

Bison Banner

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Superintendent's Message

It is hard to believe that three quarters of school is in the books and only one quarter of school remains. With the number of activities, field trips, and events scheduled for the final quarter, this school year will be quickly coming to an end.

As the school year draws to a close, there are a lot of projects that are starting, and considerable planning is taking place for next year. The Industrial Technology class has begun to build walls for the new concession stand/bathroom facility, and footings, foundation, and rough-ins are in the process of completion. Hopefully, in early April, walls will be brought outside and set as the project accelerates toward a finish. The two Industrial Tech classes, led by Matt Shrader, are working the best they can under current time constraints. In the future, building construction classes will be blocked together to allow for enhanced hands-on learning activities in the building construction field and to provide more time to work on projects. This is our district's first move toward a career pathway approach to student learning opportunities. This approach will expand as issues with scheduling, graduation requirements, and facilities can be solved. Many community members have expressed their excitement for seeing students take an active part in their learning by experiencing hands-on types of opportunities.

Career pathways offer students a number of classes towards potential job fields that are typically needed in the immediate area. That piece offers the community options towards economic development and helps fill employer needs in good paying fields, while keeping local talent. Career pathways will be expanded in the future to include other opportunities in the fields of Industrial Tech, Agriculture, Health, Science, and Business. The concept will continue to come together over the next few months, into years, to provide students with educational opportunities that support the community.

If you have recently driven or walked by the middle school and high school, you will have also noticed that buildings are being demolished and the lot west of the school will eventually become an open piece of land. Again, this signifies the progress the district is making towards the future. What will inhabit this area in the future is currently unknown, but the possibilities are exciting!

As this school year enters the final quarter, I would like to take the time to applaud the community for all of the great things that are going on. The progressive approach by the community is very evident. It is great to see a community that is focusing on growing by developing and enhancing community amenities, adding housing and addressing housing issues, and looking to expand local business and business opportunities. When you listen to area leaders, you can't help but be excited for the future of Central City.

The success of this community is of vital importance to this school district. Likewise, the success of this district is of vital importance to the community. Our district must be a part of the process of attracting families by providing quality educational opportunities, facilities, and choices that meet the needs of our students today and into the future. The district is enjoying growing success and excitement for the future continues to build. As an Administrator, parent, and community member, I am excited about being a part of the Bison Family!

Jeff Jensen,
Superintendent

**4th Quarter
Newsletter**

**Jeff Jensen,
Superintendent**

**Maureen McElhinny,
SPED Director**

**Shawn McDiffett,
H.S. Principal**

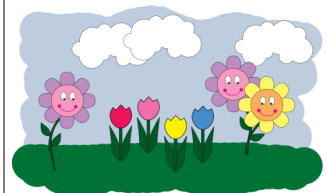
**Justin Anderson,
Activities Director**

**Holee Hanke,
M.S. Principal**

**Neely Moser,
Elementary Principal**

**ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL DAY
8:00-3:25**

**MIDDLE &
HIGH
SCHOOL DAY
8:00-3:38**



Finishing Strong this School Year

With spring in full swing, so is Nebraska state testing. It is important that students work hard and do their best on the test to show what they know. The schools will provide the testing environment and anything else the student might need to do their best. At home it would be the best for students if they got a good night's rest and plenty of healthy snacks.

I know we all want to finish the year on a positive note. So we wanted to give you some quick and easy suggestions for homework:

Go through the homework and do the easy ones first-it will help your child feel like they are accomplishing more right away.

Next, cut the remaining problems into smaller chunks. For instance if there are nine problems left, you and your child can agree to do 5 then take a break before doing the remaining 4 problems.

If there are a few problems you don't know how to help them with, leave those few for the teacher to help them with before school. It will teach them how to advocate for themselves and learn to be independent from you.

Finally, don't forget to let your child know that you enjoy seeing how hard they work even though it may be a struggle. Positive praise goes a long way!

Information for Parents of Students with Special Needs:

In April is the Autism Spectrum Disorder Conference in La Vista, Nebraska. This is a great conference with a wide variety of useful information. The information at the conference is aimed for helping those with autism but most of the information presented can be useful for any student. There is still time to register if you are interested.

For more information about the ASD Conference or to register to attend the conference visit: <http://goo.gl/I00inY>

Mrs. Hanke, M.S. Principal

Mrs. McElhinny, Special Education Director

Students, their parents, and employees of the Central City Public School District No. 4 are hereby notified that this school district does not discriminate on the basis of sex, national origin, handicap, or race and is required by Title IX, Section 504 and Title VI not to discriminate on the basis of sex or handicap in admission or access to, or treatment or employment in its programs and activities. Any person having inquiries concerning Central City Public School District No. 4's compliance with Title IX and Section 504 and Title VI is directed to contact: Central City Middle School Principal, Phone: (308) 946-3056, who has been designated by Central City Public School District No. 4 to coordinate the school district's efforts to comply with Title IX, Section 504, and Title VI. Reference – Board of Education Policy 103 R3.



Driver Education will again be offered this summer at Central City High School at a cost of \$255 for students from our district, or going to our high school next year, and \$290 for students out of our district. The cost will cover the 28 hours of classroom instruction, as well as the 6 hours of driving and 6 hours of observation. Students must be 14 years of age or older by October 15, 2016 to enroll and hold a valid permit to complete the driving portion of the course. For 13 year old students applying for school permits, please contact the instructor for further information.

The Driver Education classes will be held May 23-26 and May 31-June 2. If you are planning on enrolling your child in Driver Education classes, please contact the High School office at 308-946-3055. We are limited to 60 students for total enrollment, 30 students in each class. Driving times will be set at a later date.



**FULL TIME BUS DRIVERS
NEEDED FOR THE 2016-2017
SCHOOL YEAR
PLEASE CONTACT LES JENSEN
AT 308-946-3918**

Elementary Annual Family Literacy Night

It was a “soup-per” evening for reading at the elementary school on Tuesday, March 1. Nearly 200 children and parents attended our annual Family Literacy Night with the theme of “Soup-per Stories Family Night”. Teachers chose books that had a “soup” theme and then created a family activity to follow. Families had the opportunity to choose two fun sessions to enjoy. Judy Marco from the public library had a display to share the fun things that will be included in the summer reading program. There also was a raffle where a student from each grade received a basket of goodies donated by C.C. Mall, Edgerton Exploit Center, Buffalo Wild Wings, Super Bowl, and Texas Roadhouse. And, of course, we can’t forget our awesome PTO who created all the Dr. Seuss decorations and did so many other things to make the evening such a success. Finally the evening was concluded with each child choosing a free book to take home and enjoy.

A “SOUP-PER” time was had by all!!!!



The 100th Day brings many fun activities in Kindergarten! This year, we did as we have in the past, and tried to collect 100 items for the Central City Food Pantry. The Kindergartners and their families were very generous in their donations and we collected 247 items. Thank you to everyone for their donations, the kids are so excited to donate all of this food!

Juniors visit UNL and SCC

Our group of forty-seven toured Southeast Community College and the University of Nebraska in Lincoln on March 1st. The tours were a free service provided through Education Quest and our College Access Grant and were organized by Counselor Debra Anderson.

Students were first greeted by a nice welcome at Southeast Community College. They then toured some of the departments and were treated with a beverage. We next went to the University of Nebraska in Lincoln and enjoyed lunch in the college cafeteria. We were greeted with a warm welcome and informed about the education one can receive from the university. Our students walked all around campus and heard about campus highlights from our student tour guides.



Overall our students really enjoyed getting a taste of campus life, being able to walk through the various buildings, and interacting with current college students. We were entertained by some friendly squirrels plus we were greeted by some past CCHS graduates. Many thanks go out to the personnel and students at Southeast Community College and the University of Nebraska in Lincoln, and also to Heidi Beyard, Jennifer Kenny, Craig Nichols, Michelle Ohlman, Lisa Wagner, and Chase King for sponsoring the tour!

Communication In Activities

There are many opportunities for parent involvement in high school activities. Parental involvement is a vital piece of any successful program. Parents can offer their services, financial support, or volunteer their time to make the experience for their child a positive one.

At times parents can monitor and scrutinize these programs to make sure their child is being treated fair and not hurt in any way. Parents have every right to do this and be part of their child's growth. Yet parents, coaches, and administrators have at times gotten mixed up in these problems, personal and professional boundaries crossed, and trust broken. This leaves all parties confused and hurt with the student caught in the middle.

So what is the appropriate role of parents in programs and how can that role be established, communicated, and performed in a healthy way? There are boundaries that need to be set. The coach doesn't get to tell parents how to raise their child, so parents should not be allowed to tell the coach how to run a program. One of the keys to making the relationship work for all parties is to understand the difference between rights and shared responsibilities. Focusing on rights tend to end up in conflict where shared responsibilities are about building relationships. Our students and student-athletes have the privilege of participating in all the different activities we provide. The shared responsibility of the parents and sponsors is to help pursue vision and strive for excellence while valuing students first.

Effective communication is one of the challenges with parental involvement. It has become a lost art in many ways. We use social media (Twitter, Instagram, Facebook, Vine, Snapchat) today more than ever. However, effective communication has not changed. Everyone appreciates a face-to-face conversation, a fist pound (the new handshake), or just a smile. You can't get that through a tweet! Yet coaches and administrators get e-mails and texts from parents all the time about problems and issues that make the sponsor out to be a problem. Healthy relationships need much more effort than typing something on-line. On the other side, our staff is constantly trying to find more efficient ways to communicate as well.

Sometimes parents just need to vent and express themselves. It can solve a lot of issues by simply listening to each other. If we can listen, we can restore trust and focus on that shared responsibilities for both parents and sponsors involving kids. Relationships are never easy but we are ALL in it for the right reasons – it is about our kids! *Submitted by ~ Justin Anderson*



CCHS Sophomores Tour Colleges
 Through the support of the Education Quest Foundation College Access Grant, Central City High School arranged for our 10th grade students to tour Central Community College in Hastings and the University of Nebraska in Kearney on March 2nd. It turned out to be a worthwhile experience for the students and should help them to think more about their opportunities after high school.

Our group of forty-six arrived at Central Community College in Hastings in the morning. We were given a large group

presentation about the college. We completed a walking tour that showcased a number of their popular programs of study. We then went to the University of Nebraska in Kearney. There the students ate lunch at the Memorial Student Union cafeteria. We were treated to information about UNK from their admissions personnel and a panel discussion by current UNK students. We toured the campus with UNK student representatives. While visiting there, we were able to have some fun visiting with a number of current UNK students who had recently graduated from CCHS! Shayleen and Hannah even showed us their dorm room!

The students and adults alike seemed pleased with the experience. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the officials and students of Central Community College and the University of Nebraska in Kearney for their wonderful hospitality. We would especially like to thank the adults who came along to enjoy the day and supervise our students. Our sponsors for the trip were Sarah Mack, Sonya Ferris, Amy Franzen, Troy Stuart. The trip was organized and supervised by Counselor Debra Anderson.

Research Students Receive Grant Money

Two Central City High School Students received grant money for their scientific research projects. To receive the grants, the students had to write a grant proposal, which included a budget. Sydney W. is in Advanced Biology class and is conducting research on MRSA (methicilli resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*). This is a type of staff infection that is resistant to most antibiotics. Marshall M. is in Independent Study Scientific Research Class and is researching how combining essential oils with different types of antibiotics might help fight bacterial infections. Conducting scientific research is beneficial to students in many ways, but also can be very costly. The \$500 dollar grant from Litenzburg Memorial Hospital and matching \$500 grant from Dr. and Amy Buhlke will be used to purchase supplies.



DECA Events of 2015-2016

By Sable Campa

The Central City DECA Chapter stays busy throughout the course of the school year. With activities ranging from volunteering, competition, and preparation activities, there is always something new. At the start of the school year, DECA teamed up with National Honor Society to trick or treat for canned goods. The canned goods received were donated to the food pantry. District DECA was held in Scottsbluff, where Kiley Bamesburger, Katelyn Becker, Kenzie Nordlund, and Oriana WhiteBull all competed. Becker and WhiteBull both received second in their events. DECA Week took place in November, where each day of the week had a special theme. DECA Week is a primary way to spread awareness and promote business courses. In December, DECA the Halls and Caroling at Cottonwood Estates occur. For DECA the Halls, the members decorate a display case that educates passersby about the organization and to spread holiday cheer. Caroling at Cottonwood Estates involves caroling to the residents, which is a great way to lift the spirits for the season. DECA Interview Night is one of the most educating events that our chapter holds. It prepares its participants for future interviews and teaches them proper business attire.

Upcoming events on the DECA calendar includes State DECA, DECA movie night, Learn to Swing Dance with DECA, and DECA Night at Dairy Queen for Muscular Dystrophy. The six members that will be competing at State DECA are as follows: Amber Erickson, Sable Campa, Kiley Bamseburger, Katelyn Becker, Kenzie Nordlund, and Oriana WhiteBull. Each member was required to take a 100 question multiple choice test prior to state for the first half of competition. To prepare for the second half of competition, business role plays, each member has been practicing individually and/or with Mrs. McPhillips to run through potential business situations they could need to role play with a judge. Their goal is to qualify to compete at the International Career Development Conference in Nashville, TN at the end of April. DECA movie night will take place the second to last week of March. It's a way for the members to get together and take a break from the stress in their lives. Learn to Swing Dance with DECA will take place the last week of March. Any CCHS student is welcome to come join the fun, whether they're familiar with swing dancing or not. The CCHS DECA Chapter will also partner with Dairy Queen for DECA Night at DQ for MDA (Muscular Dystrophy Association). Members volunteer their time for a couple of shifts at the local Dairy Queen, and a portion of the funds raised are donated to MDA. We hope you all plan on eating at Dairy Queen between 5:00pm and 8:00pm on Monday, April 4, 2016 to support MDA!



KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Central City Elementary School is requesting your attendance at Kindergarten Registration on Thursday, April 7th, 2016. Every child who is age 5 on or before July 31, 2016 will be eligible for kindergarten in the fall of 2016. Registration will be held in the commons area of the elementary building from 6:15-7:15 PM. **This session will be for parents only.**

REQUIREMENT: Please bring your child’s birth certificate and immunization records with you and we will make a copy. Central City Public Schools requires each child to have a physical, a dental exam, a complete vision exam no more than six months prior to the start of school, and that the children be fully immunized before the start of school. **YOUR CHILD WILL NOT BE ABLE TO START SCHOOL UNTIL THESE REQUIREMENTS ARE MET.**

During registration you will hear from the kindergarten teachers and Mrs. Moser, visit the classrooms, and much more. Following registration you will be given an opportunity to complete the required registration forms. For those who are unable to attend on Thursday, April 7th, you can register your child on Friday, April 8th from 9:00-3:00 pm. Please call the Elementary Office if you have questions at 308-946-3057.



Attention Merrick County District Residents!

Do you have a child that will be ready for kindergarten in August? If so and you are new to Central City, please fill out the form below. Do you have a new neighbor? Do you have an addition to your family? Has your household increased or decreased in any way? Are you new in the district? These are questions that need answers so that the Central City school district census can be updated. Each year the total of all children in the district, birth to age 18 as of June 30, is included in a report to the Nebraska Department of Education. Information required for children is full name, date of birth, and place of birth, sex, parents name and address, phone number, and county of residence. All people living in Central City, Archer, Chapman, and country homes in the school district are included in the school census. If you have any information at all that may be helpful in the updating process, please call the superintendent’s office at 308-946-3055, or mail the information to Superintendent’s Office, PO Box 57, Central City, NE 68826. Your help in obtaining this information would be greatly appreciated!

CENTRAL CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS CENSUS INFORMATION

The Central City Public Schools is required to conduct a census of all persons living in our district.

If you are new to Central City, please fill out this form and mail to Central City Public Schools, PO Box 57, Central City, NE 68826 or email LSENKBILE@CENTRALCITYPS.ORG. Please list all persons living in household.

Father’s name _____ Mother’s name _____

Address _____ Phone # _____

Names of children through 20 years old	Date of Birth	Birth Place

CCHS Hall of Fame Nomination Announcement

If you would like to nominate an athlete or coach you will need to fill out the nomination form below. The athlete must have graduated from CCHS on or before 2010. Athletic contributions can be on the high school, college, or national level.

If you would like to write a letter of support for any candidate- please send the form to Justin Anderson. Please confine these letters of support to their athletic contributions. All letters must be received by May 16, 2016.

All announcements on selections will be made through the CCHS Activities Director's Office in May or June.

Nomination Form

Name _____

Coach or Athlete _____

Graduation year of athlete _____

Coaches-years coaching at CCHS _____

Please give any information about the athlete or coach that will be helpful to the committee in making its selections. Information may include character, leadership, statistics, and any individual athletic awards on the local, state, or national level.

Signature of nominator _____

Return to: Justin Anderson
Activities Director
1510 28th Street
Central City, NE 68826

Central City Public Schools 2016-2017 School Calendar

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Aug. 10 & 11	New Teacher In-Service
Aug. 12, 15, 16	Teacher In-Service - No Students
Aug. 17	Early Dismissal - 1:30pm 1st Day of School
Sept. 5	Labor Day - No School
Sept. 22	Teacher In-Service - No Students
Sept. 22	Parent/Teacher Conferences 1-7:30pm
Sept. 23	Fall Break - No School
Oct. 3	Early Dismissal - 1:30pm In-Service
Oct. 21	Early Dismissal - 1:30pm End of 1st Qtr. (45 Days)
Nov. 7	Early Dismissal - 1:30pm In-Service
Nov. 11	Early Dismissal - 11:30am Veteran's Day
Nov. 23	Early Dismissal - 1:30pm
Nov. 24 & 25	Thanksgiving Holiday - No School
Dec. 5	Early Dismissal - 1:30pm In-Service
Dec. 22	Early Dismissal - 1:30pm End of Semester (87 Days/42 Days 2nd Qtr.)
Dec. 23 - Jan. 4	Holiday Break - No School
Jan. 4	Teacher In-Service - No Students
Jan. 5	2nd Semester Begins
Feb. 2	Teacher In-Service - No Students
Feb. 2	Parent/Teacher Conferences 1-7:30pm
Feb. 3	Winter Break - No School
Feb. 17	Winter Break - No School
March 3	Winter Break - No School
March 6	Early Dismissal - 1:30pm In-Service
March 10	Early Dismissal - 1:30pm End of 3rd Qtr. (43 Days)
Apr. 3	Early Dismissal - 1:30pm In-Service
Apr. 13	Early Dismissal - 11:30am CCPS Track
Apr. 14 - 17	Easter Break - No School
May 1	Early Dismissal - 1:30pm In-Service
May 14	Graduation - 2pm
May 19	Early Dismissal - 11:30am Last School Day (91 Days 2nd Semester/48 Days 4th Qtr.)
May 22-25	Teacher Work Day (Half-Day) (178 Student Days/185 Teacher Days)

Calendar Legend	
Parent/Teacher Conferences	^
Early Dismissal 11:30 am	
Early Dismissal 1:30 pm	
End of Qtr/Sem	
Teacher In-service - No Students	
No School - Students/Faculty	X
New Teachers In-service	

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