

As all of you already know, we have concluded the first grading period of the 2017-18 school year at Central Community High School. We have had a great start to the school year in academics and activities. There are several things occurring at Central that I feel are important to bring to your attention.

As we conclude the first nine weeks of school, I would like to remind you that we will host Parent / Teacher Conferences on Tuesday, October 24th from 6:00 - 8:30 P.M. in the West Gym. We would like every C.C.H.S. parent to attend and take a few moments to meet with Faculty members who have your child in class. The conferences provide a great chance for you to communicate with your child's teachers and discuss their progress at this point in time. Please take the opportunity to play an active role in building a partnership with programs at the school.

The most notable change at Central this year has been the implementation of the new One-to-One Chromebook program. The staff at Central has done a great deal of work to make a transition to new instructional methods valuable for students. It has been a major transition in the operation of our school. There have been very few issues and we feel that having chromebooks and Google Classroom as a part of everyday activities is giving all students access to much more information and the type of lifelong learning that will benefit them in many areas. We also hope that the new systems have been beneficial for parents in providing your child with equipment, tools, and skills for the future. The One-to-One Chromebook platform is becoming a huge success at Central and we owe it all to the efforts of our students, the willingness of the staff to adapt, and the support of our entire school community. If you have any questions concerning the One-to-One Chromebook program, we encourage you to review the components of the program on our website at www.centralcougars.org or contact us at cchs@centralcougars.org.

This year, we find ourselves in the second year of a Curriculum Study Cycle for the Career and Technical Education programs at Central. The adoption of new instructional materials for some of these areas has already taken place. Perhaps you have noticed the revisions and new materials your students are getting an opportunity to utilize. Our Business Education program has introduced new courses and other areas such as Family and Consumer Science, Agriculture, and Industrial Occupations are teaching new concepts and with different textbooks. Next year, other CTE programs will be making potential revisions and implementing those changes. We are also beginning a study of the Language Arts subjects for the successive year. This will include a study of content and materials, as well as a close look at how our new instructional technology might affect practices throughout all programs. It is all a part of keeping our programs contemporary and a constant method of improving ourselves as an institution.

Many of you have also probably heard about the exciting plans to pursue renovations and additions to the facilities at Central over the next few years. The Board of Education has begun plans to upgrade the HVAC systems at the school and renovate some areas of the outdoor facilities including the Football/Track complex with new grandstands, press box, and lighting. Additional practice facilities are being planned as well as upgrades to the facilities at the Baseball, Junior Varsity Baseball, Softball, and Soccer sites. The school is also reviewing possible additions including a new Media/Technology Center and Band/Music Area. These will

enable the school to provide additional space that includes more modern areas of instruction and efficient usage of technological tools. Existing areas of the building vacated for these new additions will be renovated to provide additional classroom space. All of these facility changes will certainly require funding and the support of the community. We are optimistic the support will be present. We are excited about the potential to enhance the C.C.H.S. facilities and the great opportunities this will provide our students.

There are many things to be excited about at Central! C.C.H.S. students continue to demonstrate excellence in the classroom and activities. Our school continues to improve its curriculum and facilities so students will have more opportunities, and our staff continues to focus on improved instructional methods.

We also realize that our success largely depends upon the support and cooperation that we receive from parents and community members. We thank you for your contribution to our programs and to the success of students. If you have any questions about the information above, or any other topic related to Central, please do not hesitate to contact us.