We hope you all enjoyed the snow day this week!

As you know, Centaurus staff are already planning for the 2022-2023 school year. Over the next few weeks, we will be working with Centaurus students to choose their classes for next year. For our incoming freshmen, counselors have already begun visiting middle schools to present information around courses and schedules. In addition, we will also be hosting our Freshmen transition night on February 8th.

For our current 9th-11th grade students, teachers in core classes will be talking to students about next year’s classes and giving their recommendations. We will also have grade level meetings in advisory where students will get to directly hear from their counselor about the course selection process and offerings as well as answer any questions that students may have.

Please check in with your student this month about their classes for
next year, as we work to provide the best academic opportunities for each individual student.

Daniel Ryan

Important Dates

February 5 Jigsaws & Jazz band fundraiser - VIRTUAL
February 7 Professional Development Day - NO SCHOOL
February 8 Transition Night 6:30pm
February 10 & 16 Parent Teacher Conferences - VIRTUAL
February 11 Rumors - Staged Reading Fundraiser, 7pm
February 17 FET Meeting
February 21 Presidents Day - NO SCHOOL
April 8 Prom, Lionsgate Event Center
May 20 Centaurus Graduation 5:00pm, Christian Recht Field, Boulder

What you need to know

Virtual Parent Teacher Conferences

Centaurus parent teacher conferences will be held on Thursday, February 10 and Wednesday, February 16. Teachers will email details, including the sign up link, to guardians Monday, February 7. 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.

Attendance Reminders

Earlier in January, our admin team met with all Social Studies classes to re-norm attendance, tardy, and cell phone policies. For reference, here is a link to our Attendance Policies and Procedures, which is provided online under Student Handbook in both English and Spanish.

Attendance FAQ:

Why is my student saying they were in class, but marked absent?

- Our attendance policy states that students who arrive within the first five minutes are tardy, but after five minutes will be marked absent. If the
When a student misses a chunk of instructional time, educational gaps are created. For instance, 5 minutes a day = 20 minutes a week or 80 minutes a month of missed instructional time.

It is important that students understand that getting to class is the first order of importance, regardless of how late.

Our attendance goal is to steer students away from excessive tardiness and truancy, so they can develop better habits for their post-secondary pathways, like full-time employment.

Students will receive Mandatory Academic time for absences in order to remediate the missed academic time.

A teacher will be present to help steer them to the appropriate content and CU tutors will be available to provide one-to-one if needed.

Will COVID impact the five days each semester that I can excuse my student?

- No, your five days will not be impacted by COVID. This will be automatically excused by the school.
- Per our Policy, Pre-arranged are also not counted toward the five days.
- Per our Policy, Documentation absences will also not count.
- Activities are automatically excused by the school.

Grants Awarded to Centaurus LA Department

The 9th grade Language Arts and Literacy Teams would like to extend a much appreciated, "Thank You" to the Impact on Education Foundation. This year, the Centaurus Language Arts Department wrote two grants for additional curriculum materials and novel sets to support our diverse learners. The foundation awarded our 9th Grade team a total of $1,500. Our department focused on selected materials that will engage a variety of reading levels, genre choices, and high interests themes. The Centaurus Language Arts Team and students are grateful for the interest and support Impact on Education offers our student and teacher community. These funds will continue to benefit our program and classroom libraries, and our future LA students.

Sincerely~ The 9th Grade Language Arts and Literacy Team

Rumors - Staged Reading Fundraiser

On Friday February 11th at 7:00 PM Centaurus Theatre Company will be producing a Staged Reading of Neil Simon's play, "Rumors."

All Proceeds from this one night only engagement will be donated to help anyone affected by the recent fires. Tickets are available on our website, www.centaurustheatrecompany.com

You can also donate without coming to the show through our donations button, also on the website. Just put in the notes that the money is for the Fire fundraiser.
Rumors is one of the funniest shows of the last 100 years. It will be a nonstop ride through a crazy night at a dinner party. We are calling the show PG13 for adult themes and some language.

**Transition Night (students new to CHS 2022-2023)**

Centaurus will host a Transition Night for incoming students and parents next week. All students new to CHS for the 2022-2023 school year should plan to attend. This event will take place **Tuesday, February 8th at 6:30pm**, beginning in the CHS Auditorium.

Please invite any friends or family planning to attend Centaurus next year! Those wishing more details or unable to attend the in person event February 8th may check out our [Transition Information webpage for more details](#).

**Delayed start schedule**

If the district calls a two hour delay, we will run classes on a delayed start schedule. [Please see our website Schedule page for the details](#).

**SAT with Essay Option for Juniors**

Juniors - Registration for the SAT with Essay in April is open from January 17 - February 15, 2022. All juniors are automatically registered for the SAT on April 13, 2022 but if you want to add the optional essay, use the link for directions for registering for the essay. If you do not intend to add the essay, no action is required on your part. [Register for SAT with Essay](#).

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

Many thanks to the Warrior Families who provided such wonderful dinners for the impacted staff households! You have been so very kind and your generosity is truly appreciated!

We are continuing this effort for another week. If you would like to help, please sign up to feed one of these Warrior staff households, or you can [donate to RevTrak](#) to buy dinner items or groceries 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

**Advisory Update**

February 10th advisory sessions will vary by grade level:
- Freshmen - Freshmen/Senior Pair Day
- Sophomores - Lesson on Getting Into Your First Choice School
Counseling Corner

Check here for the latest news from the Counseling department.

Drop In Tutoring Schedule

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

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Headline News

Wrestling at League Tournament

Congratulations to Xavier Valentin-Bradford for taking 2nd place at the League Tournament this past weekend!
Celebrating Centaurus Seniors

Yearbook Baby Ads
Yearbook baby ads/personal ads are due no later than March 4th.

To upload the pictures and message and/or to pay for the ad, go to www.yearbookforever.com.

Senior Posters
Senior posters are due April 4th. It has been a long tradition to hang a poster of your senior in the hallway at the After Prom. There are about 10 weeks to organize photos and start thinking about your poster!

See the website for Senior Poster details: https://centaurussnap.org/senior-posters/

Centaurus Community News

FREE Civil Rights Photography Exhibit at the Dairy Arts Center

NAACP Boulder County is presenting *Walk With Me, an exhibition of photographs from the Civil Rights Movement*, by Ernest Withers. Withers, a world-renowned Black photographer, documented and captured the struggle for equality across the South from the late 1940’s through the 1960’s. The exhibit is a wonderful opportunity for educators and students to have a more comprehensive and experiential understanding of Black History.

*When:* January 16-February 27th. The gallery is open 2PM-6PM and docent-led tours are offered every MWF at 2PM and 4PM.

*Where:* Dairy Arts Center, 2590 Walnut Street, Boulder

Latinas First Foundation Scholarships

Latinas First Foundation scholarships are open to students in any district and the deadline for applications is February 20, 2022. [Click here for more information and application instructions](#). Questions? Contact Latinas First Executive Director Judi Diaz Bonacquisti at 303-834-7085.
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