

A MESSAGE FROM THE CENTURY HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL...

Dear Parents and Community Members of Century High School:

We have entered the final quarter of the school year and what a year its been! We are proud of many student and staff accomplishments this year; our Academy Philosophy is as strong as ever; and as a school we continue to reach new heights. This Friday, April 24 all Juniors will participate in Mock Interviews with people from different industries. This gives students a chance to highlight their resume and get feedback on interpersonal skills. It's a great way for students to practice! Our STEM Academy is holding an "Engineering Fair" for all interested students planned and developed in connection with engineers from the Maryland State Highway Administration. Students should walk away with new insights into this growing field.

Last week we launched the Flex Period pilot program. A short article is included in this newsletter. We hope you talk with students about this program as we feel it has a lot of potential to help students of all abilities reach higher levels in school. One area which has benefitted is our Advanced Placement program ~ with many study and review sessions taking place during this time. AP Exams will be given the first two weeks of May and we are encouraged with how many students are participating this year.

Our spring athletic programs continue to excel and lead us towards another Carroll Cup championship. It is early yet, but we are hopeful that Century High School will come out on top. Come see our athletes in action ~ they are dedicating a lot of time and their performance shows.

Next week we will send select music students with Mr. Askew to the State Festival where our musicians will showcase their talent on a wider scale. We are thrilled with their accomplishments this year. Our music programs continue to excel and represent CHS well.

This week includes "Earth Day" and CHS will celebrate by having a blackout in school. Teachers and students are encouraged to participate in anyway they can without disrupting instruction: by turning out lights and not using photocopies when possible; using the white board instead of the LCD projector; coming up with ways to demonstrate that unnecessary electricity is wasted each day. This will be combined with a campus cleanup by students who signed up with the National Honor Society, Mr. Fuhrman's Advisory, and Ms. Moyer's Advisory. It is no wonder that CHS earned a "Green School" award!

Another recent accolade is our school newspaper was recognized nationally as a First Place level award winner of Distinction. This award is presented to outstanding student newspapers ~ and we are proud of all of our contributors to the "Century Scroll".

With May and June also comes the Prom, High School Assessments, end of year Exams and the election of new class and student government officers. Elections will be held through the school newspaper this year for each class, as well as the SGA. Encourage students to seek office and run for leadership positions.

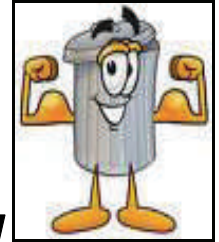
Lastly, report cards were just issued to students. Now is the time to reflect on accomplishments and goals set for this year. Summer school is available to students who need to recover credit and/or prepare for high school assessments. New this summer will be the opportunity for approved students to complete Bridge projects. So please review grades closely and contact your School Counselor if you have any questions about what to do.

Sincerely,

Drew Cockley, Principal



“Flex” Mod Is Coming to Century High!



Century High started a pilot version of the Flex Mod the first week of the 4th quarter. The Flex Mod is a 35 minute period between mods 1 and 2 when students may go to a teacher and get help, go to an H.S.A. or AP review session, make up a test or quiz from an absence or work in their advisory class. Teachers may request that a student come for additional help if they are not achieving academic success in a class.

During the 4th quarter, starting Thursday, April 16, we will pilot the program until Friday, May 15, 2009 on Thursdays and Fridays only. Mondays and Tuesdays will follow the regular bell schedule as we have all year. Wednesdays will remain as Advisory days and follow the advisory schedule.

We are starting the Flex Mod because students often need extra time or help in classes and are unable to stay after school for help for various reasons. Other students want to review for their AP tests, but may have athletics, clubs, or jobs after school. Many students would benefit from having time during the day to catch up after an absence, complete work in advisory, or receive help from a teacher.

All students who do not have passes to see a teacher will remain with their advisor during the Flex Mod and will do quiet self-directed study/independent work. We are hopeful that this schedule will be beneficial to students in many ways allowing improved academics and increased participation in student activities.



A MESSAGE FROM CAREER CONNECTIONS



**Johns Hopkins University, Whiting School of Engineering, announces
*Engineering Innovation, A Summer Course for High School Students***

Learn to think and problem-solve like an engineer while earning Johns Hopkins University credit. Courses available at assorted locations in Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, Howard, and Montgomery County.

Through Engineering Innovation, high school students put engineering concepts to the test. Applying their knowledge of math and science to labs and hands-on projects, concepts they've learned in their high school classrooms are suddenly linked to real-world practice. Students' confidence grows as they attend college-level lectures, tackle problems, test theories, and ultimately learn to think like engineers.

Visit our website at <http://engineering-innovation.jhu.edu> for more information. There you will find an 8 minute video with highlights from last summer's course, dates and locations, application downloads, detailed course material, and frequently asked questions.

The Society of American Military Engineers offers a very unique series of engineering camps designed for High School students who excel in math, science and technical courses and are interested in pursuing engineering in college. These one-week camps are high energy, hands-on events for students from across the country and around the world. The camps are led by a professional staff of engineers from both private industry and the military services. These exciting week-long camps take place during the summer months in a variety of settings—centered on a military base in the colorful Colorado Rockies, the beautiful Southern California Coast, or the historic Mississippi Valley. **APPLICATION DEADLINES ARE:** March 20, April 24, and May 15. Please go to this website for more information. <http://posts.same.org/camps/>

If you have questions regarding the camp please <http://posts.same.org/camps/> contact:

SEABEE Camp: **Roger Frauenfelder** at hlandgf@att.net.
USAF Camp: **Scott Prosuch** at sprosuch@earthlink.net.

US ARMY Mr. Henry A. Delaney at
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General questions about these camps should be directed to camp.info@same.org.

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DRAMA NEWS

Drama Fest will take place at LifePoint Church on April 28, 2009 from 9- 1:45. All Carroll County High Schools will be presenting scenes from the plays they have performed this year. Century High School's Opening Knights will be doing several scenes from the Spring musical, "Oliver".

The CHS Drama Boosters would like to **congratulate all of the students** who participated in the **CHS Opening Knights production of OLIVER**, including those in the cast, backstage and tech crews, and pit. **Special thanks to** Cathy James, Caitlyn James, Allison Croft, Rob Mattera, Ian Burns, Samantha Laulis, Jacki Rommel, Karen Dulany, Jeff Meyer, Scott Kneller, Seth Schwartz, Deanne Caracciolo, Chris Rommel, Hilary Phipps, and the many parents, volunteers and sponsors for your dedication and hard work throughout the pre-production process and during the run of the play! Thanks to all who attended the performances.

Please save the date to attend the CHS Opening Knights first production next year: a series of One Acts directed by CHS Seniors, on October 1, 2 and 3, 2009.

All Drama students and family members are invited to attend the annual **Drama Banquet on May 13, 2009, beginning at 6 p.m.** For information contact Secretary, Gina Adolph, sea4gma@aol.com (please note "Drama Banquet" in the subject line)

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 20-23	HSA—Seniors Only
April 21	Report Cards Distributed
April 24	Mock Interview Day
April 25	Century Idol 7 pm Flea Market 8am—2pm CHS Parking Lot
April 29	Special Olympics @ WHS
April 30	Spring Concert (Orchestra/Chorus)
May 1	Shakespeare 1 pm Renfest - During all Lunches
May 2	Horticulture Plant Sale
May 7	Band Concert
May 16	Junior/Senior Prom
May 18	HAS Testing Week

*****Calling All Vendors*****

Century High School will be sponsoring a Spring Flea Market on Saturday April 25th on the school's parking lot. If it rains, Flea Market will move indoors.

Time: 8am-2pm

Cost to rent a spot (approximate size- two parking spaces): \$20

Contact Mr. Ingram at 410-386-4400 ext. 274 to reserve your space. (Leave a message with your name, phone number and address so we can mail you an application)

Class of 2011 student officers will be on hand to help set-up and take down tables.

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Location: Century's front parking lot

(If it rains, flea market will move indoors)

Featuring: Local vendors, crafts, baked goods and much more!

PLANT SALE PLANT SALE PLANT SALE PLANT SALE

Attention parents! The Century High School Horticulture class will be hosting a Plant Sale on Saturday, May 2nd and Saturday, May 9th from 9:00am – 3:00pm. From flowers to vegetable plants, to your household favorites, there is a huge variety with low cost. Come out to the CHS greenhouse and we will be happy to be of service to you!



ALLERGY SEASON IS HERE!

The Air is beginning to fill with plant pollens and mold spores and your child may begin to develop sneezing, runny nose, itchy eyes, stuffy sinuses, and tickling throats that can make them miserable. Last year, the East coast suffered pollen counts 4 times the average which caused even those not usually susceptible to seasonal allergies to suffer with these miserable symptoms. If your child develops or has seasonal allergies and is not on a routine allergy medication, you may want to consider bringing an anti-histamine to the school health room for your child (Carroll County BOE medication policy rules apply).

Colds vs. Allergies

Many people may not realize they have allergies, often attributing their congestion and runny nose to a cold. Left untreated, allergies can cause more serious conditions like sinusitis or ear infections. It is important to decipher between allergies and colds.

	Allergies	Colds
Symptoms	Runny or stuffy nose, sneezing, wheezing, watery and itchy eyes.	Can include fever and aches and pains along with allergic symptoms.
Warning Time	Symptoms begin almost immediately after exposure to allergen(s).	Usually takes a few days to hit full force.
Duration	Symptoms last as long as you are exposed to the allergen and beyond, until the reaction triggered by the allergen ends. If the allergen is present year-round, symptoms may be chronic.	Symptoms should clear up within several days to a week.

Reference:

American Academy of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology. (Spring, 2002). *Spring allergy season*. Retrieved April 6, 2009 from: http://www.aaaai.org/springallergy/colds_vsallergies.stm

We are on the web!

www.centuryhigh.org

CENTURY HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC BOOSTERS

www.knightsmusic.org.

SPRING CONCERT SERIES

The Century Music program proudly presents our Spring Concerts on Thursday April 30th for Chorus and Orchestra and Thursday May 7th for all Bands. In addition this year, the newly formed Indoor Performance Ensemble will debut during both concert events. This innovative 20 member group will present a "The Elements: Wind, Water, Earth and Fire" which is a fusion of percussion, strings and dance along with flag, rifle and sabre work. Students performing represent Century High and Sykesville Middle Schools. Please come out and support out talented youth!

THE COOKBOOKS ARE HERE!

OUR SPRING FUNDRAISER COOKBOOKS ENTITLED "THE KNIGHTS TABLE" ARE IN AND AVAILABLE FOR SALE. PLEASE CONTACT JUDY BUSHEY AT JLBUSHEY69@COMCAST.NET TO ORDER A COOKBOOK OR LOOK FOR THE COOKBOOK TABLE AT THE UPCOMING SPRING CONCERTS ON APRIL 30TH AND MAY 7TH. "THE KNIGHTS TABLE" WILL MAKE A WONDERFUL MOTHER'S DAY GIFT AND ONLY COST \$12 EACH.

MUSIC SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE

The Century High School Music Boosters will be awarding three \$500 scholarships to deserving seniors in the Century Music Program. Forms need to be turned in to the Guidance office no later than May 8th 2009. The application may be found at: http://www.knightsmusic.info/scholarship/Music_Booster_Scholarship_Application_2009.pdf

Or may be obtained from Mr. Askew. Good Luck to all!

A JAMMIN' KNIGHT OF CLINICS AND CONCERTS

The Century High School Music Boosters are working with Coffey Music of Westminster to present "A Jammin' Knight of Clinics and Concerts". Local professional talent will be invited to offer master classes. Manufacturers of instruments for the aspiring rock or jazz band artist will be invited to demonstrate their products as well as to provide opportunities to try equipment. There will also be performances by various Century Music groups including Stage Band and Choir. The newly formed Indoor Performance Ensemble will also showcase their talents. The evening will be capped off by a "jam session". Please join us on May 8th. The event will start shortly after school and will extend into the evening. Look for more information to come!

SHOPWITHSCRIP.COM

Please visit the above website to participate in a fundraising program while you shop. It's easy because it involves **no selling** and the Boosters receive a regular source of revenue to fund all of the Music programs at Century. **Check it out today!** Or contact Scrip Program Coordinators Mary Laulis at mlaulis@verizon.net or Susan Stephey at stephey@verizon.net with any questions.

Come Join Us:

The Music Boosters next meeting will be Tuesday, May 5th at 7:30 in the Chorus Room. The date has been changed because of a conflict with the Spring Concert on May 7th. Please join us and feel free to bring new people interested in helping support the students involved with all the Music Programs at Century! We are looking forward to seeing you!

The Class of 2009 is Proud to Present:
"A Knight of Hope" with the help of the
Class of 2012 on Saturday, April 25th!

This event will include:



-A "Hope Knight Carnival" geared to children ages 3 & up! This event will be held **from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm in the Gym**. Games and activities will be hosted by several CHS clubs and organizations, with proceeds benefitting the Convoy of Hope. Admission to this event is free, but purchase of **tickets to spend at the game booths will be sold for 25 cents each**. Come play games such as the bean bag toss, duck pond, limbo, ring toss, putt-putt, balloon darts, and more! Come be amazed by a magic show, take part in a cake walk, and bid on some great prizes at a silent auction! Fun for the whole family, for a great cause—building schools for homeless, orphaned Kenyan children of the Mathare Valley. If you have items you wish to donate for the silent auction, please call Melissa Adelman at 410-386-4400, or email: maadelm@k12.carr.org.



-After the carnival, come on over to the Auditorium and gear up for the **SIXTH annual presentation of "Century Idol"**! The five finalists will make their **celebrity red carpet walk at 6:40 pm**, with the **show starting at 7 pm**. **Tickets are \$8 at the door, or \$7 with a canned food item to benefit Carroll County Food Sunday**. Come watch our contestants sing their way to stardom, and enjoy many opportunities to win door prizes! This has become a very popular event at Century; be sure to **come early** to claim your seats! Any questions? Please contact Melissa Adelman, Class of '09 advisor at maadelm@k12.carr.org

Junior and Senior PROM TICKETS

Prom will be held on May 16th, 2009 at the Baltimore Hunt Valley Marriott Inn by the Class of 2010 from 8pm-12am. Prom tickets will be on sale starting March 23rd. The ticket prices this year will be staggered in the following method:

Week of March 23 \$60

Week of March 30 \$65

Week of April 6 \$65

Week of April 13 \$70

Attention CHS!!! If you are planning on attending the Prom this message is for you.

The Junior Class will be offering two raffles for a chance to win prom tickets. They will be on sale in the cafeteria the week of March 16th – March 20th, A winner will be drawn and announced live on Monday Morning Announcements.

Package #1: \$2.00 per ticket or 7 for \$10.00

2 Prom Tickets, Boutonnière, Corsage, & \$25 visa gift card

Package #2: (The Mega Pack) \$5.00 per ticket or 5 for \$20.00

2 Prom Tickets, Boutonnière, Corsage, Hair & Nail gift certificate for girls, hair cut for guys, Gift Certificate towards a Tux Rental, \$50 visa gift card, and a select choice of earrings, bracelet, and necklace from Lia Sophia



Give the PERFECT gift to your child's teacher !



The Carroll County Public Schools Education Foundation announces the "Teacher and Staff Tribute Program" which recognizes teachers and staff while giving back to our students.

Your gift of \$10 or more will honor the teacher or staff member of your choice. They will receive an attractive card notifying them of your gesture and the amount of your gift will remain confidential.

Your gift will support the CCPS Education Foundation's grant program, which provides funding for teachers and students in grades K-12. Some of the initiatives funded through the grant program include mentoring programs, literacy programs and supplies for underprivileged students.

Please use the form below to make your gift. Tributes may be dedicated to any teacher or staff member in Carroll County Public Schools.

Student/Family Name *(to be listed in note card)* _____

Address _____ Email _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____
(for gift acknowledgement purposes)

Staff Member Name _____

Staff Member School/Location _____ GIFT AMOUNT: \$ _____

You may write one check for multiple gifts. Please make checks payable to CCPS Education Foundation and mail to: 125 N. Court Street, Westminster, MD 21157



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"Sexting" Shockingly Common Among Teens

Latest Case Involves Three Teen Girls In Pa. Who Sent Nude Pics To Three Boys

While it may be shocking, the practice of "sexting" - sending nude pictures via text message - is not unusual, especially for high schoolers around the country.

This week, three teenage girls who allegedly sent nude or semi-nude cell phone pictures of themselves, and three male classmates in a western Pennsylvania high school who received them, are charged with child pornography.

In October a Texas eighth-grader spent the night in a juvenile detention center after his football coach found a nude picture on his cell phone that a fellow student sent him.

Roughly 20 percent of teens admit to participating in "sexting," according to a [nationwide survey \(pdf\)](#) by the National Campaign to Support Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy.

"This is a serious felony. They could be facing many years in prison," **CBS News legal analyst Lisa Bloom** said of the six teens in Pennsylvania.

But, **Bloom** added, "What are we going to do, lock up 20 percent of America's teens?"

Police in Greensburg, about 30 miles east of Pittsburgh, say the girls are 14 or 15 and the boys charged with receiving the photos are 16 or 17. None are being identified because most criminal cases in Pennsylvania juvenile courts are not public.

Police say they first learned about the pictures in October. They say a student had a phone turned on in class, a violation of school policy, which prompted an administrator to confiscate the phone and subsequently find the pictures, reports **CBS station KDKA-TV**.

Resource: "Sexting" Shockingly Common Among Teens

<http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2009/01/15/national/main4723161.shtml>

