



# The Central Connection

*WE are SC—every student, teacher, class, and program contributes to the success of Salina High School Central.*

September 2025

Central High School | Salina, Kansas

## **Hello Mustang Families,**

As the fall season approaches, Central High School is excited to kick off a variety of events and activities. Students have recently had the opportunity to learn about the many clubs and organizations available this year. We strongly encourage all students to get involved and find a group that aligns with their interests—it's a great way to stay connected and engaged in the school community.

### **Important Upcoming Dates:**

#### **September 5 – Central vs. South Football Game**

- Central will be the visiting team. We encourage our students, families, and community members to attend and show their Mustang pride by supporting our team in the stands.

#### **September 17 – Homecoming Activities Begin**

- Festivities will start with a parade and pep rally. Additional details can be found in this newsletter and will be shared as the date approaches.

#### **Fall Testing Opportunities – PSAT/NMSQT & Pre ACT**

- Both the PSAT/NMSQT and Pre ACT exams will be offered this fall. Students interested in registering should visit Ms. Mendez in the Counseling Office for sign-up sheets and additional information.

#### **October – Parent-Teacher Conferences**

- Please note that conferences have been scheduled for October. Further details, including dates and scheduling instructions, will be shared in the coming weeks.

We are looking forward to a successful and spirited fall semester. Thank you for your continued support of Central High School.

**CHS Administrative Team,  
Dr. Matthew Brungardt, Tiffany Lowe, Amanda Thacker, Greg Maring**



## Greatness Grows When You're Here!

Our district is launching a district wide attendance campaign to reinforce the importance of school attendance and to support families in helping every student achieve their personal best.

Did you know that missing just 2 days a month for any reason, whether excused, unexcused, or due to suspension, can add up to a student being chronically absent? Chronic absence (missing 10% or more of the school year) can cause students to fall behind academically and feel disconnected from school.

As partners in your child's education, we encourage you to help build strong attendance habits by setting consistent routines, scheduling appointments outside of school hours when possible, and avoiding vacations or trips when school is in session.

If your child will be absent, please communicate with the school, and don't hesitate to reach out to our school counselor or social worker if you have any concerns. They are here to support you and your student.

Together, we can help all students grow and succeed because greatness truly grows when you're here!





## Salina Central Jazz Ensemble

We are proud to announce that the Salina Central High School Jazz Ensemble has been selected to perform at the 2026 Kansas Music Educators Association (KMEA) In-Service Workshop in Wichita.

This distinction is one of the highest honors a student ensemble can receive in the state of Kansas. The selection is a testament to the ensemble’s exceptional musicianship, dedication, and continued pursuit of excellence. The students earned this opportunity through focused rehearsals, consistent musical growth, and a deep commitment to collaboration—both in the classroom and beyond.

We extend our sincere congratulations to every member of the ensemble. Your passion, discipline, and artistic integrity have led to this remarkable achievement. Thank you for representing Salina Central with distinction.



## “Back to School” Community Donation Drive

This summer, the CHS Girls Tennis Team organized and carried out a “Back to School” donation drive to support the Salina community. Team members collected and distributed food, personal care items, and school supplies to eight local community pantries in an effort to help families prepare for the upcoming school year.

The initiative reflects the team’s commitment not only to excellence on the court, but also to service and leadership off the court. By directly delivering donations to multiple locations across Salina, the team ensured that resources reached a wide range of individuals and families in need.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of this effort. Your generosity helped make a meaningful impact in our community.





## Thespian Troupe 639 Students Win International Honors



Salina Central Theatre proudly celebrates the outstanding achievements of its Thespian Troupe 639 at the International Thespian Festival 2025, held this summer. Our talented students represented us on the national stage with passion, professionalism, and excellence.

### Superior Thespy Award Recipients

Three of our students earned the prestigious Superior Thespy rating, the highest distinction awarded, and were honored with pins signifying their achievement:

- Addilyn Jagodzinske (12) – Costume Construction
- Sarah Day (12) – Solo Musical
- Katie Morgan (12) – Solo Musical

### Excellent Thespy Ratings

Several students also received Excellent Ratings, a mark of high accomplishment and performance:

- Lillian Crow & Camille Graber (2025 Graduate, 10) – Duet Musical
- Sarah Day & Madison Berndt (12) – Duet Musical
- Mac Sheforgen, Gabriel Freeland, Andrew Graber, Wyatt Angell (12) – Group Musical
- Ava Weaverling (11) – Solo Monologue
- Anna Kraft (12) – Solo Monologue
- William Howe (10) – Solo Dance

We are incredibly proud of our students' dedication and the artistry they showcased on the international stage. Bravo, Troupe 639!



## Homecoming Week!

### Homecoming Parade & Pep Rally-

- Wednesday, September 17 | 6:30 p.m.

Join us downtown as the Homecoming Parade kicks off at the Masonic Temple on Santa Fe and makes its way to Salina Stadium. Immediately following the parade, students will celebrate our school spirit and rally behind our Mustangs at the Pep Rally!

Come out and show your Mustang Pride!

### Homecoming Football Game-

- Friday, September 19 | 7 p.m. | Salina Stadium

The Mustangs will take on Haysville-Campus in the Homecoming Game. During halftime, we'll crown our Homecoming King and Queen, and enjoy performances by the Central Band, Vets, and Cheer teams.

### Homecoming Dance: "Through the Decades"-

- Saturday, September 20 | 8-10 p.m. | Auxiliary Gym

Get ready to dance through the decades at this year's Homecoming Dance! Come dressed in your best decade-inspired attire and enjoy an evening of music, fun, and Mustang spirit.

### Tickets: \$10

Tickets are available for purchase in Room 1201. Both card and cash will be accepted. Each student will receive a physical ticket, which must be presented at the door for entry. **No ticket – no entry.**

Please contact Ms. Eades before or after school with any questions.

Let's make it a night to remember!

### Go Mustangs!

## Fall Play - Clue

Get ready for mystery, mayhem, and lots of laughs! Our talented students are bringing Clue to life on stage this fall.

### Showtimes:

- Thursday, September 26 at 7 p.m.
- Friday, September 27 at 7 p.m.
- Saturday, September 28 at 2:30 p.m.

Join us for a night (or afternoon) of suspense, comedy, and outstanding performances. You won't want to miss it!



## From The District

### **Need Health Coverage? Our School Social Workers Can Help!**

Did you know our school social workers can now assist families with Presumptive Eligibility (PE) enrollment? PE provides temporary Medicaid coverage for children and pregnant individuals who appear to be eligible, giving access to important health services while the full application is being processed.

If your family is in need of health coverage or you're unsure where to start, our social workers are here to help guide you through the process. It's quick, confidential, and can make a big difference in ensuring your child stays healthy and supported.

To learn more or to schedule an appointment, please contact your school's social worker directly. We're here for you!

### **Screen Your Student for Symptoms of Illness**

It is important to screen your student for illness every day before coming to school. Keep your student at home if sick with any illness. By making sure students are healthy when they come to school, we all can help prevent illnesses that disrupt learning.

Thank you for your support!

### **Steps to Success: Communicating with Your Child's School**

We strive to be the best place to learn. The only way we can improve is to know about concerns so we are able to address them. Here are some tips for communicating with your child's school when concerns arise.

The fastest way to a positive result is to start with the people closest to the situation in the school. Talk with the teacher or coach about your questions and concerns before going to the principal.

Parents and guardians are encouraged to reach out to teachers and school staff by:

- Calling the school's phone number. Because they are teaching, you often will need to leave a message for your child's teacher or coach.
- Emailing the teacher or coach directly. All teacher emails are available on our school website.

We want to be responsive to parents' questions and requests for information. Our staff will respond to your call or email as soon as possible, in most cases within two school days.

If you have had a conversation with your child's teacher and the principal and are still needing assistance, the director of elementary or secondary programs will be able to provide additional support.

We are excited for this new school year and look forward to partnering with you to support a great school experience for your student.



## September

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

## Calendar of Events

- 9/5 - Mayor's Cup - Central/South Football Game - 7 p.m.
- 9/10 - Band at the State Fair
- 9/15 - Sophomore Class Ring Meeting
- 9/17 - Homecoming Parade - 6:30 p.m.
- 9/19 - Homecoming Football Game - 7 p.m.
- 9/20 - Homecoming Dance 8 p.m.
- 9/23 - Orchestra Strings Day - K-State
- 9/25 - KMEA Workshop - Bethany
- 9/26 - 9/27 - Fall Play - *Clue* - 7 p.m.
- 9/28 - Fall Play - *Clue* - 2 p.m.

## PSAT/Pre ACT Exams

### Juniors: PSAT/NMSQT Exam

This exam is an important opportunity as PSAT scores are used to determine eligibility for a variety of scholarships, academic honors, and college preparation programs.

#### Exam Details:

- **Date:** Wednesday, October 22, 2025
- **Location:** Central High School
- **Cost:** \$18
- **Format:** Digital
- **Registration Deadline:** Friday, September 19



[College Board Website](#)

Payment is required before the exam can be ordered. Please make payments directly to our bookkeeper, Ms. Dow. Please contact Ms. Mendez or Ms. Umscheid in the Counseling office with any questions.

### Freshman: Pre ACT

- **Who:** All Freshman
- **Date:** October 21, 2025
- **Time:** 8 a.m.



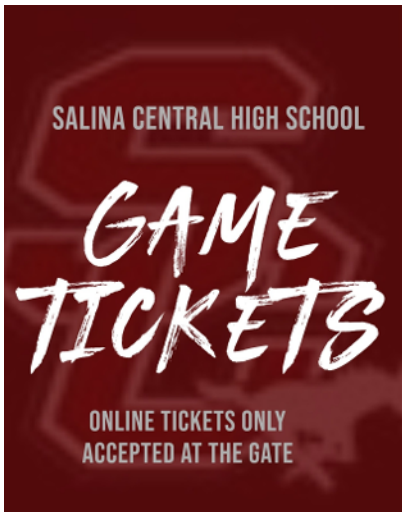
[Email Mr. Dix With Questions](#)

The Pre ACT exam provides students with a baseline score and serves as an excellent preparation tool for the ACT exam.



## Upcoming

- 9/2 - Varsity Boys Soccer vs Junction City - 6:15 p.m.
- 9/2 - JV Boys Soccer vs Junction City - 5 p.m.
- 9/4 - Varsity Girls Tennis - 3 p.m.
- 9/8 - JV Football vs Salina South - 5:45 p.m.
- 9/8 - Freshman Football vs Salina South - 4 p.m.
- 9/9 - Varsity Girls Golf - 2 p.m.
- 9/9 - Varsity/JV Volleyball - 5 p.m.
- 9/11 - Freshman Volleyball - 5 p.m.
- 9/12 - Varsity Football vs Ark City - 7 p.m.
- 9/13 - Varsity Girls Tennis - 9 a.m.
- 9/16 - Varsity Boys Soccer vs Salina South - 6:15 p.m.
- 9/16 - JV Boys Soccer vs Salina South - 5 p.m.
- 9/16 - JV Girls Tennis - 3 p.m.
- 9/19 - Varsity Football vs Haysville-Campus - 7 p.m.
- 9/20 - JV Volleyball - 8:30 a.m.
- 9/23 - Varsity Boys Soccer vs Maize - 6:15 p.m.
- 9/23 - JV Boys Soccer vs Maize - 5 p.m.
- 9/25 - Freshman Volleyball - 5 p.m.
- 9/26 - Varsity Boys Soccer vs Andover Central - 6:15 p.m.
- 9/26 - JV Boys Soccer vs Andover Central - 5 p.m.
- 9/29 - JV Football vs Eisenhower - 5:45 p.m.
- 9/29 - Freshman Football vs Eisenhower - 4 p.m.
- 9/29 - JV Girls Tennis - 3 p.m.
- 9/30 - Varsity/JV Volleyball 5 p.m.
- 9/30 - Varsity Boys Soccer vs Ark City - 6:15 p.m.
- 9/30 JV Boys Soccer vs Ark City - 5 p.m.



Purchase Tickets Here:



New this Year!

USD 305 has discontinued student activity tickets.

Salina Central students get in FREE to all Central home events with their school picture ID.

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Athletic Directors		Greg Maring
Office Manager		Laura Hinca
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