

# BISON BANNER

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## SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Hard work, dedication, perseverance, high expectations, collaboration, and pride are prevalent in organizations that possess great culture. Positive culture and leadership permeates a school on multiple levels from the classroom, to the stage, and to the athletic fields. When you take a look at what is happening in Central City, it is truly a great time to be a Bison!

The district is continuing to make improvements to provide for additional learning opportunities, students are performing at an improved level, teachers are making a dedicated effort to student learning, and the community is providing tremendous support. When you take a look at the numerous Bison Nation signs throughout the community, you can't help but feel that a positive school and community culture is growing.

Our students are doing some truly exceptional things. As the month of October began, our Show Choir represented our community and school at the State Troopers Association Convention and received a tremendous applause for their fantastic performance. That morning was followed up with McKensie Gress qualifying for the state golf meet. The Cross Country team dealt with miserable weather and yet posted several personal bests. In the middle of the week, the volleyball team won every match. On Friday, the softball team qualified for the state softball tournament, through a complete team effort. Success continued that Friday evening when the Bison football team shut out Top Ten ranked Sutton to take control of their state playoff aspirations.

The Month of October and the first quarter of school should provide all of us great pride. When you discuss cultural change, the performance of our softball team during districts provides a great example. Their hard work, dedication, perseverance, expectations, and a collaborative effort helped them accomplish a goal, despite difficult odds. The day began with an unfortunate loss in the district semi-finals that led to the daunting task of playing twenty-eight innings and winning three games that day, including two over the state's top ranked Twin River team. Our girls should be very proud of how they navigated the many up hill battles and curve balls that the twenty-eight innings of softball threw at them. Further, their hard work and hundreds of hours of practice in August and September paid off, as they were able to join an elite group at the state tournament.

Activities and sports often mirror the situations that young adults currently encounter, or will eventually encounter in life, and teach them team work, mental toughness, perseverance, hard work, dedication, sacrifice, and so much more. These are all skills that people need to navigate the many twists and turns that the real game of life throws at us. I am an avid believer that you get out of life what you put into it, and the hard work and dedication of today pays off tomorrow.

The performances of this quarter are only a few examples of the many ways that our teachers, coaches, and sponsors are continuously teaching important life lessons. The continued efforts of developing leadership, elevating expectations, demanding hard work, eliminating excuses, and teaching perseverance are all helping to continuously develop a culture that will continue to accomplish great things. It is truly a great time to be a Bison!

Jeff Jensen,  
Superintendent

Jeff Jensen	Shawn McDiffett	Holee Hanke	Neely Moser	Maureen McElhinny	Justin Anderson
Superintendent	HS Principal	MS Principal	Elem Principal	SPED Director	Activities Director

## From the Desk of the High School Principal:

Over the next several months, the high school will start to venture down the road to review our class offerings and determine what the future looks like for our high school students. Are our students prepared for the 21st century and do they have the necessary exposure to various careers that may help them determine their career pathway? At this point, we offer a nice selection of classes that range from basic to advanced in many areas of our curriculum. We offer numerous dual credit classes as well as career and technical electives. However, we need to focus some of our energy on the career pathways. The state has identified six core academic areas: Human Sciences and Education, Health Sciences, Skilled and Technical Services, Communication and Information systems, Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources, and Business, Marketing, and Management. We all know that today's career will probably be obsolete in some areas in the near future, however we need to improve on helping students be exposed to a variety of career pathways to assist them in their career decision making plans. We have had many students leave us upon graduating from high school and they have a razor focus on their career pathway, however we have also had students that complete their graduation requirements and don't know what they want to do for the rest of their life, or they may change their mind once they enroll in a post secondary school. We will never have a perfect education system, however I feel that we can improve our opportunities for kids. Upon graduating from CCHS, they all should have had an experience or two that helps them start to funnel their career pathway.

Principally Speaking

Shawn McDiffett



Central Nebraska Attendance Services (CNAS) is a new program developed to help area students get the most out of their education by making it to school as much as possible. Attendance is one of the most important factors of success in school. Research shows that students who consistently attend school and arrive on time have higher academic achievement than students who miss school. Research also shows that Nebraska high school students who miss more than 10 days of school score 16%-27% lower in reading and math skills than students who miss less than 10 days. For students who miss more than 20 days, those percentages jump up to 33%-44% (this is based on NeSA scores obtained from the Nebraska Department of Ed). Our goal is to help students uncover and address issues that may be keeping them from obtaining educational success.

This school year, Central City Public Schools, has partnered with CNAS to resolve any attendance issues that may arise. CNAS is committed to assisting your district in resolving attendance issues. We will work in conjunction with your child's building staff to help make sure your child is offered every resource, both school and community based, in order to help them be as successful as possible on their journey toward graduation.

Parents/Guardians;

YOU are the single greatest influence upon your children and have a major role in your child's success academically. If academic success is a top priority for you, chances are it will be a top priority for your child as well. Your participation, support, and accountability are essential for your child to be successful in their education. CNAS looks forward to working with your student and your family!

--Jordanne Speer

Central Nebraska Attendance Services

Attendance Officer



## Elementary News

Fall is here and with it brings the cooler temperatures. This is a friendly reminder to be sure to dress your child in layers. Central City Elementary School students will be outside for recess when the wind chill is above 20 degrees. This means children will need warm coats, hats, gloves and appropriate shoes each day. It might be a good idea to send an extra hat and gloves to even keep in your child's locker. It's always better to be prepared when we can.

Thank you to all of the grandparents and parents who were able to attend our Grandparents' Day celebration this month. We had over 400 people in attendance and it was a wonderful way to honor our grandparents as well as connect with our community.

With the cooler temperatures, we begin to see illness. We've already seen some of this at the elementary school. Please remember that your child needs to be fever-free for 24 hours before coming back to school. This time of year we see a lot of illness and missed days of school. Because kids miss school for illness it is important to plan routine dentist and doctor appointments around school hours if at all possible.

At this time I'd also like to ask parents for help in making our school day go as smooth as possible. Please make sure after school routines are communicated with your child and the school as early as possible. Whenever it is at all possible, please contact the school prior to 2:00 pm if you are changing after school plans for your child. If you call after 2:00 pm, it cannot be guaranteed that the message will get to your child's teacher on time. Emergencies are exception to this.

Thank you to parents for being partners with us in your child's education. Please don't hesitate to call me at school if you have any questions or concerns regarding your child.

Neely Moser  
Central City Elementary Principal

## Third graders visit the Heartland Veterans Memorial to learn more about patriotism and the importance of the American flag. Thank you Veterans!



Third graders connect with Fort Worth Zoo to learn more about animal adaptations. Here they are learning about how a frogmouth bird "Stumps" its body to camouflage itself amongst trees.



**Central City Public Schools will educate, challenge and prepare students with lifelong skills for the world around them.**



## DECA's Fall Leadership Conference

By Colton Drage

On October 3, three of Central City High School's finest DECA members, Katelyn Becker, Oriana White Bull, and Kiley Bamesberger, attended the Fall Leadership DECA Conference in the La Vista Conference Center in Omaha.

Ms. Bamesberger took part in sessions on building a better image of yourself on social media, ways to stand out in an interview, and how emotions directly affect your success. In Ms. Bamesberger's words, "There were many people you could network with there, and there were also colleges you could get more information about." The president of the CCHS DECA chapter, Oriana White Bull, attended sessions on how to become an unstoppable leader, how to be unstoppable in her community, and how to achieve success. Ms. White Bull "learned many new things that can help her chapter grow and flourish." The chapter's Vice President, Katelyn Becker, attended We Love #ADPR and Happiness is Serious Business sessions in the afternoon. In Katelyn's words, "It was a good day of learning new information that we can use to help better our chapter, not only as members, but as officers."

## CCHS Apply2College Campaign

Seniors at Central City High School took a critical step this month in the state-wide **Apply 2College** campaign through the **EducationQuest Foundation**. Central City High School was one of over 200 schools who conducted the event in Nebraska.

During the Apply2College campaign at Central City High School, seniors had hands-on help with college applications from school staff and college representatives. Representatives from the **University of Nebraska at Omaha**, the **University of Nebraska at Kearney**, **Nebraska Wesleyan University**, and **Central Community College** joined us. Also a representative from the **EducationQuest Foundation** presented information about the FAFSA process.

"Completing a college application can be difficult for many students – especially those from families unfamiliar with the process," said High School Counselor Debra Anderson. "This event helped to reduce college application barriers students face and should increase the number of seniors who go on to pursue higher education."

The Apply2College Campaign is part of the American College Application Campaign sponsored by the American Council on Education. All states are now participating in the annual program.



## Central City High School National Honor Society Induction

On October 4, 2016 thirteen additional juniors and seniors were recognized for their academic success in high school when they were inducted into the Central City High School Chapter of National Honor Society (NHS). These outstanding students became part of a tradition that has existed since 1925. Mrs. Lori Supernaw played beautiful piano music before the program. Mr. Shawn McDiffett, CCHS Principal, gave the welcome. Senior Madeline Moser, accompanied on the piano by Mrs. Lori Supernaw, sang "Memory" from the musical *Cats*. Mrs. Debra Anderson, NHS Advisor and High School Counselor, outlined the qualifications for NHS. NHS officers then gave informative speeches reviewing the purpose of NHS and described the character traits to be reflected by the members. New members were recognized individually by current members in the ceremony when they signed the NHS book, and received a NHS certificate and yellow carnation. The ceremony was followed by a reception of ice cream cake, cookies, punch, and coffee.

A special thank you goes out to Mr. Shawn McDiffett, Mr. Dale Soll, Mr. Doug Soll, Mrs. Sherree Stahn, Mrs. Jennifer Lani, and NHS members who contributed beverages for the reception. We would also like to thank Lori Supernaw for playing beautiful introductory music, Madeline Moser for singing, Dairy Queen for donating an ice cream cake, Oriana White Bull for photographing the event, and the parents of members who served at the reception: Mr. and Mrs. Garry Hillmer, Mr. and Mrs. Kevin McReynolds, Mrs. Lisa Wagner, and Mr. and Mrs. Tim Williams.



**SUBSTITUTE PARAPROFESSIONALS ARE  
NEEDED. PLEASE STOP BY THE  
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE TO PICK UP AN  
APPLICATION.**



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

### CCPS Core Values

**Students First, Integrity, Respect, Sense of Community,  
No Excuses, High Expectations, Accountability, Bison Pride**

The FFA and FFA Alumni would like to recognize the following individuals and business for their continuing support as Associate members. All of the money is kept in our Local Chapter to benefit FFA members.

**Gold Level - \$300 & Up**

Preferred Popcorn  
Pinnacle Bank  
Central Bank  
Fowl Creek Farms  
Christensen Trucking  
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Aurora Cooperative

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Grosshans  
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Central City Auto Parts  
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Five Points Bank  
Litzenburg Memorial Hospital  
Janet Belitz  
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Carnes  
Jensen Publishing  
Cornerstone Bank  
Bosselman Energy

If you wish to show your support for our local FFA Chapter, please contact Tom & Karen Stephensen, 308-940-1711 or email [thomasrets@aol.com](mailto:thomasrets@aol.com) or Darla Belitz, 308-946-6300 or email [dsbelitz@gpcom.net](mailto:dsbelitz@gpcom.net).

Students in 6<sup>th</sup> grade Social Studies have been studying contour lines on maps. Contour lines are one way of showing elevation. Students worked in groups to match side views of mountains with diagrams of contour lines and answered questions about elevation changes using a colored contour map. Students were encouraged to cut a potato and draw contour lines on it for a 3-D representation.

(Students also discovered that “flotsam” and “jetsam” are real words not nonsense words. 😊)



## Technology News

What happens when students are challenged to produce projects using technology unfamiliar to them? Consistently, we find the answer includes truly amazing things! The students in our Bison Productions course have busied themselves producing digital presentations for the new outdoor video board and our social media sites. They have been using professional grade video editing software, high quality video camera, green screens, and special lighting to create the digital media. Their hard work has already drawn recognition from both local residents and people outside of our district. The Nebraska Prep Volleyball twitter feed recognized the graphics used on our district social media sites by saying, "Central City with, by far, best graphics team in the state." This attention fuels the creative juices and provides motivation for the next projects. All this and more with only four weeks "on the job." I'm proud of the work they have accomplished so far and be on the lookout for future projects from our students.



Other exciting educational opportunities many of our teachers have taken advantage of over the last couple of years involving technology center around virtual field trips. Several students have visited places such as the Fort Worth Zoo, National Baseball Hall of Fame, NASA, and the Durham Museum without even leaving their classroom. Some students were also fortunate enough to visit one-on-one with a group of Holocaust survivors and family members. These virtual events are perennial hits among both the students and teachers.

As our district mission statement states, we strive to *educate, challenge, and prepare students with lifelong skills for the world around us*. Technology plays a large part in today's "world around us." Here at CCPS we aim to provide our students the latest technology and have made a commitment to regularly upgrade as much equipment as we can every summer. We owe it to our students and staff to provide these opportunities.

Having said that, the run down of the devices we currently have at CCPS continues to grow. District-wide technology includes 130 staff devices (MacBook Pro laptops, iPads, PC desktops), 4 distance learning carts, and 82 access points (district-wide wifi). At the Elementary building we have 125 iPads in 5 mobile carts, 25 iMac desktops, and 15 interactive boards. In the Middle School building we have 75 MacBook Air laptops in 3 mobile carts, 25 iMac desktops, and 8 interactive boards. At the High School building we currently have 100 MacBook Air laptops in 4 mobile carts, 11 iMac desktops, 80 PC desktops, and 8 interactive boards.

Additionally, the industrial technology/agriculture students in our district have benefited from some high tech pieces of equipment. We currently have a CNC (Computer Numerical Control) Wood Router, which can cut out any computerized design the students can imagine. Using a PlasmaCam students can cut artistic metal shapes and specialized parts. The students also have access to a laser engraver for both wood and metal. Finally, there is a 3-D printer available for student projects to come alive.

As we continue to grow our number of devices, our student-centered opportunities grow at an even faster pace. With nearly 660 students in the district, students have access to an ever-evolving world of experiences. Technology provides one avenue to open doors in this world. From kindergarten to seniors our faculty and staff continue to integrate technology to increase student success. It's a great time to be a Bison!


Brandon Detlefsen, Technology Coordinator

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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.



# November Breakfast


Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	20 days=\$38.00	1 Sausage Breakfast Sandwich Pears	2 Scrambled Egg Patty Peaches	3 Pancake & Sausage on a Stick Mixed Fruit	4 Ham, Egg & Cheese Breakfast Bar Mandarin Oranges	5
6	7 Breakfast Cookie Cinnamon Applesauce	8 Cheese Omelet Peaches	9 PBJ Sandwich Pink Applesauce	10 Bacon Scramble Pizza Pears	11 Ring Donut Mixed Fruit	12
13	14 Granola Bar Applesauce	15 Egg, Cheese Breakfast Toast Mandarin Oranges	16 Pancakes & Sausage Mixed Fruit	17 Egg & Cheese Breakfast Sandwich Pears	18 Long John Pineapple	19
20	21 PBJ Graham Snacker Peaches	22 Dutch Waffle Mixed Fruit	23 Breakfast Pizza Mandarin Oranges	24 NO SCHOOL 	25 NO SCHOOL	26
27	28 Muffin Applesauce	29 Sausage Breakfast Sandwich Pears	30 Scrambled Egg Patty Peaches			
					<b>ALL MEALS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE</b>	

Cereal, yogurt and fruit are served everyday.  
Choice of milk and juice are offered daily.



# November Lunch



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	ELEM 19 DAYS= \$49.40 MS/HS 19 DAYS= \$51.30	1 Mandarin Orange Chicken Rice Broccoli	2 Popcorn Chicken Baked Beans Dinner Roll	3 Calzones Green Beans	4 Chicken Quesadilla Corn Peanut Butter Scotch Bar	5
6	7 Hot Dog on Bun Crispy Fries Baked Beans Chocolate Chip Grips-MS/HS	8 Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce Green Beans Garlic Bread	9 Taco Salad Corn Tortilla Chips Red Beans Cinnamon Rolls	10 Chicken Wrap Rice Carrots	11 No Lunch  Early Dismiss	12
13	14 Hamburger on Bun Crispy Fries Baked Beans	15 Fiestada Corn Chocolate Chip Bar	16 Beef Sticks Broccoli & Cheese Biscuit & Jelly	17 Turkey Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Stuffing Pumpkin Bar	18 Chicken Nuggets Potato Wedges Bread & Jelly	19
20	21 Pizza Peas Cinnamon Bread Stick—MS/HS	22 Super Nachos Corn Tortilla Chips Refried Beans	23 Chicken Strips Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Bread & Jelly	24 NO SCHOOL 	25 NO SCHOOL	26
27	28 Teriyaki Chicken Rice Green Beans Muffin	29 Max Sticks w/ Marinara Sauce Carrots Chocolate Chip Cookie	30 Pulled Pork on Bun Tator Tots Baked Beans			
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Fruit/Veggie Bar &  
Milk Choices  
**All meals are served  
with choice of fresh  
and canned fruit and  
vegetables. Choice  
of milk available also.**

Elementary Lunch  
Choices  
Kindergarten & Gr 1  
Peanut Butter/Jelly  
Sandwich as alternate  
main meal every day.  
Grades 2-4 alternate  
main menu is Peanut  
Butter/Jelly Sandwich  
on Mon/Wed/Fri  
Chef Salad on  
Tues/Thur.



