices to be able to maintain cell phone use during breaks.
- Other electronic devices such as I-pods, video games, etc. are to be used during breaks and lunch time as well. These devices are to be locked in lockers during instructional time; they should not be visible during this time.
- Cell phones that have been confiscated will be turned it to the office with battery in place. **Removing the battery is not an option.** A student may pick the phone up at the end of the day when consequences will be discussed.
- **In the case of high school students, cell phones or other electronic devices may be used during instructional time when the teacher deems them to have an instructional purpose. The teacher will inform you of the need to bring cell phones to class. These devices may only be used for the purpose/purposes prescribed by the teacher. In cases where this does not occur, the electronic device will be confiscated by the teacher.**
- **Refusal to adhere to these guidelines is considered defiance and will be managed as non-compliance to school policy.**

We are in need of PSSC (Parent School Support Committee) members. I would like you to consider offering as a candidate for CNBA's PSSC. The major responsibility of the Parent School Support Committee is to give advice regarding the establishment, implementation and monitoring of the School Improvement Plan. The committee meets approximately six times per year from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The regular term of office for PSSC parent members will be three years. There is no limit to the number of terms a parent member can serve if they are re-elected and they have at least one child enrolled in the school. Candidates may not be employees of the school in which their child attends. If you are interested, please call Barbara Long at 365-2090 or email at [barbara.long@nbed.nb.ca](mailto:barbara.long@nbed.nb.ca)

In order to ensure that the learning environment is focused on instruction, we need parents'/guardians' assistance in respecting the above guidelines and restraining from texting/calling students during the hours of instruction. The time frames below are ideal for making contact:

Non-instructional times are as follows:

8:00 – 8:15 a.m. Preparation for homeroom

9:35 – 9:50 a.m. (Break for Middle School students)

10:40 – 10:55 a.m. (Break for High School students)

12:00 – 12:40 p.m. (Lunch time for Middle School students)

1:00 – 1:35 p.m. (Lunch for High School students)

3:05 p.m. (Middle School day ends)

3:10 p.m. (High School day ends)

### **Visitor Parking**

We ask all visitors to please park in the parking lot and **not** in front of the school as it is a fire lane. If you are waiting to pick up a student, please wait in the parking lot area. .

From a safety perspective, if the Emergency Response Vehicles have to respond to a situation at the school, the lanes through the parking lot become Emergency Lanes. Therefore, we are asking parents/visitors to park in one of the parking spots as opposed to parking in front of the school or in the fire lanes when you are picking up students. Please do not exit your vehicle if you are parked in front of the building or in the lanes as this can be an obstacle to the safe evacuation of students from CNBA. Please keep in mind that over 200 students could be exiting the front doors in the event of an evacuation. Any vehicles parked there put students at risk of injury; therefore, vehicles need to ensure that the emergency lanes are clear to ensure the safety of all students.

### **Becca Schofield/Terry Fox Day at CNBA**

Today, September 14<sup>th</sup>, CNBA students and staff honoured two individuals who have made an impact on our lives as they strived to make the world a better place. Despite facing medical challenges, these two brave Canadians wanted to make a difference. Becca Schofield encouraged others to do small acts of kindness, while Terry Fox began a run in Canada to raise money to find a cure for cancer. Both of these special people are being honoured this weekend with Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup> being the Becca Schofield Day and Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup> will see communities host Terry Fox Runs. On Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, students are asked to perform one act of kindness that will start the chain of random acts of kindness throughout our communities. On Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, students are encouraged to join a Terry Fox Run in their community. All proceeds from today's activity will go toward the Canadian Cancer Society. On Monday, students will have an opportunity to record their favorite act of kindness, given or received, on our "Helping Hands" tree in honour of Becca. Please support our efforts to spread kindness and the spirit of giving throughout our communities.

**CNBA Sports. Tentative schedule subject to change.**

**Senior Boys Soccer – Home Games**

Home Sept. 20 Thursday	SHS at CNBA	5:00 pm
Home Sept. 24 Monday	BHS at CNBA	5:00 pm
Home Sept. 29 Saturday	DRHS at CNBA	11:00 am
Home Oct. 2 Tuesday	NSER at CNBA	5:00 pm

**Senior Girls Soccer – Home Games**

Home Sept. 17 Monday	BHS at CNBA	5:00 pm
Home Oct. 10 Wednesday	ERBSA at CNBA	5:00 pm
Home Oct. 13 Saturday	Dalhousie at CNBA	12:00 pm
	Sugarloaf at CNBA	3:30 pm
Home Oct. 15 Monday	SHS at CNBA	5:00 pm
Home Oct. 17 Wednesday	NSER at CNBA	5:00 pm

**Middle School Girls Soccer – Home Games**

Home Sept.18 Tuesday	Stanley at CNBA	4:30 pm
Home Sept. 25 Tuesday	Harvey at CNBA	5:00 pm
Home Oct. 3 Wednesday	FCA at CNBA	4:30 pm

**Middle School Boys Soccer – Home Games**

Home Sep. 26 Wednesday	Harvey at CNBA	5:00 pm
Home Oct. 4 Thursday	Stanley at CNBA	4:30 pm
Home Oct. 11 Thursday	Bliss Carmen at CNBA	5:00 pm

As the 2018/19 sports season starts up CNBA Athletics' would like to again express our appreciation to the following business and organizations for sponsoring and supporting our teams for uniforms.

Thanks to:

**J.D. Irving Ltd., Pharmasave, Rural Community of Upper Miramichi, New Brunswick Teachers Federation, Volleyball New Brunswick, CNBA Fun Runs and those who participated.**

Students who travelled to Toronto and Niagara Falls this past summer had a tremendous experience. This trip was shared with students from Chipman. The weather was super and many new friendships were made. Thanks to all those who supported the fundraising efforts with tickets and donations. Special thank you to our major supporters Scotiabank Doaktown, Upper Miramichi Lions Club, Trevor's Independent Grocer, Atlantic Salmon Museum and Rural Community of Upper Miramichi.

CNBA sends a "**Thank You**" to Loey Parker for the monetary donation toward CNBA's Middle School Literacy Program in memory of her mother, Theresa Sturgeon.

