

# Cougar Express

October 2011

## Principal's Corner

By: Mr. Tom Breuning

We, at Centennial High School, would like to thank all students and parents for helping us to have an excellent start to the 2011-12 school year. We began the year with Student Peer Leaders welcoming our new ninth graders as they entered the high school for the first time. As I stated to the ninth graders at their pepfest on September 6<sup>th</sup>, they have entered our building as teenagers, and when they leave as seniors, they will be adults. Our hopes and wishes are that these new incoming students take full advantage of all the opportunities that will be available in the next four years. Homecoming week was very successful, and students (especially the senior class) demonstrated positive school spirit and cougar pride.

Due to the State shutdown this summer, the release of the Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment (MCA) II school summary scores and the corresponding Annual Yearly Progress (AYP) determinations was delayed until late September. Once again, Centennial High scored very well on the various MCA Assessments and we made AYP in all areas. Our Math proficiency score on the MCA II Assessment, which has been a school focus, has increased by over 4%. We increased from 71.23% proficiency in the 2009-10 school year to 75.59% proficiency in the 2010-11 school year, which is 27% over the State average. Our MCA II Reading proficiency score was 84.04%, which is 8.72% over the State average, and our MCA II Writing score was 92.47% which is 3.41% over the State average. As has been the case in recent years, we are one of the highest scoring high schools in the northern metro on the MCA II Math, Reading, and Writing Assessments. For the 2011-12 school year, we are actively reviewing and analyzing our assessment data, curriculum, and instructional best practices. We will continue with a school-wide math goal in which all departments will use comprehensive math strategies within their curricular areas that directly relate to our MCA II Math Assessment proficiency score.

With the move to the new six period day master schedule, we have had some adjustments to overcome and learn. I often get asked if lockers are available and used by students. We do encourage all students to use their lockers and have systematically conveyed locker locations to all students through their Advisory. Student locker combinations are located on a student's original class schedule which was disseminated to students and parents at our schedule pick-up days in August. All Advisory teachers were directed to help their Advisory students locate and open (at least once) their lockers, and Advisory teachers were accountable for completing a Student

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Locker Assignment sheet which was submitted to the main office. Student lockers are automatically assigned to students through our Infinite Campus student data system where locker locations are assigned in close proximity to a student's 4th hour class. Please note – there is an extended 10 minute passing period between 4th and 5th class periods. In the past we have not had a culture of students using lockers, and we know this is an uphill battle with our juniors and seniors especially, who have gone years with out using their lockers. Please encourage your students to give their backs a break and utilize their assigned lockers.

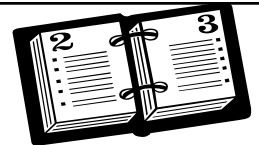
On occasion, frustrated parents will tell me they really have no impact on their child once they enter high school. Research has indicated that there are five home environmental factors that have a positive impact on student performance:

- Parent interest in school.
- Parent activities that support learning.
- Participation in parent/teacher conferences.
- Ensuring completion of homework.
- Actively monitoring student attendance at school.

We encourage parents to become involved in their child's high school experience.

## Upcoming Dates

### 2011-12 School Year



10/19 — No School  
10/20 — MEA — No School  
10/21 — MEA — No School  
11/01 — Two Hour Late Start — All Grades  
11/01 — First Semester Conferences (Both Buildings)  
11/02 — Two Hour Late Start — 11th & 12th Grades  
11/03 — First Semester Conferences (Both Buildings)  
11/11 — No School (Staff Development)  
11/21 — Winter Sports Parent's Night 6:30PM  
11/24 — Thanksgiving Day — No School  
11/25 — No School  
12/09 — Two Hour Late Start — All Grades (Staff Develop.)  
12/24 — 01/02 Winter Break — No School  
01/03 — Students Return  
01/07 — Frosty Frolic  
01/10 — 2 Hour Late Start — All Grades  
01/11 — National Honor Society Induction  
01/16 — Martin Luther King Day — No School  
01/20 — End of First Semester  
01/23 — Teacher Workshop (No School For Students)  
01/30 — Winter Week Begins  
02/03 — Winter Week Pep Fest  
02/03 — Winter Week Dance  
02/06 — Registration Night

## CENTENNIAL HIGH SCHOOL

SWITCHBOARD – 763-792-5000  
www.isd12.org

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### NURSE (DISTRICT)

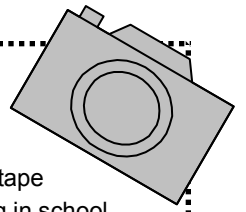
Ms. Donna McKenny ..... 763-792-5212

### POLICE LIAISON

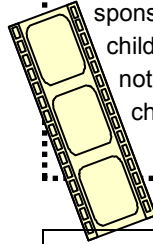
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## Photo Policy

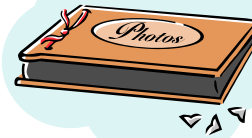


There are occasions when representatives of District 12 and/or the media photograph or videotape students while in school or attending/participating in school sponsored functions. Parents/guardians not wanting their child to be identified in photographs or on videotape, should notify, in writing, the principal's office of the school their child attends.



## YEARBOOK ORDERS NOW BEING ACCEPTED!!!!

Yearbooks are still on sale through the end of November for \$62. After November 30 the price will increase to \$65. Yearbooks can be purchased in the CHS White Office or online at [http://www.jostens.com/apps/shop/yrbk\\_catalog.asp?cid=144870&pfid=2011082304572887764](http://www.jostens.com/apps/shop/yrbk_catalog.asp?cid=144870&pfid=2011082304572887764). This link will take you directly to the Centennial High School purchase page.



## PARENT ADVISORY

**The Parent Advisory Meetings are for you!**

We are an informal group that meets throughout the school year with Mr. Tom Breuning, Principal at CHS, to review and improve communication channels between CHS and parents. We are always seeking new parents to join us and welcome your suggestions.

**Parent Advisory Meeting Schedule (2011-12):**

Monday, September 19	Monday, March 26
Monday, November 14	Monday, May 14
Monday, January 30	

All meetings are held at 6:30PM in the White Building Media Center.

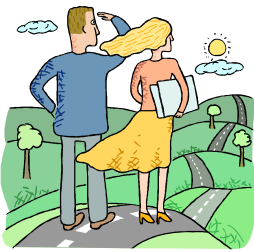
If you have any questions about the Parent Advisory meetings, please call (763) 792-5002.

## Parents –



Please remind your young driver of the following: Don't be in a hurry to leave school! They may pay the price.

Traffic enforcement is stepped up around Centennial High School. All drivers are reminded to be safe and be smart - wear your seat belt, watch your speed, and obey traffic laws.



**2012 — Senior All Night Party**  
**Facing the Future**

The **SENIOR ALL NIGHT PARTY** will be held **Friday, June 8<sup>th</sup>** following graduation. The party has a wonderful tradition - 32 years old! -- and provides the seniors a fun-filled, safe, wild and crazy finale to their high school days. Traditionally, the party includes activities such as casino games, a hypnotist, caricaturists, photographers, magicians, massage therapists, sports, music, dancing, karaoke, and games. There are prizes, a party t-shirt, awesome door prizes, and of course a ton of **FOOD, FELLOWSHIP and FUN** for everyone!

Planning is underway and we need your help. We need lots of volunteers to be part of the planning for this event. Yes, it does take all year to plan! If you are interested in helping, please call the volunteer chairs or come to our **next meeting**:

**Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 PM, High School Red Building, Staff Lounge or**  
**Monday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, at 6:30PM High School Red Building, Staff Lounge**

We also need parents to help with donations. We are asking that parents check with their employers to see if they are able to donate cash, prizes or provide discounts for items to be purchased. Perhaps you would like to make a personal donation? We want to make sure every senior can participate and a donation of \$60 will ensure that scholarship money is available. If you are able to help, please contact the donation committee.

Students can purchase tickets in the White office for \$60.00 (check payable to: CHS Senior All Night Party)

**2012 Senior All Night Party Co-Chairs,**  
 Jane Flaherty 763-786-9764  
 Carol Pattock 763-786-4185  
 Mary Lutz 651-486-4822

Volunteer: Lisa MacNeil jlmacn@comcast.net  
 or chs2012allnightparty@gmail.com

**Poinsettias, Wreaths, Swags and Centerpieces**  
**Proceeds used to fund the 2012 Senior All-Night Party**

Type	# Ordered	Unit Cost	Subtotal
Poinsettias in 6 ½ inch pots. 4 – 5 flowers on each plant. (Pletchers' Greenhouse)	Red _____@	\$ 16 each =	
	Pink _____@	\$ 16 each =	
	White _____@	\$ 16 each =	
25" Wreaths-Balsam wreath with red velvet bow and pine cones (Evergreen Industries)	_____@	\$ 18 each =	
Door Swag-mixed greens with red velvet bow and pine cones	_____@	\$ 16 each =	
35" Evergreen Candy Cane-1 candy cane shaped door swag of mixed greens with red velvet bow and cones	_____@	\$ 20 each =	
25' Balsam Garland	_____@	\$ 23 each =	
<b>Total Cost:</b>			

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (h) \_\_\_\_\_

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**Pick-up at the High School Red Building**  
**Thursday, December 1, 2011 from 5PM to 7PM**

**THANK YOU for supporting the**  
**2012 Senior All-Night Party!**

**If you have any questions, please call**  
**Michele Bowler 651-210-7581**

Mail form with payment to:

J. Gschwind  
 4757 North Road  
 Circle Pines, MN 55014

Or

Drop off form and payment at the white  
 building office.

Make checks payable to:

**CHS Senior All Night Party**

Forms must be received by

**Wednesday, November 9, 2011**

**Centennial High School  
Testing Schedule 2011-12**

2011		
DATE	ASSESSMENT	GRADE
Oct. 5 & 12	EPAS: PLAN Survey	Grade 10
Oct. 15	PSAT	High School-Saturday
Nov. 2	EPAS: PLAN <b>2 ½ HOUR LATE START</b>	Grade 10
Nov. 2	GRAD Writing Retest	Grades 11-12
Nov. 3	GRAD Reading Retest	Grades 11-12
Nov. 8	GRAD Writing Retest Make-Up	Grades 10-12
Nov. 9	GRAD Mathematics Retest	Grade 12
2012		
Feb. 6 - March 23	Reading/Writing (WIDA)	ELL Students
Feb. 7	GRAD Reading Retest	Grades 11-12
Feb. 8	GRAD Mathematics Retest	Grade 12
March 22	Accuplacer	
Mar.26-May 18	Minnesota Test of Academic Skills (MTAS): Reading/Mathematics/Science	
April 3	GRAD Reading Retest	Grades 11-12
April 4	GRAD Mathematics Retest	Grade 12
April 17	GRAD Writing	Grade 9 Writing
April 17	MCA-II/GRAD (Segments 1 & 2) <b>2 ½ HOUR LATE START</b>	Reading Grade 10/Math Grade 11
April 18	MCA-II/GRAD (Segments 3 & 4) <b>2 ½ HOUR LATE START</b>	Reading Grade 10/Math Grade 11
April 24	GRAD Writing	Grade 9 & 12 Writing Retest Make-up
April 25 and 26	MCA and MCA-Modified	Grade 10: Reading
	Make-up	Grade 11: Math
April 30 - May 7	Advanced Placement Exams	
May 1	GRAD Reading Retest (Grade 11-12)	
May 1	GRAD Mathematics Retest (Grade 12)	
May 15 & 16	MCA-II Science	Grade 10
June 5	GRAD Reading Retest	Grades 11-12
June 5	GRAD Mathematics Retest	Grade 12

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## 2012 Senior Party Ticket Order Form

**Tickets - \$60.00 (includes T-shirt)**  
Make checks payable to  
**CHS Senior All Night Party**

Turn in to the Activities Office (White Building)

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

T-Shirt Size: S M L XL XXL

### SENIORS DON'T MISS OUT!!!!

David Bank Studios will be coming out to CHS Wednesday, November 9, to take any Senior Portraits for seniors that did not schedule an appointment with David Bank Studios in the months of June or July. Portraits will be taken during the student advisory period, 11:00AM-12:00PM.

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### Sadie Hawkins Dance

The Sadie Hawkins dance will be held on Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup> from 7-11PM.

This dance is sponsored by Centennial National Honor Society (NHS).

Tickets will be \$12 pre-sale or \$15 at the door. Tickets will be sold at school in all lunches.

This dance is held at Bunker Park Stables in Bunker Hills Park, 550 Bunker Lake Blvd. Andover, MN

We know this requires parents to drive younger students and we encourage people to carpool and make this a fun night for all of our students.

This is truly a dance for everyone! If you love to dance we have a DJ. If dancing is not your thing, we have free horse drawn hayrides all evening and there will be five bonfires to enjoy and keep warm by. There will also be games such as scavenger hunts, sack races and prizes to win! As usual there will be "jail" officiated by NHS student "sheriffs".

There will be snacks and beverages to purchase; popcorn, candy, hot cocoa and water.

You do not have to bring a date. Friends can make up a group, girls ask guys, guys ask girls. Just come with friends and enjoy a great night outdoors!

Often groups dress alike. There will be prizes for largest group, most creative costumes, and many more.

Principals, teachers and other school personnel are the chaperones for the evening.

If you have any questions call Jon Anderson, NHS advisor 763-792-5115 or Jeanne Gschwind at 763-792-5002.



### **Career Jam 2011**

Dunwoody College of Technology in conjunction with the Twin Cities North Chamber of Commerce and local high schools present Career Jam 2011.

**Career Jam 2011 is set for Thursday, December 1, 2011** at Dunwoody College of Technology. For one day, students will attend five different breakout sessions with local business people and other experts. The business people will tell students about their own careers and give a snapshot of what they do in a typical day. They will answer questions; share what some of their challenges may be, and give advice about steps needed in order to move ahead in similar careers. In addition, all students will be registered for one session in the gym which will feature a post-secondary resource fair; including Colleges, Universities, and Military Personnel.

**Sophomores can use this opportunity to complete their required Job Shadow. More information for this optional field trip and a permission slip can be picked up from the Career Center.**

## **FROSTY FROLIC BENEFITS COMMUNITY**



Centennial High School's Student Council is sponsoring its 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Frosty Frolic on Saturday, January 7, 2012, with the proceeds going to the Centennial Area Food Shelf in the Centennial community. This 5K run/walk and Kids Fun Run takes participants on a course through the high school area neighborhoods, all on flat ground. The race starts at the white building main entry, 4757 North Road. Registration begins at 8AM and the 5K race begins at 9AM. Refreshments will be served following the race. Cost for the 5K race before December 16<sup>th</sup> is \$15. Cost is \$20 the day of the race (includes long sleeve T-shirt). A family four pack is available for \$50 before December 16<sup>th</sup> only (not including the Kids Fun Run). The Kids Fun Run begins at 10AM Cost is \$10 before December 16<sup>th</sup>, \$12 the day of the race (includes short sleeve T-shirt). Contact Patty Mechtel at 763-792-5122 or [pmechtel@isd12.org](mailto:pmechtel@isd12.org) for more information or a registration form.



### **Minnesota Music Educators Association**

This year Centennial High School has 9 students in the Minnesota Music Educators Association (MMEA) 2011-12 All-State Bands, Choirs, and Orchestra! These students gathered during the first week of August to prepare programs with nationally acclaimed conductors. The same program will be performed at Orchestra Hall, February 18<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with the Minnesota Music Educators' Mid-Winter Clinic.

All-State Choir members are:

Women's Choir — Alex Mayhew

Mixed Choir — Andy Kimball and Grace Hanson

All-State Band and Orchestra members are:

Concert Band — Tyler Olsen— French Horn,

Symphonic Band — Grant Luhmann— oboe/English horn,

Ray Culp— trumpet, Jonathan Keller— percussion

Orchestra — Nick Kourajian— bassoon

In addition to these student musicians, Becky Weiland, band director at Centennial High School, also served as a section coach for the saxophones in the Symphonic Band.



### **Fall Marching Band Indoor Concerts!**

The Centennial High School Fall Marching Band will perform its annual Indoor Marching Band Concerts on Monday & Tuesday, October 17 and 18 at 8PM in the PAC.

Tickets are available in the high school band office (before or after school) or in the lobby before the performance. All seats are reserved — tickets are \$4 adults; \$3 student and sr. citizens; FREE to Centennial Band Students grades 6-12.



### ACT TEST INFORMATION

Students who plan on attending a four-year college or university should take the ACT exam toward the end of their JUNIOR year. ACT has a 30-minute Writing Test as an optional component to the ACT Assessment. To find out which colleges are requiring or recommending the Writing Test, logon to [www.act.org](http://www.act.org). Students can register on line at [www.act.org](http://www.act.org). The high school code for Centennial HS is 240-452. Students on the free and reduced lunch program; please see your counselor for an ACT fee waiver.

December 10, 2011

February 11, 2012

April 14, 2012

June 9, 2012

Register by November 4, 2011

Register by January 13, 2012

Register by March 9, 2012

Register by May 4, 2012

### **SENIORS – SEND IN YOUR COLLEGE APPLICATIONS NOW!!!**

Send in your college applications early and apply online if possible. Many technical/community colleges and four-year colleges have early admission policies and some programs fill up almost a year in advance. If you are unable to apply online, please submit your application materials and checks to the Support Services Office. The counselor portion will be completed and the application will be sent by the Support Services Office. It is recommended that students make a copy of their application for their own records prior to submitting the application to the Support Services Office. It is the responsibility of the student to ensure that ALL necessary portions of the application have been completed and checked for errors (this may include recommendations, personal statements, etc.).

Every college/university has its own requirements and deadlines. Be sure you know and observe the application deadlines. **Even at schools that have rolling admissions, it is advisable to apply early to meet scholarship deadlines, financial aid, and housing requirements.** Below are a few application deadlines:

U of M – Twin Cities Priority deadline 12/15/11

U of M – Duluth Priority deadline 12/15/11

### Transcript News

To better serve our students, Centennial has purchased an electronic transcript service called Docufide. A link to Docufide is available on the Centennial High School website. Click on the "Docufide" icon on the left side of the screen. You will need an e-mail address to use this service.

The prices for e-transcripts are as follows:

	Enrolled Students	Alumni
<b>Electronic</b>	\$ 2.55	\$ 2.55
<b>Hard copy (Standard)</b>	\$ 4.25	\$ 4.25
<b>Hard copy (Expedited)</b>	\$25.50	\$25.50

### FAMILY CONNECTION/NAVIANCE

The Centennial High School Counselors are pleased to introduce Family Connection, a web-based service designed especially for students and parents. Family Connection is a comprehensive web site that you can use to help in making decisions about colleges and careers. Family Connection is a service that we use in the Counseling Office to track and analyze data about our students' college and career plans. Family Connection will allow you to:

- Get involved in the planning and advising process - Build a resume, complete on-line surveys, and manage timelines and deadlines for making decisions about colleges and careers.
- Research colleges [every college in the world is on the website] - Compare GPA, standardized test scores, and other statistics to actual historical data from students who have already applied from our high school.
- Sign up for college visits - Find out which colleges are visiting our school and sign up to attend those sessions.
- Scholarship Information
- Your child's Learning Style Inventory and Personality Inventory Results

At Centennial High School, students are assigned to counselors by their last names. All school counselors are located in the white building main office. The website address is:

<http://connection.naviance.com/centennialhs>

**Student Login** — **User Name:** Centennial Student ID # (9 digits)

**Password:** Student Birthday (6 digits, i.e.: 011692)

## Career Tasks for CHS Students 2011-12

### Grade 9: Career Speaker/Career Videos/Career Interview (Blue Packets)

**Students choose ONE career activity from the following three choices:**

- Attend one career speaker during Advisory OR
- View two career videos during Advisory OR
- Conduct one career interview
- Complete summary form for career activity choice
- Return to Advisory teacher by **May 9, 2012**

### Grade 10: Job Shadow (Purple Packets)

- Contact someone in the career field of interest  
OR
- Contact the Career Center for job shadow contacts
- Turn in parent permission forms to attendance office prior to job shadow day
- Complete response, evaluation and thank you (found in purple packet)
- Return to Advisory teacher by **May 9, 2012**
- Alternate activities such as attending a Career Jam or Job Fair will be accepted in place of the job shadow activity. Completion of the purple packet is still required.

**Tasks for grades 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup> are to be turned into the student's Advisory teacher by May 9, 2012 and will be part of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester grade for Advisory. Tasks for seniors need to be completed by the Wednesday before the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> Semester, Wednesday, January 18, 2012 and will be a part of the 1<sup>st</sup> Semester grade for Advisory.** All forms should be forwarded to the Career Center where they will be placed in the student's career portfolio.

### Grade 11: Post-Secondary Visit/Representative Visit (Green Packets) **For Post Secondary Visit:**

- Return parent permission form prior to visit
- Complete green question and answer sheet and attach business card or signature of admissions personnel
- Turn into Advisory teacher by **May 9, 2012**

**Or**

### **For Visit with a Post-Secondary Representative at CHS**

- Pre-arrange to meet with a representative in the Career Center
- Visit with a representative during lunch at CHS
- Complete green question and answer sheet and attach card or signature of representative
- Return to advisory teacher by **May 9, 2012**
- Attending a college fair may be substituted in place of the college/military visit. (Completion of the green question and answer sheet and business card is still required).

### Grade 12: Resume and References

- Complete resume
- Complete a list of three references or a letter of recommendation
- Return to Advisory teacher by the **Wednesday before the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> Semester, January 18, 2012**

### Visit with College Admissions Representatives at CHS

**Admissions Representatives** from the following colleges/military will be in the Career Center during all lunches. Students are encouraged to visit with college admissions representatives to learn more about the college and the programs offered. Juniors can use a lunch time visit to complete their required advisory task. Interested students can see Mrs. Erzberger in advance to obtain a pass.

### OCTOBER 2011

<b>Minnesota School of Business</b>	Monday, October 10	<b>St. Olaf College</b>	Tuesday, October 18
<b>Regency Beauty Academy - White Cafe</b>	Tuesday, October 11	<b>Northern State University</b>	Tuesday, October 18
<b>University of Minnesota - TC</b>	Wednesday, October 12	<b>College of St. Ben's/St. John's</b>	Monday, October 24
<b>Marines - Red Cafeteria</b>	Wednesday, October 12	<b>National Guard - Red Cafeteria</b>	Wednesday, October 26
<b>Concordia University</b>	Monday, October 17	<b>Michigan Tech</b>	Friday, October 28
<b>Army - Red Cafeteria</b>	Tuesday, October 18	<b>University of St. Thomas</b>	Friday, October 28

### SCHEDULE CHANGE GUIDELINES

Students are encouraged to make careful course selections during registration due to its direct correlation to the development of the master schedule for the upcoming school year. Schedule change requests after the first day of the semester must be given to the counselor by 1PM on the fifth day of the semester. **No exceptions!** Requests must have signatures from parents and the appropriate teachers. A committee comprised of counselors and administration will decide whether or not your change will be granted based upon the given reason(s) for the change and the availability in our master schedule. You will receive notification of your change regardless of the outcome. Courses dropped after the sixth day of the semester will result in a grade of NC (no credit) which is included in the student's grade point average. Changes due to scheduling errors will be a priority. Not all requests for schedule changes can be honored. A complete explanation can be found on **page 26** of the student handbook.

### COFFEE WITH THE COUNSELORS

Throughout the 2011-2012 school year, the CHS counselors will be presenting four morning sessions to discuss topics related to the high school and your child. Join the counselors for bagels and coffee beginning at 7:30AM in the White Media Center as they discuss school related topics, answer questions and get to know parents. Topics include:

February 16, 2012 – Registration/College Planning

April 26 – Family Connection



# SCHOLARSHIPS 2011/12

Many scholarships are available to students through free internet searches, parent's place of employment, and the college or university in which the student will be attending. Students can also access scholarships through the Family Connection website. Students can click on "Colleges" then "Scholarship List" and also fill out the profile under "National Scholarship Search". Family Connection website is <http://connection.naviance.com/centennialhs>

User Name = Student ID (9 digit)

Password = Birthdate (6 digit)

## SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION SESSION

A Scholarship Information Session will be held in the Career Center on Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup> and Thursday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> from 6:00 – 6:30 in the Career Center (W411) during conferences. Reservations are not required. Learn where to access scholarships, keep track of deadlines, and learn about the Centennial Area Scholarship Program. Parents and students are welcome. Contact Leslye Erzberger 763-792-5089 with questions.

### Senior Countdown Check List

Centennial High School 2011/12

#### 9. OCTOBER

- ▽ Attend Lunch & Learn session for help with applications on October 13th or October 27th in the Career Center.
- ▽ Start sending in college applications (many technical colleges and four year college programs fill up almost a year in advance).
- ▽ Attend the Value of a College Education and the Reality of Paying for It on October 10, 2011 at 6:30PM in the PAC.

#### 8. NOVEMBER

- ▽ Attend Lunch & Learn session for help with applications on Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> or Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> in the Career Center.
- ▽ Begin to finalize plans for continued education or work related training.
- ▽ Check for scholarship and financial aid information in the Career Center or Guidance Office.

#### 7. DECEMBER

- ▽ **PARENTS:** Save year end pay stubs if they show earnings for the year. You might need to verify financial aid eligibility.
- ▽ Check scholarship deadlines. Fill out scholarship applications over winter break.

#### 6. JANUARY

- ▽ Pick up FAFSA (financial aid) forms in the Career Center or Guidance Offices or online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)
- ▽ **PARENTS AND STUDENTS:** Attend scholarship and Financial Aid Night on January 12, 2012.
- ▽ Check your college's scholarship deadlines
- ▽ Advisory tasks are due Wednesday, January 18, 2012.

#### 5. FEBRUARY

- ▽ Send in housing applications and immunization records if attending college.
- ▽ Attend career speakers within your pathway during Advisory.

**Please note :**  
**All Seniors have a \$20.00 Graduation Fee Due To The Cashier No Later Than April 6<sup>th</sup>.**

#### 4. MARCH

- ▽ Make sure your application for local scholarships is turned in by the deadline.
- ▽ Watch the mail for college registration information dates. Sign up for the earliest date possible to get the best class schedule.

#### 3. APRIL

- ▽ Seniors should have submitted a formal application for continued education or work related training.

#### 2. MAY

- ▽ Advance placement tests in high schools nationwide.

#### 1. JUNE

- ▽ GRADUATE!
- ▽ During the summer, earn \$\$\$\$ for your future.

**Visit the CAREER CENTER W411 & GUIDANCE OFFICE often for help investigating school and training options, scholarships and financial aid.**

## 2011-12 JUNIOR CHECK LIST

### SEPTEMBER – NOVEMBER

- ▽ Visit college admissions representatives at Centennial High School in the Career Center.
- ▽ Continue to use **Family Connections/Naviance** to keep track of your post secondary plans.  
<http://connection.naviance.com/centennialhs> (User Name = student ID Password = 6 digit birthday).
- ▽ Explore colleges through the Internet. Good websites: [www.ACT.org](http://www.ACT.org) or [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)

### DECEMBER – FEBRUARY

- ▽ Continue gathering information on colleges, military, apprenticeships or other training options.
- ▽ Attend the **Financial Aid Night** on **January 12, 2012** at 7:00 in the PAC. Learn how to access Federal and State student aid.
- ▽ Check your high school credits to make sure you meet graduation requirements and have the classes recommended by colleges.

### FEBRUARY – JUNE

- ▽ Students interested in taking College Physics, College Writing and Reading or College Biology at Centennial during their senior year are required to take the Anoka Ramsey Assessment test given each spring at CHS.
- ▽ Students who are considering attending a four-year college should take the ACT test toward the end of their Junior year. Register on line at [www.act.org](http://www.act.org) The ACT now includes an optional writing portion. Students may want to go to the ACT website ([act.org](http://act.org)) to find out if the college of their choice is requiring the ACT writing test for admission.
- ▽ **Spring ACT Prep dates:** Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> 9AM-3PM or Wednesday, March 21<sup>st</sup> and Thursday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> 3:30-6PM Register with Centennial Community Services [www.centennialcsonline.org](http://www.centennialcsonline.org)
- ▽ Narrow your college search and plan to visit schools you are considering.
- ▽ **Advisory tasks are due May 9, 2012.**

### JUNE – AUGUST

- ▽ Volunteer in your community.

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## 2011-12 Sophomore Check List

### **ONGOING**

- Work hard in your classes. Your GPA and class rank are factors used in college admissions.
- Get involved in extra curricular activities at school. Check with the Activities Office or CHS handbook for a list of activities.
- Volunteer in your community. Document your time.
- Explore careers. Visit the Career Center located in W411.
- Complete a job shadow. Visit the Career Center for job shadow contacts.
- Continue to use **Family Connections/Naviance** to keep track of your post secondary plans  
<http://connection.naviance.com/centennialhs> (User Name = student ID Password = 6 digit birthday).
- Set your expectations high: select challenging courses for next year – take classes recommended for college.  
**\*When it comes to College Readiness:\***
  - √ taking the right *kinds* of courses matters more
  - √ Math courses beyond Algebra 2 add significant value to college/work readiness
  - √ Physics adds significant value to college/work readiness
  - √ Students who take the right number of courses are more likely to enroll in college, persist in college, attain good grades, and graduate from college
- If you are having difficulty in any of your classes, talk to your teacher for study tips and suggestions. Talk to your counselor.
- Read 15-20 minutes each day.
- Talk to your counselor to review credit totals and graduation requirements.
- Use the summer between sophomore and junior year to get an early start on visiting colleges.

### **OPTIONAL CAREER RELATED ACTIVITIES**

- Attend career speakers during Advisory.
- Visit with college representatives in the Career Center during lunch.
- Participate in the U of M – Scrubs, Gloves & Microscopes Program.
- Attend the MN Zoo Career Days.
- Attend the Career Jam in December.
- Attend additional career related field trips offered through the Career Center.

### DECEMBER – JANUARY

Attend Career Jam.  
Review your PLAN results in Advisory.  
Share your PLAN results with your parents.  
Explore careers using PLAN results.  
Attend a Pathways to Your Future Session.  
Check out career related books in the Career Center/MN Careers books.  
Make an appointment in the Career Center to get on the Discover Program to continue to explore careers.

### DECEMBER – JANUARY continued

Think about classes to take along your career path.  
Attend 916/College in the Schools and AP meetings.  
Register for classes for your junior year - take as many challenging classes as possible.  
College bound students make sure you are on track for completing requirements.

### FEBRUARY - MAY

Complete job shadow by May 9, 2012

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## **PUT ON CALENDAR**

### **2011-12 CONFERENCES**

#### **Semester 1:**

<b>Tuesday, November 1, 2011</b>	<b>4:15-8PM</b>
<b>Thursday, November 3, 2011</b>	<b>4:15-8PM</b>

#### **Semester 2:**

<b>Tuesday, March 27, 2012</b>	<b>4:15-8PM</b>
<b>Thursday, March 29, 2012</b>	<b>4:15-8PM</b>