



The Central Connection

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

April 2026

Central High School | Salina, Kansas

Mustang Families,

As we head into April, an exciting and busy season awaits our Mustang community. Testing will begin soon, providing an important opportunity for students to showcase their hard work and dedication. Meanwhile, spring sports are in full swing, giving us plenty of chances to come together and cheer on our Mustangs as they compete.

In addition, our performing arts and visual arts programs will be highlighting the incredible talents of our students through upcoming showcases. It's shaping up to be a vibrant and engaging month—one filled with opportunities to support, celebrate, and connect as a community.

CHS Administration Team

Dr. Matthew Brungardt, Tiffany Lowe, Amanda Thacker, Greg Maring

Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge



Salina Central students delivered an outstanding performance at the local Mustang Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge (YEC), earning first through fifth place in the competition.

Winners:

- First Place – \$500: Liam Deniau-Young with his business, HiCo. Liam also automatically qualified for the state competition.
- Second Place – \$350: Noah Peck with his business, Peck Scrubs.
- Third Place – \$200: Marshall Zuccarelli with his business, Polished Panels.
- Fourth Place – \$100: Oscar Perez with his business, OP Lawn Services.
- Fifth Place – \$50: Libby Mong with her business, The Basket Boutique.

Congratulations to these student entrepreneurs for their creativity, initiative, and hard work representing Salina Central!



Central HS Forensics

Congratulations to the Central High School forensics team for an outstanding performance at the tournament in Abilene. The team earned third place in overall sweepstakes, highlighting a strong showing across multiple events.

Individual Medalists:

- Ava Weaverling – first place in Dramatic Interpretation (State Championships qualifier) and sixth place in Poetry
- Aly Aldrich – fifth place in both Dramatic Interpretation and Humorous Interpretation
- Kevia Pennyfeather – fourth place in Poetry (State Festival qualifier)
- Alex Kelly – third place in Poetry (State Championships qualifier) and third place in Program of Oral Interpretation
- Lexx Powell – second place in Prose (State Championships qualifier)

The team carried that momentum into the Nickerson tournament, where they earned an impressive fourth place in Sweepstakes. Leading the way was Marcos Lira, who captured first place in Program of Oral Interpretation (POI) and Impromptu, along with a third place finish in Humorous Interpretation. Additional top finishers included Alex Kelley - third in Poetry and third in POI, Roselyn Nienke - first in Dramatic Interpretation, and the duet team of Yashi Vashisth and Allison Ramirez - fourth in Duet Acting.

Marcos Lira also achieved a major milestone at the West Kansas National Qualifier, earning first place in Student Congress House. With this win, he qualifies for the National Tournament to be held this June in Richmond, Virginia.





State Wrestling



Congratulations to our 2025–2026 State Wrestling Tournament medalists! We're incredibly proud of your hard work, dedication and achievements. Way to represent!

- Kodi Waite – Fourth Place
- Abbie Slothower – Third Place
- Natalia Garcia – State Runner-Up
- Julian Glover – State Champion
- Abram Owings – State Champion



Boys Basketball AVCTL Division II Honors

Please join us in congratulating the following members of our boys basketball program on their AVCTL Division II honors:

- Kaeden Nienke – First Team All-League and Co–Most Valuable Player of the league
- Greyson Jones – First Team All-League
- Grant Ostmeyer – Second Team All-League
- Coach Fear – Coach of the Year

These honors recognize the hard work, dedication, and success of our players and coaching staff throughout the season. Congratulations on a fantastic achievement!



Prom 2026: Golden Age of Hollywood

Prom 2026 is almost here! This year's theme, Golden Age of Hollywood, promises a glamorous evening inspired by the classic elegance and style of old Hollywood.

Event Details:

- Date: April 11, 2026
- Time: 6 p.m. – 10 p.m.
- Location: Salina Country Club
- Tickets: \$35 - Tickets can be purchased March 30 – April 9.

Students wishing to bring a guest must pick up a guest form from Mrs. Sweet in the Main Office. All guest forms must be submitted by April 3. Please note that space is limited and late forms will not be accepted.



Prom Queen Candidates:

- Anna Kraft
- Macy O'Hara
- Lexie Guerrero
- McKynlee Dunlap
- Allison Robinett

Prom King Candidates:

- Wyatt Angell
- Kevin Martinez
- Abram Owings
- Andrew Graber
- Mac Sheforgen

Congratulations to all of our candidates! We look forward to celebrating a memorable night with our students at Prom 2026.

Purchase a 2026 Yearbook

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



CHS Yearbook



Graduation Information

Graduation is right around the corner and will be here before you know it! To help you prepare for this momentous occasion, please review the important reminders below.

Commencement Rehearsal

- Rehearsal will take place on May 15 at 10 a.m. at the Tony's Pizza Events Center. You need to be there promptly at 9:45 a.m. Rehearsal will last approximately 1.5 hours. **Attendance is mandatory.**

Commencement Ceremony

- The graduation ceremony will be held on Sunday, May 17 at 2 p.m. at the Tony's Pizza Events Center. Graduates must report backstage by 1:15 p.m. to line up. Please be on time.

Ceremony Expectations

To ensure a respectful and memorable ceremony, the following expectations will be enforced:

- Formal attire is required. Dress as you would for a church service or wedding. Caps and gowns may not be decorated. Only students wearing approved graduation regalia will be allowed to participate.
- Guests are expected to maintain appropriate decorum. Air horns, excessive cheering, noise makers, and items that obstruct others' views are not permitted.
- Following the farewell, seniors will participate in a brief celebration. **Silly string and air horns are not allowed.**

Commencement Pictures

- Inter-State Photography will be taking individual photos during the ceremony. Ordering information was emailed to senior parents at the end of March.
- In compliance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), parents must complete the form at the link below to gain access to view and, if desired, order their student's graduation photographs.
- Deadline: Inter-State Photography requests that this form be submitted no later than Wednesday, May 20 in order to receive an emailed proof and ordering link for graduation photos.



[Inter-State Photography](#)

School Obligations

- All school obligations—including detention time, fees, and fines—must be completed before a diploma can be issued.

If you have any questions about graduation, please email Ms. Byarlay.



[Ms. Byarlay](#)



March Student of the Week



Lilly Ross: Lilly is a junior at Central High School. At school, she is involved with women's choir. Her favorite part of school is being surrounded by her friends and favorite teachers. After high school, she plans to become a pediatric nurse. Some fun facts about Lilly are that she loves drawing and catching up on her favorite TV shows in her free time.



Grant Hinca: Grant is a sophomore at Central High School. At school, he is involved with band and jazz band, which is his favorite class. Outside of school, he is an active youth group member. After high school, he plans to pursue a career that allows him to utilize his design skills. Some fun facts about Grant are that he has one sibling, one dog and he plays the drums.



Adalynn Score: Adalynn is a freshman at Central High School. At school, she is involved with cheer and book club. Her favorite part of school is interacting with her teachers because they are kind and respect everyone. Outside of school, she likes to spend time with her friends. After high school, she plans to pursue a career as a therapist. Some fun facts about Adalynn are that she loves to play games, has two dogs and four siblings.

Teacher of the Month - March

Michael Hair: Michael is a drafting, engineering and architecture teacher at Central High School. He has been teaching for 19 years, all of them at Central High. Michael became a teacher to share his passion for industrial technology, and he has a goal to inspire students to enjoy it as much as he does. His favorite part of teaching is seeing students complete their projects in class and witnessing their hard work, dedication and growth reflected in their finished projects. A fun fact about Michael is that he enjoys hiking throughout the mountains during the summertime.





April

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

- 4/3 **No School**
- 4/5 Easter
- 4/6 **No School**
- 4/11 Prom 6 - 10 p.m.
- 4/15 State Large Groups Contest - Wichita
- 4/16 - 4/18
 - Band/Orchestra Trip - St. Louis
 - Repertory Theatre - 7:00-9:00 p.m.
- 4/19 Repertory Theatre - 2:30 - 4:30 p.m.
- 4/22 Honors Award Program - 6:30 p.m.
- 4/25 State Solos/Ensembles Contest - South
- 4/29 Signings/Celebration - 3:00 p.m.
- 4/30 Count Basie Jazz Festival - KC



**It's a great day
to be a
Mustang!**



Upcoming Sports

- 4/3 -
 - Boys Varsity Tennis - 9:00 a.m.
 - Girls Varsity Soccer vs Great Bend - 6:15 p.m.
 - Boys Varsity Baseball vs Wichita-Northwest - 4:00 p.m.
- 4/6 -
 - JV Track - 3:00 p.m.
 - Boys Varsity Golf - 1:00 p.m.
- 4/7 -
 - Girls Varsity Soccer vs South - 6:15 p.m.
 - Girls JV Soccer vs South - 5:00 p.m.
- 4/9 -
 - Girls Swimming - 3:30 p.m.
- 4/14
 - Boys Varsity Tennis - 1:00 p.m.
 - Boys Varsity/JV Baseball vs Andover Central - 4:00 p.m.
 - Girls Varsity/JV Softball vs Andover Central - 4:00 p.m.
- 4/16
 - Girls Varsity Soccer vs Rose Hill - 6:15 p.m.
 - Girls JV Soccer vs Rose Hill - 5:00 p.m.
- 4/17
 - Boys Varsity/JV Baseball vs South - 4:00 p.m.
 - Girls Varsity/JV Softball vs South - 4:00 p.m.
 - Girls Swimming - 1:30 p.m.
- 4/20 -
 - Boys JV Tennis - 1:00 p.m.
- 4/21 -
 - Girls Varsity Soccer vs Ark City - 6:15 p.m.
- 4/24 -
 - Girls Swimming - 3:30 p.m.
 - Boys Varsity/JV Baseball vs Eisenhower - 4:00 p.m.
 - Girls Varsity/JV Softball vs Eisenhower - 4:00 p.m.
- 4/25 -
 - Boys Varsity Tennis - 8:30 p.m.
- 4/30 -
 - Girls Varsity Soccer vs Andover - 6:15 p.m.
 - Girls JV Soccer vs Andover - 5:00 p.m.

Athletic Schedule Subject to Change



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