

Center High School

First Quarter Issue: 10/12/20

Report Cards go Home
Thurs. Oct. 29

Sabine HS UIL
Congress
Wed., Oct. 28

UIL District - Carthage
Sat., Oct. 31

Yearbook Portraits
(Grds 9-11)
Thurs. Nov. 5

UIL Twirling Contest
Wed., Nov. 11

Senior Portraits
Wed/Thurs. Nov. 11, 12

UIL Marching Contest
Wed, Nov. 18

Thanksgiving Break
Nov. 23-27

Sat. College Test
Sat. Dec. 5

UIL State Military
Marching Contest
Wed., Dec. 9

ACT College Test
Sat. Dec. 12

High School Christmas
Concert
Mon., Dec. 14

UIL Marching Contest -
Carthage
Sat. Dec. 18

Early Release
Fri. Dec. 18

Christmas Break
Dec. 21- Jan. 1

Welcome Our New Principal

My name is Dr. Byron Miller, and I am the new principal of Center High School. It is my privilege and honor to serve the students and community of Center, Texas. I taught all levels of high school English for seven years in Sabine Pass ISD and at West Brook High School in Beaumont ISD. I have been an administrator for the past 12 years in Bridge City, Nederland, Ruston, LA, and Humble. I bring with me a passion to help students learn in all areas of their growth, academically, emotionally, and socially. Enabling young people to discover their strengths and abilities to make life after high school productive inspires me to help kids learn what being their best looks like. I believe we must impact the whole child as they learn to become a contributing member of society. Their emerging generation compels us to open as many learning opportunities as possible. Learning is the art of doing school successfully. Knowing how to problem solve, communicate, think critically, be innovative, lead, collaborate, and take personal responsibility are values and skills I want our kids to master. I invite you to come visit with me to talk about how we can help your child grow and be the best student possible as they ready themselves for their launch into adulthood. Together, we can help our students be competitive, be contributors, and be happy.

Welcome to Our Library Come See What's New Library Coming to Life

Some great things are happening in the Center High School library. Sydney Brookshire has moved from her role in the English classroom to the librarian position at CHS, and,

with this move, she brought an exciting new vision for the space. Ms. Brookshire commented, "I want the library to be a place students can come when they are done with their work and want to strengthen their brain muscle in a different way," She added, "In addition to our books, we also have puzzles, art supplies, and other collaborative, come-and-go projects." You only have to talk to her to see in her eyes and hear in her voice the energy and passion she brings with her.

Throughout the year, Brookshire and her library aide, LaErica Pickens, will be transforming the library to showcase new books and projects completed across the campus. It is her vision that the library become a multi-functional source for knowledge, research, and creativity. "Hopefully the library will begin looking the way I want it to within a few months," Brookshire said. "We have tons of new books to inventory, shelves to rearrange, and a big campaign to implement. I want kids to view this space as a place to have fun and learn from each other."

Keep on the lookout for all of the good things to happen in our library this year, and don't be shy about coming and experiencing it for yourself.

Parent Portal

Staying Informed with School

Do you ever wonder how your child is doing in school? Check out Parent Portal. This is an app that allows you to access your child's grades and other pertinent information related to them. Follow these instructions to set up your profile and access:

Email the high school office staff Edith Ribera (edith.ribera@centerisd.org) or Valerie Anthony (over)



(valerie.anthony@centerisd.org).

They can provide you with the parent portal login number needed to finish the process.

Center ISD Homepage →
Campuses →
Center High School →
Parent/Student Resources →
txConnect Parent Portal →
Follow the prompts and sign up.

If you need additional help, you may contact Ms. Ribera at 936-598-6173 for further assistance.

CHS Graphic Designers Make a Showing at Poultry Festival

I would like to congratulate the Advanced Graphic Design students for doing such an excellent job with the East Texas Poultry Festival photography competition. This year we had a shorter period of time to prepare for the photography contest, but the kids still performed well. Below is a list of their achievements.

Fine Arts:

2nd place: Anahi Castillo
Hon Mention: Zachary Massey

Flowers

1st place: Kayden Davis
3rd place: Jesus Bustos
Hon Mention: Karina Contreras

Scenics

1st place: Emanuel Chavez
2nd place: Benjamin Garcia
3rd place: Lizbeth Florencio

Urbans

1st place: Jairo Gonzalez

Animals

1st place: Karina Contreras
3rd place: Emanuel Chavez
Hon Mention: Channing Daniels

Digital Manipulation

1st place: Channing Daniels
2nd place: Monica Sandiego
3rd place: Zachary Massey
Hon Mention: Emanuel Chavez

People:

3rd place: Anahi Castillo
Hon Mention: Lizbeth Florencio

Caring Our Way Forward

Ashley Wulf

First of all, I want to say how grateful I am to return to school and some sense of “normal.” Seeing the halls and parking lot full again brings a sense of peace and security. While the routine is normal, many details inside the routine have changed. Day after day, our students have continued to show up and amaze me at their willingness to continue on their path forward while adapting to all the change. We are all learning together to give grace and be mindful of the impact that this pandemic has had on so many people. We have all been touched by it in some way whether it be sickness, loss of family, loss of jobs, or isolation. Recent research indicates that mental health concerns including anxiety, depression, and even thoughts and acts of suicide have shown a dramatic increase during this time for all age groups. As a community, we do not need to underestimate the significance of this fact with our children and students. Center ISD offers resources, on every campus, for these types of issues both within the school setting and through outside agencies. Please encourage your child to talk to someone if he/she has a concern about him/herself or another student. The students act as our eyes and ears and so often are a voice for each other. I can honestly say that at CHS, our students are each other's greatest advocates and, of that, I am very proud. While we strive for academic success of our students, we also care deeply for them as a whole and make their mental health a priority. If you have any concerns, please feel free to contact me at ashley.wulf@centerisd.org or call (936)598-6173.

National Suicide Hotline 1-800-273-8255 to speak with a counselor

www.Suicidepreventionlifeline.org provides a “chat” feature

Hope Clinic (local resource)
(936)591-8380