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**Warrior Weekly 8-25-23**

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# CENTAURUS HIGH SCHOOL

## Warrior Weekly News

**08/25/2023**

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### Principal's Message

We had our first full week with students and it was excellent. It has been so exciting to see all of our new and returning students back at school and settling into their classes. Our Athletics and Activities programs are in full swing, and our buildings and grounds are full of students after school participating in activities that are meaningful and enjoyable to them.

One of our goals here at Centaurus is to promote a sense of community, and one the best ways to accomplish this is by promoting the involvement of all students in the great opportunities that we have here at Centaurus. To this end, we are going to be hosting our first ever "You Belong Here" athletics, activities, and clubs fair during Advisory on September 7th. This will give students the opportunity to see what we offer here at Centaurus, and hopefully find an opportunity for involvement that appeals to them. I highly encourage you to speak with your student about their interests and encourage them to participate in something that we offer here at Centaurus.

Daniel Ryan  
Principal

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## Important Dates



August 30- International Baccalaureate (IB) Parent Information Meeting  
September 1 - **REVISED DATE** (was 9/15)- Picture day 10-12 grades/new ID's

September 6- Back to school night 6pm-8pm

September 19- Coffee with the Principal @ Centaurus High School- 9am

October 7- Homecoming

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## What you need to know

### Picture Day



Picture day for 10-12th grades has been moved up to September 1st (previously 9/15). [INFO](#)

Students will also receive new student ID's on this day.

### Title IX Student Council accepting applications for 23-24 SY



The BVSD Student Title IX Council is accepting applications for the 2023-2024 school year! The Council is comprised of students who are interested in collaborating with the District regarding issues of sexual violence, harassment and gender discrimination. Students participating in the council complete Title IX related projects and play an advisory role to the District with a shared goal of elevating student voices and leadership. High school students that are interested in working on the prevention of sex-based harassment and violence at school, who are looking to utilize their leadership skills, and who are passionately committed to this long-term process of change in culture and breaking stigmas around reporting are encouraged to [apply here!](#) The Council welcomes all students, regardless of their level of knowledge on Title IX.

### Service Dog



This school year a student will be attending school with a service dog, Bento. As with all public and federally funded institutions, Boulder Valley School District is obligated to follow the guidelines for service animals as outlined in the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). This dog has been approved by our BVSD 504/ADA Compliance Specialist, Shannon Numair. The staff and students will be reminded that when the dog has his vest on he is working and no one should engage with him or pet him. If you have any questions, please reach out to Augusto DiLaura.

## Marchathon- Saturday, August 26th



The Centaurus Marching Warriors will be marching door-to-door in Lafayette and Erie tomorrow, Saturday August 26th, for our annual MARCHATHON fundraiser! This is a great day to speak to Band Members about their hard work and make a financial contribution to our Centaurus High School Band Programs. Remember, the support of our community is INSTRUMENTAL to our success!

## International Baccalaureate (IB) Parent Information Meeting



We will be hosting an International Baccalaureate (IB) Parent Information Meeting on Wednesday, August 30th at 6 pm in the Student Center to share information with you about our IB Program at Centaurus High School. We will go over information from the IB Basics at Centaurus slide presentation linked below and we will have a question and answer session about the program.

Please see the information and links listed below to learn more about our IB Program.

Our IB Program is a 2-year academic program that spans junior and senior years via coursework in the disciplines of language arts, language acquisition, history, science, math, and electives.

It is an advanced, rigorous program designed to enrich students' learning and prepare them for success at the university level while supporting their intellectual growth and curiosity.

Successful completion of the program leads to the IB Diploma, which is highly valued by colleges and universities as a mark of distinction and an excellent indicator of post-secondary readiness.

In the spring of their sophomore year, students decide if they would like to join the IB Program for their junior and senior years.

[IB Basics at Centaurus](#) - English

[IB Basics at Centaurus](#) - Spanish

[What is the IB Diploma Programme?](#)

[IB Diploma Programme Learner Profile](#)

[Perspective on the Learner Profile from a post-IB university student](#)

[A look at the IB DP a year after graduation from high school](#) - from IB Graduate Voices

## Attendance reminders:



As a school, we are working hard to promote positive attendance behavior on the part of all students. In order to provide clarity to our community around our expectations, policies, and procedures, we have created a [Frequently Asked Attendance Questions Document](#) to share with all of you.

We have just a few reminders for the second half of the year:

Students are allowed 10 full day absences a year per our attendance policy. After those 10 are complete, documentation is required if you want the absence excused. Also, prearranged absence forms can excuse any foreseeable family trips beyond the ten days but only with prior administrative approval. The prearranged absence forms are at the attendance desk in the main office.

Per School Board Policy, [JH 6/25/13](#), attendance staff will not excuse single period/partial single period absences (when more than 5 minutes tardy to a class) without documentation (Doctor's note, Dentist note, DMV, or court appearance; no appointment reminders). This includes leaving 5-10 minutes early at the end of the day. In addition, students

have been known to ditch single classes for a variety of reasons, including classes that they have exams in and/or periods they have before exams in order to study. If parents do not want to provide medical documentation and they know of upcoming appointments, students can also do a prearranged absence form.

There are three ways for you to report an absence:

Preferred Method: Report an absence using [Infinite Campus](#). Please note that this is not automatically reflected in our system, but still needs to be entered by our attendance team.

You can call our attendance line at 720-561-5358. Please only report the absence once.

You can email [centaurus.attendance@bvsd.org](mailto:centaurus.attendance@bvsd.org) to report an absence.

Please allow 24-48 hours for the attendance to be reflected in Infinite Campus. Remember, we have many students, and reporting more than once slows our process down significantly.

## New student Wellness Center



All students at Centaurus High School now have access to a Wellness Center – a caring and supportive space dedicated to promoting your child’s mental well-being. The Wellness Center is staffed by a full-time Mental Health Advocate and has the support of counseling team and administration. We encourage you to visit the Wellness Center during back to school night and encourage your child(ren) to visit. Thank you to the BVSD foundation, Impact on Education, for providing the funding to open our Wellness Center!

## Grad Plus



Hello Warrior Students and Parents/Guardians

My name is Wendy Pearson, and I’m the Centaurus High School Grad+ site lead. A former CHS Career and Technical Education teacher, I’m thrilled to begin my second year promoting Grad+’s four quadrants: College Credit, Seal of Biliteracy, Work Based Learning, and Industry Certification.

Grad+ is a framework designed to increase high school students’ postsecondary opportunities in both higher ed. and workplace arenas. [Here’s](#) an exciting district produced video with more information.

My role is to inform students and families of opportunities related to the Grad + framework, and to support applications, requests, and onboarding processes.

Each week I’ll be giving you information on different aspects of Grad+ and how to access these opportunities.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me with any questions at [wendy.pearson@bvsd.org](mailto:wendy.pearson@bvsd.org)

## Student Parking Passes



Due to parking lot limitations only seniors and juniors will be allowed to purchase permits initially. If space allows, we will open this opportunity to sophomores as well. Find your [permit application](#) here

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[Parking Permit Payment LINK](#)

## SchoolPool Carpool Networks + Free RTD for Youth



RTD is FREE for youth for the 23/24 School Year! – For the month of August RTD is free for all riders through their Zero Fare for Better Air program. Starting in September through August 2024, RTD will be free for youth 19 and under. This includes local and regional routes. Youth will simply need to show a school or government-issued ID. Please refer to this [RTD webpage](#) for more information.

Carpools – All BVSD schools have a **Schoolpool** network through WaytoGo, a program of the Denver Regional Council of Governments. Schoolpool is a resource for organizing a carpool or finding walk/bike/bus groups. [More info here](#)

Any questions about SchoolPool- email [SafeRoutes@bvsd.org](mailto:SafeRoutes@bvsd.org).

## Sports/Clubs



### Fall baseball

Centaurus Fall Baseball starts August 28th at 4 pm on the varsity baseball field. All are welcome to come play! Practices will be M/W/F with doubleheader games on Saturdays (typically in Longmont). This is not an official Centaurus fall sport as our regular season is in the spring but if you are not playing another fall sport this is a fun way to get to know the team and play some extra baseball. For more information see our website at [www.sites.google.com/site/centaurushighschoolbaseball](http://www.sites.google.com/site/centaurushighschoolbaseball) or email [chshomerunclub@gmail.com](mailto:chshomerunclub@gmail.com)

### Ultimate Frisbee practice is starting

The [Centaurus Ultimate Frisbee club](#) has started their fall season practices, but it's not too late to join. The coaches are having our season kick-off meeting/video call this coming Tuesday, August 29th at 7:00 p.m. Reach out to Coach Craig ([craig.cutforth@bvsd.org](mailto:craig.cutforth@bvsd.org)) or Coach Jana ([jana.krutsinger@bvsd.org](mailto:jana.krutsinger@bvsd.org)) for meeting details if you are not on the team email group. (All skill levels are welcome! Your 40 Centaurus classmates, both girls and boys, welcome you to check it out.)

## Optional Ways to support Centaurus High School



[Centaurus Academic Support Fund](#)  
[Teacher and Staff Appreciation Fund](#)

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## Advisory Update



08/31/23:

9th- Welcome Back Warriors Lesson

10th- In class tutor time

11th- Warrior Challenge Day

12th- Letters of recommendation

## Counseling Corner



[Check here for the latest news from the Counseling department.](#)

## Drop In Tutoring Schedule



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## Celebrating Centaurus Seniors



### Messages for Class of 2024

#### Senior Pictures:

[Portraits for All](#)

**We match high school seniors from financially challenged backgrounds in the Boulder/Denver metro area with professional photographers who are willing to donate their time and abilities. Many families can't afford to spend hundreds of dollars on portrait sessions for their children, and quality photos should be available to everyone, regardless of socio-economic status.**

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## Getting to know your Centaurus Team

**Whitney Rodriguez- School Support Assistant**





**Hello! My name is Whitney Rodriguez, and I'm your new Front Desk Assistant.**

**I'm a Colorado native and grew up in the beautiful city of Boulder, but have resided in Lafayette for the past 7 years. I'm a BVSD Alumni and graduated from Boulder High in 2014 as a Panther, but now I'm thrilled to join the Warrior family and Proud to be a Warrior!! Go CHS!**

**I'm the mother of two children. My son is 7 and my daughter is a three-nager. My husband and I bought our first home last year and we now live in Lochbuie. For those of you who don't know where that is, it's in west Kansas. Just kidding, it's in the Brighton area, but the name sure makes it seem that far. We love to spend our time at the park with our puppy Valentino, aka Tino, and we enjoy sport induced activities.**

**Additionally, I'm a huge sports fanatic. I've played soccer all of my life, and I'm currently trying out COED Softball. Fun fact, I just won my first Championship! Anyways, count me in for any faculty friendly teams in the future!**

**Furthermore, I look forward to getting to meet all of you as part of my Warrior Community! I have already begun getting to know the amazing faculty and students. Thank you so much for the warm welcome so far, and if you haven't done so yet, stop by and say hi!**

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## District News

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