

SUMMER NEWSLETTER

Summer Newsletter

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Greetings and welcome to the 2011-2012 school year! I hope you are able to find time to relax and enjoy the presence of family and friends this summer. Centennial High School is anxiously looking forward to sharing many new opportunities and experiences with the students, parents and staff as the next school year progresses. Specifically, the

Centennial High School staff is looking forward to providing the students with an education that exhibits both high academic and character expectations. Our staff is committed to making a difference in the life of each child through a rich and rigorous curriculum and through real world experiences that will prepare the students for adulthood. The diverse course offerings and relevant experiences will assuredly prepare our students for future opportunities. We strongly encourage parents to track the academic success of students through the use of the PowerSchool Parent feature that can be accessed through the district web site (www.meridianschools.org). The site will be accessible once school begins with the use of a specific parent username and password. A username and password can be obtained during registration or by coming

into the school.

The storied Centennial High School tradition and culture is laced with high standards in and out of the classroom. Active student participation in the numerous clubs, organizations, activities and athletic teams is desirable, as is the strong and positive support from the parents and the community. We will persuade our students to be involved in one or more of the extracurricular opportunities that are offered. A successful, positive and worthwhile experience is guaranteed!

It is important to note that a student must be pre-registered in order to register August 18th & 19th. If a student needs to pre-register, they must stop by the school and pick up a registration packet prior to August 15th.

Centennial High School is committed to providing a positive learning experience to students. High school is an important time for students. Our Centennial High School staff is here to assist the students with their educational journey. Enjoy the remainder of the summer!

Sincerely,

David Moser, Principal

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OUR MISSION & BELIEFS

Our Mission...



*Enlightenment, Opportunity,
Achievement*

We Believe...

In developing life-long learners

*Everyone should be responsible,
honest, and caring*

*In accountability by staff, parents,
and students*

*In a rigorous curriculum that prepares
students for a changing world*

*In providing a safe and caring
environment that facilitates learning
opportunities*

*In providing for a variety of learning
styles*

Special Points of Interest

- Attendance 855-4252
- Students must have a *permit to leave* before leaving campus
- Counselors 855-4260
- Daily Announcements on the web
- Newsletter on the Web

FALL REGISTRATION

Students will enter the building through the **west entrance**. **Fines must be paid before registration.** If fines are not paid, no activity card, parking permit or yearbook can be purchased until fines are cleared. Please keep your registration receipt, you may need it throughout the school year.

All students, including seniors, are required to have pictures taken, pay their fees, check out a locker and get an activity or ID card. **Student photos will be used for their permanent file and will appear on their transcripts.** Pictures of freshmen, sophomores and juniors will also appear in the yearbook. T-shirts will be available for students with inappropriate dress. Additionally, a second photo may be taken for ID/Activity cards. For these reasons photos are mandatory and it is advised that students go through the registration process for themselves. Schedules **will not be** given to anyone registering for another student. Any student who has someone register for them must call the Counseling Office the first day of school to get instructions to complete the registration process in order to receive their schedule.

In addition to the two photos taken at registration, seniors need to arrange to have pictures taken by a private photographer and have a proof returned to the yearbook staff by October 14, 2011.

To avoid long lines and confusion, please attend registration and pay fees on your assigned registration day.

If you have changed addresses over the summer, you must bring proof of address with you to registration. Proof of address is a utility bill, purchase agreement or lease agreement that shows the address of your residence.

If you received a school transfer authorization from the Meridian School District, please bring a copy of that letter with you to registration. We should have copies on file here at the school, but in the event we did not receive one and the student has no class schedule at CHS we will need your copy to expedite the enrollment process.

Student will need to bring their schedules with them the first day of school. Any student who needs to have a new schedule printed out will be charged \$1.00 per schedule.

REGISTRATION DATES:

Seniors	Thursday August 18, 2011 (8-12 am)
Juniors	Thursday August 18, 2011 (1-4 pm)
Sophomores	Friday August 19, 2011 (8-12 am)
Freshman	Friday August 19, 2011 (1-4 pm)

The building will be open for touring.

REGISTRATION TIMES: 8:00 am to 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

(Doors will be locked 1/2 hour prior to closing)

LATE REGISTRATION:

Monday August 22, 2011 3:00 pm-6:00 pm

REGISTRATION FEES:

Class Dues:	Seniors:	\$10.00
	Juniors:	\$10.00
	Sophomores:	\$10.00
	Freshmen	\$10.00
Activity Card:	\$42.40 includes tax	
Yearbook:	\$58.30 if you purchase an activity card (includes tax)	
	\$63.30 if you do not purchase an activity card (includes tax)	
Parking Permit:	\$10.00/car	
Caps & Gowns:	Pay in November through Jostens.	

Fees will be collected for individual classes and foreign language workbooks, AFTER SCHOOL STARTS.

TESTING INFORMATION

PSAT Test:

Juniors may register for the PSAT during registration and the cost is \$25.00 at registration. The test will be given Saturday, October 15, 2011, 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Juniors are eligible to qualify for the National Merit Scholarship Program.

CONFLICTS: Students who are involved in school sanctioned activities that conflict with the Saturday, October 15, 2011 will test on the alternate test date, Wednesday, October 12, 2011. You must see your counselor to apply for this alternate test date.

Saturday testing requires paying proctors. Proctors are hired by August 23, 2011. There will be no refunds given to students after this date if you choose not to take the test.

PLAN Test for Sophomores:

The PLAN test is part of the American College Testing (ACT) program. The cost is \$25.00. You will sign up and pay for the test during registration. The test will be given Saturday, October 22, 2011 from 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. There is no alternate test date for the PLAN. This is an optional test. No refunds will be given after September 22, 2011.

ACT AND SAT:

ACT: www.actstudent.org

SAT: www.collegeboard.com

Our school code is: 130389

Off-line registration packets are available in the Career Center .

COUNSELING

Students are assigned by the first letter of their last name:

Carol Joblin	(A-D)	ext. 1046
Melissa Bishop	(E-K)	ext. 1044
Kathleen Beristain	(L-Rn)	ext. 1042
Donna Goodwin	(Ro-Z)	ext. 1047

Drug & Alcohol Counselor: Stephanie Powell ext. 1048

Career Coordinator Shaun Kay ext. 1041

Psychologist : Bryan Bramlet ext. 1043

Registration:

It is important to note that a student must be pre-registered in order to register August 18th & 19th. If a student needs to pre-register, they must stop by the school and pick up a registration packet prior to August 15th.

Class Changes:

Classes selections were confirmed in May. Due to reduction in staff and budget cuts, class changes will not be allowed. If an elective class has been filled due to overloads, some students will be placed into their alternate class selection. All students are required to follow their schedule. Students dropping a class after the first week of a semester will receive an "F" for the class.

Transcripts:

Transcripts will only be printed on Thursday of each week. All requests for transcripts must be received by 3:30 p.m. the day before in order for printing. If you are not a current student the cost is \$2.00.

Grade Checks and Attendance

The Power School system is excellent for obtaining grade checks for your student. The Web Log In and Password remains the same from year to year. If you need to obtain this information again or for the first time, please contact the Career Center at 855-4250, ext. 1041. A copy of the information will be printed and you can pick it up in the main office the next school day. Once you log on, you will see the most current grades available for your student. These grades are updated each time a teacher enters a grade for an assignment. Additionally attendance is current on this site. One additional feature is the e-mail option. Login now!

SENIOR INFORMATION

Early Graduates:

Senior students planning to graduate early must see their counselor in September. All early graduates must apply for Early Graduation Status with the Idaho State Department of Education. The deadline is October 1, 2011. You must check in with your counselor to make sure they are aware you plan to graduate early.

Senior Ads:

Senior yearbook ads are available for \$45, \$80, \$150, and \$280. These range from 1/8 page to a full page. The larger ads work well for groups of friends and are very affordable when several parents share the cost.

This is a great opportunity to spotlight your graduating senior. **Senior ads are due to the yearbook advisor by Dec. 2nd. Those turned in and paid for by October 7th, receive a 10% discount.** (Please adjust your check if it is in by the deadline.) Call Thomas Berry, yearbook advisor, for further information at 855-4250 ext. 1239.

Registration:

Hill Photography will take pictures of Seniors at registration. **These pictures will appear on your transcripts.** Please keep this in mind when preparing to come to registration.

College Visits:

College visits are not an excused absence unless it is for a documented scholarship interview.

SENIOR INFORMATION CON'T

Senior Portraits:

Senior portraits for the yearbook are due to the yearbook staff no later than October 7th, 2011. This is the date the Sentinel needs the pictures from the photographer, so your appointment should be no later than early August. Seniors, you will need to have a private photographer take your picture. The local photographers all have the specifications for the formal yearbook portraits. The pose for the yearbook should be in color with a standard blue background. Please submit a 2X3 cropped image at 300dpi, submitted on a disk **OR** emailed to Thomas Berry, Yearbook Advisor, at berry.thomas@meridianschools.org. **Photos not in by October 7th, 2011, will require a \$15.00 late fee, and the last day to turn in pictures will be Nov. 19th. This fee is what the publisher charges to insert a late photo-usually at the end of the senior section.**

Correspondence: Seniors are placed in all uncompleted required courses at registration to facilitate completing their graduation requirements. Students may replace required courses taken in summer school or through correspondence courses with electives by meeting the following deadlines.

Fall deadlines:

Complete course work and final exam must be taken prior to beginning of the school year. Contact your counselor to arrange a proctor date.

January Early Graduation Deadline:

Complete the correspondence course lessons by Nov. 13th, 2011
Final exams and grade/credit received by January 20th, 2012

Correspondence tests will not be proctored at Centennial High School June 15th through August 30th. Please call after August 21st to arrange for September testing with your counselor. There is a \$10.00 proctoring fee as well as an overnight UPS charge of approx. \$21.00. Fees are subject to change.

College Entrance Exams:

Students who will be seniors should take the ACT or SAT. The 2011-2012 test dates are as follows:

ACT: September 10	SAT: October 1
October 22	November 5
December 10	December 3
February 11	January 28
April 14	March 10
June 9	May 5
	June 2

Registration information is available in the Counseling Office or Career Center. Our High School Code is 130389, and you can register online at www.actstudent.org and/or www.collegeboard.com.

HEALTH ISSUES

Nurse:

Our school nurse is Jennifer Howard; she can be reached at ext. 1040. If your student has any health concerns that could influence her/his performance or safety at school, please contact Ms. Howard. These concerns might include allergies, chronic illness, or physical limitations. In case of an emergency, it is imperative that we have your current daytime phone numbers and an emergency contact when parents are not available. **Please be sure to let us know anytime there is a change in contact numbers.**

Medication At School:

Medications that must be taken at school, including over-the-counter medication, including Tylenol and Ibuprofen must be left with the nurse. These must be in the original container and be accompanied by a written consent form asking the school to supervise administration. Forms may be obtained from the school nurse or online at www.meridianschools.org/Parents/Nursing-Services/Forms.

Immunization Policy:

Idaho State Law (39-4801) requires students 9-12 to have as minimum the following immunizations:

- 4 DPT— diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus
- 3 OPV— polio
- 1 MMR—measles, mumps, rubella

3 HEP B— for anyone born after 11/22/91

All students who are enrolling, transferring, or returning after withdrawing must show verifiable documentation of immunization at enrollment or re-entry. The month, day, and year of each vaccination date is required to be on file at school.

Exemption from this law is allowed for medical, personal, or religious reasons. An Idaho Exemption Form must be on file at school. Exempt students will be excluded from school at least 2 weeks should a case of the exempted illness occur at school.

DPT (Diphtheria, Tetanus) Booster is recommended 10 years after the last DPT. Please bring a copy of DPT to the school nurse to update health record.

Contact Jennifer Howard for more information at 855-4250 ext. 1040

Insurance:

The school district does not provide medical insurance to automatically pay for medical expenses when students are injured at school; this is usually covered by family medical plans. Information regarding additional coverage may be obtained in the school office. Another opportunity for medical coverage is the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP); more information is included in this newsletter.

ATTENDANCE 855-4252

Any student absent from school must have a parent or guardian call within 48 hours to avoid a truancy. Please call the attendance office to excuse your student prior to their absence. Voicemail is available 24/7. Students who do not have a parent call will be considered truant and may not be allowed to make up missed work.

Please excuse your student by spelling the student's last name, give the student's grade, the date or dates of his/her absence, along with **your** name and phone number. Notes are **not accepted** unless arranged through your Assistant Principal. If an absence is not cleared within two days, a truancy will be issued.

The attendance phone number is 855-4252.

Medical Absences:

Absences will be excused medically and will not count as part of the four allowable absences for the time of visit to the doctor/dentist and reasonable travel time. These notes should be submitted to the attendance office upon return to school. The school nurse should be contacted for extended medical absences which exceed three days. Please provide the original medical excuse. For security purposes and to protect the rights of students, no faxed or photo copied medical excuses will be accepted.

Students who reach 5 absences in a class will lose credit in that class. Reported absences that are excused by a physician, hospital, or court appearance, must be documented. Documented absences do not count towards a student's total absences. (Please refer to student handbook). All absences will appear on the student's report card.

All errors are cleared through the teacher, not the attendance office.

Parents can obtain up-to-date attendance reports on Power School. Requests for attendance reports can be printed by attendance office.

Tardies: The school has a uniform tardy policy. Students are assigned lunch detention for each tardy. The detention can be served the day of the tardy or the following day. A maximum of five tardies (5) per class will be allowed without penalty of losing credit. If a student receives a sixth tardy in a class, credit will be denied and the class will have to be repeated to receive credit.

Truancy: Truancy occurs when (1) an unauthorized phone call is made; (2) an unauthorized note is sent to school; (3) the parent fails to excuse an absence by calling within 48 hours; (4) the student leaves school without a Permit to Leave; (5) the student is in the building, but is out of class without permission. **A student may receive a zero for any work missed while truant/unexcused.**

Permits To Leave Campus:

Failure to secure this permit will result in a truancy as stated in the school handbook. Students must have their permit with them when they leave campus. All Permits to Leave (PTL) will be delivered to the classroom, therefore it is very important that you give the attendance office ample time. **A minimum of at least 2 hours lead time is appreciated.** **If the permit is for an early morning appointment, please call by 4:00pm the day prior to the appointment.** A Permit to Leave only allows the student to leave class. To have the absence excused the student must bring in medical or legal documentation.

*****A PTL incurs an absence in the class from which the student leaves.***** **Medical notes will not erase an absence incurred by students leaving without a PTL.**

Remember you can leave a voice mail prior to the day of the absence to request a Permit to Leave or to report an absence. **Due to the high call volume, you may receive voicemail when you call the attendance office. Voicemail is checked consistently throughout the day. If you need to speak with attendance directly, please leave a message to call you back. Attendance will do so at the first available opportunity. Please call 855-4252.**

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

Student Messages: To avoid classroom interruptions, please limit calls to emergencies only. Student messages will be accepted from **PARENTS ONLY.**

Delivery of flowers, balloons and other gifts for students are not accepted at school. Please make arrangements to have these items delivered to your home. Thanks!

ID Badges:

In an effort to increase student safety on campus, Centennial High School will continue procedures related to ID badges. As in years past, students will have the option of being issued a free ID card or purchasing a Student Activity card. Badges will be worn **above the waist** on a lanyard or clip and displayed at all times the student is on campus. **The ID will be used at the Administrative, Attendance, and security offices, the media center, lunch detention, cafeteria and admittance to class. If a student checks out of CHS they will be required to surrender the badge as part of the checkout process.**

By wearing a visible form of identification, students, parents, faculty, staff and administration will be better able to:

- Determine if someone belongs on campus or is an intruder
- Determine an individual's identity
- Reduce truancy and tardies
- Prepare students for the world of work

It has been shown that this simple procedure will continue to make Centennial High School an even safer and better place to work toward an education and participate in student life.

Dress Code:

Students shall dress in a modest manner. Any apparel that draws undue attention or disrupts the learning environment is prohibited. The following is a partial list of apparel that is not within good grooming or safety standards for the educational environment:

(In General) Clothing that exposes: undergarments, upper thigh, back, posteriors/buttocks, midriff/abdomen, chest/cleavage.

Hats, headbands, hoods, bandanas, and other head coverings are not to be worn in the building during the school day.

Guests—Students are not allowed to bring guests to school. This includes siblings, relatives, out-of-town guests, etc.

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CON'T

Activity Card:

Students who plan to attend athletic events, dances or participate in activities during the school year need an activity card. They are a super money saver. The card will get them into home athletic events free except district and state games, and a reduced rate for away games and dances. The money saved pays for the initial price of the card and a reduction in purchase of a yearbook.

Backpacks:

Centennial High School does not allow backpacks, bags, briefcases, satchels and purses, in the classroom or library. Students may carry bags before and after school, but these items must be placed inside their locker before the start of the school day. This policy addresses a growing concern about student/staff safety and the overcrowded nature of our hallways and classrooms.

Parking Permits:

In order to facilitate security and reasonable control in the parking lot, we are asking students planning to drive, to register their vehicle with the school. Jr. & Sr. Students who want to purchase a parking permit must bring their vehicle registration with them when they register for school. A fee will be charged (see registration fees) and a parking permit will be issued. Parking permits must be visible in the car or a parking violation and fine will be issued. Cars without a permit will be ticketed.

Due to a limited number of parking spaces available, freshmen and sophomores will be issued parking permits as they become available. Priority will given to sophomores, and will be based on need. A waiting list for underclassmen will be available in the main office beginning the 3rd Monday in September.

Parking in the nearby subdivision is discouraged as it causes a driving hazard for our neighborhoods. **Please carpool!**

Students are not allowed in the parking lot during the school day. Cars are not a substitute for a locker.

Yearbook Pictures:

All students will have their pictures taken by our school photographer at registration and late registration. These pictures are for student files and transcripts. This will be the yearbook photo for freshmen, sophomores and juniors. (Seniors, see section under Senior Information for more about yearbook pictures).

Student Insurance: A brochure containing student insurance information will be available during registration and after registration in the front office.

PE Uniforms: Physical education uniforms are not required. Plain t-shirts or approved school logo t-shirts and shorts are expected attire.

Back to School Night:

Centennial's Back to School Night will be held Tuesday, September 13th, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. in the gymnasium. This is your chance to come to school, meet with teachers and hear about the many different courses being offered to your student(s). We encourage all parents to attend this annual tradition and become a part of Centennial High.

School Lunches:

Lunch and breakfast will be served each full day of school. Breakfast is served at 7:15 a.m. and also at break. The full meal price for students is \$1.25. You must take at least **3** items to receive the full meal price at breakfast and lunch. A full meal price for classic student lunch is \$2.25; supreme student lunch is \$2.75. Two specialty bars are served each day. If you do not take a full meal, items are priced individually. Snack items are not part of a full meal. Snack items may be purchased with money on a student account. Payment may be with checks or cash which may be added to your account—no cash back on checks. The kitchen is unable to keep enough cash on hand to make change. You can also pay online at meridianschools.org.

Free and reduced meal applications are available to those families that believe they qualify for the program. Parents/students may pick up an application in the main office or cafeteria.

Student Orientations:

Freshman students are encouraged to attend a special freshman orientation on Wednesday, August 24th from 10 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. A flyer will be handed at registration. Freshmen are also welcome to tour the school during Freshman Registration on Friday, August 19, 2011. Mr. Haener, the grade level principal will also conduct orientation sessions during the first week of school. All freshman will be oriented to the policies and procedures at CHS.

School Lockers: All students will be provided a locker with a built-in lock. Locker numbers will be assigned at registration. Lockers are used for securing books, coats and backpacks. Students are not allowed to share or change lockers without administrative approval. Cars are not a substitute for lockers.

No School = No Driving

Senate Bill #1472 states that students under the age of 18 not in attendance at school shall not have a driver's license.

MEDIA CENTER

Our hours of service are 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday—Friday. Students have filtered Internet access and may create documents/presentations on Publisher, Word, PowerPoint, among other options. The CHS print collection includes over 28,000 titles for research and reading enjoyment. We have an extensive back file of over 50 periodicals in addition to more than 1,200 vertical files. The Catalog is automated and accessible at home through the school's website. Online access to research databases and periodical indexes is also available to all patrons on the media center's 32 computers. Some of these databases and indices have remote (at home) access by

clicking on "Library" on the CHS website then selecting eLibrar, Gale, Proquest, Ebsco or SIRS on the Library's web page; contact us for the required passwords.

Volunteers are always welcome and appreciated! Any talent or skill is valuable. Training of a new skill is cheerfully provided. One day a quarter or an hour a week—any time given is greatly appreciated. We even have tasks that can be performed at home. Call Centennial at extension #1533 for inquiry. Mrs. Gena Marker, Librarian Media Generalist.

INTERNET POLICY

Each CHS student will be assigned a network login with access to district approved software. **Unless a parent has signed an "Internet Opt-Out" form, each student will be given access to the Internet.**

The Internet is a unique and valuable tool that supports the education of students in the Meridian School District. In many cases most library research resources, such as databases of magazines, journals, newspaper articles, as well as the catalog are only available through Internet access. The Internet also provides access information and media resources, simulations and other online education activities. Its proper use can open new opportunities for research, learning and communication.

With those opportunities come responsibility. The student and his/her parent(s) should read and discuss the district policies. While the Meridian School District will make every possible effort to limit

improper use and to use proxy software to shield users from access to inappropriate materials, it is not possible to absolutely prevent such access. A student who gains access to inappropriate material is expected to discontinue the access as quickly as possible and to report the incident to a teacher.

All Network/Internet users are expected to use all network resources for purposes appropriate to the educational environment at all times. Users must refrain from any use that is not consistent with policies, purposes, or objective of the Meridian School District.

If you do not want your student to have access to the internet through his/her network login, please ask for an Internet OPT-Out Request in the Counseling Office or the Media Center.

MILITARY OPT-OUT FORM

If you do not want your student's personal information to go to the military you must fill out a Military Opt-Out Form. You may pick up a form in the Counseling Office.

SCHEDULES

SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR ATTACHED

Regular Block Bell Schedule:

Students will be scheduled into eight classes, four each day. The classes will be 1-4 Maroon (A) and 1-4 Silver (B).

Lunch:

All students will have lunch from 11:30a.m. to 12:00p.m. Campus is closed for freshmen and sophomores during lunch and students are not allowed to leave campus. Seniors/Juniors who take 9th and 10th grade students off campus at lunch will face disciplinary consequences.

PAT:

In our ongoing commitment to every student's academic success, we will be continuing with PAT each day except for Wednesday. Students with either a "Zero" on any given assignment **OR** a failing grade in any given class will remain in PAT daily until the situation is rectified.

Daily	Period	Start	End
	1 st	7:58 AM	9:23 AM
	Passing	9:23 AM	9:29 AM
	2 nd	9:29 AM	10:59 AM
	PAT	11:05 AM	11:30 AM
	Lunch	11:30 AM	12:00 PM
	3 rd	12:05 PM	1:30 PM
	Passing	1:30 PM	1:36 PM
	4 th	1:36 PM	3:01 PM

Collaboration (Wednesday)	Period	Start	End
	1 st	8:25AM	9:50 AM
	Passing	9:50 AM	9:56 AM
	2 nd	9:56 AM	11:26 AM
	Announcements (11:21 AM	11:26 AM
	Lunch	11:26 AM	11:00 PM
	3 rd	12:05 PM	1:30 PM
	Passing	1:30 PM	1:36 PM
4 th	1:36 PM	3:01 PM	

