



The Central Connection

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

October 2026

Central High School | Salina, Kansas

Mustang Families,

As we approach the end of the first quarter, we want to take a moment to thank our students, families and staff for helping make it a strong start to the school year. We appreciate the continued support, dedication and partnership of our school community.

Important Dates to Remember:

- October 8–9: No School – Teacher In-Service Days
- October 14–15: Parent-Teacher Conferences

Parent-Teacher Conferences provide a valuable opportunity for families and teachers to connect, celebrate student progress, discuss areas for growth and set goals for the remainder of the school year. We encourage all families to take advantage of this opportunity to partner with teachers in supporting their student's success. Additional conference information can be found in this newsletter.

Reminder: School begins promptly at 7:45 a.m. Arriving on time helps students begin their day prepared and ensures they do not miss important instruction, announcements or learning opportunities.

Fall sports are nearing the end of their seasons. We commend our student athletes for their hard work and dedication and look forward to supporting those who advance to postseason competition. Students planning to participate in winter sports should ensure all required Bound information is completed before the season begins.

Thank you for your continued partnership and commitment to helping our students learn, grow and succeed. Every day matters!

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

Transportation: Supporting Student Success

Reliable transportation plays an important role in helping students attend school regularly and arrive ready to learn. When transportation is a barrier, students may miss valuable instructional time, fall behind academically and have a harder time staying connected to their teachers and classmates.

Making sure students have access to safe and reliable transportation can help remove one of the obstacles that may prevent them from getting to school each day. Every day of attendance matters, and ensuring students have a way to get to school is an important part of supporting their success.



Getting To School



Attendance Incentive



This year at Central, we are implementing monthly attendance incentives as a Tier 1 intervention to help reduce chronic absenteeism and promote consistent attendance. Each month, the incentive and criteria for earning it will vary to give students multiple ways to be recognized for making attendance a priority.

Monthly criteria may include perfect attendance, ELO classes with all students present, grade-level attendance competitions, no tardies and other attendance-focused challenges.

Every day a student is at school is another opportunity to learn, grow and be successful.

For August, we celebrated 521 students who earned an ice cream sundae during lunch for achieving perfect attendance!

For our September attendance incentive, two ELO classes enjoyed Tropical Sno! For October, the grade level with the least number of tardies will get to enjoy a soda bar during the lunch block!

Greatness Grows When You're Here!

A Big Congratulations to the Mustang Band!

The Central Band earned a 1 rating at the State Fair and is bringing home a 1+ Rating Banner! This tremendous achievement reflects the hard work, dedication and commitment of our talented students. We are proud of the Mustang Band and all they have accomplished!





Learning, Leading & Achieving

- Students found success at the State Fair with their FFA educational booth. Members of the Ag Communications class designed and built the booth to showcase the Salina FFA program and engage fair-goers.
- Biology students took their learning outdoors at Cheyenne Bottoms through a hands-on Monarch Watch project. Students caught and tagged monarch butterflies while studying field biology, conservation and wetland ecosystems through the invertebrates found in the water and soil.
- The cross country team also had a strong start to the season at meets in Hesston and Olathe. Kaylie Shultz earned a second-place medal, while the team recorded 13 season-best performances and 11 personal records across the two meets.
- The Mustang Theater brought Molière's classic farce, *The Imaginary Invalid*, to life September 25–27. The cast delivered a wonderful performance in this lively comedy of love, deception and the absurdities of medicine.
- Central Orchestra students attended the KSU Tallgrass String Festival in Manhattan on September 22. Students participated in sessions on audition preparation, composition, improvisation, leadership, campus life and careers in music. They also performed in a mass orchestra with renowned composer Soon Hee Newbold and concluded the day by attending a performance by the KSU Symphony Orchestra.





Social Studies - Learning Beyond the Classroom

The CHS Social Studies Department is bringing learning to life through hands-on, real-world projects. In Introduction to Public Service, 40 students are preparing for a Mock Trial, analyzing evidence, developing arguments and presenting their cases before a judge at the Saline County Courthouse. Students will also serve as jurors in another trial, using evidence and reasoning to reach and explain their verdicts.

In Economics, seniors are applying concepts such as scarcity, opportunity cost, collaboration and business operations through food truck and zoo projects. Sophomores are building research, critical thinking and presentation skills through their study of the Age of Exploration and European conquest, culminating in an evidence-based exploration of whether the benefits of exploration outweighed its costs.

These engaging projects encourage students to think critically, collaborate, communicate and apply what they learn beyond the traditional classroom.

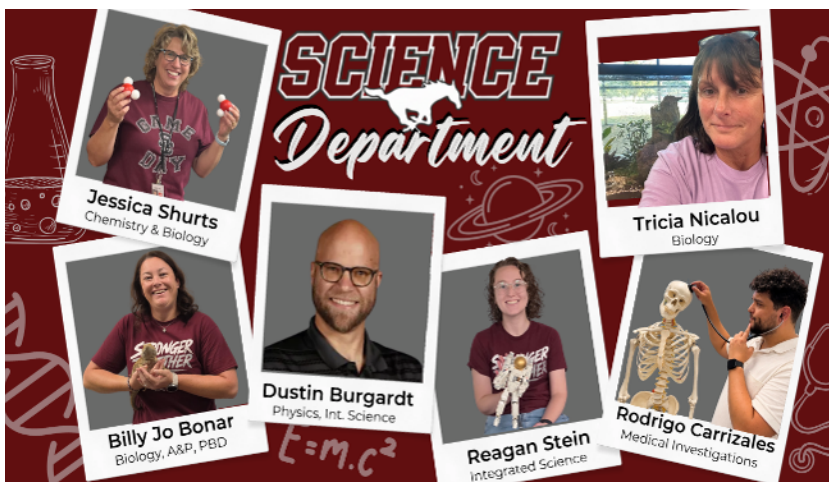


Science Spotlight!

At Central High, our science department brings together over 50 years of combined teaching experience across a diverse range of scientific disciplines.

We are deeply committed to moving science beyond the textbook. Our curriculum emphasizes real-world applications of scientific skills, ensuring students don't just learn science—they practice it.

Through engaging hands-on activities, immersive field trips and collaborative class discussions, we inspire the next generation of critical thinkers, problem solvers and scientific innovators.





Parent/Teacher Conferences

Parent/Teacher Conferences are soon approaching! Students are welcome to attend conferences with their parents.

Parents are invited to attend Fall Conferences to connect with teachers and discuss their child's progress. Parents will have the opportunity to pick up their students' grade card before they meet with teachers. Teachers will be located in the small gym and cafeteria on Wednesday and Thursday morning. Teachers will be located in their classrooms on Thursday afternoon and evening.

Please remember to sign in at the check-in table when entering the building through Crawford Street or the South Student entrance.

Conference Dates and Locations:

- Wednesday, October 14:
 - 5:00 - 7:30 p.m. - Conferences will be held in the cafeteria and small gym
- Thursday, October 15:
 - 7:15 - 11:15 a.m. - Conferences will be held in the cafeteria and small gym
 - 12:00 - 3:00 p.m. - Conferences will be held in teachers' classrooms
 - 5:00 - 7:30 p.m. - Conferences will be held in teachers' classrooms

We look forward to seeing you at conferences!

Kids Feeding Kids

Salina Central's Culinary Arts students are excited to continue the Kids Feeding Kids program! Students learn about food insecurity while planning, preparing and packaging nutritious meals for members of our school community.

This semester, students will prepare Chicken Fried Rice for families **to pick up during Parent-Teacher Conferences** and enjoy at home.

Families and community members can support the program through monetary donations to Salina Central High School, which help provide ingredients and supplies.

We are proud of our students for using their skills to serve others and make a difference in our community!





Counseling: College & Career Opportunities

Kansas Apply Free Week | October 5–9

Thinking about college? Kansas Apply Free Week is a great time for seniors to take the next step! Central will host our Apply Free Day on Monday, October 5, where students can receive help from counselors and college representatives as they complete their applications. Students may sign up through Google Classroom. Free Kansas college applications are available throughout the entire week.

College & Career Fair | October 29

Our annual College & Career Fair will be held Thursday, October 29. More than 40 colleges and universities and 25 businesses will be at Central to meet with juniors and seniors. Students can explore college programs, career pathways, employment opportunities and options after high school.

Financial Aid Support During Parent/Teacher Conferences | October 14–15

During the evening sessions of Parent/Teacher Conferences, Bethany College will provide a FAFSA presentation and support session. Families can learn more about the FAFSA, ask questions, and receive assistance completing the application.

We look forward to partnering with our families as we help students explore their options and prepare for life after high school!

HOSA Blood Drive

HOSA-Future Health Professionals is hosting a blood drive in the Small Gym on **Tuesday, October 13, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:15 p.m.**

The American Red Cross has declared a national blood-supply crisis after donations fell to a four-year summer low. In July, Kansas hospitals reported having only a one- to two-day supply of blood available.

How to sign up:

- Schedule an appointment using the provided link.
- Scan the QR code.
- Sign up with Dr. Carrizales in Room 2205.



Red Cross



Students must be at least 16 years old to donate and must have a signed parental consent form.

Students, staff and family members are invited to donate and help restore the blood supply. Your donation can help restore the blood supply and bring hope to someone in need. Every donation can make a difference.



Picture Retake Day

- Date: October 30
- Time: 10:45 a.m. - 12:40 p.m. (during student lunch periods)
- Location: North Concourse

Students who missed the original picture day or would like a retake may have their photos taken during lunch. Students requesting retakes must return their original photo packages.

Order forms can be submitted online using this link:



Inter-State Photography

Trunk or Treat

Join us for a fun evening at Trunk or Treat on October 28 from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. in the north parking lot. All are welcome to attend - come in costume and enjoy a safe, family-friendly event!

Halloween 2026

On Friday, October 30, students will be allowed to wear a school-appropriate costume to school. All costumes should be easily removed and have regular clothes underneath. Our school views Halloween as a fall holiday and does not support the values sometimes associated with Halloween. Safety is our number one priority. We want to make memories and have fun!

Costume Guidelines

- Make-up, masks or any other part of a costume should not cover a student's face.
- Minimal make-up that is not disfiguring is allowed.
- Costumes cannot have any knives or weapons of any type.
- All students should be identifiable.



Join us at Salina Public Schools!

Want to be more connected with your school community? Whether you have a child, grandchild, family member or friend in Salina Public Schools or are simply looking for an opportunity to make a difference, there's a place for you at SPS!

We're hiring food service, custodial and paraprofessional team members who want to support students and be part of a school community where greatness grows.

Find your place at SPS and make a difference every day!



[Apply Online](#)

Supporting Every Student Through Ci3T

Ci3T stands for Comprehensive, Integrated, Three-Tiered model of prevention.

Ci3T provides a coordinated, research-based approach to supporting the academic, behavioral and social-emotional needs of all students. It is not a new curriculum or a one-size-fits-all program. Think of it as a blueprint for student support, helping our schools organize resources and provide support based on the needs of their students.

Ci3T includes three levels of support:

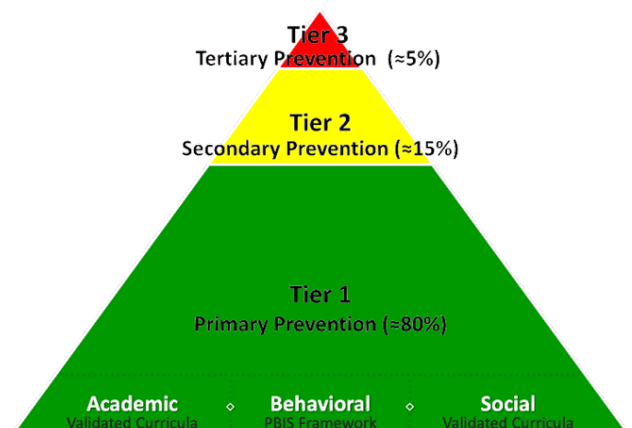
Tier 1: Provides a strong foundation for all students through high-quality academic instruction, positive behavioral supports and social-emotional learning. The goal is to support student success and prevent academic or behavioral difficulties before they emerge.

Tier 2: Provides more focused academic, behavioral or social-emotional support for students who need more than Tier 1. Schoolwide data helps identify students who may benefit from these additional supports.

Tier 3: Provides specialized, intensive interventions for students experiencing greater academic, behavioral or social-emotional needs. Support is individualized based on each student's specific needs.

Rather than addressing academic, behavioral and social-emotional needs separately, Ci3T brings these areas together so they work as one connected system of support. Ci3T also brings together all of us – teachers, administrators, support staff, parents and families – working together to create a safe and caring learning community where every student can grow and succeed.

Watch for more information about Ci3T and how we are working together to support every student throughout the school year.





September - Student of the Week



Katharine Boller: Katharine is a senior at Central High School. At school, she is involved in band, jazz band, scholars bowl, color guard, baking club, book club and National Honor Society. Her favorite part of school is being involved in the fine arts programs. Outside of school, she is involved with Salina Arts and Humanities, and she stays busy working a part-time job. After graduation, she plans to attend Kansas State University and major in park management and conservation. Some fun facts about Katharine are that she loves to read and spend time with her family and friends.

Shaan Galvez: Shaan is a junior at Central High School. At school, she is involved in orchestra and HOSA. Her favorite part of school is interacting with her classmates and teachers. She loves how kind and understanding everyone is at CHS. Outside of school, she is active in her church. After high school, she plans to become a pediatric nurse. Some fun facts about Shaan are that she loves cooking and working with children.



Benjamin Hughes: Benjamin is a sophomore at Central High School. At school, he is involved in Student Council, Big Brothers Big Sisters and is on the wrestling team. His favorite part of school is experiencing new and exciting opportunities through his classes. Outside of school, he enjoys working a part time job. After high school, he plans to attend college and become an electrical engineer. Some fun facts about Benjamin are that he likes hiking, wrestling, working and playing games.

Harper Barten: Harper is a freshman at Central High School. At school, she is involved in the treble chorus. Her favorite classes are choir, graphic design and fabric arts. After high school, she plans to pursue a career in the arts. Some fun facts about Harper are that she likes playing video games and reading, and she has two dogs named Huck and Bean.





Calendar of Events

- 10/5 Club Fair - ELO
- 10/7 Choir Concert - 7:00 p.m.
- 10/8 **No School** - Inservice
- 10/9 **No School** - Inservice/Workday
- 10/12 Start of Second Quarter
 - Marching Band Festival
 - Renaissance Fair - Theater
- 10/14 Parent/Teacher Conferences
 - 5:00 - 7:30 p.m.
- 10/15 Parent/Teacher Conferences
 - 7:15 - 11:15 a.m.
 - 12:00 - 3:00 p.m.
 - 5:00 - 7:30 p.m.
- 10/16 **No School**
- 10/19 High Plains Band Festival
- 10/21 PSAT Testing
- 10/22 Orchestra Concert
- 10/24 Debate Tournament
- 10/26 Jostens - Senior Class Meeting
- 10/27 Jazz Band Concert
- 10/28 Trunk or Treat - 6:00 p.m.
- 10/29 College & Career Fair
- 10/30 Picture Retakes



October

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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2026-2027 Yearbook

Yearbooks can be purchased at school, through Skyward or on the Salina Central High School website using the link below.

- Personalized: \$75.00
- Non-Personalized: \$69.00



2026-2027 Yearbook



Mr. Webb

A limited number of 2026 yearbooks are still available for purchase. If you are interested in purchasing a copy, please contact Alan Webb at alan.webb@usd305.com or 785-309-3558.



Upcoming Sports

- 10/1 Boys Soccer vs Newton -
 - JV - 5 :00 p.m.
 - Varsity - 6:15 p.m.
- 10/1 JV Girls Tennis 2:00 p.m.
- 10/2 Varsity Football vs Newton - 7:00 p.m.
- 10/6 Boys Soccer vs Andover Central
 - JV - 5:00 p.m.
 - Varsity - 6:15 p.m.
- 10/10 Varsity/JV Cross Country - 9:00 a.m.
- 10/12 Football vs Hutchinson
 - Freshman - 4:00 p.m.
 - JV - 5:45 p.m.
- 10/15 Boys Soccer vs Mulvane
 - JV - 5:00 pm.
 - Varsity - 6:15 pm.
- 10/16 Varsity Football vs Andonver Central - 7 p.m.
- 10/20 Boys Soccer vs Eisenhower
 - JV - 5:00 p.m.
 - Varsity - 6:15 p.m.
- 10/26 Football vs Andover
 - Freshman - 4:00 p.m.
 - JV - 5:45 p.m.

Homecoming 2026

Homecoming was a memorable week filled with school spirit and celebration! Griffin Hall and Roselyn Nienke were crowned Homecoming King and Queen during halftime of the football team's victory over Ark City. The festivities continued with the "Around the World" Homecoming Dance, where students enjoyed a fun evening of music, friends and school spirit.



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