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# CENTAURUS HIGH SCHOOL Warrior Weekly News

## **School Highlights**

The Colorado Department of Education offers support for school libraries and teacher librarians through a program called Highly Effective Schools Through Libraries (HESTL). Teacher Librarians must apply for and receive recognition in five areas to earn full HESTL distinction, and this process can take several years. The areas of recognition are planning, instruction, leadership, environment, and management.



We are proud to announce that in March of this year the CHS library was awarded HESTL distinction for Library Environment. The criteria for this distinction is as follows:

The highly effective teacher librarian establishes a safe, inclusive and respectful learning environment for a diverse population of students. The school library space is open, warm, welcoming; it is flexibly designed to meet a wide variety of needs as well as to foster learning and curiosity.

The CHS Library is always open during school hours. All students are welcome to use the space to study independently, complete group work, read, and relax. There are a variety of spaces and seating options available. Students may borrow books, access electronic resources, and place requests for new materials. More information is available on the library website. Please reach out to Ms. Turgel if you have any questions.



Come visit the CHS Library during your next free period!

**Principal's Message** 

Welcome to springtime here at Centaurus! With our move to in person learning four days this week, we are excited to have a greater sense of normalcy now. In addition to the fuller classrooms, many spring activities have resumed including senior celebrations! We are truly grateful for the incredible volunteer support we have received to ensure our students and staff finish out the year strong.

With more students on campus, following all COVID protocols remains imperative to ensure safe operations. Students have been doing a great job with this, and we appreciate your continued efforts. Students must wear masks appropriately, practice physical distancing, wash their hands, and complete the screening process every day.

Thank you again to our entire community for all your support this year.

Daniel Ryan, Principal

## What's next and what you need to know...

#### Important Dates

- April 13 SAT for grade 11; No school for grades 9, 10, & 12
- April 14 PSAT 10 for grade 10; No school for Grades 9, 11 & 12
- April 15 PSAT 8/9 for grade 9; No school for grades 10, 11 & 12
- April 16 No school spring conference exchange day
- April 19 No school spring conference exchange day
- April 22 Q4 Parent Teacher Conferences (virtual)
- April 23 Senior Posters due

#### **SAT Preparation**



Students in 11th grade are encouraged to utilize the free self paced practice tests and interactive problems available through College Board prior to the April 13 testing date. Students can self-select the sections they need to work on mastering.

- Visit SAT Practice | College Board
- Click on SAT Practice on Khan Academy and/or SAT Practice Tests
- Students may create an account through Khan Academy that's linked to their College Board Account

Khan Academy provides interactive problems, video lessons, and practice tests. College Board provides full sample questions and full length tests.

#### State Testing Schedule - Week of April 12



Students in grades 9, 10, and 11 will participate in PSAT or SAT testing April 13 - 15.

Please check here for the full testing schedule: English / Spanish

#### CSQUAD Leadership Opportunity



#### Attention Freshmen, Sophomores, and Juniors - Leadership Opportunity for the 2021-2022 School Year

CSQUAD is a Centaurus Student Group that aims to create a welcoming experience for incoming freshmen. CSQUAD members are leaders in the school who act as mentors to the incoming freshmen, helping them transition smoothly into high school and find success while at CHS.

They introduce the freshmen to the different clubs and activities offered here. Beyond their work with the freshman class, they provide a critical mass to promote and support community building throughout CHS. Their commitments include being school ambassadors for parents during Back to School Night, guiding tours for prospective freshmen and their families during CHS Transition Night, leading and aiding freshmen during Cram Fest before their finals, and providing a consistent model for all CHS students to strive toward. In addition, they serve as ambassadors for Centaurus High School to the community at large.

Current Freshmen, Sophomores, and Juniors: We welcome you to apply for this leadership opportunity now! Please complete this form by April 19th and we will contact you with next steps.



#### Seeking Engineering Internship Opportunities for Our Students



Designed by 2020 graduate and CHS Engineering student, Xander Johnson

The Centaurus High School Engineering program is seeking internship opportunities for students. Many of our students have earned industry certifications in: Solidworks (CSWA), Autodesk Inventor, and Revit. Students are also experienced in additive manufacturing, laser cutting/engraving, and basic milling. On the computer science side, our students are familiar with Python and/or Java.

Thank you for reading our post and for considering potential win-win internship opportunities for young engineers. Let us know if you'd like to learn more about our programs or of potential internships and partnerships.

Have a great day,

The Centaurus High School Engineering Team

- Brian Thomas Civil Engineering, Biotech Engineering
- Craig Hoeltgen Aerospace Engineering, Introduction to Engineering Design
- Nick Cady Introduction to Engineering Design, IB Senior Design
- · Ann Root Computer Science, Design & Manufacturing
- Cristina Lighthiser Engineering Coordinator (cristina.lighthiser@bvsd.org)

#### Support Student Art!

Do you know what CHS students create in Photography and Digital Art classes? Follow us on Instagram to see daily postings that share their originality, technical skill, and emergence of personal voice!



#### **Class of 2021 Important Information**

Want to get involved with the spring senior celebration? Contact Beth at beth@zorgdrager.com or 720-935-4655.



SENIOR POSTERS are a long time tradition! We want all our seniors to be represented in the Senior Hall of Fame.

Posters are due Friday, April 23rd by 3pm.

Senior posters are a celebration collage of your child's years growing up. Posters will be laminated by Morrell Printing in Lafayette. Questions? Email Beth@zorgdrager.org for more examples or ideas!

20"x30" poster board (red, white, or blue) -- NO FOAM BOARD!

15-25 photos of your senior student - can be printed at Walgreens, Costco, etc.

FLAT decorations with stickers, stencils, markers or cutout letters to decorate your poster

Write student's first & last name and phone number on the back of the poster, even if their name is displayed on the front.

Take your poster to Morrell Printing in Lafayette for lamination by Friday April 23rd (This cost is covered by CHS).

Your laminated poster will be hung on display (location TBD) for other students to see!

EXAMPLE:



If you would like to donate to our fund to help recognize our Seniors this spring, please use this link to access the Senior Celebration Donation item on the web store Rev Trak.

#### Support Treat Fridays!

We are, once again, able to help our teachers & staff feel special!

Introducing Treat Fridays - three Fridays during these last two months of school we will treat our Fabulous Centaurus teachers and staff with snacks to perk up their day. April 9th is the first Treat Friday and the Sign-Up link is included here for those who would like to contribute.

\* As of today the item sign up is full, but you may contribute to the staff appreciation fund via RevTrak.\*



April 23rd & May 7th are the second and third Treat Fridays.

Thank you for helping our teachers & staff feel special! CHS Staff Appreciation Committee

### School COVID Screening Testing



Last month, BVSD announced the launch of COVID screening testing in schools after Spring Break. Students that opted in to these COVID screenings will be tested approximately once per month. Families will receive an email from BVSD Communications early in the week the student will be tested.

Screenings will occur at Centaurus on Thursdays between 8:00am and 11:00am outside the school by the Auditorium door. If opted in, please remind your student to stop by before school, between class, or during 5th or 6th period if that is their off period. We will not be pulling students from class. The screening should take approximately 2-3 minutes and results will be available in approximately 24 hours. Students should not eat or drink for thirty minutes prior to the test.

See BVSD's School Screening Testing FAQs for more information.

#### **BVSD IT PRIME**

With the return to in-person learning four days a week for all grade levels, IT Prime will shift to support students that have opted out of in-person learning only. Remote learning students/families may reach out to IT directly at 720-561-HELP, and we'll help troubleshoot issues and, where necessary, schedule a device swap at the student's home.



All other students should enter their own tickets in ServiceNow: help.bvsd.org or 720-561-HELP; then drop the device by the school office AFTER completing the steps in the Chromebook troubleshooting document.

#### **Student Parking Permits**



Beginning March 30, we will have limited parking available due to the increase in attendance and COVID testing in the north lot. Student drivers (juniors and seniors permitted) will need a parking permit to park in the Centaurus lot. There is no cost for the permit this year!

Please print, complete, and bring this form (English / Spanish) to the Treasurer's window during lunch or after 2:50pm along with required documentation (current driver's license, insurance card, and vehicle registration) to obtain your parking permit. Again, due to parking constraints, only juniors and seniors will be allowed to park on campus this spring.

#### In Person Learning

Need to change your student's in person learning preference? Please complete this brief form to request a change from home learning to in person learning, or vice versa.

Please note: The only options for learning are home learning only or four days in person. Students attending in person learning are expected to attend classes onsite all four days.

#### **Boys Lacrosse**



SPRING LACROSSE IS HAPPENING! For those of you interested in boys lacrosse this spring at Monarch high school, make sure you have signed up for group emails on our website. It is on the left hand side: just click on "join our email list" http://www.monarchlacrosse.org/.

And for players, we meet virtually every Tuesday evening at 5:30 PM in Google Classroom. All our workouts, installs, stick-work, EVERYTHING is there. Sign up for emails and we will send you the classroom link and code. Email questions to Coach Auday at david.auday@bvsd.org.

#### Advisory Plan for April 7 - Academic Check-in for all grade levels

Next week in Advisory students will spend time checking their course grades and missing assignments. Students will go through a pear deck while teachers check in individually with each student.

#### **Counseling Corner**

Did you know? The Counseling newsletter is also posted on our website under School News. Click here for the latest news from our Counseling department!

Looking ahead: Click here to view the Centaurus Annual Calendar and Athletic Schedules and here for the BVSD District Calendar

## Getting to know your Centaurus Team:

My name is Danielle Lombardi and I currently teach Algebra B and Geometry at CHS. I was born in Queens, New York City and I went to St. Joseph's College in Patchogue, Long Island, New York. I graduated with my Bachelor's Degree in Mathematics/Secondary Education in 2011 and then I

graduated again with my Master's Degree in 2013. After graduating with my Master's Degree I taught 6th, 7th and 8th grade special education and advanced math courses in New York from 2013 - 2016.



Then, in 2016 I realized that I was unhappy in New York and that I wanted to live a better life, closer to nature. In the summer of 2016 I said goodbye to 26 years of my life, my jobs, my entire family, all of my friends and my home to move to Denver, Colorado. From 2017 - 2020 I taught 7th grade math at Prairie Middle School in Cherry Creek School District, before applying for my current position. After 7 years of teaching, in 2 different states, and 3 different school districts, BVSD is my new home and I have never been happier. When I am not at school being a teacher, you will find me in the mountains with my two dogs that I rescued either hiking, camping, rafting, climbing, traveling and exploring this beautiful state.

## **Centaurus School Community News**

Boulder Valley School District is proud to present our student spring art shows.



Please click this link for more details!

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