

# CENTURY HIGH NEWS



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## Off to a Great Start!

We'd like to thank you for helping us get off to a great start this year. The breakfast of donuts and juice helped to welcome almost 1300 Century Knights with the help of our PTSO. The guest speaker this year was **Kevin Wanzer**. 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. His presentation was very well received by both students and faculty. We hope you learned something about it from your son/daughter. If not, ask them what they thought of the first day speaker.

**If you haven't done so already, please remember to join the PTSO.** Your membership helps to fund activities which include a teacher appreciation luncheon, student scholarships, and technology for our school. In the past, we've been able to raise up to \$5000 for new computers, printers, and LCD projectors for classrooms. Our hope is to continue to bring newer technologies into our school so that all students will benefit.

We have explained our **school improvement goals** to you inside this edition of our newsletter. Please take some time to review these areas carefully to see where your son/daughter fits into the picture. All students help to contribute to our achievement goals and we hope that you become familiar with them as well. For instance, we have a focus for all 9th grade students ~ to pass their Government and Algebra High School Assessments before the end of the year. Call our guidance office if you'd like to learn more about tutoring that is available in our community or online if you are looking for extra help.

**The first report card will be given to students on October 2nd.** Look for this interim grade report to see how your son/daughter is doing and intervene early if you are not satisfied with results. **Please call us ~ we are here to see everyone do their best!**

**Another date to remember is October 15th: PSAT day.** ALL 10th and 11th grade students at CHS take the PSAT as a way to practice for the SAT. We pay the cost, so students have no pressure. We just ask that they try hard and prepare by practicing/studying. A benefit to 11th grade students is that they can qualify for scholarships based on their score. Look for more information about this day inside this newsletter.

**Fall Sports are off to a great start ~** the stadium renovations to widen the walkway have made it much nicer and the big crowd at our first home football game was able to move through very easily. Thanks to everyone who came out ~ especially our student section led by the members of "Gang Green". We hope to see our students really support each other throughout the year ~ so keep it up gang!

*Sincerely,  
Drew Cockley  
Principal*

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## Goals for Century High School

### Student Achievement Goals

#### *High School Assessments (4)*

*Government*

*Algebra*

*English (Global Perspectives)*

*Biology*



There are two ways of meeting difficulties: you alter the difficulties; or you alter yourself to meet them.

— **PHYLLIS BOTTOME**

### **Advanced Placement**

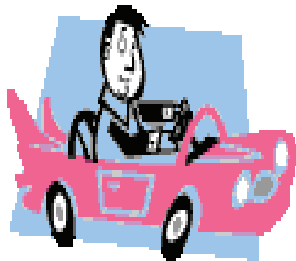
While High School Assessments are the first tests that students need to pass to graduate, AP Exams are often closer to when a student graduates. Our goal is to see enrollment in AP courses rise. We encourage ALL students going to a 2 or 4-year college to take AT LEAST one AP course in their area of strength. This will help students see how ready they are for college level work. Many students will take one AP course in 10th or 11th grade, then two the next year, etc. Students benefit by taking one class and then building from there. Consequently, if students take an AP course, we hope they take an AP exam. The exam helps show students on a national level how they are doing, and is something that will help set them apart when they apply to their college of choice. Each year, approximately 28% of our seniors pass one or more AP exam ~ this is twice the national average!

### **SAT Test, Completer Programs, Job Shadows, and Internships**

As an Academy-based school, Century believes in preparing students for life after high school by exposing them to the “real world” as often as possible. We know that students who take advantage of our academy programs prove to be successful graduates. They are able to learn and grow in authentic settings ~ they go to places outside our walls. Job Shadows are one-day visits to a work site. Students do this in their 11th grade year. It helps them determine what types of careers exist in their (Academy) field of interest and what classes will help prepare them best. An internship is done in senior year and is really the “cream of the crop” at CHS. These students are taking advanced courses, while preparing for the real world. Completer Programs—a combination of courses that meet state guidelines—help students see the relevance in what they are learning. All of these areas, combined with the SAT, help students make decisions about the best route to take after high school. We know that students who choose to do job shadows and internships, as well as those who finish completer programs, have a stronger focus as a result.

## PARKING PERMITS

  
Century High School



### New this Year at CHS—Student Parking—Interactive presentations

We'd like to thank everyone who attended the first two parking presentations. Over 385 people have attended so far. We regret that the presenter was unable to keep his schedule on September 10th—there is still one day time presentation on the calendar Monday, September 29 at 1:00pm (school is closed for students that day). We will work with the MD State Police to arrange additional dates to help those who were unable to attend and were planning on coming the 10th.

Each interactive presentation will be delivered by a MD State Police driving instructor. **Each presentation** will be held in the auditorium. During the year, several additional presentations will be held to accommodate those students who receive their license later in the school year.

Your feedback has been helpful in our tailoring the program to better meet the needs of students and parents. Thank you! We hope that by trying this program we will see a decrease in aggressive driving on our parking lot which should result in a safer campus for everyone!

#### Are you planning on driving to school?

If you have not purchased your permit, you will be fined. Please don't delay in getting your form completed and turned in to the main office!

*See Mrs. Soth for details.*

## 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.



## PSAT Day—October 15th

October 15th is the PSAT testing day for all 10th and 11th grade students at Century High School. The test is paid for students ~ so they do not incur a cost. The benefit of taking the PSAT is that it is the best way to practice for the SAT, and it helps students see how they are doing compared to all other students in the country.

The PSAT also helps guide course selection (to either accelerate coursework or to find courses that will help in areas of need). Parents and students will receive a detailed score report that can be a helpful tool for the rest of high school and help you in the college search process.

The test is about 3 hours long, so all students will take the test in the morning. You can be a big help to us by encouraging students to practice and study leading up to the test, getting a good night sleep and breakfast, and then trying their very best!

While 10th and 11th graders are testing, seniors will have activities that will help them in 12th grade and during their first year out of high school. Topics will range in scope depending on the needs and interests of our students.

The 9th grade will participate in a community service day ~ with their advisors. We take students to locations in our community, around Carroll County, and as far away as the aquarium and the zoo! The positive impact of over 300 students performing community service projects at one time is impressive. Students earn about 1000 hours that day!

### Balfour Dates and Activities: 2008-2009

#### Dates to Remember

9/24: End of the 1st Interim

9/27: Marching Band Competition at CHS!

9/29: No School for Students

9/29: 1:00pm Parking Permit Presentation

10/2: Interims reports given to all students

Sophomore Class Ring Assembly

September 24th

Balfour will be visiting to hand out Class Ring information

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

December 3rd during school

Sophomore Ring Ceremony

December 11th at 7 pm

# Calendar of Events

Visit [www.centuryhigh.org](http://www.centuryhigh.org) for a complete listing of all athletic, drama, music events!

- Sept 24: 1st Interim Report Period Ends
- Sept 27: Tournament of Marching Bands @ CHS
- Sept 29: No School For Students  
Parking Permit Presentation ~ 1pm
- Oct 1-3: 10th Grade Ring Orders (see page 4)
- Oct 2: Interim Reports given to students
- Oct 6: College Fair @ Westminster HS ~ 4:30pm to 8:30pm
- Oct 11: County Drama Performance at CHS
- Oct 15: PSAT Day
- Oct 17: No School For Students
- Oct 18: USSBA MD Championship Marching Band @ CHS
- October 20 to 25 is Homecoming Week!**
- Oct 23: Homecoming Parade
- Oct 24: Homecoming Football Game
- Oct 25: Homecoming Dance ~ 8pm to 11pm
- Oct 29: Final Exams—First Marking Period
- Oct 30: Final Exams—First Marking Period
- Oct 31: Final Exams—First Marking Period  
End of the 1st Quarter—2 hour 45 minute early dismissal for students



## Parent Involvement Opportunities

We want to thank the many parents who are volunteering in our school. The COPY CENTER is up and running! This is a great benefit to all of our teachers.

Coming soon ~ a student mentoring program. We hope to provide an after school program for students who could use some positive adult influence in their life. Mentoring includes tutoring, listening, and being someone that students know cares about their success. If you would like to help out, give us a call.

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 [CHSAttendance@k12.carr.org](mailto:CHSAttendance@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!***

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