



Hello and WELCOME BACK!! My name is Melissa Katchen and I am your School Counselor here at Central School. I hope you and your family had a wonderful summer and are off to great start this school year! I didn't get the chance to meet a lot of you during Back to School Night, so I wanted to take the moment to introduce myself.

I graduated from The College of New Jersey with a Master of Arts in Counseling with specialization in School Counseling. In addition to being a certified School Counselor, I also have my K-5 Elementary Teacher Certification and have experience teaching in a 1<sup>st</sup> grade classroom.

I grew up in Bridgewater, NJ and currently live in Bedminster. Warren has always been a big part of where I grew up and since I still live pretty close to the area, I also consider myself a member of the Warren community just like you. You and your family may see me around town, (if you haven't already!) so don't be afraid to say "hi!"

I began working at Central School this past May. I have been filling in for Mrs. Morris who is out on Leave Replacement. I just want to say thank you to the entire Central School community for welcoming me with open arms! I feel so lucky to be a part of the wonderful Central School family!

I have spent the past few weeks visiting each classroom introducing myself and explaining the role of a "school counselor" to the students. As the school counselor, I collaborate with students, parents, and faculty to promote academic, personal/social, and career development for ALL students. I have an open door policy which means ANY student can request to meet with me or they can be referred by a teacher, administrator, or parent.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child or you would like to set up an appointment to meet with me, please do not hesitate to contact me! Feel free to e-mail me at [mkatchen@warrentboe.org](mailto:mkatchen@warrentboe.org) or call me at (908) 753-5300 x5205. Also, check out my Teacher Website for updates and helpful resources.

It is my hope that this school year will be full of fun and successful experiences for all Central School students!

Warm Wishes,

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