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Exciting Changes at Central High School

It has been an exciting start to the 2017-2018 school year. Central High School has a newly renovated library that has been updated to provide a college and professional business environment feel with spaces for study, collaboration, and instruction. The Phase One addition is complete and includes a renovated and enlarged chorus and band room, a Living Skills classroom, additional classroom space for driver education, health classes, and state of the art fitness facilities including a strength and conditioning center as well as a cardio center equipped with spin bikes, elliptical trainers, treadmills, and rowing machines.

The Phase Two addition is underway and will include 12 classrooms, two of which will house our new INCubator program and our Mobile Maker program. These unique classrooms will be part of our new Entrepreneurial and Small Business Certificate Program coming in 2018. The INCubator Program is designed to entice young entrepreneurs to develop (and hopefully to "cash in on") creative ideas and essential skills (adaptability, critical-thinking, collaboration, creativity, and problem solving). This course will help prepare students to deal with the complexity of the challenges facing the world today and lead to cooperative education or internship opportunities for our students. Additionally, it is designed to begin strategic partnerships between school and industry. For additional information about this program, please visit <http://incubatoredu.org>.

The Mobile Maker program is designed to reach the students who have an interest in the ever-changing landscape of technology. Mobile Maker focuses on teaching students how to code their own apps on their own personal iOS devices through hands-on projects.

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New Website and Mobile App

This summer, the District launched a new website at central301.net. This beautiful new site provides the community with all the information they need in an easy-to-navigate format. The district and school sites will have links to the current news and information you need right on the homepage. Click on "All News" to find archived news items. We hope you enjoy this new site and find it to be a great resource for your family.

If you haven't yet done so, we encourage you to download the District 301 mobile app. Available for both iPhone and Android users, this app is a great way for families and staff to stay connected and up to date on District news. The app can be customized to receive push notifications and calendars for selected schools and gives users quick access to key information such as Skyward, Canvas, transportation, and more!



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Prairie View Grade School

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Transportation Office

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Food Services

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Athletic Department

847.464.6038



Bus Safety Week 2017

National School Bus Safety Week will be held October 16 - 20, 2017. The theme for 2017 is "Stop on Red." During the week of October 16th, Central drivers will be leading bus evacuation drills at each school. These drills train students and staff on proper procedures should a bus need to be exited during an emergency situation.

D301's Transportation Department has a fleet of 75 buses and employs approximately 75 drivers and substitute drivers that transport nearly 4100 students on a daily basis. Our drivers are an asset to the district and take pride in safely transporting our students. Please take time this week to thank a bus driver for the service they provide to the students and families of Central District 301.







Trivia with a Twist 2017

Join us on Saturday, November 11th at 301 Foundation's 10th annual Trivia with a Twist event! This year's theme is "Celebrate Central". The event will be held at the Grand Victoria Casino in Elgin. Doors open at 6:00pm and trivia begin at 7:00pm. Attendees will enjoy a dinner buffet and a beer/wine open bar.

We encourage you to put together a team of 8 for this fun night. The first 100 paid registrants will be entered into a raffle up until October 16th. All proceeds benefit the schools and students of District 301. To learn more about the 301 Central Education Foundation or to register for Trivia with a Twist, visit www.301foundation.org.



 CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL
 LILY LAKE GRADE SCHOOL
 PRAIRIE VIEW GRADE SCHOOL
 CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL





Show Your 301 Spirit



CELEBRATE CENTRAL

301 Central Education Foundation

presents

TRIVIA WITH A TWIST

 PRAIRIE KNOLLS MIDDLE SCHOOL
 COUNTRY TRAILS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
 HOWARD B. THOMAS GRADE SCHOOL


11/11/2018

Lily Lake Grade School

On Saturday, November 11th

at the Grand Victoria Casino – Elgin

Doors open at 6PM and Trivia begins at 7PM


Gather your team of 8,
or we'll place you at a table

\$65 per person

(Includes dinner buffet and 4 hours of beer and wine open bar)

Registration opens on September 16th at 301foundation.org

The first 100 registrants are eligible for a raffle drawing, ends 10/16/17.



Upcoming Dates

Thursday, October 5th

SIP Day - Half Day for Students

Friday, October 6th

Teacher Institute Day - No School for Students

Monday, October 9th

Columbus Day - No School for Students

Monday, October 16th

Board of Education Meeting, 6-8pm

Friday, October 27th

End of Quarter 1

Thursday, November 2nd

SIP Day - Half Day for Students

Friday, November 3rd

Teacher Institute Day - No School for Students

November 20th-24th

Thanksgiving Break - No School for Students

November 20th-21st

Parent Teacher Conferences

Monday, November 27th

Board of Education Meeting, 6-8pm

Homecoming 2017

Homecoming is an exciting time for high school students around the country. This year Central High School's homecoming week is October 2—7. Over the course of this week, students will participate in fun dress-up days, assemblies, and athletic events.

The Homecoming football games will be held on Friday, October 6th, against Woodstock North. The sophomore game will begin at 5:00 with the varsity game following at 7:00 at Rocket Hill. The Athletic Boosters will present a fireworks display at the conclusion of the game. The full Homecoming athletics schedule can be found below. We encourage everyone to come out and support your Central Rockets!

Homecoming weekend will culminate with the dance which will be held on Saturday, October 7th, at Country Trails Elementary School from 7:00—10:00pm.

We hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable Homecoming week!

Mon, Oct. 2

Boys Volleyball Tournament
6:00pm

Tues, Oct. 3

Volleyball vs Woodstock North
FR—4:30pm
SO—5:30pm
V—6:30pm

Cross Country Rocket Invite
4:15pm

Boys Golf IHSA Regional
8:00am

Soccer vs Woodstock North
JV—4:30pm
V—6:00pm

Wed, Oct. 4

Girls Golf IHSA Regional
8:00am

Soccer vs Marengo
JV—4:30pm
V—6:00pm

Volleyball vs Marengo
FR—4:30pm
SO—5:30pm
V—6:30pm

Thurs, Oct. 5

Powder Puff Games
FR v SO—6:00pm
JR v SR—7:00pm

Fri, Oct. 6

Football vs Woodstock North
SO—5:00pm
V—7:00pm



*Engage the
mind,
Empower
the learner,
Inspire
excellence,
Influence the
world!*

Alliance for College Readiness Events

The Alliance for College Readiness would like to invite CHS parents to attend their upcoming events designed to help prepare your high school students for college. All events will be held at Elgin Community College.

College Night is on Tuesday, October 3rd, from 6 to 8 p.m. in Building J. Students will have the opportunity to meet with representatives from over 100 colleges and universities. A complete list of represented colleges can be downloaded from the ECC [website](#).

College & Career 101 for Parents of High School Students will be held on Thursday, October 19th, from 6 to 8 p.m., in Building E. This program is designed to help you make the most of your students' high school years so they can graduate from high school college and career ready.

College Smart Fair is on Saturday, October 7th, from 9 a.m. to noon in Building E. Parents and students will learn about the true cost of college, applying for scholarships, how student loans work, how to complete the FAFSA, and more!

Visit www.elgin.edu/collegereadiness for more information on the Alliance for College Readiness and future events.

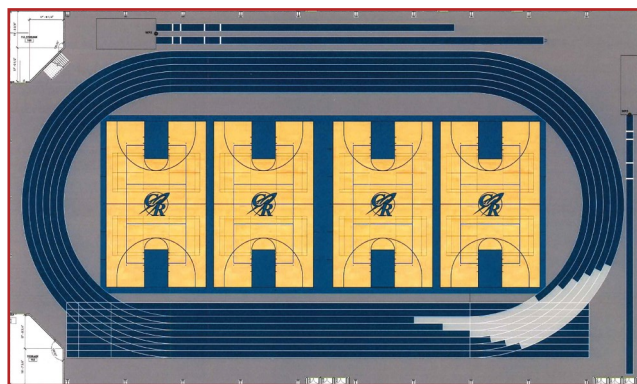
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Students in this class learn a multitude of future-ready skills, including but not limited to, problem-solving, critical-thinking, collaboration, resourcefulness, and perseverance. These skills are essential for all students to be successful in today's demanding marketplace. For more information regarding this program, please visit <http://mobilemakersedu.org/programs/>.

The Phase Two addition will also provide for a Veterinary Tech Education classroom. This innovative classroom setting will be used for veterinary science with an end goal of students exiting the program with a veterinarian assistant certification.

The field house is also part of the Phase Two addition. The field house will include four full size basketball courts and an indoor 200-meter track, which will be used to host state qualifying indoor track meets. The primary use of the space will be for physical education classes, marching band use, extracurricular athletics, and athletic feeder programs.



On Sunday, September 10, 2017, the district hosted an open house for the community to tour the high school facility. Over 100 community members took part in the tours. The district is planning the Grand Opening of the Phase Two addition tied to the 2018 Burlington Days celebration. More information will be shared as we get closer to that date.

Welcome to the Central 301 family!

District 301 Welcomes New Staff

Central District 301 is pleased to welcome new staff to our growing district. Below is a list of our staff members new this year.

DO	Shayne Birkmeier, Director of Curriculum K-8	Tara Grommes, Executive Administrative Assistant
CHS	Sarah Arcan, Science Teacher Isaac Baldwin, Dean's Assistant Ashton Brown, Math Interventionist Rebecca Curtis, Science Teacher Tonya Helsel, English Teacher Megan Marciniac, School Counselor Sean Meyer, SpEd Teacher Daniel Morgan, Social Studies Teacher Dana Mumford-Nowling, SpEd Teacher Kerry Nguyen, Science Teacher	Brian Oyler, German Teacher Kristen Peara, PE Teacher Kevin Pierce, Science Teacher Deena Rahim, Paraprofessional Denise Salazar, Cook Julia Smagacz, English Teacher Jarrett Stearns, SpEd Teacher Brayden Teele, Math Teacher Eliana Toledo, Student Services Secretary
CMS	Christopher Barwegen, Math Interventionist Rose Danielek, Social Worker	Dana Jamrozek, Science Teacher Brian Oyler, German Teacher
PKMS	Lauren Gryzik, Math Interventionist Deanna Hinckley, School Psychologist	Leigh Ann Huntley, SpEd Teacher Angela Schramer, Social Studies Teacher
CT	Eva Hayes, Cook Angela Kenny, Paraprofessional Shelby Kenny, Paraprofessional Toni Mack, Paraprofessional	Emily Ory, ELL Teacher Michelle Pineda, Paraprofessional Rachel Wille, Third Grade Teacher
HBT	Kelly Becker, ELL Teacher Marie Byker, Paraprofessional Adam Carnell, 5th Grade Teacher Patricia Cox, Nurse Angela Gall, Paraprofessional Nicole Graf, EC Teacher Hannah Guerra, SpEd/ELL Teacher	Leah Herman, 3rd Grade Teacher Jill Jeppesen, PE/Health Teacher Brigid Lucas, Paraprofessional Christa Meraz, Kindergarten Teacher Caitlin O'Brien, 1st Grade Teacher Melissa Steinmeier, EC Teacher
LL	Travis Hughes, Paraprofessional Janel Jensen, Paraprofessional	Colleen Lescher, 3rd Grade Teacher Amy VanWagenen, Kindergarten Teacher
PV	Sarah Borse, SpEd Teacher Koriann Cline, SpEd/ELL Teacher Jim DiDomenico, 2nd Grade Teacher Nathan Etter, Music Teacher Layne Fleming, 3rd Grade Teacher	Sarah Karnatz, 5th Grade Teacher Elizabeth Kowalski, 3rd Grade Teacher Molly Leopold, 1st Grade Teacher Kara Mancini, 5th Grade Teacher Laura Smith, 4th Grade Teacher
Trans	George Ellis, Bus Driver Chaise Harvey, Bus Driver Scott Hutchins, Bus Driver	Carrie Maraccini, Router Elizabeth Terrell, Bus Aide
B&G	Daniel Kraus, Maintenance	