

# November / December 2011

## News from the Century Knights

This has been a terrific beginning to the 2011-2012 school year for many reasons. At the same time, there have been sad moments and tough times that our students, parents and staff have had to contend with. It is difficult to balance the two sometimes; having empathy for those around you while wanting to celebrate accomplishments and milestones. This time of year, around Thanksgiving, we should take pause and reflect on both.

As a school, we recently learned that the Middle States Association will grant us full accreditation. This means that we meet each of the 12 Standards which encompass our entire education program. We have STATE CHAMPIONS in Girls Cross Country and Volleyball. Our fall drama productions, under the new direction of Mr. Lucas Hewitt, were terrific. Another group welcomed a new staff member; Marching Band Director, Mr. Brian Coffill. Under his direction, our marching band had a very successful 2011 Fall Season. The It's Academic Team, coached by Mr. Buck Ferrin, is still undefeated in both county and WJZ-TV competitions. The Cheerleading team made it to STATES as well, winning their Region and being the only Carroll County squad represented and our football team earned the bell for winning the "Cross Town Showdown" against Liberty High School. All 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Students were "matched" with their Academy selection this month – a milestone in their planning. Our SGA is doing some amazing things, and the Student Voice Committee has been revitalized this fall too!

You can see that there has been much to celebrate and I'm sure I'm leaving some highlights out. But what I hope everyone can see is the diverse way in which our students achieve success. They earn high marks in academics, athletics, the arts, clubs, extra-curricular activities, etc. There is no one way to achieve success. So as we near Thanksgiving, take time to reflect on how you are doing in achieving your goals (I know I will be). And take pause to consider those who could use a little more support ~ we have a strong community and a great school because we work together.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Drew Cockley  
Principal

**CENTURY HIGH SCHOOL  
UP & COMING EVENTS  
November 21<sup>st</sup>**

**Schools are OPEN on November 21 and 22.**

**Schools/Offices Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday on  
November 23 – 25.**

**We hope that everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving Holiday!**

**Class of 2012:** The Balfour Company distributed the “Senior Packet” with information for cap & gown orders and graduation announcements to seniors today in an assembly. The Balfour Company will be at Century on **November 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>** to collect the cap & gown orders during all lunches. Students who attend CCCTC, Carroll Community College, or Internships can see Mrs. Prince after school on Monday, November 29 to hand in their order.

**Counseling Center:**

**ASVAB Career Exploration**

Whether you're planning on college, a technical school, or you're not sure yet, the ASVAB Career Exploration program can provide you with important information about your skills, abilities, and interests—and help put you on the right course for a satisfying career. You can benefit from the ASVAB Career Exploration program whether you plan to go to college or enter the workforce. Take advantage of all the program can offer by signing up today. Please Sign-up in the School Counseling Department. The test will be given at Century on **December 20<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m.** The test is Free! The sign-up deadline is December 2<sup>nd</sup> and is open to only Junior and Senior students.

**Teachers Earn National Certification:**

The following teachers are commended for earning National Board Certification – the highest certification a teacher can earn! This is an outstanding accomplishment and a tribute to their talents:

**Mrs. Jennifer Bruce** – Maskeroni, English

**Mrs. Nicole Henry** – Mathematics; Arts, Humanities, and Communications Academy Leader

**Mrs. Karen Milem** – English Language Learners (English as a Second Language)

## **December Calendar Items:**

**Winter Meet the Coach Night – Wednesday, November 30 @ 7pm**

**Winter Orchestra Concert – Thursday, December 1 @ 7pm**

**CHS Talent Show – Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Winter Band and Wind Ensemble Concert – Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm**

**10<sup>th</sup> Grade Class Ring Ceremony – Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm**

**AHC Coffee House – Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup> from 3 to 5pm**

**College Night – for all grade levels (parents) – Monday, December 12 @ 6pm**

**Winter Chorus Concert – Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm**

**JROTC Winter Ball – Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup> @ 5pm**

**Early Dismissal – beginning of Winter Break – 11:50am – December 23<sup>rd</sup>**

# Student Accomplishments

## Way to go Knights!

### National Merit Scholars - Commended Students:

Benjamin Diaz	Joseph Gadberry	Patrick Komiske
Justin Jones	Alexander Simms	

### AP Scholars - based on scores from 2011:

Austin Cole	Ryan Freeburger	Victoria Hoover
Elisabeth Lang	Alexander Simms	Kevin Yu

### AP Scholar with Honor:

Joseph Jacobe	Samantha Martin	Katelyn Todd
Hana Vienneau		

### AP Scholar with Distinction:

Joseph Gadberry	Justin Jones
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### National AP Scholar:

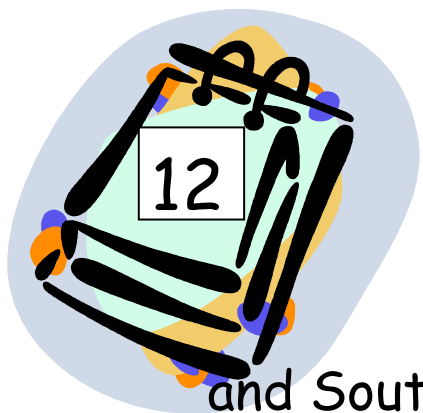
Patrick Komiske

### Northrop Grumman WORTHY Scholars:

We'd also like to congratulate the following students for being selected as an intern in the Northrop Grumman Worthy mentoring program: Brett Boyer and Samantha Turskey!

### JUNK SCULPTURE:

Finally, congratulations to Ryan Dunn, for earning runner up for "Best Use of Materials" in this year's MDE Junk Sculpture Contest!



# Save the Date For College 101!

hosted by Century, Liberty,  
and South Carroll High School Counselors

**Monday, December 12, 2011**

**Starting at 6pm**

**At Century High School**

For parents of students at Century, Liberty and South Carroll High Schools and 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents of students who will be attending those schools.

There will be several topics to choose from for every grade.

Session topics will include:

- Financial Aide and Financial Planning for College
- College Admissions (2 and 4 year)
- PSAT Score interpretation
- Taking the SAT and ACT
- AP Coursework and College Readiness
- Becoming an NCAA athlete
- Four Year planning for College Success
- Preparing for College
- Study Skills in College/ First Year Success
- Completer Programs in High School
- And More!

**Stay tuned for more information!**

**Class of 2014 Ring Ceremony**  
**Tuesday December 6<sup>th</sup> at 7PM in the auditorium**  
**Refreshments to follow**  
**All sophomores who ordered rings and their families are invited**  
**to attend!**

**ARTWORK HONORS:**

Congratulations to following art students who currently have their artwork on display at the Carroll County Board of Education office for the **month of November**: Megan Goss, Christina DiAngelo, Grace McLaurin, Bob Hendricks, Kacie Hubert, Lauren Siminski, Conner Warrell, Courtney Hottle, James Marshall, Sam Webster, Edison McKinney, Joao Machado, Connor Levy, Abby Rogers, Elisa Thewes, Bobby Jo Hough, Brittney Drummey, Kelsey Ratley-Diaz, Maggie Toth, , Veronica Kim, Morgan Keepers, Jordan Long, Sara Hall, Olivia Oats, Rebecca Radinsky, Lauren Boyd.

**Artwork may be viewed during normal BOE office hours (8:00a.m.-4:00p.m.), however, you may wish to call to confirm. The main switchboard number is: 410-751-3000.**

**JUNK SCULPTURE:**

The Century High School Art Department hosted its annual Junk Sculpture contest on October 24th, 2011 in the media center. Students from all grade levels and interests designed and contributed to this year's contest. We had over 15 entries that really took recycling to another level. Although soda cans, tabs, and logo's dominated the scene, we also saw a multitude of other interesting materials. Students recycled anything from computer parts, mechanical objects, electronics, audio, to umbrella frames, stands, tissue, newspaper, art catalog brochures to even a tire. It was an interesting bunch to say the least. Teachers and parents came out to support the show which is still on display in the CHS media center. **Three sculptures placed and went on to compete at the state level on November 18, 2011 in downtown Baltimore. Laruen Fritts, Sara Hall and Ryan Dunn were our top three picks with an Honorable Mention going to Connor Warrell.** All awards were created and donated by this year's Art Club members.

**CINDERELLA:**

Auditions for the spring musical, Rodgers & Hammerstein's "Cinderella" are November 28<sup>th</sup>-December 1<sup>st</sup> from 3-6pm. Pre-Audition music rehearsals are November 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. See Mr. Hewitt for a Production Packet and more information.

## **PTSO:**

Hi Century Parents,

For nearly 50 years, Entertainment has been helping people save in tough economic times with the big Entertainment coupon book. Today, more than ever, people realize that the premium 50% off and 2-for-1 coupons found in the book help them save on everyday essentials right in their neighborhood. Once you use a few coupons, the book quickly pays for itself. You can read more about it at [www.entertainment.com](http://www.entertainment.com).

The Century PTSO has been selling Entertainment books as our only fundraiser this year. Purchasing a book for \$30 is a great way to help your PTSO raise funds for technology, scholarships, and teacher/student support. The book makes a great Christmas present too!

If you would like to purchase one, just send a check in with your child in an envelope marked "PTSO" and we will be sure to send the book home with your child. Or contact Janet Jacobe at [janetj@aol.com](mailto:janetj@aol.com)

Thanks so much for your support!

# PTSO NEWS

The first quarter is over and report cards have come home. Do we, as parents, feel that we are adequately supporting the efforts of our children and encouraging them to do their best? Are we setting high expectations? Sometimes we may not realize how much we influence the attitudes of our children and how our encouragement can really make a huge impact on their future successes. Talk to your teens, be involved and really show them that you care. They may balk at us, but most teens really do appreciate our support.

If you haven't had a chance to join the PTSO yet, there is still time! You may join the PTSO and/or purchase an Entertainment Book by downloading a form from our website [www.carrollk12.org/chs/parents/ptso/default.asp](http://www.carrollk12.org/chs/parents/ptso/default.asp) and returning it along with the dues to the main office in an envelope marked "PTSO". **Senior Parents should definitely join so that their student will be eligible to apply for the two \$1000 scholarships we offer at the end of the school year.** The dues are only \$10 per family. We are also still selling 2012 Entertainment Books for \$30 through December 15<sup>th</sup>. They make great Christmas presents!! You may also contact Janet Jacobe regarding Entertainment Books at [janetj@aol.com](mailto:janetj@aol.com), and she will make sure you get one. Any donations to the PTSO are also greatly appreciated, as are matching contributions from your employer. We have had contributions from Verizon and Northrop Grumman. **Please check with your employer to see if they will match your contribution!**

If you have a teen that is ready to drive, please use Street Smarts of MD Driving School, the official driving school of the Century PTSO. They are highly recommended by members of the PTSO who have witnessed the professionalism and reliability that this company offers. Their schedule is listed below. Please register online at [www.streetsmartsmd.com](http://www.streetsmartsmd.com) or call **443-355-4238** for more information.

\*\*\*\*\*FALL 2011\*\*\*\*\*

DATES: 12/1/11 - 12/15/11 (no class on 12/9)

\*\*\*\*\*WINTER / SPRING 2012\*\*\*\*\*

DATES: 1/12/12 - 1/26/12 (no class on 1/16)

DATES: 2/8/12 - 2/24/12 (no class on 2/10, 2/20 or 2/21)

DATES: 3/19/12 - 3/30/12

DATES: 4/16/12 - 4/27/12 (no class on 2/10, 2/20 or 2/21)

DATES: 5/21/12 - 6/4/12 (no class on 5/28)

The classes are conveniently held at Century from 3:00 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.

We were happy to have over 20 parents attend our last PTSO meeting which was held on November 15<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. in the Media Center. It featured a presentation on our Middle States Review, we got to meet the Visitation Team, and heard results of the Drug and Alcohol survey that was given to CHS students in October. These meetings are always informal and a great opportunity to get to know our administrators and other parents who can share, listen and discuss school issues and concerns. Please join us! Also, we are all encouraged to attend the "College Night" that will be held at CHS on December 12<sup>th</sup>. This is always a very informative night for parents and students in all grades as college approaches so quickly!

Your support of CHS is invaluable! GO KNIGHTS!

*Trish Capparelli*

President

## **Flu vs. Colds: A Guide to Symptoms**

The flu and the common cold are both respiratory illnesses but are caused by different viruses. Because these two types of illnesses have similar symptoms, it can be difficult to tell the difference between each based on symptoms alone. In general, the flu is worse than the common cold. Symptoms such as fever, body aches, extreme tiredness, and dry cough are more common and intense with the flu. Colds are usually milder and the main symptom is more likely to be a runny or stuffy nose.

<b><u>Symptoms</u></b>	<b><u>Flu</u></b>	<b><u>Cold</u></b>
onset of illness ...	sudden	slow
Does your child have a ...	high fever	no (or mild) fever
exhaustion level ...	severe	mild
Is your child's head ...	achy	headache-free
appetite ...	decreased	normal
Are your child's muscles ...	achy	fine
Does your child have ...	chills	no chills

Some bacterial diseases, like strep throat or pneumonia, can also look like the flu or a cold. It's important to get medical attention immediately if your child seems to be getting worse, is having any trouble breathing, has a high fever, has a bad headache, has a sore throat, or seems confused. The important thing to remember is flu symptoms can vary from child to child (and they can change as the illness progresses), so if you suspect the flu, call the doctor. **If your child has a fever of 100°F or more, please keep him or her at home until he or she has been fever free for 24 hours without the use of medication.**

## **National Art Honors Society members!**

**On October 27, 2011, seventeen new students were inducted into the 2776 chapter of the National Art Honor Society for the Century High School Students.** Students brought in a piece of art that they created and explained the importance of art to themselves as well as its incorporation in their lives both present and future. After the inductees were finished presenting, a pledge to the concept of art was made, signifying their dedication to art; whether as a career or hobby. The ceremony finished with the consumption of the delicious 3 tier rainbow cake, made by Treasurer, Lauren Siminski and NAHS member Lauren Fritts. Almost all of the members attended, new and old, as well as many of their families. It was a great night, and excellent preview to the future work of the students. Thank you for your involvement and support!

### **The New NAHS members include:**

Nicole Alvarez '12  
Lacey Davis '13  
Justine Del Nunzio '14  
Brittney Drummey '12  
Courtney Gassaway '12  
Kelly Graph '13  
Sara Hall '13  
Courtney Hottle '14  
Bobby Jo Hough '13  
Maya Koepke '13  
Connor Levy '13  
Tracy McCrory '12  
Jordan Rich '12  
Emily Ridgeway '13  
Abby Rogers '13  
Monique Staveley '13  
Maggie Toth '13

### **Other new members who were not in attendance are:**

Veronica Kim '14, Morgan Fagnant '12, Clay Estes '12, and Katie Spear '12

## **JROTC:**

The Junior ROTC Raider Team captured the 1st place title in the 4th Brigade Regional Best of the Best Raider Meet on November 5<sup>th</sup> in Baltimore, MD.

The Raiders dominated in their victory over 15 other teams from Maryland and Northern Virginia, including our cross county rival, Winters Mill, who placed 5<sup>th</sup> in the competition.

Of the 5 events, our Raiders won 1st place trophies in the One Rope Bridge, Litter Carry Relay, and 5 Kilometer run; 2nd place in the Modified Army Physical Fitness Test (MAPFT); and 3rd Place in the Logistics Relay.

With this victory, the Raiders are eligible to return to the Brigade Best of the Best Finals at UNC Charlotte in March 2012.

Special recognition goes out to Justin Austin who captured the only individual award for Best Male in the physical fitness test with 280 out of 300 points.

## **2nd Annual Century's Got Talent sponsored by Century High School Music Boosters:**

*Century's Got Talent will be held on Saturday, December 3 at 7:00 pm in the Century High School auditorium. There will be four categories of performance: Singing, Dancing, Instrumental, and Miscellaneous. Come out and vote for your favorite act! Tickets are \$8. Special performance by Project C Studio's Student Dance Company.*

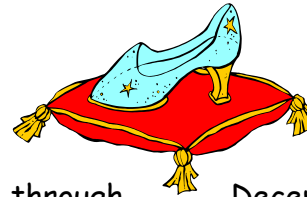


## Century Drama Booster News

Please join the Century Drama Boosters for our monthly meetings! Our meetings take place the first Wednesday of each month at 7pm in the Media Center.

### 2012 Spring Musical "Cinderella (Enchanted Edition)"

The Century Drama Club, Opening Knights, are pleased to invite you to audition for the spring musical, Cinderella (Enchanted Edition). Auditions will be held November 28th through December 1. The audition schedule will be:  
Monday, Nov. 28 - Vocal - 3-5pm  
Tuesday, Nov. 29 - Monologue - 3-5pm  
Weds., Nov. 30 - Dance - 3-6pm with dance call backs the same day  
Music practices will be November 21 and 22. It is *STRONGLY* suggested that auditioners attend at least one of the music rehearsals. Shows will be March 15, 16, 17, 23 & 24 @ 7pm with matinees on March 17 and 24. For more information, email Drama Club Advisor, Mr. Hewitt at lahewit@carrollk12.org.



The International Thespian Society is pleased to announce they collected 370 pounds of food this year. That is 165 more pounds than last year. Advisor Anne Dorwart said she is very proud of the students!

"Thank you for donating food and for helping us collect cans at the One Acts. And thank you to Mr. Hewitt for the donation of 3 sets of free tickets to Cinderella." The food was donated to Carroll County Food Sunday and will remain in the county.



Join the **Rude Mechanicals** for their fall production, *Much Ado About Nothing*, November 11, 12, 18 and 19 at 7pm on the Century stage!

The next Drama Boosters meeting will be Wednesday, December 7. Anyone interested in supporting Century Drama and its students are invited. For more information, please see the Century Drama Boosters website at [www.CenturyDrama.com](http://www.CenturyDrama.com) or email President Debbie Cooley at [dscooley2@csc.com](mailto:dscooley2@csc.com) or Secretary, Kendra Roberts at [Kendra.Roberts@verizon.net](mailto:Kendra.Roberts@verizon.net). We are looking forward to meeting you and sharing your great ideas for Century Drama!

