

Lion Tracks

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First Day of School

The first day of school is set for Wednesday, August 19, 2020. The first day will follow our Wednesday early out schedule, which allows for weekly teacher collaboration. Please remember students may not enter the building before 7:45 a.m. On the first day of school, students in grades TK-4 will report to their teacher's classroom, while students in grades 5-8 will report to their homeroom. Students in grades 9-12 will report to the competition gym.



School Start & Dismissal Times

Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, school starts at 8:10 a.m. and is dismissed at 3:15 p.m. On Wednesdays, school starts at 8:10 a.m. and is dismissed at 2:15 p.m.

4-Year-Old Preschool

The first day of classes for 4-year-old preschool is Tuesday, September 8. The morning session runs from 8:15 to 11 a.m., and the afternoon session is from 12:30 to 3:15 p.m.



2020-21 School Calendar

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Online Registration Begins July 20

Registration for the 2020-21 school year will take place online using JMC beginning July 20. If you do not have internet access, school staff will be available to assist you in the High School Commons from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesday, July 21, and from Noon to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, July 22. Please have your student(s) registered no later than Friday, August 7.

New Families to Central Lyon

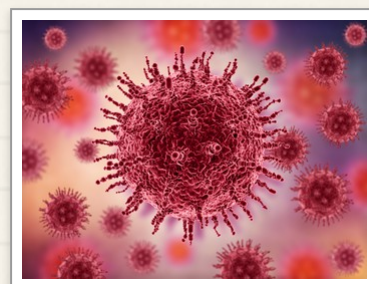
All new families should plan to register in person on Tuesday or Wednesday, July 21 or 22. If you know of a new family in our district, please forward this newsletter to them.

Online Registration Instructions

1. From www.centrallyon.org, under Quicklinks, click on JMC Gradebook.
2. Click on the Parents Link.
3. Change the school year to 2020-21.
4. Log in with your username (your last name) and the password that you set up. If this is the first time logging in, your password is also your last name.
5. Click on the button labeled Register for 2020-2021.
6. There will be a registration dashboard. Click each item to complete registration.
7. To see if you qualify for Free and Reduced meals, click on Meal Application section during registration.
8. All payments for fees will now be made in JMC. We are no longer using our "Online Store" for these payments. Please watch this short video to learn more about paying online https://youtu.be/appw1qmT_Oc. There will be a flat fee of \$3 per transaction under Tuition/Fees and Lunch. If you prefer, a check may be mailed to: Registration, Central Lyon CSD, 1010 S. Greene St., Rock Rapids, IA 51246

Return to Learn with COVID-19

As you and your family prepare for the school year, I want everyone to know we continue to closely monitor guidance from public health officials and the Iowa Department of Education (IDOE). As of today, we are planning for students to return for in-person teaching and learning on Wednesday, August 19.



It is our belief that in-the-classroom learning is the best environment for our students' educational advancement and social-emotional well-being. But we acknowledge the concerns parents and staff have regarding the health and safety of students, families, and our community. You should know when students return in August, teachers and staff will review health and safety protocols to mitigate an outbreak of the coronavirus. These strategies include frequent handwashing, the use of hand sanitizer, covering coughs, limiting the touching of faces, and reducing physical contact with others while maintaining an appropriate social distance from each other. At this time, face coverings will be optional for students and staff.

While it is our plan for students to be "on-site" on August 19, we are anticipating there may be times during the year when we may need to limit access to school facilities. Our plan calls for

school leaders to collaborate with public health officials to determine if short-term closures are needed to prevent further spread of the virus within our community. In preparation for an extended closure, our Return to Learn Team continues to update and revise plans for distance learning, including a hybrid model of teaching and learning, which includes elements of on-site and distance learning. If public health and school leaders conclude there is a substantial outbreak of the coronavirus, students and staff will shift to distance learning or the hybrid model of teaching and learning.

It is our belief extracurricular and co-curricular activities are an important part of the school experience, and we remain hopeful these opportunities can be offered safely for our students. Currently the IDOE, Iowa High School Athletic Association (IHSAA), and Iowa Girls High School Athletic Union (IGHSAU) continue to develop guidance in collaboration with the Iowa Department of Public Health. Once we have received these recommendations, we will review them with our coaches, make plans for implementation, and communicate them to students and families.

We wanted to provide this update in full transparency of our best intentions for students and staff as we prepare for the school year. Follow-up communications will be provided in early August which will include additional information and detailed plans for building-specific procedures and activities. We appreciate your patience and support as we navigate these challenges and the ones that are sure to come. Our community partnership is essential as we continue to prepare for the school year. If you have questions regarding our Return to Learn plan, please do not hesitate to contact me, or your students' building principal.

Brent Jorth
Superintendent

Student Immunization, Screenings & Health Form Requirements

The State of Iowa requires all students going to school in Iowa to have a Certificate of Immunization, a Provisional Certificate of Immunization, or a Certificate of Immunization Exemption at the beginning of the school year. Read on for specific requirements pertaining to grades and health conditions. All required forms can be found on [Central Lyon's website > Health & Wellness > Forms/Requirements](#).



Health Requirements for School

- **Kindergarten** – dental screening, vision screening, and the following immunizations: 5 doses of DTap, 4 doses of Polio, 2 doses of MMR, 3 doses of Hepatitis B, and 2 doses of Varicella, or a valid exemption certificate
- **3rd Grade** – vision screening
- **7th Grade** – the following immunizations: 1 dose Tdap and 1 dose Meningitis

- **9th Grade** – dental Screening
- **12th Grade** – the following immunizations: 2 doses of Meningitis

Requirements for Students with Chronic Health Conditions

- A *Medication Authorization Form* is required if your child will be taking medication at school.
- An *Asthma Action Plan* and the *Medication Authorization Form* are required for children with asthma.
- If your child will be carrying their inhaler with them throughout the school day, the *Authorization to Carry Inhaler* is also required.
- A *Diet Modification Form* is required for students with a food allergy that requires modification for school meals.
- *Food Allergy & Anaphylaxis Emergency Care Plan* is for students with food allergies or other allergies that may cause an anaphylactic reaction.
- The *Diabetes Medical Management Plan* is required for students with diabetes.
- A *Seizure Action Plan* is required for students with epilepsy or other seizure disorder.

Again, these forms can be found on [Central Lyon's website > Health & Wellness > Forms/Requirements](#).

Athletic Physicals & Concussion Forms

All athletes and cheerleaders in grades 7-12 are required to submit an Athletic Physical as well as a Concussion form PRIOR to the first day of practice. These forms are located in the Health & Wellness section of the website.

PLEASE NOTE: Students will not be able to attend school without meeting the immunization requirements and will not be allowed to participate in any school-related activities.

Back to School Night

WHEN

Monday, Aug. 17th, 4-8pm

WHERE

**1010 South Greene Street
Rock Rapids, IA**

MORE INFORMATION

Students and parents in Kindergarten through 12 grade may meet their teachers and bring their school supplies to their classrooms. Transportation Director Jeremy Sprock will be available to answer questions about bus routes and times.

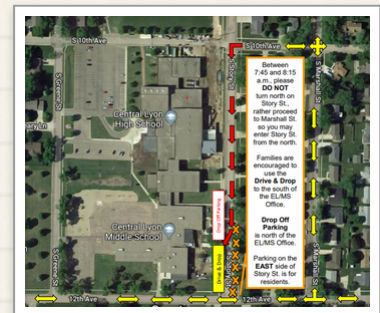


Transportation

Central Lyon will continue busing students with both in-town shuttle and regular routes. Information on these routes may be found on our [website under Parent Info > Transportation](#). If you have any questions concerning busing, please contact Jeremy Sprock, transportation director, at (712) 472-2664.

Student Drop-Off & Pick-Up Procedures

To promote student safety, the Central Lyon Community School District would like parents/guardians to use the Story Street elementary/middle school entrance for student drop-off between 7:45 and 8:10 a.m., and for student pick-up between 3:00 and 3:20 p.m. The west side entrance is not available for student pick up or drop off (these doors will be locked). All buses will continue to load and unload on the south side of the building in the designated bus loading zone. Click on the map for an illustration of these procedures.



Utilize Story Street from the North

- Each morning, families are asked to refrain from turning north on Story Street. This helps ease congestion and safety concerns for our students. Whether you are arriving from the east or west on 12th Avenue, please use Marshall Street to travel north. From 10th Avenue, families may enter Story Street heading south.

Drive & Drop

- Families are encouraged to utilize the Drive & Drop lane to the south of the Elementary/Middle School Office. Please pull forward as far as possible.

Drop Off Parking

- If you should need to accompany your student into the building, please use the parking spaces north of the Elementary/Middle School office.

Street Parking

- Parking on the east side of Story Street is reserved for residents.



Welcome Back from Mr. Harman

With the conclusion of the 2019-2020 school year occurring with students at home instead of the usual manner, many questions exist and remain for the start of the upcoming year. The Central Lyon Elementary staff would like all students, families, and the community to know that we will continue to educate students in the best fashion possible to meet the needs of each and every student.

Listed below are the initiatives for the following grade levels to help build success during the 2020-21 school year.

Preschool- 4th Grade

The 2020-21 school year will be the third year for Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) at Central Lyon Elementary. ROAR – Respect all, Offer help, Accept responsibility, and Reach expectations – will remain our focus for students. Teachers will continue to work with their classes and individual students to set achievable goals for appropriate behavior and positively reinforce them when our ROAR expectations are demonstrated.

Last year, I am happy to report, students made gains in reading based upon the FAST assessment. Thanks to the hard work of teachers and their use of our new reading curriculum, Into Reading, we hope to build upon the successes of 2019 during the 2020-21 school year. I am very excited to monitor our student's success with a full year of implementation.

Fifth and Sixth Grade

The 2020-21 school year will see students and teachers in the middle school begin their implementation of PBIS. Middle School Staff spent much of last year developing common expectations and a common vocabulary for use with students in 2020-21. It is important that each student understands these expectations, monitors their behavior, and implements a daily routine that promotes success during the school day. Families are encouraged to discuss the and utilize the expectations matrix at home to help their children experience high levels of comprehension and implementation. As principal, I am excited to monitor how the expectations and common vocabulary utilized with students will promote academic success throughout the school year.

Steve Harman
Elementary Principal



Free & Reduced

The application for for free and reduced price meals is available in JMC during registration. Instructions may be found on the [website under Parent Info > School Meals](#). This must be completed annually.



Backpack Program

This is a special program that requires the return of the permission slip linked on the [Central Lyon website under Parent Info > School Meals](#). A new slip must be turned in each year.



School Supplies

A list of supplies needed for students entering TK-8th grade may be found on the [website, under Elementary, Announcements](#).

Textbook Fees, Driver's Ed Fee for 2020-21

Payments for all fees will be made through JMC during the registration process. There will be a flat fee of \$3 per transaction under Tuition/Fees and Lunch. If you prefer, a check may be mailed to: Registration, Central Lyon CSD, 1010 S. Greene St., Rock Rapids, IA 51246.



Textbook Fees Grades PS-6	\$40.00
Textbook Fees Grades 7-12	\$50.00
Driver's Education	\$250.00

Annual Passes to Cover Athletics & Activities

Athletic and Activity Passes purchased for the 2020-21 school year will cover admission to **ALL EVENTS** sponsored by Central Lyon, with the exception of state competitions.

Activity tickets are required for students in grades 7-12 who participate in co-curricular activities, and optional for other students. A student athletic and activity pass allows the

student admission to all activities sponsored by Central Lyon, with the exception of state competitions.

Central Lyon also offers a family activity ticket option. The family ticket will cover two parents and all children in grades TK-6 for a cost of \$200. The family ticket does not cover students in grades 7-12. Please note: Family Athletic & Activity Passes do not qualify for the free or reduced fee program.

Family Athletic & Activities Pass	\$200
Adult Athletic & Activities Pass	\$100
Senior Citizen (65+) Athletic & Activities Pass	\$50
Student Athletic & Activities Pass	\$50

Single admission tickets for athletic events will cost \$5 for both students and adults.

Welcome Back 7-12 Graders!



It excites me to welcome back students, parents, and families to the 2020-21 school year at Central Lyon Schools. Even though our school year ended much differently than we would have ever anticipated last spring, I am confident our district stakeholders are prepared and eager to get back on track this fall. At Central Lyon, our efforts will be concentrated on moving forward and continuing, as a staff, to provide the highest-quality learning opportunities and experiences for our students and families. We will not only ensure we maintain the health and safety of our students and staff, but we hope to further invest in our school's technological resources, 21st-century curriculum, and diverse instructional strategies to meet the needs of all students, independent of the learning environment.

At the secondary level, we intend to support our students and families through furthering our efforts in our technologies by utilizing and training staff, students, and parents in Canvas, our district's LMS or Learning Management System. This system can better support our learning efforts in both a traditional school setting and, if needed, in a virtual environment. More information will be communicated to all parties to provide any additional trainings.

We are also making a few changes to schedules, procedures, and programs that will be shared at an upcoming open house date that will be set for an evening prior to school starting in August. This open house opportunity is being scheduled to allow parents and students the opportunity to participate in recommended orientation meetings and tours to better acclimate students to new surroundings that would have previously occurred last spring. Parents, please stay tuned to that open house date and time(s) as they will be released at a later date.

I can't overemphasize the amount of planning that has occurred by our Central Lyon staff in preparation for this upcoming school year. With a variety of new changes to consider, many of our traditional methods will be altered, but our goals will remain the same – *to provide opportunities for students to become productive, life-long learners*. To meet those goals, as always, it will take a collective effort from all parties to support and guide our young men and women. From our students, I will ask them to channel their renewed motivation and demonstrate a determination to be at their very best. The staff will be tasked with identifying former and current needs of our students to supply with them with the tools and knowledge they need to be successful, and parents, I ask for your continued support and leadership from home as we strive to not just get back to normal but make normal that much better.

In conclusion, if our time away from school has taught us anything over these past several months, it is that time and opportunities cannot be taken for granted. Such time and opportunities may be related to academics, athletics, fine arts, personal needs, or merely social exchanges; either way, I think it's important that "we" all consider how important these opportunities are and begin to take full advantage. We must be at our best every day, and keep in mind that such things have the potential to be short-lived. With all that said, I'm abundantly excited to get back to school and soak in all that is Central Lyon. Stay healthy everyone! I look forward to seeing you all this August.

Jason Engleman
Secondary Principal



Calendar of Events

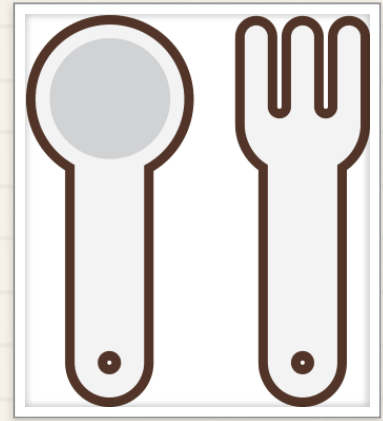
Lion fans may view upcoming district events by going to www.centralyon.org. The Calendar of Events, located under the Quicklinks section, provides instant access to the most up-to-date information on all activities.

Starting with the 2020-21 school year, the Central Lyon School Activities Calendar will no longer be printed. Every year many chances occur, and the hope is this change eliminates any confusion between the printed calendar and the information on the website. You may print this calendar at home if you chose.

Fans are also encouraged to download the **Varsity Bound application** on their Smartphones to access schedules, rosters and stats. Use the app to follow the progress in the Siouland Conference, as the Lions march toward state tournaments.

News from the Lunchroom

Plans continue to be developed for breakfast and lunch during the upcoming school year, but whatever changes are required, one thing is for sure: students are hungry!



Meal Charges for the 2020-21 School Year

- Breakfast (TK-12) \$1.50
- Elementary Lunch (TK-6) \$2.25
- Secondary Lunch (7-12) \$2.35
- Adult Lunch \$3.85
- Extra Entrée (4-12 only) \$2.00

Please note: extra entrées are only available to those students with a positive balance in their lunch account.

New for 2020-21

- Students in grades 7 and 8 will be served in the High School Commons/Lunchroom.
- A fruit and vegetable bar will be offered daily for students in grades 7-12, replacing our salad bar. This will allow students a bigger variety of fruits and vegetables to choose from.
- Due to recommendations from the FDA, there will be no cash transactions. As a result, there will likely be changes to the a la cart offering.
- Money may be deposited into lunch accounts online, or by bringing a check to the office. Low balance notices will be sent through email from JMC (or by phone or mail if email isn't available). Students with a negative lunch account of \$20 or more will be given an alternative cold lunch.

There's no doubt changes will continue to be made, but we will do whatever it takes to serve tasty and nutritious food options for all students in a friendly and efficient manner.

Anti-Bullying and Harassment Statement

Harassment and bullying of students and employees are against federal, state and local policy, and are not tolerated. The Central Lyon School Board is committed to provide all students with a safe and civil school environment in which all members of the school community are treated with dignity and respect. The board policy (code no. 104) regarding anti-bullying/harassment may be reviewed on the [website > District > Board of Education > Board Policy](#), or you may request a copy of this policy at the school's office.

[Click Here For Important Annual Notices](#)

State and Federal regulations, as well as some district policies, require the district to annually post certain notifications to the public. When you click the button, you'll be redirected to the Central Lyon website.

Other Information on the Central Lyon Website

The Central Lyon website, www.centrallyon.org, houses a plethora of information and resources.

The new Health & Wellness section houses information related to health policies and requirements, along with required forms and requirements, such as:

- Health Registration Form
- Medication Authorization Form
- Athletic Physical and Concussion forms

The Parent Info section holds information related to:




- Annual Notices
- Handbooks
- Inclement Weather procedures
- School meals and their related programs
- Transportation routes



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Be sure to visit our website www.centrallyon.org for more information such as student handbooks, school policies, activity calendars and more. Our social media accounts are also very active. "Like" us on Facebook and "Follow" us on Twitter!

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