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## Home of the Knights!

### **A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL...**

One quarter of the year is in the books and now we need to step back and determine “Are we where we want to be?” “How can we improve?” These are questions that all of us (students, parents, and educators) need to ask throughout the year and then make changes where needed. Students will receive reports cards on November 6<sup>th</sup> and Parent Conferences are on November 23<sup>rd</sup>. This is a great time to visit CHS and meet with teachers and discuss plans to help students meet higher levels of success. We encourage all parents to make conferences. Benefits of conferences include: getting to know your son/daughters teachers, find out in detail how they are doing in class, and discuss ways to get help or extend content if needed. Studies show the importance of parents staying connected during high school and the impact on student achievement. Parents should call our main office to set up appointments!

We are in the process of developing a CHS Graduate Profile to help students keep their goals in sight. Students will see this document on Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup> for the first time. It will be shared with parents as well to give you an idea of what a successful student should accomplish by the time they graduate.

We also want to assess our school’s progress and we will need your help. An online survey will be sent to you via the Alert Now system with a link to view the survey. We hope that you complete this survey and let us know what you think of CHS, including ideas for ways we can improve. As we assess our progress, one topic for discussion will continue to be the status of our Flex Period. Are students becoming “self directed learners” and using this time wisely? If not, and student achievement isn’t improving, we need to ask “should we keep it?”

I hope to see you during American Education Week (November 16 to 20). We will set up tours, highlight new technologies, and welcome parents to school to give you a better idea of what a “Career Academy High School” is all about.

Thank you for your continued support of Century High School!

Mr. Drew Cockley  
Principal

## **Calendar of Events – November 2009**

- Nov 5            Make Up Pictures – all grades (last chance!)
- Nov 6            CHS Marching Band – National Championship at Navy Stadium  
Report Cards Distributed during Advisory
- Nov 7            JROTC Drill team competition – South Garrett HS
- Nov 9            Early Dismissal for Students (11:50am)
- Nov 11           Veteran’s Day Assembly
- Nov 13           CHS Presents, “Taming of the Shrew” @ 6:45pm
- Nov 14           CHS Presents, “Taming of the Shrew” @ 6:45pm
- Nov 16           AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK – we hope you can visit!  
Picture Day for all CHS Clubs!
- Nov 17           “Its Academic” team challenge @ WMHS  
PTSO Meeting @ 7:00pm in the Media Center
- Nov 19           Maryland Business Roundtable visits Freshmen Seminar Classes
- Nov 20           Maryland Business Roundtable visits Freshmen Seminar Classes  
CHS Presents, “Taming of the Shrew” @ 6:45pm
- Nov 21           CHS Presents, “Taming of the Shrew” @ 6:45pm
- Nov 23           Parent Conference Day @ 12 to 8:00pm (no school for students)
- Nov 24           Professional Day for Teachers (no school for students)
- Nov 25, 26, 27           Thanksgiving Break – no school**

## Calendar of Events –December 2009

- Dec 1            JROTC trip – Camp Fretterd  
                    Academy Fair – all 9<sup>th</sup> grade students!
- Dec 4            Interim #2 ends  
                    CHS Health Fair – all students  
                    AHC Academy Coffee House
- Dec 7            Parent/Student College Night @ 6pm
- Dec 8            Final Payment for Class Rings – Balfour to visit CHS during lunches
- Dec 9            Final Payment for Class Rings – Balfour to visit CHS during lunches
- Dec 10           CCSGA meeting at FSK High School  
                    Winter Band Concert @ 7pm
- Dec 11           Interim Reports distributed to students
- Dec 15           PTSO Meeting @ 7:00pm in the Media Center
- Dec 16           10<sup>th</sup> Grade Class Ring Ceremony
- Dec 17           Winter Chorus / Orchestra Concert @ 7:00pm
- Dec 18           National Honor Society Blood Drive
- Dec 23           Winter Holiday Assembly  
                    Early Dismissal for Students (11:50am) – winter break begins!
- Jan 4            School Opens for Students

# NEWS TIPS

## CENTURY HIGH SCHOOL

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[www.centuryhigh.org](http://www.centuryhigh.org)

News to help us keep our community, faculty, and students informed about the great things happening at CHS!

Club/Organization: Friends for Life

Faculty Member(s): Mrs. Grant & Mrs. Mackie, Mrs. Daniel & Mrs. Russell

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The first meeting of the Friends for Life (FFL) Club was held September 21<sup>st</sup>. The purpose of this club is to help develop friendships for students with special needs, offer support on community outings, help with the Special Olympics and be active in the community helping others with special needs. Students introduced themselves and shared information about things they like to do. Seniors, Richard Russell and Alyssa Thornton were chosen as Homecoming Prince and Princess representing the Friends for Life Club and participated in the Homecoming Parade. The Friends for Life Club will meet on Club Mondays during the 2<sup>nd</sup> Club Rotation.

Several FFL club members were able to participate in the Westminster FallFest on September 25<sup>th</sup>. Students were able to enjoy rides, make scarecrows, and develop friendships with other special needs students from various schools throughout the county. A good time was had by all!

The second meeting of the Friends for Life Club was held October 19<sup>th</sup>. Members voted on Club Officers/Executive Board as follows: President, Richard Russell; Vice President, Meghan Gesualdi; Secretary, Candi Schoolman; Treasurer, Chantel King; Historian, Kelsey Stroyk; Member-at-Large, Bradley Crumbaker; Member-at-Large, George Coon. Afterwards, students worked together to make Halloween decorations and enjoyed cookies that were baked by LFI students. Permission slips were distributed to members interested in attending the South Carroll Inclusion Play Day on November 18<sup>th</sup> at South Carroll High School.

The Executive Board will meet during Flex Mod on November 3<sup>rd</sup> to develop ideas for future meetings and possible fundraisers. The next meeting of the Friends for Life Club will be held Monday, November 16<sup>th</sup>.

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## Recognizing the hard work and achievements of our AP Scholars

The College Board's Advanced Placement Program® (AP®) provides motivated and academically prepared students with the opportunity to take rigorous college-level courses while still in high school, and to earn college credit, advanced placement, or both for successful performance on the AP Exams. About 18 percent of the nearly 1.7 million students worldwide who took AP Exams performed at a sufficiently high level to also earn an AP Scholar Award.

In 2009, the numbers of AP Scholar Awards given were:

- AP Scholar: 154,104
- AP Scholar with Honor: 64,202
- AP Scholar with Distinction: 90,635
- State AP Scholar: 109
- National AP Scholar: 13,185
- National AP Scholar (Canada): 248
- DoDEA AP Scholar: 2
- International AP Scholar: 2

### Award levels

- **AP Scholar:** Granted to students who receive grades of 3 or higher on three or more AP Exams
- **AP Scholar with Honor:** Granted to students who receive an average grade of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken, **and** grades of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams
- **AP Scholar with Distinction:** Granted to students who receive an average grade of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken, **and** grades of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams
- **State AP Scholar:** Granted to the one male and one female student in each U.S. state and the District of Columbia with grades of 3 or higher on the greatest number of AP Exams, **and then** the highest average grade (at least 3.5) on all AP Exams taken
- **National AP Scholar:** Granted to students in the United States who receive an average grade of at least 4 on all AP Exams taken, **and** grades of 4 or higher on eight or more of these exams

### AP Scholars

<i>Last Name</i>	<i>First Name</i>	<i>Graduation</i>	<i>AP classes</i>	<i>AP Average</i>
Bosley	Stacie	2010	3	4.67
Caillouet	Jonathan	2011	3	4
Candland	Sarah	2009	4	2.5
Dennison	Emily	2010	3	3.67
Deshpande	Nikhil	2009	5	3.2
Erekson	Jared	2010	3	4.33
Glaser	Andrew	2010	3	4
Harbeitner	Kayla	2009	6	2.83
Hinson	Carla	2009	3	4
Hungerman	Audrey	2009	6	2.67
Khan	Farheen	2009	5	2.6
Kos	Benjamin	2010	4	3.25
Krysick	Sean	2009	3	4.33
Nakowski	Madeline	2009	5	2.66
McGovern	Kirsten	2010	3	3
Meadows	Daniel	2009	6	2.83
Onigbinde	Isaac	2009	3	3
Pobletts	Wynn	2010	4	2.5
Reamer	Marcus	2009	5	3.2
Wise	Laura	2010	3	5

**AP Scholar  
w/ Honor**

<i>Last Name</i>	<i>First Name</i>	<i>Graduation</i>	<i>AP classes</i>	<i>AP Average</i>
Batista	Benjamin	2009	4	3.25
Carroll	Robert	2009	5	3.4
Choi	Brandon	2009	6	3.33
Fedde	Kurtis	2010	4	3.75
Hoskins	Elise	2009	6	3.33
Hudson	Kevin	2010	4	3.5
Iannone	Nicole	2009	4	3.75
Martinelli	Alex	2009	4	3.75
Morris	Shaun	2009	4	4.5
Reading	Marc	2009	4	4
Reiter	Mary	2009	4	3.5
Stephey	Tyler	2009	4	4.25
Vannoy	Stephen	2010	4	4

**AP Scholar  
w/ Distinction**

<i>Last Name</i>	<i>First Name</i>	<i>Graduation</i>	<i>AP classes</i>	<i>AP Average</i>
Fredericks	Theresa	2009	7	4.14
Gilbert	Jennifer	2009	6	4.17
Jackson	Derek	2009	8	4
McCarty	Alicia	2009	7	4.29
Murosko	John	2009	7	4
Roberts	Ame	2009	5	4.8

Through more than 30 different college-level courses and exams, AP provides motivated and academically prepared students with the opportunity to earn college credit or advanced placement and **stand out in the college admissions process.** Each exam is developed by a committee of college and university faculty and AP teachers, ensuring that AP exams are aligned with the same high standards expected by college faculty at some of the nation's leading liberal arts and research institutions. More than 3,600 colleges and universities annually receive AP grades. **Over 90 percent of four-year colleges in the United States provide credit and/or placement for qualifying exam grades.** **Research consistently shows that AP students who score a 3 or higher on AP Exams (based on a scale from 1 to 5, with 5 being the highest) typically experience greater academic success in college and higher graduation rates than students who do not participate in AP.**

The College Board is a not-for-profit membership organization whose mission is to connect students to college success and opportunity. Founded in 1900, the association is composed of more than 5,600 schools, colleges, universities, and other educational organizations. Each year, the College Board serves seven million students and their parents, 23,000 high schools, and 3,800 colleges through major programs and services in college readiness, college admissions, guidance, assessment, financial aid, enrollment, and teaching and learning. Among its best-known programs are the SAT<sup>®</sup>, the PSAT/NMSQT<sup>®</sup>, and the Advanced Placement Program<sup>®</sup> (AP<sup>®</sup>). The College Board is committed to the principles of excellence and equity, and that commitment is embodied in all of its programs, services, activities, and concerns.

## Databases Available for Century Students

These are the databases that Century students have available for use, both at school and at home. Encourage your son or daughter to use these databases as they complete their homework and long term projects.

### **Homework got you down?**

Does the homework hour give your family the blues?  
Century's media center subscribes to numerous databases that can help your son or daughter in the pursuit of information.

The following databases can be used at home as well as in school to complete school assignments.

Take advantage of these great resources!

#### **SIRS Knowledge Source**

<http://sks.sirs.com>

School: Username: MD68185 Password: 21784

Home: Username:ccphs Password: high

#### **Gale Resource Center and Virtual Library**

<http://infotrac.galegroup.com>

School: Username: syke 75257 Password: syke\_log

Home: Username: syke75257 Password: syke\_rpa

#### **World Book Online**

School: <http://www.worldbookonline.com/?subacct=19648>

Home: <http://online.k12.carr.org/worldbook/index.html>

#### **CultureGrams**

<http://online.culturegrams.com>

Username: centryhigh Password: centryhigh

#### **ABC-CLIO Social Studies**

<http://www.worldgeography.abc-clio.com>

<http://www.worldhistory.abc-clio.com>

<http://american.history.abc-clio.com>

<http://www.americangovernment.abc-clio.com>

<http://www.usatwar.abc-clio.com>

<http://www.ancientworld.abc-clio.com>

<http://www.issues.abc-clio.com>

School & Home: Username: century Password: knights

#### **Greenwood Press**

<http://pop.greenwood.com>

<http://ebooks.greenwood.com>

Username: centuryhs Password: centuryhs

#### **Oxford English Dictionary Online**

<http://www.oed.com>

Username: chsknights Password: chsknights

## **Century: A Career Academy High School**

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### **Arts, Humanities and Communications Academy – Event Notice**

On December 4th from 3:00-5:30 in the Cafeteria, the AHC academy will be sponsoring an open mike coffee house featuring music, poetry, magic, photo contest, and various student created crafts for sale. Admission is \$2 or \$1 with your AHC membership card. All students, staff, and parents are welcome to attend.

We are pleased to announce the following winners of the 2009 CHS junk sculpture competition. First place: Lauren Nielsen, second place: Lauren Fritts, third place: Cole Jones, and Honorable mention Brandon Antrobus and Grace Vogelsang. These students will compete in the state competition sponsored by the Maryland Department of the Environment on November 13th. Congratulations to all participants....your sculptures look great!

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### **National Cancer Institute – opportunity for student interns!**

Any junior interested in an internship at the NCI of Frederick (National Cancer Institute) for their senior year, should contact Mrs. DeSalvo, Career Coordinator as soon as possible for application procedures. This internship allows students interested in the science/math fields to blossom in a wet lab setting working on topics ranging from genomic diversity to melanoma vaccines. We currently have 5 interns who were selected to participate and they are enjoying their time there immensely. This is a paid internship. There are also opportunities for graphic design students to intern at the same location.

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National French week is November 4 - 10. We will celebrate with cultural activities in school.

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The CHS Astronomy Club is sponsoring a poster contest to acquaint non-members with the fun and benefits of membership. The top three (3) poster creators will win a \$25 cash prize and a free t-shirt. Posters must be submitted to Mr. Fuhman no later than November 13<sup>th</sup>.

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## A Shakespeare Production

The Rude Mechanicals will perform William Shakespeare comic battle of the sexes, *The Taming of the Shrew*, at Century High on November 13, 14, 20, and 21.

The production will be a unique one: all audience members will be seated on the stage and surround the actors while they perform the play. Live modern music will be used for the pre-show and intermission, and concessions purchased at the snack stand can be brought into the seating area.

Seating is extremely limited, so we anticipate all shows will sell out. Call (410-218-1479) or e-mail ([info@theshakespearefactory.com](mailto:info@theshakespearefactory.com)) to reserve seats.

Show time is 7 pm. Pre-show begins at 6:45.

Tickets are \$7.00

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## *Drama Boosters News*

The Rude Mechanicals will present *The Taming of the Shrew* on November 13, 14, 20, and 21 @ 7 pm. with seating on the stage. Due to limited space, seating will be limited to 100 tickets per performance.

Pre-Audition Music Rehearsals for “The Wizard of Oz” will be held December 7, 8 & 9, 2009 at 3:00pm in the Vocal Music Room. Students **MUST** attend at least one rehearsal in order to audition for the play. Students will be taught one of the audition songs during rehearsals.

Auditions for the Spring Musical “The Wizard of Oz” will be held December 14, 15 & 16, 2009 at 3:00pm in the Auditorium. December 14 will be the music audition, December 15 will be the monologue audition and December 16 will be the dance audition. Callbacks will be December 17. Students should prepare a one minute scripted monologue from a published playwright, and one song from music practices. During the dance audition, students will be taught a dance routine with which they will audition. More information can be found at [www.centurydrama.com](http://www.centurydrama.com).

Set Construction volunteers are needed for the spring musical, *The Wizard of Oz*. **No experience is necessary!!** Please contact Mr. Jeff Meyer at 443-609-4514 or [jefmeyer@comcast.net](mailto:jefmeyer@comcast.net) if you are interested in helping.

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## **CLASS OF 2013....** Setting the pace!!

*Congratulations* to the Freshman Class for their awesome work preparing for the week of Homecoming. The freshmen took *1<sup>st</sup> place* for their “War of the Worlds” float and *2<sup>nd</sup> place* for the hallway we decorated!! A special thanks to the Freeburger family, Mr. Holocker, and Mrs. Kelly Gillis who helped with the hallway and parade.



\*Our first fundraiser will be decided on Monday Oct 26. We will then be sending information out within the following weeks. Be Ready to Go, Go, Go!!

\* We are still looking for parents to join our parent booster/support team. Please contact Mrs. Haak ([TRHAAK@carrollk12.org](mailto:TRHAAK@carrollk12.org)) or Ms. Barnold ([ANBARNO@k12.carr.org](mailto:ANBARNO@k12.carr.org))

\* The Parent Booster meeting for the Class of 2013 will be scheduled in the next 2 weeks, and thank you to those parents who contacted us already, we will be contacting you soon!

Thanks,  
Mrs. Haak and Ms Barnold!