



# The Central Connection

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

March 2026

Central High School | Salina, Kansas

## Mustang Families,

Thank you to all the families who attended our Parent Teacher conferences in February. Your partnership and involvement play an essential role in building strong connections between home and school while supporting student success. A special thank you to Mrs. Fritz's Culinary Professionals class, in partnership with Kids Feeding Kids, for preparing and handing out 115 containers of macaroni and cheese to families as they arrived for conferences. We appreciate their hard work and generosity to our CHS community.

There is much to celebrate at Central High School! From student-athletes advancing to the state level, to theatre recognitions and outstanding performing arts concerts, our students continue to represent our school community with excellence and pride. You will find all that information in the pages that follow.

Our counseling team is actively working with students to plan course schedules for the upcoming school year. Through thoughtful guidance and individualized conversations, we are helping ensure each student is well prepared for their continued academic journey.

Please mark your calendars: March 13 will be a Teacher In-Service/Workday, and there will be no school for students. Spring Break will follow from March 16–20. We hope everyone enjoys a safe, restful and well-deserved break.

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

## Take Our Belonging Survey

During conferences, families were invited to complete our Belonging Survey. If you have not yet had the opportunity, please take a few minutes to do so by using the link below. The survey will close on March 20.

This survey helps our district and schools understand how connected families feel to their student's school and guides efforts to strengthen belonging for students, families and staff. If you have students at more than one school, please complete a separate survey for each school by reopening the original link.



English Survey



Spanish Survey



## CHS Achievements

Please join us in congratulating these students for representing our school with excellence and pride as we recognize their outstanding accomplishments:

- Congratulations to Hudson Duff and Dominic Freeland on earning 1 Ratings at the State Piano Festival in Wichita. Receiving the highest possible rating at the state level is an exceptional achievement and a testament to their dedication, preparation, and musical artistry.
- Lexie Bolen has qualified for the State Forensics Championship, which will be held in May. Earning a spot at the state level is an impressive achievement, and we look forward to cheering her on in competition.
- Mustang journalism students delivered an outstanding performance at the regional competition, qualifying 16 students for the state contest! State qualifiers are Katherine Chelvan, Carissa Winebrenner, Danielle Peckham, Tenille Toelle, Ava Weaverling, Zach Fritz, Gabby Merry, Brecklyn Smith, Elizabeth Yoxall, Gabriel Freeland, Holli Crawford, Ashlee Bell, Zari Barnes-Franklin, Jazlyn Parham, Alex Kelley and Hannah Peckham.
- After a 12-year wait, our varsity girls bowling team brought home a trophy at the City Tri Bowling Meet. The team delivered an exceptional performance! Individually, Gracie Trusty claimed first place honors with an outstanding 490 series. Congratulations to the team on this exciting milestone!
- Congratulations to the Boys basketball team on capturing the AVCTL Division II Championship with their win over Newton! What a great accomplishment – we're proud of you!
- We are proud to announce that five of our lady wrestlers are advancing to the state tournament after strong performances at regionals and want to wish them good luck: Kodi Waite, Natalia Garcia, Abbie Slothower, Phoebe Bohrer and Izzy Hall.
- In addition, Ashlyn Calhoun represented Salina FFA and was selected to the general slate, placing her among just ten finalists being considered to serve as a 2026–2027 District FFA Officer. Final results will be announced in April. This remarkable accomplishment reflects her leadership, dedication, and commitment to excellence.
- We are also proud to share that our FFA chapter received the prestigious National Chapter Award, recognizing the strength of our student-led programs and meaningful community involvement.

Congratulations to all of our outstanding students for their achievements and successes!



## International Thespian Festival

The Salina Central Theatre Troupe 639 received an incredible honor this year! Their fall production of "Clue" (High School Edition) has been selected as a main stage performance at the International Thespian Festival in Bloomington this June.

This prestigious recognition is especially meaningful, as the production was chosen from hundreds of submissions from schools across the United States. Salina Central is one of only 12 schools nationwide invited to perform on the Main Stage.

Congratulations to our talented students and directors on this outstanding achievement!



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## AP World History Field Trip



In February, AP World History students visited the Eisenhower Presidential Library, Museum and Boyhood Home to deepen their understanding of World War II and Dwight D. Eisenhower's role in it. Students toured the museum, boyhood home and meditation place, focusing on Eisenhower's documentation of the Holocaust and his leadership in planning and carrying out D-Day.

The trip was generously sponsored by the Dane G. Hansen Foundation.



## HOSA: Future Health Professionals Blood Drive

Future Health Professionals will be hosting the Blood Drive this year. The Red Cross will be here at Central on Friday, March 9 from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. in the small gym. Students and staff can sign up to donate with Dr. Carrizales in room 2205. Students have to be at least 16 years old to donate and will need a signed parental permission form.

Thank you for supporting this lifesaving effort and helping make a difference in our community!

## Credit Recovery

The last session of credit recovery will run March 23 - May 5. Classes will meet Monday - Thursday, 3 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. as long as school is in session. This is to make up any core classes that have been previously failed. Please talk to your student's counselor about signing up for this cost free service.

## 2026 Yearbook Reminders

### Senior Ads: Due March 5, 2026

- 1/8 Page - \$60.00
- 1/4 Page - \$85.00
- 1/2 Page - \$150.00

### Purchase a 2026 Yearbook

- Non-Personalized Cover - \$65.00
- Personalized Name on Cover - \$75.00

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## Greatness Grows When You're Here!

As we move into the spring months, consistent attendance remains essential for student success. Missing even a few days of school can make it more difficult for students to stay on track academically and socially.

This is a great time to refresh daily routines such as consistent bedtimes, morning preparations and transportation plans to help students finish the year strong. While spring often brings busy schedules and changing routines, making school attendance a daily priority makes a meaningful impact.

If your family is experiencing challenges with attendance, please reach out so we can work together to support your student. Greatness grows when you're here!



## Student of the Week - February



**Briah Wallace:** Briah is a sophomore at Central High School. At school, she is involved with STUCO and on the track team. Briah loves being social and looks forward to seeing her favorite teachers and friends throughout the day. After high school, she hopes to continue her track career in college and pursue interior design. A fun fact about Briah is that she loves all things track related, especially running sprints!

**Timothy Rose:** Timothy is a freshman at Central High School. At school, he is involved with orchestra, the chess club, D&D club and Scholars Bowl. His favorite part of school is the opportunity to learn new things every day no matter the subject. Timothy plans to earn his associate degree through the metals program and work in metallurgy after graduation. Outside of school, he is a member of the Salina Youth Symphony, and a fun fact about him is that he plays D&D with his family every week.



**Gannon Cole:** Gannon is a senior at Central High School. At school, he is on the football, basketball and golf teams. His favorite part of school is how kind and respectful his teachers and fellow classmates are. Outside of school, he is active in his church. After graduation, he plans to attend Kansas State University and study finance. A fun fact about Gannon is that he loves hunting and fishing with his friends and family in his free time.

**February Teacher of the Month: Lizzie Eades** Lizzie is a world history and criminal justice teacher at CHS. She has been teaching for seven years, all of them at Central High. Lizzie was inspired to become a teacher by her brother, and her goal has always been to make learning fun and engaging for all students, including those who face learning challenges. Her favorite part of teaching is her students and the variety each day brings. She especially enjoys watching students grasp new concepts and apply them to real-world situations. A fun fact about Lizzie is that she has a rubber duck collection in her classroom of around 200 ducks, which she has never purchased herself, as every single one has been gifted to her.





## March

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
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## Calendar of Events

- 3/2 Salina Choral Festival - Stiefel
- 3/2 Jostens cap and gown handout
- 3/5 Band/Orchestra concert - 7 p.m.
- 3/9 Blood drive - Small Gym
- 3/11 Advocacy Day - Topeka
- 3/12 End of Quarter 3
- 3/12 Choir concert - 7 p.m.
- 3/13 **No School**
- 3/16 - 3/20 **Spring Break**
- 3/23 Start of Quarter 4
- 3/28 Regional Solos/Ensembles contest

## SPS Preschool Information and Eligibility Event

If your child will be aged three on or before August 31, 2026, and meets the criteria in one of the following areas:

- CKCIE Special Education
- Head Start
- Preschool Age At-Risk

Learn about Salina Public Schools Preschool programs, eligibility requirements and the application process for the upcoming school year at the SPS Preschool Information and Eligibility Event.

- When: Thursday, March 26, 2026, from 6:00 –7:00 p.m.
- Where: All SPS elementary school locations

If you have questions, please call 785-309-5000.



## Upcoming Sports

- 3/24 Girls Varsity Softball vs Clay Center - 4 p.m.
- 3/26 Girls Swimming - 3 p.m.
- 3/30 Girls Varsity Soccer vs Topeka West - 6:15 p.m.
- 3/31 Boys Varsity/JV Baseball vs Dodge City - 4 p.m.

### Athletic Schedule Subject to Change Stay up to date by clicking this link



**CHS Girls Wrestlers**



**Hudson Duff, Dominic Freeland**



**CHS Bowling**

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Assistant Principals		Tiffany Lowe, Amanda Thacker
Athletic Directors		Greg Maring
Office Manager		Laura Hince
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