

CENTURY HIGH NEWS



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First Day of School, August 26 — annual “WOW” Day

Each year Century opens its doors to students with “WOW” day. Students will have the opportunity to listen to a motivational speaker, meet with their advisory groups for an extended period of time, meet and get to know their teachers, and have a school-wide picture taken. ***One difference this year is our PTSO is donating breakfast for students, not lunch. Lunch will be served in the cafeteria on the first day of school.***

Our Guest Speaker is Kevin Wanzer. “Say aloha and empower your audience—one laugh at a time.” Kevin’s professional goal is not for his audience to learn anything new, but to unlearn those light blocking habits or beliefs they have packed up during their life journey. Having a positive attitude, loving yourself and others, overcoming obstacles and maintaining a sense of humor are the basic necessities for people to live the “aloha” spirit and grow up to be a child. We look forward to his presentation.

Please note that some events will take place outside; so dress comfortably while adhering to the dress code. We look forward to seeing everyone on August 26th!!

A Big Century Welcome to Our New Staff and Faculty

Mr. Jason Arnold	Math Teacher
Mrs. Jill Bucolo	FACS Teacher (<i>Miss Sachetti</i> got married over the summer)
Mrs. Alicia Caltrider	Guidance Secretary
Mrs. Sharon Cassatt	Dance Teacher
Mr. Dennis Champney	Special Education Teacher
Mr. Jamar Garner	Physical Education Teacher
Mrs. Beverly Jordan	Guidance Counselor
Ms. Maria Lathroum	English Teacher
Mrs. Cindy Lewis	Office Manager
Mrs. Kathy Lyons	FACS Teacher
LTC William Mitchell	JROTC Instructor
Mrs. Wendy Ross	Main Office Financial Secretary
Ms. Krystalyn Tullis	FACS Teacher
Mrs. Terri Wilson	English Teacher
Mr. George Wunder	Guidance/Knight Support Counselor (<i>new position</i>)

School opens for all students at 7:30 am.

Those seeking AM Help tutoring may arrive at 7:15am.

The late bell rings at 7:45 am.

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The CCPS athletic participation fee was increased from \$60 to \$80 per student per season.

The cost is \$120 for one season for families with multiple children in activities.



We cannot live for ourselves alone. Our lives are connected by a thousand invisible threads, and along these sympathetic fibers, our actions run as causes and return to us as results.

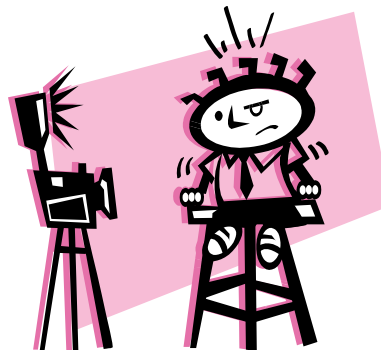
— HERMAN MELVILLE

Picture Days

All underclassmen will have their yearbook pictures taken on **August 28 and 29th**.

Seniors have an opportunity for make-up pictures **September 17th**.

All students will have make-up pictures in **October**. Career and Technology students will be scheduled first thing in the morning to accommodate their schedule.



When can I get a Gym Uniform?

All students taking a Physical Education class are required to wear a Century gym uniform.

Uniforms can be purchased during the new student orientation on August 20th from 9:00-11:00 am.

Uniforms will also be sold directly by the Physical Education teachers and the School Store once the school year begins. Uniforms will cost \$20. Cash and checks payable to Century High School are accepted. If you have any questions, please call Mr. Smith at 410-386-4400.

IPOD Policy

IPODS can be used ONLY in the cafeteria during lunch.

Students who are using IPODS at anytime other than lunch (in the cafeteria) will have their IPODS taken and given back after school. Further disciplinary actions will be taken for those students who continue to abuse the IPOD policy.

PARKING PERMITS


Century High School



New this Year at CHS—Student Parking—Interactive presentations

Auto crashes are the leading cause of death for 16-20 year olds. Most teenage fatal crashes occur on weekends. This year we are introducing a program to help educate young drivers as a proactive way to support safety in our community. Many parents ask us each year what they can do to better prepare their kids to be safe on the road. Reckless/careless driving occurs on our parking lot and reports of students leaving campus at high rates of speed on Ronsdale Road have contributed to accidents with our students.

Are you planning on driving to school?

Get your parking permit before the 1st day of school!!

Attend the Interactive seminar on August 20th at 6 pm.

Permit applications will be available in our main office beginning 8/18/08.

See Mrs. Soth for details.

This year we are going to try a new approach by teaming up with the MD State Police through the Sykesville training barracks. Our pilot program will require all students and parents to attend one session before the end of September 2008. We will hold several night sessions as well as one day time session to accommodate different schedules. **Students wishing to purchase a parking permit may do so beginning August 18th.** See Mrs. Soth for your permit applications and any questions that you may have about this program. All students and at least one of their parents that purchase a parking permit for the 2008/2009 school year must attend one of the presentations by 9/30/08 to keep their parking permit.

The program is designed to encourage students to take responsibility for their behavior and adopting safe driving practices. The focus of this program "Driving... How prepared is your young driver?" in making safe driving decisions.

Each interactive presentation will be delivered by a MD State Police driving instructor. **Evening presentations will be held at 6:00pm in the CHS Auditorium on 8/20/08; 9/03/08; and 9/10/08.** All presentations will be held at 6 pm in the auditorium with the exception of a presentation held on 9/29/08 that will be at 1:00 pm (school is closed for students that day).

During the year, several additional presentations will be held to accommodate those students who receive their license later in the school year.

ATHLETIC ADMISSION POLICY

Individual Game Admission Prices will be: Adults \$4.00

Students (grades 1-12) and Senior Citizens \$2.00

All children below school age who are accompanied by an adult will be admitted free.

The gate will be opened one hour before all home varsity football games and one half hour before all other home events. The school will be closed one half hour after the completion of all home events.

Parents are requested to pick up their children before this time.

Take advantage of the many resources @ CHS to improve your SAT scores!!

<http://www.collegeboard.com/prof/counselors/tests/sat/readiness/exam-readiness.html>

ADA STATEMENT

The Board of Education of Carroll County does not discriminate on the basis of disability in employment or provision of services, programs or activities. Information concerning the Americans with Disabilities Act is available from the Director of Facilities, 410 - 751-3177. Persons needing auxiliary aids and services for communication should contact the Office of Community and Media Relations at 410-751-3020, TTY 410-751-3034, or write to Carroll County Public Schools, 125 North Court Street, Westminster, MD 21157 at least one (1) week in advance of the date the special accommodation is needed.



PERMISSION TO PHOTOGRAPH, VIDEOTAPE OR AUDIOTAPE

Throughout the school year, the Carroll County Public School System frequently covers school activities and may use your child's photograph, video image, or voice for educational, informational, or public relations purposes, with or without identification by name.

If you do not wish to have your child's voice reproduced on tape or to have his/her image appear in such things as a video, a photograph, or the school website, please notify the school principal in writing. It is assumed that parents and guardians consent to their children being audio taped, photographed, videotaped, or having their image placed on a school website unless such notification is received.

There are also occasions at which the media cover certain school events (such as when a government leader visits a school). If you do not wish to have your child's name or likeness published by the media, you should address your concerns directly to the school involved so that the media is so advised. Please be advised that the school system has no control over the media when they are covering activities such as sporting events and musical programs that are open to the public.

Balfour Dates and Activities: 2008-2009

Dates to Remember

8/20: New Student Orientation
9:00-12:30 pm

8/20: Parking Permit Seminar
6:00 - 7:00 pm

8/21: Meet the Teacher Night
6:00-8:30 pm

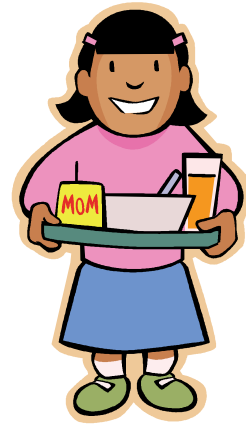
8/26: First Day of School

9/1: No School for Students

Sophomore Class Ring Assembly (Balfour will be visiting to hand out Class Ring information)	September 24th during Advisory
Ring Orders will be taken	October 1st in the Rotunda-4 to 6:30 pm October 2nd during lunches and in the Rotunda - 4 to 6:30 pm October 3rd during lunches
Senior Cap and Gown Assembly Sophomore Ring Ceremony	December 3rd during Advisory December 11th at 7:00 pm

The Board of Education has approved school meal price increases. The prices for 2008-2009 are as follows:

Middle & High Lunch	\$2.25
Middle & High Breakfast	\$1.50
Super Lunch – High	\$2.75
Reduced Breakfast	\$0.30
Reduced Lunch	\$0.40



The Food Service Program is again offering parents the opportunity to purchase an annual meal plan or to pay for meals using a monthly payment plan. We are encouraging parents to sign up early to receive the most benefit from either meal plan.

Drama Boosters

The CHS Drama Boosters welcome all adults interested in promoting/supporting the CHS Drama Club students in 2008-09. Our first meeting will be held in the CHS Media Center on Wed. Sept. 3, 2008, 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Please join us then and look for our table at the 9th Grade Orientation (Wed. Aug. 20th) and "Meet the Teachers" Night (Thurs. Aug. 21st). Questions? Contact Boosters Secretary, Gina Adolph, at sea4gma@aol.com.



Parent Involvement Opportunities

Many opportunities exist for parent involvement at Century High School. We need volunteers to help copy newsletters, copy materials for teachers, chaperone dances, fundraisers, helping in a classroom, etc. We have several dates scheduled for training here at our school or you can visit the Carroll County website to see other locations for training sessions. We look forward to seeing you during the school year!

Also, learn about our booster organizations. Each hold monthly meetings which are open to everyone. Visit our website to see dates and/or activities of all of our parent/booster organizations.

Please call 410-386-4400 and ask for Mrs. Judy Jones or Mrs. Debby Prince if you are able to help us this year ~ thank you!!!

Attendance Procedures

All students who were absent the day before will go to the cafeteria to receive an absence slip (whether or not they have brought in a note from home).

If a student is issued an unexcused "No Note" slip, then the student should bring their note the following day to the cafeteria to receive an absence slip.

Students who have not received an absence slip by 7:35am should report to mod 1/Advisory on time.

First mod/Advisory teachers will take attendance and check absence slips. If a student was unable to get an attendance slip from the table in the cafeteria, then they must use an Agenda Book Pass and go to the attendance clerk, Mrs. Parsons, to get an absence slip.

Absences and late arrivals may be verified by a written note, signed fax, email or phone call. Early dismissals will still require a signed note or signed fax from the parent/guardian. Administration will call to confirm emails.

Please observe the following guidelines:

- Written Note:** If you send a written note, please include the student's full name, grade, reason for absence and a phone number where a parent or guardian can be reached.
- Faxed Note:** Please fax notes to 410-386-4413. These faxed notes should include the student's full name, grade, reason for absence and a phone number where a parent or guardian can be reached.
- E-mail Note:** Please email notes to the following address CHSAbsence@k12.carr.org. These emails should include the student's full name, grade, reason for absence and a phone number where a parent or guardian can be reached.
- Phone Call :** Please phone in student absences to 410-386-4400. If leaving a message, please state the student's full name, grade, reason for absence and a phone number where a parent or guardian can be reached.

If your method of reporting your son/daughter's absence or lateness is fax, email, or phone call no further written notification is required under this policy.

Please note that a phone call may be made to verify authenticity of the phone call, email, note or fax.

Thank you for stressing regular attendance in school—it helps everyone succeed!