Our fifth Centaurus Academic Support Fund (CASF) fundraising campaign kicks off today! The purpose of CASF is to directly support academics at Centaurus, providing materials, equipment, student support services, and enriching academic opportunities for students. We have a fundraising goal of $25,000 this fall.

All families are encouraged to donate at an amount meaningful to them - no amount is too big or small! All donations are 100% tax deductible and directly benefit Centaurus High School academic programs. We hope you will consider making a donation during our three week campaign. Please watch for an emailed invitation to participate and help us reach our goal!
October 15 CASF Campaign kickoff
October 16 PSAT/NMSQT at Centaurus
October 18 Professional Development Day - No School
October 20 Early Release at 2:45pm
October 20 Parent Teacher Conferences - virtual
October 20 North CBA Marching Band Regionals on campus
October 21 Lockdown drill at 1:15pm
October 21 Centaurus FET Meeting at 5:30pm
October 23 DECA Food Drive / Halloween Safe Night
October 31 Senior portrait and quote submission deadline
November 5 CASF Campaign ends

What you need to know

Parent Teacher Conferences

Centaurus parent teacher conferences began last night and will continue on Wednesday, October 20. Teachers emailed sign up details to guardians on 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.

Band Competition

The Centaurus Marching Warriors will host the North CBA Marching Band Regionals on Wednesday, 10/20 from 3:30 - 9:30 pm right here in Spangenberg Stadium. Come support your Marching Band (performing @ 6:30 pm); spectator parking will be available at Flatiron Church on S. Boulder Rd and shuttle service is provided. Buying a ticket (sold at the gate starting @ 2:00 pm) allows you to see 17 fabulous Colorado marching bands as they compete to qualify for the state championship AND to cheer on our #CHSMarchingWarriors.

Change to school schedule - Parking Restrictions and Early Release
October 20
On Wednesday, October 20, parking will be very tight due to the band competition onsite. We ask that students consider alternate transportation and do not park on campus that day.

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 or risk being towed! This will remain a late start block day and classes will be shortened by 15 minutes each.

![Schedule for October 20 ONLY]

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**Lockdown Drill Notice**

Per the BVSD’s District Emergency Operations Plan, all schools must hold a lockdown drill once per semester. The Lockdown drill helps school members practice for scenarios where a danger may be inside the building.

**Centaurus High School will conduct a lockdown drill on Thursday, October 21 at 1:15pm.**

During the drill, our emergency broadcast system will play, and students and staff will follow the recommended Standard Response Protocol actions (for a LOCKDOWN - LOCKS, LIGHTS, OUT OF SIGHT). Learning community and individual classroom doors are secured, lights are turned off and students are kept quiet and in place indoors.

Administrators, first responders, and security personnel will walk through the school to ensure the actions of the protocols are being followed. The drill will then conclude.

Please refer to the BVSD Safety webpage for more information regarding BVSD’s safety efforts.

If you feel this drill may be a difficult or traumatic experience for your student and will not have them participate, please notify CHS Attendance using the BVSD Report Absence Form to excuse your student and then keep them home the afternoon of Thursday, October 21.

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**DECA Food Drive**
Come to the CHS parking lot on Saturday, Oct 23rd to trunk or treat and try out your costume! We will be there from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm, making sure everyone has a great time. We are also going to have a food donation system going, so bring your extras. Our primary goal is to donate a truckload of food to Sister Carmen - think we can do it? Along with the food drive and trunk or treat, we will be awarding the best-costumed kid with a prize! See you there!

AP Exam Payment Information

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

Advisory Update

Advisory sessions on Thursday, October 21 will be Academic Check In and Tutor Time for all grades.

Counseling Corner

Check here for weekly news from the Counseling department.
Highlights

Arts of the World Class Celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month

Papel Picado presented by Ms. Flynn’s Arts of the World class - papel picado is a traditional Mexican folk art that involves cutting intricate designs and patterns into tissue paper. This project was completed in celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, September - October 2021.

Last week students in Sarah Flynn’s Arts of the World class read Carmela Full of Wishes by Matt de la Peña with the ILC weekly story time group. They discussed the author’s use of papel picado, a traditional Mexican folk art, and completed a papel picado art project, which is now on display in the CHS Library.

Cross Country heading to Regionals

A shout out to Maggie McCleskey and her show-stopping League Championship performance at Lyons High School last weekend, taking 1st place (by a long shot...!). Cross country as a team will work to
qualify for state next Friday at Regionals.

**Warrior Golfers at Regionals and State**

On September 21st the team reached its pinnacle event, competing in the Region 3 competition at Highland Hills GC in Greeley, CO. The team consisted of Asa, Matthew, Jeffery and Jamison. Asa and Matthew were each competing in their second regional competition while Jeffery and Jamison each were competing in their first regional event.

Asa led the team with a 76, finishing in 6th overall and qualifying for the 4A state competition. Matthew finished second on the team shooting an 82 and was first alternate for the state championship.

Asa represented Centaurus High School at the State Championship on October 4th and 5th. He played two inspired rounds of golf, scoring a 78 and a 73 respectively for a total of 151 and finished tied for 23rd (25th) place in the State... Congratulations to Asa for a great performance!

**Mountain Biking at Conference Championships**

What an epic weekend the Centaurus MTB Team had for our race in Granby! We saw everything from rainbows to hail and snow over the course of the day and often within a given race! We had 19 Warriors contesting the Conference Championships and came away with a number of top 20 finishes!

The best part, however, was the team camaraderie that comes from overcoming challenges together. All day our Warriors had to deal with sun, rain, snow, cold, and constantly changing course conditions, but they did it all with style and smiles!

Our final race is Oct 23/24 in Durango for the State Championship and we have multiple racers who qualified to compete!
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 SUSAN SIMONDS.

Greetings and ¡Saludos! Warriors! My name is Susan Simonds, and this is my 9th year teaching at Centaurus and my 20th in BVSD. I am a Colorado transplant, by way of Jacksonville, Illinois. After growing up in the Midwest, I fell in love with the mountains and attended CU as an undergraduate. I
studied Spanish and education and graduated Summa Cum Laude in 2001. Since then, I have been teaching all levels of Spanish in BVSD middle and high schools. I also earned my Master's degree in bilingual education and culturally and linguistically diverse students from UNC in 2007. As a long-time Lafayette/Erie resident, I am thrilled to be teaching at Centaurus. Outside of school, I love spending time with my family, especially my husband, Luke, daughter, Stella, son, Diego, and my 2 sisters who also teach in BVSD. In my free time, I enjoy cooking, cross country skiing, traveling, and yoga. In fact, I teach yoga classes at CHS from time to time and at Lafayette's own Soul Tree Yoga Hub.

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**Centaurus Community News**

**Center for Integrated Manufacturing Open House**

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**Tuesday, October 26th**  
4 pm to 6 pm

1351 South Sunset Street  
Longmont, CO 80501

Learn about our industry-focused education and hands-on training for modern-day manufacturing workers. Tour the center. Meet faculty. Ask advisors and admissions counselors questions.

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Colorado Spirit Crisis Counseling Program

The Colorado Spirit Crisis Counseling Program (CCP), which is part of Mental Health Partners’ outreach team, provides support and resources for individuals and families in Boulder and Broomfield Counties who have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Connecting community members to local resources, including:
- Trauma Response
- Mental Health
- Healthcare
- Housing
- Addiction Recovery
- Food Stamps
- And more!

Visit: mhpcolorado.org/community-outreach-team/
Join our Facebook Group by searching: Broomfield and Boulder Community Outreach
Follow us on Instagram: @MentalHealthPartnersOutreach

Award for Aspirations in Computing!
CALLING ALL 9TH-12TH GRADE STUDENTS WITH ASPIRATIONS TO CHANGE THE WORLD WITH TECHNOLOGY!
Win awards and prizes, earn scholarships, and connect with like-spirited peers.

The NCWIT Award for Aspirations in Computing (AIC) honors 9th-12th grade students for their computing-related achievements and interests, and encourages them to pursue their passions.

CRITERIA AND ELIGIBILITY
U.S. or Canadian 9th-12th grade women, genderqueer, or non-binary students who reside in the U.S., Guam, Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, overseas U.S. military bases, or Canada are eligible to apply, if they also meet all of the criteria specified at www.aspirations.org/ACHSAward.

*Applicants in Canada should refer to the directions on the Aspirations Canada webpage: www.aspirations.org/aspirations-canada.

PRIZES
All award recipients receive automatic induction into the AIC Community (a national network of more than 20,000 technologists who receive exclusive benefits) and various computing swag.

ABOUT NCWIT
The National Center for Women & Information Technology (NCWIT) is a non-profit community that convenes, equips, and unites 1,500 change leader organizations to increase the influential and meaningful participation of girls and women from diverse backgrounds in the field of computing. Find out more at www.ncwit.org.

APPLICATION DETAILS
Students can apply online at www.aspirations.org/AIC/ ASCHSAward, beginning September 1, 2021 and submit completed applications no later than 11:59 p.m. EST on November 5, 2021.

National Center for Women & Information Technology (NCWIT) Aspirations in Computing
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The NCWIT Award for AIC is sponsored by Apple, Bank of America, Microsoft, and Motorola Solutions Foundation.

District News

CAPL (Latino Parent Advisory Council): Please join us for a fresh start with CAPL and have your voice heard

BVSD is committed to engaging with our Latino parents to collaborate in improving the experience of Latino students in our schools. We are excited to announce that the first CAPL (Latino Parents Council) meeting of the school year will be Monday, October 25, 2021 5:45-7:45 PM at Platt Middle School. The event will be hybrid so that people can attend in person or virtually. Dr. Bianca Gallegos will serve as the District Representative to CAPL. Dr. Gallegos is the principal at Columbine Elementary, is fully bilingual, and is a longtime resident of Boulder County. BVSD is encouraging every school to send at least one representative so that the perspectives of Latino families throughout our district can be heard. At the
October meeting, we will share the new mission, vision, and structure for CAPL that was created by parents over the summer. We will also ask attending parents to elect five officers who will co-plan future meetings with Dr. Gallegos. Please join us and consider putting your name forward to be an elected CAPL leader. Dinner will be served. The event will be facilitated in Spanish, with interpretation available for those who need it. Anyone who identifies as a Latino parent, guardian or family member of a BVSD student is encouraged to attend.

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Main Office: 720-561-7500 / Attendance Line: 720-561-5368

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