This week was our first week back at school under the revised health orders where masks were not required. As a reminder, the Boulder County Board of Health unanimously voted to rescind both Public Health Orders, 2021-07 and 2021-08, including the indoor mask requirement for public spaces, K-12 schools and childcare settings. Click here for their media release.

This means that masks are no longer required at Centaurus High School both during the school day and during after school athletics and activities. Please note that federal law continues to require masks on district buses.

When I announced this change to the Centaurus community, I let everyone know that my expectation for everyone is that they make the choice that is best for them, and respect the individual choice of everyone else in our community.

I have been proud of the entire Centaurus community throughout the pandemic, and I was especially proud of everyone this week as they respected the choices of others in our community. I really do
appreciate the respect that everyone in our community has shown to others throughout this pandemic, and ask that we continue this throughout the year.

Daniel Ryan

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**Important Dates**

- March 1 Final Deadline - AP exam orders
- March 4 Deadline - Senior baby ads for yearbook
- March 7 11th Grade College Planning Night, 6-8pm
- March 21-25 Spring Break - NO SCHOOL
- April 4 Deadline - Senior posters
- April 8 Prom, Lionsgate Event Center (junior/senior event)
- April 13 Grade 11 SAT exam (NO SCHOOL grades 9, 10, 12)
- April 14 Grade 10 PSAT exam; Grade 11 CMAS science (NO SCHOOL grades 9, 12)
- April 18 Grade 9 PSAT 9 exam (NO SCHOOL 10, 11, 12)
- April 22 & 25 Conference Exchange Days - NO SCHOOL
- May 20 Centaurus Graduation 5:00pm, Christian Recht Field, Boulder

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**What you need to know**

**CASF Thank You**

As you may recall, thanks to your fantastic contributions, our fall Centaurus Academic Support Fund campaign raised over $29,900 to directly support CHS academic endeavors. In November, teachers submitted mini grant proposals to a committee of staff and parents for approval. The grant recipients immediately purchased equipment and software or planned field trip experiences to support CHS students in the classrooms.

Our teachers want to share what they have been able to provide due to your incredible generosity! Some examples of items/experiences purchased are below:

- Ms. Mohrhardt stated “My student's photography has taken such an amazing leap forward with the purchase of good quality DSLR cameras to learn on.”
- Dr. Ross reported “We were able to purchase two more full sets of Labquest Minis. These allow students to collect a wide range of scientific data (temperature, motion, force, pH, heart rate, dissolved oxygen, etc.) and interface directly with their school issued Chromebook for graphing and analysis.”
- Ms. Magner shared “The Resource Special Education Department was able to purchase flexible seating for the Academic Support Class. With the grant money, we were able to get new standing desks, wobble chairs, and other accessible seating from BCInteriors!”
- Ms. Deming will take IB students to a museum visit this spring.
Ms. Steensen purchased modeling kits to help students make sense of DNA replication, transcription, translation, and protein structure. Students have said, "It was fun to fold the protein into its 3D shape." and "I understand how the DNA pairs with other DNA based on the shapes of the pieces. It's so much better than memorization!"

Coach Hampton purchased PLT4M and it "is already having an impact on our weight training classes and athletes. The features the program offers have blended old school with modern tech, making our space much more practical for today's learner."

Ms. Leonesio reported “We bought furniture and supplies for the sensory room and we have launched our school store. Students are participating in a Money Skills class where they earn "dollars" through participation and can make purchases from our class store. Our class store includes fidgets bought from the grant. Students are also currently applying for jobs for a School Store which includes making items to sell to students and staff. Items include jewelry and celebration balloons. Current job openings include cashier, balloon/jewelry maker, deliveries, stocker, etc.”

Ms. McDermott shared "students in IB Environmental Systems and Societies class were able to measure nitrate levels from various local water sources. They were also able to measure soil moisture content and how that can affect seed germination rates."

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Thank you!!!

New cameras for photography class
Attention Parents of Sophomores: Multi-Year Academic Planner and Course Selection

Dear parents and guardians of sophomores,

On Thursday February 17th, during advisory, all 10th grade students attended a presentation with their counselor showing them how to access their Multi-Year Academic Plan (MYAP) in Infinite Campus. MYAP is a tool that students, parents and school staff can use to monitor student progress toward meeting BVSD graduation requirements. This was the first step in the month-long process of course registration for the 2022-23 school year.

Creating a 4-year academic plan is important to make sure students not only meet all their graduation requirements but are also looking towards the future. We want to make sure all students are thinking about how the classes they take now will help them reach their academic and career goals. Our goal at Centaurus is to shift our thinking from course selection being an event that happens once each year, to a process that we are constantly revisiting.

We would like all parents to review their student’s MYAP with them and have meaningful conversations about 4-year planning and selecting classes for next year. The following resources are available to assist in this process:

- [February MYAP presentation](#)
- [Centaurus High School Course Sequence](#)
- [BVSD Graduation Requirements- 2021 and Beyond](#)
- [Colorado College Admission Requirements](#)

Counselors are available in the commons daily during lunch to answer questions and assist students with their MYAP and course selection.

We appreciate your help in guiding your students through this process.
Spring Sports Registration

Spring Sports Registration is now open!!
Please go to the link below for more information.
CHS Spring Sports Registration

Most practices begin Monday, February 28!

Last Call for AP Exams

Mar 1, 2022 is the final day to order an AP exam for 2022.

First semester and year long classes had an on time deadline to order an exam of November 1, 2021 but you can still order an exam but it does come with a $40 late fee imposed by College Board, so the cost of the exam is $136. Payment can be made through RevTrak: AP Exam Late Fee for First Semester and Year Long Classes

Second Semester only classes also have until March 1, 2022 but there is no late fee for Second semester only courses. Exam fee is $96 and will also use RevTrak for payment: AP Exam Second Semester Only Classes

Wind Ensemble Performing Friday, March 4

The wind ensemble will be competing in the 2022 CBA Concert Band Regional at Dakota Ridge HS on March 4th. The Warriors perform at 2 pm and entrance is free to the public.

2022 State Testing Information

As you may know, our students will take the State of Colorado’s Measures of Academic Success (CMAS) Science assessment as well as the SAT and PSAT exams in April. We would like to take a moment to encourage everyone to have their children take the test and to thank you for your support last year. With your support, your student can help show how well our school and the school district, as a whole, is performing.

Please click here for the entire Principal’s letter including our testing schedule.

Thank You for Conference Dinners!

Centaurus faculty and staff would like to thank everyone who participated in the Staff Appreciation Committee’s efforts to provide staff meals before both Parent Teacher Conference dates this month. The delicious food raised spirits significantly and we are so grateful for your warm kindness!

Baseball

Centaurus Warriors Baseball will be holding team tryouts Monday Feb. 28 through Friday Mar. 4 on the Varsity Baseball field, starting at 4pm. Please
plan on attending each day. You will need to have a current sports physical on file with the school before attending. Please contact Coach Doug Kinney (douglas.kinney@bvsd.org) if you have any questions.

**After Prom Update**

**PARENTS NEEDED!**

**PROM IS ONLY 6 WEEKS AWAY!** Centaurus Safe Night After Prom (CSNAP) literally needs hundreds of volunteers before (weeks before as well as the day of), during and after the event to make After Prom a success! **Volunteers are needed** to decorate prior to and help run the event! It is a ton of fun and a highlight for the parents as well as the kids!

Donations are needed as well! We need to raise $15,000 this year to support both the Junior and Senior classes - help us fundraise or donate today!

We are currently at 13% of our goal.

**WAYS TO GET INVOLVED:**

1. [Sign up to help using this link](#)
2. Donate: To give, please visit our [website](#) or [Facebook Page](#)! Ways to give: [Paypal](#) or donate money via check. Please make checks payable to CSNAP and mail your donation to CSNAP, PO Box 452, Lafayette, CO 80026
3. Join the fundraising efforts: email beth@zorgdrager.org - we meet Tuesdays @7:00 pm, Beth will send you all the information needed to fundraise. Attendance at the Tuesday meetings is not required!
Advisory Update

March 3rd Advisory lessons will vary by grade level:
9th - Course Selection / Academic Check In
10th - Course Selection / Academic Check In
11th - Course Selection / SAT Practice
12th - Community Service Videos / Give Back Day

Counseling Corner

10th grade Multi-Year Academic Planner & Course selection info
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.

Week of February 28, 2022

Monday 4:00-5:00PM
Math - Borealis
Science - Wood

Tuesday 7:30-8:30am
Math - Lombardi & Lieberman
Science - Becker

Tuesday 4:00-5:00pm
Math - Nordstrom
Science - Wood
LA - Her Many Horses

Headline News

Author Visit and School Wide Reading Project
In a school-wide reading project coordinated by our librarian, Ms Turgel, approximately 130 CHS students signed up to read *Enrique’s Journey* by Sonia Nazario. The book is about immigration from Central America to the United States. It was originally published as a serial in the L.A. Times, and Ms. Nazario won a Pulitzer Prize for the publication.

On Thursday, February 17, Sonia Nazario visited our school. Through an in-school field trip opportunity, students were able to hear Ms. Nazario speak. She visited several classrooms in addition to presenting to the larger group. Many students also participated in a book talk discussion after her visit…. As an administrator stated, the event “was an incredible representation of our Warrior community. Most importantly, it brought to CHS an important voice, perspective and truth.”

Check out more in the [Daily Camera article linked here](https://www.dailycamera.com) *(Daily Camera subscription required to access)*.

**Centaurus Theatre Company fundraiser success**
Thanks to the support of our community, CTC raised $1668.67 with their staged reading of *Rumors*. This money will be donated to Impact on Education to help support those who lost everything in the Marshal Fire. Thanks to all of you who came out in the snow or watched the show virtually. Your support means everything as we continue to integrate our theatre company into the fabric of Centaurus life.

**Way to Go Winter Percussion**

CHS Winter Percussion Line hosted their third competition for the Rocky Mountain Percussion Association on Saturday at CHS and placed 2nd. Congratulations!
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](http://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 of the YMCA at the Afterprom. There are about 6 weeks to organize photos and start thinking about your poster!

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

Centaurus Community News

Marshall Fire Support Groups

Mental Health Partners is offering support for those affected by the Marshall Fire. Please click here for details on those programs.

HeartLight Center and TRU Community Care are offering an Open Door Teen Support group. This is a program for any teen affected by the fires. The group will meet for four weeks beginning March 3. Please click here to learn more and register.
Mental Health Partners

Click here for details regarding the March Zoom events MHP will present. All events are online and open to the community. Registration required.

COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic for Ages 5 - Adult

February 26, 2022  10am-3pm
Calvary Bible Church, 3245 Kalmia Ave, Boulder 80301

Available Vaccines:
- Moderna (adult):  1st Dose, 2nd Dose, and Boosters
- Pfizer (adult):  1st Dose, 2nd Dose, and Boosters
- Pfizer (ages 12-17):  1st Dose, 2nd Dose, and Boosters
- Pfizer (ages 5-11):  1st Dose, 2nd Dose

No appointment necessary; this is a walk-in clinic.
Spanish translators will be available at this clinic.

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