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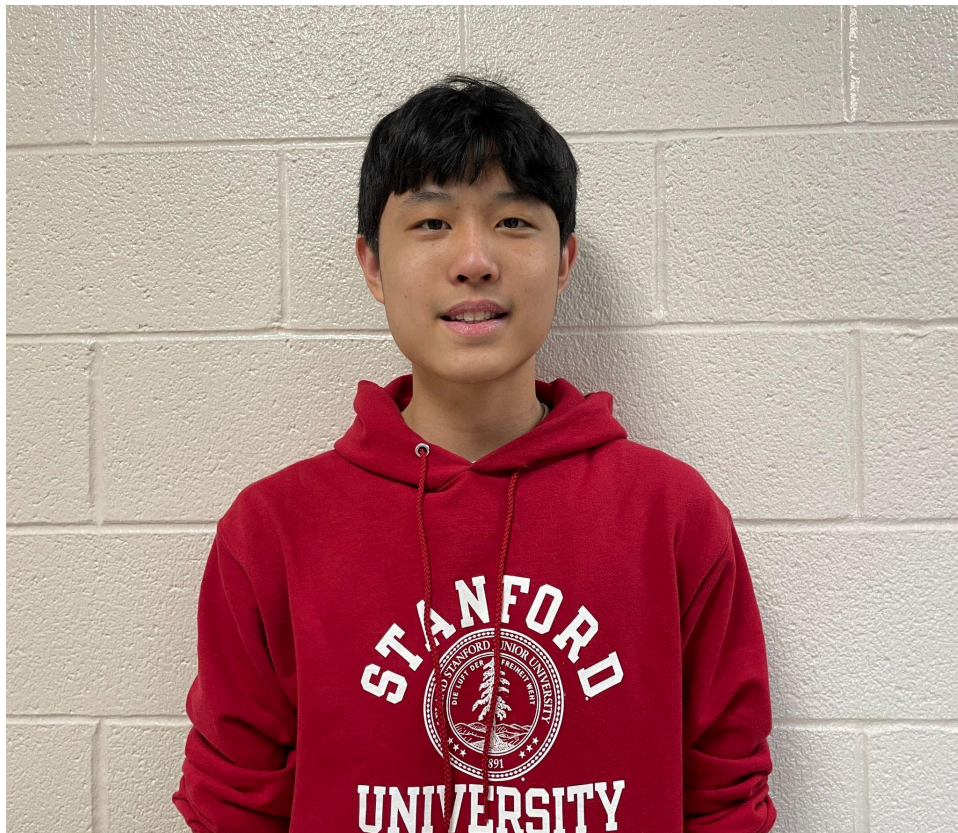
March 15, 2024

CHS CELEBRATES...

USA Junior Math Olympiad

A big Eagles shout-out to **Albert Cao** who qualified for the USA Junior Math Olympiad based on his outstanding AMC and AIME scores.

This prestigious competition will take place next week and will be held over 2 days. Each day Albert will have 4.5 hours to complete 3 proof-based questions. Congratulations and good luck in the next round of competition!





Amazing Student Work!!!

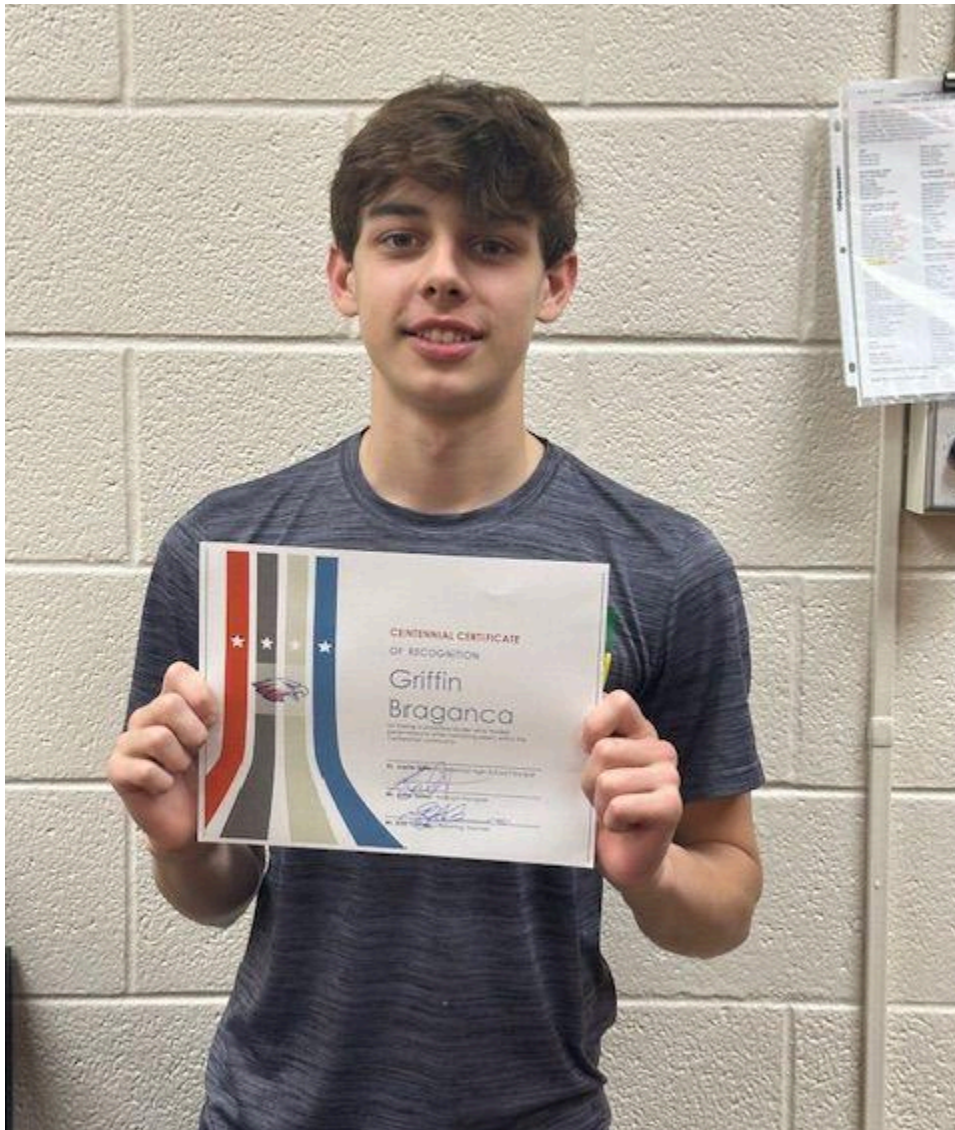
Acrylic LED signs are shining bright in our **Project Lead the Way Computer-Integrated Manufacturing class**. Students collaborated to develop the project requirements for manufactured unique customized designs. Then, students applied their creativity, computer-aided design (CAD) knowledge, and computer-aided manufacturing (CAM) engineering skills to design and create their personalized project. As part of the manufacturing process, each student executed their computer generated code on an industrial grade Computer Numerical Control Mill to automatically machine their acrylic sign. Students also soldered electronic LED circuits to illuminate their acrylic signs and designed 3D printed bases to hold them.





Recognizing Positive Student Behavior

Congratulations to the following outstanding students for making a positive impact on the CHS community.



Griffin Braganca



UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Event
March 20	HCPSS Observance of the Hindu New Year No practices, events, and activities after school
March 21	Dancing With the Staff 7 PM
March 25 - April 1	Spring Break School Closed
April 2	School Resumes
April 10	Professional Work Day Schools Closed for Students
April 12	Deadline to apply for Emily Scott Memorial Scholarship Application here
April 12	Deadline to enter for Graduation Seating Raffle sponsored by CHS Boosters Register here
April 13	CHS BOOSTER BASH 7 - 10PM at Reckless Shepherd Brewing Company Ticket information
April 14	Deadline to apply for Charlotte Spitalnic Memorial Scholarship Application here
April 17	Report Cards Available on Synergy
April 19	Deadline to apply for Senior Scholarships from CHS Boosters Application here



UPCOMING EVENTS

April 27	Prom 2024: <i>A Night Out on Broadway</i> at the Hippodrome, Baltimore 7 - 10 PM Tickets, guest forms, and information
April 28	Deadline to order Senior Yard Signs Order here
May 6	CHS BOOSTERS EAGLE CLASSIC GOLF TOURNAMENT Register here
May 6 - 10	Teacher Appreciation Week
May 14	Primary Election Day Schools and Offices Closed
May 17	Professional Learning Day Schools Close 3 hours early
May 20 - 31	Class of 2024 Graduation Window
June 4	8th Grade Student Visit 10:00 - 11:30 AM
June 11	Last scheduled day of school Last inclement weather day June 18



NEW AND NOTEWORTHY

CHS After Prom Needs Your Help!

CHS Late Night, the after prom party, is a cornerstone event in our school year and a cherished experience for our students. The events were traditionally organized and funded by the PTSA. This year, we're facing an unprecedented challenge. Despite our best efforts, the PTSA is struggling to secure volunteers to make this event a reality. Without your support, we may have to cancel this beloved tradition due to a lack of manpower. We need volunteers to spearhead the event, as well as to work with us to bring this event to life.

A signup genius form to indicate you can help with CHS Late Night, in any capacity is posted on the CHS PTSA web page and to all the usual media channels. The link and QR code for the signup genius form are included here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508044BA9A723A7F85-48417646-2024>



Here is the link and a QR code to the CHS PTSA After Prom web page where we will be posting all information and ticket sales, etc:

<https://www.chs-pts.org/after-prom>



Our 2024 class deserves a memorable after prom celebration, and we believe that, together, we can make it happen. The event is scheduled for April 27, 2024, and your assistance is crucial to its success.



This Saturday, March 16 - Becca's Closet Dress Giveaway Event

On March 16, 2024, Becca's Closet is hosting a dress giveaway event at Atholton High School. Attendees will be able to shop for dresses, shoes, and accessories just in time for prom season! Our goal is to give away as many dresses as possible to girls in need. This event will run from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM and will be held in the cafeteria of Atholton High School. Attendees will be able to come through the front doors of the school.

This Saturday, March 16 - PTA Council of Howard County Forum Among HCPSS Board of Education Candidates

On Saturday, March 16, 2024, from 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM, the PTA Council of Howard County will conduct a forum among HCPSS Board of Education Candidates at Howard High School in the cafeteria. The format for the forum is a lightning round of questions for each candidate.

Final Week! Battle of the Classes for the CHS Food Pantry

This is it! **ROUND THREE** of the **Battle of the Classes** ends on **Friday, March 22!!!** This round we are collecting **toiletries**: shampoo, body wash, lotion, deodorant, etc.

What's the incentive?? The winning team gets a *field day + pizza* during the first half of spring pep rally day in place of classes!!!

Items accepted anytime: beans, rice, canned vegetables, soup, ramen, pasta, chili, tuna, canned fruit, tomato sauce, oatmeal, granola bars, crackers, macaroni and cheese, cereal, peanut butter, jelly, can openers, toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, body wash, deodorant, lotion, shampoo, conditioner.

Where to donate: There will be collection bins for each grade in the cafeteria. Cash donations are also accepted at [CHS Student Needs Donations 23/24](#).

If you are looking for resources, please contact CHS Student Services at (410) 313 - 2857.



New Attendance Procedures Begin on Monday, March 18

Starting March 18, 2024, Centennial High School will launch the **StudentVUE Attendance Kiosk**. Before we launch the daily attendance Kiosk, all students will need to download the Synergy app (StudentVUE) on their phone. Please use the QR code below to download the app. The QR code will also be displayed in the front lobby and the cafeteria. This app allows the students to scan at the kiosk when they are tardy to school. This automatically captures their arrival time in Synergy and marks their attendance as Tardy Unexcused. A time stamp receipt will print for the student to bring to class.

StudentVUE – Synergy



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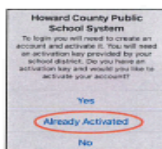
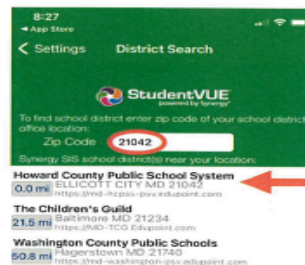


Apple Store QR Code



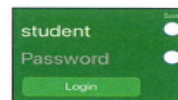
On the welcome message, swipe left to find HCPSS.


Enter your **Zip Code** in the field provided. Select **Howard County Public School System**. Click **Yes** to confirm your selection.



Select **Already Activated**.

Enter your HCPSS credentials and click **Login**.



Check In: Click on the icon  in the bottom left corner and click **Student ID**.

Hold the QR or Bar code under the scanner. Take a screenshot of your barcode for quick access later.





Dancing with the Staff is Thursday, March 21!

Dancing With the Staff is back and better than ever! Join us on **Thursday, March 21st** at 7pm as 15 teams of dancers and their CHS staff partners duel it out on the dance floor for the coveted *Dance Champion* trophy! Winning duos and small group ensembles are chosen by our audience, so come out to support the CHS Dance Program and our talented Centennial Staff! We have over 25 staff members involved in the show!

This event is FREE, so there's no excuse not to come and cheer your friends and favorite staff members on!! This is the Centennial Dance Program's biggest fundraiser of the year, so we encourage you to buy those votes to help your favorite team win! You can purchase your votes in advance for a discounted price...

Pre-sale bundles: (sold now through 11:59 PM on March 20th)

\$1 for 2 votes

\$10 for 22 votes

\$20 for 46 votes

\$50 for 120 votes!!!

BUY YOUR VOTES HERE: <https://osp.osmsinc.com/p/DA041-1592>

Votes will be available for purchase at the door using cash, credit card or check.

Please contact rebecca_clark@hcpss.org with questions. Follow us on social media for updates about Dancing with the Staff! Instagram: @centennialhsdanceprogram Facebook: Centennial HS Dance Program

Lost & Found Clean Out is March 21

The Lost & Found in the cafeteria is mighty full! Please check to see if any of the articles of clothing and other miscellaneous items belong to you. Articles of clothing and additional items in the Lost & Found will be donated next week, on Thursday, March 21st. Please claim your items by the end of the day on Wednesday, March 20th.



Remember: Raise Money for CHS by Cleaning Up Your Closet

Clean out your closets and bring us your unwanted clothing, footwear, textiles, accessories including handbags, backpacks, jewelry and more!! CHS' Clothing Cash collection bin is located at the curbside of BMMS. It is the FAR END two bins when you drive down Burleigh Manor MS toward CHS. The funds generated from your donated items will directly benefit and support our programs here at Centennial High School. Thank you very much for your support!

HCPSS College Fair

Thursday, April 11, 6-8 p.m., Howard High School (8700 Old Annapolis Road, Ellicott City MD)

HCPSS will host a [college fair](#) on April 11, bringing together representatives from 80 institutions from across the nation. Additionally, from 6:30-7:30 PM, there will be two panels (one in English, one in Spanish) for parents, providing an overview of the college admission process and how to best support students going through it. Students in grades 10-11 and their families are encouraged to attend. [Register online](#).

Digital SAT Prep at Centennial HS

Is Your College-Bound Student Prepared for the New Digital SAT & the College Admissions Process? Affordable and convenient SAT and ACT Prep is available at CHS:

Sat., April 13 & Sun., April 14 from 9 AM - 1 PM both mornings

This class will affordably prepare Juniors for the May 4, and June 1, digital SATs, and includes:

- Taking a Practice Digital SAT Under Simulated Conditions
- How to Use the Bluebook App and its Tools to the Student's Advantage
- Understanding the New Test and Its Adaptive Framework
- Strategies for ALL Sections of the Test, including many new strategies unique to this new digital format
- Tips on Guessing, Timing, Scoring, and Confidence-Boosting



The Answer Class College Admissions Crash Course: College Admissions Prep for ALL of Us- ONLY \$199

- Choosing a college major, minor, and other considerations
- Researching and building a balanced college list
- Learning how colleges evaluate applications
- Insight into how to bolster your application for admission
- Information on financial aid, merit aid, and more!
- March and April start dates. [Register Here.](#)

Each prep course is only \$199* (*when you register at least one week ahead of your course) or choose a [College Prep Premium Bundle](#) and save up to \$300! CHS students can register for any Answer Class – and 20% of tuition will be donated to CHS PTSA!

Visit www.theanswerclass.com to view the full class schedule and to register your student.



Join CHS Boosters for all of your Spring and Summer Fun!

[Booster Bash 2024](#) - April 13, 2024 at Reckless Shepherd Brewing Company

Get your tickets today for our biggest fundraiser of the year with an amazing Silent Auction!
Early Bird pricing through March 25th. [Tickets Here](#)

[Eagle Classic Golf Tournament](#) - May 6, 2024 at Fairway Hill Golf Course

[Senior Yard Signs](#) - A Graduation Tradition - Order by April 28th

[Graduation Seating Raffle](#) - Reserved Seating for Graduation! Enter by April 12th, Drawing at the Booster Bash - winner does not need to be present to win

[Senior Scholarships](#) - Apply by April 19th

[CSH Summer Camps](#) - Early Bird Pricing through May 15th

Choose from 12 different Athletic and Academic Camps!

CHS PROM

Attention Juniors and Seniors Prom 2024, *A Night Out on Broadway*, is on **Saturday, April 27**, from 7:00 to 10:00 PM at the Hippodrome in Baltimore.





CHS PROM

Ticket Information

Tickets are \$90.00 each and go on sale on **Friday, March 8th**. Ticket sales are online only through HCPSS Online School Payments (OSP) and sales will end on **Friday, April 5**. Purchase your tickets [here](#).

Ticket Distribution Tickets will be distributed starting on Monday, April 22, during all lunch shifts. All tickets must be picked up by Friday, April 26.

Guest Forms

Any guests attending the Centennial High School Prom 2024 with a Centennial student must submit a **Guest Form**. A *guest* is defined as anyone who does not actively attend Centennial High School as their districted school.

All guest forms are due back to the Front Office by **Friday, April 5th**. Guest forms are available in the Front Office or online [here](#). Do not purchase a ticket for your guest until your guest form has been approved.

Parking:

Our prom is being held at a venue at the Hippodrome that is called the M&T Bank Exchange. Parking is available for the M&T Bank Exchange at the UMB Grand Garage located at 5 N Paca Street, Baltimore, Maryland. This garage has two elevators, Paca Street and Fayette Street. The Paca Street elevator is closest to the Hippodrome Box Office Doors and Stage Door on W. Baltimore St. The Fayette elevator leads to a lobby that is connected to the Hippodrome Theatre and leads into our Weinman Hall lobby. Weinman Hall is our primary entrance into the M&T Bank Exchange. *We recommend guests park on the Fayette Side of the garage and take the elevators down to the Ground Floor. The entrance to the Exchange will be directly to the left upon exiting the elevator.*

Obligations

Any outstanding obligations (including AP exams) must be paid in full prior to picking up prom tickets. Tickets may be purchased but cannot be received until the student's obligations have been paid. Obligations must be paid by 2:35 PM on Friday, April 5th.

This is an HCPSS school sponsored event. All HCPSS policies and the Student Code of Conduct apply.



Attention Seniors: Scholarship Opportunities

Charlotte Spitalnic Memorial Scholarship: Application Deadline April 14

The Charlotte Spitalnic Memorial Scholarship honors the life and legacy of Centennial High School student, Charlotte Spitalnic. Three students will be awarded scholarships of \$1,500 each.

CHS seniors with a passion for choir and/or theater and willingness to share how they have demonstrated leadership and compassion for others are invited to apply.

Application instructions are available at: brightminds.eformsolutions.com

Emily Scott Memorial Scholarship: Application Deadline April 12

The Emily Scott Memorial Scholarship honors the life and legacy of 2018 Centennial High School graduate, Emily Scott. Two students will be awarded scholarships of \$2,500.

CHS seniors in good academic standing and willing to share how they have demonstrated kindness and acceptance of others are invited to apply.

Application instructions are available at: brightminds.eformsolutions.com

Alpha Phi Alpha Scholarship

The deadline for the Alpha Phi Alpha scholarship is March 31, 2024. Click here for the scholarship application.

Eligibility requirements for the scholarship include:

- African American high school graduating seniors with Howard County, Maryland residency
- 3.0 cumulative GPA or higher
- Demonstrated leadership and community service
- Must attend a two or four year accredited college or university during the 2023-2024 school year



Eagle Pride Scholarships

Centennial Boosters is proud to offer four (4) graduating seniors our Annual Scholarships of \$500 each.

Scholarship Details and Criteria:

- Four (4) scholarships in the amount of \$500 each will be awarded to four graduating seniors
- Applicant must show degree of participation in Centennial-sponsored, extra-curricular activities at Centennial High School
- Applicant will be evaluated on the basis of Applicant's participation, successes, dedication, leadership and achievement within his/her sport or club/organization
- Financial needs are NOT a consideration

Eligibility:

- Applicant must be a graduating senior who has participated in a minimum of 2 years of sports/clubs/organizations (does not need to be the same sport/activity for both years)

Applicant must have a minimum unweighted GPA of 2.5

Submission Guidelines:

- Application **MUST** be filled out completely
- Application packet must contain the following:
 1. Centennial Booster Club [Scholarship Application](#)
 2. **Professional resume** including education, work experience, and extracurricular involvement
 3. **One page personal statement** in response to the following:

How has your involvement with Centennial High School extracurricular activities impacted you, your family, Centennial, or the greater community?

- Application packet must be sent via email to chsboostersscholarship@gmail.com
- **Application WILL NOT be accepted after the due date of Friday, April 19, 2024**
- Prior to receiving the award, a letter of acceptance to a college, university or trade school must be submitted with verification of deposit



Submission Committee Guidelines:

- Selection committee will be made up of parent/teacher members of the Centennial High School Boosters Board
- Selection committee will review each applicant's application without access to applicant's name
- Selection committee reserves the right to verify all school-related information
- Any Booster Board Member who has a child applying for a scholarship WILL NOT participate with the selection committee

Due Date: Friday, April 19, 2024

- Questions should be directed to
- Application and accompanying documents MUST be received on or before due date to qualify for consideration

Download [application HERE](#)

Download more [information HERE](#)

For more information and to submit application contact chsboosterscholarship@gmail.com

Class of 2024...Graduation Information

Graduation Window: May 20-31, 2024

Howard County Public School System has confirmed the [window for the 2024 high school graduations](#) as Monday, May 20-Friday, May 31, 2024. No graduations will be scheduled for weekend dates or on Memorial Day, Monday, May 27. Ceremonies will be held in person at Merriweather Post Pavilion, with the exception of Cedar Lane School, which will hold its graduation ceremony at the school.

Dual Enrollment Honor Cords for Graduation

Dual Enrollment Honor Cords are available! To order your cords, please visit the [Honor Cord website](#), then select the Braided Colors: Maroon/Maroon/Bright Gold color option.



Kente Stole for Graduation

Kente stoles for graduation are on sale now! Kente is a traditional African textile that was first woven by the Ashanti people of Ghana and West Africa. Today, it is worn to pay homage to African ancestors and to show pride in the heritage of the Diaspora during ceremonial occasions. The cost of the stole is \$21.00. Click [here](#) for order information.

Sarapes for Hispanic and Latino Graduating Seniors/ Ventas de Sarapes (estolas) a los Estudiantes Hispanos que se gradúan del último año

The HCPSS Hispanic Achievement Program is currently selling sarapes (stoles) to Hispanic graduating Seniors. For our Hispanic students, wearing the sarape represents their accomplishments and celebration with their family and connection with their roots and the Hispanic community in general.

Sarapes are optional. This sarape is the only one approved by Howard County Public Schools to use during graduation. Sales are open now and go through April 26. If you are interested in purchasing a sarape, the cost is \$22.25, and you will be able to place your order by visiting <https://osp.osmsinc.com/p/DA601-1>, then press the tab “Hispanic Achievement” to initiate the order. (The link works better when students do it from their Chromebook or phone).

If you have any questions, please contact Lynn DeVore at 401-313-2857 or lynn_devore@hcpss.org.

[QR Code](#) for orders

El Programa de Logros Hispanos de HCPSS supervisará las ventas de sarapes (estolas) a los estudiantes hispanos que se gradúan del último año. Para los estudiantes hispanos, usar el sarape encima de su toga (vestido de graduación) representa sus logros, la celebración con su familia, la conexión con sus raíces culturales y la comunidad hispana en general.

Los sarapes son opcionales. Este sarape es el único aprobado por las escuelas del Condado de Howard para usarse durante la ceremonia de graduación. Yo seré el punto de contacto para los estudiantes y las familias con respecto a la venta de los sarapes en Centennial High School.



Ya está abierta la venta de los sarapes y se extenderán hasta el 26 de abril. Si desea ordenar, cada estola o sarape tiene un costo de \$22.25, para ordenar el suyo visite <https://osp.osmsinc.com/p/DA601-1>, luego presione la pestaña “Hispanic Achievement” para iniciar su pedido. (Este enlace trabaja mejor si lo hace desde la computadora o el celular de su estudiante).

Para obtener más información, comuníquese al Lynn DeVore, 410-313-2857, lynn_devore@hcpss.org.

[QR Code](#) for orders

Senior Banners Are On Sale NOW!

Hey Seniors & Parents of Seniors,

Senior Banners are available to purchase until March 31st! These banners will recognize our graduating seniors in the main hallway and then be given to you just before graduation.

Consider including these banners in pictures with your graduating senior and/or adding it as a decoration to graduation parties.

Receive a \$10 discount when you order by March 15th. The Banner store will close on March 31st.

For more and to place your order visit varsitygraphics.net/centennial.

SENIOR BANNERS NOW ON SALE!
 Congratulate your senior with a custom banner that hangs at school.
 All banners are sent home just in time for graduation celebrations.

SAVE \$10 EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT

CENTENNIAL HIGH SCHOOL
 CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2024
SAM ANDERSON
 We are so proud of you and all your achievements!
 Good luck in college.
 Love, Mom, Dad, Alex and Alicia

CENTENNIAL HIGH SCHOOL
 CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2024
GIRLS LACROSSE
 Amy Lassiter, Juanita Perez, Si Ahn,
 Lucinda Meadow, Kerri Smith,
 Nilson Parker, D'eandra Franklin, Tiffini Diakoman

\$35 EARLY BIRD PRICE
 ORDERS PLACED BY MARCH 15
\$45 REGULAR PRICE
 ORDERS PLACED MARCH 16-31

For more information and to place your order, visit
VARSITYGRAPHICS.NET/CENTENNIAL

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Love, Mom, Dad, Alex and Alicia



NEWS THAT'S WORTH REPEATING

PTSA Board Nominations for 2024-25

CHS PTSA is looking for candidates to fill open positions on the CHS PTSA Board. If you would like to have an impact on school life for students, faculty, and staff, please consider volunteering with us, and contact mlmajor1968@gmail.com.

2024 Summer Programs Registration

Synergy online enrollment requests for currently enrolled HCPSS students will open February 15 at 6 p.m. for the Innovative Pathways High School (math and Science courses only), STARTALK Chinese Language Summer Camp, and Summer Math Scholars programs. Updates for the BSAP Summer Institute and G/T Summer Institutes for Talent Development will be shared on February 16.

Families can find up-to-date course information and enrollment directions on the [Summer Programs web page](#). Direct questions to the individual program office.

Innovative Pathways High School (IPSummer@hcpss.org)

STARTALK Chinese Language Summer Camp (STARTALK@hcpss.org)

Summer Math Scholars Program (MathScholars@hcpss.org)



Yearbook Ads on Sale Now!

Calling all proud parents! Capture and celebrate your child's shining moments throughout the school year by purchasing a Yearbook Ad. This is a special opportunity for parents to express how proud they are of their child's academic achievements, sports triumphs, or unforgettable memories on a dedicated and personalized space in this year's yearbook.

Create and purchase online by 1/29/2024 to take advantage of this opportunity. Below is the link to get started:

[Purchase and Create Yearbook Ads Here](#)

The prices are as follows: Full Page - \$250 ½ Page - \$150 ¼ Page - \$90

Reference the flyer below for additional details.

[Jostens Yearbook Ads Flyer.pdf](#)

Upcoming JumpStart Registration Session

The HCPSS Office of Dual Enrollment and Howard Community College (HCC) are excited to announce the JumpStart Dual Enrollment Course registration event on April 11 from 4-7:30 p.m. on HCC's campus. Details can be found [here](#).

Please be sure that students take the following steps prior to attending the event:

- [Sign forms in Synergy to allow HCPSS and HCC to share information](#)
- [Links to an external site.](#)
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- [Apply to Howard Community College](#)
- [Links to an external site.](#)
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- [RSVP for the event](#)
- [Links to an external site.](#)
- to ensure adequate staffing



STAY CONNECTED

- Centennial High School's website is a great source of information at <https://chs.hcpss.org>.
- On Twitter @hcpss_CHS and Instagram @CentennialHS.
- Read the *Wingspan*, CHS student newspaper
- CHS PTSA <https://www.chs-ptsa.org/and> CHS Boosters <https://www.centennialboostersonline.com/>.
- CHS Friends of Music <http://www.centennialmusic.org/>
- Register to receive school system updates and alerts at <https://www.hcpss.org/hcpss-news/>, click on Subscribe and select Centennial High School.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

RTA Bus Passes

Thanks to a continued partnership between HCPSS, Howard County Government, and Regional Transportation Agency (RTA), all HCPSS middle and high school students have access to free RTA bus passes through summer 2024. Students have full access to the RTA system and are not limited to transportation to and from schools or to school-related activities.

If your child is interested, they can visit our front office to request a free pass. [Read more](#).

Apply for Financial Aid

The HCPSS participates in the National School Lunch and Breakfast Programs. Students from households that meet federal income guidelines are eligible to receive [free or reduced-price meals](#).

Parents/guardians must submit a new [application](#) every school year to maintain their student's eligibility.



Student Technology Supports

Students, please remember to bring your chromebook fully charged to school every day. We have a limited number of loaner chromebooks reserved only for students with broken chromebooks. If your chromebook is not working, please bring it to the media center.

Student Meal Payments

New this year, HCPSS will use LINQ Connect, a secure, online portal that allows families to make payments to their child's meal account, monitor their child's account, schedule automatic recurring payments, set up low balance alerts, submit a Free and Reduced Meals program application, and more. [More information](#), including how to set up your account, is available online.

Lockers

Lockers are available to all students throughout the school year. Students may come to the front office before the school day begins, during their lunch shifts, or during Eagle Time to request a locker assignment.

Parking Permits

Permission for students to drive and park vehicles on school system property is a privilege. Parking spaces for students at Centennial High School are limited. Accordingly, in order to be granted this privilege, applications for parking permits will be issued on a first-come, first-served

basis in priority order: 1) Seniors; 2) Students enrolled in Work Study/Intern Mentor Programs; and, 3) Juniors.

Permits will be issued in this order through the end of the third week of school. Beginning September 18th, remaining permits will be issued in the order applications are received. Permits will not be reserved for students who do not yet have a valid Maryland Driver's License.



Students ARE NOT required by the school system to attend a 'Safe Driving' presentation this school year.

To apply for your permit:

- Login to HCPSS.me.
- Complete the [application packet](#) and save as a pdf.
- Take a photo of your driver's license.
- Follow this link to [submit the online application](#). The information collected through the online application is required by HCPSS.
- Your submission will be reviewed, and you will be notified via email once it is accepted.

For questions about applying for a parking permit at CHS please contact Kristen Forman at Kristen_forman@hcpss.org.

Attendance

Please follow these procedures to report an absence:

Absence notes and tardy notes for excused absences are to be emailed to CHSabsence@hcpss.org. Students who bring in physical notes may drop them off in the front office before the start of the school day.

[Discretionary absence requests](#) must be completed and attached through email in advance of the absence. The last possible day of school for the 23/24 SY is June 18th. If there are any make-up days added to the end of the year, we need you to be available to take exams on any day from June 7-18. Any requests for Discretionary Absences during that window of time will not be approved. Likewise, Discretionary Absences will not be granted during the week of January 16th, mid-term exam week. For questions about attendance, please reach out to our Attendance Secretary, Diane Howse at diane_howse@hcpss.org.



Support the Groups Who Support Us

The CHS PTSA offers programs, services, and supports to enhance the high school experience for all students, teachers, and parents. Join the PTSA now by logging into the [CHS PTSA website](#).

The CHS Boosters serve all student extracurricular activities, including sports teams, school clubs, and student organizations. Join the Boosters now by logging into the [CHS Boosters website](#).

Friends of Music supports vocal and instrumental music at CHS to guarantee the sustainability of these programs and to provide vital support to our music directors. Help our talented musicians thrive by joining us today through the FOM website: <http://www.centennialmusic.org/>.

It is important to support organizations that do so much for us and our students. We are a community!

Fan Expectations and Safety at HCPSS Athletics Events

High school athletic events serve as a wonderful opportunity for students, friends, families, staff and community members to come together in support of their favorite teams. To ensure these games are able to be safely enjoyed by all in attendance, it is imperative that everyone adheres to the rules, expectations and laws in place to ensure safety.

All children who are in 8th grade or younger must be accompanied by an adult at all HCPSS athletics contests or will be turned away from entry. Adult supervision must continue for the entirety of the athletic contest.

Athletic contests are considered extensions of the school day, and behaviors that violate the HCPSS [Student Code of Conduct](#) or [Board of Education policies](#) are subject to the same disciplinary measures as those that occur during the school day. Any students found to engage in inappropriate, illegal or dangerous behavior, including verbal and physical abuse at games, are subject to discipline, including the forfeiture of the game itself. Non-student spectators who violate event rules may be asked to leave the premises and may be banned for the remainder of



the season. Additionally, the Howard County Police Department maintains a presence at games and will ensure all applicable laws are adhered to.

Please note that substances such as [tobacco, marijuana, and alcohol are illegal to have on school grounds](#). Furthermore, no spectators are permitted to be under the influence of these substances upon entering school grounds.

HCPSS schools are welcoming environments for our friends around the county and state. All spectators are expected to display good sportsmanship to the athletes, coaches, officials, members of the marching band, cheerleaders and poms, dance teams, opposing fans, and everyone in attendance. Please show respect for all those around you.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Kids on Campus Summer Programs

When school's out, the fun and learning don't have to stop! [Howard Community College's Kids on Campus \(KOC\) program](#) offers enriching educational experiences for youth ages 6 to 17 throughout the summer from June 24th to August 15th.

KOC provides half-day programs in the morning or afternoon to accommodate various schedules. Whether students are interested in STEM subjects, creative arts, test preparation, or more, we have engaging classes lined up for seven weeks of summer fun.

Our dedicated instructors are committed to instilling a love of learning in students through interactive and enjoyable classes. KOC is still looking for passionate teachers who would love to join the KOC Team this summer. We promise that there is no grading required, just creativity and fun.

Feel free to contact us if you have any questions or need further information.

Email koc@howardcc.edu or call 443-518-4110. Or visit, <https://www.howardcc.edu/koc>.



Host Families Sought for AFS Exchange Students

Next school year, around twenty AFS exchange students from around the world will come to Howard County, Baltimore County, and Baltimore City for a life-changing year. You can help your family to learn about another part of the world! Host families volunteer to provide room and board for a student and get to know a great kid. Exchange students attend your local high school. Students are available from countries around the world, such as Germany, Italy, Chile, Spain, Turkey and many more. You can pick kids who enjoy hobbies such as soccer, volleyball, photography, crochet, singing, running, baking, drawing, or playing piano or a band instrument.

If you would like to hear more about the process of becoming a host family or any other aspect of our program, please contact Christina McGarvey at (410) 997-7087 or AFSBaltimore@gmail.com.

Howard County Food Connection Map

Check out the [Food ConnectionMap](#), an interactive tool to help find low-cost, accessible food and nutrition resources in Howard County.

Supporting Homewood Center

The Homewood Center is proud to support students from the System's 13 comprehensive high schools and 20 comprehensive middle schools. Homewood Center provides our shared students with an opportunity to achieve through a range of special services and therapeutic interventions that may not be available to them at their home schools. Our students come from, and return to, their home schools throughout the year and some who stay with us throughout their entire middle and high school careers. Fostering a sense of support and belonging both to our Homewood

family and to students' home school communities helps all our students to meet success as they navigate their paths to graduation and beyond.

Homewood does not have our own PTSA or Boosters and we are asking for your support.



Student Leaders!! Homewood Center would like to partner with you and your student clubs to establish food and hygiene supply drives to support our year-round pantry; establish a dress-for-success program to help all our students be interview ready; and collaborate on other efforts that provide opportunities for all of our students to demonstrate leadership skills . Please contact Kelly Kesler, Community School Site Coordinator at kelly_kesler@hcpss.org to discuss ideas or to arrange a time to talk with your student leaders.

HCPSS High School HC Drug Free

Free Online Parenting Classes — Tuesdays, March 12 to April 16. HC DrugFree’s Guiding Good Choices [parenting classes](#) can equip parents/guardians and grandparents with the knowledge and skills to reduce the risk that their children will engage in dangerous behaviors including using drugs and alcohol. Learn more and register: tinyurl.com/HCDrugFreeGGC

Middle and High School Teens and Parents Invited — Monday, March 18 at 5:30 p.m. on Zoom. Learn from HoCo teens about Bridging the Gap between Middle and High School.

Program hosted by HC DrugFree's Teen Advisory Council. Bring your middle or high school student to hear teen-created mini TED Talks and more. Q&A to follow. [Learn more](#) and register: tinyurl.com/TACTalks

8th to 12th Grade Leadership and Community Service Hours Opportunities. All HoCo 8-12 graders are invited to join the HC DrugFree Teen Advisory Council (TAC). TAC members are leaders who develop life skills to make healthy choices. Volunteer in the community and make a difference while building a powerful resume for job and college applications! Learn more and register: tinyurl.com/HCDrugFreeTAC or email: admin@hcdrugfree.org

Looking for Creative Students to Make PSAs — Films due by Sunday, April 14. Educate the community by entering the HC DrugFree Public Service Announcement (PSA) category in the

HoCo Student Film Festival. Submission deadline is Sunday April 14. Learn more: tinyurl.com/HCFilmFest

Medication & Sharps Disposal and 100 Free Medication Storage Boxes to be Given Away – April 27. Wilde Lake Village Center Parking Lot from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Safely dispose of



prescription medication, over-the-counter meds, sharps, vitamins, pet meds, vape devices, inhalers, and more! Wanted: Medically-Trained Adult Volunteers to handle the collected items and other Adult Volunteers to assist as needed. Youth Volunteers can earn Community Service Hours. Adult/student volunteer registration will open by April. Learn more:

tinyurl.com/HCDFTakeBack

Know What's Happening in Howard County. Sign up for HC DrugFree's free newsletter at tinyurl.com/HCDFNews or follow us on social media to get updates on events as well as information to keep your family safe and informed:

Facebook : facebook.com/HCdrugfree

X : twitter.com/hcdrugfree

LinkedIn : linkedin.com/company/hc-drugfree

Worried About Senior Week?

HCDrugFree Presents: [Senior Week: Staying Safe in Ocean City.](#)

Wednesday, March 20, 2024 @ 7 p.m. on Zoom

Learn more & register: hcdrugfree.org/senior-week

Scholarship Opportunity

Welcome to the second annual [PAVE Essay Contest and Scholarship Program](#). High school juniors and seniors in DC, Maryland, and Virginia are eligible to participate. The contest encourages high school students to contemplate a future with automated vehicles, following one of three essay prompts. Submissions will be accepted through March 15th. Scholarship fundicourtesy of [STEER Tech](#), will be given to the top three submissions. First place will receive \$2,500, followed by \$1,500 for second place, and \$1,000 for third. [Read more](#)