# Champaign Central High School Announcements 1/12/2024 DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS – PTSA

#### 5Star PASS SYSTEM

This semester our school will begin using a new platform called <u>5Star Student</u> <u>Management System</u>. 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 <u>5Star</u> <u>Students application</u>. 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.

Congratulations to Central's Chess team. We continued our unbeaten streak against La Salette last night, going 2-0! We conclude our regular season this weekend as we host the CICL Classic Tournament.

### **CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES**

**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!

**Looking for a place to eat Friday night?!** Please consider supporting **Central's X-Time (STEAM) Club's Panera Fundraiser** on Friday, Jan. 12th, from 4 - 8 pm at the Panera located at 1765 West Kirby Ave in Champaign. (25% of sales will be donated to the club!) Use code FUND4U at online checkout on the Panera App or at the kiosk inside Panera. Thanks for your support!

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 16, at 7:30 am. To learn more about X-Time, visit our <u>website</u> or email us at <u>libmanha2027@u4sd.org</u> 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 have their first meeting of the year on Tuesday, the 16th at 7:15am in room 2322. We meet every Tuesday.

**Zoology Club** will start meetings again next week (January 19th) on Fridays at 7:35 am.

**NHS members -** Tuesday, January 16th is our first meeting of the semester! We will see you in the auditorium at 7:30 a.m. Please bring your Chromebooks!

**Zoology students from last semester are** welcome to come pick up their Zoology sketchbook from room 3312 before the end of the day Wednesday, January 17.

**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 17th 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 TODAY), from 3:30-4:30pm. Please come and show your support!

**Attention FBLA members** who are participating in the Area competition: Permission slips are due tomorrow. The bus will be loading at 6:50 AM on Saturday in the parking lot off New Street. Good luck to those of you taking testing events this week!

The African American Club will be meeting next Tuesday at 3:30-4:30 pm in room 1108.

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.

**Model Rocketry Club** will meet on Thursday, January 18th at 3:30pm after school in room 3317. Contact Mr. Earl with any questions at <u>earlja@u4sd.org</u>. All are welcome!

### **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

#### 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:

- Tuesday, January 16th: Vincennes University

- Thursday, March 21st: Quincy University

- Thursday, April 4th: Eastern Illinois University

#### **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: <u>Click Here</u>

## **ATHLETICS**

**All boys interested in participating in Track**: There will be a mandatory meeting TODAY, 1/12 at 3:30 in the Library Lecture Hall.

**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!

Over the break, **Central Wrestling** hosted a 10-team JV Scramble, and wrestled in both the Twin City meet and Morton Invite. Central took 2nd behind Centennial at Twin City. At Morton, Elliott Tanner placed 2nd and Talin Baker and Rowan King placed fourth. Next up for the Maroons include Thursday's dual at Danville and the Marty Williams Invite at Mahomet on Saturday. Make sure you put next Wednesday's January 17 meet on your schedule as it's our Senior Night!

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

