

Central High School @ Forestville
An International Baccalaureate and French Immersion School

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Dear Central High School Parents/Guardians and Scholars,

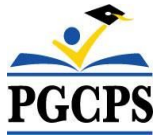
On behalf of the entire Central High School Family, **WELCOME to the 2019-2020 school year!!** I hope you are enjoying your summer vacation. With a new year upon us, I am excited about the opportunities to positively impact the lives of your children. Our vision for ALL scholars remains the same: **to graduate with knowledge and skills that enable them to become life-long learners, and productive citizens of a global society.**

As I begin my fifth year as the principal of Central High School, I continue to be extremely proud to serve the Falcon Staff and Community. I am excited to have the opportunity to work alongside so many AMAZING people, with a **passion and commitment to do what is best for ALL scholars!**

This year Central High School is relocating, temporarily, into Forestville High School, as our home undergoes a renovation. Throughout the summer, many stakeholders have worked together to ensure the relocation project went smoothly and we continue this work, to ensure our temporary home is well-prepared to welcome our scholars, staff, parents/guardians and community members. **Please be advised that ANY scholar, within the Central High School boundary area, will be provided transportation to Central High School @ Forestville. Information regarding transportation can be found at the following: [PGCPS Department of Transportation](#) (click the link).**

Our school motto, which incorporates our values, continues to be “Doing it the F.A.L.C.O.N. Way, Each and Every Day,” teaching our students, and holding ourselves accountable for: being **FOCUSED**, having a positive **ATTITUDE**, showing exceptional **LEADERSHIP**, showcasing our **CHARACTER**, being **OPTIMISTIC**, **NEVER GIVING UP**, and always being **SCHOLARS**. I ask that you support us in ensuring your child acts on these values every day!

We have made some progress in improving our school culture and academic achievement but, this year, we will be focusing on more targeted school improvement. **Central High School earned two out of five stars on the Maryland State ESSA Report Card.** It is my hope that you are ready and willing to collaborate and do the tough, but rewarding, work necessary to take our school to a new level. We will spend time during Back-to-School Night, and Parent-Teacher-Student Association meetings (PTSA), to ensure everyone is clear regarding our school goals, priorities, and accountability expectations. The Central High School Staff is committed to working with you as we continue to **TRANSFORM** to **GREATNESS!!**



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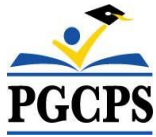
We have **hard** work to do; work that requires the entire Central High School Family to **"Do it the F.A.L.C.O.N. WAY, Each and Every Day!"** We have the incredible task of shaping and molding our scholars on a daily basis in order to prepare them for post-high school success. This is such a HUGE and IMPORTANT task. We **WILL NOT** and **CANNOT** take it lightly. All Central High School Staff will be relentless in providing an exceptional instructional program that supports and encourages our scholars to be ready for the challenges of the 21st century. Additionally, it is my belief that extracurricular opportunities support and enable scholars to develop character, cultivate passions, and explore the world outside of the classroom. I am committed to ensuring that scholar needs and interests help shape instruction and extracurricular opportunities. Through this shared commitment to learning, along with high academic achievement, I am excited to see students engaged in debate in the classroom, scoring the winning point on the field, performing on stage, or any other area that peaks their interest and passion.

An excellent education is not possible without the intentional collaboration of scholars, parents, and staff. Central High School is an **AMAZING** school!! Working together, we **MUST** share the immense enthusiasm and pride for **OUR** school and community. It is through this same enthusiasm, and pride, that I look forward to working with you as we continue to **TRANSFORM** to **GREATNESS!!**

We ask that you guide and support your child's learning by ensuring that he/she/or you:

- **Attends school daily and arrives on time, ready for the day's learning experience**
- **Completes all assignments given by teachers**
- **Reads daily to develop a love for reading and improve literacy skills**
- **Shares school experiences with you so that you are aware of his/her school life**
- **Informs you if he/she needs additional support in any area or subject, and respectfully advocates for himself/herself, as needed**
- **Knows that you expect him/her to be successful**
- **Check Schoolmax on a regular basis to monitor your child's attendance, conduct, and academic progress**
- **Contact us if you have any questions or concerns about your child's academic status**
- **Be a part of the Central High School Community by visiting us, attending meetings, and sharing any questions, concerns, and/or suggestions you may have. We want to hear from you!!**
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Our mandatory 9th Grade/New Student Orientation will be held on Friday, August 30, 2019 from 7:45am – 2:25pm. On this day, 9th grade/new scholars will have the entire building to themselves to meet their teachers, learn the layout of the building, participate in team-building activities, and become familiar with "The F.A.L.C.O.N. Way." The County will run the 2019-2020 school year bus schedule on this day to facilitate transportation to the Orientation. [PGCPS Department of Transportation](#) (click the link).



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We are a **Mandatory Uniform School** for all grade levels. **It is expected that each 9th grade/new student is prompt and fully uniformed on Friday, August 30, 2019 for Orientation. On Tuesday, September 3, 2019, all students must be in full uniform, and every day thereafter.**

2019-2020 Uniform Policy

- Navy Blue, light blue, or white polo, collared shirt (short or long sleeve)
- Khaki shorts, skirt, or pants (shorts and skirts must be the length of the middle finger when the arm is straight down the side of the body)

Important Dates

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
9th Grade/New Student Orientation	August 30, 2019	7:45am – 2:25pm
1 st Day of School	September 3, 2019	7:45am – 2:25pm
Back to School Night	September 19, 2019	5:30pm – 9:00pm
1 st PTSA Meeting	September 25, 2019 (Our regular PTSA Meetings will fall on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. However, due to Back-to-School Night on September 19, 2019, we will hold September's PTSA meeting on September 25, 2019.)	6:30pm

I look forward to meeting and working with you, as we continue to **TRANSFORM** to **GREATNESS!!**
Thank you for entrusting us with your most precious gift - your child. Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Sincerely,

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