



CENTAURUS HIGH SCHOOL

Warrior Weekly News

10/08/2021

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Principal's Message

Well, I never thought that I would have to use this space to talk about TikTok, but I guess this past year or so has been full of surprises. In addition to making me feel really, really old, TikTok has given us some additional headaches this year. One TikTok “challenge” resulted in a number of signs being taken and bathrooms vandalized at Centaurus, which also resulted in consequences for students and additional work for an already very busy custodial department. We are hearing reports of a new TikTok “challenge” for October that asks students to “Slap a Teacher.” Honestly, I think too highly of our students to think that anyone here would take part in this, but I wanted to make you aware of what is out there on social media. The consequences of something like this would be significant, and I would appreciate it if you take a minute to just let you students know that these are the kinds of things that they absolutely want to avoid. Thank you for partnering with us to maintain the positive school community that we value here at Centaurus.

Important Dates



October 12	IB Q&A session - virtual
October 14 & 20	Parent Teacher Conferences - virtual
October 16	PSAT/NMSQT at Centaurus
October 18	Professional Development Day - No School
October 20	Early Release at 2:45pm
October 23	DECA Food Drive / Halloween Safe Night
October 31	Senior portrait and quote submission deadline

What you need to know

International Baccalaureate Question and Answer Meeting for interested 9th and 10th grade students



We will be hosting a **virtual** International Baccalaureate (IB) Parent Question and Answer Meeting on Tuesday, October 12th at 6 pm to answer questions about our IB Program at Centaurus High School.

This will not be an overview of the program, rather it is an opportunity to ask questions about the program. Several CHS IB teachers will be in attendance, in addition to myself and Ms. Leonard, to answer questions for you.

Please review the [IB Basics at Centaurus](#) / [Conceptos básicos sobre el IB](#) presentation for detailed information about our IB program prior to the Question and Answer meeting if you have not previously attended an IB Information meeting. [Use this link to join the meeting.](#)

Please see the information below and [our school IB website](#) to learn more about our IB Program.

- Our IB Program is a 2-year academic program that spans junior and senior years via coursework in the disciplines of language arts, language acquisition, history, science, math, and electives.
- It is an advanced, rigorous program designed to enrich students' learning and prepare them for success at the university level while supporting their intellectual growth and curiosity.
- Successful completion of the program leads to the IB Diploma, which is highly valued by colleges and universities as a mark of distinction and an excellent indicator of post-secondary readiness.
- Students decide in the spring of their sophomore year if they would like to join the IB Program for their junior and senior years.

If your student is or may be interested in our IB Program at CHS, please complete this [Google Form](#). (If you have previously filled out this form, you do not need to fill it out again.)

Virtual Parent Teacher Conferences



Centaurus parent teacher conferences will be held on Thursday, October 14 and Wednesday, October 20. Teachers will email details, including the sign up link, to guardians Monday, October 11. You may [use these instructions to sign up for a conference slot](#) most convenient to you.

If you are satisfied with your students' progress in class, do not feel compelled to sign up for a conference. We have a limited amount of conference appointments available, and these conferences really are for parents and teachers to discuss students who need additional support in the class or if you have specific issues or questions that you want to address. If your student is doing great in the class and you have no issues to discuss, do not schedule a conference. Also, if you just have a quick question for a teacher, please feel free to send them an email directly.

Change to school schedule - Early Release October 20



On Wednesday, October 20, classes will end at 2:45pm and there will be no after school activities at Centaurus on this date. **All students should leave campus at that time and all cars must leave the parking lot!** This will remain a late start block day and classes will be shortened by 15 minutes each.

Schedule for October 20 ONLY	
Period 1 9:35am - 10:40am	
Lunch 3A 10:45am - 11:15am	Period 3B 10:45am - 11:50am
Period 3A 11:20am - 12:25pm	
	Lunch 3B 11:55am - 12:25pm
Period 7 12:30pm - 1:35pm	
Period 5 1:40pm - 2:45pm	

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.

Advisory Update



Advisory classes next week (October 14) will vary by grade:
Freshmen will dive into SEL - social emotional learning.
Sophomores will participate in community building activities.
Juniors and Seniors will discuss Jana's Campaign.

Counseling Corner



[Check here for weekly news from the Counseling department.](#)

Headline News

Academic Letter Awards for 2020-2021



Each year Centaurus High School recognizes the outstanding academic achievement of our students by awarding academic letters. We are excited to honor 450 of our current students who earned this award last year. [Please check this link to see the full recipient list and award requirements.](#)

Students were notified and asked to pick up their recognition items this week. Students who did not yet pickup their award should stop by the Counseling office next week.

Please join us in congratulating these students for their hard work and accomplishment last year!

Physics Club project for spaceplane payload



Centaurus High School's Physics Club submitted a proposal for Dawn Aerospace's "Paint Your Plane" competition in 2020 and won a payload for the spaceplane. The Physics Club decided to focus their research on direct sampling and analyzing the mesosphere, an upper layer of the atmosphere with few observations due to the specialized aircraft and instrumentation needed to sample air at that altitude; members aim to increase climate change research in the mesosphere and by sending their project on a spaceplane, they can study this under-observed atmospheric layer.

The club began planning the project while meeting remotely last school year and they now meet regularly in person with groups focusing on air intake, data analysis and engineering. They have partnered with local scientists and mentors from National Ocean and Atmospheric Administration as well as Ball Aerospace as they tackle the project's many challenges.

The group is hoping to fund their work by [collecting a goal of \\$5000 in donations this month.](#)

[Check out the Daily Camera's article from September 30, 2021!](#)



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 **Kristy Huntington**.



Kristy Huntington recently joined Centaurus as the 9th grade Literacy and Language Arts teacher. She received her Masters of Education in Reading from Regis University and is passionate about encouraging those inquisitive 9th grade minds to dive into literature. Prior to becoming a Warrior, she spent the past 12 years teaching Middle School Language Arts at Aspen Creek PK-8 School in the neighboring community of Broomfield. Kristy, her husband, Ray and their three children moved from San Juan Capistrano, California 16 years ago to embrace all that Colorado has to offer. While she often misses her time on sand, she has discovered several new interests and hobbies. Kristy takes advantage of the mountains and lakes: hiking, snowshoeing, cross country skiing and paddle boarding with family, friends and her black lab, Augie. Her other pastimes include family game nights, scouting out new restaurants, or simply settling into a captivating book.



District News

BVSD School Board Candidate Forum

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.

October is Bullying Prevention Month

You can find resources about bullying prevention on the [BVSD Website](#).

As a reminder, [you can make a bullying report using the form on the Help for Students page which is also linked at the top of our school website.](#)

Once submitted, the school principal will be notified of your submission and will promptly begin to investigate the complaint. Parents/guardians can then expect to receive a report of this investigation. Paper copies are also available in our school's front office.

There will also be a **Let's Talk Education- Bullying Prevention episode on October 14 at 4:30 p.m.**

Listen in to hear from the district Student Support Services team as well as some of the district school counselors about the work being done in BVSD schools around bullying prevention. Watch live on Comcast channel 22 or online on bvsd.org/BV22.

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