

# Bison Banner

Central City Public Schools Newsletter

Central City, NE 68826

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## SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

We have turned the calendar to February and so far this winter have managed to enjoy a mild winter. Although February is the shortest month of the year, it can be a difficult month for cold snowy weather. With it comes potentially dangerous conditions that impact the safety of transporting our students to and from school. While we are all accustomed to the procedures for 2 hour delays, and cancellations, there are times when it is necessary to release students early due to worsening road conditions.

In the interest of safety for our students, we encourage everyone to devise a plan that allows for students to be able to go to a safe place if no one is home at their house. Discuss this with a trusted neighbor, or a relative who is available to pick up the child from school or their bus drop locations.

Winter athletic teams will begin district competition this month. The speech team has competed in speech meets and practice for the musical is well underway. It is so exciting to see our students participate in these events as all co-curricular activities really reinforce what is being taught in the classroom along with teaching teamwork, dedication and respect.

Dr. Lee Jenkins was the presenter for our January 3rd professional development day. L to J is a formative assessment system that is focused on improving student learning and continuous improvement. The ongoing assessments are graphed, by the students, and examined continuously throughout the year. The term L to J comes from the shape of the graph at the beginning of the year when you provide a quiz and graph the results. At the end of the year the graph takes the shape of a J showing improvement and retention of the concepts taught. CCPS faculty will receive more training opportunities and be given time to implement these strategies over the course of this semester and into the new school year this fall.

*Educationally yours,*

*Dr. Candace Conradt  
Superintendent*



February 2	No School for Students Parent Teacher Conferences 1:30-8:30
February 3	No School
February 16	No School Professional Development
February 17	No School
February 24	No School



**Dr. Candace Conradt, Superintendent**  
**February 2012**



### Exciting News from the Elementary:

We are excited to announce that we have selected a new math resource, Saxon Math. In October of this year I met with each grade level team and specialists to gain additional insight to our school and programs. During each of the meetings staff expressed concerns with our current math resources (Scott Foresman and M & M Math) and the impact on student learning. The elementary staff continues to focus on improvement of instruction and student learning. We feel that our current resources are not matching the needs of our students. Teachers continued to share their desire to move to a different resource (materials) that would match the needs of our learners. During our meetings the one resource that continued to surface to the top was Saxon Math.

This year would have been a year to adopt Social Studies resources but Nebraska Department of Education is currently working on re-writing the Social Studies standards so we will be waiting on this adoption until the standards are complete. Since the district is pushing back the Social Studies adoption we were able to move forward with a K-6 math adoption. The materials were purchased prior to the new calendar year and full implementation will begin at the beginning of the 2012-1013 school year. We will have three grade levels planning to implement the new resources during the current spring semester (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 3<sup>rd</sup> grades). We have a program overview for all K-6 staff and implementation training for those using the materials this spring planned in January.

### A little more about Saxon Math:

Saxon Math is one of the nation's most thoroughly researched core mathematics programs. The success of the Saxon curriculum can be attributed to the programs research-based pedagogy, which helps students develop a deeper understanding of concepts and how to apply them. Saxon's instructional approach breaks complex concepts into simpler increments, recognizing that smaller pieces of information are easier to teach and

easier to learn. The instruction, practice, and assessment of those increments are systematically distributed across a grade level. The distributed practice ensures that students gain and retain critical thinking concept.

### 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Bison Badge

Our fourth grade teachers continually recognize students through our Bison Badge program. This program is set to recognize students who are continuously being productive citizens of our classrooms and school. The criteria for this special recognition is below:

#### Criteria:

- Following directions the first time
- Showing respect, manners, and safety consistently
- Returning planners and assignments with fewer than 2 MAS sheets per month.
- B average or higher in class work

Students receiving this award/recognition receive a Bison Badge with their name on it and earn special privileges during the day. Privileges include: 1) eating at a special table, 2) first in line; and 3) walking younger students to the bus. Bison Badge award winners for the month of January include Katie Heins, Nate Mousel, Jonah Gress, Jackson Dettman, Austin Wells, Daphney Nichols, Anna McReynolds, Tanner Belitz, Peyton Butler, Zoe Snyder, and Rylie Young, Shannon Manhart, Spencer Supik, Emily Blomstedt, Grant Lindner, Ruby Bueno, and Christian Coleman.

Rodney Engel  
Elementary Principal

### CCHS Choir Returns to Boone Central Choral Clinic for 35<sup>th</sup> Year

On Monday January 16<sup>th</sup>, 85 choir and show choir students travelled to Albion for the annual Boone Central Choral Clinic. The clinician this year was Dr. Peter Eklund, who is the director of choral activities at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. The choir students rehearsed throughout the day with students from surrounding schools to prepare for a concert that afternoon. While at Boone Central, the show choir also had the opportunity to have a brief individual workshop with the clinician. Central City was one of 6 schools who had the opportunity to have their own group perform on the concert. This year, 450 students attended from 14 different schools. It was Central City's 35<sup>th</sup> year of participation in the program.





## Ticket Order Form

Dear Families and Friends of Central City Public Schools,

Central City High School is proud to present the Tony Award-winning Broadway musical, Elton John and Tim Rice's *Aida*. This show is a contemporary musical take on a grand classic tale of the timeless bond between an enslaved Nubian princess and an Egyptian soldier. As forbidden love blossoms between them, the young lovers are forced to face death or part forever. Together, they set a shining example of true devotion that ultimately transcends the vast cultural differences between their warring nations, heralding a time of unprecedented peace and prosperity. We hope you will join us for what promises to be a fantastic production with great music, new lighting effects, and elaborate costuming.

Last year's musical brought three sold-out performances, so in an effort to be sure that all of our stakeholders have an opportunity to purchase tickets, an order form has been included here.

All tickets are reserved seating and will sell for \$7.

Everyone entering the auditorium must have a ticket.

Tickets are non-refundable.

You are invited to take orders for your family and friends.

*Checks must be made payable to CCHS.*

*Please include a stamped, self-addressed envelope for the return of your tickets.*

*Checks and order forms can be mailed to:*

*CCHS Musical  
1510 28<sup>th</sup> Street  
Central City, NE 68826*

Please Detach and Return with a SASE:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Date	Friday, March 16 @ 7:30 p.m.	Saturday, March 17 @ 7:30 p.m.	Sunday, March 18 @ 2:00 p.m.
Quantity			

If seating for patrons with disabilities is required, indicate the number of seats: \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of Tickets: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$7 = Total Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_



# Central City

February, 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Parent/Teacher Conferences (1:30-8:30pm) Professional Development (8:00am-11:30am)	2 No School 4:30PM BB-B/JV (H) vs. Raymond Central 4:30PM BB-G/JV (H) vs. Raymond Central 6:15PM BB-G/V (H) vs. Raymond Central 7:45PM BB-B/V (H) vs. Raymond Central	3 TBD BB-B/8th Away vs. Exeter-Miligan 10:00am WR-B/V @ Multiple locations
5 4:30PM BB-B/7th (H) vs. Boone Central 5:30PM BB-B/8th (H) vs. Boone Central 6:00PM BB-G/9th Away vs. Adams Central Junior-Senior 7:30PM BB-B/9th Away vs. Adams Central Junior-Senior	6 4:30PM BB-B/7th (H) vs. Boone Central 5:30PM BB-B/8th (H) vs. Boone Central 6:00PM BB-G/9th Away vs. Adams Central Junior-Senior 7:30PM BB-B/9th Away vs. Adams Central Junior-Senior	7	8 6:15PM BB-G/JV Away vs. Columbus Lakeview 7:45PM BB-G/V Away vs. Columbus Lakeview	9 TBD WR-B/V @ York High School 6:00PM BB-B/JV (H) vs. Holdrege 6:00PM BB-G/V (H) vs. Holdrege 7:45PM BB-B/V (H) vs. Holdrege 7:45PM BB-G/JV (H) vs. Holdrege	10 TBD WR-B/V @ York High School 9:00AM BB-B/9th Away vs. Boone Central 9:00AM BB-G/9th Away vs. Boone Central	11 ACT Testing TBD WR-B/V @ York High School 9:00AM BB-B/9th Away vs. Boone Central 9:00AM BB-G/9th Away vs. Boone Central
12	13 TBD BB-B/V (H) vs. TBA FFA Week	14 TBD BB-G/V (H) vs. TBA 4:00PM BB-B/7th Away vs. Centura Public	15 UNO Show Choir Festival @ Multiple locations	16 TBD BB-G/V (H) vs. TBA Professional Development (No Students) TBD WR-B/V @ CenturyLink Center (Omaha)	17 No School TBD WR-B/V @ CenturyLink Center (Omaha) 6:15PM BB-B/JV Away vs. Columbus Lakeview 7:45PM BB-B/V Away vs. Columbus Lakeview	18 TBD WR-B/V @ CenturyLink Center (Omaha) 9:00AM BB-B/7th (H) vs. Grand Island Central Catholic 11:00AM BB-B/8th (H) vs. Grand Island Central Catholic 4:00pm Sing Around Nebraska (Grades 4,5,6) @ Performing Arts Center/MS Cafeteria
19 TBD BB-B/V (H) vs. TBA FFA Week	20 TBD BB-B/V (H) vs. TBA FFA Week 9:00am Merrick Co. Spelling Contest @ Central City Performing Arts Center 6:30pm Art Club Meeting 7:00pm Spanish Club Meeting	21 TBD BB-B/V (H) vs. TBA FFA Week 9:00am Merrick Co. Spelling Contest @ Central City Performing Arts Center 6:30pm Art Club Meeting 7:00pm Spanish Club Meeting	22 FFA Week	23 TBD BB-B/V (H) vs. TBA FFA Week	24 TBD BB-G/V (H) vs. TBA FFA Week No School	25 Show Choir @ GISH 8:00pm Winter Dance
26 TBD BB-B/V Away vs. TBA	27 TBD BB-B/V Away vs. TBA	28 NeSa Writing Testing 9:00am Merrick Co. Spelling Contest @ Central City Performing Arts Center	29 NeSa Writing Testing 6:30pm Athletic Booster Club Meeting			



# FEBRUARY BREAKFAST

SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT

16 days = \$23.20

1  
French Toast Sticks  
Bananas

2  
No School

3  
No School

4



All meals are  
subject to change

Breakfast has  
choice of main  
entrée, cereal or  
yogurt if desired.

Served with a fruit  
and milk.

5

6  
PB&J  
Pears

7  
Cereal  
Tropical Fruit

8  
Egg Wrap  
Pineapple

9  
Cereal  
Peaches

10  
Donut  
Mandarin Oranges

11

12

13  
Cereal  
Fruit Cocktail

14  
Breakfast Corndog  
Peaches



15  
Bagel  
Fruit Cup

16  
No School

17  
No School

18

19

20  
Scrambled Eggs  
Toast  
Fruit Cocktail

21  
Cereal  
Banana

22  
Pancakes  
Sausage  
Pears

23  
Cereal  
Tropical Fruit

24  
No School

25

26

27  
Cereal  
Tropical Fruit

28  
Muffin  
Applesauce

29  
Biscuit & Gravy



# FEBRUARY LUNCH

SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT

All meals are subject to change.




All meals served with fruit and vegetable bar.

Milk offered daily.

Choice also available if main entrée is not desired and those choices are: yogurt, peanut butter & jelly or chef salad.

Seconds and A la Carte items also sold in the High School & Middle School.

High School has a choice of sack lunch in place of regular hot lunch. Each sack offers sandwich, fruit, vegetable, grain & milk.

	16 days EL =\$33.60			1 Fiesta Corn	2 No School	3 No School	4
	16 days MS/HS =\$36.80						
5	6 Chicken Teriyaki Rice	7 Taco Corn Churro	8 Cheeseburger Potato Wedges	9 Corn Dog Cheesy Broccoli	10 Spaghetti Green Beans Garlic Bread	11	
12	13 Beef Sticks Mashed Potatoes Gravy	14 Chicken Nuggets Green Beans 	15 Hot Dogs Mac& Cheese Cake	16 No School	17 No School	18	
19	20 Chicken Sandwich Tri Taters	21 Super Nachos Corn	22 Fish Sticks Cheesy Hashbrowns	23 Chicken Noodles Cookies and Cream Dessert	24 No School	25	
26	27 Ham Mashed Potatoes Gravy	28 Chicken Wrap Mixed Vegetables Cookie	29 Pizza Green Beans	<i>Parents need to notify Elementary School by 9:00 a.m. if they plan to eat hot lunch with student.</i>			