

Central High School Principal's Post **February Edition 2012**

Scheduling for 2012-2013

The scheduling process will begin in earnest throughout the months of February and March as students learn about the classes, programs and course offerings available. **We will continue our parent and student nights for all classes to discuss specific options available for career and college placement of students. Incoming Freshmen Parent Night, for current eighth grade students, is scheduled for Monday, February 27. Current Freshmen and their parents will meet on Tuesday, February 28 at 6:00 p.m. Current Sophomores and their parents will meet on Thursday, February 23 at 7:00 p.m. Current Juniors and their parents will meet on Tuesday, February 28 at 7:00 p.m. All parent meetings will be held in the auditorium.** We will use our Rebel Advisement Period or RAP classes to work on scheduling. We will also have assemblies to discuss career options and programs such as the UniTec Career Center, the MAC Pilot and A+ program. At the parent meetings, conferences will be set up to review the new six year plan (four years of high school and two years of post secondary education), receive third quarter report cards and discuss post secondary opportunities. This is a very important meeting as student, advisor and parent plan out the courses and programs needed for graduation, post-secondary success and career opportunities. The parent advisement conferences with student, advisor and parent will be held for current freshmen, sophomores and juniors during the week of March 12-15. Incoming freshmen parent advisement conferences will be held the week of March 5-8.

Incoming Freshmen Parent Night

The Central High School would like to encourage you to attend the "Incoming Freshmen Parent Night" scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on Monday, February 27, at the Central High School Auditorium. This meeting is for incoming freshmen and their parents. It will be the first step in formulating an incoming freshmen's six-year plan for high school and postsecondary studies. It will include information that is critical in ensuring that our freshmen make wise and appropriate choices for the future. Parents and students will be provided information on the various programs available at Central High School and receive assistance in choosing a plan of study that will complement career goals. We will discuss such topics as the A+ program (a program that can provide tuition for college or other post-high school education), Career Pathways, athletics and activities, vocational and technical offerings, and the Advisor/Advisee program. **Students and parents who are present at this meeting will receive priority and be given first choice in course selections for next year.** Again, this meeting is only for incoming freshmen students and their parents.

Current Freshmen, Sophomore and Junior Student and Parent Nights

The Central High School would like to encourage all current freshmen and their parents to attend the Freshmen Student and Parent Night scheduled for 6:00 p.m. for Tuesday, February 28. All current sophomores and their parents are encouraged to attend the Sophomore Student and Parent Night scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 23. All current juniors and their parents are encouraged to attend the Junior Student and Parent Night scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 28. All meetings will take place in the high school auditorium. The purpose of these meetings is to ensure that all current students make wise and appropriate scheduling choices for the sophomore, junior and senior years. Parents and students will be provided information on the various programs available and receive assistance in choosing a plan of study that will complement career goals. Each year is a critical year in determining whether a student chooses and follows a career path, a college path or both. We will discuss in detail the career path that is available with CHS, MAC and UniTec. We will also discuss the college plan that is available at CHS and through the MAC Pilot program. **Students and parents who are present at these meeting will receive priority and be given first choice in course selection, UniTec placement and MAC Pilot program placement.**

FAFSA Frenzy Event

Mineral Area College will be hosting a FAFSA Frenzy event on Sunday, February 12th from 2-4 pm in the Technology Center. Seniors that attend will receive the following:

**Free Professional assistance completing the 2012-2013 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), which is required documentation for ALL students going to college after high school.

**Free information regarding federal student aid programs and Missouri state aid programs.

**The chance to win a scholarship for attendance at a Missouri postsecondary institution for the fall 2012 term.

What our senior students should bring:

**2011 W-2 forms of parents and students

**copies of parent's 2011 tax forms, if they are ready. If students or parents have not yet filed their 2011 returns before this event, be sure to bring any statements of interest earned in 2011, any 1099 forms, and any other forms required to complete their taxes.

We would strongly encourage our seniors who plan on going to college next year to attend this event. All 2012 graduates that plan on going to college next year must complete a FAFSA before April 15. Please see or call your student's counselor if you have any questions.

Student Recognition

Congratulations to our Rotary Students of the Month for February, **Arledda Cain** and **Ryan Davis**.

Congratulations to **Taylor Friend** who has signed a letter of intent to attend Three Rivers Community College on a softball scholarship.

PASS and Progress Reports

PASS for students who have been referred by a teacher for missing assignments and/or poor grades began on January 30 with bus transportation provided. Progress reports for the third quarter will be mailed home on Friday, February 10. PASS classes for third quarter progress reports will begin on Monday, February 13 and will continue for the rest of the third quarter. PASS schedules will be given to all students on February 10 and will be mailed with the progress reports. Students who need extra help now can still receive it by meeting with teachers before school and during PASS. Please encourage your young adult to take advantage of this opportunity to improve their grades and complete assignments. Once again, students who have a "D" or "F" or have any missing assignments in any class will be required to attend PASS classes.

What to Look For In February

Valentine's Day is Tuesday, February 14th. **Central High School does not accept or deliver flowers, balloons or candy to students. Students are scheduled for a ½ day of school on Friday, February 10 and there will be no school on Monday, February 20, President's Day. The Athletic Booster Club** will have a meeting at 7pm on Wednesday, Feb. 1 at the concession stand. **The Band Booster Club** will have a meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 21 at 6:30 p.m. in the band room. **Project Graduation** will have a meeting on Wednesday, February 8 at 6:00 p.m. **Basketball** season for boys (senior night is Feb. 14) and girls (senior night is Feb. 16) is winding down with the MAAA Conference Basketball Tournament and District Tournament in February. First round games for the MAAA are scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 4 (boys at Potosi, girls at Kingston) and the remaining games scheduled for the week of February 6-11 at MAC. The Class 4 District 2 Tournament, hosted by Potosi, is scheduled to begin on February 20. The **Wrestling** season (senior night is Feb. 3) will also conclude with the District Wrestling Tournament on February 10 and 11 and the State Wrestling Tournament scheduled for February 16-18. Other games and matches in basketball and wrestling are scheduled throughout February. Times for all basketball and wrestling matches are 6pm unless otherwise noted. The **ACT test** will be given in the cafeteria on Saturday, February 11. The **Academic Team** will continue their season with matches on Thursdays

throughout February. A **FAFSA Event** will take place at the Technology Center on the campus of Mineral Area College for all seniors on Sunday, February 12 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. **Current Sophomore Student and Parent Night** is scheduled for Thursday, February 23. **Incoming Freshmen Parent Night** is scheduled for Monday, February 27 at 6pm. **Current Freshmen Student and Parent Night** is scheduled for Tuesday, February 28 beginning at 6:00 p.m. to be followed by **Current Junior Student and Parent Night** at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 28. **Jostens** will be here on Wednesday, February 15 for a presentation on class rings to the sophomore class. Ordering will take place on Thursday, February 23 in the library from 4:30-7:00 p.m. for parents and students and again in the Cellar during lunch on Friday, February 24.

If you have any questions or comments, please call or email me at the high school. Thank you in advance for your interest in CHS. You should receive a new newsletter every month along with a calendar of events.

Sincerely,
Brad Coleman
High School Principal