

CHS News – 10 Years Strong

Spring is almost here! This newsletter will hopefully catch you up on what has been going on at Century High School and prepare you for upcoming events. First, let's recap what we accomplished in February...

Century saw **over 95%** of parents turn out for Parent/Advisory conferences to schedule course requests for next year. We are using that information now to create the master schedule of classes for next year. Students will receive information about their schedule of courses at the end of this school year. We are proud to have such **great participation from parents!** February also saw our 9th grade students inducted into their **ACADEMY** for the first time. Our freshmen class sponsored an outstanding **Black and White Dance** for over 400 students; **musicians** from CHS participated in All-County Orchestra and Band; and our **National Honor Society** sponsored a blood drive. The **Planning Team** (responsible for School Improvement) held a community dinner highlighting 10 years of CHS ~ and hopefully this got people talking about what we've accomplished in our history and where we see our school going. We recognized individual accomplishments of students with **U-Turn Awards** for increasing their performance, while also hosting a breakfast for students with **Perfect Attendance and/or a 4.0 Grade Point Average**. The Athletic Boosters held a Bull Roast to fundraise for our athletes; and students taking AP courses held assemblies to encourage more participation in AP exams this year. **We also had two STATE CHAMPION teams: Girls and Boys Indoor Track!** February really flew by!

In March, we've settled into the 3rd Quarter and are reviewing the effectiveness of our **Flex Program**. Students and parents have been surveyed; faculty are providing input. Now we are looking at results to see if student performance is improving (AP numbers/exams, HSA testing, GPA, the number of D's and F's students earn)... and are more students participating in clubs and activities. If so, then we just need to ensure that our program continues to run well. If not, then we will look at alternatives to a Flex Period. There is tremendous support for this program; be sure to talk with your son/daughter about how they use this time and are they using that time wisely? Are they seeking help from teachers or forming study groups? This is our hope! Our **Academic Team** continued its winning ways with a **County Championship!** The **Debate Team** missed a championship by one point, but continues to improve in both participation and regional success... and we now have a Robotics Team! Our final parent conference night is March 24th – don't miss this chance to meet with teachers to discuss progress this quarter. Lastly, March includes frequent reminders of why we are an ACADEMY high school: all students will meet with their Academy in March, and CHS will host the STEM FAIR 2011!

You should see the program guide:

<http://www.carrollk12.org/Assets/file/CHS/Academy%20Info/STEM%20Fair%20with%20Maps.pdf>.

As you can see, we've been busy; which makes the time really fly by! We are excited about what our students and staff accomplish and want to share this news with you!

Drew Cockley

Principal

Calendar of Events

Mar 24: Parent Conferences

Mar 25: DEADLINE to register for AP Exams!

Mar 31: Chitty Chitty Bang Bang – opening night!

April is AHC Academy Month – look for announcements about activities!

April 1: Chitty Chitty Bang Bang

April 2: Chitty Chitty Bang Bang

April 8: Early Dismissal (11:50am)

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April 9: Chitty Chitty Bang Bang

April 13: Media Center Hosts – Graphic Novel Book Fair (3-5pm)

April 14: Reports cards distributed to students

April 15: Mock Interviews – ALL Juniors!

April 16: Spotlight on Youth (Manchester Valley HS)

April 19: PTSO Monthly Meeting – 7pm (Media Center)

April 20: Spring Chorus Concert – 7pm

April 20: Envirothon Day!

April 21: Volunteer Reception

April 22: Schools Closed – Good Friday

April 25: Schools Closed – Easter Monday

April 27: Spring Orchestra Concert – 7pm

April 29: AP Night – 4 to 8:30pm

May 2nd to May 13th... AP EXAMS!

May 13: Senior Class Breakfast

May 14: Junior / Senior Prom (Sheraton, Columbia, MD)

May 16 to 19 High School Assessments!

International Aviation Art Contest Winners!

Congratulations to Megan Kaylor who won 3rd Place, Samuel Webster who won 2nd Place, and Lacey Davis who won 1st Place in the 2011 International Aviation Art Contest (ages 15 to 18) for the state of Maryland. Their posters will be forwarded to the National Association of State Aviation Officials for national contest judging and will also be on display in the MAA offices or public areas of BWI International Thurgood Marshall Airport. Way to go Megan, Samuel and Lacey!

INTERNSHIPS FOR NEXT YEAR???

Dear parents,

Did you hear your students talking about internships?! Did you see the Career Connection's table at Conference Night advertising internships? The Applied Physics Lab at John Hopkins University is one of Century High School's many internship sites. This internship site, however, held an upcoming informational meeting dedicated solely to students interested in interning at APL for the 2011-12 school year on March 4th! At that meeting, students heard from a former CHS student who STILL works at APL, from current students who have interned this year, and from the Career Coordinator about how to apply!

If your student is highly interested in internships for next year, please have your student speak with me as soon as possible! I can be found in the Career Center or students can sign up in the School Counseling Office. We hope that students are thinking of internships when they look for ways to challenge themselves in their senior year. Internships are a great way to gain real life experience that helps prepare students for careers and college. Many times, this is a stepping stone for our students who want to distinguish themselves in unique ways for colleges and employers!

Thank you,
Shana Myers
Career Connections Coordinator

PTSO NEWS

Our March meeting on March 15th will feature a volunteer training at 6:30 p.m. before the meeting. Please attend if you have not attended one of these sessions this school year, and you plan to volunteer or chaperone events this spring. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Nancy Heasley (ntheasl@carrollk12.org), our CHS Volunteer Coordinator.

Our PTSO is sponsoring a couple of opportunities coming up regarding practice tests and test prep courses for the SAT:

- **Huntington Learning Center** in Sykesville will be giving a **FREE** practice exam on March 14th (an early dismissal day) here at Century High. It will begin at 1:30 p.m. and run about three and one-half hours. They will provide an in depth analysis of the score (this is a \$195 value). If you would like to sign your 10th or 11th grader up for this, please contact Huntington (410-795-1511) by March 1st.

-**Kaplan** is offering a test prep class at Century for \$499 beginning on Saturday 4/16 and running until 6/1. This is a value if you have compared the costs of test prep courses. Call 1-800-KAP-TEST for more information or to enroll. It will prepare your student for the June 4th SAT.

Remember to enroll your student in a driver's training program. The current Street Smarts class schedule is posted on their web site. This is the official driving school of the CHS PTSO, and it is highly recommended. Please sign up by going to www.streetsmartsmd.com.

As always, thank you for your parental support. We have a huge responsibility in the success of our children and their education. Go Knights!

Trish Capparelli

President

FEBRUARY AHC Accolade Winner

Elizabeth Flores is the AHC Accolade winner for the month of February for outstanding achievement in the arts.



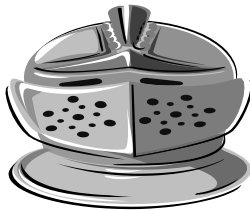
CLASS NEWS

Class of 2011 News Update:

Attention Seniors! Have you ordered your cap & gown for graduation on June 3, 2011? If not, please call the Balfour Company, 410-321-4433, to order your cap & gown.

Class of 2013 Spring Fundraiser!

Let's make this our ONLY fundraiser this spring! We are asking each student send out donation letters to friends and family. The beauty of this: no selling, no pick-ups, no delivering of products that you and yours don't really want or need. And the students get 100% of profits. Please contact Ms. Barnold or Mrs. Brewer with questions. Thanks for your support!



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Ryder Cavey – Class President

Dear _____,

I am a member of the class of 2013 at Century High School and I am asking if you would be willing to help support me, and our class.

Most organizations and clubs at Century do different kinds of fundraisers to help them afford necessary funding, and we are no exception. Instead of using a fundraising organization, we are directly contacting family, friends, and business partners who may be interested in making a donation where we receive 100% of the money donated.

If you are able to make a donation this year, please fill out the form below and return it back to Century High School (attention: Alex Barnold/Amy Brewer, Class Sponsors). Your donation may be tax deductible as provided by law. Any donation would be appreciated and I certainly understand if you are not able to make a donation this year.

I am very excited about the upcoming events for our junior and senior years including prom, and I would like to thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

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(Tear off and return to Century High School, attn: Ms. Barnold or Mrs. Brewer 355 Ronsdale Rd, Sykesville, MD 21784)

Student's name _____

Donation Amount

___ \$10 ___ \$15 ___ \$20 ___ \$25 ___ \$30 ___ \$50 ___ \$75 ___ \$100 ___ Other

Checks should be made payable to Century High School

CARROLL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
OUT-OF-DISTRICT REQUESTS FOR THE 2011 - 2012 SCHOOL YEAR

On February 1, 2011, out-of-district applications will be available in school offices. Board policy states that students who attend Carroll County Public Schools shall attend school in their designated attendance area. However, in very specific and limited circumstances, students may be placed in a school outside their attendance area if an approvable circumstance is deemed to exist.

Parents/legal guardians desiring an out-of-district placement for their child should carefully review the list of approvable circumstances listed on the back of the out-of-district application to determine whether the child meets the criteria for approval. Please review the out-of-district regulations in the Student Services manual for updates. The information can be found in Section I of the Student Services manual at www.carrollk12.org The Carroll County Public Schools' out-of-district policy and regulation will be strictly adhered to in making decisions regarding admission of students to schools outside of their assigned attendance area.

The only Carroll County Public Schools designated as "OPEN" for the 2011-2012 school year are as follows:

<u>ELEMENTARY</u>	
Cranberry Station Elementary	Robert Moton Elementary
Ebb Valley Elementary	Runnymede Elementary
Elmer Wolfe Elementary	Sandymount Elementary
Hampstead Elementary	Spring Garden Elementary
Manchester Elementary	Taneytown Elementary
Mt. Airy Elementary	Winfield Elementary
Parr's Ridge Elementary	
<u>MIDDLE</u>	
New Windsor Middle	Northwest Middle
North Carroll Middle	Shiloh Middle
<u>HIGH</u>	
Francis Scott Key High	South Carroll High
Manchester Valley High	Westminster High
North Carroll High	

All other Carroll County Public Schools will be designated as "CLOSED" for the 2011-2012 school year. This means that any out-of-district application submitted for placement to a "CLOSED" school for the 2011-2012 school year will be denied unless it meets the limited criteria for admission to a "CLOSED" school.

Parents/legal guardians who plan to submit out-of-district applications for the 2011-2012 school year need to be aware of the following procedures:

- It is the parent's/legal guardian's responsibility to obtain an out-of-district application from the school office or the Student Services Department. These applications will be available on February 1, 2011, *but not before*. Please be certain that the application obtained is for the 2011-2012 school year. Completed out-of-district applications may not be returned to the school office.
- The deadline for out-of-district applications for the 2011-2012 school year is **April 1, 2011**. Completed applications must be **postmarked or personally delivered** by the deadline date to:

Carroll County Public Schools
Student Services Department
125 North Court Street
Westminster, Maryland 21157

- Applications postmarked/received after the deadline date of **April 1, 2011** will be returned to the sender without consideration.

QUESTIONS REGARDING OUT-OF-DISTRICT ISSUES MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE SCHOOL'S PUPIL PERSONNEL WORKER, SUSAN MCFADDEN, AT 410- 751-3106).



The following students participated in the FBLA Regional Competition in February and placed as follows:

Zachary Jacobs	1 st Accounting
Kendall Caracciolo	2 nd Business Law
Audra Pieranunzi-	2 nd Business Presentation
Tyler Gray & Ashley Alli-	1 st Decision Making
Angelina Kaliszak-	1 st Job Interview
Madison Born-	2 nd Job Interview
Tony Clancey-	2 nd Marketing
Gianna Brooks-	4 th Marketing
Sydney Adamson-	5 th Marketing
Jake Northrop-	2 nd Sports Management

The region consists of Carroll and Anne Arundel counties. Century was the only school in Carroll County to compete.

We are very proud of our students and wish them luck at the next level which is the FBLA State Competition scheduled for April 7-9 in Hunt Valley, MD. At that time, our students will compete against students in entire State of Maryland.

The ***German National Honor Society*** will be sponsoring a BINGO on April 29, 2011, at Century. Tickets will be on sale soon! Mark your calendars for some great fun and prizes!

Mrs. Dorothy Louks

World Languages Content Area Liaison; German/Spanish Teacher; Education that is Multicultural School Liaison; International Club Sponsor; German National Honor Society Sponsor; STEM Academy

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SCHOLARS IN THE ARTS!

Congratulations to Christina Antolick, Nicole Griffith, Lauren Siminski, Sam Brooks, and Madeliene Moses who will be representing Century High School in the 2011 MD Distinguished Scholar Talent in the Arts competition. These students will be competing in early June against other talented high school juniors from throughout the state for recognition and a \$3,000 scholarship. A special thank you goes out to all students who auditioned this year. The talent at Century is incredible and highly evident in the quality of performances provided by each student.

NATIONAL ART HONOR SOCIETY

The Century High School National Art Honors Society and CHS Art Boosters is hosting the 3rd Annual Decorative Arts auction on Saturday, March 26th 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. Stop by for free scones and coffee and bid on your favorite decorative art piece created by the many talented Century High School art students.

Drama Booster News

Join Century's Opening Knights for our spring musical "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang." The show opens on March 31 @ 7pm in the Century Auditorium. Performances are also April 1, 2, 8, and 9 @7pm and an April 2 matinee at 2pm. Tickets will be available at the Century Auditorium box office beginning March 21 from 3:30-5:30 pm. Tickets are \$10. You can order tickets online NOW by going to the Century Drama Boosters website at www.CenturyDrama.com and click on the link for online ticket sales.

Century Drama Boosters meet the first Wednesday of each month @7pm in the media center. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, March 2. Anyone interested in working on the show or supporting the work of the Drama Club are welcome to attend. We would love to meet you!

For more information, contact:

Kendra Roberts, Secretary at Kendra.roberts@verizon.net

- Or -

Debbie Cooley, President at dcooley2@csc.com.