Principal's Message

Overall, it has been fantastic having students full time in person this year, and I think that students are happy to have a more "normal" school experience. However, we have definitely noticed increased levels of stress among our students related to their academics, as well as their self confidence in approaching challenges within their classes. What I want everyone to know is that we are here to support our Centaurus students as they move forward with this year. There are two things that I would like to highlight so that students can access the support that they need.

Communication

Students should never hesitate to reach out to their teachers for additional support, to ask questions, or to tell them what they are struggling with. Teachers are the foremost experts in their classes and are the individuals at our school who are best suited to supporting students in those classes. Communication to teachers is best when it comes directly from students, but I highly encourage you to sit with your student, review grades and attendance, and help them initiate that conversation. Email has become our default
communication method, but I will always recommend that a student initiate an in-person conversation whenever possible. All of us at Centaurus want to partner with you in support of our students. If you need more support and direct communication, please do not hesitate to reach out directly to a teacher, counselor, or administrator with any questions or support.

**Academic Time and Tutor Time**
We have designated time built into our schedule to allow students access to their teachers for additional support.

- Students should have either a 5th or 6th period lunch noted on their schedules. On Wednesday and Thursday, students have a different lunch period, and the 5th (Wednesday) and 6th (Thursday) periods are moved to the end of the day for **Academic Time**. These are designated times for students to meet with their teachers to ask questions, get support, take makeup tests, etc. While not every academic time period will line up for both teacher and students, this is a great way for students to see their teachers for support.
- Every 2-3 weeks during **Advisory** we have a designated **Tutor Time**, when students have the chance to visit with any of their teachers. This is another great chance for students to connect with their teachers, and I encourage you to check in with your student on what they accomplished during this time.

Daniel Ryan, Principal

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**Important Dates**

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**What you need to know**

**Homecoming News**

[Click here for homecoming news from CHS StuCo.](#)
Sources of Strength

We invite all students to join our Centaurus Sources of Strength club weekly on Tuesdays at 8:00 a.m. in Room 2000. Our New Members Welcome Meeting will be Tuesday, October 12th at 8 am in Room 2000. The goal of Sources of Strength at CHS is to harness the power of peer social networks to change unhealthy norms and culture and build new connections with peers and teachers. This club is a great resume-builder! Please come to meet new friends, eat donuts, and learn more about Sources of Strength! Email Paula Waldhoff with questions: paula.waldhoff@bvsd.org

AP Exam Payment Information

Please read this flyer for details regarding Advanced Placement exam fees due prior to November 1st.

Seniors: Important Yearbook Dates and Deadlines

Senior portraits and quotes are due October 31, 2021. All seniors are encouraged to submit one senior portrait of their choosing as well as one senior quote. Please click here for more information regarding the submission requirements as well as the process to purchase a baby ad.

Staff Appreciation Committee

The Staff Appreciation Committee is looking for Centaurus parents that would like to share their creativity, ideas, and energy to join our committee.
Previous groups have organized events such as:
Staff meals during Parent Teacher Conferences
December cookie exchange
Welcome back breakfast in August
Teacher Appreciation Week treats in May

If you are interested in helping develop and coordinate appreciation events for the Centaurus faculty and staff, please complete this form.

**Student Badges and Building Entry**

Official school badges are REQUIRED for building access. Any students who do not have a Centaurus ID badge should find a campus monitor to have that printed as soon as possible.

*Our campus monitors will be available to assist students with badge creation during both lunches on October 4 and 5 (room 140D off the Commons).

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**Advisory Update**

The October 7th Advisory period will include an academic check in and tutor time.

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**Counseling Corner**

Check here for weekly news from the Counseling department.

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**Headline News**

**National Merit Scholars**

Each year the National Merit Scholarship Corporation identifies approximately 50,000 program participants with the highest PSAT/NMSQT Selection Index scores (the index is calculated by doubling the sum of the Reading, Writing and Language, and Math Test scores of the qualifying test).

Congratulations to our students who have been recognized in the 67th annual National Merit Scholarship Program. The following students are honored for their academic promise:

National Merit Scholarship Commended Students
John Denton
Peter Dessev
Lincoln Gerace
Liam Jenner
Colin McLeod
Ava Moorhead

National Merit Scholarship Semi-Finalists
   James Clemson
   Arianna McCarty
   Benjamin Osborn
   Alex Silver

Of the approximately 50,000 honorees, about 16,000 were chosen as Semifinalists. These academically talented high school seniors have an opportunity to continue in the competition for some 7,500 National Merit Scholarships worth nearly $30 million that will be offered next spring.

Mountain Bike Team

The Centaurus High School Mountain Bike team had our second race of the season this past Sunday up in Eagle. The day was hot and dusty on a challenging course, but our Warriors rose to the occasion with some great rides!

More importantly, our riders continue to embody the spirit of TEAM with all the riders supporting and cheering for each other and the parents filling many much needed volunteer shifts throughout the day. At both races this season, we have even had riders that couldn't race due to injury come out and help the team by passing out bottles or doing pre race bike checks and repairs.

We're really proud of this great group of 23 riders we have this season! Our next race is the Conference Championships October 9 in Granby, and we'd welcome any spectators to come cheer us on! We'd also like to extend thanks to the Centaurus Booster Club for their support!

Getting to know your Centaurus Team

Each week we will introduce a member of the Centaurus faculty or staff to our parent and student community. This week we would like to introduce ASHLEY FLORA.
Hello! My name is Ashley Flora and I am in my first year of teaching Horizons at Centaurus. Horizons is a class to support certain juniors and seniors in retaking previously failed classes online so they can recover their credits and reach graduation. I have a huge heart for encouraging and investing in the students who really need the extra help and I am loving being back in a high school setting again! I spend my free time around my home in Boulder gardening, biking, going to music and events, taking photography, hiking, camping, trail running, trying different breweries, reading and spending time with my family and cat.

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**Centaurus Community News**

**Industrial Revolution Manufacturing Day**

Join the 4th Industrial Revolution Manufacturing Day on October 8, 2021! This free event is hosted by Metropolitan State University of Denver from 1-4pm. Scan the QR code to learn more and register; register to attend to receive free event parking.

- Win one of five $500 scholarships
- Explore the advanced manufacturing labs at MSU Denver
- Learn about high paying careers in advanced manufacturing
- Meet Colorado’s top advanced manufacturers
Award for Aspirations in Computing!
COVID-19 vaccine opportunities in Lafayette

Please click this link for information regarding local vaccination resources.

District News

BVSD School Board Candidate Forum- October 13
Learn more about the candidates running for Boulder Valley School District's Board of Education this November. BVSD will be broadcasting the School Board Candidate Forum on Wednesday, October 13, beginning at 6:30 p.m. The Forum is sponsored by the League of Women Voters Boulder County, BVSD District Parent Council and Impact on Education. Watch live on BV22 (Comcast Channel 22 or via livestream at www.bvsd.org/bv22). We will simulcast the forum in Spanish.