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[CHS Staff] Fwd: Warrior Weekly 08-30-24

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Principal's Message

Hello Warrior Community (parents and guardians), It has been an awesome second week at Centaurus. Students are settling in to the routine. Freshman seem to know where they are going, how the bell schedule functions, and they are creating their high school personas, slowly. There are a few things that I would love to touch on with you.

The first is that our 8th annual Centaurus Academic Support Fund (CASF) fundraising campaign kicked off Monday at Back To School Night! The purpose of the CASF is to directly support academics at Centaurus, providing materials, equipment, student support services, and opportunities to enhance and innovate our student learning experience. Thanks to your amazing generosity we are already off and running towards our CASF goal of \$35,000! (7% in 4 days is impressive!) Our fundraiser will run until 10/5.

I want to stress that no amount is too big or too small! All donations are 100% tax deductible and the proceeds directly benefit academic programs at Centaurus High School. We will

form a committee as we get closer to end of the fundraiser. If you are interested in serving on the committee for grant allocation, please contact my admin assistant Cathy Kakavas ([cathy.kakavas@bvsd.org](mailto:cathy.kakavas@bvsd.org))

Here are some of the grants we have funded in previous years:

Canon Digital Cameras for Photography

Diverse literature to target our varied student experiences.

A class set of Vernier Go Direct CO2 gas sensors, plus a handful of additional science probes for student-designed investigations.

DNA Replication Modeling Kits for our Science Classes

Metalsmith Supplies for our Art Program

iMac Computers to support our Yearbook Class

3D Printers and VEX Robotics Equipment for the Engineering Program

Pottery Wheels for the Art Department

Indoor Plant Growing Area/Garden for the Science Department

Set of Mini One Electrophoresis to support Biology classes

Video and Still Cameras to support student media projects

Sonic Flame Tubes to demonstrate wave physics

Guest Speaker, Matt de la Pena, for multi-class read of

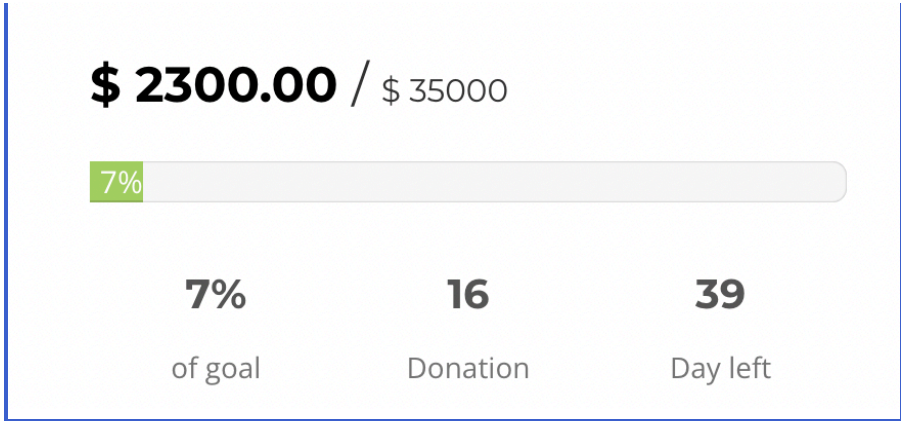
*Whiteboy* and novels to support individual student participation.

We hope that you will consider making a donation over the next 37 days. You should have received an additional email with a direct link to donate from BVSDSupport, but you can also access the donation site directly using this link ([Centaurus Academic Support Fund CASF](#)).

\*\*We also are aware that in an effort to include all of our parents in the list serve for donation, some of our students were included in the email list and received an email from us for donation. Please know that this was an oversight on our part and we are sorry that there was any confusion. We are aware and working with our district team to figure out how. Thank you for understanding.

I hope you have and amazing labor day weekend; the weather is looking sunny and warm. Enjoy!

Carlyn Carroll  
Principal



## Important Dates



- September 2- No School-Labor Day
- September 4- IB Program Presentation
- September 11- Senior college planning night- 6-7:30pm
- September 12- FET meeting- 5:30pm-7:00pm
- September 19- Coffee with the Principal @ Centaurus High School- 9am
- September 27- Picture retakes
- October 5- Homecoming Dance

## What you need to know

### ATTENDdance



This year, we are starting a new attendance initiative to motivate and support student engagement. We are requiring our students' year to date (YTD) attendance percentage to be 85% or above, and they should have no more than one F to attend the Homecoming dance on Oct. 5th. Extenuating circumstances are always considered.

CHS holds all students to high academic standards, while acknowledging the whole student story. We know that academic success begins with student engagement in the learning environment. As such, we are aligned with the district's initiative to improve attendance and the state of Colorado's Compulsory Attendance Law. The goal of ATTENDdance is to proactively make a plan with the student that allows for the student to demonstrate adequate progress towards their academics and attendance. Adequate progress is defined as movement towards demonstrated quantifiable improvement in academics, attendance or both. This is part of an individualized plan to support academic success and is based on a student's individual needs.

For instance a plan may contain the following:

If they have more than 1 F, (2 or more):

They will have to create a plan to improve their academics with the Engagement Counselor and/or administrator. The plan encourages student Academic progress by:

Meeting with a teacher, according to plan

**Turning in missing assignments, according to plan**

**Raising a grade percentage (growth), according to plan**

**Attend Academic time, Tutor Time, Advisory, Drop-in-tutoring, according to plan**

**If they have less than 85% attendance rate:**

**They will have to create a plan to improve their attendance with a Engagement Counselor and/or administrator. The plan encourages student attendance by:**

**Attending a certain percentage the week prior, according to plan**

**Meeting with teacher to develop pathway, according to plan**

**Students will have time to work on these areas and begin a pathway towards better habits of attendance and academic support prior to the dance. They can use Advisory, Academic Time, and Tutor Time, to work with teachers to get their grades up and they can attend all classes to prevent having to get on an attendance contract.**

**How you can help as a parent: Please monitor your students attendance and grades and assist us in partnering to support your student. If your student is at-risk for not being eligible to attend the dance (<85% year-to-date attendance or failing grades) they will need to meet with their administrator or the engagement counselor. Please call or email Heather Patik (720-561-7650) if you have any questions or concerns.**

**List of Administrators and Counseling for Support:**

**Heather Patik: Engagement Counselor 720-561-7650**

**Andrea Davidson: Assistant Principal A-E 720-561-5434**

**Augusto Di Laura: Assistant Principal H-O 720-561-5361**

**Jennifer Piggott: Assistant Principal P-Z 720-561-5355**

## Student ID's



**Student ID'S are required to enter the school each day so make sure you have your school ID with you at all times. If you have an ID that is not working please see Adela in security to get this fixed for you.**

## IB Program



**If you are new to Centaurus for the 2024/25 school year and would like to learn more about the IB Program please join us for a presentation and question and answer session on Wednesday, September 4th, 6:00 - 7:00 pm in the Student Center. Please join us to learn about the IB program. There will be an overview of the IB program presented at the meeting, as well as time to ask questions**

## Centaurus Marching Band



**Tonight is your chance to see the Centaurus Marching Band's first performance of the year! The band will be performing at half-time at this evening's Varsity Football game! The football game begins at 7:00 PM.**

If you're free on Labor Day, come watch the Centaurus Marching Band in the Downtown Louisville Labor Day Parade! The parade begins at 10:00 AM and goes south down Main Street in downtown Louisville!

## Senior College Planning Night



September 11, 2024- [Click here for more information](#)

## Community Wide Book Study



We welcome all parents & guardians to join us in a community-wide book study of *Anxious Generation*, by Jonathan Haidt. - [DETAILS HERE](#)

## SAC Meetings



Are you a parent that would like to get involved and meet other involved parents? Join SAC! Centaurus' School Accountability Committee meets once a month on Wednesdays from 5 pm to 6 pm at school. We are a team that works with each other and the administration to make Centaurus a better place by reviewing budgets, driving school reform, and supporting parent engagement.

If you are interested, our first semester meetings will be on Sept. 18th, October 16th, and November 20th (no meeting in December). We would love to have you at one, two, or all the meetings! We will put out the second semester meeting dates at a later time.

Please fill out the Google Form to let us know you are interested and we will send more information along.

[SAC Interest Form](#)

Contact Alison Santmyer, SAC Chair, at [alisonsantmyer@gmail.com](mailto:alisonsantmyer@gmail.com) for more questions!

## From the Health Room



We look forward to providing a safe and healthy school year for your student/s. The following is information on BVSD health-related requirements and resources to ensure your student is prepared for the school year.

If you have any questions or need additional information please contact your School's Health Team.

[DETAILED INFORMATION HERE](#)

## Grad Plus



Is your student interested in taking some tuition free college credit classes through our District Select Program? If so, check out the link

[HERE](#) to find out more.  
Or email your Grad Plus Site Lead, [wendy.pearson@bvsd.org](mailto:wendy.pearson@bvsd.org)

## Sports/Clubs



### Golf

It is GOLF time! Our first annual golf tournament is just around the corner.

We are looking for Players! Sponsors! Silent auction items! Check out the details [here](#). Please reach out if I can help in any way. [Kelly@centaurusboosters.org](mailto:Kelly@centaurusboosters.org)

### Poms

Calling all K-5th graders who love to dance! The Centaurus Varsity Dance team is hosting a Mini-Dance Camp on Sept 12th and 13th. Join the squad on the field for a halftime performance during the Sept 13th Centaurus vs. Monarch football game. Participants receive a T-shirt, bow, poms, and dance training. Registration ends Sept 8th. Register here: <https://bit.ly/CHSDanceCampFall24>. Please contact [kathleen.cole@bvsd.org](mailto:kathleen.cole@bvsd.org) with questions.

 <b>WEEKLY SCHEDULE</b> CENTAURUS ATHLETICS & ACTIVITIES SEPTEMBER 2-7 						
2 MONDAY	3 TUESDAY	4 WEDNESDAY	5 THURSDAY	6 FRIDAY	7 SATURDAY	
NO EVENTS SCHEDULED	4:00 PM: Boys Tennis vs. Broomfield (JV & V)  4:00/5:00/6:30 PM: Girls Volleyball @ Vista Peak	4:00 PM: Boys Tennis vs. Alexander Dawson (JV & V)  5:30 PM: Boys Soccer @ Skyview (Level C)	8:00 AM: Boys Golf @ Granite Peaks League Meet #4 (Coyote Creek Golf Course)  4:00 & 5:30 PM: Softball vs. Bennett (V & JV)  4:30/5:30/6:30 PM: Girls Volleyball vs. Pomona (Level C/JV/V)	8:00 AM: Boys Tennis @ Grand Junction Invitational  7:00 PM: Football @ Hivod (V) - Everly-Montgomery Field	8:00 AM: Girls Volleyball @ Poudre Invitational (Level Red & Blue)  9:00 AM: Football (C/JV) vs. Hivod  9:00 AM: Cross Country @ Bernie Gay Invitational (Woods Lake Park)  12:00 & 2:00 PM: Boys Soccer vs. Battle Mountain (JV & V)	

## Advisory Update



September 5, 2024  
9th-11th- Tutor Time  
12th- Letter of recommendation & college prep

## Mental Health Moment



**“While it’s true that you can’t always change the situation you find yourself in, you can always change your response to it...” Betty Hart, *Laugheceuticals***

Sometimes laughter truly can be the best medicine. Did you know that laughter impacts us physically, bio-chemically, social-emotionally, mentally, and cognitively? It is an amazing tool that can decrease our response to toxic stress. [Here is a great article from the Parent Engagement Network](#) that provides more information on this easily accessible tool.

If your student is demonstrating concerning responses to stress, we are here to help. Please find more information about the Centaurus Counseling Department and how to contact us on our [website](#).

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## Athletics News

### Softball



Softball is off to a hot start, picking up back to back home victories over Aurora Central (25-24) and Fort Lupton (8-7)!

### Boys Soccer



**Boys soccer picked up two impressive shutout victories to start the season: 2-0 over Cheyenne Mountain and 4-0 over Lewis-Palmer!**

## **Girls Volleyball**





Girls volleyball opened the season with an exciting five-set home victory over Peak to Peak!

## Football



Football opened the 2024 season with a dominant 31-7 road victory over Denver North. Congratulations to Aaron Carlson on picking up his first victory as head coach of the Warriors!

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## Getting to know your Centaurus Team

### Humberto Silva- School Support Assistant



**Hey guys! My name is Humberto Silva and I am your new school support assistant at Centaurus.**

**I was born in Chicago but raised here in Lafayette most of my life. Got the awesome opportunity to attend Pioneer Elementary, Angevine middle, and Centaurus High school so I am a past warrior but you know what they say right? Once a warrior, always a warrior. SKO WARRIORS!**

**I'm a 26 year old dad with a beautiful 3 year old boy who has the energy of a puppy and basically has zoomies 24/7. Both of my parents are from Mexico and I have a younger sister who is my best friend and without my amazing family, I have no clue where I would be in life. Forever grateful and blessed to have them.**

**Thankfully I have been very fortunate to be around this community in Lafayette and got the chance to study abroad in Costa Rica, flew across the world to coach soccer in Japan, and built some of the most important relationships that lead me to where I am today.**

**Super duper happy and excited to be working at Centaurus and if there is any way I can help out, don't hesitate to ask. I also speak Spanish, shoutout to all my Latino brothers and sisters.**



## District News

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Cathy Kakavas