

Champaign Central High School Announcements

1/24/2024

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS – PTSA

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.

Open House Hosted by Champaign Central High School PTSA

Date: Sunday, January 28th, 2024

Location: Champaign Public Library, Robeson Pavilion Room A

Time: 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Refreshments from the Library Café Catering

Coffee & Lemonade

Sandwiches & Cookies

A great opportunity to chat with other CHS parents and the PTSA board. All are welcome!

All current and future CHS students and their parents, families and friends.

Questions? Email champaigncentralptsa2021@gmail.com

Champaign Central PTSA will hold its first Spring 24 meeting on January 29th at 7 pm on zoom:

<https://u4sd-org.zoom.us/j/2173513911?pwd=MmhjVmpUZkpEZDB2dHpCVlphbkROdz09>

Congratulations to Sarah McKendall, this week's Art Student of the week! Check out Sarahs' work and bio on the visual arts instagram (chs.visualarts).

CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

This week (Jan 22-26) is **National Gun Violence Survivors Week!!** To read survivor stories and learn more, please visit our [website](#). On Friday, Jan 26, **WEAR RED** (or maroon) to stand with survivors and against gun violence.

Calling all performers! **Central Drama** is proud to announce auditions for our spring musical, *Little Women*, which will take place after school this week on Thursday and Friday (1/25-26). Sign-ups are located on the back door to Decker Theater, just down from Mrs. Jones' classroom, 1324. All are welcome and any student interested in auditioning is encouraged to sign up. Please email Mrs. Jones with any questions!

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 learning more about business and gaining experience in different business fields? Come join the **Accelerated Career Awareness Program club!** Through ACAP students will receive help needed for college preparation and career in business related majors. We plan to have guest speakers, company tours, service days and more! We will also have special events such as pizza parties, game nights, and club bonding. Come join us for our meeting Thursday, Jan 25th, from 3:30pm to 4:30pm in Room 2211. If you have any questions please email Layla Potts: pottsla2024@u4sd.org or Faith Kadazi: kazadifa2024@u4sd.org We hope to see you!

Please join us for the next **Film Club** meeting on Tuesday, January 30 from 3:30-4:30 in room 2201. You can also check the Google Classroom for more information.

FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes) will have a leaders meeting this Friday, January 26 in the Library Den. Our first All Campus Huddle of the semester will be next Friday, February 2.

Creative Writing Club will be having its next meeting Friday, January 26th in room 3203. We will be discussing an upcoming competition and a schoolwide Creative Writing Portfolio before working on our own writing. See Mr. Gunst or Ms. Haile for more details.

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!

Jewelry Club is starting on Friday, 26th in room 2322 after school. Come and join us making all types of jewelry.

It's cold outside! Doesn't Panera soup sound good?! Be sure to swing by on Saturday, Jan 20th between 4:00pm and 8:00pm at the Kirby Avenue location. Present the code FUND4U to **support our students traveling to Costa Rica!** GRACIAS!

NHS members: Please mark your calendar for Tuesday, January 23rd for our next NHS meeting. We will see you in the auditorium at 7:30 am. Please have your id / 5Star ready to present at the door to expedite your entrance. Also, please bring your Chromebooks charged!

Bonjour French Club! We have our next meeting Thursday, January 25th after school from 3:30-4:15pm in room 2314. We have a Francophone trivia competition! Come see who knows the most about French Speaking cultures and win a prize! A la prochaine!

Are you interested in joining a club that strives to increase access to enriching educational opportunities for children in our community? **X-Time Club** helps children explore STEAM opportunities and empower them to pursue their interests. X-Time Club meets in Room 3111 every other Tuesday. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, January 30, at 7:30 am. To learn more about X-Time, visit our [website](#) or email us at libmanha2027@u4sd.org or just come to a meeting - new members are always welcome!

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 will start meetings again next week (January 19th) 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 Thursday Jan 18th. 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 January 31st 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 1/24), 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)

FAFSA Completion Night for Senior Families Only, January 25th:

During this workshop, families will be able to get questions answered to complete either the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or the Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid (Alternative Application), intended for qualifying undocumented and transgender students. These are the forms used to apply for financial aid, such as the Federal Pell Grant and/or the Illinois Monetary Award Program (MAP). Many colleges also use these forms to consider students for institutional money. Individuals should create an FSA ID prior to the

workshop to expedite the submission of the FAFSA. Please note that the FSA ID is not used with the Alternative Application. Individuals should have readily available information regarding their income and asset information. For questions, please email Mr. Tanner

(tanneran@u4sd.org)

* This is an in-person event only

* Chromebooks will be provided to those who are unable to bring a laptop/chromebook with them to the event

* Individuals from the school district will be able to assist those families who speak fluently in French, Korean, and Spanish

* Time: 6PM - 7:30 PM CST

* Location: Library at Centennial High School

* Registration: None Needed; Families Can Come and Go as They Please

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

- Thursday, March 21st: Quincy University

- Tuesday, March 26th: Bradley 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/>

CHESS: Cancer Health Equity Summer Scholars:

Cancer Health Equity Summer Scholars (CHESS) 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

We are starting Morning Movement next week! Come and play basketball from 7:00-7:45am on Tuesdays and Badminton on Fridays from 7:00-7:45am for the rest of the quarter. 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>

