

HS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday, October 7th, 2026

Help the Seniors raise money for their Senior Trip! They are selling Central Panther license plate covers for $20! See any Senior or order at CESSPOT.COM! We area selling the whole month of October!

Jostens will be here today during both lunch periods to collect Senior graduation orders and Sophomore ring orders.

There will be no school on Monday, October 12th – Columbus Day.

Exclusion Day is coming!! The State of Illinois has health requirements for 6th, (school physical-sports physical does not count for this! /Tdap and meningococcal vaccine or waiver) 9th (school physical-sports physical does not count for this!), and 12th (meningococcal vaccine or waiver) grade students that must be turned in by October 15th or your child will not be able to attend school until the requirements are received. The absences related to these missing requirements are unexcused. If you have received a letter or email from Nurse Natosha, please get these requirements turned in or reach out to Nurse Natosha at nschreacke@cusd3.com or 217-593-7741 if you feel that you received the communication in error!

Friday October 16th is an SIP Day with an early dismissal at 11:30 am. It's also the end of the 1st quarter! Report cards will be mailed home on October 23rd.

We will have an intruder drill at Central High School on 10/16/26. If you do NOT want your student participating in this drill, please return the document attached to the message signed by 10/9/26. If you'd like a paper copy given to your student to bring home, contact the high school office.

Seniors with early release—Want to earn service hours AND a free Drink Shop drink? CEC is looking for a few seniors to come on October 28, November 23, and December 17 to help set up and refresh our Kindergarten Discovery Area (our indoor play/learning space). You'll get approximately 3 service hours, a Drink Shop drink, and the feeling of making learning more fun for our little Panthers! Email Mrs. Shoopman ashoopman@cusd3.com or talk to Mr. Huston if you are interested!

PARENTS: **Parent/Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Thursday, October 29th from 3:30 pm – 7:30 pm and Friday, October 30th from 8 am – 12 pm.** **You are now able to sign up for conferences on your Skyward Family Access account. Please select the "Conferences" tile in Skyward to start the process of scheduling the time you would like. If you need to schedule a time for Mrs. Allison, Mr. Nall, Mr. Neisen, Mr. Jake Tenhouse, Mrs. Salinas or Mrs. Vermillion-Podlesnik – please reach out to the HS Office. Thank you!**

The Adams County Health Department will be giving influenza vaccines in our area on Thursday, October 29 from 3:00pm-6:00pm. This is open to the public! The vaccine clinic will take place in the IRC at the Jr High/High School campus. Please bring your ID and insurance card with you when you come!

Parking during tennis unit: Students may park in the angle parking spots to the south of the tennis courts--these are the spots closest to the school--during the tennis unit. They may also park in the JH parking lot, but should enter through the HS doors, not the JH.

Culvers is hiring!! Apply Online at culvers.com/careers

CLUBS:

- **Art Club members, we will meet on Tuesdays and Wednesdays till 4:30pm. See Mrs. Salinas if you have questions.**
- **Looking for a new opportunity? Now is the perfect time to branch out and join the Central Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) group!! We offer a great way to "be involved" and "build your resume" and would LOVE to add new members. Our 1st meeting is Wednesday, Oct. 14th at 7:50 a.m. in Mrs. Eilers' lab. Membership dues will be $35 and should be turned in to Mrs. Eilers by Oct. 29th.**
- **Any FBLA member from last year who is interested in running for a chapter officer position, please talk to Mrs. Eilers by Friday, Oct. 9th.**
- **International Club Officers meet every Thursday after 5th hour**
- Student Council – meets every Wednesday at 7:50 am in Mrs. Obert's room.

The Student Council is trying to raise money for Mini-Relay for Life by having bake/snack sales every Friday in the month of October. We are asking for donations of baked goods or snacks that we can sell to raise money for Mini-Relay. If you could please help us out, please send in your donation to be dropped off to Mrs. Obert's room anytime during the month of October.

GUIDANCE ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Student Election Judges Needed! Looks great on college and job applications!**

The General Election for the State of Illinois will be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026. Any Junior or Senior in good standing (GPA - 3.0 or better) and with approval of parents and their HS Counselor and Principal is invited to serve as a Student Election Judge. Interested students must submit an application and attend a mandatory training session - NO EXCEPTIONS. The training sessions are being offered on Tuesday, October 20, 2026 at 10am or 6pm at Knights of Columbus, McGivney Hall, 700 So 36th St., Quincy, IL. Student judges have the same responsibilities as Adult Judges and will receive $220 for completing the day and $15 for training. If interested, please get an application from Mrs. Mast! Applications must be turned into Mrs. Mast by Thursday, October 8th!

- **Juniors and Seniors who are taking a dual credit class - you are invited to attend a career fair on October 8th from 1-4pm in the JWCC gym.**

QU is hosting several Special Campus Visit Days throughout the fall semester!

- **Aviation Visit Day: October 12th - 12pm - 4pm**
- **Music Visit Day: October 12th - 12pm - 4pm**
- **Engineering Visit Day: October 16th - 12pm - 4pm**
- **Occupational & Physical Therapy Visit Day: October 23rd - 12pm - 4pm**
- **Nursing & Health Science Visit Day: November 11th - 12pm - 4pm**

You can register using this link: https://www.quincy.edu/admissions/visit-qu/ scroll down until you see "Special Campus Visit Days". Students will be responsible for their own transportation and need to get a blue college visit form from outside the office!

Explore your future! Career Exploration at CHS. *Not sure what you want to do after high school?* Come explore hands-on career opportunities at a Career Exploration Event. On Wednesday, October 14th, representatives from John Wood will be here to introduce students to three, in high demand career programs:

Truck Driver Training
Welding
Industrial Maintenance

You'll get the chance to try out simulators and experience what it's like to work in each field. See the equipment, explore the skills involved, and ask questions directly to industry and training representatives. Want to attend? Sign up here: Explore your future! Career Exploration at CHS. – Fill out form

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

*****SENIORS WILL BE EMAILED SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION AND APPLICATIONS! *****

The Elks National Foundation (local chapter - Quincy Lodge #100) is awarding 500 four-year scholarships to high school seniors who will be enrolling in four-year undergraduate degree programs. Scholarship amounts range from $1,000 to $7,500. For additional information and to apply, visit: https://www.elks.org/scholars/scholarships/MVS.cfm The deadline to apply is November 12, 2026.

2027 IEC Memorial Scholarship Program: 20 - $3,000 scholarships (19 general scholarships & 1 lineworker scholarship)

Thomas H. Moore IEC Memorial Scholarship

$3,000 general scholarships are specific for IL high school seniors who are the son/daughter of a cooperative member, employee or director. For more information and to apply, visit: https://aiec.coop/iec-scholarship/ Deadline to apply: December 31, 2026

Illinois State Historical Society's Verna Ross Orndorff Scholarship

- **$1,000 scholarship for a high school senior.**
- **Must write a 1,500-word essay.**
- **Application and essay *must be submitted by January 15th, 2027.***

LaVern & Nola McEntire Memorial Lineworker's Scholarship

A $3,000 scholarship will help pay for costs to attend the lineworker's school conducted by the AEIC in conjunction with Lincoln Land Community College - Springfield, IL. Scholarship will be awarded to an individual who is related to a rural electric cooperative employee or director in the State of IL; or is the son/daughter of an electric cooperative member in IL; or is enrolled in the Lincoln Land lineworker's school; or has served or is serving in the US armed forces or National Guard. For more information and to apply, visit: https://aiec.coop/lavern-and-nola-lineworkers-scholarship/ Deadline to apply: April 30, 2027

SPORTS:

No sports today!

Today's Lunch:

Tator Tot Casserole, Green Beans, Bread & Butter, Fruit

Next Breakfast:

Turnover, Fruit

Next Lunch:

Chicken Patty/Bun, Macaroni & Cheese, Peas, Fruit



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