



The Central Connection

WE are SC—every student, teacher, class, and program contributes to the success of Salina High School Central.

January 2024

Central High School | Salina, Kansas

Hello Mustang Families,

Welcome Back! We hope your Winter Break was filled with opportunities to spend time with loved ones, rejuvenate, and recoup. We had a successful Fall Sports season and are off to a good start with Winter Sports. Our clubs and activities are in full swing. This past semester, we were able to enjoy theater productions and the holiday tradition of Joyous Noel.

Heading into 2024, we turn our attention towards the second half of the year. Please continue to communicate with your student and their teachers regarding classroom expectations, current grades, and attendance. As we step into January and February, students will begin meeting with counselors to set their schedules for next year. If your student is a senior, be sure that your contact information is up to date in Skyward so you don't miss out on any important graduation updates and news.

We hope to see you during our spring conferences February 13 - 14.

CHS Administrative Team

Matt Brungardt, Tiffany Lowe, Steve Rivers, & Greg Maring

Salina Central Theater!



The Central Theatre Department's production of *Noises Off* was selected to go to State! In January, theater students will attend the Kansas Thespian Festival at Century II in Wichita where they will perform the play on a main stage.

Congratulations to Ms. Hilt and her theatre students!

The Theatre department is preparing for the musical *Newsies* on January 25-27! We hope to see you there!



Central High Pantry Project



Leadership Class 2023



Food Pantry 2023

The Central High's Leadership class identified a need and took action! Throughout the month of November, our Leadership class organized and completed a food drive to help students that may be struggling to find food. A competition between ELO's was used as incentive to encourage students to bring non-perishable food for the pantry. The food collected will be given back out to those in need.

In addition to managing this endeavor, Mrs. Hoff's Leadership class also partnered with Mr. Kilgore's Cabinet making class where students worked together to create and build a cabinet to store the food that was collected. The Central High Pantry Project collected a total of 772 items and \$77!

Scholar's Bowl

The SC Scholars' Bowl team has been going strong competing at 11 tournaments to date. At those tournaments, we have come away with winning records and a third place finish for our JV at Abilene and a second place finish at Hays with our varsity. With a 22 member team, we have experts in all categories from Language Arts to math to current events. January is the month we heat up and compete at several tournaments and AVCT League! We hope to defend our title as 5A Regional champs in February and then, hopefully, onto state!



January

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | | | |

Calendar of Events

- 1/4 - Classes Resume - Start of 2nd Semester
- 1/10 - Parent Enrollment Night - 6 p.m.
- 1/15 - No School MLK Day
- 1/25 - Newsies Musical - 7 p.m.
- 1/26 - Newsies Musical - 7 p.m.
- 1/27 - Newsies Musical - 7 p.m.

Fall 2023 Trade Show Winners!

In Mrs. McCartney's Business Essentials classes this fall, students created a business plan, elevator pitch, trade show board, and a formal presentation of a business they created! The four businesses in the winners' graphic were chosen by "investors" during their trade show as the best business from their class! Based upon scores from their business plans, elevator pitches, presentations, and trade show performance, students will be selected to compete in March for the annual Saline County Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge (YEC).

Congratulations to Armando Duran, Kyla Villarreal, Alibbea Mong, Elizabeth Yoxall and Cynthia Lockhart!

Elective Fair

On December 4, freshmen and sophomores attended the Elective Fair. Teachers and students setup tables showing different electives offered at Salina Central. Ms. Fritz even brought cookies from the culinary department! A special thanks to Ms. Ellerbeck, Ms. Webb, and Mr. Stineman for all of their effort in putting together the Elective Fair!

Dental and Hearing Screenings

The Dental screenings will take place January 29 - February 1. Please be checking your email for the Fluoride and Opt-out forms that will need to be printed, signed and returned to the school nurse before screenings can happen.

The Hearing screenings will take place February 20 -21.



Student of the Week - December

Jenna Sperling is a very involved Senior at Central High School. She is a member of Link Leaders, HOSA, Stuco, National Honor Society, Book Club and is on the Honor Roll. Jenna also twirls with the Mustang band and is on the Golf team. She is just as involved in the community with Big Brothers Big Sisters and volunteering her time at other schools. Jenna is a member of Shannon's Stars Twirling Club and had the honor of performing in England for Team USA where the team received the Gold medal!



12/4/2023 - 12/8/2023



Madelyn Craft is a Junior here at Central high School. She is involved in the Central drumline and is a Link Leader. Madelyn loves her teachers and how caring they are, especially her ELO teacher. After high school, she wants to go to college and pursue a degree in Exercise Science. Outside of school, Madelyn plays in the Salina Youth Symphony and is in a band called Downtown Funk.

12/11/2023 - 12/15/2023

Teacher of the Month - 1st Semester



September 2023
Kira Gilbert



October 2023
Trey Cullins



November 2023
Jennifer Buchholz



December 2023
Kevin Patrick



Join us for our annual

Enrollment

INFORMATION NIGHT FOR GRADES 9 - 11

This is a time to meet your child's counselor, learn about the enrollment process, and discover the opportunities available to your child for next school year.



Wednesday
January 10, 2024



6:00 PM



Salina Central
in the Cafeteria



Presentations by
Grade Level Counselors
Salina Area Technical College
Kansas State University - Salina

For More Information

https://www.305centralhigh.com/departments/counseling/enrollment_information





Updates from the District

School Board Appreciation Month

January marks the start of a brand new, exciting year. It is also when we celebrate School Board Appreciation Month, a time to express our gratitude to the dedicated individuals who serve on our Board of Education (BOE).

In addition to welcoming our newest board member, January is also a time to look forward and set goals for the coming year. Follow us on social media as we feature what our board members are looking forward to in 2024. Their excitement for our district demonstrates their ongoing commitment to provide the best possible education for our students and helps us get to know them a little better.

As we move into the new year, let us remember to celebrate the achievements of our district and to support our BOE in their ongoing efforts to provide a high-quality educational experience for our students. Together, we can finish out the school year strong!

Building Resilient Schools and Homes

Learn how to create safe, connected and problem-solving environments that allow adults and kids to function in their best brain state!

Who Should Attend?
Free and open to all adults

Through this social-emotional program, we will learn to discipline ourselves to help our children learn. Conscious Discipline provides an array of behavior management strategies that anyone can use to **turn everyday situations into learning opportunities.**

Building Resilient Schools and Homes is a 10-week E-Learning course from Conscious Discipline. Attendees will be provided with:

- **One graduate credit** from MidAmerica Nazarene University is available to certified staff. Information will be given at the first class.
- **FREE KDHE Hours** are also available for sessions attended in person.
- Material resources
- Individual registration for E-Learning course
- Free childcare for ages 2+, limited slots available
- Snacks

Questions?

Contact Jody at jody.craddockiselin@usd305.com



Register by scanning the QR code. Registration will close one week before the first day of class.



Upcoming

- 1/4 - Boys Swim - 1:30 p.m.
- 1/4 - Boys Varsity Wrestling - 6 p.m.
- 1/9 - Boys Varsity Basketball vs Andover - 7:30 p.m.
- 1/9 - Girls Varsity Basketball vs Andover - 6 p.m.
- 1/9 - Boys JV Basketball vs Andover - 5:30 p.m.
- 1/9 - Girls JV Basketball vs Andover - 7:30 p.m.
- 1/9 - Boys Freshman Basketball vs Andover - 4 p.m.
- 1/9 - Girls Freshman Basketball vs Andover - 4 p.m.
- 1/11 - Boys Swim 1:30 p.m.
- 1/12 - Boys Varsity Basketball vs Valley Center - 7:30 p.m.
- 1/12 - Girls Varsity Basketball vs Valley Center - 6 p.m.
- 1/12 - Boys JV Basketball vs Valley Center - 5:30 p.m.
- 1/12 - Girls JV Basketball vs Valley Center - 7:30 p.m.
- 1/12 - Boys Freshman Basketball vs Valley Center - 4 p.m.
- 1/12 - Girls Freshman Basketball vs Valley Center - 4 p.m.
- 1/30 - Boys Varsity Basketball vs Ark City - 7:30 p.m.
- 1/30 - Girls Varsity Basketball vs Ark City - 6 p.m.
- 1/30 - Boys JV Basketball vs Ark City - 5:30 p.m.
- 1/30 - Girls JV Basketball vs Ark City - 7:30 p.m.
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- 1/30 - Girls Freshman Basketball vs Ark City - 4 p.m.
- 1/31 - Boys Swim - 1:30 p.m.

To stay up to date on Winter Sports, visit www.avctl.org for updates

Athletic Schedule Subject to change

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