

Central High School Principal's Post September 2010

Welcome to the September edition of the CHS Principal's Post. Each month, you will receive an update of activities and events at CHS through the Principal's Post. A calendar of CHS events and activities will accompany the post. The purpose is to keep parents and students better informed about programs, events and happenings at CHS. The Principal's Post and calendar are also available on our website at www.centralr3.org Your comments and questions are always welcome and encouraged.

New Beginnings

The new school year started off with a highly successful Fish Camp in early August. This year, over 90% of incoming freshmen attended the one day camp to help in the transition from middle school to high school. Open House was successful with over 65% of students and/or parents in attendance. It has been a very smooth opening to the new school year. Once again, Central High School has received awards and recognition for the efforts of our students and staff. **Through End of Course testing, the high school met Adequate Yearly Progress and all the requirements of the No Child Left Behind law. We were recognized a third straight year as one of America's Best High Schools by U.S. News and World Report. Central High School also received a Gold Star Award from the High Schools That Work network as one of the top performing high schools in the nation. We were the only high school in Missouri and one of only ten nationally to receive the award. Finally, last spring's baseball team was recognized over the summer for having the highest cumulative grade point average in the state.** We have assembled a staff that will continue to have high expectations of students and will strive to have our students achieve at high levels. We are proud to have the following additions to our great staff: Mrs. Cindy Asher in Special Needs, Mrs. Brianna Ross in Math and Ms. Ashley Williams in Math. We have also welcomed a new custodian, Mary Topping. We are looking forward to another great year at Central High School.

What's Happening

The district website is located at www.centralr3.org All teacher email addresses and links to School Notes can be found at our website. To access the high school, click on the scroll on the left side of the main web page that says "Campus" for the high school. There, you will find a wealth of information about the high school, including copies of our student and teacher handbooks, information about the PASS program and High Schools That Work, curriculum, athletic schedules, daily announcements, band booster information, football and track pages and parent link information. **Access to student grades and lunch account information is available through ParentLink for both parents and students. All students have been given information on linking to the grade books of their teachers.** If you have not signed up as a parent, please check with the counselor's office. More information about ParentLink is available on the website.

Please note the different meetings and events listed on the CHS calendar for September. Most softball games begin at 4:30 p.m. Most volleyball games, JV and Freshmen football games begin at 6:00 p.m. Varsity Football games begin at 7:00 p.m. **Progress reports** will be sent home with all students on September 16. **PASS schedules** will be included in the progress reports for any student required to attend. For more information about the PASS program, see page 21 of the student planner.

Homecoming is set for the week of September 27-October 1. I will be sending out attachments with information about homecoming events and the homecoming t-shirt sales conducted by the student council within the next two weeks. Each day of **Homecoming** week has a different theme for students. This year's theme is "Board Games." The daily themes for **Homecoming** week are: Monday, Sept. 27—**Pajama/Bad Hair day** Tuesday, Sept. 28—**Jersey/Hat day** Wednesday, Sept. 29—**Twin/Mismatch day**. Thursday, Sept. 30—**Celebrity/Teacher day**. Friday, Oct. 1—**Rebel Day: Wear Red, White and**

Blue. On Friday, Oct. 1, the high school will host our “Carnival of Activities and Games” and dismiss for lunch at 11:00 a.m. The parade will take place in downtown Park Hills, beginning at Central Elementary, at 2:00 p.m. The homecoming coronation will take place at 6:20 p.m. with the football game to follow. After the game, the high school will host the homecoming dance until 11:00 p.m. Don’t forget to look for the homecoming issue of the Centralian just before homecoming on October 1.

AlertNow

Keeping you informed is a top priority at Central High School. The AlertNow notification service allows us to send a telephone message to you providing important information about school events or emergencies. We anticipate using AlertNow to notify you of school delays or cancellations due to inclement weather, as well as reminding you about various events at the high school. When receiving calls sent through AlertNow, your caller ID will display the school’s main number when a general announcement is delivered. Your caller ID will display 411 if the message is an emergency. The AlertNow system will leave a message on any answering machine or voicemail. If the AlertNow message stops playing or you would like the message repeated, press any key 1-9 and the message will replay from the beginning. Please make certain that we have your most current phone numbers. If this information changes during the year, please let us know immediately. The numbers provided should be numbers where you can be reached directly.

Project Graduation

Seniors and Senior Parents: If you are interested in a Project Graduation for the Class of 2011, we will hold an organizational meeting for any senior students and their parents to begin the planning process on Tuesday, September 21 beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the high school Cellar.

Student Recognition

Congratulations to our Rotary Students of the Month for September, **Landon Brownfield** and **Danielle Hughes**. Congratulations go out to our new CHS Cheerleading squad for placing 2nd in regional competition for 4A schools. They will now compete at the State Cheer Competition held in Columbia in November. More student recognitions will be forthcoming in later issues of the Principal’s Post.

If you have any questions or comments, please call or email me at the high school. The number is 431-2616 Ext. 4101. Thank you in advance for your interest in CHS. You should receive a new newsletter every month along with a calendar of events.

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