



Centennial Middle School

Middle School Administration

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Welcome Back Middle School Students & Parents !

WELCOME to the 2011 - 2012 school year and a special welcome to our incoming 6th grade class and any new 7th and 8th grade students! We hope you are enjoying your summer. We are looking forward to another great year at Centennial Middle School and want to make the transition from summer vacation back to school as easy as possible for you.

We will be hosting two orientations for students, scheduled for Tuesday, August 23rd for 6th grade students (and siblings), and Wednesday, August 24th for 7th and 8th grade students (please see pg. 2, 3 & 4 for specific times and information). Student schedules can be picked up during one of the orientation sessions. (If you have a conflict and cannot make your assigned day, you may attend orientation on the other day or stop in the middle school office the week of August 29th.) Students who have not received their schedules are to report to the auditorium on Tuesday, September 6th as soon as they arrive in school.



Staggered Start for the First Day at the Middle School !

Classes will begin on Tuesday, September 6th at 7:40 a.m. for only 6th grade students and NEW 7th & 8th grade students to our district. Classes begin at 10:00 a.m. for all other 7th and 8th grade students (buses will be picking them up about 2 hours later). For example, if your 7th or 8th grade child's normal pick-up time is 7:00 a.m., you can anticipate the bus will pick them up somewhere between 9:00 a.m. and 9:15 a.m. Bus routes can be picked up at the middle school during orientation and are posted on the district website at www.isd12.org under 'District Publications.' Should you have further questions regarding transportation, please contact Barb Allen, Transportation Consultant, at 763-789-5143.

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IMPORTANT MIDDLE SCHOOL PHONE NUMBERS



Main Office:	763-792-5400
Counseling Office:	763-792-5413
Health Office:	763-792-5426
Activity Information Line:	763-792-5617
To Report a Student Absent*:	763-792-5407
Homework Request Line*:	763-792-5407

- Please call in by **7:30 a.m.** for any absence or homework requests. Leave the student's full name, grade, reason for absence, name of person calling, and a daytime phone number.

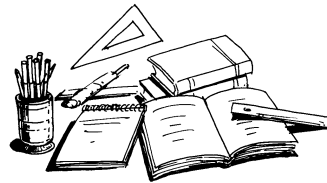


Back-to-School Orientation

Tuesday, August 23rd (6th grade & siblings)
Wednesday, August 24th (7th & 8th grade)
2:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Don't come too early! Last year shorter lines were after 3:00 p.m. During the orientations you will be able to pay all student fees, gather important information, register for activities, have your student ID picture taken, get your child's class schedule and tour the middle school.

You will want to enter through the front entrance doors, where you will pick up a checklist (also included on page 5). This checklist will ensure that you have completed all necessary paperwork and received important student information. Please be prepared to make out multiple checks (or cash) for the various fees and activities. Below is a list of the various stations. (These stations can be visited in any order so pick the shortest line.)



All checks are payable to 'Centennial Middle School'

Lunch Account/Food Service PIN Number

PayPams.com is an on-line account system that allows parents to deposit money and check your child's lunch account balance. The PayPam service is FREE! You are not charged to use the system or deposit money into your child's account! Stop by the Food Service table if you have questions about this service. Your child should memorize the Personal Identification Number and keep it confidential because it is necessary to purchase school meals, entrees, and ala carte items beginning the first day of school. The school lunch cost is \$2.50 or \$45.00/September with ala carte items being an additional charge; school breakfast is \$1.70, entrees are \$2.00 and milk is \$.50. During the school year, payments are to be deposited at the Cashier's window before 9:30 a.m. When paying by check you must have the student's first and last name and PIN in the memo section of the check. If paying with cash, the payment must be placed in an envelope with the student's full name, amount enclosed and PIN on the envelope. If you have any questions, you may call our food service office at 763-792-5422.



Fees (Lock, Agenda & Supplies)

Locks will be issued to 6th grade students and 7th/8th grade who are new or lost their locks last year. These locks are the property of the student and will be kept through the three years in the middle school. Replacement locks will cost \$5.00 each and must be school issued. Personal locks from home are not allowed. Fees as shown below defray the cost of consumables used by students for

Description	6th Grade	7th Grade	8th Grade
Lock Fee	\$ 5.00
Agenda	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00
Technology Ed.	\$ 12.00	\$ 12.00	\$ 12.00
FACS	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.00
Investigations	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.00
Art	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.00
Health	\$ 3.00
Total	\$ 28.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 26.00

There is a small amount of financial support from Our Savior's Lutheran Church for families needing assistance to offset student fees. Please contact Dr. William Wick at 763-792-5405.

Front Entry and Hallway

- **Activities Table** (optional)
Cougar Card
Intramural Activities
Interscholastic Activities
- **School Store** (optional)
- **Health Card Pick-Up** (required)
7th Grade Immunization Record (p.15)

Gyms 1, 2 and 3

- **Student ID Pictures** (required)
- **Lunch Accounts** (optional)
- **PTA, Choir and Band Information** (optional)
- **Lock, Fees & Agenda** (required)
School lock required for 6th grade students and new 7th/8th grade students
- **Lock & Bus Number** (required)
- **Health Card Turn-In** (required)

Final Stop

- **Student Schedule & Locker Assignment** (required)



Health Card Information

The Health Information sheets will be available for pickup at the health table in the front hallway. Be prepared to make corrections as needed (collected in Gym 1). School health personnel will review the health card information and collect corrected forms. Updated emergency phone numbers are also required. Schedules will not be given to 7th grade students whose immunizations are not current.

School Store - Gym Uniform

The School Store is operated by the Student Council and provides a variety of school clothes and supplies. Students are required to have separate clothing for P.E. class and are to wear an appropriate T-shirt, shorts/pants (no cutoffs or jean shorts, no zippers or buttons) and athletic socks. Tennis shoes are also required (no slip on shoes or loose laces). For outside activities students may need a sweat/warm-up suit- students will have advanced notice of outside activities. Uniforms for physical education may be purchased for \$ 22.00 (Cougar Club members receive 10% discount). Print your child's name on everything!

School Pictures

Even if you are not going to purchase pictures, your photo is still needed for the yearbook and ID pictures. There is no cost for this ID.

Student Schedule/PIN & Locker Numbers

Student schedules will be available at orientation. Counselors will be on hand to answer any questions regarding your child's schedule. If you are unable to attend one of the orientations, schedules (and fees) may be taken care of the week of August 29th in the middle school office. Schedules will not be mailed. Students who have not received their schedule are to report to the Auditorium the first day of school (Tuesday, September 6th).

Orientation ?? Back to School Night ??

Parents have often been confused about the difference between Orientation and Back to School Night. Hopefully we can answer those questions:

Orientation - This is the time where parents (and students) take care of fees, picture IDs, health records, activities sign-up, have lockers assigned and pick up the student's class schedule. If parents are unable to attend during these times, then the school office will be open the days following orientation to take care of those obligations. Pictures are taken the first week of school for those students who could not make it to orientation. Class schedules cannot be picked up before the orientation dates.

Back to School Night - This is the time both parents AND students meet their teachers. Be sure to bring your class schedule that was picked up during orientation. Back to School Night attendance is NOT required - we offer this time for parents and students to meet teachers and answer questions.

Back to School Night Team Presentation Schedule (Wednesday, August 31st - 5:15 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.)

Team	1st	2nd	Location	Note
Team 601	6:00 p.m.		B101, B103, B107, B109	Meet in your child's first core class (Math, Science, Lang. Arts, or Social Studies)
Team 602	6:00 p.m.		B201, B203, B207, B209	Meet in your child's first core class (Math, Science, Lang. Arts, or Social Studies)
Team 603	5:30 p.m.	6:00 p.m.	B211	
Team 701	5:30 p.m.	6:15 p.m.	R101 / R103	
Team 702	6:00 p.m.		R201 / R203	
Team 703	6:00 p.m.		R215 / R217	
Team 704	6:00 p.m.		R117 / R115	
Team 801	6:15 p.m.		Auditorium	
Team 802	5:30 p.m.		Auditorium	



Supply List (2011-2012)

Note to Parents: This is a basic supply list for students; some supplies may need to be replenished as the school year progresses. It may be advantageous to wait until the open house on August 31st to hear more specifics from your child's team (team assignments will be announced in August)

6th Grade Teams	601	602	603
#2 Pencils (dozen)	1	4	2
Ball Point Pens-Blue,Black	1	1	1
1" Ring Binder	1	2	0
1-1/2" Ring Binder	0	0	3
Binder Dividers-5 tab	1	2	0
Notebook Paper (ream - college rule)	1	2	1
Single Subject Notebook (100 pg)	3	2	2
Large Pink Eraser	1	1	1
Colored Markers-Washable/Unscented)	0	0	1
Colored Pencils—12 color set	2	1	1
Glue Stick	1	Opt	Opt
Scientific Calculator (w/fraction)	1	1	1
Cloth Book Cover (6A Math Only)	1	1	1

6th Grade Teams	601	602	603
Pocket Folders	2	2	3
Index Cards - 3 x 5 (100 ct)	1	1	1
Graph Paper - Notebook (100 pg)	1	1	0
Dry Erase Marker (black)	0	2	2
Permanent Marker (Sharpie)	0	2	0
Highlighter (yellow)	2	1	1
Box Tissues (250 ct) - Give to advisor	2	2	2
Protractor, Scissors, Ruler - 1 each	1	0	1
Composition Notebook (non-spiral)	0	2	0
Pencil Sharpener (manual)	1	1	1
Art Sketchbook (spiral bound) 11"x9"	1	1	1
USB Flash Drive (Minimum 4 GB)	1	1	1

7th Grade Teams	701	702	703	704
#2 Pencils (dozen)	1	1	1	1
Ball Point Pens-Blue,Black	1	1	1	1
1" Ring Binder	0	0	1	0
1-1/2" Ring Binder (1 w/pouch)	0	0	2*	0
2" Ring Binder	0	1	0	1
Binder Dividers-5 tab	0	1	1	1
Notebook Paper (ream - college rule)	1	2	1	2
Single Subject Notebook (100 pg)	6	2	2	3
Large Pink Eraser	1	1	0	1
Graph Paper - Loose or Notebk(100 pg)	0	0	1	0
Scientific Calculator (w/fraction)	1	1	1	1
Colored Markers-Washable/Unscented)	1	1	1	1

7th Grade Teams	701	702	703	704
Pocket Folders	7	2**	2**	4***
Index Cards - 3 x 5 (100 ct)	1	2	0	3
Highlighter (yellow)	1	0	1	0
Box Tissues (250 ct) - Give to advisor	2	2	2	2
Protractor, Scissors, Ruler - 1 each	1	1	0	0
Colored Pencils - 12 color set	1	1	1	1
Pencil Sharpener (manual)	0	0	1	0
Art Sketchbook (spiral bound) 11"x9"	1	1	1	1
USB Flash Drive (Minimum 4 GB)	1	1	1	1

* Trapper keeper or accordion folder may be substituted for one 1-1/2" binder

** Pocket folders w/3-holes for binders

*** Different colored folders

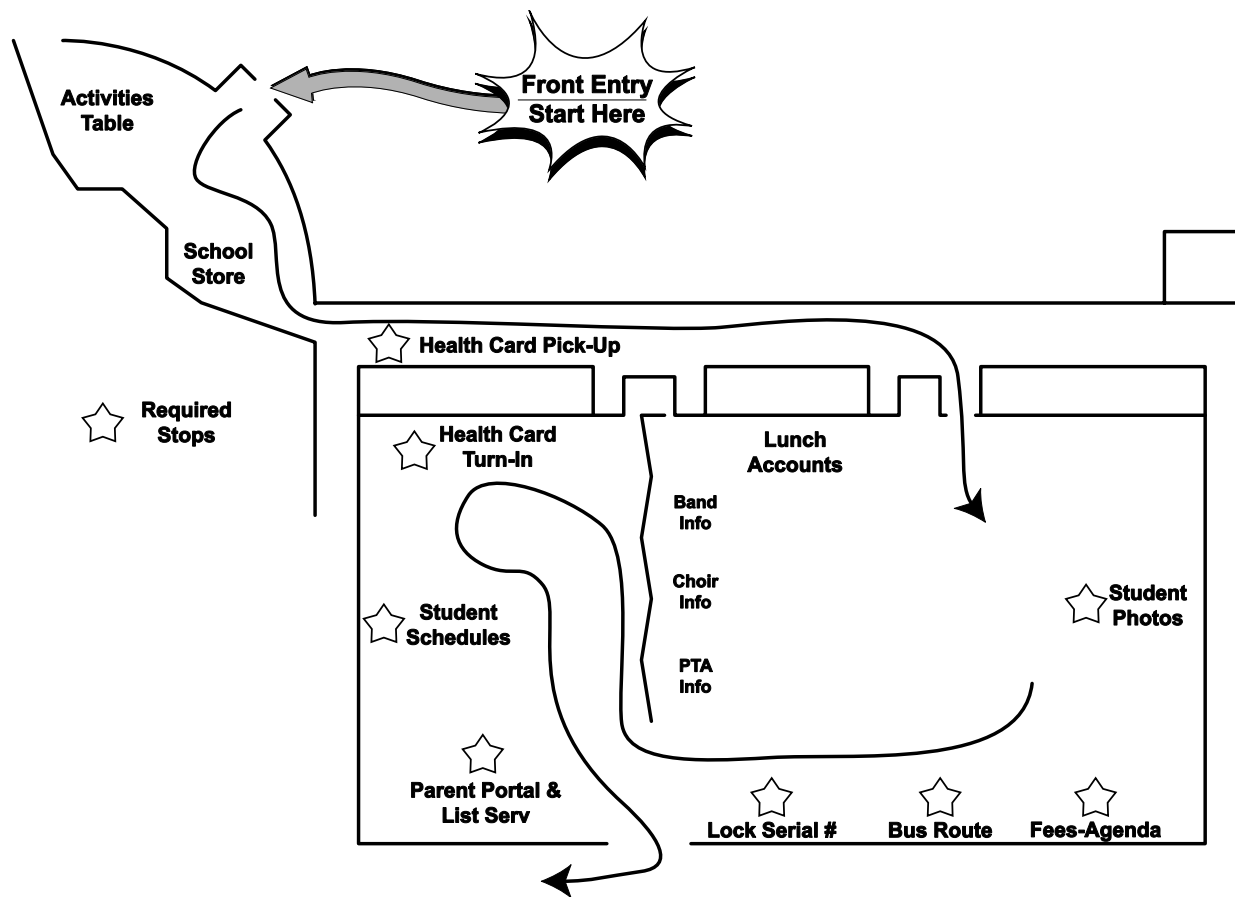
8th Grade Teams	801	802
#2 Pencils (dozen) *	2	2
Ball Point Pens-Blue,Black	2	2
2" Ring Binder	2	2
Binder Dividers-5 tab	2	2
Notebook Paper (ream - college rule)	2	2
Single Subject Notebook (100 pg)	2	2
Graph Paper - Notebook (100 pg)	5	5
Glue Stick	1	1
Scientific Calculator (w/fraction)	1	1

8th Grade Teams	801	802
Pocket Folders	5	5
Index Cards - 3 x 5 (100 ct)	1	1
Box Tissues (250 ct) - Give to advisor	2	2
FINE, felt-tipped markers (black)	4	4
Colored Pencils - 12 color set	1	1
Colored Markers - washable/unscented	1	1
Art Sketchbook (spiral bound) 11"x9"	1	1
USB Flash Drive (Minimum 4 GB)	1	1

* Mechanical pencils are preferred

Physical Education Uniforms

Students are required to have separate clothing for class and are to wear an appropriate t-shirt, shorts/pants (no cutoffs or jean shorts, no zippers or buttons) and athletic socks. Tennis shoes are also required (no slip on shoes or loose laces). For outside activities students may need a sweat/warm-up suit - students will have advanced notice of outside activities. Physical Education clothing is available in the school store for your convenience, however you can purchase clothing anywhere you choose.



✓ Checklist for Orientation

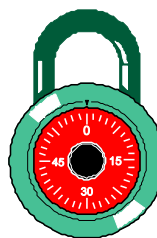
Front Entry & Hallway

- Activities Table
- School Store
- ★ Health Card - pick up (required)

- ★ Locks, Fees & Agenda (required)
- ★ Lock, Bus Route & Agenda (required)
- ★ Health Card - turn in (required)
- ★ Student Schedule & Locker # (required)
- ★ Parent Portal & List Serv (required)

Gyms 1, 2 and 3

- ★ Student ID Pictures (required)
- Lunch Account Payment
- PTA, Band, Choir Info



7th & 8th Grade Students:

Bring your locks to orientation so you can put them on your locker. If you don't have your combination, we will look it up for you.



From the Activities Office

The Middle School Activities Office is excited about the many opportunities students can participate in this year. The program is comprised of Interscholastic Athletics, Intramural Athletics, Clubs, Off Campus Activities, Clinics and Special Events.

Registration Information

Registration for all Middle School Activities should be completed and turned in at the Middle School Cashier's Office. Registration forms can be picked up in the Middle School Main Office, in the Middle School Cashier's Office and in the entry way to the Media Center. All 7th/8th grade athletes (Intramural/Interscholastic Activities) must complete a MSHSL packet (green) in order to participate.

Parents are encouraged to register for activities early. We are recommending that all students interested in fall Intramurals, Interscholastic Activities, or Cougar Club membership attend the early activity registration dates in August.



Dates are:

- Aug. 10th-10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- Aug. 11th-7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- Aug. 15th-7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- Aug. 16th & 17th-7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

We will also be taking registrations during Orientation on August 23rd and 24th from 2:00-7:00 p.m., *but we encourage families to take advantage of the early registration dates listed above to avoid long lines.* Participants will not be allowed to participate in any activity until all paperwork and fees are turned in.

Registration for **Off Campus Activities** will begin during early bird registration. Students need to listen to announcements or watch TV monitors for information for all upcoming events. Parents also have the option to be part of the Middle School Cougar Communications (List Serv). Registration for **Winter/Spring Interscholastic, Intramural Athletics and Clubs** will be just prior to the start of their respective seasons. For more information or to request a brochure, please call **Cindy Hinman, Activities Director** at (763) 792-5417.

Cougar Club

The Middle School Activities Office will again be offering a **Cougar Club Membership** which includes **free and reduced price activities throughout the school year**. The fee to join the Cougar Club is \$ 90.00. Fees will be waived for students on the free lunch program and reduced for those on the reduced lunch program (except for Off-Campus Activities). Please submit a copy of your letter of approval from the Food Service to the Cashier's Office. Cougar Club registration must be completed by **Friday September 30th, 2011**. One per student, **NO REFUNDS**, and nontransferable.

Cougar Club Membership Includes:

- 1st Intramural Activity (\$ 25.00-120.00 value)... Free
- Additional Intramurals \$ 25.00 each
- Clubs, Special Events, Parties Free
- Off-Campus Activities 20% off
- School Store 10% off selected items

Individual Costs for Non-Cougar Club Members:

- Intramurals\$ 25.00 - \$ 120.00 each
- *Clubs\$ 35.00 - \$ 80.00 each
- Special Events/Parties\$ 5.00 - \$ 10.00 each
- Off-Campus - TBA
- *Some may require additional materials or transportation fees.



**Be a part of the action !
Join the Cougar Club !**



From the Activities Office

Intramural Activities

Open to all Centennial Middle School students

The Intramural Athletic program will consist of instructional and game time. Activities will meet one to three days a week for approximately one hour. In most programs, students will practice and play against Centennial Middle School students only. There will be no cuts from this program. Intramural Activities cost \$ 25.00 - \$120.00 per activity for non-Cougar Club members.

(The middle school soccer, tennis, dance or cheerleading, programs will offer a schedule of competition with other schools. Students wishing to participate in the Middle School competitive portion of these programs will be chosen from the Intramural programs and may need to tryout.

The following IM Athletic Activities will begin prior to the school year: Girls Traveling Tennis, August 31st from 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. and Girls & Boys Soccer August 30th from 3:30 - 5:00 p.m. Students will need to provide their own transportation prior to the school year starting.

Intramural Activity Schedule:

Fall (Sept. - Oct.) Individual cost \$ 25.00 - \$ 120.00	
Boys Soccer.....	8/30/11 - M, Tu, Th
Girls Soccer.....	8/30/11 - M, Tu, Th
Girls 7th,8th Traveling Tennis.....	8/31/11 - M, Tu, Th
Boys/Girls Cross Country.....	9/8/11 - Tu, Th
Boys/Girls Ultimate Frisbee.....	9/13/11 - Tu, W
Boys/Girls Volleyball.....	9/12/11 - M, W
Girls Dance Team (Performance).....	9/12/11 - M, Tu, Th
Girls Volleyball Clinic (limit 25).....	9/12/11 - M (3:45 - 5:00 p.m.)
Boys/Girls Weight Training.....	9/12/11 - M, W or Tu, Th
Boys/Girls Kickball.....	9/14/11 - W
Girls Cheerleading (competition).....	9/14/11 - M, W, F (2:30 - 4:30 p.m. @ YMCA) (Parent Meeting: Monday, September 19 - 6:30 p.m.)
Girls 6th,7th,8th Tennis (In-House).....	9/14/11 - W, F

In conjunction with the fall Intramural Athletic Program, the Activities Department will be sponsoring a **Girls Fall Volleyball Clinic**. The clinic will meet Mondays from **3:45-5:00 p.m.** The program is designed to provide in-depth instruction in skills. Emphasis during these clinic sessions will be on the development of skills and not on game time. Girls interested in playing Junior Olympic Volleyball who are not playing Inter-scholastic Volleyball should sign up for this clinic. The clinic will run from September through October. There will be a **limit of 25 girls** for this clinic. Registrations will be taken on a **first-come first-serve basis**.



Winter I		Winter II	
Girls Competitive Cheerleading	Girls Basketball	Boys Basketball	Co-Ed Floor Hockey/ Knee Hockey
Girls Competition Dance	Co-Ed Martial Arts	Dance Team Competition	Co-Ed Martial Arts
Girls Gymnastics	Co-Ed Trench	Co-Ed Trench	Co-Ed Weight Training
Co-Ed Trench	Co-Ed Table Tennis		
Co-Ed Weight Training	Boys Wrestling		
Spring			
Girls Dance Clinic (8th)	Boys Tennis	Boys Volleyball	Girls Volleyball
Co-Ed Track	Co-Ed Ultimate Frisbee	Co-Ed Weight Training	



From the Activities Office

Clubs

Open to All Centennial Middle School students

Centennial Middle School will be offering a variety of clubs throughout the school year. Clubs will meet 1-2 days per week each season with fall season beginning in late September or early October and cost between \$ 35.00 - \$ 80.00 (Cougar Club members will be free. Clubs will be offered based on student interest and/or advisor availability and may require additional materials and fees. Additional clubs may be added during the school year if student interest is shown. Clubs offered in past years that have shown to have high student interest are:

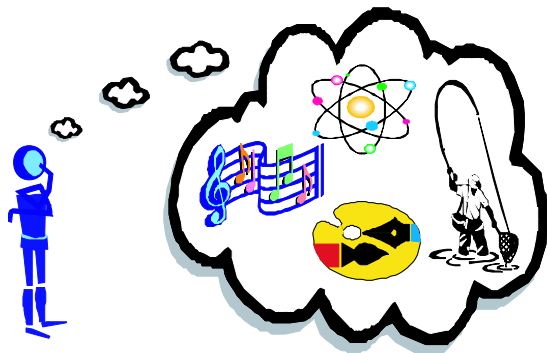
Art
Baby-sitting
Book
Cake Decorating
Canoe / Kayaking

Choir (extra curricular)
Choose Respect
C02 Cars
Computer Gaming
Cooking

Cougar Mentors
Craft
Creative Writing
Drama
Duct Tape Crafts
Everything But A Card
Fall Play
Fishing
Fitness Trends
French
Future Problem Solvers
Games of Strategy
German
Guitar
Guys Read
Hair up Do's

Improv/Sketch Comedy
Jazz Band
Junior Citizens Academy
Knitting
Knowledge Bowl
Math Team
Microwave Cooking
Newspaper
One Act Club
Open Gym
Origami
Photography
Recycle Blue Jeans
Remote Controlled
Running
Sew Pajama Pants

Science
Scrapbook
Sign Language
Skate
Spanish
Speech Team
Sports Movies
Spring Musical
Stamping
Stickers
Stock Market Game
Sweater Hats & Mittens
Symphonic Band
Tech 1(Lego Mindstorms)
Tech 2 (Supermileage)
Woodworking
X-Mod Cars
Yearbook
Yo-Yo



Off Campus Activities

Open to all Centennial Middle School students

Fees will be assessed for transportation, insurance and admission costs. Trips will be offered throughout the year based upon student interest. Trips may be limited on a first come, first serve basis.

Off Campus Activities:

- Bowling Club - trips to local bowling alley
Camp Laurentian - 6th Grade
Cougar Y Time @ Y
Cosmic Bowling - trips to local bowling alleys
Downhill Ski and Snowboard Adventures - Trips to local ski resorts
Golf Club - golf lessons and tee times at driving ranges & golf courses
Horseback Riding - trail riding and hay ride trips
Rock Climbing - trips to Vertical Endeavors
Showstoppers - trips to see local drama/musical performances
Snowtubing - trips to Eko-Bakken, Trollhaugen/Wild Mountain
Water Park Trips - Trips to Grand Rios or other area parks

Special Events

Open to all Centennial Middle School students

Special Events are scheduled when space allows. Events are often 1-2 day events.

Special Events:

- 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament
Baking Classes
Blanket Making Classes
Candle Making Classes
Chess Tournament
Crafting Classes
Cribbage Tournament
Geography Bee
Hot Shot Shooting Contest
School Parties
Spelling Bee





From the Activities Office

Interscholastic Opportunities

Open to 7th and 8th grade students only

The Interscholastic Athletic Program is a competitive athletic program. Students will meet five days a week and will compete against students from other schools. Tryouts may be held for these activities depending on interest. All middle school Interscholastic Activities cost \$ 135.00. High school 7-12 grade programs vary in cost; see the MSHSL registration packet for fee schedule.

Fall:

Boys Football

Girls Volleyball

*Girls Soccer (HS program)

*Boys Soccer (HS program)

*Cross Country (Boys and Girls)
7th & 8th Grade

*Girls Swimming

*Girls Tennis (JV / Varsity)

Girls Tennis (7th & 8th Grade MS)

*Adapted Soccer

Start Date:

8th - Equipment Handout-August 29th, 3:30-5:00 p.m., MS Gyms
(First Practice - August 30th, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.)

7th - Equipment Handout-August 30th, 3:30-5:00 p.m., MS Gyms
(First Practice - August 31st, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.)

August 30th, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m., MS Gyms

Aug. 15th, 8:00 a.m. (may tryout - only with permission)

• HS Fields - Behind Arena

Aug. 15th, 2:30 p.m. (may tryout - only with permission)

• HS Fields - Behind Arena

Aug. 15th, 7:00 a.m. - HS White Wrestling Room

July 18th, 6:30 a.m. - Informational Mtg HS Red Gym

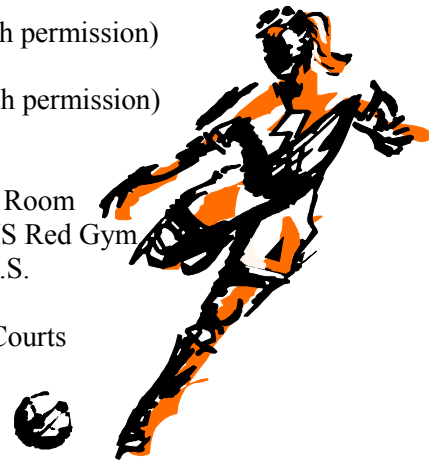
Aug. 15th, 4:00 p.m. - Spring Lake Park H.S.

Aug. 15th, 10:00 a.m. - HS Tennis Courts

August 31st, 1:00-2:30 p.m. - MS Tennis Courts

Sept. 6th (More information to come)

* These are 7-12 programs at the High School. Tryouts may be necessary.



Registrations for Winter and Spring Athletics will not be accepted until just prior to the beginning of their respective seasons. Students: Please listen to the morning announcements and watch TV monitors for information and updates. Parents also have the option to be part of the middle school Cougar Communications list serv.

Winter I:

Girls Basketball

Boys Wrestling

Boys/Girls Downhill Skiing (7-12)

Adapted Floor Hockey (7-12)

Winter II:

Boys Basketball

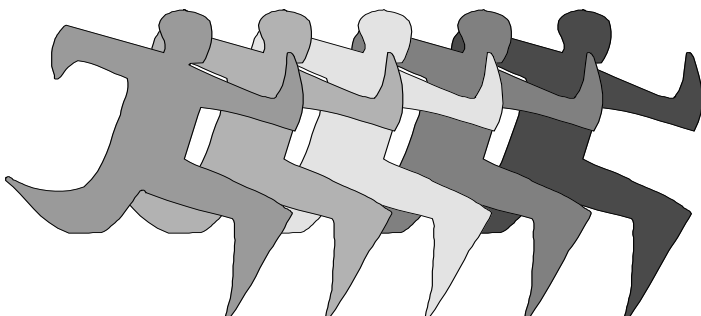
Spring:

Boys/Girls Track and Field

Boys Tennis

Boys/Girls Golf (7-12)

Adapted Softball (7-12)



Students involved in Interscholastic Athletics will need to provide their own transportation prior to the beginning of the school

year. After school begins, practices will generally run until 5:00 p.m. However, if practices end early students may be able to catch the 4:00 p.m. activity bus.

PTA Volunteer Sign-Up (2011-2012)

Parent / Guardian Name(s) _____

E-mail Address _____ Phone _____

- X** Yes, I can volunteer! I have marked the activities that I am interested in.
- C** Yes, I want to Co-chair the activities that I have marked with a "C."
- I** Yes, I want to volunteer, but I need more information on the activities that I have marked with an "I."

Year Round Activities

- _____ Administrative **duties** - help with copying, typing, cutting, etc.
- _____ **Site Leadership representative** - Attend the Site Leadership committee and report back to the PTA as our representative.
- _____ **Lunch & Learn** - help with sending out notices to 6th grade parents inviting them to eat lunch with their child and sit in on one of their classes.

Fall Activities

- _____ **Fall Staff Appreciation / Conference Meals**- Help serve lunch for the staff during the busy conference schedule, help setup the meal area and clean-up / pack **food** after the lunch.

Winter Activities

- _____ **Family Bingo / Silent Auction Night** - Coordinate the donations from businesses (mail letters, pick up items, write thank you's), Create baskets from **donations**, help with concessions, Setup / tear down, help with marketing.
 - _____ Assist in planning
 - _____ Basket / Donations Committee
 - _____ Assist during the event

Spring Activities

- _____ **Spring CEAP Drive** - Coordinate Donations, help with pick up / transportation
- _____ **Spring Staff Appreciation / Conference Meals** - Help serve lunch for the staff during the busy conference schedule, help set up the meal area and clean up / pack food after the lunch.
- _____ **May Staff Appreciation Week** - Coordinate donations, drawings, distribution, help with breakfast set up
- _____ **Not Sure** what I can commit to now, but please call me when you need help with something. Times that are good for me to help: _____

PTA Meetings - Staff Dining Room (6:30 - 8:00 p.m.)

October 4th December 6th January 3rd January 31st March 6th April 3rd

Thank you for taking the time to fill out this Parent Volunteer Form. Your time and efforts are much appreciated! If you signed up for certain committees, the chairperson should call you when they need help. If you volunteered to be a "chair" person for a committee, you will get a list of all the volunteers soon. Thanks again for your help! Questions? Contact the PTA at centennialmspta@gmail.com

Centennial Middle School Calendar of Events

2011-2012



AUGUST

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AUGUST

	Early Bird Activities Registration (August 9, 10, 11, 15, 16 & 17)	
	** See Back to School Newsletter (CMS web site) for times	
23	Orientation (6th Grade & Siblings)	2:00 - 7:00 p.m.
24	Orientation (7th & 8th Grade)	2:00 - 7:00 p.m.
30	Teacher Workshop (August 30th - September 2nd)	
31	Open House (6th, 7th and 8th Grade)	5:15 - 7:15 p.m.

FEBRUARY

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SEPTEMBER

5	NO SCHOOL - Labor Day
6	FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL!
7	Picture Make-Up Day
12	MS Fund-Raiser Begins

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OCTOBER

3	NO SCHOOL - Teacher Workshop/Inservice	
12/13	1st Quarter Mid-Term	
17	Picture Retake Day	
17-18	Parent / Teacher Conferences	3:00 - 8:00 p.m.
19	Parent / Teacher Conferences	8:00 - 11:30 a.m.
20-21	NO SCHOOL - Professional Organization Meetings	

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NOVEMBER

1	Late Start - School 2 hours late
8	General Election
10	End of 1st Quarter
11	NO SCHOOL - Teacher Workshop/Inservice
23-25	NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Vacation

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DECEMBER

5-16	PTA Holiday Drive
9	Late Start - School 2 hours late
14/15	2nd Quarter Mid-Term
22	Winter Break Begins

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JANUARY

3	Students Return from Winter Break
10	Late Start - School 2 hours late
16	NO SCHOOL - Martin Luther King Day
20	End of 2nd Quarter
23	NO SCHOOL - Teacher Workshop

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FEBRUARY

3	PTA Bingo and Silent Auction	6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
9	Time-Out Day	
10	Late Start - School 2 hours late	
17	NO SCHOOL - Teacher Workshop	
20	NO SCHOOL - President's Day	

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MARCH

2/3	3rd Quarter Mid-Term	
6,8	Parent / Teacher Conferences	3:00 - 8:00 p.m.
9	Parent / Teacher Conferences	8:00 - 11:30 a.m.
11	NO SCHOOL - Teacher Workshop/Inservice	
12-16	Spring Break	
19	PTA Food Drive Begins (Ends April 2)	
29	End of 3rd Quarter	

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APRIL

6	NO SCHOOL (Easter 4/8)	
16/17	5th Grade Parent & Student Orientation	7:00 p.m.

MAY

8-10	Honors Breakfast (6, 7 & 8)	6:45 - 7:30 a.m.
9/10	4th Quarter Mid-Term	
11	8th Grade Graduation Party	6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
28	NO SCHOOL - Memorial Day	

JULY

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JUNE

6	8th Grade Spring Activity Day
7	Last Day of School for Students
8	NO SCHOOL - Teacher Workshop/Inservice
15	Report Cards Mailed Home

October 5th

December 7th

January 4th

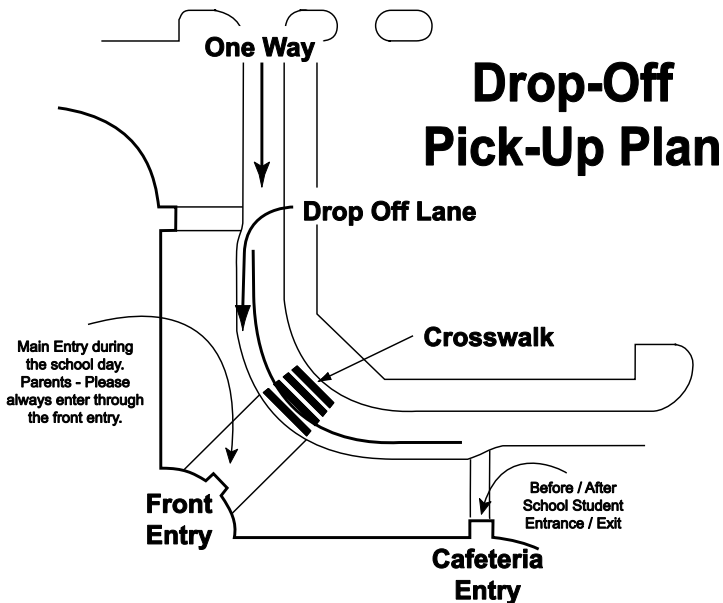
February 1st

March 1st

April 5th

May 3rd

PARENT - TEACHER ASSOCIATION MEETINGS
(CMS STAFF DINING ROOM - 6:30 - 8:00 PM.)



Building Hours

For the safety of students and the security of our school, student / building supervisors are available from 7:15 a.m. to 2:40 p.m. Students can only be in the building outside these hours if they have a pre-arranged appointment with a teacher or are involved in a school activity. Please make arrangements for personal childcare before 7:15 a.m. and after 2:40 p.m.

Students are not to be in the classroom or locker bay areas prior to 7:25 a.m. Students arriving between 7:15 a.m. and 7:25 a.m. are to remain in the cafeteria.

- Form a single file line of vehicles
- Drop students off in the “drop off lane” not in the parking lot or lanes of traffic
- Watch for pedestrians in the cross walk
- Before/ After school student entry/exit is through the cafeteria
- The Front Entry will be the only entrance open during the school day from 7:40 a.m. to 2:20p.m. This entrance should be used before and after school for: parents, parent escorted students, injured students, late students and special circumstances only. Please come into the main office

Magazine Sales Notice !

It is almost time for the annual magazine fund-raiser kick off on September 12, 2011.

- “ Hold on to your magazine renewal certificates and renew them directly through our school magazine fund-raiser.
- “ A substantial portion of the subscription price stays at Centennial Middle School to fund many activities throughout the school year. (Note: This fund raiser is not a PTA function)
- “ Keep in mind that magazine subscriptions can make great gifts for family members, friends or business associates.

YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT IS GREATLY APPRECIATED!

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Staggered Start for Middle School Students

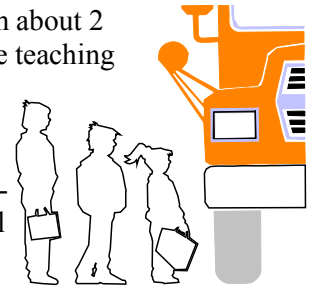
Quality middle school programs offer a high degree of attention to the transition of students into (and out of) the educational setting. We offer parents the opportunity to come to orientations scheduled in August to pay fees, pick up class schedules and tour the building. This year the 6th, 7th and 8th Grade Team Presentations will be held on Wednesday, August 31st from 5:15 to 7:15 p.m. Teachers will be presenting information about the school year and helping parents and students become familiar with each team of teachers.

First Day Transition Transportation Plan:

On the first day of school 6th grade students and 7th & 8th grade students new to our district will ride the normal bus routes and be delivered to the middle school at approximately 7:30 am. All other 7th & 8th grade students would remain home until after Rehbein Transportation has completed their elementary and high school routes. This means the 7th & 8th grade students would be boarding their buses about 2 hours - 15 minutes later than their normal pickup time and arrive at the middle school at approximately 9:45 am. First period classes for all students will start at 10:00 a.m. (see schedule).

Benefits:

This plan allows the new students to ride relatively uncrowded buses in the morning, giving them about 2 hours of quality and stress-free time becoming acclimated to our building and teachers. All of the teaching staff would be involved with helping students prepare for the school day and be available to give tours of the building in small groups. Student advocates would also ride the buses and be available to help students become more familiar with the school and its procedures. Also, the first day for all students would be restricted to their Math, Social Studies, Language Arts, Science and Encore classes (no electives - music / physical education), giving them a gradual start for the school year.



First Day Schedule:

6th Grade

Team Orient. 7:40-8:00 (20)	Teams 601/602 Student Tour 8:00 - 8:54 (54)	Teams 601/602 Team Time w/students 9:02 - 9:56 (54)	Period 1A 10:00-10:24 (24)	Lunch 10:28-10:52 (24)	Period 1B 10:56 - 11:20 (24)	Period 2 11:24 - 12:02 (38)	Period 3 12:06 - 12:44 (38)	Period 4 12:48 - 1:26 (38)	Period 7 1:30 - 2:10 (40)
	Team 603 Team Time w/students 8:00 - 8:54 (54)	Team 603 Student Tour 9:02 - 9:56 (54)	Lunch 10:00-10:24 (24)	Period 1 10:28 - 11:10 (42)	Period 2 11:14 - 11:56 (42)	Period 4 12:00 - 12:42 (42)	Period 5 12:46 - 1:26 (40)	Period 6 1:30 - 2:10 (40)	

Dismiss to Buses at 2:10 pm.

7th Grade

Teams 701/704	Period 1 10:00 - 10:50 (50)	Lunch 10:54-11:18 (24)	Period 2 11:22 -12:04 (42)	Period 3 12:08 - 12:50 (42)	Period 6 12:54 - 1:36 (42)	Period 7 1:40 - 2:20 (40)
Teams 702/703	Period 1 10:00 - 10:40 (40)	Period 2 10:44 - 11:24 (40)	Lunch 11:28-11:52 (24)	Period 5 11:56 - 12:42 (46)	Period 6 12:46 - 1:32 (46)	Period 7 1:36 - 2:20 (44)

8th Grade

Team 801	Period 2 10:00 - 10:44 (44)	Period 3 10:48 -11:32 (44)	Period 5 11:36 - 12:20 (44)	Lunch 12:24-12:48 (24)	Period 6 12:52 - 1:34 (42)	Period 7 1:38 - 2:20 (42)	
Team 802	Period 1 10:00 - 10:40 (40)	Period 3 10:44 - 11:24 (40)	Period 4A 11:28 - 11:52 (24)	Lunch 11:56-12:20 (24)	Period 4B 12:24 - 12:48 (24)	Period 5 12:52 - 1:34 (42)	Period 7 1:38 - 2:20 (42)



Volunteer Opportunities

Our volunteer program, recognizes each person has something valuable to share, whether it is an ability, talent, idea, time or experience. Any way you choose to share your time is an investment in the future of our students and enriches their educational experiences.

There are many different volunteer opportunities available to you through our Middle School Volunteer Program. We realize everyone is busy! We do not expect you to sign your life away as a volunteer, but we do hope you will look over the opportunities for this year and consider any areas of interest to you. Volunteer opportunities are open to parents, grandparents and others. The CMS Faculty and Staff would like to thank all the wonderful parents and students who volunteered their time so generously last year. Without your help our Volunteer Program would not be such a success!



If you would like to help please call this number at 763-792-5509. We have also found opportunities for parent volunteers to do work for the middle school in the convenience of their own home!

Middle School Teams

6th Grade

Team 601

Jodi Phillips (Math)
Mary Andrews (Language Arts)
Laurie Tangren (Science)
Jackie Cork (Social Studies)

Team 602

Neil Kruse (Math)
Sara Koehn (Language Arts)
Mary Millerhagen (Science)
Roxanne Ritchot (Social Studies)

Team 603

Andy Marshall (Math)
Anne Thomsen (Language Arts)
Bruce Pap (Science)
Amy Aus (Social Studies)

7th Grade

Team 701

Scott Lee (Math)
Melinda Goedeke (Language Arts)
Joe Sauer (Science)
Eric Wahl (Social Studies)

Team 702

Ellen Downs (Math)
Angie Martin (Language Arts)
Holly Augustin (Science)
Christian Gould (Social Studies)

Team 703

Nicki Weller (Math)
Laura Thomson (Language Arts)
Amanda Jacobson (Science)
TBA (Social Studies)

Team 704

Marisa Dronen (Math)
Kara Mundale (Language Arts)
Robert Danzl (Science)
Mark Domschot (Social Studies)

8th Grade

Team 801

Brian O'Connell (Math)
Chris Kopp (Math)
John Bergeland (Language Arts)
Carrie Kyung (Language Arts)
Katy Hopp (Science)
Cindy Nelson (Science)
Gayle Fay (Social Studies)
Pat Frawley (Social Studies)

Team 802

Dennis Gable (Math)
Tim Lovdahl (Math)
Sara Florin (Language Arts)
Jennifer Peterson (Language Arts)
Dave Mundale (Science)
Nigel Timm (Science)
Mary Erickson (Social Studies)
Gary Tolkinen (Social Studies)



Cougar Communications (List Serv)

Parents are encouraged to take advantage of our e-mail communication tool called 'Cougar Communications.' This 'list serv' is used by the activities program to send out weekly notices of what is happening with sports, clubs and activities in our after-school program. *Cougar Communications* is also used by the main office to inform parents of important events and topics pertinent to our school. The 'Parents In-The-Know' are sent about twice a month to parents who sign up. Also, teaching teams have been sending the weekly agenda to parents so they can keep up with what is happening academically in school. Sign up now at www.isd12.org/cms.

Centennial Middle School
Cougar Communications
 Select each email group that you would like to be a part of:

<input type="checkbox"/> Team 601	<input type="checkbox"/> Team 701	<input type="checkbox"/> Team 801
<input type="checkbox"/> Team 602	<input type="checkbox"/> Team 702	<input type="checkbox"/> Team 802
<input type="checkbox"/> Team 603	<input type="checkbox"/> Team 703	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Team 704	

Note: After you enter your email address, please be sure to select "Join List" or your email address will not be saved. An Email message window will open and you will need to "Send" the email message to complete the process.

Your email address:

(Please note that your email address will not be distributed or used for any other purpose than Centennial Middle School communications.)

(Once you select the Join List button, an email message will pop up on your computer. Please SEND this email to complete the process.)

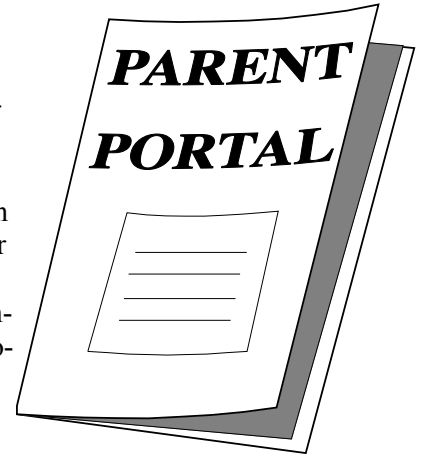
Parent Portal

The 'Parent Portal' allows parents access to their child's current grades listed in the teacher's grade book in addition to their daily attendance. Teachers have two weeks to update the portal after an assignment has been turned in.

The middle school staff have been using this technology with positive results and parents were finding they had better communication with their children in monitoring their daily progress.

Our goal with this feature is to give parents an opportunity to help their children be more accountable for their learning and to provide up-to-date information about their child's progress.

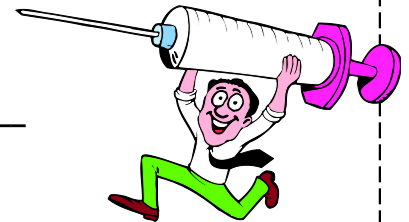
If you signed up last year and have a log-in and password, you do NOT need to register again. Parents who have not registered may do so at orientation or access the materials from the middle school



ATTENTION 7th GRADE PARENTS/GUARDIANS!

(Use this form, or one from your clinic, to help us update your records at orientation)

7th Grade Immunization Record



Student's Name _____

Please Print

Birth Date _____

Diphtheria, Tetanus & Pertussis (DTaP,DTP) (1) _____ (2) _____ (3) _____ (4) _____ (5) _____
5 doses - DPT (diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis) (mo/day/yr) (mo/day/yr) (mo/day/yr) (mo/day/yr) (mo/day/yr)

Polio (1) _____ (2) _____ (3) _____ (4) _____
4 doses - Polio (mo/day/yr) (mo/day/yr) (mo/day/yr) (mo/day/yr)

Hepatitis B (at least 1 of 3 doses) (1) _____ (2) _____ (3) _____
3 doses - Hepatitis B (at least 1 of 3 dose series) (mo/day/yr) (mo/day/yr) (mo/day/yr)

Measles, Mumps, & Rubella (MMR) (1) _____ (2) _____
2 doses - MMR (Measles, mumps, rubella) (mo/day/yr) (mo/day/yr)

Varicella (Chicken Pox) or Date of Disease (1) _____ (2) _____
2 doses - Varicella (chicken pox) or Date of Disease (mo/day/yr) (mo/day/yr)

Tetanus & Diphtheria (Td) Booster (not pre-kindergarten) _____ (sometime before 7th grade)

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature _____