



CHS STEM



Newsletter- December



Student Spotlight

Ronan Norman

CHS: Senior

Favorite STEM Class:

My favorite STEM classes have been engineering classes because they give me the opportunity to solve real-world problems.

STEM Future:

I hope to become an aerospace engineer

STEM Question: If you could use science or technology to change the world, what problem would you tackle?

One of the biggest problems I would like to solve would be our lack of efficient and sustainable transportation. While cars may be convenient, they are dangerous and they pollute our air.

Favortie Study Snack:

Dot's Pretzels

STEM Superhero:

I would love to have the superpower of vision. It would be incredible to know what something looks and feels like before it exists.

Academic Spotlight

University of Colorado Engineering Professors Present at CHS



University of Colorado
Boulder

Colorado Mesa University and the University of Colorado Boulder Engineering Partnership Program visited Central High School, led by Nathan McNeill, Director of the CMU-CU Boulder Engineering Partnership Programs, and Talles Santos, Instructor in the CMU/CU Boulder Engineering Partnership Program. They engaged our students in a dynamic, hands-on engineering activity and shared insights about the wide range of engineering pathways available through their partnership program.

Central is excited to work with engineering professors right here in our own backyard, giving students direct access to local experts and real-world learning opportunities. This was a fantastic opportunity for Central students to learn about civil, electrical, mechanical, and other engineering fields offered through the CMU-CU Boulder partnership.



Message from the STEM Coordinator

I can't believe we're already approaching the end of the semester! Our students have been working incredibly hard in their classes—showing dedication, creativity, and growth every single day. They also participated in our fun notecard challenge during advisory and, of course, enjoyed our STEM breakfast together.

STEM applications are now open, please spread the word about STEM at CHS. I'm so proud of the excitement and commitment I'm seeing from our students. I truly feel blessed to be in this position and to watch our program continue to grow.

We also have very exciting news coming in January. Keep an eye out for an email about our upcoming media release—I feel like Christmas came early with this announcement, and I cannot wait to share it with you. I absolutely love where our STEM program is headed, and I'm grateful to share this journey with our students and families.

Mrs. Westcott

UPCOMING EVENTS



STEM Parent Info Night

DEC. 8th 6:00– 7:00

CHS Library

Join us to learn more about STEM at CHS—explore our pathways, meet our team, and discover why CHS is the place to launch your future in science, technology, engineering, and math.



STEM APPLICATIONS OPEN

The STEM application for 2026–2027 incoming 8th grade students is officially open. Current CHS students who are interested in joining the STEM program may also apply at any time.



Engineering Field Trip

DEC. 10th 2025

8:15 –2:00

Students will have the chance to visit local engineering firms to connect with professionals and begin building real-world industry contacts. We'll also be visiting the engineering departments at CMU/University Colorado Boulder to learn more about their engineering fields. To top it off, students will enjoy a lunch at CMU as part of the campus experience. Visit Counseling to sign up



Finals

DEC. 17th & 18th



Warrior Workday

DEC. 19th



Christmas Break

DEC. 19th – Jan 6th

★ STEM Teacher Spotlight : Mr. Kelly Bennett

Meet Mr. Kelly Bennett, one of our amazing STEM educators! Mr. Bennett brings a wealth of experience and passion to the Warrior Classroom. He received his Bachelor of Science with a double major in Chemistry and Biology with an emphasis in secondary education from Colorado Mesa University. He also earned his Master of Science in Curriculum and Instruction from Western Governors University. Mr. Bennett is in his 18th year in the classroom, and has been at CHS since 2019. He inspires his students to discover the world around them through the power of science. Currently, Mr. Bennett teaches Chemistry and Physics.

Mr. Bennett is married to his wonderful wife Destini of 19 years and they are the proud parents of two girls, Zoie who is 13 and will be a STEM Warrior next year and Naya who is 10. At home they have 2 dogs, a 13-year-old lab/setter/hound mix named Lily and a 6-year-old Mini-Australian Shepherd named Honey. Mr. Bennett's family enjoys camping and hiking any chance they get and he is an avid fisherman ranging from fly fishing high mountain lakes and streams to fishing some of the same waters after they freeze in the winter.

Fun Facts about Mr. Bennett:

Favorite Food – Sushi

Favorite pie – Pumpkin

Favorite Activities – Spending time with his family, Hiking, Fishing, and Camping

Dream Travel Destination – Alaskan Fishing Cruise

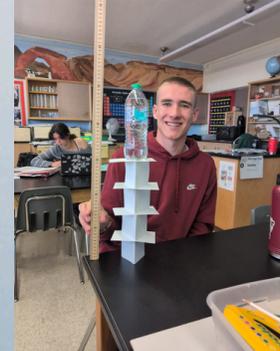
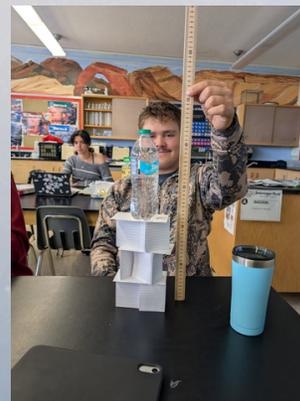


What do you love about teaching? – I love seeing students get excited about science by learning how the world works and seeing that “lightbulb” turn on when they discover it.

Last Month in Pictures



CMU/CU BOULDER – Engineering Activity



Advisory Challenge

