



Center High School

A fully accredited Missouri A+ School District serving South Kansas City

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Parent Teacher

Conference Dates:

Thursday March 3, 2011

Thursday May 5, 2011

All times from 4-7 PM

The start of the New Year always signifies a redefining of who we are and where we are going. As a school we start thinking about how to continue to make great advancements and achieve beyond where we have in previous years. This year is no different. In analyzing what makes a great school and how to continue to grow we look toward steps in achievement. Obviously our attendance is crucial in maintaining excellence in the classroom, because if students are not in school, learning cannot be accomplished. Yet, there is far more than entering the school house doors. Learning is a partnership between the school, the students and the parents. Each play an incredible role in developing a successful student.

On our end, the school is focusing on creating learning objectives for students, developing a written curriculum for all subjects, and continuing to focus on creating learning activities for students to develop their thinking skills to better prepare them for the demands of society. While these are just a few of our areas of focus, please continue to ask your students about what they do in class. Ask them to show you their assignments and discuss their projects with them. Students need to further process what they are learning in school, and if they can explain it at home it further increases their ability to learn the material.

As students we expect that they will have homework. Even with our benchmarking system students should have homework almost every night. In math especially practice is crucial to their understanding. It is our expectation that the students practice their assignments. To be successful in every subject reading and math are the cornerstones to their academic success. We expect that they push themselves to be their best.

Finally, as parents we appreciate the support you provide by talking to your students about their learning. Please read their papers and provide a place where studying can happen. These are essential for the student success and belief that you are truly interested in what they are accomplishing. Please ask each day about homework, and have them show you what they are doing in school. Each day builds upon the next in academics, and your help in providing the very best education for your student allows the teachers the ability to delve into the depths of human potential.

Center is so proud to be Accredited with Distinction. We have been recognized by the Mayor of the City as a school of excellence. This would not be possible without the expectation of excellence from the school the students, and the parents. Thank you for believing in education and continuing to push your student academically.

Beth Heide

Principal, Center High School

Fine Arts Academy

Three Center High students have been accepted to the Missouri Fine Arts Academy for a summer program. These students were chosen from a field of highly talented students who submitted a portfolio of their work and essays to two questions that were required of each nominee. Shalana Bates and Kate Thurn were chosen for theatre and Sophie Haddad was select for visual arts. These students will attend a three week residential academy at Missouri State University in Springfield this summer.

Kathy Chirpich

Student Teacher Intro



My name is Brad Nyberg and I will be Student Teaching with Mrs. Nelson, Business and Marketing teacher, the first quarter. I am excited

to bring my knowledge and experiences from working for Coca-Cola the past six years into the classroom. I look forward to sharing this knowledge with students and showing them how the curriculum they learn applies to real world situations.

CHS PTA Meetings 2010-2011

PTA Meetings are held the 2nd Wednesday of each month in the Principal's Conference Room
Wednesday, March 9th
Wednesday, April 13th
Wednesday, May 11th

Perfect Attendance as of 1/11/11

Deon Abraham	Jodie Harstad
Antonio Adgers	Anthony Hogue
Anthony Akitunde	Cody Hughes
Christine Amilasan	Ryan Hunter Ray
Edwin Amilasan	Corey Johnson
Victore Andino-Ramirea	Darian Johnson
Deja Arrington	Deonte Johnson
Kiena Behn	Shantina Johnson
Pierre Bellerice	Hecnia Jones
Alexis Bellinger	Tarquin Kellough
Marquis Bonds	Imari Martin
Erick Boone	Noe Mendoza
Caroline Bredow	Kate Menges
Naomi Britton	Randy Mora Valdes
Cortez Brown	Zada Murray
Devonte Brown	Joshua Nastasi
Kyreece Brown	Hope Noll
Malik Calhoun Khalil	Herman Ogbazion
Jarel Canty	Anthony Okongwu
Katlyn Carpentier	Tyler O'Reilly
Justin Carter	Dalton Ostergard
Benjamin Carver	Barbie Perkins
Malano Chipalo	Cheyenne Piggie
Dalton Clifford	Heather Randolph
Danni Collier	Stephen Randolph
Meghan Cresswell	Alejandro Rey
Aleea Dale	Tanisha Rhodes
Lavell Doolin	Kiara Robinson
Deja Ellingburg	Dominic Romero
JVon Evans	Emerald Scott
Cortez Flag	Wilson Sisson
Trever Fugitt	Elizabeth Sweeten
Alison Funk	Courtney Tyson
Marlin Garrett	Casey Venable
Marvin Garrett	Nichole Venable
Vanessa Cleese	Alexa Visor
David Goldenberg	Larron Williams
Ori Goldwasser	Trevon Wilson
Preston Graham	Harrison Yu
Miranda Growney	
Edward Guido	

Center School District Earns State Visit Accolades – “Never has this been done before”

At the invitation of Center School District, a team of state and local educators visited district classrooms to provide feedback on the district’s latest APR (annual performance review) news of 13 of 14 standards met. The team was impressed with Center’s teaching strategies and student gains over the past five years in the Missouri School Improvement Program cycle. In fact, the team hasn’t seen such positive growth in a district’s APR scores and MAP scores ever in the state like this.

“The outstanding gains in student achievement at Center School District with the 13 of 14 standards met on the APR and all MAP standards met show just tremendous progress and a huge upward trend. The hard work of the leadership team, the staff, and students need to be commended. I don’t know of any other district that has made as much progress as Center. This is a real success story, not only for Missouri, but for the national educational system,” said Dr. Tony Stansberry, the Missouri State Supervisor for the Kansas City Region.

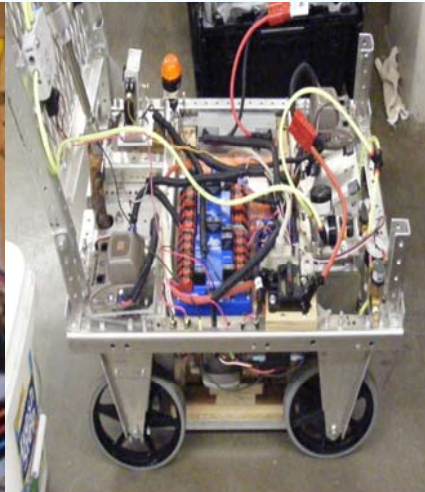
He continued to say, “The students in your schools are engaged and learning is taking place. Center School District is on the way. Our review was to help the district sustain its gains and move to the next level. I’m very proud of the district’s work. Again, this is such a tremendous story.”

This state review is on the heels of the Center School District’s announcement of State Accreditation with “Distinction in Performance” for the 2010-2011 school year. The Missouri State Board of Education voted in its November 16, 2010, meeting to continue Center’s full state accreditation as part of the district’s 4th cycle MSIP (Missouri School Improvement Program) review. In addition, Center is one of 360 districts in Missouri to earn “Distinction in Performance” from the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

“This action represents a significant milestone in Center’s journey from good to great. This is truly a team effort and we are so proud of our Center community from students to staff to parents and beyond,” said Dr. Robert Bartman, Superintendent

Dirty Rotten Scoundrels (the Musical)

Will now open March 31st and run through the 2nd of April.



2011 Robo-Jackets

The First Robotics team #1827 of Center High School, Kansas City, Missouri are growing in a number of ways. We have grown in numbers but also in our confidence to reach a number of important goals for the “RoboJackets.” We will take part in this year’s First Robotics Regional Competition. This year’s Kansas City Regional Competition will be held on the dates of March 10th- 12th at Hale Arena here in Kansas City Missouri.

The “RoboJackets” had small beginnings when we first fielded a robotics team capable of designing and creating a robot that would be representing Center High school at a First Robotics Competition. This year we are proving to be a core of devoted team members composed of students, teachers, and mentors with big goals in mind and a bigger dream.

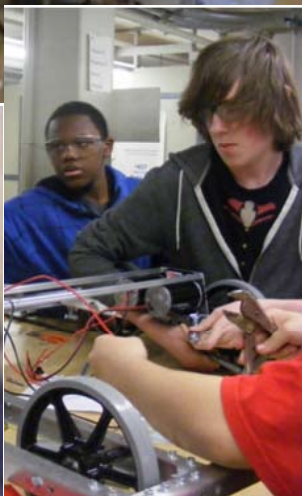
Our short term goals are seemingly being met. There is a greater enthusiasm here at CHS for STEM classes and activities (Science, Technology, Engineering, and (Advanced) Math) that are part and parcel for the kinds of work/fun we have in Robotics. More teachers from varied content areas are seeing how they too can assist and support this worthy program. We are giving greater numbers of students the opportunity to gain and build life skills that will help them have further success the rest of their lives. Personal confidence, learning, relationships, teamwork, responsibility, time management, is being learned by everyone.

Our first long term goal is that the Center High School “Robo-Jackets” will become each and every year both individually and collectively a team composed of capable, knowledgeable, dependable, respectable, honorable young men and women that prospective employers will desire to have as part of their own companies. Our purpose is not just building a robot!

Our second long term goal is that we want to become “the” team that always exhibits gracious professionalism, being worthy competitors that other teams will welcome as alliance partners.

Our third long term goal is that we want to continue to show through our work ethics, good reputation, and trusted business and professional relationships that our school, our students, your sons and daughters are truly deserving of continual, sustainable financial and professional mentoring support.





This is the sixth (6th) year that the Center High School Robotics Team has competed in the “First Robotics” program. We wish to thank all who, (without their help and professional support) help us so very much: our mentors from Honeywell, the Center School Board, our Superintendent and Principals, Staff, Parent mentors and fellow “RoboJacket” Teachers along with those who have chosen to give direct financial support to this important and relevant program...without which we could not continue to exist.

We wish to thank those who have specifically chosen to be financial contributors to First Robotics Team #1827, the Center “RoboJackets.” Our financial contributors for this year are presently: Center High School PTA, The Cerner Corporation, The Kauffman Foundation, The Boeing Corporation, and The KC Bancs Organization.

Special Note To:

Parents/Grand Parents/Guardians/Big Brothers and Sisters/
Business Associates or Employers

Perhaps one of the 2011 RoboJackets is a member of your own family or a young person you know.... No doubt this student is enjoying and is benefiting from this special activity. You may wonder how you can show that you support your student and their team mates.

Please support in any way you can by:

...Giving students and their teammates’ rides to school or home after meetings /work sessions.

...Volunteering to make or provide some snacks for the team would be helpful and appreciated.

...Helping to or directing some fund raising activity on behalf of the robotics club could help us go to additional events or allow us to use donated grant money on/for major expenses.

...Showing interest by visiting or offering your time to mentor students is encouraged. Do you have special training or skills that you can teach?

As a parent or responsible adult in your student’s life...you too can have a positive effect on a young person’s future. Just as each of these professional and financial contributors are having a share in furthering the dreams, aspirations’ and bright future of budding mathematicians, scientists, engineers, business and corporate leaders and who knows maybe even a few future teachers... so can you. Interested? We hope so!

Contact... Jesse Harbison Robotics Coach jharbison@center.k12.mo.us phone 816-612-4006

First Semester Honor Roll

Taylor Abron	Montrez Jones
Antonio Adgers	Gabe Lathrop
Codey Adkins	Nirvana Lobo
Anthony Akitunde	Deseray Logan
Krystal Anderson	Hunter Malottki
Sam Arnold	Sander Martin
Pierre Bellerice	Kilvert Martinez
Alexis Bellinger	Kate Menges
MarQuan Blair	Katherine Meyer
Brittany Brigham	Darrien Miller
Aspen Brown	Scarlett Miller
Cortez Brown	Bobbie Moore
Jarel Canty	Rebecca Murry
Justin Carter	Virginia Newell
Tatyana Charles	RosSean Norton
Sydnee Clark	Jezreel Nyange
Dalton Clifford	Herman Ogbazion
Danni Collier	Dalton Ostergard
Taylor Collier	Charles Patrick
Diana Condori	Kristal Perry
Travis Cook	Tanisha Rhodes
Virginio Cortez Ortega	Tyesha Rhodes
Meghan Cresswell	Wilfredo Rodriguez
Emily Dold	Dominic Salazar
Lavell Doolin	Alexander Scherer
Devin Ersery	Emerald Scott
Christopher Fields	Wilson Sisson
Ashley Flag	Damian Smith
Kaneesha Franklin	Destiny Smith
Kayla Gibbs	Lataciana Spiller
Vanessa Gleese	Cole Sturm
Angel Goldberg	Taylor Suedmeyer
Nicholas Gregg	Autumn Swinson
Phillip Gregory	Kate Thurn
Rory Hake	Courtney Tyson
Amalia Harris	RaeAnn Walters
Shakira Hazziez	Lily White
Darnell Heard	Jaylen Williams
Rachel Heard	Latriece Williams
Anthony Hogue	Torin Williams
Obama Jack	Taelor Willis
Cabrina James	Kendall Wilson
RaVon Jefferson	Scott Witter
Darian Johnson	Cooper Wright
Deonte Johnson	Joseph Young
Eric Johnson	Samuel Young

Principal's Honor Roll

Ryan Allen
Christine Amilasan
Edwin Amilasan
Carelle Atchonde
Amanda Avery
Shanice Bailey
Shalana Bates
Brendan Beebe
Erick Boone
Peter Brandsgaard
Naomi Britton
Malik Burton
Isabella Cianciolo
Candace Cunningham
Katherine Davidson
Vincent Edwards
Jamie Evans
Cortez Flag
Kevin Foster
Itzel Galarza
Ori Goldwasser
Miranda Growney
Sophie Haddad
Erin Heard
Alejandra Hernandez
Erin Hudson
Jessica Jacobs
Jordan Jensen
Alexanderia Johnson
Amanda Keith
Jose Mauro
Ian McCulloch
Trevor McCulloch
Nathan Merriner
Joshua Nastasi
Hope Noll
Madison Noll
Elizabeth Passeri
Heather Randolph
Keaton Riley
Timothy Rinker
Dominic Romero
Zoe Sabido
Presley Schumacher
Jaquela Stewart
Elizabeth Sweeten
Alexander Taylor
Casey Venable
Alexa Visor
Aleyshia Williams
Omika Wilson



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Take Charge of Education, launched in April 1997, brings the Target tradition of giving to the heart of our communities. Since the program was launched, Target has donated over \$154 million through fundraising dollars, including more than \$14.7 million during the recent September 2005 donation.

Through the Take Charge of Education program, Target donates an amount equal to 1% of REDcard(SM) (Target Visa and Target Card) purchases made at Target and Target.com, and 1/2% of Target Visa purchases made elsewhere, to the eligible K-12 school of your choice.* For some schools, that's over \$10,000 a year.

Schools have used these unrestricted funds for everything from student recognition programs and new playground equipment to library books and school musical costumes.


- More than 9 million Target cardholders and 106,000 schools participate in the program.
- Target donates money to eligible K-12 schools twice a year – in March and September.
- Donations are available to any K-12 public, private or parochial school that has a 501(c)(3) or 509(a)(1) tax- exempt status. See Take Charge of Education program rules for more information.

Want to see how much your school's next Take Charge of Education donation will be, or want to designate a school for donation?

- Go to www.target.com/tcoe
- Stop by the kiosk in your favorite Target store
- Call 1-800-316-6142

Calendar

March

- 2 Early Dismissal
Senior Cap & Gown Pictures
- 3 Parent / Teacher Conferences
4-7 pm
- 9 NHS Blood Drive
- 11 End of 3rd Quarter
- 14-18  SPRING BREAK

April

- 4 Jostens here to deliver Senior orders during the lunch periods
- 6 ACT Prep Class
- 13 Jostens here before school to deliver Senior orders
- 16 SGA/ Lions/ Lioness Pancake Breakfast 8-11 am
- 18-22 Spring Fling Spirit Week
- 21 Parade of Bands
- 22 **Snow Make-up Day**
- School in Session
- 23 Prom 7-11 pm
- 27 Academic Banquet

Letter jackets will be available for sale during Parent Teacher conferences on 2/24/11 from 4:00 - 6:30 pm.

2011-2012 Enrollment

Individual enrollment conferences for Juniors start the week of Feb. 14th. The juniors will meet with their counselor, go over progress towards meeting graduation requirements and choose their courses for the 2011-2012 school year.

Sophomore and Freshman enrollment conferences will follow the Juniors.

Parents – We need your help! Please join PTA. As a school your voice matters. Please come to our meetings and have a voice. All are needed. Email Mrs. Heide with any questions.

FAFSA Help

SENIOR PARENTS – How will you pay for college? Please come to our FAFSA meetings. We will be hosting FAFSA meetings here in the guidance center on Thursday evenings – starting Feb. 10th – from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. The purpose is to have someone here as parents get on the web and work on their FAFSA info. (We cannot legally advise them how to fill it out – just answer questions to the best of our ability) It's an opportunity for those who don't have internet access, or may feel uncomfortable with the process. The evenings are currently scheduled to run every Thursday (except March 17th – Spring Break) until March 24th.

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