

Champaign Central High School Announcements

2/1/2024

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS – PTSA

Black History Month is an annual celebration of achievements by African Americans and a time for recognizing their central role in U.S. history. Also known as African American History Month, the event grew out of “Negro History Week,” the brainchild of noted historian [Carter G. Woodson](#) and other prominent African Americans. Since 1976, every U.S. president has officially designated the month of February as Black History Month. Today we will celebrate the achievements of:

February 1

On February 1, 1965, Martin Luther King, Jr. led [hundreds of activists](#) to the county courthouse in Selma, Alabama, to register to vote. All were arrested during the peaceful demonstration, and charged with parading without a permit. Still, despite these attacks, Dr. King and other civil rights leaders continued their work and organized the historic 54-mile voting rights march from Selma to Montgomery the next month, which raised awareness of the difficulties faced by Black voters and the need for a national Voting Rights Act.

5Star PASS SYSTEM

This semester our school will begin using a new platform called [5Star Student Management System](#). This platform will allow us to track and monitor student attendance, passes from class and encourage student participation inside and outside of school.

Students, if you have a smartphone, we *highly* recommend that you download the [5Star Students application](#). The 5-Star Student app creates a virtual student ID to track and monitor attendance, passes, view point totals, rewards, activities, events, and more. You can also access eligible surveys, voting polls, get school news and notifications, and even check-in to events!

As per school rules and School Board Policy, students must still carry their physical ID card. The 5Star system works using those, too. It isn't necessary to have a smartphone

and, as you know, cell signal isn't great in many areas of our building anyway. So, in sum, it can be convenient to use a smartphone, but you should always have your physical ID card. (If you ride MTD buses, you would need that card anyway because 5Star on your phone doesn't note that you have permission to ride.)

We will be working with students during PE/Health/Study Hall classes in the coming days to explain the new system before starting it school-wide.

CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

Are you concerned about the problems of the modern world? Do you like debating and learning about foreign nations' affairs? Then **The Model UN club** is the right place for you. We are hosting our next meeting on Friday, February 9 at 7:30 am. If this is your first time doing this, don't worry, we will be doing an introduction of the conference and the parts of the debate and choosing the topic for our next session. Newcomers are welcome and encouraged to join us to have a great time, meet new people, and piece together the solutions for tomorrow. If you have any questions or concerns do not hesitate to reach out to Ms. Early. earlyma@u4sd.org Google Classroom code is **yusbgvo**

The next required **NAHS** meeting is Thursday 2/1 3:30-4:30 pm in room 1308.



Please join **Students Demand Action** on Friday, Feb 2nd at 7:30 AM in room 2107 to talk about the new executive actions for safe gun storage and make more bracelets!! Hope to see you there!


Interact Club will be hosting our annual Coin Wars event this February! It will be running in 7th hour classes this year. Whichever class has the highest total raised by the end of February will get donuts, and all proceeds will be donated to Crisis Nursery. The rules are similar to last year. Coins will count positively toward your total, while dollar bills will count negatively toward your total. This means students can sabotage other classes by putting bills in their jars, while also raising more money to benefit Crisis Nursery. All jars will be collected at the end of February, and the class with the highest total will get donuts!

FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes) will have an all campus huddle this Friday, February 2 at 7:15 in the Library Den. All are welcome!!

Any junior wanting to be a part of planning this year's Prom, there will be a Prom Committee meeting Thursday February 1st during 6th hour in room 1108. Bring your lunch and your ideas!

Student Council: We meet every Wednesday morning at 7:30 in the library lecture hall! Please join us :)

- Blood Drive: Are you interested in donating blood to help save lives? If so, sign up for student council's annual Spring blood drive. **The blood drive will be on February 22nd from 9 am-3:15 pm in the library den.** To donate you must be at least 16 years old (16-year-olds need parental consent). To sign up email Ms. Hogan at hoganem@u4sd.org or meet with a member of student council. Let's save some lives! 
- Spring Dance: Mark your calendars, **Central's spring dance is coming up on March 2nd!** More information to follow. 

- **Boys Volleyball:** Student council will be hosting a boys' volleyball game on March 6th in the North Gym. Junior and Senior boys, if you are interested in playing please fill out the following Google form! <https://forms.gle/Zsw8hs5wBQmvFmQV7> 

ATTENTION ALL CENTRAL STUDENTS! **Central FBLA** is hosting a volleyball tournament with a 60\$ cash prize! Do you think you have what it takes to win? Well then register now using the link below or find a flyer in the hallway! Each team is required 40\$ for admission . Come cheer on your friends as they fight to win, On February 17th from 10:30-4pm!
<https://forms.gle/MLWvbK5BkvxhKoz58>

Our next **Girls Who Code** meeting will be next Tuesday, February 6th. We will be working with Microbit Robot Kits and Spheros. Additionally, we are planning on having sweatshirts. If you'd like to submit a design please do so in the google classroom assignment or email an officer.

Central's Asian American & Pacific Islander Association (AAPIA) Presents:

VAAAlentine's day event!!

Join us for DAAATE night with a friend! We're watching a K-Drama and crafting flowers to sell for a Valentine's Day fundraiser!

When: 3:30p - 4:30p, Thursday, February 1

Where: The Den

Who: Anyone interested, and be sure to bring a friend!

Questions? Email moscosel@u4sd.org or yuol2024@u4sd.org

Google Classroom: [skdx5ly](#) | Follow us on Instagram: [@centralhs_aapia](#)

Calling all Central Students! Do you or some you know enjoy poetry? Do you enjoy public speaking, or, perhaps, you are seeking an opportunity to strengthen your public speaking skills? Then please consider joining us for a school-wide **Poetry Out Loud Competition!** **When:** Friday, February 2nd, at 6:30 P.M. **Where:** Decker Theater Anyone interested in participating should contact Mrs. Jones at jonesmar@u4sd.org for more information. Interested students must sign-up with Mrs. Jones by Saturday, January 27th.

Are you interested in knitting, crocheting, or any other type of handcraft? Come join us at **Fiber Arts Club** every other Wednesday in the library Den from 3:30 to 4:30. Come check us out and learn how to make scarves, sweaters, or anything you want! Our next meeting is January 31st right after school. See you then!

Spanish Honor Society members will offer tutoring to our Spanish speaking MLL/ESL students during 6th hour in room 2326 every Thursday. No sign up is required. There will be help for science, math and history classes. Bring your lunch and join us!

Atención: la Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica ofrecerá sesiones de asistencia en las áreas de ciencia, matemáticas e historia para nuestros estudiantes hispanohablantes. Pueden venir cada jueves durante la 6a hora (trae tu almuerzo) al salón 2326. Si necesitan ayuda con clases, vengan!

Youth Alive Club will meet every Tuesday at 7:15am in room 2322.

Zoology Club has meetings on Fridays at 7:35 am.

Interact Club (volunteer organization) meets every Thursday morning at 7:30 am in the Den. Our first meeting will be February 1st. All newcomers are welcome! Also, please join our google classroom: zfb4k77

Disability Awareness Club: Join us every other Wednesday in room 3115 at 7:30 am where we spread awareness and hope to educate others to be better at being inclusive. Our next meeting is February 7th. Hope to see you there.

Are you interested in helping our environment and supporting sustainability? **Join Eco Club!** Please contact Ms. Seten (setensi@u4sd.org) for more information. We hope to see you there!

Spectrum Alliance will be meeting every other Wednesday in 2313 (next meeting is 2/7), from 3:30-4:30pm. Please come and show your support!

If you missed out on getting a **2022-2023 yearbook**, come see Ms. Smith in room 3207. Yearbooks are at a discounted rate of \$40. The **2023-2024 yearbook** will not be released until August of 2024.

COLLEGE AND CAREERS

Message from Mr. Tanner:

Each year, Mr. Tanner meets virtually with parents/guardians and their student(s) to discuss post-secondary plans. If you have questions about the 4-year college/university process, our military branches, employment opportunities in C-U, the trade skills, Parkland College and Pathways, and much more, please email Mr. Tanner (tanneran@u4sd.org). At this time, these virtual meetings are only available for our current Sophomore, Junior and Senior families.

Financial Aid Nights Resources/Presentations for Senior Families:

To view the financial aid presentations and other handouts, senior families are encouraged to have their student(s) log into the "SENIORS - Class of 2024" Google Classroom. Then, please visit the Financial Aid section under the coursework tab. All presentations and handouts are available in both the English and Spanish languages. For questions, please email Mr. Tanner (tanneran@u4sd.org).thurs

Honors Day Program Scholarships; Seniors Only:

Honors Day is a ceremony recognizing our seniors. Seniors can apply for as many scholarships as they would like to. Below is a scholarship that is strictly for current seniors. To apply, seniors need to visit their Naviance account (see video link below). For questions and/or concerns, please email Mr. Tanner.

Video Link: [Click Here](#)

- Vincent O. Grenne Scholarship (\$2,500)

Visiting the College & Career Center:

- Wednesday, February 7th: U.S. Army Recruiter
- Thursday, February 8th: UIUC Youth Summer Program (Interested in working your dream, job? Come join UIUC as they discuss career opportunities and employment.)
- Tuesday, February 27th: University of Illinois at Springfield & Blackburn College
 - Tuesday, March 19th: Bradley University
 - Thursday, March 21st: Quincy University
 - Thursday, April 4th: Eastern Illinois University

Illinois National College Fair:

The South Suburbs will host a college fair that brings in colleges and universities from across the globe to meet with students and families.

When: April 6, 2024, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Where: Moraine Valley Community College

Website: <https://www.iacac.org/incf/>

Chicago In-Person Gap Year Fairs:

Co-hosted by USA Gap Year Fairs, New Trier High School & Oak Park & River Forest High School

Join us in-person for the Chicago USA Gap Year Fairs to get the most up to date information about gap year basics, advice for researching & planning your gap year, navigating the college deferral process, gap year program application tips & deadlines.

Seniors can earn a bonus point to our annual \$5,000 gap year scholarship for attending an event, so don't miss it!

Register now for our Chicago area gap year fairs this week:

- [Fri, Jan 26, 6-8:30 PM at Oak Park & River Forest High School](#)
 - [Sun, Jan 28, 12-3 PM at New Trier High School](#)

CHES: Cancer Health Equity Summer Scholars:

Cancer Health Equity Summer Scholars (CHES) is a program run by the University of Illinois Cancer Center. It empowers high school students underrepresented in biomedical research to

conduct their own cancer research project under the mentorship of a University of Illinois Cancer Center faculty researcher!

Students will design, conduct, and report on their research project; hear from cancer researchers, learn about healthcare disparities and ways to address them; and engage in workshops to build research and professional skills! Students who will have completed their sophomore, junior, or senior years of high school leading up to the program are eligible to apply.

This is an 8-week summer program June 10 - August 2, 2024, on the University of Illinois Chicago campus. Participating students expect to commit up to 40 hours per week, and will receive a taxable cash stipend. Students must apply by 11:59 PM of January 31, 2024.

Apply: [Click Here](#)

ATHLETICS

Any student wishing to attend the Signing Day for Aleigh Garrison, Sam McArthur, and Charlie Hobbs must sign up and receive a pass in the Athletic Office. Signing Day is scheduled for 3:00 pm Wednesday February 7th in the Commons. You must sign up prior to 7th hour on February 7th.

The Trophy Time Senior Scholar -Athlete Award will be presented Thursday, February 8th during half-time of the Girls' Varsity Basketball Game. Any senior athlete with a seven semester GPA of 3.0 or better should receive an invitation to attend during their 3rd, 4th, 5th, or 7th hour class. If you do not receive an invitation and believe you should, please see Ms. Wenzel or Ms. Stillman in the Athletic Office.

If you have committed to play at a college or university for next year? Our next Signing Day is scheduled for 3:00 On February 7th. If you're interested in being a part of that day, please see Ms. Stillman, Ms. Lindemann, or Ms. Wenzel in the Athletic Office. If you have not decided where you are signing yet, there will still be one more date in the spring.

Morning Movement has begun! Come and play Basketball and Badminton from 7:00-7:45 am for the rest of the quarter.

Basketball is on Tuesdays. We'll practice offense and defense individual techniques, 1x1, 2x2 and 3x3 situations and games. Use this time as an extra practice to improve your Basketball Skills. You can join the 3x3 Basketball CHS Classroom with this code ye7yc4l for more updates.

Badminton on Fridays.

If you are interested, come to the athletic office and sign up!

Looking for a graduation gift? Or maybe you're looking for a gift "just because." Consider purchasing Central Branded personalized drinkware for yourself, your student, or your favorite teacher or coach! Drinkware size, logo, and design are completely customizable and \$10 from each purchase support the Central Dance Team. Use code MAROONS15 for 15% off at checkout!

<https://www.stachecups.com/pages/champaign-central-2024>

