

It is becoming apparent with the cooler temperatures that Fall has arrived. Often the most productive period of any school year takes place during the first few months of the school year. We have had a very positive start and look forward to the rest of the 2018-19. If the first nine weeks are any indication of what is to come, we are going to have a great year! As we conclude the end of the First Grading Period, I would like to take an opportunity to discuss just a few of the upcoming developments at Central Community High School.

As we begin the second quarter grading period, I would like to remind you that we will host Parent / Teacher Conferences on Wednesday, October 24th from 6:00 - 8:30 P.M. in the West Gym. (This is a rescheduled date than originally planned.) 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 One-to-One Chromebook program is now fully into its second year at Central and continues to be a great success. The staff has done a great deal of work to make the transition to new instructional methods valuable for students. It has created an entirely different atmosphere at the school. We also hope that the new systems have been beneficial for parents in providing your child with equipment, tools, and skills for the future. We would like to improve the maintenance issues we are having with machines by asking our teachers to be more observant and implement quarterly checks on the units. We would also ask that parents periodically inspect the unit your child possesses. Addressing concerns over care of the unit to avoid damages, and repairing problems quickly, can make the Chromebooks more effective and prevent more costly damage at a later date. Other improvements such as supervision during school with the GoGuardian software and more efficient techniques of instruction have made the application of the One-to-One platform better each day. The willingness of the staff to adapt, the students to advance, and parents to support our program makes the One-to-One Chromebook program a huge educational impact for 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](http://www.centralcougars.org) or to contact us at [cchs@centralcougars.org](mailto:cchs@centralcougars.org).

We also are working on the Curriculum Study Cycle in the Language Arts department at Central. The analysis of classes and materials in this subject area is the largest scale study. It could possibly be the most important curricular review of all subject areas. The current study of the Language Arts courses and content includes a look at how our new instructional technology and use of a One-to-One platform might affect practices throughout all of the subject areas. The Curriculum Study Cycle is part of our School Improvement Plan and an effort at keeping our programs contemporary with a constant method of change and adaptation. We anticipate some exciting changes and new instructional materials in Language Arts for the 19-20 school year.

Many of you have also probably seen the new exciting renovations and additions to the facilities at Central that are taking place. The Board of Education has dedicated funds 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 added as well as upgrades to the facilities at the Baseball, Junior Varsity Baseball, Softball, and Soccer sites. The school is also building additional facilities 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 to these new additions will be renovated to provide additional classroom space. The projects will all be concluded by the end of next summer and fully functional for the 2019-20 school year. All of these facility improvements have required funding and the support of the community. We are excited about the changes that have been completed and the new facilities that will provide great opportunities for our students.

There are many great things happening 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. Central is a place of constant dynamic change and improvement.

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.