

# Champaign Central High School Announcements

2/14/2024

## 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: Morehouse College**

Morehouse College, a private historically Black men’s liberal arts college in Atlanta, was founded on February 14, 1867, as Augusta Institute. The school relocated from Augusta, Georgia, to Atlanta in 1879 and in 1919 became Morehouse College. In the first part of the 20th century, Morehouse, along with Spelman College, also in Atlanta, were symbols of hope and inspiration to Southern African Americans and, over time, had a profound effect on the quality of leadership in Atlanta’s Black community. Morehouse produced many influential alumni, including Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Julian Bond, Maynard Jackson, Spike Lee, Samuel L. Jackson, Edwin Moses, former Surgeon General David Satcher, and Dr. Louis W. Sullivan, who served as Secretary of Health and Human Services under President George H.W. Bush in 1989.

#### **Help Build the Gratitude Tree in time for Valentine's Day!**

Who are you thankful for? Tell us about a Central teacher or staff member who supported you, helped you grow, or simply treated you with kindness. Or perhaps someone in the school who you see working hard every day for the sake of students and staff. Submit your words of gratitude using the QR code on flyers found throughout the school or via the online form found [here](#):

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScAIA6ogqpCclwH5Qh-d0UgTdyeqjSMJxgpLBGq4qC9nUJtw/viewform?usp=sharing>

### **CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES**

**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.

**Model Rocketry** club will meet on Thursday (2/15) at 3:30 pm in room 3317.

Join **Students Demand Action** this Friday, Feb 16th at 7:30 AM in room 2107 to hear from a 'Moms Demand Action' speaker and prepare for election season. She will be speaking about smart voting and gun sense candidates! If you were born on or before November 5th, 2006, you are eligible to vote and this is important information for you to know!

**FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes)** will have an all campus huddle this Friday, February 16 at 7:15 in the Library Den. All are welcome!

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!  
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- 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](mailto:ferrerma2025@u4sd.org)) or Jordan Rinkenberger ([rinenjo2026@u4sd.org](mailto:rinenjo2026@u4sd.org)) with any questions.

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**Are you interested in a chance to experiment with pottery outside of the classroom?** Join Clay Club where you will have the opportunity to work on pottery independently as well as work on group projects. There will be a variety of clay activities using kiln fired clay. Meetings are every Thursday after school starting Feb 15th, from 3:30pm to 4:30pm in room 1308. We hope to see you there! If you have any questions please email Olivia Rodriguez: [rodrigo2024@u4sd.org](mailto:rodrigo2024@u4sd.org) or Grace Pelz: [pelzgr2024@u4sd.org](mailto:pelzgr2024@u4sd.org)

**Pre-order your 2024 yearbook at [yearbookforever.com](http://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](mailto:oviedopa2027@u4sd.org)) or Denisse Hernandez ([hernande2027@u4sd.org](mailto: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/1bLbL1ve2TQJWYX7nCEVombYMjl\\_rLqHCk780\\_PalQPI/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1bLbL1ve2TQJWYX7nCEVombYMjl_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\\_\\_5I2-YUpPqk0/e dit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1AYZMwtr-78PP6eJfmg8-6Nb0tUMtVo__5I2-YUpPqk0/e dit?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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 ye7yc4l for more updates.

Badminton on Fridays.

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