Principal's Message

Centaurus Parents-

This week, members of our administrative team spent time in 9th-11th grade social studies going over expectations that we have for all students here at Centaurus. Our goal was to promote behaviors, practices, and habits at school that will help students succeed. To make sure that we all have the same information, I wanted to let you know that we spoke specifically about good attendance habits and the importance of being in all classes, and being there on time. (Please note that this of course excludes excused absences, particularly for things related to the Marshall Fire, COVID, and illness). We also talked about proper mask wearing, and the importance of all of us doing our part to stay healthy and keep our school open. We also talked about the appropriate use of technology in the classroom, and specifically about not letting cell phone use distract students from learning.

I would encourage you to check in with your student on these topics, so that we are all working in partnership to further student success.
at Centaurus.

Thanks.

Daniel Ryan
Principal

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**Important Dates**

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**What you need to know**

**Help CHS Staff Displaced by the Marshall Fire**

Warrior Families, as many of you know, some of our CHS faculty and staff lost their homes in the recent Marshall fire. We hope to provide dinners for impacted households that asked for help. Each family/household is listed on the signup, with approximate size and any food intolerances or preferences. Please sign up to feed one of these Warrior staff households if you are able to do so, or you can donate to RevTrak to buy dinner gift cards to help out as well. Please deliver your meal to the front office on the day of your signup.

[CHS Marshall Fire Meal Train](#)

Thank you for supporting the mighty CHS staff in this difficult time.

~The CHS Staff Appreciation Committee

**MLK March For Peace**

Modified to comply with public health guidelines, this year's event will feature a car parade and drive-in program. [Check out the event flyer!](#)

**Car Parade - 1pm**

Free and family friendly, the event will commence with a car parade, departing Flatirons Community Church parking lot (on the northwest corner of South Public and South Boulder Roads) at 1pm. Community members are encouraged to decorate their cars and convene between 12:45-12:55pm.

The parade will subsequently travel north on Public, west on Emma, south on Caria and Centaur Village Dr., ultimately concluding at Centaurus High School ([10300 South Boulder Road](#)), where a "drive-in" program will begin at approximately 1:30pm.
Drive-in Celebration, Centaurus High School - 1:30pm
The event will include a welcome by local officials, slam poetry, and performances by local artist Rebecca Hartt and Boulder-based band Fruta Brutal. The drive-in program will be accessible via FM radio. Event t-shirts and children's craft kits will be distributed to community members at the onset of the program (while supplies last). The event will conclude at approximately 3pm.

Drop In Tutoring schedule
Through a generous Impact on Education grant, we are able to provide our students at CHS with a drop-in tutoring program throughout the Spring semester.

The drop-in program will be staffed with teachers from varying content areas. Moving forward, we will post the teachers staffing these tutor sessions here.

Please check the information below to learn which teachers will be available next week during the drop in tutor sessions.

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Sophomore IB Parent Meeting
On Wednesday, January 19th at 6 pm there will be an International Baccalaureate (IB) virtual informational meeting for guardians/parents of sophomores. Please join us to learn about the IB program in preparation for your students' course choices for their junior year at CHS. An overview of our IB program will be presented at the meeting, followed by a question and answer session.

We look forward to seeing you on the 19th. Please use this link to join the meeting: https://meet.google.com/yox-qtqq-ppx?hs=122&authuser=0

**Student Chromebook Repairs**

Need Help with your Chromebook? Contact the Centaurus Tech Team for assistance!
Visit the Student Chromebook Office, Room 109A, during Periods 5 and 6.

**Masks**

Students need to bring their own mask to school every day! Please provide masks for them to wear.

**Jigsaws and Jazz**

The Centaurus Band Boosters are planning the 4th annual Jigsaws & Jazz. This is a fun event open to the entire community to support Centaurus Bands. You can participate in person or virtually on Saturday, February 5, 11am.

Registration is open now through January 20th at https://centaurusband.ludus.com/13764. You can register a team of two or a team of 3-4 people. Join in the fun while raising a little money for the band programs' general fund.

Help us spread the word - this event is open to the entire local community!
Advisory Update

The January 20th advisory period will be Tutor Time.

Counseling Corner

Check here for the latest news from the Counseling department.

Fairview High School is hosting The Admission Game - an interactive presentation regarding the college admissions process - on Thursday January 20 at 6:30pm. The event features Peter Van Buskirk, Author, Motivational Speaker and Former Dean of Admission.

Learn what will happen to your application behind closed doors!

- Become a member of an admission committee
- Learn how COVID has impacted admission process
- Review four candidates’ credentials
- Vote to determine who gets in
The Centaurus Wrestling Team participated in the 2022 Shane Shatto Memorial Tournament this past weekend in Wyoming along with 28 other schools.

Congratulations to Alex Robles for placing 4th in this two day tournament.

Getting to know your Centaurus Team

We will resume this feature on a monthly basis starting next week.

Centaurus Community News

Teen Short Film Competition – Submissions Open
What’s your story, student filmmakers? Show us! Students ages 12-18 are invited to submit short films (max 10 min) to Boulder International Film Festival by January 21, 2022. Winners will be screened at an award event on the evening of Thursday, March 3rd during the BIFF 2022 Festival. Read our Submission Rules & Form, and get filming. We celebrate inspiring, inclusive storytelling from ALL perspectives.


### Pop-Up Pantry - Drive Through

No-cost boxes of produce, non-perishables and other goods will be available to residents of Boulder and Broomfield Counties during a pop-up pantry event, being organized by Community Food Share. CLICK HERE for their flier.

**When:** Saturday, Jan. 15, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
**Where:** Clinica Family Health, 1735 S. Public Road in Lafayette

Please wear your mask, remain inside your vehicle, and come with an empty trunk for an easy and safe loading experience.

Walk-up participants are asked to maintain social distancing practices while they are being assisted.

### Boulder County Youth Calendar

A Boulder County Youth Calendar is presented by Boulder County Public Health. Your tool for

- Finding activities, groups and events near you  
- Getting involved in your community  
- Having new experiences and adventures

Find social activities in Boulder County at BocoYouthEvents.org.

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### District News

#### Secure Gun Storage to Keep Kids Safe

The BVSD Board of Education recently passed Resolution 21-12 in Support of Secure Storage encouraging gun safety and especially the secure storage of firearms. Here are the facts they found particularly compelling:

- An estimated 4.6 million American children live in households with at least one loaded, unlocked firearm.  
- Every year, nearly 350 children under the age of 18 unintentionally shoot themselves or someone else. Another 590 children die by gun suicide each year, most often using guns belonging to a family member.  
- In incidents of gun violence on school grounds, 75 percent of active shooters are current students or recent graduates, and 78 percent of shooters under the age of 18 obtained their guns from their own home, a relative’s home, or from friends.
• Research shows that secure firearm storage practices are associated with up to a 78 percent reduction in the risk of self-inflicted firearm injuries and an 85 percent reduction in the risk of unintentional firearm injuries among children and teens.

Please learn more in the BVSD article and the Be SMART website.

Learn how to securely store your firearms here (English) and here (Spanish).

### Transportation

Join our school's carpool network for help getting students to school and activities

One of the many challenges facing BVSD families affected by the Marshall Fire is transportation. With many families displaced around the district, we can support each other by signing up for our SchoolPool carpool network. Joining the network can put you in touch with other families who need help getting students to school and activities. The more families we have signed up, the more effective the network will be. Even if you need help with rides, but are unable to reciprocate at this time, we encourage you to sign up. Our community is eager to find ways to help.

Participating in a carpool is also a great way to relieve traffic congestion around the school and to help improve air quality. For instructions on how to sign up, click on this letter.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact our Safe Routes to School team at SafeRoutes@bvsd.org.

### Boulder TEC

Have you heard about BVSD’s best kept secret? Come learn more about BVSD’s career and technical education center: Boulder TEC! Taking classes at Boulder TEC can help you go further to achieve your goals after graduation. You will learn highly specialized skills to help you land that dream job or get accepted to your college of choice.

Want to learn more? We invite you to attend the Boulder TEC In-person or Virtual Open House! You'll have the opportunity to see how our teachers and students work together to engage in hands-on learning. Please be sure to visit our website at bouldertec.org for the most up-to-date information or check out our Facebook page.

**Boulder TEC In-person Open House**
6600 Arapahoe Rd
Monday, January 24, 2022
4:30 to 7:00 p.m.

**Boulder TEC Virtual Open House**
Wednesday, February 9, 2022
Connect online any time from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.
Click here for more information

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

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