



Central Campus

PREMIER REGIONAL ACADEMY

OUR MISSION

Central Campus complements and extends the programs of Central Iowa schools, offering unique academic and career opportunities that direct, inspire and motivate a diverse group of students.

2016-2017 BACK TO SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2016

Dear Central Campus Family;

As I write this letter I have an overwhelming feeling of gratitude, humility and a tremendous sense of responsibility as your Director of Central Campus. My family and I thank you for allowing us to be part of your family. We were fortunate to take time to rest and renew at Lake Tahoe, spend time at camp, and canoe in the Boundary Waters this summer. I hope you, too, had time to enjoy your families and recharge your batteries. Throughout this year, I encourage you to seek balance and always keep your loved ones first.



We always say, "this year is going to be our best year, yet!" Sometimes we're just hoping it will be, sometimes we're wishing it will be, but I am absolutely confident **It Will Be** because of the exceptional faculty and staff who make up our Central Campus family. We are grateful you chose to Focus Your Passion at Central Campus, making learning so extraordinary for our students. Our focus is working to be the Best of The Best and making your best even better.

This year is already shaping up to be the best year, ever. Over the summer, renovations in our basement level began in Automotive and Welding Technology. The work is on schedule and will make our facility the most up-to-date in central Iowa. Also, we are expanding our partnerships with community and industry leaders so we are able to offer more opportunities in the construction programs through our Skilled Trades Academy.

You will see some new faces in our halls - both students and instructors - and familiar faces, but in new roles. Gretchen Watznauer is our new Coordinator for Student Leadership and Engagement. Her long-dedication to Advance Career Programs and hands-on mentoring will help us achieve our goals for this year. We also welcome Colonel Eric Killen as a new Army JROTC instructor, Kevin Anderson as an instructor at our Agricultural Science Academy, and Matt Carlson as our Physical Education, Sports Officiating and Leadership instructor.

Our staff is excited to share plans and expectations to make this our best year. If you have any questions or need information - please call our office at 515-242-7846.

Blessings for a great new year,

Aiddy K. Phomvisay, M.Ed., CAS
Director of Central Campus

Orientation

Monday August 22, 2016

5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

Central Campus

This evening is for students and parents/guardians who are in enrolled in our Central Campus programs. This Open House allows you to stop by during this time to meet the instructors and learn more about the program you are attending.

1800 Grand Ave

Horticulture & Animal Science

Please meet at the Agricultural Sciences Academy to meet your instructor and learn about your program.

201 County Line Rd

Aviation Technology

Please meet at the Aviation Technology Academy to meet your instructor and learn about your program.

205 County Line Rd

Welcome to the 2016-2017 School Year!

I am excited and honored to serve as your Coordinator for Student Leadership and Engagement. My previous experiences before joining the Central Campus team include teaching Family and Consumer Sciences, Grandview University instructor, Kaplan University advisor board member, and DMPS Induction Coach. Together will blaze new ground, learn as we grow, and continue to build on the legacy already established at Central Campus.

I look forward to engaging teachers and students in continuing our quest as the **"Best of The Best!"** To empowering students leaving high school with college credits, with life skills and with job skills that will carry them into the next chapter of their life, increasing their success in whatever they chose to do. To enlighten them in job fields which are currently underserved in our communities. To provide possibilities for the future by identifying work they truly enjoy doing.

Together our teachers, our students and our staff will create unique and employable youth that will stand out in our community as top picks in fields they chose. I look forward to supporting this work as we invest in our youth and our teachers continue to grow and be individually and collectively better each day.

I hope you took time to reenergize your life in ways that make you happy this summer. I spent time climbing Mt. Shavano, white water rafting, and bouldering with my two oldest sons. My youngest son and I have spent time swimming and watching fireworks displays as often as possible. Our family has spent our summer at scout outings, baseball games and some much needed time with family and friends. We have each challenged ourselves in new ways, and are ready for the challenges of the new school year ahead.

Gretchen Watznauer
Coordinator for Student Leadership and Engagement

"Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire."
William Butler Yeats



Director Aiddy Phomvisay and Coordinator Gretchen Watznauer welcome you to Iowa's Premier Regional Academy for Advance Career Programs.

Welcome New Instructors

We are excited to start the new school year with these exceptional instructors joining us in our mission of making your best even better:

- Kevin Anderson
Animal Science & Horticulture
- Matt Carlson
Sports Officiating & Leadership and Physical Education
- Colonel Eric Killen
Army JROTC

Meal Prices 2016-2017

	High School		Adult	
	Breakfast	Lunch	Breakfast	Lunch
Single Full Price	\$1.80	\$2.75	\$2.05	\$3.35
Single Reduced Rate	\$.30	\$.40		

For students needing assistance with free or reduced lunches, please apply at applyforlunch.com.



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Out-Of-District Students

If you are not enrolled in the Des Moines Schools as a student, you will need to have a badge. You are able to use the badge from your home school; simply obtain a Central Campus sticker at the front reception desk. If you do **NOT** have a home school badge then one will be provided for you, free of charge. Check with the desk in the main lobby for further information.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance is a very important aspect of school and counts for part of some programs daily grades. But we know there are times you cannot avoid missing a day of class. If a student is unable to attend school on any given day, please contact the Attendance Office here at Central Campus as well as the home high school. Our Attendance Office number is: 515-242-7653

Infinite Campus

Your Parent Portal through Infinite Campus is an amazing tool to obtain your student's assignments, grades, check attendance, and check on fees associated with their classes. Login using your browser by going to DMSchools.org and find the link in the parents section. Also, there's an app for your phone!

Central Campus Bus Schedule

These times are for: East, Hoover, Lincoln, North, Roosevelt

BUS ARRIVAL TIMES AT CENTRAL CAMPUS

7:30/40 am 9:20 am 10:55 am

BUS DEPARTURE TIMES FROM CENTRAL CAMPUS

10:55 am 12:50 pm 2:15 pm

The load and unload points at the home schools are as follows and are subject to change:

EAST	Corner of East 13th and Walker BEFORE SCHOOL ONLY North Circle Drive for all other times
HOOVER	Front of building on Aurora Back of building on 47th for handicapped students
LINCOLN	Back of building by Commons At Kurtz-Front of building
NORTH	South side of building on Holcomb

	AgriScience and Aviation	UnityPoint Health Des Moines	Job Sites
Depart CC	7:50 am	7:55 am	8:20 am
Arrive CC	10:50 am	10:50 am	10:55 am
Depart CC	11:20 am	11:20 am	11:20 am
Arrive CC	2:15 pm	2:15 pm	2:10 pm

Transportation & Parking Permits

Bus transportation is provided free of charge to and from the home high school for Des Moines Public School students. Students are expected to use appropriate bus etiquette.

Problems on the bus will be dealt with by administration at the receiving school. Students and/or bus drivers will report to the office upon reaching the destination.

DRIVING TO CENTRAL CAMPUS:

Only **SENIORS** and **OUT OF DISTRICT** students will be allowed to drive to Central Campus due to parking constraints. These students may park in the Student Parking lots located at 2020 and 2140 Grand Avenue.

All vehicles must have a Central Campus parking permit issued by the office. Permits must hang from rear view mirror. You may get a parking permit in the lobby entrance at Central Campus.

Regular Schedule			Early Dismissal Schedule		
Block	Central Campus	Minutes	Block	Central Campus	Minutes
1/5	7:55am - 9:20am	85	1/5	7:55am - 9:00am	65
2/6	9:25am - 10:50am	85	2/6	9:05am - 10:05am	60
Lunch	10:50am - 11:20am	30	3/7	10:10am - 11:10am	60
3/7	11:20am - 12:45pm	85	4/8	11:15am - 12:15pm	60
4/8	12:50 pm - 2:15pm	85	Lunch	12:15 pm - 12:45pm	30



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Mark your calendar

Orientation	5:30 pm - 7:00 pm	Mon, Aug 22, 2016
First Day of School (90 minutes early dismissal)		Wed, Aug 24, 2016
Labor Day (no school)		Mon, Sep 5, 2016
Parent Conferences	3:30 pm - 7:30 pm	Thu, Oct 13, 2016
	3:30 pm - 7:30 pm	Tue, Oct 18, 2016
End of 1st Quarter (no school)		Fri, Oct 28, 2016
Thanksgiving Break		Wed, Nov 23 - Sun, Nov 27, 2016
Winter Break		Fri, Dec 23, 2016 - Mon, Jan 2, 2017
End of 1st Semester		Fri, Jan 13, 2017
Martin Luther King Jr Day (no school)		Mon, Jan 16, 2017
Start of 2nd Semester		Tue, Jan 17, 2017
Spring Break		Fri, Mar 10 - Sun, Mar 19, 2017
End of 3rd Quarter		Fri, Mar 31, 2017
Iowa Assessments		Wed, Apr 5, 2017
ACT Test 11th Grade (no school 9 th , 10 th , 12 th grades)		Wed, Apr 19, 2017
11th Grade no school		Thu, Apr 20, 2017
5th Annual Block Party		Mon, Apr 24 - Fri, Apr 28, 2017
Art Show	6:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Mon, Apr 24, 2017
Open House	6:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Tue, Apr 25, 2017
Fashion Show	7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Thu, Apr 27, 2017
Last Day for Seniors		Mon, May 22, 2017
Memorial Day (no school)		Mon, May 29, 2017
Last Day of High School (3 hours early dismissal)		Wed, May 31, 2017

Important Numbers

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Nurse 515-242-7779

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