



CENTENNIAL
SCHOOL DISTRICT 12
CONNECTING. ACHIEVING. PREPARING.

THE OBSERVER

YOUR DISTRICT COMMUNITY NEWS



High School students sign up to be mentors and are paired with elementary students at Golden Lake Elementary.

Better than ever; stronger together.

Our theme at the annual convocation, where staff gather to mark the beginning of the new school year, was “Better than ever; strong together.” That theme stretches beyond the first days of school and beyond the walls of our schools—to our communities we serve. School is well underway, and I hope you will consider “heading back to school.” Referring to Centennial’s tagline of Connecting. Achieving. Preparing, the District invites you to get involved and make connections with others.

There are many ways our Centennial community can get involved in our schools. See isd12.org/get-involved for details on these opportunities: Volunteer in our schools by contacting the school in your neighborhood; register for a community education class for life-long learning experiences which can be a great introduction for new families (or a re-introduction for empty-nesters) to the school district, and for our youngest learners, we offer opportunities for children and families to engage in our schools; cheer on the Cougars at a sporting event, or enjoy a musical or theatrical performance in our auditoriums. We are also calling on our alumni to offer a job shadow opportunity and talk about their career with high school students.

The District is in need of substitute teachers, paraprofessionals, food service, custodial, and Kids Club



High School families engage in several events at the school, centered around post-secondary education opportunities.

(before and after-school childcare) staff. What better way to make a difference in the lives of our students by working with them and making an impact.

We are grateful for the partnerships we have with so many in the community for their work to support our students and programs. We have strong partnerships with our safety partners as well as the cities we serve—Blaine, Centerville, Circle Pines, Lexington, and Lino Lakes—to help keep our schools safe. Together, we can do great things for our students and Centennial Schools!



Centerville Elementary has added volunteer events, including “Volunteer to Beautify Our Garden.”

For more information:



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- ➔ For a complete listing of events and activities, see the calendar on the school’s website, isd12.org/schools
- ➔ Athletic schedules, band + choir performances, highschool.isd12.org
- ➔ Theatre productions, centennialtheatre.org

See the Parent Hub on your student’s school website for PTO information.
As we invite the community to get involved in our schools, we also encourage parents to participate in their student’s education. Volunteering in the classroom, attending conferences and school events are all ways to support your student. You are encouraged to get involved in your school’s Parent-TeacherOrganization (PTO). Participation offers several benefits by offering a sense of belonging and community among other parents, teachers, and students; gives you a platform to voice opinions, ideas and concerns that can help improve schools; supports extracurricular activities and other educational opportunities that enrich students’ experiences through fundraising; and the opportunity to connect with others, expanding your own network. Seeing the positive changes you contribute to benefit the school community can be rewarding and fulfilling.

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EMERGENCY AND WEATHER-RELATED SCHOOL CLOSINGS

An announcement of a school closing or a delayed start is usually posted by 6:00am. The community is notified via:

- Twin Cities television stations.
- Information posted at isd12.org.
- By calling the District Office at 763.792.6000 and the main office phone number of your student’s school.

- An “alert notification” will be sent to families by telephone and/or text through the District’s SchoolMessenger communication system. A message will be sent to your home phone, cell phone, work phone, by text based upon information provided by each family.
- If you are unable to answer the call, a message will go to your voice mail box. Please retrieve your message instead of hitting “redial.”

Receive school closing info by texting “Y” or “Yes” to 67587.
Terms and conditions:
Message frequency varies.
Standard message and data rates may apply. Text STOP to cancel.



CLASS OF 2023 HONORED

The Centennial Hall of Fame Class of 2023—**Erik Aus**, **Colleen McMorran Salay**, and **Jan Kreminski**—were honored at the Homecoming Game on the 50 yard line.



Photo courtesy of Namyst Photography.



Rice Lake Elementary is recognized by the Minnesota Department of Education as a 2023 Sustaining Exemplar School for Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) for their leadership in supporting positive student behavior, improving school climate, and creating respectful learning environments that lead to increased student achievement.



Centennial High School and Centerville Elementary are both named 2023 Readers' Choice FINALIST in the category of "Best Schools" in *The Quad Community Press*. Thanks to our community for your support in nominating and voting for our schools!

Golden Lake Elementary added a "Ninja Challenge Course" to its playground over the summer. This was a team effort and involved support and donations from the school, PTA, and the City of Circle Pines. Thank you to all involved!



from the superintendent

This issue of *The Observer* is a snapshot of the great things happening in our schools as we kick off a new school year. Our students are busy learning in the classroom and beyond the school day by participating in the many activities and sports.

Also included is an update on Centennial High School's official launching of the Manufacturing Pathways Program. Thanks to many partnerships in our community, as donors and partners in manufacturing and employment, our students are exploring careers and developing skills for a promising career path and future.

The cover story invites you to participate in our schools. There are many ways to get involved and connect with the Centennial Schools community. Volunteer, help a student find their way down a career path, or cheer on the Cougars! Check out community education's robust activity guide and programming for offerings starting as early as newborns.

Don't be a stranger; we invite you to see what is happening in Centennial! Hope to see you in our schools!

#centennialproud

Jeff Holmberg
Superintendent of Schools



DISTRICT ENGAGES IN FACILITIES PLANNING

The Centennial School District is assessing its physical environments and planning for the future by creating a 10-year facilities and enrollment plan based on student enrollment trends, educational capacity relative to providing current and future programming, facility space for co-curricular opportunities now and in the future, and facility deferred maintenance needs.

Facilities planning is an opportunity for broad input from stakeholders that is open, transparent, and engaging. Community engagement begins mid-winter. Check isd12.org for planning information (such as document review, opportunities for input, etc.). Updates will be included in future issues of *The Observer*.



Summer reading challenge participants at Centerville Elementary celebrated meeting their goals with an ice cream treat, ice cream-themed poetry, and trivia.



BLUE HERON
ELEMENTARY

FOSTERING A POSITIVE CLIMATE THROUGH BUDDY CLASSROOMS

Intermediate students collaborate with their peers in primary classrooms (buddy classrooms) and engage in various activities with the goal to foster stronger relationships among students of different age groups. This inter-age connection not only enhances social skills but also nurtures a sense of responsibility, purpose, and empathy in intermediate students as they take on the role of a mentor and guide. The primary students feel a sense of belonging and camaraderie by having an older student as their buddy.



The impact of "buddy classrooms" extends beyond the immediate relationship between the students. By promoting positive interactions at a young age, Blue Heron Elementary is sowing the seeds for a compassionate and supportive community.



CENTENNIAL
ELEMENTARY

BUILDING CHARACTER STRENGTH

Students at Centennial Elementary implemented the Character Strong program with a "Kindness Kick-off." Students engaged in many activities including a kindness book reading, fun games where they developed relationships, direct instruction on being kind, and a school assembly celebrating students' acts of kindness. Character Strong programming can be found throughout Centennial Schools, Pre-K through grade 12.



Character Strong programming goals are to build students' social and emotional competence, help them cultivate strong educator-to-student and student-to-student relationships.



CENTERVILLE
ELEMENTARY

SCOOP UP A BOOK SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

Congratulations to nearly 90 students who took part in Centerville Elementary's Scoop Up A Book Summer Reading Challenge. Those who read between 900 to 1,200 minutes, depending on their grade level, enjoyed an ice cream party with Principal Macken.



GOLDEN LAKE
ELEMENTARY

SOARING BACK TO THE BEACH

Golden Lake Elementary launched its annual fundraiser with the theme, "Soaring Back to the Beach." Students can join the Lifeguard Team by collecting donations. The fundraiser will bring in a CLIMB Theatre Residency and will work with students on Character Strong traits, helping students learn the value of empathy, service, and connection.



Students are "soaring back to the beach" as they fundraise for a Theatre Residency.



RICE LAKE
ELEMENTARY

KICKING OFF THE SCHOOL YEAR WITH KINDNESS

Rice Lake students kicked off the school year with an assembly focusing on kindness. Fifth grade students helped out by sharing what kindness is and gave examples of what it means to be kind. It was a great time celebrating and getting a chance to spread kindness throughout the whole student body.



Fifth grade students at Rice Lake Elementary practiced their leadership skills at an assembly by sharing with others on what it means to be kind.



PINES
SCHOOL

PRACTICES TO HELP STUDENTS

Students are working on their restorative practices and conversations, a practice for both relationships that need to be mended and building new ones. In addition, the school is reaching out for community support to set up a rewards system for students to help reinforce positive behaviors and create a successful educational environment despite circumstances.



CENTENNIAL
MIDDLE SCHOOL

BOY SCOUT TROOP GIVES TO THE COMMUNITY

Boy Scout Troop 692, Circle Pines made a difference in the school communities of Blue Heron Elementary and Centennial Middle School. The troop constructed three gaga ball pits so students can enjoy playing the fast-paced, high-energy sport. Project leads are **Wyatt Becker** (10), Blue Heron and **Mikey Aska** (12), Centennial Middle School. A shout out to the troop for this great opportunity for students!



Projects by Boy Scout Troop 692, led **Wyatt Becker** and **Mikey Aska**, gave back to their school communities by constructing gaga ball pits at both Blue Heron Elementary and Centennial Middle School.



CENTENNIAL
HIGH SCHOOL

HOMECOMING SPIRIT WEEK

Homecoming week offered fun opportunities for students and staff!



Barbie Day/Pink Out! Day



Match with Someone Day

COLLEGE PLANNING NIGHT

A panel of five college admissions counselors presented information to students and parents about differences in the types of colleges, admissions criteria, application deadlines, and more at a College Planning Night.



CALC
CENTENNIAL AREA LEARNING CENTER

CREATING COMMUNITY

Over the summer, a flexible learning and community space was developed for students. The space is used for their weekly community meeting, daily lunch service, and for staff to gather with students.

As the school population grows at the Centennial Area Learning Center, the flexible space for its community has already proven to be a valuable asset.



What I did over the summer break... Centennial High School students traveled to Cambodia, Thailand, and Vietnam for an abroad learning experience led by Eric Ripken, social studies teacher.

CENTENNIAL

student news

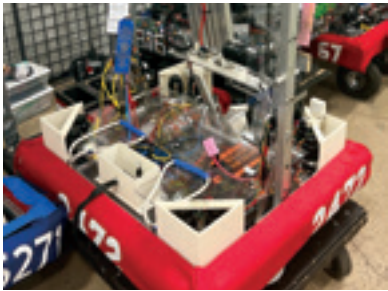
WELCOME 2023-2024 EXCHANGE STUDENTS!

Alejandro Arambula-Casares (11)
Spain (International Cultural Exchange Services USA—ICES)
Host Family:
Glenn & Merridith Joly

Clara Hofheinz (11)
Germany (International Student Exchange—ISE)
Host Family:
Scott & Sarah Norman



The Centennial High School Marching Band participated in the UMN High School Band Day on Saturday, September 9. Students attended the Marching Band rehearsal, performed in the tail gate lots before the football game, on the field at half time, and the post-game show. Centennial alumni marching in the UMN Marching Band included in this photo are Maggie Zeppelin, Ismail Elmi, John Hong, Drew Ratz, and Britta Bergdahl.



Centennial Robotics (FRC Team 2472—The Centurions) is a Minnesota State Fair Blue Ribbon winner! Students design, build, and market a 100+ pound robot each year. The Centennial Robotics Club helps develop students as leaders in technical and design fields and has been competing since 2008.



The Lino Lakes Ambassadors are busy volunteering and making a difference in our community! Crowned in August are Libbie Vander Vegt (11, Forest Lake High School), Carley Gooder (12), and Katie Kerr (11).

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR A THEATRE PERFORMANCE!

Performance: *The Hound of the Baskervilles*
Location: Performing Arts Center
4761 North Road, Circle Pines
Dates: November 30, December 1 & 2: 7:00pm
December 3: 1:00pm
Tickets: See centennialtheatre.org to purchase tickets online.
Cash is not accepted at the door/online ticket sales only.

district news



SCHOOL BOARD HOSTS LISTENING SESSIONS FOR THE PUBLIC

In ongoing efforts to gather feedback from stakeholders, the School Board is hosting quarterly Listening Sessions for the public. The sessions provide the opportunity for community members, staff, parents, and students to meet informally with board representatives and the superintendent to discuss topics in the schools.

Listening Sessions increase communication and engagement that reflects the District's commitment to excellence. Additional sessions to seek input/perspective on topics established by the Board would be scheduled as a special or additional Board Listening Session. See isd12.org/discover/school-board for more information.

IMMUNIZATION INFORMATION

Minnesota law requires children enrolled in childcare, early childhood education, or school to be immunized against certain diseases, unless the child is medically or non-medically exempt.

If proper documentation is not provided, students will be unable to attend school after November 1, 2023. Visit www.health.state.mn.us for vaccine schedules, exemption forms and more information.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS FOR ALL STUDENTS

All students can have one free breakfast and one free lunch each day through the State's Free School Meals for Kids Program. Anything beyond that will be charged Ala Carte prices. The meal must contain ½ cup of fruit and/or vegetable to meet the program's requirement for funding. Students must use their barcode for each meal.

MANUFACTURING PATHWAYS UPDATE

The Centennial High School manufacturing tech ed classrooms were modified over the summer to make way for additional equipment and space to enhance the learning environment. Walls were removed to open up the space and sightlines, ceiling and floors were upgraded along with ventilation. A garage door was added for the delivery of supplies, and a computer lab expansion was also



Remodeled spaces are setting the stage for new courses in the metals manufacturing pathway.



The remodel of the tech ed spaces includes a computer lab.

completed. This phase also included the purchase of new welding equipment, a sheet metal shear, and a press brake, purchased through support of donors at the Centennial Area Education Foundation's spring gala.

Around 150 students are enrolled in Small Engines and Welding 1 this

fall. These courses will be replaced with four new courses in the Metals Manufacturing Pathway for the 2024-2025 school year. Each course will focus on industry-recognized skills and credentials to help advance the learner to easily transition to the workforce upon graduation.

PLAYING TO YOUR STRENGTHS

Paraprofessionals at Centennial Middle school geared up for the new school year by participating in a "Play to Your Strength" training where they learned how to create opportunities for students and staff to speak about their own strengths, focus on self-awareness, confidence and engagement, build healthy relationships, and the ability to imagine possibilities.



Paraprofessionals at Centennial Middle School participated in "Play to Your Strength" training in preparation for the new school year.



Do you want to receive school closing, emergency information, and bus delay updates by text?

Text "Y" or "YES" to 67587

Opt out of these messages at any time by responding to one of our messages with "STOP."

Note: The District will text only school closing emergency information and bus delay updates. SchoolMessenger is compliant with the Student

Privacy Pledge, so be assured your information is safe and will never be given or sold to anyone.

Terms and conditions: Message frequency varies. Standard message and data rates may apply.



BOYS TENNIS

JOAQUIN BLISS ('23) AC
JOSHUA BLISS (12) AC
BRODY JOHNSON (12) AC
ANDREW ABRAHAM (10) HM

TREVOR ALLEN ('23) HM
IAN GANGL ('23) HM
ANDER JUSLO (11) HM
JESSE SIMSO ('23) HM

State Consolation Champions – Doubles Team
ZACKARY CHAFFEY ('23) AC, STATE PARTICIPANT
SEAN OSLUND ('23) AC, STATE PARTICIPANT

TRACK AND FIELD

4 x 800-Meter Relay
Conference Champions
ELI BERG, CHARLES BOLKCOM
KAVAN JOHNSON, JACOB PODRATZ

TIMOTHY BALL (12) AC, SHOT
PUT AND DISCUS, STATE
PARTICIPANT, NWSC

OUTSTANDING TRACK
ATHLETE, FIELD EVENTS
ELI BERG ('23) AC, 4 X 400
AND 4 X 800 RELAYS; HM,
1600-METER RUN, STATE
PARTICIPANT
CHARLES BOLKCOM ('23) AC,
4 X 400 AND 4 X 800 RELAYS;
HM, POLE VAULT, STATE

PARTICIPANT
TRYSTAN GREEN (11) AC,
100-METER DASH, STATE
PARTICIPANT
LOGAN HUSS (12) HM, DISCUS
KAVAN JOHNSON ('23) AC, 4
X 800-METER RELAY, STATE
PARTICIPANT
LAUREN KLEIN (10) AC,
800-METER RUN CONFERENCE
CHAMPION, 4 X 400 RELAY,
STATE PARTICIPANT
ETHAN KRECKLAU ('23) HM,
POLE VAULT
EMILIA LAUINGER (12) AC, 4
X 400-METER RELAY, STATE
PARTICIPANT, AC,
4 X 800-RELAY
GAVIN MOORE (11) HM,
200-METER DASH
KYLIE NELSON (11) AC,
1600-METER RUN AND

4 X 400 RELAY, 1600-METER
CONFERENCE CHAMPION,
STATE PARTICIPANT
JACOB PODRATZ (12) HM,
400-METER DASH, STATE
PARTICIPANT, AC, 4 X 400 AND
4 X 800 RELAYS
MIRANDA SAWVEL (11) AC,
4 X 800 RELAY
ANNA SWANSON (10) AC,
4 X 800 RELAY
ISAIAH TANDOH (12) HM,
200-METER DASH
ABIGAIL WOOD (12) AC, 4 X
800 RELAY; HM, 3200-METER
RUN
JULIA ZALEWSKI (12) AC, 4 X
400 RELAY, STATE
PARTICIPANT
SAMUEL ZERESENAY ('23) AC,
4 X 400 RELAY; HM,
400-METER DASH

sports & activities



BASEBALL

JOSHUA LEE (12) AC
PEYTON STREIT (12) AC
ANDERS WESSMAN ('23) AC

WILLIAM WHELAN ('23) AC
JACK D'AGOSTINO (11) HM
VINCENT WRY ('23) HM



BOYS LACROSSE

LOGAN ADAMS (12) AC, 1ST TEAM ALL
SECTION
REESE LITTLEFIELD ('23) AC, 1ST TEAM
ALL SECTION
JACOB ROBINSON (12) AC
BROL SCHERMAN (12) AC, 1ST TEAM ALL
SECTION, ALL AMERICAN, 2ND TEAM
ALL STATE, EAST METRO PLAYER OF THE
YEAR FINALIST
KAI HERMODSON ('23) HM
KELLEN KRUMWIEDE (12) HM
COOPER LARSON ('23) HM



GIRLS LACROSSE

ELIZABETH CLOUGH ('23) AC, 2ND TEAM
ALL SECTION
CALLIE CODY ('23) AC, 2ND TEAM ALL
SECTION
ANNA JARPEY ('23) AC
PEYTON BREZNY (12) HM

ELLA O'HEARN ('23) AC, 1ST TEAM ALL
SECTION
NOELLE HEMR (12) HM
MADELINE PERRON (12) HM
ELLA WEIST (11) HM



GIRLS SOFTBALL

CELSI BURN ('23) AC, ALL SECTION
PEYTON COBRIN (11) ALL SECTION
LILLIAN GILMORE (12) AC

RILEY O'CONNELL (11) AC, ALL SECTION
JORDAN LEMIRE ('23) HM

COACH OF THE
YEAR NAMED



SETH KING
BOYS LACROSSE,
SECTION 7



DAN HAERTL
BOYS TENNIS,
CLASS 4AA



**IMPORTANT TICKET PURCHASE
INFORMATION FOR COUGAR FANS**
Season passes and individual
tickets to athletic events must be
purchased online at **highschool.
isd12.org/athletics-activities-at-
chs/fan-zone**.

How to access your ticket: Print
your ticket or download and save to
your mobile device prior to arriving
at an event, or access tickets from
your device using the ticketing app.

**Regular Season Individual
Ticket Prices:**

Adult, \$8; Students (K-12): \$5

Regular Season Athletic Passes:
Passes are available and must be
purchased online at **highschool.
isd12.org/athletics-activities-at-
chs/fan-zone**. Season passes
include all regular season home
games only and are the most
affordable way to enjoy Centennial
Cougar athletic events.

Adult Pass (ages 19+): \$120
Student Pass (ages 7-18): \$50

**NOTE: Cash and/or checks will
not be accepted at the gate.**



GIRLS GOLF

MARINA ALLEN (12) AC,
STATE PARTICIPANT
TAYLOR THOR (9) AC



FISHING

The fish were biting in June at the Campus
Bass Classic, sponsored by Infinite Campus.
A shout out to **Charlie Kratsch**, CEO of
Infinite Campus, for your support of the
Centennial Fishing Team, and congratulations
to **Andrew Person**, first prize winner. (From
left, **Shane Rasmussen**, fishing club advisor
and teacher, Centennial High School, **Charlie
Kratsch** and **Andrew Person**.)



ADAPTED SOFTBALL

TJ LICHTENBERG (11) AC
TATE MORRIS (11) AC
ABIGAL PASS (11) AC

ANNA HEMBRE (11) HM
CARSON SNELL (12) HM



TRAP

donor news

MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF CENTENNIAL STUDENTS



The Centennial Area Education Foundation (CAEF) generous supporters continue to advance learning experiences for students. Dedicated to improving educational and teaching outcomes, CAEF's partnership with Centennial ISD12 and the community equip the next generation of learners to reach their fullest potential. The generosity of all comes together on behalf of Centennial students. And, we thank you!

YOUR TIME IS IMPORTANT

We know your time is important and we really appreciate it! CAEF is in need of energized and active people to join us in our fundraising efforts for our education community. Make a direct, tangible impact for our students by volunteering based on your talent/skill set or for specific events. Volunteer opportunities include:

- Special Event Committee (planning, organizing groups, etc.)
- Sponsorship Liaison
- Auction/Raffle Donation Liaison
- Event Crew (set up, during, tear down)
- 2024 Grant Review Committee
- Board Member (leadership role and attend monthly meetings)

Please complete the online Volunteer Form at caefoundation.org/volunteer with your volunteer preferences. No time or talent will be wasted! Contact **CAEF President, Jesse Bentrup**, 763.639.0874 with questions.

CHARITABLE YEAR-END GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

When making your year-end giving plans, please consider contributions to CAEF which in turn provides support to the school district. Please think about these opportunities:

- IRA investments requiring individuals to make a minimum distribution by the end of the year can donate to CAEF through such a distribution. Please check with your tax advisor for full details.
- Employer matching gifts can double your impact when you verify your employer will match your charitable contributions made to CAEF. Check with your employer for a matching gift program or a volunteer grant program.

CAEF is thankful for any donations made online or mailed to: CAEF, PO Box 4, Circle Pines, MN 55014.

April 13, 2024

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE 2024 CAEF GALA - SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2024

Get dressed up and enjoy the evening festivities during CAEF's largest fundraiser at Majestic Oaks Golf Club. Tickets will be available on the CAEF website early 2024.

Interested in planning a party? CAEF is looking for Gala Committee Chair(s) and Planning Committee Members. Help make

the event successful and memorable by signing up to volunteer at caefoundation.org/volunteer.

CAEF 3RD ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT RAISED \$5,500!

Thanks to all golfers, sponsors, and raffle donors who chose to support Centennial students. Congratulations to the 2023 Golf Champions: Foursome Team - **Alex Faulken, Seth Hurd, Adam Pagh,** and **Tim Goblirsch**.



CAEF hosted 32 golfers on September 8 at a fundraiser golf tournament held at Majestic Oaks Golf Course. The money raised will provide five CAEF scholarships to seniors pursuing higher education after graduation!

Thank You for Supporting the Powerpack Program!

Powerpack is entirely run by volunteers and relies 100% on food and monetary donations.

If you would like to contribute or learn more, please email powerpackdistrict12@gmail.com or see centennialfoodshelf.org/powerpack.

13,392 Total number of packs distributed



\$2.50

Cost per backpack



27,633

Total pounds of food

352 BACKPACKS DISTRIBUTED

ON AVERAGE PER WEEK (beginning in September with 246/week and ending in May with 391/week)



10 CENTENNIAL SCHOOLS

(1 preschool, 5 elementary, 1 middle school, 1 high school and 2 alternative learning centers)

alumni news

We want to hear from you! Send your alumni news to info@isd12.org.



We need YOU!

Are you interested in being involved in the Alumni Association?

Send an email to **Jessica Robinson** at centennialalumniassociation@gmail.com.

JOIN THE NETWORK OF ALUMNI AND GIVE BACK TO STUDENTS!

Help guide a student as they explore career paths by talking about your career and offering a job shadow opportunity. Sign up by scanning the QR code to complete a short survey, or by sending an email to **Jessica Robinson** (email listed above).



Stay Connected with Alumni

Graduate of CHS? Stay in touch with Centennial by connecting with alumni on:

Centennial Alumni Association (Official)

[chsALUMNIisd12](https://twitter.com/chsALUMNIisd12)

isd12.org/get-involved/alumni-association

For more information, email centennialalumniassociation@gmail.com



Colleen McMorran Salay ('85), a member of the Hall of Fame Class of 2023, and Centennial alumnae (from left) **Liz Tuma, Leanne Tuma, Tami Rangel, Colleen McMorran Salay, Angela Hensley, Kristen Lee,** and **Lori Lindsey** visited the school prior to the homecoming game.

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD
The Distinguished Alumni Award honors alumni who have

demonstrated outstanding professional accomplishments and/or who have used their education to impact society. Alumni must be out of school a minimum of 10 years to be considered.

Nominate a fellow classmate at isd12.org/alumni/centennial-hall-fame. Nominations are due December 1.

staff news

Welcome New Administrators!



Ben Fuller, Assistant Principal
Centennial High School



Brianna Peloquin, Assistant Principal
Centennial High School



Amy Gibson, Assistant Director
Alternative Learning



Raycheal Zamora, Coordinator
Student Services

Make a Difference and Substitute in our Schools!

Don't miss this chance to get involved and make a difference in the Centennial School District! No experience necessary; training provided. This is a great opportunity to:

- Be involved in your child's education and help out in the schools.
- Turn your volunteer hours into extra income.

- Work a schedule that fits with your student's schedule.
- Get paid weekly and take advantage of bonus opportunities.

AVAILABLE POSITIONS

Apply at teachersoncall.com or call 800.713.4439 for the following:

- Substitute Teachers (To qualify, you must have bachelor's degree with MN Teaching or Substitute License; you can obtain a Short

Call License if you have a bachelor's degree.) Rate: \$175/day; Retired teachers: \$200/day

- Substitute Paraprofessionals (To qualify, you must have a HS Diploma/GED.) Rate: \$18.50/hour

Substitute information can be found at isd12.org/join-our-team for:

Kids Club, food service, custodial, administrative assistants, and nurses.

HOURLY RATES

Kids Club:	\$16.50
Food Service:	\$17.00
Custodians:	\$17.68
Administrative Assistants:	\$21.50
Nurses:	\$27.75

Join
Our
Team!



community ed

Register for an experience together! Winter offerings will be open for registration beginning December 1 at 8:00am!

FOR YOUTH:

- Strategy Games Club (gr. 6-8)
- Ornament Making (ages 5-12)
- Skyhawks Basketball Camp (ages 2-12)
- DASH Multi-Sport Non-School Day Camp (gr. K-5)
- Ski/Snowboard Club (gr. 6-12)

FOR ADULTS:

- Boot Camp/Core
- Paramount Theater Winter Dance Party
- Women, Weight & Hormones (virtual)
- Questions and Answers with a MN Will and Trust Attorney (virtual)
- Intro to Genealogy
- Medicare 101



Dec. 2 Breakfast with Santa: Crafts and Cookie Decorating
(up to age 10 with adult)



Dec. 7 Santa's Holiday Workshop: Gingerbread House
(ages 3-11 with adult)



Dec. 17 Holiday Open Skating
(all ages/family)

www.communityed.isd12.org

Click on "Register" at the top of our home page to register online. You may also call 763.792.6100 to register over the phone. Financial assistance is available.



Register for classes by scanning the code or see isd12.ce.eleyo.com.



ADULT CONTINUING EDUCATION (ACE)

English language classes are offered for free right here at Centennial to support adults who may be immigrants or refugees. Classes are available in-person and online throughout the year. Contact Pearl Cheng, 763.792.5054, for more information.



KIDS CLUB

This summer Centennial Kids Club held a food drive and penny war. A total of 305 pounds of food and \$590.55 in cash were donated to the Centennial Food Shelf!



Kids Club has limited space available for care before and after school at Blue Heron Elementary, Golden Lake Elementary, and Centennial Elementary.

Kids Club is looking for quality staff to sub in our before and after school childcare program. If you are interested, please apply online at isd12.org/join-our-team.



AQUATICS

A new session of swim lessons will be available for registration beginning December 1. Not sure which lessons to register for? Contact **Clare Waddell** to set up a swim evaluation, cwaddell@isd12.org, 763.792.6115.



EARLY CHILDHOOD (ECFE)

Welcome to all our families in Centennial Early Childhood and Centennial Preschool! We are so happy you are taking classes with us.

Our program has welcomed 109 Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) families and 261 part-day and full-day preschool students.

Are you still looking for a class for your birth-age 5 child? We are here for you. Check us out at www.earlychildhood.isd12.org or call 763.792.6120.



COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Breakfast with Santa-December 2, 9 am, Centennial Elementary: Bring the family and come visit Santa before he heads back to the North Pole. Everyone will have a light breakfast. Children can make crafts and decorate a cookie.

Registration is required at isd12.ce.eleyo.com or scan the code above.



THE OBSERVER

YOUR DISTRICT COMMUNITY NEWS

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Meetings are held at 6:30pm at the District Office Board Room unless otherwise indicated. See isd12.org to view agendas, watch live-stream from your own device, or view meetings from the archive.

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