

Central New Brunswick Academy School Newsletter

September 16, 2024

“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 2024-2025 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 respectfully 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 considered and addressed as needed. Out of respect for your child's school and his/her educators, please work through any issue with us in a respectful manner through open, personal communication. 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
Darren Ferdinand, Vice Principal

Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much. (Helen Keller)

Administration:

Mrs. B. Long - Principal

Mr. D. Ferdinand - Vice Principal

Teachers:

Ms. D. Grabowski - Grade 6A

Ms. C. Smith - Grade 6B

Mr. B. Case - Grade 7A

Mr. T. Furlotte - Grade 7B

Ms. K. Matheson - Grade 8A

Mr. M. Pinsent - Grade 8B

Mr. C. Legere - Grade 9A

Mr. C. Norton - Grade 9B

Ms. L. Colford - Grade 10A

Ms. J. Munn - Grade 10B

Ms. S. Carson - Grade 11

Mr. R. Slade - Grade 12

Mrs. A. Carson - School Counsellor

Mr. J. Hunter - Vocational/Technology Courses

Mrs. L. O'Donnell - Resource

Administrative Assistant: Mrs. A. Gillespie

Educational Assistants: Mrs. K. Beek, Mrs. I. Doak, Mrs. B. Hunter, Mrs. C. Pratt

School Support Workers: Mrs. K. Hawkes, Mr. L. Hawkes

Cafeteria Staff: Ms. B. DeYoung & Ms. V. Thomas

Library Staff: Mrs. T. Sheffroth & Ms. K. Higgins

Custodians: Ms. D. Hickey, Ms. S. O'Donnell, Ms. M. Spencer

Bus Drivers: Mr. K. Foster, Mr. G. Lyons, Mr. W. Lyons, Ms. P. McAleer,

Mr. M. Morehouse (casual), Mrs. M. Guerrier (casual)



Important Dates to Remember!

- September 20th – CNBA Terry Fox Run/Walk
- September 25th – CNBA Open House
- September 30th – National Day for Truth & Reconciliation – no school
- October 4th – School photos by Harvey Studios
- October 9th – Grad gown photos for potential graduates
- October 14th – Thanksgiving Day – no school
- October 25th – Middle School Halloween Dance
- October 28th – Immunization for grade 7 & 9 students
- November 8th – PL Day for teachers – no school for students
- November 11th – Remembrance Day – no school
- November 12th – Report cards issued for High School students
- November 21st – High School Evening Parent/Teacher Interviews
- November 22nd – No school for students – Professional Learning for all teachers/Parent Teacher afternoon for High School
- November 28th – AARAO (Atlantic Association of Registrars and Admissions Officers) Tour for grades 11 & 12 students
- December 2nd – Report cards issued for Middle School students
- December 5th – Middle School Parent/Teacher Interviews
- December 6th – No school for Middle School students – Professional Learning/Parent Teacher Day for Middle School; High School students have classes
- December 13th – Middle School Christmas Snow Ball
- December 20th – Last day of classes before Christmas Break
- January 6th – First day of classes after Christmas Break

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 grade levels by phone and/or email. School Messenger, through Safe Arrival provides parents/guardians with an opportunity to input attendance through an app. Information to access this app was sent home with students in their Data Collection package that went home the first day of school. School Messenger is our preferred method for reporting student absences. We encourage all parents/guardians to use the program to report their child's absence from school.

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 9:00 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 9:00 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 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.

Signing In/Out Procedures

Students arriving after 8:20 a.m. must *sign-in at the office*.

To create a safe school environment, students will only be able to sign-out of school once the office has received written or verbal consent from a parent/guardian. Text messages on student phones are not accepted.

If you are picking up your child prior to dismissal time, please call the office at 365-2090 to notify the administrative assistant so that the student can be informed to report to the office. If it is during instructional time, students will remain in class until called by the administrative assistant so please refrain from texting students to leave class. If your child is leaving with another person, please notify the office to make us aware. Students will not be allowed to sign out if no parent/guardian contact is made. *Students may not leave the school without permission.* Students must sign out at the office prior to leaving.

No Child Without Program

“No Child Without” Medical Alert bracelets are available for free to children up to age 14.

Since 2007, through the generosity of MedicAlert donors and a grant from the Federal Government, MedicAlert provided the No Child Without® subsidy to ensure that children who need our essential service receive it.

Information can be found at [No Child Without® Program | MedicAlert Foundation Canada](#)

Healthy Smiles, Clear Vision

Healthy Smiles, Clear Vision is New Brunswick’s dental and vision plan for children of low-income families. **Visit their website for more information:** [Healthy Smiles, Clear Vision \(gnb.ca\)](#)

Visitors

All visitors entering Central New Brunswick Academy are required to report to the main office upon entrance to the school. Visitors who have registered with the office and have approved access to the school 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.

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 park in a space in the front lot. This lane is meant for a quick drop-off or pick-up. We are asking that drivers do not wait for a student in this lane; please park if it will not be a quick stop.

From a safety perspective, if the Emergency Response Vehicles must 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. Parked vehicles become obstacles 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. At the end of the day, when students are dismissed, a clear lane avoids students having to navigate through parked vehicles. Any vehicles parked there, put students at risk of injury; therefore, visitors need to ensure that the emergency lanes are clear at all times to assure the safety of students.

Student Fees

A fee of \$20 for students in grades 6 to 12 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. cards and/or other school related activities.

NOTE: Student fees are to be paid by September 30th. The student fee must be paid for a student to participate in extra-curricular activities.

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. Bus notes for grades 6 to 8 students are issued on an individual basis after consultation with a parent/guardian. However, permission will not be given to travel by school bus to attend social gatherings such as birthday parties, sleepovers, etc. For a student to travel on a different bus or be let off at a different stop, parents/guardians must contact the school and once approved, a bus note will be provided. A bus note from the office must be presented to the driver for a student to be transported on a different bus or dropped off at an alternate address on a student's route.

If the school bus does not arrive on time to drop your child off afterschool, please wait 30 minutes before calling the school as buses are often delayed leaving the school.

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 the bus.

School Information

School information can be found on the CNBA website at <https://cnba.nbed.nb.ca>. Information items such as school handbook, schedules, athletic policies, a calendar of events, as well as other important information can be located there.

Attendance Policy

There is a close correlation between academic success at school and attendance. For the 2024-2025 school year, we are putting an emphasis on school attendance. Staff will be reaching out at various times throughout the year, as necessary, in an effort to ensure that students are at school to acquire the grades needed to complete courses.

Data Collection Package

Just a reminder to submit the data collection form sent home at the beginning of the school year if you have not already done so.

School Cash Online

We are encouraging all parents/guardians to enroll in School Cash Online as we no longer have a banking facility in the area, which makes it difficult to manage cash or perform banking. Information on how to sign up has been sent home; however, if you require a copy, please let us know. All items requiring payment will be posted on School Cash Online.

Closed Campus

Central New Brunswick Academy is a closed campus facility. The school welcomes students from arrival to dismissal time. Students are expected to complete the sign-out procedures as noted below if it is necessary to leave school grounds during the day. Since CNBA is located on a main highway, it is a student friendly campus in that students are expected to remain on school grounds. **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 contacted 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.**

LOOKING FORWARD TO A GREAT SCHOOL YEAR!

