



# Summer News



July 31, 2007

## From the Principal

Parents, Guardians and Students,

I hope this newsletter finds you enjoying the summer months. It will be fun to hear how each student has spiraled upward over the break. My second year as principal of CHS was personally rewarding and challenging. I look forward to leading the Centennial school community into the future as we meet the challenges of a changing society. Our students are faced with unparalleled barriers and we are committed to helping them learn the skills to overcome those barriers.

Forty-seven students graduated from Centennial in the class of 2007. Those students "caught the vision" and succeeded in attaining a diploma that at one time in their lives was just a dream. The guiding principles that we follow at Centennial are established to provide the structure needed for our students to succeed. Our decisions in regards to how we deal with students' choices are based on those principles and have proven over time to be successful. The students understand the structure is necessary for them to have a chance for

success and we ask that parents and guardians continue to accept and support our decisions. The program at Centennial works, we ask that you trust us to do what is best for our students.

You will notice a change in our daily schedule in regards to daily start times. In order to follow the "PSD Collaborative Time" decision our late start will be on Monday. We will use this time to continue our staff meetings, take care of business details, as well as join any district wide initiatives. School begins at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday; and 9:30 a.m. on Friday. Friday from 8:00 to 9:30 a.m. is set aside as zero period for students who chose to get help from teachers. All students will be notified of their grades and progress in each class by the end of each Thursday and have the choice to attend zero period to get caught up.

Please look carefully through this newsletter and respond to the various forms. We find this method of communicating valuable as we try to meet the many guidelines placed upon

### Special points of interest:

#### ✓ SCHEDULE BUILDING DATES!!

- ✓ New Start Times
- ✓ Student Fee Information
- ✓ New Staff Members
- ✓ CHS School Calendar
- ✓ Military Form
- ✓ Travel Waiver Form
- ✓ Free and Reduced Meal Guidelines
- ✓ Application for CHS Transportation

## Schedule Building Dates!!!!

Students will register and build schedules before school starts. Please make note of the date and time you need to be at Centennial! Students with last names beginning **A-L register at 9:00 a.m.** and last names beginning **M-Z register at 1:00 p.m.**

Seniors

Juniors

Sophomores

August 6, 2007

August 8, 2007

August 9, 2007

### Announcing New Late Start Times

Centennial late start day has changed from Wednesday to Monday. **First day of class is August 20, 2007**

### Centennial High School Fee Structure

**All student fees will be collected before students are permitted to register for classes.**

<b>Discovery Students:</b>	<b>Returning Students:</b>
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Student Activities*	\$35.00
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Art	5.00
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Ropes Course	30.00
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Parent Discovery	<u>25.00</u>
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*(The parent fee is refundable for perfect attendance)*

<b>Total</b>	<b>\$95.00</b>
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### Poudre School District 2007-2008 Free and Reduced Price Meal Application

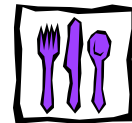
All students previously enrolled in the District will receive an application or a letter of pre-approval through the U.S. Mail in late July/early August 2006. If you are new to the District you can obtain an application form from Centennial's main office. Once you are approved you will receive a letter of approval and a WAIVER LETTER. In order for student fees to be waived, the waiver letter must be returned to Centennial's main office. Call 488-4944 if you have any

### Back to School Potluck Dinner

Mark your calendar for the annual Back to School Potluck Dinner!

August 21, 2007

5:30 pm in the CHS Gymnasium



*Meet new staff and get reacquainted with returning staff!*

### Medication for High School Students

High School students may carry a one day's dose of either prescription or over-the-counter medication. Check for

### Parent Advisory Group

**Parent involvement is key to student success!**

**Please join our Parent Advisory Group.** This group meets the third Tuesday of each month in the conference room. Traditionally the first meeting of the year is our annual Back to School Potluck Dinner. At this event you will have an opportunity to meet other parents hoping to serve with this advisory group.

One of the important keys to developing a successful high school is active parent involvement. This is your opportunity to have your voice heard, help with events and stay current with your student's school. We appreciate parents' activity with their student's education and hope to hear from you.

Call Sylvia at 488-4944 if you would like to serve with this group.



Plan ahead! Your student will bring an order form home on October 8, 2007. Send the order form back to school on picture day. It must be filled out and contain payment.

### Picture Day - October 11, 2007

## Roads Scholar Program

Thinking about heading to another country for service learning? Think about fundraising!! Events to help you raise funds to get our Roads students on their way are already underway. Remember the peaches we sold last year? We will be selling them again this year at a carwash in August. These are the best tasting peaches you've ever tried. You won't want to miss important opportunities to earn money for the trips. Contact Bryan with any questions.



### CENTENNIAL NEEDS YOUR HELP PARENTS PLEASE FILL OUT!

I am interested in serving on the following committees:

\_\_\_\_\_ **Medical Facility Advisory Board** (on-going) Designed to raise/solicit money to keep the school's medical facility functioning.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Site-based Management Advisory Board** (on-going, staggered yearly terms) Meets with staff to examine and refine school improvement plan.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will be able to volunteer for various projects for:

\_\_\_\_\_ a one-time event (run errand, set up for events and/or mailings).

\_\_\_\_\_ a short period of time (one month or less).

\_\_\_\_\_ periodically throughout the year.

\_\_\_\_\_ on-going committee projects.

\_\_\_\_\_ I have other interests and talents that I would be willing to share with Centennial students and staff at specific times during the year. I could offer the following skill/talent/interest/presentation/etc.:

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Student Name \_\_\_\_\_



## CENTENNIAL HIGH SCHOOL TRAVEL WAIVER FORM

Centennial High School often uses the Fort Collins community and surrounding area as its "learning laboratory" to apply what is taught in the classroom, to gather information which enhances classroom achievements, and to provide students with enrichment experiences.

Centennial High School doesn't have a large budget so we do not use school bus transportation unless we plan an extended trip. Therefore, we often transport students in staff vehicles or ask students to carpool and caravan to various locations in and around the city. While the staff maintains their own personal liability insurance, we need to obtain your permission to permit your son/daughter to either drive or ride with other staff/students who have proper insurance coverage.

Below is the necessary waiver of responsibility as it may apply to Poudre School District. Please read these waivers before you sign.

**Waivers:**

1. The Poudre School District does not assume any responsibility whatsoever for the potential risks, including but not limited to risk of injury and/or death, and property damage, none of which is within the school district's control.
2. The student understands and agrees that all rules and instructions of the supervisor of the field trip must be adhered to while participating in the activity both to and from the school. This includes, but is not limited to rules regarding curfew, and mandatory attendance at all events on the field trip itinerary.
3. It is understood that the school district does not, and will not provide any automobile insurance or general liability for the use of staff/students' automobiles while participating on the field trip. Only drivers with adequate insurance coverage and a valid Colorado Driver's License (staff and students) will be permitted to transport students to school sponsored activities. It is the student's responsibility and his/her parents or guardian's responsibility to be aware of and comply with motor vehicle laws wherever the activity may take place.
4. The school district's liability for bodily injury or property damage is defined by Colorado law. The school district has immunity from most claims, such as those resulting for the general supervision of students. The district's liability for transportation is limited to transporting students only in District-authorized vehicles.

**Agreement:**

We, the student and parent/guardian, hereby release the school district from any and all liability associated with our student's use of non-authorized school vehicles before, during, and after scheduled field trips.

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check appropriate lines below:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Has permission to ride in approved student-driven automobiles on school-sponsored trips.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Has permission to ride ONLY with the instructor on school-sponsored field trips.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Has permission to drive and transport students on school-sponsored field trips, and has a valid Colorado Driver's License, and is insured as defined under Colorado law.

**If permission to drive is granted please include:**

Type of vehicle \_\_\_\_\_ License plate number \_\_\_\_\_  
 Insurance Company \_\_\_\_\_ Policy Number \_\_\_\_\_

## Opt-Out Form Regarding Military Recruiter Requests for Secondary Student Names, Addresses and Home Telephone Numbers

Under 20 U.S.C. § 7908(a), C.R.S. § 24-72-204(3)(d) and District Policy JRA/JRC, the names, addresses and home telephone numbers of secondary school students must be released to military recruiters within 90 days of being asked for, except when a student or his/her parent requests in writing that such information not be released.

If you do **not** want this information released to military recruiters, please fill out the form below and return to the office at Centennial High School. The form must be completed and submitted by the **student, parent, or both** to the student's school each year for which nondisclosure is requested. In order to ensure that the form is received before the District is required to release the student information to military recruiters, it must be submitted to the student's school **no later than October 2, 2007.**

BY SIGNING BELOW, I/WE ARE REQUESTING THAT THE NAME, ADDRESS AND/OR HOME TELEPHONE NUMBER OF THE STUDENT IDENTIFIED BELOW **NOT** BE RELEASED TO ANY UNITED STATES MILITARY RECRUITERS:

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<b><i>Student name</i></b> <i>(Please print)</i>	<b><i>Grade</i></b>	<b><i>ID Number</i></b>
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<b><i>Parent/Guardian Signature</i></b>	<b><i>Date</i></b>
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**And/Or**

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# Application for Centennial High Transportation

2007-2008 School Year

Centennial High School students who wish to utilize transportation to or from school need to apply using this form. Fill out this form and return it to Transportation Services. Transportation for Centennial High is provided via a shuttle system where students are transported to their home high school and then shuttled to Centennial High. In the afternoons, students are shuttled from Centennial High at 3:05P.M. to their home high school and then transported home.

**Afternoon busses will leave Centennial**

Remember to sign and date the form before submitting it; unsigned forms will not be processed. State Law does not allow students to ride a school bus until their application is approved and they are officially assigned. Parents are required to provide transportation until notified by Transportation Services that their application has been

Centennial High Transportation Request

Student Information

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Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_

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School \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

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Parent's/Guardian's Information

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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Requested Transportation

Closest available stop to the student's home

Closest available stop to the following location

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Address

Use the boxes to the right to indicate which days of the week you intend to utilize bus service.

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All	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Monday	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tuesday	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wednesday	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Thursday	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Friday	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Return Forms To:**

Poudre School District  
Transportation Services  
2407 LaPorte Ave  
Ft Collins CO 80521

**VIDEO CAMERAS ON BUSES MAY BE USED AT ANY TIME TO RECORD STUDENT BEHAVIOR**

## Parent Non-Permission Form

For Print, Video & Electronic Media & Electronic Mail Access

### Section 1: Print, Video & Electronic Media

Poudre School District (PSD) school activities and events occasionally are photographed or video taped, or students are interviewed by PSD staff and/or representative of the news media.

If for any reason you **DO NOT** wish to have your child(ren) interviewed, photographed or videotaped, (a) check the box below; (b) complete information at the bottom and sign the form; and (c) return form to school within five (5) school

- Please **do not** include my child(ren) in any interview, photograph or video tape intended for use by PSD or the news media.

### Section 2: Internet Access & Electronic Mail

Poudre School District (PSD) recognizes the potential for research, information and communication provided by the Internet and World Wide Web. Therefore, the **District makes Internet and Web access available to all students for use as an academic resource and means of communication.**

Many classes in PSD routinely use the Internet as a tool to complete class assignments and projects in many subject areas. PSD takes measures to limit student access to content inappropriate for the school environment. In addition students are expected to adhere to strict guidelines for use of the Internet and electronic mail, as defined in the PSD *Code of Conduct*.

- ✓ May only include the student's first name
- ✓ No names may be associated with pictures.
- ✓ No confidential student information shall be published or linked to web page.

Information published by or about students on the PSD public access web pages meet the following criteria:

- Please **do not** provide my child access to the Internet.
- Please **do not** provide my child an electronic mail account.
- Please **do not** allow information published by or about my child to

*Please note: If form is not completed and returned to the school within five (5) school days from the date form is sent to parent(s)/guardian(s), PSD will assume that parent(s)/guardian(s) have given permission. A new form must be submitted each school year.*

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Date form sent to parents:

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## Centennial High School

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