



Centennial Public School

February, 2023

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The new year and the spring 2023 semester is well underway at Centennial. Students and teachers are hard at work to improve and become 1% better every day. As a school we are following our strategic plan to make incremental improvements as well. We are believers that incremental improvements are one of the most powerful tools we have to make Centennial an even better school district. Focusing on the details leads to big results and greater success for our students.

Our focus this spring in our strategic plan is to improve our learning opportunities for our students. We want to take this opportunity to share about some of these initiatives that Centennial is working on.

SERVICE LEARNING - Centennial Public School is a great school, because of the support we receive from our patrons and communities. We are going to take time this spring to give back to our communities with a service learning day. Students will coordinate with community leaders to identify projects that our students assist with, these may include park cleanup, trash pickup, painting curbs or parking lines in streets, cleaning fire halls, and any other projects that would benefit our towns and villages. This day will be a powerful lesson for our young people and we hope will be a valuable service to our communities. Living in a rural community is a blessing. We all pitch in to help one another and this day will be intended to spread this message to our next generation of community members and future leaders.

COURSE AND STEM OFFERINGS - Centennial has received generous donations from the Bayer Fund and the Ihde Foundation to allow for the purchase of a laser engraving machine. We are excited for this machine's arrival, and for the students to have the opportunity to work with this cutting edge technology. The plan will be to incorporate this device and the products students create into a student run business. Students will gain valuable business experience and entrepreneurial skills through this opportunity. We will look to further expand these STEM opportunities in the future. Our other high school course offerings will expand for the 2023-2024 school year as we look to offer more elective classes to further enrich our students' learning experience at Centennial.

We look forward to what is going to be a great second semester. Every day is a blessing and a chance to make a positive impact on someone's life. We challenge ourselves to take a moment every day to connect with someone. Take the moment to have a conversation. Let someone know they are valued and that you care about them. Use a moment to serve someone else with a random act of kindness. These acts improve our culture, brighten someone's day, and make people feel valued. We, as a Bronco Family, feel the value and support that we receive from our communities. We give our deepest gratitude for the support we receive from organizations like Centennial Choice, Centennial Foundation, Booster Club, PTO, Volunteer Readers, Teammates Mentors, Backpack Program Donors, and many others that go above and beyond to serve our students. Your gifts of time and resources are setting our next generation up to be successful community members. We appreciate and are humbled by your continued support.



Seth Ford,
Superintendent




CENTENNIAL HIGH SCHOOL
ALUMNI

**VOLLEYBALL &
BASKETBALL
TOURNEY**

**\$35 ENTRY
FEE PER
PLAYER**

SATURDAY MARCH 25TH

REGISTRATIONS DUE MARCH 20TH - SEE OTHER FLYER FOR MORE INFO

AFTER THE TOURNEY SOCIAL TO FOLLOW AT TNT BAR & GRILL IN UTICA
CONTACT KEATON KUCERA, PRESTON STUHR, OR JENNY WAGNER WITH QUESTIONS


**\$10 ENTRY @ DOOR
OR PLAY IN TOURNAMENT**
ALL PROCEEDS GO BACK TO
CENTENNIAL ATHLETES FOR
SUMMER CAMP COSTS

**CENTENNIAL ALUMNI
SOCIAL**

**SATURDAY MARCH 25TH - 7:00 PM
TNT BAR & GRILL**

ALL ALUMNI ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND IN ADDITION TO
SPOUSES/SIGNIFICANT OTHERS, PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS, & STAFF
YOU DON'T NEED TO PLAY IN THE TOURNAMENT TO ATTEND!

MEAL SPECIAL - BURGER & FRIES \$5.99



Scan to Register



2023 ANNUAL CENTENNIAL ALUMNI TOURNEY

ALUMNI & FRIENDS:

We are wanting to start back up the alumni tournaments here at Centennial High School. We are planning on having a basketball tournament in the East gym and a volleyball tournament in the West gym on Saturday, March 25th starting @ 8:00 AM.

Entry fee to the tournament is \$35 per player, which covers tournament costs, t-shirt, and player entry into the social that evening.

Teams should consist of your graduating class; or you may combine with either the class above and/or below yours. The only exception to this rule would be for those who are having trouble finding a team to play on. If that is the case, please let us know so we may help you find a team or put a team together. Additionally, playing on more than one team is not allowed. If you are short players, combine with another class but don't share players between teams.

Spouses will be allowed to participate in the tournament, but only with their spouse's graduating class. There is also allowed to be one staff team per tournament.

Team registrations must be completed by Monday, March 20th. Please fill out the google form.
<https://forms.gle/gfhDLjTCnEUu5oam8>

Tournament schedule depends on the number of teams that register but the plan will be to have the tournament schedule out by 5/23/23. Please contact us if you have a late registration.

Payment for the tournament will be collected on site before your first match. Registration is accounted for based on waiver signatures, and all players must sign the release waiver, releasing Centennial of any liability before taking part in any play.

Social will take place at TNT Bar & Grill in Utica following the tournament. Doors will open at 7:00 PM. Social is open to all and cost is \$10 to attend if you didn't want to play in the tournament. All proceeds will go back to our current student-athletes to help cover costs for summer camps.

Questions please contact the AD at Centennial - Jenny Wagner (402) 534-2321 or contact Keaton Kucera or Preston Stuhr. Thanks and we look forward to hearing from you and are excited to bring this back!



Centennial One Act presented *Circus Olympus*. The cast and crew did a remarkable job once again this year. We chose to do another play featuring Greek Gods on the recommendation of a judge we had in 2020. At K-Dub Play competition this year we brought home a 3rd place plaque, which set our season off really well! At conference we received 6th place, which left us a bit disappointed but we decided we would work harder and be more prepared at Districts. We went into districts with high hopes but also knowing that our districts was stacked with great competition. We came away from districts disappointed because the season had ended but proud of our fourth place finish. What a talented group of kids. I should also mention here that we had a lot of new faces this year so it is quite a great accomplishment! We are a young group so doing as well as we did excites us for the upcoming years. It was also the biggest group that I have had in 17 years!

The cast this year included: Rachel Garcia, Elijah Utter, Matthew Hoops, Luke Hoffshneider, Cambria Saunders, Jack Wellman, Emalee Hawley, Kate Luebbe, Ava Fischer, Saige Scheele, Hannah Luebbe, Jake Fehlhafer, Torian Ibarra, Natalie Sams, Keenan Kosek, Shawn Rathjen, Hope Galley, Abby Saunders, Catelynn Borgen, Krislyn Green, Liberty Tomjack, Rosa Martinez, Cooper Stelling, James Hoffschneider, Ryan Richters, Ben Sams, and Ellie Tempel. The crew included: Captain Jayde Gumaer, Alex Hirschfeld, Brayden Foley, John Fehlhafer, Alex Galavaz, Keelie Bronson, and Ayla Kahler. At the K-Dub Competition Cambria Saunders, Hannah Luebbe, Ellie Tempel, Luke Hoffschneider, Jake Fehlhafer, Shawn Rathjen, Jake Wellman, Keenan Kosek, Kate Luebbe, Ava Fischer, and Rachel Garcia received Outstanding Actor Awards. At conference Cambria Saunders, Luke Hoffschneider, Elijah Utter, Ellie Tempel, Jake Fehlhafer, Catelynn Borgen, Krislyn Green, Hannah Luebbe, and Rachel Garcia received Outstanding Actor Awards. At Districts Rachel Garcia, Cambria Saunders, Kate Luebbe, Ava Fischer, Jake Fehlhafer, Torian Ibarra, Jack Wellman, Ben Sams, Elijah Utter, Matthew Hoops, Luke Hoffschneider, Hannah Luebbe, Keenan Kosek, Shawn Rathjen, Krislyn Green, Catelynn Borgen, Liberty Tomjack, and Ellie Tempel all received outstanding actor awards.

Centennial One Act is so lucky to be supported by so many within the school building and in our community. We had a big set again this year and had more kids involved than the year before. It gives those kids who don't want to be on the stage a chance to be involved. I had a great crew who went above and beyond to help with anything we needed. Thank you to Shawn Fowler who helped build and paint the set. Emma Dannehl, the new art teacher, also helped us out this year by painting clouds on a set of our big boxes. Dana Yamber decorated our thrones for the Gods. Beth Johnson created the hats that our flowers wore. Thank you so much to all of you that made this production a success. The judges loved our set so I cannot thank you enough! A special thank you to Mr. Borgen for always driving our set and loading and unloading each year. Thank you to Seth Ford who also helped drive our set to David City. Thank you to Mrs. Wagner for helping us keep our competitions going, for hosting districts, and all the behind the scenes things she takes care of. Thank you to all the people who continue to support what we do and come and watch our performances.

Jarrett Fowler and Rachel Saunders



Circus Olympus



Centennial Elementary Dance

Saturday, February 25th

7:00 - 9:00 pm

Commons Area

This is for All Family Members

Light Snacks Provided

\$20 Per Family

Please return this bottom portion with your \$20 payment to the Elementary Office
Make checks payable to Centennial PTO

How Many Family Members Attending _____

Names _____

Dress Up or Dress Down, Just Be Prepared to Dance!



Save the Date!
2023 PTO Fun Night
Friday, April 21st
6-9 pm

New this year - WRISTBANDS!



WINTER ACTIVITIES

Boys Wrestling



Girls Wrestling



Speech



Girls Basketball



Boys Basketball



Boys JH Wrestling



Girls JH Basketball



Dance



Boys JH Basketball



CENTENNIAL PRESCHOOL



- Early Childhood Certified Teachers
- Hands-On Learning Experiences
- Play Centered Learning
- Early Childhood Focused Playground
- Whole-Child Centered with focus on Social-Emotional Learning
- Transportation Provided for All Students (within the district)
- No Charge
- Breakfast and/or Lunch Served
- Educational Field Trips
- Three Classrooms



Scan for Survey

Please help us gather important information about your family's current and future needs for Preschool at Centennial by filling out the survey that can be found at

<https://forms.gle/yCaQrfJnvQv1GwK7A>

Thank you!



CENTENNIAL PRESCHOOL PLAYDATE

Bring your child and let him/her experience the Lil' Broncos Preschool at Centennial Public School. Student-centered activities will include opportunities to promote social play, explore the preschool environment, and interact with teachers and staff. Parents will have time to ask questions and gain information about the school year.

WHERE: Centennial Public School (1301 Centennial Avenue, Utica, Ne)

WHO: Any incoming preschooler, who will be ages 3 or 4 as of July 31, 2023

DATE: Friday, February 24, 2023 **TIME:** 2 Sessions are available

Session 1: 8:30-9:30am

Session 2: 10:30-11:30am

Please RSVP by Tuesday, February 22nd to reserve your spot!

CONTACT: Cara Stoll, Director of Special Services

Teri Fickel, Administrative Assistant

(402) 534-2321 ext. 4

****If this date/time is not convenient for you, please contact us for a different day/time. We would love to meet you and show you the amazing things happening at Lil' Broncos Preschool.****

Centennial Kindergarten

Round-Up 2023



Where: Centennial Public School

**Who: Any incoming Kindergarteners Age 5
as of July 31st, 2023**

Date: March 24th Time: 9:30 A.M.

Enter through the front entrance to have your child sign their Letter of Intent to attend Kindergarten!

Please RSVP to the Elementary Office at (402) 534-2321 (press 2). We want to be sure to have enough materials for all who attend.

Items to bring with you: Your child's Birth Certificate

We can't wait to see you!



On Sale

inter-state.com/order
Use Order Code 74891M

Centennial Year Book 2022-2023

Yearbook - \$35

Sale Ends: June 2, 2023



The Seward County Art Show will be on display all of February and March in the Seward civic center (the side closest to the auditorium.) Judging will take place in the middle of March and the awards will be held Sunday, March 26th in the Civic Center auditorium. First place and honorable mention winners will have their art go to the state contest April 20th.

The following are students who have work in the show:

High School-

9th Grade: Cissanie Krohe, Peytn Nave, Royale Dean, Trisha Miller, Abigail Saunders, and Payton Cradick

10th Grade: Rylee Barth, Liberty Tomjack and Mercedes Stanford

11th Grade: Dalayni Rhodes, Emalee Hawley, Rylie Balltrip, Molly Prochaska, and Cadence (CJ) Wettengel

12th Grade: Elijah Utter

Junior High -

6th: Leah Ahrens, Piper Baack, Brielle Hladky, Reagan Juranek, and Halix Harrroun

Elementary-

K: Boone Henderson, John Declan Browning, Evelyn Luce, Brady Heine, Mireya Zysset, Gwen Steele, and Brody Tonniges

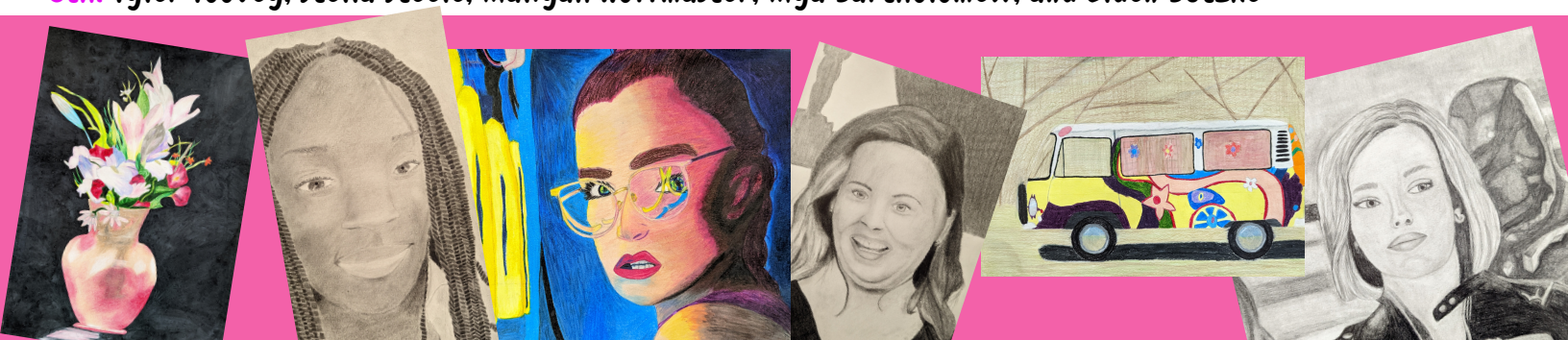
1st: Laken Calton, Alea Banks, Camden Foltz, Tara Ahrens, Riley Heater, and Evelyn Stephens

2nd: Eva Estle, Blakely Stoll, Alcede Prochaska, Stella Borchers, Brinli Rodine, Sawyer Johnson, Elliot Bartholomew, and Prunella Lawson

3rd: Reed Pulliam, Olivia Rhodes, Maddelyn Martinez, Rileigh Foltz, Dillon Petzoldt, Georgie Blythe, Owen Ford, and Jarren Wagner

4th: Rachel Scheele, Parker Pabian, Keely Stoll, Ashtin Kain, Blake Redfield, Courtney Williams-, and Kelsie Schmit

5th: Tyler Toovey, Stella Steele, Maliyah Hoffmaster, Mya Bartholomew, and Elden Butzke



Donate to Post Prom

Dear Centennial Family/Area Business:

Centennial parents are busy preparing for the 2023 Post Prom. Committee volunteers ask for your support of this safe and fun-filled event. Donations can be mailed to Centennial Post Prom, c/o Jami Utter, PO Box 337, Utica, NE 68456. Please make checks payable to the Centennial Post Prom Committee. We ask that we have your donations by the middle of March, so we can prepare for the April 1st event. Thank you for your support of this special occasion.

Centennial Post Prom Committee

**Congratulations to:
Rachel Garcia, Micah Richters, Ben Sams, and Kate Luebbe
for being selected to be part of the UNK Honor Band!**



2023 Seward County Spelling Bee participants L-R:
Brielle Hladky (6th), Tyler Toovey (5th),
Owen Ford (3rd), and Rachel Scheele (4th)

Kearney Underclassmen
Honor Band



Looking back FFA newsletter

December and January

Fruit Sales

Our fruit sales came in around the 13th of December, thank you to who purchased from an FFA member! Through our fundraisers we are able to attend State and National Conventions, attend industry tours, participate in contests, and so much more! Bonus, we raised over our chapter goal! We can't thank you enough for your support.



LDE NIGHT

We had a great practice LDE night on December 20! This was a great opportunity for our students to get ready for competition. District LDE's will be hosted at the Holthus Center in York on January 18. Thank you to everyone who came to watch!



Livestock Judging

The Centennial Senior Livestock Judging team traveled Madison County Fairgrounds and Competed in the Battlecreek FFA Livestock Judging Competition on January 20. They judged eight different classes of animals and gave reasons. Congrats to Dillon and Jacob who placed top ten!



District LDE's

Members competed at District LDE's on January 25. Results are listed below, the top 3 teams in each event qualify for State.
CCM: 2nd - state qualifier
Parli Pro - 1st - state qualifier
Jr. Public Speaking - Lauryn B. , 2nd - State qualifier
Creed Speaking: Cissanie - 1st - State qualifier, Cheyenne - 2nd - state qualifier
Natural Resources Speaking: Maddie - Blue
Extemp.: Josie - Purple
Job interview: Cora P. - Blue, Kali - Blue
Sr. Public Speaking: Cora H. - Purple
Ag Demo: Team 1 - Purple, Team 2 - Blue
Great Job everyone!



State Officer Visit

State Officer Grace Timm came to do our annual State Officer visit on January 26. She taught us many important lessons such as how to motivate a team, how to be open to change, and how to use time management effectively.



upcoming events

February 1 - FFA meeting in the AG room

Feb. 1 - Proficiency review and State Degree interviews

Homeroom Guest speaker - Feb. 3 in Ag room

FFA Week!
Homeroom Speaker - Feb. 20 in Ag room

FFA Pancake Feed - Feb. 21 @ Centennial Ag shop

Lunch & Learn- Feb. 20 in Ag room during lunch

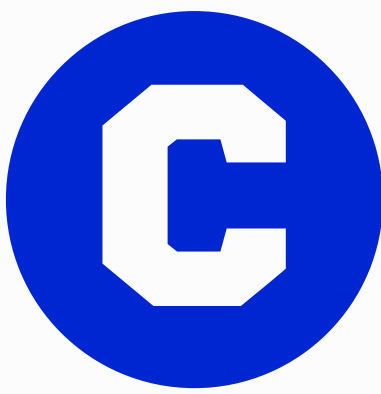
Homeroom Speaker - Feb. 22 in Ag room

Barnyard- Feb. 24 All day!

***more info and dress up days to follow as time gets closer!**

Livestock Judging - Feb. 18, all day @ Cattlemen's Classic in Kearney

CDE's February 28 @ Centennial



CENTENNIAL SCHOOLS

Centennial Activities Department • Jenny Wagner, AD

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Centennial Public School
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Centennial Booster Club
Centennial Alumni Committee

Selection Committee

Board of Education Representative
Foundation Representative
Booster Club Representative
Alumni Committee Representative
Superintendent
Principal
Athletic Director

Nominations

Nominations are Due September 1st of each year.

First award banquet will take place in 2024.

Please complete the nomination form and send to:

Centennial Public Schools
Attention: Jenny Wagner
1301 Centennial Avenue
Utica, NE 68456

Hall of Fame Nomination

<https://forms.gle/ikgj99y94bYShr9M8>

All-American Honor

<https://forms.gle/K6oxz8mcZzknwrxF8>

HALL OF FAME

Centennial Public School is going to be starting a Hall of Fame for people that have made an impact at Centennial. The Centennial Public School Hall of Fame is the highest honor bestowed by Centennial Public School. The Centennial Public School Hall of Fame recognizes alumni for their athletic, academic, artistic, service to community, contributions to the character of Centennial Public School and their prominence after graduation. All nominees to the Hall of Fame will serve as ambassadors of Centennial Public School and provide inspiration to future Broncos. These individuals must be of good moral character, with outstanding leadership qualities, and must be held in high esteem by their colleagues, coaches, and alumni. All nominations must fit the criteria of one of the categories given. All nominations must include detailed supporting information, which could include media articles, proof of awards, letters of support from others, etc. If assistance is needed in compiling information about a nominee, they should contact Jenny Wagner at Centennial Public School before the nomination is submitted. Nominations for the Centennial Public School Hall of Fame must be received by September 1st of each year. The Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony will be held in conjunction with the Alumni Tournament. Please contact Jenny Wagner with any questions.

CRITERIA REQUIREMENT FOR NOMINATION

- Individuals must be a Centennial graduate and have left school in good standing
- Individuals who gave service to Centennial in the form of a teacher, coach, administrator, volunteer, or community partner
- Individuals who have given great service to society and/or our country
- Individuals are not eligible for nomination until five years after graduation or service to the school
- A team may be nominated as an entity, but is not eligible for nomination until five years after graduation

AWARD CATEGORIES

- Meritorious Service (Military, Medical, Business, Community Members)
- Performing Arts/Activities
- Athlete
- Staff Member (Coach, Sponsor, Teacher, Administrator)
- Team
- Honorary

ALL-AMERICAN HONORS

Centennial Public School would also like to recognize all alumni that have received an All-American Honor throughout their collegiate career in any sport or activity. If you have received this honor, please complete the form and send your information to Jenny Wagner, Centennial AD.

HALL OF FAME NOMINATION

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ALL-AMERICAN NOMINATION

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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN WOODS



Clinton Turnbull - 12th



Jayde Gumaer - 12th



Dillon Tonniges - 12th



Jacob Warm - 12th



Shawn Rathjen - 12th



Trevor Fehlhafer - 11th



Devin Slawnyk - 10th



Rylee Barth - 10th



Junior High Students



Together We Transform Lives

TEAMMATESSM

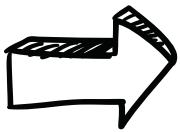
MENTORING CENTENNIAL

Centennial Teammates is currently accepting new
Mentors and Mentees!

For more information, please contact one of the following
Centennial employees:

Zach Waller
Rochelle Geiger
Donna Walgren

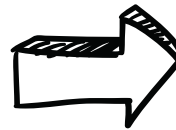
New to the Centennial Website



Check out the
Sports Rosters
& Schedules
Tab!



Spotlighting
our Students
and Staff!



Learn more
about the
Centennial
Foundation!

Centennial
School
Foundation

Your gifts today will create educational
opportunities for tomorrow's leaders.



Jaclynn puts forth 100% every day. She is kind to her classmates and teachers. She's a great example of Bronco Pride!

- Laura Pulliam



A fifth grade student asked Sam to join him for lunch bunch and he did! It made this student's day! He could have ate with his high school friends, but instead chose to eat with 5th graders! SO COOL!

Cora - Being an awesome student assistant! She is always willing to help out when I need her to!

- Alex Anstine





Centennial Choice Impact Estimate

School Year

	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023
Estimated Meals with Local Products Per Year	54	54	54	54	54	54
# of Students	454	460	451	454	473	491

Total Student Meals 150,282

	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	Total
BEEF	\$21,885	\$21,885	\$22,470	\$24,595	\$25,923	\$27,676	\$144,434
PORK			\$1,530	\$1,680	\$1,816	\$2,134	\$7,160
EGGS & PRODUCE					\$1,175	\$2,584	\$3,759
HOLIDAY MEAL						\$1,926	\$1,926
Estimated Total Financial Impact of the Program							\$157,279

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