

Dear Centennial Families,

Welcome to another school year! We are so excited to welcome back all of our Centennial Stingers. Each family is receiving a copy of the Centennial Family Handbook. In the handbook you will find the answers to your most common questions and we encourage you to have a look at it. Furthermore within the handbook there is a copy of the *Return to School: Guide for Parents and the Public*.

Calendar of Events

Each month we will send home a calendar of events. We try our best to have all relevant information on the calendar; however from time to time other special opportunities arise and we will be sure to communicate that through our School Messenger Phone/E-mail system. You can register for the School Messenger App by visiting <https://go.schoolmessenger.com/#/home>

Calendars and Newsletters are also posted on our school website at: <http://web1.nbed.nb.ca/sites/district8/schools/centennial/Pages/default.aspx>

PSSC (Parent School Support Committee)

Centennial School is looking for parents to participate in our PSSC. What is the PSSC? We meet 5 times per year to discuss our School Improvement Plan, and we work together to promote effective communications with our parent community. We would love to welcome more members so please contact me at Ashley.Dobbin@nbed.nb.ca if you're interested in getting involved. This year our meetings will be held virtually.

School Fees

Centennial has a \$15 school fee for the cost of art/enrichment supplies as well as special events and opportunities that all students will get to enjoy throughout the year. Due to Covid, our preferred form of payment is online through our school cash system. Families can register for School Cash online. Once you are signed up you can pay for fees and other things throughout the year such as the monthly hot lunch program. The link for registration is: <https://asd-s.schoolcashionline.com/> and can also be found on the right hand side of our school's website. Please pay for all school fees before the deadline of October 2nd.

School Upgrades

We are very thankful to our school district and facilities staff for the many improvements they did over the summer. You may have noticed the back of the building is newly painted in a vibrant blue, and all the window cages have been removed. Inside, 2 halls have been painted in school colours- blue and white. As well, new blinds were added to all the classrooms that were without.

Attendance Matters & Safe Arrival

When you know your child is going to be absent you can notify the teacher in advance. You may also use the safe arrival program/app <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca> You may also choose to call 1-833- 219-9065 to report an absence using the automated phone system. When an absence is unexpected you can also leave a message on our school line which is 658-5334.

Terry Fox Walk

We will have our Terry Fox Walk on Friday, September 25th The students, led by their teacher, will walk around Shamrock Park at some point throughout the day to honor Terry! Students will observe physical distancing during their walk- be sure to follow us on twitter and we will post some pictures!

Orange Shirt Day

Wednesday, September 30 is Orange Shirt Day, a day on which we commemorate the thousands of First Nations, Métis and Inuit children who were removed from their homes at this time of the year and forced to attend residential schools. We encourage staff and students to wear orange to school on Wednesday, September 30, 2020

Nut Free/Scent Free School

We have a number of students with allergies to peanuts and tree nuts. We would like to remind you not to send peanuts or other nuts to school for the safety of these children. We are aware of medical conditions and allergies from when we register your child. If something has changed over the summer please let us know. We are also a Scent Free environment so we ask that students not wear heavily scented products to school.

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