

Champaign Central High School Announcements

2/16/2024

NO SCHOOL ON MONDAY, 2/19

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: Bessie Smith

Born in Chattanooga, Tennessee, in the late 1800s, Bessie Smith grew up in poverty and obscurity but would become **one of the greatest** American blues singers. For several years, she traveled the South singing in tent shows, bars, and theatres in cities and small towns. After 1920, Smith made her home in Philadelphia, where she was heard by a representative of Columbia Records. On February 16, 1923, she made her first recording, “Down Hearted Blues,” which sold more than two million copies. Smith made 160 recordings in all.

CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

Gamer's Guild is meeting TODAY in the library after school! Come hang out and play either video games or board games! For more information, talk to Mr. Hargrove in room 3315.

Girls who Code: We will be decorating cookies for Valentine's Day after school on Friday, February 16th in Ms. Hammers room 3311! We will also be watching Barbie. Feel free to invite your friends! Hope to see you all then.

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!** The theme is Garden of Lights. **Ticket sales will be during all lunch periods from February 27th - March 1st.** Tickets will be \$5 in advance and \$7 at the door.
 - Spirit Week: February 26th-March 1st

- Monday: PJ Day
- Tuesday: Barbeque Dad vs. Soccer Mom
- Wednesday: Students dress as teachers & teachers dress as students
- Thursday: Dress like your fav musical artist
- Friday: Class colors
 - Fresh: Purple
 - Soph: Blue
 - Juniors: Green
 - Seniors: Pink
 - Teachers: Orange

Join **Central Drama** in preparing for our upcoming spring musical, *Little Women*, by participating in our bookmark competition. All CHS students are invited to showcase their artistic talent by designing a bookmark to promote the show! Submissions are due Feb. 25th, and a winner will be announced shortly after the deadline. Please refer to the guidelines below and email Matthew Ferrer (ferrerma2025@u4sd.org) or Jordan Rinkenberger (rinenjo2026@u4sd.org) with any questions.
https://docs.google.com/document/d/17X9cJQRvrOb8HJ4IXBI6thv6rluMFiOhrIRiMq_QoM/edit?usp=sharing

Pre-order your 2024 yearbook at yearbookforever.com. For the rest of February, they are \$45 (\$10 off).

Jewelry Club meets on Friday every other week. Come join us making rings, bracelets and much more after school in room 2322. Email Paola Oviedo (oviedopa2027@u4sd.org) or Denisse Hernandez (hernande2027@u4sd.org) for more information.

Attention Central Seniors! **The League of Women Voters Student Ambassadors** will be registering you to vote in your English classes on February 16th! Make sure you bring either the last 4 digits of your social security number or your driver's license!

It's Black History Month. Check out some of our most recent books that reflect and represent the African American experience.
https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1bLbL1ve2TQJWYX7nCEVombYMjI_rLqHCk780_PalQPI/edit?usp=sharing

Are you participating in one of our reading programs? If you have been reading books from the Lincoln Award or the Lifetime list but didn't get an email, contact Ms. Pickell. For more information, check out these slides
https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1AYZMwtr-78PP6eJfmg8-6Nb0tUMtVo__5l2-YUpPqk0/edit?usp=sharing

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!

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. Newcomers are always welcome!

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. 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 21st. 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 2/21), from 3:30-4:30pm. Please come and show your support!

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).

Unit 4 CTE Career Week (For Students Only):

During the week of February 20th - 23rd (lunch periods only) discover your path to success at our upcoming Career and Technical Education (CTE) Education Week! During your lunch join us for a showcase featuring interactive displays and direct interaction with industry professionals. From information technology to healthcare, manufacturing to culinary arts, unlock the doors to your future career! Don't miss this chance to navigate your options and make informed decisions about your educational journey beyond high school.

Parkland College to UIUC Pathway Open Hours:

Will take place at Parkland College in their Student Union on Saturday, March 2nd at 1:00 P.M.

Interested students are encouraged to attend.

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](#)

- Promising Educator Scholarship (\$1,000)
- Vincent O. Grenne Scholarship (\$2,500)
- Tennant Family Scholarship (\$10,000)

Visiting the College & Career Center:

- Monday, February 26th: Carle Hospital Volunteering Opportunities, U.S. Army Recruiter &

Marine Corps Recruiter

- Tuesday, February 27th: University of Illinois at Springfield & Blackburn College

- Wednesday, February 28th: Parkland College & Parkland Pathways

- Monday, March 4th: U.S. Navy Recruiter

- Wednesday, March 6th: Saint Francis Medical Center College of Nursing

- Tuesday, March 19th: Bradley University

- Thursday, March 21st: Quincy University

- Wednesday, April 3rd: Chicago State University

- Thursday, April 4th: Eastern Illinois University

- Monday, April 8th: The University of Texas at San Antonio

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/>

ATHLETICS

The last day to join the **girls track and field team** will be Friday March 1st. Anyone interested should reach out to Coach Hood at hoodgu@u4sd.org or register through the athletic office.

Anyone interested in trying out for the **boys tennis team** should be sure and get cleared by the Athletic Office. Practice begins on Monday, February 26th after school at the Spaulding Courts.

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 ye7yc4I for more updates.

Badminton on Fridays.

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