

Center High School

Cougar Connection

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

We are rapidly coming to the end of the first semester which means finals are just around the corner. This has been an exciting and successful semester and we look forward to an equally enjoyable experience second semester. I want to encourage our students, especially our seniors, to stay focused on their assignments and tests. Now is not the time to start to slack off and lose credits.

This semester we have had a few cell phones stolen on campus. In light of this fact, I encourage students to leave all cell phones and other electronics at home. If you must bring a cell phone, it is a good idea to bring an old or cheap cell phone that can be easily replaced. It is unfortunate that some students will steal from their peers, but the sad fact is that some do. Please also remember that per our Student Handbook, Center High School will not investigate stolen cell phones or other electronic devices. These items are much too easy to conceal and we simply do not have the manpower or time to conduct such investigations.

I also want to inform parents and students that Lone Oak Park has been the site of a handful of fights this school year. Some of the fights have involved CHS students and some have involved other community members. In addition, we have been informed that drug deals are often transacted in the park. I encourage students to avoid the park if at all possible. If students are unable to avoid the park, they should walk through the park in a group. Hanging out in the park is not advisable. Please keep in mind that the park is the property of the Sunrise Parks and Recreation District. If you notice problems at Lone Oak Park, you need to contact the Sheriff's Department or the Sunrise Parks and Recreation District.

FREE MONEY FOR COLLEGE!

Center High School's annual College Financial Aid Night: FAFSA, Free Application for Federal Student Aid, will be held January 12, 2011 in our Library. The presentation will begin at 6:30 and cover: How to apply for grants, work study, subsidized student loans, and scholarships.

Doris Keller from the California Student Aid Commission will be our guest speaker. Doris is a seasoned veteran of this process and has worked in this arena for decades. There will also be opportunities for students and their parents to begin the application process in the Business Department's computer lab after the presentation.

If you have any questions or concerns about this event, please e-mail them to joegomes@centerusd.org.



FBLA SERVING THE COMMUNITY

The **FBLA Mission** is to bring business and education together in a positive working relationship through leadership, service, and community awareness. Our motto is: **Service, Education, and Progress.**

We have several programs that exemplify this motto. FBLA – 61 members strong - will be serving the community at Saylor Lane Convalescent Home in Sacramento in December. This has become an annual service project for our chapter. Members visit each resident, sing Christmas carols, and take presents for everyone to unwrap. The club is also planning to raise money for the March of Dimes which is a state-wide project.

FBLA is also looking for professional members. **A one year membership is \$25.** You get a lot for that \$25. Your membership helps with student scholarships and supports your local chapter. Contact the adviser or a member of the club for the form. And... if your son/daughter is not a member, it is a **MUST** organization to join. It is not too late to join.

Mrs. Cummings

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BASKETBALL SEASON is upon us.

Coach Gagnon would like to announce
the Kaiser Permanente 4th Annual
Common Good Classic Tournament
Saturday - January 15th

[For more information please click here...](#)

Senior Parents!! Time is running out to buy an EPIC Senior Ad for the yearbook! There are still spaces available.

Contact our senior ad editor to set an appointment to meet and plan your ad. Make a payment soon to the ASB office or purchase an ad on line at the CHS website student store! Don't let this opportunity to recognize your senior's accomplishments go by! Email epicyearbook@gmail.com or robmcinnes@centerusd.org for more information. Also, we have extended the deadline to get senior portraits in this year's book until December 17th. Contact Prestige Portraits at 7916 Alta Sunrise Lane, Citrus Heights, CA 95610-7904

(916) 535-7797 and set up an appointment. Thank you for your support! EPIC Staff

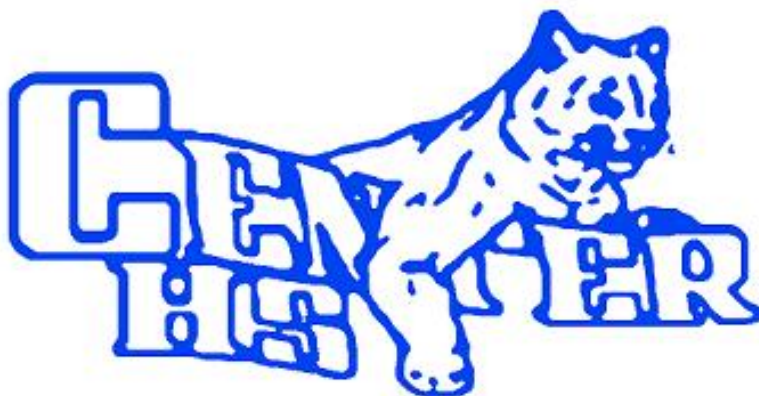


IMPORTANT DATES

- December 6th – Early Out Day (dismissal time 1:35)
- December 13th – **NO** Early Out Day (dismissal time 2:35)
- Dec 20th - 31st – Winter Break (no school)
- January 3rd – **NO** Early Out Day (dismissal time 2:35)
- January 10th – Early Out Day (dismissal time 1:35) *Semester report cards distributed during Advocacy*
- January 17th – Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday (no school)
- January 24th – Early Out Day (dismissal time 1:35)
- January 31st – **NO** Early Out Day (dismissal time 2:35)

ACTIVITIES

- December 7th – Center Unified District Wide Disaster Drill
- December 7th – Choir Winter Holiday Performance ♦ 7:00 pm ♦ Theater
- December 8th – Booster Club Meeting ♦ 7:00 pm ♦ Staff Lounge
- December 9th – Band Winter Holiday Performance ♦ 7:00 pm ♦ Theater
- December 10th – Final Day of Canned Food Drive
- Dec 15th & 16th – Operation Santa



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