

## **Central High School Principal's Post**

Welcome to the February edition of the CHS Principal's Post. A calendar of CHS events and activities will accompany the post. The purpose of this post is to keep parents and students better informed about programs, events and happenings at CHS. Your comments and questions are always welcome and encouraged.

### **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 Tuesday, February 16, 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.

### **Scheduling for 2010-2011**

The scheduling process will begin in earnest throughout the month of February and March as students learn about the classes, programs and course offerings available. Most of this information will be provided to students in the Rebel Advisement Period. We will also have assemblies to discuss career options and programs such as the Unitec Career Center, the MAC Pilot and A+ program. Early in March, parents can expect to receive a letter, phone call or email from their young adult's advisor requesting a meeting 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. More information will be shared with students and parents through this posting and future mailings.

### **Parent Access to Student Information/School Notes**

This is a reminder that CHS does offer the SIS ParentLink/StudentLink programs. The SIS ParentLink/StudentLink program is a web based home-to-school collaboration tool that allows parents and students to access up-to-date information about a student's schedule, grades, attendance, lunch history and lunch deposits. Missing assignments, current grades on tests and projects as well as attendance are available on a daily basis. All parent users will need to have a user id and password. This can be obtained by completing a registration form and returning it to the school with a picture ID. Registration forms are available in our counselor's office. Once the information is entered into the system, parents will be sent an e-mail containing all of their log-in information. Students were given login information at the beginning of the school year. All information about the SIS ParentLink program is available on our website at [www.centralr3.org](http://www.centralr3.org) I would also encourage parents and students to take advantage of the School Notes website that includes daily lessons, objectives and homework assignments for all teachers at CHS. To access a teacher's School Notes page, just go to the Central website at [www.centralr3.org](http://www.centralr3.org) choose high school on the right side pull down menu, and click on departments/staff on the left. This will provide a listing of all staff members. You can click on the name of any staff member to access their School Notes website. Again, this is a great service to access homework and daily lessons from all CHS teachers.

### PASS and Progress Reports

PASS for students who have been referred by a teacher for missing assignments and/or poor grades began on January 25. Progress reports for the third quarter will be mailed home on February 5. PASS classes for third quarter progress reports will begin on Monday, February 8 and will continue for the rest of the third quarter. PASS schedules will be given to all students on February 5 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. Once again, students who have a “D” or “F” on any class will be required to attend PASS classes beginning on Monday, February 8.

### What to Look For In February

**Valentine’s Day** is Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup>. **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 12 and there will be no school on Monday, February 16, President’s Day unless we have a 6<sup>th</sup> snow day. If we have a sixth snow day, school would be in session on President’s Day. Basketball** season for boys (senior night is Feb. 16) and girls (senior night is Feb. 18) is winding down with the MAAA Conference Basketball Tournament the second week in February and the District Tournament the last week in February. First round games for the MAAA are scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 6 (boys at North County, girls at Arcadia Valley) and the remaining games scheduled for the week of February 8-13 at MAC. The Class 4 District 2 Tournament, hosted by Central, is scheduled to begin on February 22. The **Wrestling** season (senior night is Feb. 5, the Central Wrestling Tournament Feb. 6) will also conclude with the District Wrestling Tournament on February 12 and 13 and the State Wrestling Tournament scheduled for February 18-20. 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 6. The **Academic Team** will begin their season with matches on Thursdays throughout February. **Incoming Freshmen Parent Night** is scheduled for Tuesday, February 16. **Jostens** will be here on Wednesday, February 17 for a presentation on class rings to the sophomore class. Ordering will take place on Thursday, February 25 during lunch and in the library from 4:30-7:00 p.m. for parents and students.

### Student Recognition

Congratulations to our Rotary Students of the Month for February, **Elizabeth Hartup** and **Jake Owens**. Congratulations to the **Rebel Speech team** for its first place finish at the Missouri East Speech Association Finals. The following students earned medals: in prose, reading **Lance Seiberlich** 3rd; in poetry, reading **Lauren Smith** 2nd; in humorous, interpretation **Kyrissa Jones** 2nd place; in duet acting, **Kyrissa Jones** and **Ashley Scott** 1st place and in storytelling, **Kyrissa Jones** 1st place. The following students advanced into the final round in their events: **Kaitlyn Hahn, Ken Hall, Hayley Johnson, Melinda Wood, and Alice Woods**. Congratulations to **Taylor Fields** who was the Prep Cast Player of the Game for the Central vs. Ste. Genevieve game on December 28 in the Central Christmas Tournament. Congratulations to **Luke Baker** and **Zachary Cunningham** for winning basketball Hard Hat awards from our local radio station.

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