Warrior Weekly 03-10-23
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Principal's Message

It is hard to believe, but we are only two weeks away from spring break. Our musical is running tonight and tomorrow, spring sports are underway, and everyone is looking forward to the upcoming week off. And of course, the Colorado spring weather is anything but predictable.

Now is a great time to check in with your student around their classes, grades, and upcoming assignments and assessment. I know that sometimes students (and myself) like to push things off until after spring break, but staying focused right now and being on top of their assignments will allow them to enjoy the break even more. Students should be checking their grades in Infinite Campus and meeting with their teachers if they need additional support. Students can access their teachers during academic time at the end of the day on Wednesday or Thursday or by appointment, and also have access to our drop in tutoring program (information below).

Daniel Ryan
Important Dates

March 14- Coffee with the Principal
March 27-31- Spring Break - no school
April 12- Grade 11 Testing- No School Grades 9,10 & 12
April 13- Grade 10 & 11 Testing- No School Grades 9 & 12
April 13- Coffee with the Principal
April 14- Grade 9 Testing- No School Grades 10, 11 & 12
April 21 & 24- No School (conference exchange days)
April 28- Prom
May 20- Graduation

What you need to know

State Testing- April 12, 13 & 14

Consistent with last year’s administration, our entire focus will be on supporting students as they take the test. As a result, families are asked (though not required) to arrange an excused absence from school on testing days and appropriate alternative activities of their own if their child will not be participating. Below is a specific list of the tests and which grades will be taking the tests.

Link to Testing Schedule
Monday, April 10- Regular Day of Learning
Tuesday, April 11- Regular Day of Learning
Wednesday, April 12- is SAT or SAT with essay for grade 11. (Essay option only for students who opted in)
   No school for grades 9, 10, & 12
Thursday, April 13- is PSAT 10 for grade 10
   CMAS Science for Grade 11
   No school for grades 9 & 12
Friday, April 14- is Grade 9 = PSAT9
   No school for grades 10, 11, & 12

Theatre Production

Centaurus Theatre Company is putting on "City Of Angels" March 8th-11th. Shows starting at 7:00 each day, and one starting at 2:00 on the 11th. Buy tickets at bit.ly/ChsTheatreTix, or at the door!

French Week March 13-20
Spirit Week- March 20-24

Staff Appreciation Thank You

Thank You CHS Families!
The CHS Staff and the Staff Appreciation volunteers would like to thank all the families who contributed their time and/or donations to the recent taco grab and go dinner for the staff on Parent-Teacher conference night, as well as morning coffee and bagels after conferences the week before.

Our last appreciation event is Staff and Teacher Appreciation Week in May. We would love your help planning how to show our appreciation! Please contact Susan Ogilvie at ogilvies2016@gmail.com if you are interested in helping.

2023 Regional Science Fair

Centaurus had a strong showing at the 2023 Regional Science Fair last weekend. We had 6 projects presented, and 3 of them won 1st Place for their respective categories. Here is a slideshow with their projects and results.

Zack Wojtalik - 1st Place - Engineering
Liam Sweeney - 1st Place - Computer Science & Mathematics
Keegan Gomez - 1st Place - Energy & Transportation

All 3 of those students qualified to compete at the Colorado Science & Engineering Fair (CSEF) at CSU in April, and with his 4th overall placement (out of ~90 projects) Liam Sweeney is also the 1st alternate to have a spot at the International Science & Engineering Fair in Dallas, TX in May!!!
CENTAURUS SAFE NIGHT AFTER PROM NEEDS YOU! All parents of all High School Students...

Have a Senior? Make a poster - April 19th deadline. You don’t want your student excluded! The senior poster hall is a special highlight. Click the poster link for details and guidelines. Come to CHS on April 8th for in-person poster making (the student council is coordinating). Get posters submitted to Morrell Printing in advance for lamination.

ALL high school parents: be a kid again! Friday, April 28th, decorate the YMCA or have fun running the event and tearing it down. It’s a fantastic time for the parents as well as the students. Food Station committee volunteers are still needed! Sign up for volunteer opportunities now. It’s a 100% parent-run event. Cash donations to fund the event are needed too.

Athletics/Clubs

Athletics Calendar

Advisory Update

Next week:
Spring Assembly

Counseling Corner

Spanish-Counseling Corner

English-Counseling Corner

Drop In Tutoring Schedule

FREE Tutoring with a Math Teacher. Don’t wait. The time is now! Monday and Tuesdays after school from 4:00 - 5:00 and Tuesday mornings 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. You can even just come and do your homework so there is someone to help if you need it. See you in the library!

FREE Tutoring with an English Teacher
Every Tuesday from 4:00-5:00 pm (time change) in the library, the English Dept will be offering help for students struggling with writing assignments or college essay applications.
Drop in tutoring session- sign up here

Celebrating Centaurus Seniors
Messages for Class of 2023

Graduation 2023
Graduation will be May 20, 2023 - 4pm @ CU Events Center- More information here

Prom
Prom- April 28th, 2023 from 7pm-11pm- details to come as the date gets closer!

Getting to know your Centaurus Team- Dave Houk

My name is Dave Houk. I started subbing at Centaurus a few years ago after graduating from CU Boulder with my Master's in Education and Bachelor's in Literature, but came on full-time this year as the Library Assistant and one of the testing coordinators. It's my favorite job so far. I've had other jobs: I ran a YMCA bike camp for elementary schoolers, delivered for FedEx, cashiered, gathered signatures in parking lots, washed dishes. In high school, I thought I wanted to be an auto mechanic. Oh, and I was an Intel Analyst and paratrooper in the Army. They put a rifle in my hands and sent me to Baghdad. I was 19. I had a Top Secret clearance. The only Top Secret document I ever saw said this:

“The Earth communicates in three ways: laughs, slow whispers, and screams. The laughs are easy: they are the views. To hear the whispers, you must be quiet and observant. The screams are most likely the last thing you ever hear… and it’s probably because you weren't paying enough attention to the whispers. In all three, its message is truth.”

I don’t know why they thought that should be classified.

I enjoy reading, riding BMX, bouldering, hiking, and going to museums and art shows. My girlfriend tells me I take great pictures of her. I tell her it’s hard to take a bad picture of a beautiful person. She laughs. I’ve spent too much of my life playing video games and reading the news. Now, I just try to stare at the sky as much as possible instead. I am much happier doing this. I am currently in the process of writing a book that synthesizes post-structural semiotic theory with memes to explain the Fermi Paradox, the Tower of Babel, the construction of personal, social, professional, and cultural identity, and why it seems as though people are struggling so hard to find meaning in their lives. I hope it will help people.
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