



The Central Connection

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

September 2026

Central High School | Salina, Kansas

Mustang Families,

We are excited to kick off the fall season! Our athletic programs and fall activities are underway, and it is wonderful to see our students getting involved, building relationships and showing school spirit.

Thank you to our families for your continued support and partnership. Your encouragement and involvement play an important role in helping our students succeed. We especially appreciate your partnership as we navigate the implementation of HB 2299. We have had some growing pains but it is because of our families, students and staff that implementation has been so successful.

We are looking forward to a great fall season filled with learning, growth and Mustang pride!

CHS Administration,
Tiffany Lowe, Brad Dix, Ben Elliott, Greg Maring

First Day of School Fun!





Counseling Department Spotlight

Salina Central's counseling department is here to support students through their high school journey. Whether students are navigating academic challenges, personal struggles or planning for their future, our team is dedicated to helping the students thrive. We are here for you every step of the way!

- Kelli Umscheid A - E
- Candy Fitzpatrick F - K
- Jodi Howard L - Ri
- Irma Diaz Ro - Z
- Lacey Brooks PBD
- Megan Bulleigh Student Support
- Kristin Menzies Student Support
- Sara Merritt Psychologist
- Zoila Mendez Counseling Assistant



Attendance Office Reminders



As we settle into the school year, here are a few quick reminders:

- **Arriving:** Students arriving after the school day begins should enter through the south attendance doors, sign in and receive a pass to class.
- **Leaving:** A parent/guardian phone call or email is required to excuse a student. Students will sign out in the attendance office and exit through the south doors.
- **Appointments:** Please notify us in advance whenever possible so we can have your student's pass ready and minimize wait times.
- **Approved contacts:** Only parents/guardians listed in Skyward may excuse students. Please keep contact information up to date.
- **Calling the office:** If we can't answer, please leave a voicemail. We check messages within 1-2 minutes and will assist your student promptly.

Thank you for helping us keep attendance procedures safe and efficient!

Mary Beth Gibson - Attendance Clerk
785-309-3507

Karen Breen - Attendance Assistant Clerk
785-309-3508



Central High School Theatre Celebrates National Recognition and New Opportunities



Central High School's Thespian Troupe 639 is celebrating an extraordinary year of achievement. The troupe was selected by the adjudication committee of the International Thespian Festival to present its fall production, *Clue (High School Edition)*, at the 2026 International Thespian Festival in June at Indiana University Bloomington.

Central theatre students also earned Superior Distinctions at the International Thespian Festival, further highlighting the talent, dedication and excellence of the program.

Adding to the excitement, Salina Central High School has been selected as a **Disney School of Excellence** recipient for the 2026–2027 school year! This recognition will provide students with an exciting opportunity to collaborate on the design and development of a production during the fall and winter.

"We are beyond excited to have been selected as a Disney School of Excellence Recipient and we cannot wait to begin work with students on designing the production in the Fall/Winter. We encourage all students to audition for the production and to come and be a part of our nationally recognized program at Central High School." - Barbara Hilt, Salina Central Theatre Instructor/Director.

These accomplishments reflect the outstanding work of Central's students and theatre staff and offer even more opportunities for students to learn, create, perform and grow through the arts.



ParentSquare: Our New Communication Platform!

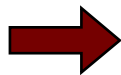


Beginning this school year, Salina Public Schools will use ParentSquare as our primary communication platform for families, students and staff across all of our schools.

ParentSquare brings classroom, school and district communication together in one place, making it easier to receive urgent alerts and everyday updates through email, text or app notifications—all based on your notification preferences.

Families, keep an eye out for your ParentSquare account invitation email. Once you've logged into your account you can stay connected through the ParentSquare website, www.parentsquare.com or by downloading the free mobile app for easy access on the go!

Download the free mobile app from the Apple App store or the Google Play Store, or by clicking the link here:



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Greatness Grows When You're Here!

Greatness Grows When You're Here! And every day at school is a new opportunity for students to learn, grow and connect.

Being at school each day helps students feel more positive about school and themselves while supporting their academic and social success. Consistent daily attendance helps students stay engaged, build a sense of belonging and develop strong habits that support success in the classroom and beyond.

Starting the year strong by building good attendance habits reinforces the importance of being on time and present each day. Families play an important role by making attendance a priority, staying connected with their student's school and planning ahead to reduce absences.

Use our 2026-2027 Attendance Success Guide to help schedule family trips, appointments and other activities during school breaks and days off. Attend today—Achieve tomorrow!



Attendance Success Guide



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

- 9/4 Central vs South Football Game - 7 p.m.
- 9/7 No School - Labor Day
- 9/16 Homecoming Parade - 6:30 p.m.
- 9/18 Homecoming Football Game - 7 p.m.
- 9/19 Homecoming Dance - 8 p.m.
- 9/21 Sophomore Class Ring Presentation
- 9/25 - 9/26 Fall Play - Imaginary Invalid - 7 p.m.
- 9/27 Fall Play - Imaginary Invalid - 2:30 p.m.

Homecoming Week: Around the World

Homecoming Parade & Pep Rally - Wednesday, September 16 ~ 6:30 p.m.

- Join us downtown as the Homecoming Parade kicks off at the Temple on Santa Fe and makes its way to Salina Stadium. Immediately following the parade, students will celebrate the Mustangs with their school spirit at the pep rally!

Homecoming Football Game - Friday, September 18 ~ 7 p.m. vs Ark City.

- During halftime, we'll crown our Homecoming King and Queen, and enjoy performances by the Central Band, Vets and Cheer teams.

Homecoming Dance - Saturday September 19 ~ 8 p.m. - 10 p.m. in the Auxiliary Gym

Tickets: \$10

- Tickets can be purchased with either card or cash in Room 1201 after school the week of the dance.

Let's make it a night to remember!

Salina Central Presents: *Imaginary Invalid*

Join us for Molière's classic farce as it follows Argan, a wealthy hypochondriac obsessed with his imaginary ailments and mounting medical bills. Determined to secure free care, he plans to marry his daughter, Angélique, to a foolish doctor—despite her love for another. With help from the clever maid Toinette, the charlatans are exposed, Argan discovers who truly loves him, and laughter triumphs over his real and imagined troubles.

September 25 & 26 at 7 p.m. | September 27 at 2:30 p.m.



Mustang Sports Schedule

- 9/1 Varsity/JV Volleyball 4:30 p.m.
- 9/3 Varsity Girls Tennis 2 p.m.
- 9/4 Varsity Football vs South 7 p.m.
- 9/8 Varsity Girls Golf 1:30 p.m.
- 9/10 Freshman Volleyball 4:30 p.m.
- 9/12 Varsity Girls Tennis 9 a.m.
- 9/14 JV Football vs Goddard 5:45 p.m.
- 9/14 Freshman Football vs Goddard 4 p.m.
- 9/15 Varsity/JV Volleyball 4:30 p.m.
- 9/15 Varsity Boys Soccer vs South 6:15 p.m.
- 9/15 JV Boys Soccer vs South 5 p.m.
- 9/17 Varsity Boys Soccer vs Winfield 6:15 p.m.
- 9/17 JV Boys Soccer vs Winfield 5 p.m.
- 9/18 Varsity Football vs Ark City 7 p.m.
- 9/19 JV Volleyball 8 a.m.
- 9/28 JV Football vs Eisenhower 6 p.m.
- 9/28 Freshman Football vs Eisenhower 4 p.m.



Stay up to date on all sporting events using the link below!



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Assistant Principals		Brand Dix, Ben Elliott
Athletic Directors		Greg Maring
Principal's Assistant		Laura Hince
Website		305centralhigh.com



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