

International Outreach Program



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Upcoming Events

For Parents:

Understanding your Daughter (in Spanish)

Girls Inc. Guest Speaker

Laura Creamer

Monday, March 23 6-8pm

CHS Cafeteria

Come to this information session and learn more about supporting your daughter as she learns to become an adult.

6-week Progress Reports

Mon., Feb. 23

Students receive reports in advisement. Reports ARE NOT mailed home. Please ask your student for their report.

A Taste of the World

Friday, March 20

6-8:30 pm

CHS Cafeteria

Parents: Reserve your table now to showcase your regional dish!

Contact me at

770-650-4230 ext. 178

Centennial Jazz Band

Centennial String Quartet

Detour, CHS Step Team

Chattahoochee HS Korean

Traditional Fan Dancers

A well-know local group,

Earthshaking Samba,

will also perform!



College Scholarships currently available for Latino Students:

• Univision League of Champions Scholarship

Atlanta-area 12th grade Latino students who have a 3.0 cumulative GPA are eligible for the \$1,000 Univision League of Champions scholarship! Applications are available in the Counseling department and must be postmarked by May 31, 2009.

• **Hispanic Scholarship Fund**--Scholarship applications for the 2009-2010 academic year are currently available for online submission. The deadline to submit an application is **February 18, 2009** by 11:59 pm, EST. For more information visit

www.hsf.net

• ¡Adelante! Us Education Leadership Fund

Hispanic students who have a minimum of 3.0 GPA are eligible for financial aid or state-funded programs, and enrolled full-time. joguerrero@adelantefund.org.

www.adelantefund.org/



A Message from the Principal

Centennial High School has a vision that all students must be able to pursue learning that will lead them to the fulfillment of their dreams and aspirations. In order to achieve their goals, students must be accountable for their personal learning by regular school attendance, by exercising self-management, by adhering to school

policies and procedures, and by completing homework and classwork every school day. Centennial is a high achieving school where the heritage of all students is considered to be an expanded investment in global understanding. Thank you for choosing Centennial and for contributing to the cultural richness of our school environment.

Educationally yours,

John E. Bartley, Ph.D.

Principal

Don't forget to register for a standardized test if you plan to attend college! Register at collegeboard.com

SAT ~ North Springs HS March 14

ACT ~ Riverwood HS February 7

Please visit me in the Counseling Department with any questions that you have about Centennial High School. I am here to help you.

How can I ensure that my child is making progress in school and on track for graduation?

Monitor student's credits.

Pay attention to report card timelines.

Make sure your student makes up work missed when absent to avoid zeros.

Make sure you send a note with your student to take to the attendance window when they are absent to avoid suspension (and therefore missing assignments).

Attend parent information sessions on college applications and scholarship information.

In Financial Need?

Become a qualifying family at North Fulton Community Charities. Visit the office for an interview at 11270 Elkins Road off Alpharetta Hwy anytime during the hours of 9am-3pm M-F (until 7pm on Wed). Bring a photo ID and proof of residency (30076). If rental assistance or utility assistance is needed, bring a copy of the lease or utility bill. Bring any documentation that supports the financial need.



Alternate Options to High School

If your son or daughter is considering withdrawing from school, please let them know there are options available to them!

Independence High School

Receive your HS Diploma by completing work independently

Hours: 8:10am-3:10pm

Location: Former Milton HS in downtown Alpharetta (off Main St./Alpharetta Hwy)

Cost: Free for Fulton County Residents

1. You must be 16 yrs old
2. Check with your counselor to make sure you have 10 credits
3. Talk to your parents and make sure Independence HS is the right choice for you – most work at IHS is in packet form with little teaching instruction
4. Come in to the CHS Counseling Dept. with your parents to withdraw BEFORE FIRST PERIOD
 - o Bring your books and JROTC uniform if you have one
 - o Books are generally \$70 and the JROTC uniform is \$100 if not turned in
5. Go to all of your classes during the day and get your teacher to sign the withdrawal form
6. Bring the withdrawal form back to the Counseling Dept. and pick up your packet with all of your CHS documents for Independence
7. Schedule interview at Independence HS (770) 521-7616
8. When you go to your interview, dress in nice clothing and act respectful. Arrive on time.
9. Call Ms. Curtis when you begin IHS so she knows you are in a program (770) 650-4230 ext. 178

GED Preparation Program

Receive your HS Diploma equivalent (GED)

Hours: 8:00am-8:00pm

Location: Goodwill Store (on Alpharetta Hwy)

Cost: Free for Fulton County Residents

1. Do not need to be 16 yrs old (but need to be 16 to take GED test and have attended 50 hrs of GED class)
2. Do not need any credits from HS
3. Talk to your parents and make sure a GED is the right choice for you – you will be studying independently with a teach to assist you, but usually not learning formal lessons
4. Come in to the CHS Counseling Dept. with your parents to withdraw BEFORE FIRST PERIOD
5. Bring your books and JROTC uniform if you have one
6. Books are generally \$70 and the JROTC uniform is \$100 if not turned in
7. Go to all of your classes during the day and get your teacher to sign the withdrawal form
8. Bring the withdrawal form back to the Counseling Dept.
9. Call Ms. Faris when you begin IHS so she knows you are in a program (770) 650-4230 ext. 178

Useful Websites

There are many websites for you to access to learn more about Centennial High School, access teachers' websites, or find out about PTSA programs!

- Centennial High School** chsknights.org
- PTSA (Parent TeacherStudent Association)** chsptsa.org
- Counseling Department** chscounseling.com

Use a Springboard Method to get into College!

If you have mostly As on your report card and very high SAT scores, apply for early admission to UGA or Georgia Tech before Oct. 1. These schools have EXTREMELY competitive enrollment and very limited space due to GA residents being eligible for the HOPE scholarship, which allows students with a 3.0 average to attend college for free.

If you have a HS diploma, you are eligible to apply to 4-year colleges, such as Kennesaw State University. If you cannot gain admittance because of your grades, attend a 2-year college first.

If you have a GED, you are eligible to apply to 2-year colleges, such as Georgia Perimeter College. You can then transfer in to a 4-year college.

If you cannot gain acceptance because of your grades at a 2-year college, you can attend Gwinnett Technical Institute to take college courses and transfer in to a 2-year college.

***If you do not have a Social Security Number, you can still attend college. You will be charged out-of-state tuition, which can be close to \$9,000. However, some banking institutions offer bank loans to applicants with a co-signer.*

The Price of College

Plan for your son or daughter to attend college- it is possible.



HOPE Scholarship

If they have a 3.0 and a SSN (Social Security Number), they can receive the HOPE scholarship, which pays for tuition.

In-State Tuition

If they are GA residents with a SSN, they will receive the in-state tuition rate.

Out-of-State Tuition

If they do not have a SSN, they can still attend college, but must pay the out-of-state

University of Georgia

In-State: \$2,800/semester

Out-of-State: \$7,500/semester

Kennesaw State University

In-State: \$1,700/semester

Out-of-State: \$5,300/semester

Georgia Perimeter College:

In-State: \$900/semester (4 classes)

Out-of-State: \$3,600/semester (4 classes)

Gwinnett Technical Institute:

In-State: \$450/semestre

Out-of-State: \$800/semestre

*** Full-time students generally take 3-4 classes per semester. Prices reflect a 3-course schedule with the exception of GA Perimeter Prices varv*

Remember to use the Homework Hotline!



Remember that the Homework Hotline is available for students to use when they don't understand a homework assignment simply by calling (404) 843-7700 M-F 5-8pm. ESOL teachers are on staff at the center.

Remember to call when you will be absent!

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Apartment Complexes are not being Redistricted

The apartment complexes of Concepts 21, Wood Creek, Holcomb's Crossing, and Aspen Pointe are not being redistricted

for middle or high school attendance. However, residents of these apartment complexes with elementary school-aged children will be redistricted to the new elementary school on Birmingham Highway. Centennial students who live in these apartment complexes will remain at Centennial HS. There is no redistricting of Centennial High School students in any area.

College Information Fairs for Latino Students:

There will be information sessions at two GA colleges this spring specifically targeting Latino students at *GA Gwinnett College on Sun., Feb. 15 2pm in Lawrenceville, GA and at the University of Georgia on Sat., Mar. 28.* Please see me to register for the UGA session.

New Seminar for International Students!

Beginning this semester, students who need help with coursework can enroll in a seminar



for extra help. This seminar is a program for mentors and mentees. Ask your student to register for this seminar for the next session in March at seminar.chsknights.org.

Students New to Centennial HS: A Checklist

- Withdrawal form from previous school
- Copy of student's final transcript
- Attendance records from previous school
- Discipline records from previous school
- Complete mailing address of previous school
- Copy of student's social security card
- Copy of student's birth certificate
- TWO verifications of residency (utility bills, an apartment contract)
- Picture ID of parent/legal guardian
- Current Immunization Certificate (new form #3231) *AND*
- Ear, Eye, Dental Certificate (new form #3300).

Georgia State Law requires these to be on State of Georgia forms. The forms may be filled out at the North Fulton Regional Health Center located at 3155 Royal Dr. Alpharetta, GA 30022, 404-332-1958

- Proof of custody (if you are not the natural parent)

Probate Court can provide information for those that are not the natural parent seeking guardianship, located at 7741 Roswell Rd. 404-730-4684. Guardian will need to have a GA driver's license.

- A current IEP for student with special needs if applicable