
March 9, 2018

Central High School Community,

We are reaching out to you in response to the National events planned over the next several weeks, resulting from the recent school shooting in Parkland, FL. First, in the wake of such tragedies, we as a school naturally reassess our safety protocols in place to keep our school and everyone in it safe, secure, and orderly. Naturally, some procedural changes might result from such self-examination; nevertheless, we want to assure you that Central High School has always been, and will remain, committed to putting the safety of your students first.

Additionally, the tragedy in Florida has resulted in much discussion and debate, not the least of which has been the discussion surrounding and information circulating about the National School Walkout (Wednesday, March 14, 2018) and the National High School Walk-Out for Anti-Gun Violence (Friday, April 20, 2018), both of which call for students to walk out of school in support this national movement. Compelled by these events and their desire to draw attention to the issue of school safety, a student-led group at Central High School has contacted us with the intent of organizing a walkout. The event has been planned for 10:00 AM on Tuesday, March 13th.

We are sharing this information to inform you that our priority remains to ensure the safety of our students who do participate during such an event. As a result, we are providing a safe environment within the school for them to assemble and with adult presence, strictly for supervision. The goal is to respect all viewpoints while supporting students by providing a safe environment for them to voice their concerns.

This student-led group is completely voluntary, as is participation in the planned event. Classes at Central High School will proceed as usual that day, and our schedule will not be altered to accommodate the event. Additionally, we will not condone any activity that involves students walking outside the school building and compromising their safety. Students who choose to leave the building for such an event will be considered unexcused.

We would like to acknowledge that the group of students planning this event have been thoughtful in their planning and respectful of our concerns. If any new information surfaces before the event, we will keep you informed.

**Respectfully,
Troy McDonald, Principal
Central High School**