

GET INVOLVED

JULY 12, 2008

- Students should all wear CHS Green shirts on the first day.

Principal's Message – July 2008

Preparing for the 2008-2009 School Year!

I hope that you are enjoying this summer, finding time to visit new places or reconnect with friends and family. We have balanced vacations with getting ready for a new school year. This is a time for us to re-energize and assess how well different programs are operating so we can provide the very best education for your sons and daughters. This is the first of our two (2) summer newsletters. We will send another paper newsletter home in August as a "Back to School" issue. Once the school year begins, our newsletter will not be mailed home to you unless requested. We will continue to post all newsletters on our school website at www.centuryhigh.org. Periodic mailings will continue to be sent for important notices, but we will be able to save a substantial amount of money if we cut back on copying all pages and mailing the entire newsletter home every month. Please call us at (410) 386-4400 if you prefer a mailed copy!

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Century High School will welcome our new and 9th grade students on Wednesday, August 20th from 9am to 12:30pm. The purpose of this orientation is to introduce families and students to what our school is all about. This will give all 9th grade students and their parents (as well as transferring upper classmen) a chance to learn about what it means to be an "Academy School". We will introduce students to their faculty advisor, who stays with them all four (4) years until graduation.

Our Back to School Night will be held Thursday, August 21st from 6pm to 8:30pm. This is open to ALL parents and students. You will have a chance to meet with teachers on your student's schedule and find out what to buy for classes, expectations, procedures, and ways to keep communication strong throughout the semester.

A bonus for coming to these back to school events is that you will be able to see our **NEW SCHOOL STORE!** Currently under construction is a new, larger school store which will vastly improve the offerings to students – right in the cafeteria! Our **Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA)** and the **Business Information Management (BIM) Academy** sponsor the school store and were instrumental in making this happen. I hope you remember that this is the same group of students who qualified to compete at their Nationals this year! We are impressed with this academy-related activity which provides a great example of how students are using what they learn in constructive ways.

Our school has been very successful, but we cannot do this without your help and involvement. Parent and community support is more important than ever; especially in this difficult economy. We are seeking parents who want to become more involved in our school mentoring students while helping them complete assignments after school. As part of an expanding tutoring and support program we'd like to have more adults act as positive role models. If you are able to dedicate one day a week after school this would be a big help. We are also seeking parents to help teachers by copying materials. Please contact Mrs. Judy Jones, Assistant Principal or Mrs. Debby Prince for more information.

The marching band is practicing, and fall sports tryouts begin August 16th. So for many students, the summer is winding down. Make sure your physicals are up to date so you are ready to go. Take some time to visit our website at www.centuryhigh.org – it has a wealth of material to keep you informed. Also, parents should go to www.eschoolnewsletter.com to register for our email list. This will keep you up to date on all that is going on in and around our school.

I hope that you enjoy the next month before school starts. Make sure that reading a good book is part of your summer "things to do" list. Keep your mind sharp! We will see you soon!

Mr. Drew Cockley

Principal

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Meet the Teacher Night—Aug 21st from 6:00 to 8:30pm
- New Student Orientation—Aug 20th from 9:00am to 12:30pm
- First Day of School—August 26th—7:45am report time!

OUR CHARACTER EDUCATION FOCUS FOR QUARTER ONE IS SERVICE



SERVICE LEARNING HOURS

How many service learning hours do you have? Check with your advisor for opportunities.

Students are required to perform and log at least 75 hours of service learning in order to meet graduation requirements. Students must log at least 55 approved hours by July 31st in order to gain senior status. (that includes sitting for senior portrait, purchasing parking permit and assigned to an 11th grade homeroom).

Summer is the perfect time to perform service learning activities. Forms to document these hours are available in the guidance office. Awards are given at graduation for outstanding service, as you demonstrated by documented hours, so do not stop submitting those service learning forms when you reach 75!!

You're not obligated to win. You're obligated to keep trying to do the best you can every day.

MARIAN WRIGHT EDELMAN

Contact Mrs. Debby Prince at (410) 386-4400 for more information about becoming a volunteer at Century High School.

Parents are such a tremendous resource for our school. We can use your help in many ways:

Copying papers for teachers, sorting materials in the Media Center, mentoring a student, tutoring, printing this newsletter each month...

We value your support and thank all of our volunteers from 2007-08!

Free and Reduced Meal facts...

Approval is automatic if you receive Temporary cash assistance or Food Stamps.

You may apply or reapply at any time during the year.

You **may** be eligible for any period during unemployment with a completed application.

You may apply if there is a change in income or family size.

If approved, the \$80.00 athletic fee will be waived.

If approved, summer school and after school program fees are waived.

If approved, there is a reduced fee for Advanced Placement and PSAT registration.

Please call the guidance office at 410-386-4408 for more information.

In an effort to maintain accurate attendance. Please continue to call your student out by 9:00 a.m. the day of absence.

Email chsattendance@k12.carr.org



STUDENT SUPPORT PROGRAMS

Century High School looks to provide a challenging experience for all students in order to prepare them for life after high school. In doing so, we recognize that not all students will learn at the same rate, or at the same time. Different support programs are available to address the diverse needs of our student population and are available throughout the year. Please do not hesitate to contact our Guidance Office at (410) 386-4408 if you would like information about any of the following: AM Help, Knight Support Program, NHS Tutoring, Peer Facilitators or Online Courses.

LIVE, ONLINE HOMEWORK HELP Math, Writing, Chemistry, and more!

A RESOURCE PROVIDED BY **CARROLL COUNTY LIBRARY**

MATH TUTORING – Offered 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

LIVE ONE-ON-ONE TUTORING – Connect with a live tutor to get help with mathematics (basic math through Calculus), chemistry, physics, biology, human anatomy and physiology, statistics, introductory finance or writing homework. Look in the Customer Support & FAQs section of your SMARTHINKING homepage for the full list of subjects and times that you can work with tutors.

ONLINE WRITING LAB – Submit your essays and get helpful comments in your SMARTHINKING inbox from one of the tutors, called “e-structors,” – usually within 24 hours. Use this feedback to revise and improve your paper! Also available in Spanish.

ACADEMIC RESOURCES – When you’re looking for helpful study skill tips, test prep tools, or information about writing your paper.

GET STARTED!

1. Go to library.carr.org and click on SMARTHINKING.
2. In the next screen, enter your library card number. Connect with an e-structor.

Note: The first time you use SMARTHINKING, you may get a “plug-in” notice. You must click “Yes” when asked if you will accept the plug-in so you can use all white board functions.

PROBLEMS? Send an email to Customer Support at support@smarthinking.com

Visit library.carr.org to take advantage of free online homework help!

Parents—check off your lists now. Forms are found in this newsletter to help you get ready!

1. Medical Physicals for Fall Sports (tryouts begin August 16) Forms in the main office.
2. Meal Plan Forms Completed—to set up accounts for students.
3. Free and Reduced Meal Options—helps with athletic fees, breakfast, lunch, etc.
4. Consent for Medications at School—must be on file with our nurse (signed by your doctor)
5. Preparing for SAT's and PSAT's—visit our website, go online, start preparing...
6. Visit CHS Website to see what is offered...be in the know! [Www.centuryhigh.org](http://www.centuryhigh.org)
7. Sign up for ESCHOOLNEWS—go to www.eschoolnewsletter.com today!
8. Review our dress code before buying back to school clothes—dress for success! Don't allow short shorts, skirts, tops that don't cover the back (or front), torn clothes, etc.

Thanks—lets get off to a great start!

SAT TEST DATES AND REGISTRATION DATES

2008-09 Test Dates	Test	U.S. Registration Deadlines*	
		Regular	Late (a fee applies)
October 4, 2008	SAT & Subject Tests	September 9, 2008	September 16, 2008
November 1, 2008	SAT & Subject Tests	September 26, 2008	October 10, 2008
December 6, 2008	SAT & Subject Tests	November 5, 2008	November 18, 2008
January 24, 2009	SAT & Subject Tests	December 26, 2008	January 6, 2009
March 14, 2009	SAT only	February 10, 2009	February 24, 2009
May 2, 2009	SAT & Subject Tests	March 31, 2009	April 9, 2009
June 6, 2009	SAT & Subject Tests	May 5, 2009	May 15, 2009



Six essential qualities that are the key to success:

Sincerity, personal integrity, humility, courtesy, wisdom, charity.

WILLIAM MENNINGER

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Parent Pick Up / Drop Off

The parent drop off area is in our STUDENT PARKING LOT by the main gym and auditorium. Parents are not to drop off students in the bus loop or in the Faculty Parking Lot (on the Linton Springs side of the building).

New security systems are in place requiring a STAFF ID to enter the faculty doors. We will require all students dropped off by the faculty entrance to walk around to the front of the building. That end of the building is not supervised for students in the morning—thank you for your cooperation!

The Office of Community and Media Relations is available to assist schools in providing any necessary auxiliary services, such as sign language interpreters. Please contact us whenever you need assistance.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ⇒ August 16—Fall Sports Tryouts
- ⇒ August 20—New Student Orientation—9am to 12:30pm
- ⇒ August 20—Meet the Coach Night—7pm
- ⇒ August 21—Meet the Teacher Night—7pm to 9:00pm
- ⇒ August 26—First Day of School—7:45am Start Time
- ⇒ September 1—No School for Students—Labor Day
- ⇒ September 29—No School for Students—Professional Day for Teachers

Ipods/Cell Phone

Cell phone violations continue to rank amongst the highest discipline issue. Please speak to your student about texting during the school day. Take a moment to review text messages being sent with your student... it might surprise you!

Electronic communications devices must be turned off and placed out of view before entering the school building and remain off and out of view during the entire school day.

First offense: Confiscation of the electronic communication device for the remainder of the day and until parent can retrieve the phone.

Second offense: Confiscation of the electronic communication device for the remainder of the day or until parent can retrieve the phone and Saturday School or after school detention.

Third offense: Confiscation of the electronic communication device and a 1 to 3 day suspension for insubordination. Parent to retrieve the phone.

ELECTRONIC CHS NEWSLETTER 2008

DON'T MISS OUT!!!

CHS NEWS AND INFORMATION!

In order to cut school expenses we would like you to register for a hard copy (thru the mail) if you still want the newsletter mailed to you. Email Mrs. Debby Prince d_princ@k12.carr.org or Mrs. Jan Soth, jbooth@k12.carr.org.

Otherwise you can find the monthly newsletter on our website [centuryhigh.org](http://www.centuryhigh.org) or Please call 410-386-4400

SAT READINESS PROGRAM

To help prepare all students for the SAT and college success, the College Board provides the SAT Readiness Program. The program enables you to:

- Create a low-cost program to help broaden student access to SAT preparation and college
- Provide students with the only SAT practice tests created by the test maker Provide students with resources for independent study
- Create an SAT preparation course

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

See SAT Dates listed in the newsletter

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

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.

New this Year—We are working with the Maryland State Police to re enforce Safe Driving Practices

ALL STUDENTS AND AT LEAST ONE OF THEIR PARENTS MUST ATTEND THIS HOUR LONG SESSION IN ORDER TO ELIGIBLE TO PURCHASE THE PERMITS.

Parking Permits will be on sale for juniors and seniors the week before school starts, August 20th through August 24th. See Mrs. Soth anytime between 8:30 am and 4:00 pm. Permits will cost \$20.00 for the year.

Juniors and Seniors can also purchase parking permits the first week of school during lunch mods. After September 7th, the costs will be \$22.00 for the year. Students who wish to drive to school must be academically eligible and have all obligations cleared. Please bring your current driver's license with you. Your Parent must sign the regulation form at that session in order for the student to get a parking permit. Several sessions will be held to accommodate everyone's schedules. An eschoolnews letter will give the dates and times of each session.

Starting September 4th parking tickets will be issued. Students are to park only in the student lot (near the gym area).

If you have any questions, please call Mrs. Soth 410-386-4400.

See Parking Permit Form in Newsletter!

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