HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

It is hard to believe that we are already at Thanksgiving break. There is definitely a lot to be thankful for this year, especially the fact that we have been able to return to school in person and bring back the traditions and activities that were missing last year. I know that our faculty and staff here at Centaurus have put in a lot of hard work and extra effort to make this year work because of their commitment to our students.

To that last point, I am hoping that you can help me out with something. If you have had a member of the Centaurus faculty and staff positively impact your student this year, please do me a favor and drop them a positive note, email, or phone call between now and Thanksgiving. I see the work that they do and the difference they make every day, and if someone stands out to you and your student, please take a second to let them know. This year has had plenty of challenges and stress, I can guarantee you that it will be greatly appreciated. Thanks in advance.
Important Dates

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What you need to know

Drop In Tutoring

Through a generous Impact on Education grant, we are able to provide our students at CHS with a drop-in tutoring program, beginning the week of December 6th and continuing into the Spring semester. In order to set students up for the most access and opportunity for direct teacher support, the drop-in program will be staffed with content teachers from varying content areas. We are currently in partnership with the CU ATLAS program to possibly provide tutors on Monday and Tuesday afternoons. The program hours and days of operation partner with our already established academic time on Wednesday (2:25pm-3:45pm) and Thursday (2:30pm-3:50pm) block days to provide four consecutive days that students can get support. This is in addition to the Common Access time and Advisory Tutor Time that is provided per our CHS bell schedule. Impact on Education has funded our program for 20 weeks.

Hours are:

- Monday 4:00 PM-5:00 PM
- Tuesday 7:30 AM-8:30 AM
- Tuesday 4:00 PM-5:00 PM

Exam Schedule

Fall semester exams will be December 13-17. Please check this link for the exam week schedule.

Cram Fest Is Back!

Please join C-Squad at CHS on Wednesday, December 8 from 6:00 - 9:00pm.
There will be extra help from teachers and peer tutors, fun activities to de-
stress before finals, and food and drinks for purchase.

We hope to see you there!

Technology Student Association Interest

The Technology Student Association, or engineering club, at Centaurus is part of a national organization that competes in engineering competitions. Our goal is to get as many students at Centaurus that are interested in engineering involved as possible.

Please click this link to complete our Google Form and be added to our club communications!

Senior Portrait and Quote Submission Deadline Extended

The yearbook deadline for senior portraits and quotes has been extended to December 1st.

To upload your photo go to www.yearbookforever.com
Search for Centaurus
Click "Yearbook Snap"
Use access code: centaurus 2022
Follow instructions to Upload Photo
Your portrait should be vertically framed. It does not need to be a "professionally" taken photo. JPG file should be no larger than 25MB.

To send your senior quote, email it to centaurus2022@gmail.com
Put your name in the subject line.
Don't forget to credit the author of your quote!

Click here for more information.

Open Enrollment

Do you have younger students or friends who may be interested in attending Centaurus next year? Please invite them to attend our in-person Showcase Night on December 1 from 6:30pm to 9:00pm.

Our showcase event will allow students and families the opportunity to learn about both the broader school and specific programs and interact with faculty and administration. The night will include presentations by the Centaurus principal and program coordinators as well as in-depth sessions specific to our IB, Engineering, and AVID programs. Students and families will also get the chance to speak with members of our academic departments and learn about the wide range of athletics, activities, and clubs at Centaurus.

This showcase event will be in person, but we also have Centaurus specific open enrollment presentations available online here on our website. Please review this page for information regarding our academic programs and department details, activities and athletics, school community and more!

Girls’ Basketball Fundraiser

On Wednesday, November 24, come to Abo’s Pizza in Louisville and buy a slice to help the team!

CHS Baseball Annual Christmas Tree Sale

Help support your local baseball team and kick off your holiday season by purchasing a christmas tree at our annual Christmas tree and wreath sale.
The tree lot is open **Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays starting November 26th. Tree sales will end December 19th** or when we are sold out. See the flyer for specific tree lot times. The tree lot is located at the CHS Football stadium. Go Warriors!

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**Christmas Tree & Wreath Sale!**
Proceeds Benefit Centaurus Warriors Baseball Program

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**BUY LOCAL**
Support Centaurus Baseball

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**Happy to be back in 2021!**

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**Advisory Update**

December 2 advisory lessons will vary by grade:
- 9th and 10th grades - email writing lesson or SEL lesson
- 11th grade - College Profiler Scavenger Hunt
- 12th grade - Scholarship search lesson

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**Counseling Corner**

[Check here for weekly news from the Counseling department.](#)
On November 5th Mr. Vermillion's personal finance class went on the road to compete in the JA Stock Market Challenge. It was held at the University of Denver's Cable Center and there were 40 teams in attendance. Centaurus High School sent four teams to compete in a simulated Stock Market trading game. All four teams earned over 40% on their investments and all of them finished in the top ten. They are working on investment and investment vehicles in their class at this time. Not only did all four teams make the top ten, team number 4 finished in second place. It is a high honor and this group of young investors earned over 900,000 dollars in 60 days! This is the highest that we have ever placed in the last seven years.

Second Place Team 4 members:
  Anthony Medina
  Key Ray
  Sean Conlon
  Davis Cutforth
  Edwardo Palafox
  Elliot Arellano

Centaurus Physics Club wins Broncos Tackle STEM grant
Broncos Tackle STEM Program, in partnership with EVRAZ, Lightning eMotors, Ranger Energy Services and Logitix, presented a grant to the Centaurus High School Physics Club on National STEM Day. The Physics club was selected to be honored after winning a STEM competition in 2020, where the club researched and prepared to sample the mesosphere, an upper layer of the Earth’s atmosphere.

The grant was presented to the students on Monday, November 8th by Miles the Mascot and the Denver Bronco Cheerleaders. “Science, technology, engineering and mathematics continue to change the landscape of sports and the industries in which many of our corporate partners operate,” said Brady Kellogg, Broncos Senior Vice President of Corporate Partnerships. “Through our Broncos Tackle STEM program, and with the support of partners, we are able to encourage and champion this type of exploration to be at the forefront of innovation. We would like to congratulate the Centaurus High School Physics Club and the scientists who have generously given their time to support these students in Broncos Country.”

The grant presentation is the first of a series of STEM recognition programs that is scheduled for the 2021 season. The Broncos Tackle STEM program is a corporate partnership-led initiative that began in 2016. The program recognizes outstanding STEM students and their research and encourages exploration within the STEM field.

*Denver Broncos press release 11/8/2021

**ESports in Playoffs**

All three of our CHSAA ESports Teams made it to the playoffs this season!
League of Legends, ranked #15 in the state, lost in the round of 16 to Rocky Mountain High School, ranked #2.
Rocket League, ranked #9 in the state, has made it through two rounds to the State Quarter-Finals, and will play against Rocky Mountain High School, ranked #1, today at 4:00pm.
Smash Brothers, ranked #12 in the state, has made it through two rounds to the State Semi-Finals, and will play against Rocky Mountain High School, ranked #1, on Monday, November 29th.

**William Shakespeare at Centaurus**
Congratulations to the Centaurus Theatre Company for their excellent production of *The Taming of the Shrew* last week!

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**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 SCOTT WICKHAM.

Scott Wickham attended the University of Northern Colorado from 1990 to 1997 and began teaching vocal music at CHS in 2001. While at UNC he began playing the piano professionally in Denver and Northern Colorado. As the choral director at CHS, he has written over 600 *a cappella* charts for high school, college, and professional groups all over the country. He spent 17 summers from 2000 to 2016 as a wilderness canoeing expedition guide in Manitoba, Ontario, and Northern Minnesota and now enjoys...
paddling solo on those same waters with his dog. He also works as a stagehand for concerts when they are in Denver and has enjoyed spending time with Billy Joel, Lynyrd Skynyrd, Eric Church, Dave Matthews, Bob Seger, the Jonas Brothers, the Eagles, as well as many others.

**Centaurus Community News**

**Colorado Recycles Week!**

In the spirit of waste reduction, Eco-Cycle and Green Star Schools partners want to highlight drinking water quality in Colorado and our option to reduce plastic waste by reminding our community to Reduce, Reuse, and Refill!

Dear Green Star Families,

In 2020, Governor Polis declared the third week of November Colorado Recycles Week. This year during Colorado Recycles Week, November 15-19, let’s take a closer look at the plastic water bottles we use.

- Americans buy approximately 500 million disposable bottles of water every week.
- Less than 1/10 of all plastic bottles are recycled. The plastic that does get recycled can only be recycled 1-2 times.

Reusing helps the environment more than recycling! Recusable bottles save water and reduce plastic waste.

U.S. tap water is tested more often and held to higher safety standards than bottled water.

**EXPLORE MORE!**

Visit ecocycle.org to learn more about reducing, reusing, and recycling.

Green Star Schools’ Project Partners

District News
New Sustainability Advisory Committee - Call for Nominations

The BVSD Office of Sustainability is thrilled to announce the creation of the new Sustainability Advisory Committee (“Community Group, or Group”) and call for nominations of members. This new community group was established through the 2021 greenBVSD Action Plan released this fall. The mission of the committee will be to act as a cross-sector advisory group to oversee the progress and continuous improvement related to all aspects of the greenBVSD Action Plan. Nominations close December 10, 2021. Learn more
**Fundraiser**

**CENTAURUS WARRIORS BASKETBALL**

*Wednesday November 24th, 4pm - 8pm*

Support CVS Girls Basketball

**If you aren't able to make it, you can still donate online!**

1551 SE 20th Ave, Suite 200, Oklahoma City, OK 73109

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