

NEWS TIPS

Century High School

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Message from the Principal...

The first interim marking period of this year is complete; have you been checking the **HOME ACCESS CENTER** to view grades, attendance, and transcript information? If you need help accessing this site, please call our main office and we will provide directions to you. We have a print out which will walk you through the process; it is really easy once you try! Another new tool available this year is for students which is called the **SKYDRIVE**. A SKYDRIVE is an account where students can save documents at home or at school and access them in both places. This new feature will help give students a way to easily transport documents without the need for external thumb drives, etc. Ask your student if they've used this for any classes yet.

As we open up new worlds with technology, we are also finding ways to teach students about our global society using Dr. Martin Luther King's "**The World House**" essay in our advisory program. The essay begins like this...

The World House

by Martin Luther King, Jr.

Some years ago a famous novelist died. Among his papers was found a list of suggested plots for future stories, the most prominently underscored being this one: "A widely separated family inherits a house in which they have to live together." This is the great new problem of mankind. We have inherited a large house, a great "world house" in which we have to live together—black and white, Easterner and Westerner, Gentile and Jew, Catholic and Protestant, Moslem and Hindu—a family unduly separated in ideas, culture and interest, who, because we can never again live apart, must learn somehow to live with each other in peace.

Our goal in using this essay is to help students see the world from a local perspective to a more global one involving diversity and positive character traits. Different classes have been tying instruction to this theme as well; economics, politics, demographics, and current events all connect to this essay well. If you have a chance, read it. It will provide some good background for

you into what students are learning about and how it connects to areas of our lives today. The new Common Core Standards (which are replacing current No Child Left Behind standards) require students to create and support arguments through writing. By infusing current events, we are able to help students learn more about the world today and help them create arguments which are educated and based on accurate information. We hope to see this translate into better reading and writing skills for all students too! This type of work should be saved by students in their **portfolio** (which is now electronic). Hopefully, students are saving their portfolio to their SKYDRIVE account so you can see their work too!

As we look back on the start of this year, there are several accomplishments that we should highlight. Please read through this edition of our newsletter to learn more about the Academic Team, our National Merit Scholars – Commended students, as well as students in our Marching Band, Drama Productions, and Athletic teams. We are ready for spirit week to begin next week, kicking off Homecoming Week with the annual parade (Monday, October 17th at 5pm). School spirit is rising as we get closer – we hope to see all parents come out and support our Knights!

Sincerely,

Drew Cockley

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Principal

Academic Team

Our Academic Team, comprised of Ryan Freeburger, Pat Komiske, and Alex Simms won their first round match on WJZ-TV “Its Academic” show and continue their tradition of excellence. The next round match will be in January 2012. They are coached by Mr. Buck Ferrin. Our team is also the reigning CCPS County Champs – way to go Knights!

National Merit Scholars – Commended Students

CHS is proud to have five (5) students named as National Merit Scholars based on their PSAT performance. Congratulations: Ben Diaz, Joe Gadberry, Justin Jones, Pat Komiske, and Alex Simms. Students who are commended represent the top students (top 34000 out of 1.5 million test takers) in the country. Each year Century High School gives the PSAT to students in 10th and 11th grade as a way to help them prepare for their SAT and to become eligible for National Merit Scholarships. The test was given on October 12th this year. We look forward to seeing more students earn this accomplishment!

Marching Band – new show, new director, come see!

The CHS Marching Knights will host a band competition on November 5th at Century High School. This will be a great chance to come see local competition, as well as, our new show. The Knights are under the direction of our new Director, Mr. Brian Coffill. We hope that you come out and see what progress our students are making. They look great!

Drama Productions – One Act Plays and Shakespeare

If Drama is your thing, then we hope you didn't miss our fall production of the One Act Plays; student directed plays for each grade. These plays took place October 13, 14 and 15. If you didn't see them, you really missed out! Mr. Lucas Hewitt has taken over the direction of our Drama Program from Ms. Cathy James (retired) and is doing a great job. Next on the horizon is Shakespeare: "Much Ado About Nothing". This will be performed by students in our *Rude Mechanicals* troupe under the direction of Mr. Tom Delise. Shows for this play will be Nov 11, 12, 18 and 19. We hope to see you in our theatre this year!

Athletics – fall update

The fall season has seen more rain outs than we can remember, so many county title are yet to be determined. One, however, has been solidified: Field Hockey! With a 1-0 win over Westminster, the Lady Knights maintained their undefeated record in the county. Volleyball is also undefeated – good luck Knights! Playoffs will be starting soon; which means higher competition. We hope you come out and fill the stands for some great competition!

PSAT Day – 9th Grade Service, 12th Grade Wellness

On October 12, all 10th and 11th grade students took the PSAT to help them prepare for SATs and the National Merit Scholarship program. While they were testing, 9th grade students went out in their Advisory groups and performed over 1000 Hours of Service in and around our community. Their work is an annual event which gives back to our community and helps our students realize the impact that they can have (another way we connect learning to "The World House"). Lastly, our 12th grades students held a class breakfast (focusing on healthy foods), took their class picture, saw a film on foods from people around the world, and learned about self defense from Tri Star Martial Arts. The instructors on hand from Tri Star were fantastic in helping give our students the confidence they need to protect themselves, as well as help protect others. We told students that with this new confidence, they can be strong role models for our younger students and help decrease the amount of bullying and harassment that takes place between teenagers.

Homecoming Week – October 17 to 21

The annual homecoming/spirit week is here! The week will kick off with “Neon Day” on Monday, and a parade through downtown Sykesville, beginning at Sykesville Middle School at 5pm. Tuesday is “Costume Day”, Wednesday is “Pretty in Pink Day” and Thursday is “Class Color Day”. Students in our Student Government Association (SGA) under the leadership of Hunter Haines, President and Ms. Maggie Bell, Advisor have done a great job in organizing all these events. Each class will decorate a hallway. Clubs will paint windows and design floats for the parade. It will be a great week. The week ends with the Homecoming Football game on Thursday, October 20th and the dance on Friday, October 21st (from 8pm to 11pm). We hope to see you at some events this week!

PTSO Meeting – Tuesday, October 18, 7pm.

Don't miss our monthly PTSO meeting this Tuesday. We will discuss with Mr. Cockley the school's **budget** for next year, as well as the topic: **Second Chance Learning**. The agenda will also review fundraising efforts and PTSO initiatives for this year. The meeting will be in the CHS Media Center. We hope to see you there!

Calendar Items

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| Oct 17 | Homecoming Parade – 5pm |
| Oct 18 | PTSO Meeting – 7pm |
| Oct 20 | Homecoming Pep Rally and Game |
| Oct 21 | Homecoming Dance – 8pm to 11pm |
| Oct 24 | Campus Life – Drug and Alcohol Education Assembly |
| Oct 26 | Ski Club Parent Meeting – 7pm |
| Nov 1 | Academy Fair – 9 th grade students learn more about each Academy! |
| Nov 2 | Student Voice Committee – Leadership Conference. SGA Event. |
| Nov 3 | Early Dismissal (11:50am) – End of the First Marking Period. |
| Nov 4 | AHC Sponsored “Coffee House” – after school in the cafeteria. |

Calendar Items - continued

- Nov 5 Marching Band Competition at CHS!
- Nov 5 SAT Test Date
- Nov 8 Club Picture Day
- Nov 9 Report Cards Distributed to Students
- Nov 11 ROTC Sponsored “Veterans Assembly”
- Nov 11, 12, 18, 19: Shakespeare’s “Much Ado About Nothing”
- Nov 14 Early Dismissal (11:50am) – Professional Meeting for Teachers
- Nov 14 Middle States Evaluation Team – visit at CHS begins!
- Nov 15 PTSO Mtg – 7pm
- Nov 16 “Academy Match Day” – 9th grade students placed into an Academy!
- Nov 17 12th Grade Class Meeting – cap and gown ordering information
- Nov 23, 24, 25: Thanksgiving Break – no school.
- Nov 30 Winter Season – “Meet the Coach Night” – 7pm

Middle States Evaluation Team Visit – Nov 14, 15, 16, 17

A team of educators will visit CHS this week to review our entire school program. This will be a follow up to the *Self Study Year* we conducted last year. Parents are invited to speak with team members about CHS, giving your thoughts on our strengths and weaknesses. The surveys we completed last year helped form our school improvement efforts, and either support or refute our plans to see CHS become an even better school. This topic is a standing agenda item at all PTSO meetings; please come give us your input. The visit will provide feedback to us as a school on how we are doing and whether we are on the right track! This process gives our school accreditation through the Middle States Association.

Class of 2014 News & Events

The sophomore class received their High School Ring Ordering packets on Tuesday September 13th. Balfour took orders after school on Monday September 19th from 4:00pm - 6:30pm and Tuesday September 19th from 4:00pm – 6:30pm. In order to celebrate the sophomore class receiving their class rings, we will be holding a Ring Ceremony! The ceremony is where the students will receive their rings and have a reception reflecting on their past year and future years here at CHS. Join us for this celebration on Tuesday December 6th, 2011 at 7:00pm. More information to come!

Our class is currently in the process of preparing for the week of Homecoming. We currently have a “title” to uphold as being the Best Spirited Class in the following categories: Homecoming Float, Homecoming Hallway, and CHS Spirit! Our goal is to keep this title and become reigning champs a second year in a row! Also, check out the following website: <http://members.thinkport.org/ricomeg> to view current and coming soon class fundraisers and class meetings for students and parents.

We appreciate all of your help and support! Go Knights!

Media News

Destiny, our on-line public access catalog, can be accessed at home using the following url: <https://destiny.carrollk12.org>.

Students can access authoritative web sites using Destiny, as well as access e-books to which Century subscribes.



Century Drama Booster News

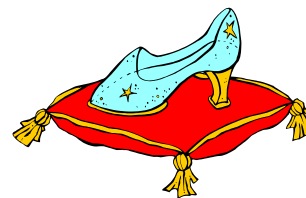
Please join the Century Drama Boosters for our monthly meetings! Our meetings take place the first Wednesday of each month at 7pm in the Media Center.

For more information, please see the Century Drama Boosters website at www.CenturyDrama.com or email President Debbie Cooley at dscooley2@csc.com or Secretary, Kendra Roberts at Kendra.Roberts@verizon.net. Additionally, you can sign up for the Century Drama Boosters Facebook page [CHSDramaBoosters](https://www.facebook.com/CHSDramaBoosters). We are looking forward to meeting you and sharing your great ideas for Century Drama!



Back to Square One: "A Night of Student Directed One Acts and Improv" **October 13,14,15 at 7 p.m. at Century High School**. Boosters will be selling concessions during the show for our senior scholarship funds. If you can help, please contact Kendra Roberts, at kendra.roberts@verizon.net. Tickets will be on sale during lunch mods and at the door. For more information, contact Mr. Hewitt at Lahewit@carrollk12.org.

2012 Spring Musical "Cinderella (Enchanted Edition)"



Shows will be March 15, 16, 17, 23 & 24 @ 7pm

with matinees on March 17 and 24.

Auditions will be held November 28th through December 1. Music practices will be November 21 and 22. It is **STRONGLY** suggested that auditioners attend at least one of the music rehearsals.

PTSO NEWS

School is in full swing now, and we hope that all parents are finding lots of activities to attend and ways to volunteer and get involved here at Century High.

The PTSO is committed to helping our parents, teachers and students in various ways. ALL families are encouraged to join the PTSO and all of the dues and donations will benefit our school. **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 and \$5 per teacher/staff. We are also still selling 2012 Entertainment Books for \$30 as our main fundraiser again this year. These huge coupon books are great for parents and teens alike as we all try to save money during these tough economic times. 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 and returning it along with the dues to the main office in an envelope marked "PTSO". You may also contact Janet Jacobe regarding Entertainment Books at janetj@aol.com, and she will make sure you get one. We appreciate your support in your membership and in your purchase of a book. Any donations are greatly appreciated, as are matching contributions from your employer.

Don't forget Street Smarts of MD Driving School, the official driving school of the Century PTSO. Street Smarts is highly recommended by members of the PTSO who have seen first-hand the professionalism and reliability that this company offers to our students and parents. The remainder of their fall schedule is listed below. Please register online at www.streetsmartsmd.com or call **443-355-4238** for more information. The classes are conveniently held at Century from 3:00 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.

*****FALL 2011*****

DATES: 10/10/11 - 10/24/11 (no class on 10/21)

DATES: 11/1/11 - 11/15/11 (no class on 11/3 and 11/14)

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

We encourage all parents to attend as many PTSO meetings as will fit in your schedules. The meetings are on the third Tuesday of each month (except December) at 7 pm in the Media Center. Look for Alert Now messages and on the school calendar website for program topics each month. 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!

Thank you so much for supporting CHS. GO KNIGHTS!

Trish Capparelli

President

CHS Music Boosters

Holiday Pie Fundraiser

Do you like PIE??? Do you have a favorite? Do you bake or buy pies for Thanksgiving?

Our pie fundraiser provides delicious (almost as good as Grandma's) pies which will be available for pick up at Century on your way over the hills and through the woods, to grandmother's house!

Pies are freshly baked and will be available for pick-up on Tuesday, November 22 from 5-9pm (day before Thanksgiving break!) in the Band Room.

Please complete the attached order form and return with your payment in an envelope marked "CHS Music Boosters". All checks should be made payable to: CHS Music Boosters. No cash please.

Any questions can be directed to:

Christine Fallon at 410-552-5876 or lasagnacook@comcast.net

All order forms are due by: Friday 10/28/11

All Pies are Restaurant Size – 10 inch

(With exception of Shoofly – 9 inch)

Pies are freshly baked and salmonella free!

(see order form on the next page)

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Variety	Cost per pie	Quantity Ordered
Apple	\$9.00	
Apple Crumb	\$9.00	
Blueberry	\$9.00	
Cherry	\$9.00	
Coconut Custard	\$9.00	
Pecan	\$10.00	
Pumpkin	\$9.00	
Shoofly (9 inch)	\$6.00	
Sugar Cookie-Iced (6 pack)	\$4.00	
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Student's Name _____

Home Phone _____ Advisor _____

Total Amount Sold:

Of Pies: _____

Total Money Collected: _____



www.knightsmusic.org

Our new website is up and running!!! Check it out!!!

The Music Boosters is a parent-run organization that provides support and funding for all of the Century High School music programs, both vocal and instrumental.

Calendar of Events:

Music Boosters Meeting

The Century High School Music Boosters meet every first Thursday of the month at 7:30 pm in the chorus room. Please join us!

Yankee Candles (Ordering 9/1 thru 10/1)

A very popular item, candles make great gifts for the holidays. Delivery will be in plenty of time to be given as presents to all the people on your list who love candles! Any questions may be directed to Christine Fallon at lasagnacook@comcast.net.

Joe Corbi's Pizza (Ordering 9/12 thru 9/23)

A perennial favorite. Orders will be available for pick-up on October 12 from 4-7pm in the chorus room. Please contact Melissa Adelman at MAADELM@carrollk12.org.

That's My Pie (Ordering Opens 10/3; delivery in time for Thanksgiving!)

Do you like PIE??? Do you have a favorite??? Do you bake or buy pies for Thanksgiving? Here's an easy way to get everyone's favorite pies just in time for the holidays and help support the music program at the same time. Contact is Christine Fallon @ lasagnacook@comcast.net.

Century Talent Show

This promises to be a fun and exciting event, scheduled for **Saturday, December 3rd** in the auditorium. There will be several categories of competition, including a *faculty competition*!! Please contact Melissa Adelman for more information at MAADELM@carrollk12.org.

Marching Band USSBA Home Show

Our marching band will be hosting approximately 15 bands from around the region involving hundreds of students and parents. The date of the home show is **Saturday, November 5th**. For further information contact Joe Fallon at jfnygiants@comcast.net

Great Lakes Scrip Gift Card Program (Order anytime; orders placed monthly; payment only upon delivery....what a great & easy idea!)

This program allows you to purchase commonly used gift cards to local restaurants (Chilis, Pizza hut), retail establishments (Kohl's, Home Depot), Grocery Stores (Martins, Safeway) while supporting the music program at Century. **THIS FUNDRAISER IS OPEN TO ALL FAMILIES OF CENTURY.** Please contact Tess Carroll at dtecarroll@verizon.net for further information.

Century Spiritwear (Available at all home football games and back-to-school events).

Great holiday gift idea!!!!

The following items are available for purchase: hooded sweatshirts, crewneck sweatshirts, zip hoodies, ladies sweat pants, tank tops and shorts, long and short sleeve t-shirts, gym bags, tote bags, lanyards, visors and car magnets with the inventory constantly changing. These items are sold at every home football game. If you have any questions, please contact Christine Fallon at lasagnacook@comcast.net

Century High School Athletic Boosters

The Athletic Boosters are off to a busy start for the 2011/12 school year. Thanks to everyone who came out and supported the Athletic Boosters at all of our back to school events. We have a record number of members and based on our sales of apparel, we expect to see lots of students, faculty and family members wearing lots of cool spirit wear!!

The goal of the Athletic Boosters is to raise money to help our student athletes and teams purchase items not covered by the county or school budget. Some of the current projects we are raising money for include a new indoor scoring table, a new softball scoreboard, field maintenance and uniforms. We recently help pay for the new trophy case outside of the gymnasium.

If you own a business or know of someone who would like to advertise, we have banners available for sale. They are prominently displayed along the fence in the stadium. Be sure to visit the businesses advertising with us and thank them for their support of CHS. Also, we are still selling pavers for the stadium patio. These are a great way to commemorate your student /s and make a wonderful Christmas present for your student/s. We are busy planning many fun events this year. Be sure to support your Athletic Boosters. If you would like to attend a meeting, join us in the library on the 2nd Monday of every month!