

**Warrior Weekly 2-23-24**

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**Principal's Message**

This has already been a very successful year for Centaurus High School's athletics and activities programs, and I have yet another Warrior to Highlight. This past weekend, Xavier Valentin-Bradford became our newest state champion! X is the new 5A state wrestling champion, and the first wrestling state champion from Centaurus since 2008. We are all very proud of X, and also for our entire wrestling team and coaches. It is great to see Centaurus back on top of the podium- Congratulations to X!

Daniel Ryan  
Principal

**Important Dates**

February 29- Theatre presentation- And Then There Were None- 6:30pm  
March 25-29- Spring Break- No School

# What you need to know

## Winter Percussion Competition | March 2, 2024 | 11am – 7pm|Centaurus High School Gym



Centaurus High School and the 2022 & 2023 Colorado State Champion CHS Winter Percussion Ensemble will be hosting their fifth competition for the Rocky Mountain Percussion Association! The event will be held on Saturday, March 2nd from 11:00 to 7:00 in the CHS main gym. Come see CHS's Winter Percussion Ensemble plus 28 Colorado Indoor Percussion Lines, Rise and the Blue Knights Percussion Ensemble.

Tickets: \$10/\$8 for 1 block (either the morning 11 – 1:30 or evening 3:30 – 6:45), \$14 for full day, \$10 for students and seniors for the full day (8 and under are free). Centaurus performs at 4:30PM.

More info can be found on the RMPA website at: [RMPA](#)



## BVSD Project Talent Showcase

 BOULDER VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Call for entries to Virtual BVSD Project Talent Showcase: Open to all BVSD K-12 students and staff

Open to all BVSD K-12 students and staff, we welcome entries to the BVSD Project Talent Showcase. Your adventure begins with a virtual entry that will be posted on the Project Talent Showcase webpage. Then, every student who puts together a Project Talent Portfolio will be invited to set up a table at the live showcase on May 4th, 2024, at Southern Hills Middle School. Our community will select the top entry from each category who will then be celebrated on the stage at our live showcase at Southern Hills Middle School. Learn more and submit entries on the BVSD Gifted and Talented webpage. Entries will close on Thursday, February 29, 2024. Learn more and submit your entry on the [Gifted and Talented webpage](#).

## Centaurus Warriors Booster Club



Hello Warrior Families!  
We would like to introduce you to the Centaurus Warriors Booster Club.  
Click [here](#) to learn more.

## Centaurus Theatre Presentation



Staged reading of - AND THEN THERE WERE NONE  
Centaurus High School  
February 29th @ 6:30pm  
[Details](#)

## CU Boulder presents TEDxCU Renaissance



More information [here](#)

## Sports/Clubs



### Wrestling Fundraiser

Come out and support the **Wrestling Team** on **Tuesday, February 27th** at **Cosmo's Pizza** to celebrate an amazing season. If you know a wrestler you know they have been watching what they eat all season so let's join them in enjoying some calories eating pizza. A percentage of all sales on the 27th will go to support the wrestling program.

**Where: Cosmos Pizza - Lafayette**

**When: February 27th**

**Time: All Day**

## Centaurus Orchestra



A huge shout-out to our Orchestra, under the direction of Ms. Heather Murphy, for an AMAZING performance on Tuesday night!



## AFTER PROM



### Dine Out Fundraising

Next up is Ruby Ru's February 28 all day. Thanks for your on-going support!

### Financial Support and Donating Gift Cards

[Donate directly to the After Prom](#) , and we'll maximize your contribution for prizes and entertainment. Between cash and prizes alone we give away \$10,000!

### Cold Hard Cash

Pay with a [Credit Card](#) or [PayPal](#) or donate money via check. Please make checks payable to CSNAP and mail your donation to CSNAP, PO Box 452, Lafayette, CO 80026. Remember that we welcome an Employer's Donation Match. Submit our Centaurus Safe Night After Promo non-profit Federal Tax ID # 47-1287165.

### Buy or Re-Gift Restaurant and Entertainment Gift Cards

Have some unused gift cards sitting in a drawer? Or, do you want to buy a specific gift card? [Sign up here](#) so we know what you can get over to us. Then, at your convenience, drop them off at the CHS front desk.

### Volunteer Opportunities

- Thurs April 11 (late afternoon/evening) [Decorate](#) the Senior Hall of Fame Thurs April 11 (late afternoon/evening)
- Friday, April 12 - Decorate the entire [YMCA](#) space, register kids entering, deal in the casino, or serve food. With the place packed, we promise your kids won't notice you.

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## Advisory Update



February 29th:  
All grades- tutor time

## Counseling Corner



[Link to Counseling Department.](#)

## Drop In Tutoring Schedule



The English Dept offers after-school tutoring in the library on Wednesdays from 4-5pm

Art club tutor time Tuesdays after school from 4-5pm in the Pottery room

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## Athletics News

### Senior Night Boys and Girls Basketball



Senior Night for our boys and girls basketball programs, along with Cheer and Poms, was amazing! It was great to see the connections made with our Class of 2024 student-athletes and their families. Shout-out to Coach Maron and Coach Matosky for making this such a special evening.





### Wrestling

(Bottom Left) STATE CHAMP! Congratulations to Xavier Valentin-Bradford on taking home the state championship with the first period pin over Northglenn! X. is the first state champion in our wrestling program since 2008. Way to go X!

(Bottom Right) Mason Shore had a great Saturday as well, winning both of his matches to take the podium in 3rd place!

With both wrestlers making the podium, Centaurus finished 12th in the state as a team!



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## Celebrating Centaurus Seniors



## Messages for Class of 2024

Seniors Graduation Date:

Saturday, May 18th at 4:00pm - CU Events Center

After Prom Hall of Fame Posters

Parent Poster Building Workshop - March 9th

Start selecting and printing the pictures you'd like to display on your Senior's Hall of Fame Poster. The CHS-located workshop March 9th from 10-12 is open to all 12th grader's parents and guardians. We'll have blank posters and material for you to decorate, all free of charge.

Poster Instructions For Making at Home

The After Prom Senior Hall of Fame [poster instructions](#) and group workshop details are now available. Don't wait until the last minute; it's intended to be fun while honoring your senior(s). After displaying at the after prom party and school, you can display the poster at your personal family celebrations.

## PROM 2024



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Getting to know your Centaurus Team

Science Teacher- Eric Mattys



I grew up in Colorado Springs and didn't really fit into the conservative culture of the area. My parents were hippies who became hardworking when they had kids. I studied Biology with a minor in English on an academic scholarship at Whittier College (home of the fighting Poets) in Southern California. I started recording music in the study rooms at the school's library when I wasn't tutoring other students or trying to learn how to ride waves. I saved money to buy recording equipment while taking all the Pre-Med courses. After graduating I almost went to chiropractic school before moving back to Colorado Springs and installing home theater systems, and then working as a sales representative for a biotechnology company. In 2006 I released an album called, "You Don't Have to Close Your Eyes" which had a lot to do with leaving LA. Sales work and feeling trapped in Colorado Springs was not a good fit for me at that point in my life. I saved up money, quit and moved to Boulder to write a novel and play music-finishing a draft of my first novel and releasing another music album. I started grad school in science education at CU the next fall. Major differences in school became apparent to me during grad school. In the mornings I had a practicum class at Peak to Peak School where advanced Biology students built models of DNAm and also worked at Justice High School. From these two environments the common thread was the importance of building trust with students. Shortly after I finished my Masters in Education, I started working at Centaurus. In 2016 I met my wife, Ash and her son Jett. She helped me edit my first novel, *The Potential of Zeroes*, which I published in 2018. In 2019 we got married in our backyard. In 2020 Ridge was born. The day he was born was the first day we started teaching class remotely because of COVID. I taught class from the hospital room. In 2022, I released an album of music titled "Then... Love." In the summer of 2022 I worked with the Department of Statistical Genetics at UC Denver as part of the Rocky Mountain Summer Research Educator Experience. It has shifted my teaching toward helping students find ways to do their own research. This last fall, Ash started teaching Language Arts at Fairview High School. We both feel so lucky to be a part of our learning communities! I'm working on a second novel now.





## District News

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