



# The Central Connection

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

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Central High School | Salina, Kansas

## Mustang Families,

February is shaping up to be a busy and exciting month at Central High School. As winter sports conclude and spring sports begin, this seasonal transition brings many opportunities for student involvement and school spirit.

Upcoming Parent/Teacher Conferences will provide families with a valuable opportunity to connect with teachers and receive updates on student progress. Conference times and procedures are outlined below for your convenience.

We would also like to extend a sincere thank you to all families and community members who have supported our students by attending sporting events, musical performances, theatre productions, and tournaments. These activities are enriched by your presence, and your continued support makes a meaningful difference for our students.

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

## GSA - Under The Dome

Sarah Byarlay, English language arts educator and Kansas National Education Association (KNEA) member, attended Equality Day at the Kansas Statehouse on January 20, 2026 with 14 GSA (Gender and Sexuality Alliance) students from Salina Central High School. "This is a great opportunity for students to see something positive in a world where they are often made to feel less than. Everything that happens in this building is impacting them or someone they know in some way" Byarlay said. Governor Laura Kelly was among the speakers at the event.





## Kansas All-State Jazz Band

Congratulations to Julian Lundberg on being selected to the Kansas All-State Jazz Band on drum set. This is an exceptionally competitive honor, as only one drummer is selected statewide.

Julian's outstanding musicianship, consistency, and leadership distinguished him among top student musicians across Kansas. We are proud to recognize him as one of the state's finest jazz drummers.

Congratulations on this remarkable achievement, Julian!



## Kansas Gatorade Runner of the Year



Congratulations to Junior Kaylie Shultz!

- KS Gatorade Runner of the Year - 2025-26
- KSHSAA Class 5A State Champion
- Bob Timmons Award Winner

## CHS Debate

Central Debate concluded its season at the 5A State 2-Speaker Tournament. The team of Marcos Lira and Abdiel Ramos finished in the top half of the 52 entries, earning a balanced 5-5 win/loss record at the state competition and an overall placement of 25th.

We are incredibly proud of their hard work and dedication throughout the season and look forward to the start of the forensics season in the coming weeks.

## Art Awards

Congratulations to the CHS art students who participated in the regional and national Scholastic Art & Writing competition, hosted at the Mark Arts Center in Wichita. Gold and Silver award-winning artwork will be on display in February and March, with Honorable Mention pieces featured digitally. Advanced classes and participating students will visit the gallery in March.

- Honorable Mentions - Sarah Day, Iris George, Amy Gorrell, Avry Hendricks, Alyx Parker
- Silver - Izzaiah Douglas, Jeremiah Smith
- Gold, Silver, 2 Honorable Mentions - Danica Dixon



## Thespian Honors

Congratulations to Thespian Troupe 639 on earning Honors at the 2026 Kansas Thespian Festival! The troupe presented two main stage performances of *Catch Me If You Can* and was recognized as a Gold Honor Troupe. Students earned a record 21 Superior Thespys and 24 Excellent Thespys, along with 1st place in Competitive Charades and 2nd place in Competitive Improvisation.

A special congratulations to Barbara Hilt for being inducted into the 2026 Kansas Thespian Hall of Fame!



## Into the Woods

The Salina Central Winter Musical, presented by the Theatre and Music programs, brought *Into the Woods* to the stage January 29–31. Thanks to the Booster Club, students were admitted free to Thursday night’s performance. The production blended classic fairy tales—including Cinderella, Jack and the Beanstalk, and Rapunzel—into one unforgettable story.

Thank you to everyone who came out to support our talented students.

## Celebrating Career and Technical Education

February is Career and Technical Education (CTE) month, and we are pleased to highlight the vital role CTE plays in preparing students for college, careers and life beyond the classroom.

CTE programs help students explore real-world skills, hands-on learning and career pathways that align with their interests and future goals. We celebrate our students and educators who make learning relevant, engaging and connected to today’s workforce.

For more information about CTE programs in Salina Public Schools, visit the CTE and Postsecondary Opportunities webpage on the district website.





## Student of the Week - January



**KyLynn Sieler:** KyLynn is a freshman at Central High School. Her favorite parts of school are English and art. Outside of school, she is involved in karate. After high school, she plans to attend college. Some fun facts about KyLynn are that she enjoys playing basketball, drawing and karate. She also has three cats and three siblings.

**Malik Harrison:** Malik is a freshman at Central High School. At school, Malik is a member of the football and track teams. His favorite class is science. Outside of school, he attends Xcel. After high school, Malik plans to pursue a career related to space and science. A fun fact about Malik is that he loves to play pickleball in his free time.



**Marcos Lira:** Marcos is a senior at Central High School. At school, he does forensics, debate, Theatre and choir. Outside of school, he works and does choir. His favorite classes are choir and Theatre and he appreciates the teachers and classes for helping him grow as an individual. After graduation, he plans to become a history teacher. Some fun facts about Marcos are that he is close with his family, he has two brothers and one sister and one of his brothers works at Central.

**Roselyn Nienke:** Roselyn is a junior at Central High School. At school, she is a member of the band and jazz band, is in forensics, yearbook and tutors. Roselyn enjoys how much her teachers care about the material they are teaching. She wants to give a shoutout to Mrs. Shurts and Ms. Paradis for how much she has learned from them in chemistry and English. Outside of school, she is involved with band activities through the municipal band. After graduation, she plans to attend a four year college followed by law school where she will pursue family law. Some fun facts about Roselyn are that she loves wintertime, enjoys reading and spending time with her family. She also has one dog named Tom and 12 cats, all of which she loves very much.





## Parent/Teacher Conferences

We invite parents to Spring conferences with a “come and go” format. Teachers will be located in the small gym and cafeteria on Wednesday, and then in teachers’ classrooms on Thursday. You will have the opportunity to have a brief conversation with each of your student’s teachers. If a longer conversation is needed, appointments can be set up with teachers to speak more in depth about your student(s).

Please sign in at the check-in table when entering the building through Crawford Street or the South Student entrance. Student schedules can be accessed through Skyward. Printed copies will also be available at the Counseling Center.

### Conference Dates and Locations:

- **Wednesday, February 4:** Teachers will be available in the cafeteria and small gym
  - 5 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
- **Thursday, February 5:** Teachers will be available in their classrooms
  - 7:15 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.
  - 12 p.m. - 3 p.m.
  - 5 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

We look forward to seeing you at conferences!

## Kids Feeding Kids

Students in Mrs. Fritz's Culinary Professionals class at CHS will prepare and distribute macaroni and cheese meals to support local families in need.

The meals will be available for pickup during parent-teacher conferences at the concession stand on Wednesday and in Mrs. Fritz's classroom, 1715 on Thursday.

Through the Kids Feeding Kids program, this hands-on service project empowers students to lead with compassion, serve their community, and live out the core values of Salina Central High School.



## Peer Tutoring

Students interested in participating in peer tutoring during ELO may contact Mr. Brad Dix.



Mr. Dix

Peer tutoring is available Tuesday through Friday during ELO in the STEM Lab or Room 1404.




## Senior Recognition Ads – 2026 Trail Yearbook

Parents and families are invited to congratulate their senior with photos and a personalized message in the 2026 Trail Yearbook. A limited number of recognition ad spaces are available. The submission deadline is March 5, 2026.

### Ad Options and Pricing

- 1/8 Page – \$60.00
  - Includes 2 - 3 photos and a personalized message
  - Dimensions: 4 inches wide by 2.5 inches tall
- 1/4 Page – \$85.00
  - Includes 3 - 4 photos and a personalized message
  - Dimensions: 4 inches wide by 5 inches tall
- 1/2 Page – \$150.00
  - Includes 5 - 6 photos and a personalized message
  - Dimensions: 8 inches wide by 5 inches tall

### Submission and Payment Options

- Digital photos and messages may be emailed to:  [Trail Yearbook](#)  
Online payment is available at the 2026 Senior Yearbook Ad link.
- Physical copies of photos and messages may be delivered to Mr. Alan Webb in Room 2100. Payment may be made by check payable to Salina Central Yearbook or by cash.

### Please be sure to include:

- Senior's full name
- Indicate which photo should be used as the primary image.
- Note any additional layout or photo preferences.

### 2026 Yearbook Purchase Options

- Non-personalized cover: \$65.00
- Personalized name on cover: \$75.00

For additional information, please contact Mr. Alan Webb at 785-309-3558 or the link below.



[Mr. Webb](#)



## February

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

## Calendar of Events

- 2/4 Parent/Teacher Conferences
  - 5 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
- 2/5 Parent/Teacher Conferences
  - 7:15 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.
  - 12 p.m. - 3 p.m.
  - 5 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
- 2/6 **No School**
- 2/9 **No School**
- 2/12 Salina Strings Day - KWU
- 2/20 - 21 Murder Mystery Theater
  - 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. Martinelli's
- 2/24 - 25 Academic Achievement Awards 2 p.m.

## National FFA Week



National FFA Week will be celebrated February 21–28, and the Salina FFA Chapter is excited to host several fun activities throughout the week.

FFA Week is traditionally observed during the week of February 22 to honor George Washington’s birthday and recognize his legacy as both an agriculturist and a leader. During the week, Salina FFA members will show their appreciation for teachers, engage in outreach activities at local elementary schools, and participate in

the national Wear Blue Friday.

We invite our school and community members to follow our social media pages to stay updated and see all the excitement from National Future Farmers of America Week.

@Salina FFA

@Salina\_ks\_ffa\_chapter

## ACT Testing for Juniors

The free ACT test for juniors will be administered on February 24 at Central. Students who have registered should report to their designated testing location by 7:30 a.m. Testing will begin promptly at 7:45 a.m. and is expected to conclude at approximately 11 a.m.



## Upcoming Sports

- 2/5 Boys Swimming vs South - 1:30 p.m.
- 2/5 Coed Bowling vs Andover - 2 p.m.
- 2/6 Basketball vs Andover
  - Freshman Boys/Girls - 4 p.m.
  - Boys JV - 5:30 p.m.
  - Girls Varsity - 6 p.m.
  - Boys Varsity - 7:30 p.m.
  - Girls JV - 7:30 p.m.
- 2/12 Coed Bowling vs Newton - 2 p.m.
- 2/20 Basketball vs Goddard
  - Freshman Boys/Girls - 4 p.m.
  - Boys JV - 5:30 p.m.
  - Girls Varsity - 6 p.m.
  - Boys Varsity - 7:30 p.m.
  - Girls JV - 7:30 p.m.
- 2/26 Basketball vs Haysville-Campus
  - Freshman Boys/Girls - 4 p.m.
  - Boys JV - 5:30 p.m.
  - Girls Varsity - 6 p.m.
  - Boys Varsity - 7:30 p.m.
  - Girls JV - 7:30 p.m.

## SIT Basketball Tournament

Congratulations to our boys and girls basketball teams on earning third place at the Salina Invitational Tournament! Both teams competed with great determination and represented our school with pride.

Special recognition goes to Kaeden Nienke and Greyson Jones, who were named to the All-Tournament Team for the boys, and to Grace Ostmeyer and Lexie Guerrero, who were named to the All-Tournament Team for the girls. Well done to all of our athletes and coaches on an outstanding tournament performance!

## Spring Sports Tryouts

Spring sports practices and tryouts begin Monday, March 2, 2026. To participate, all students must have the following completed prior to the first day:

- Final Forms submitted online
- Current physical turned in to Ms. Bujanda in the North office

Students will not be allowed to participate in any practices or tryouts without both requirements completed. Please plan ahead to ensure you're ready to go on day one!

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Assistant Principals		Tiffany Lowe, Amanda Thacker
Athletic Directors		Greg Maring
Office Manager		Laura Hince
Website		305centralhigh.com



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