



CENTERVILLE MISSION STATEMENT

To ensure that each student holds the skills needed to strategically problem solve and is prepared to contribute and thrive in the 21st century work force. Each student will demonstrate mastery of common core standards through on-going, authentic and varying assessments. We will ensure this by means of real-world application and through a multi-faceted system of support.

Dear Mustang Parents and Guardians,

It is difficult to believe we are well into the second semester of the 2022-23 school year. Although this school year has been exceptionally challenging for our entire school community due mainly to the construction we are experiencing, it is inspiring to see the resiliency of our students and witnessing the teachers, staff members, and families of Centerville working as a team for every child's success.

In February we begin the process for enrollment and registration for the 2023-2024 school year. Our 8th graders will have a visit from Washington High school counselors on February 16th to pick classes for high school. Be on the lookout for a registration packet through your child's Infinite Campus as we get closer to the date. Our 7th graders will begin picking courses in English classes in February as well.

This year we will be hosting our annual Education Fair and we welcome our entire school community into the gym to celebrate the great work and wonderful events our 7th and 8th graders have completed over the course of the year. This is our version of an Open House and is a great way to bring our community together. You are welcome to attend on February 1st, at 6PM. Please see the flier enclosed in this newsletter for information.

The Centerville PTSA has been amazing this year in their continuous support. The PTSA has supported teachers and students with multiple events and through their grant program. Many teachers have applied for and received grants to help support Centerville programs. PTSA has supported the needs of our Centerville students and staff in any way they can. Thanks Centerville PTSA!

We are looking for officers for our PTSA. Several PTSA positions are held by 8th grade parents that are also moving on. We need a President, Secretary, Membership officer, and Historian. Please contact our PTSA or me if you are interested in one of these positions.

Parents and families, thank you for your continued support of our school. We appreciate that you are making certain that your child is attending school regularly and on-time and that you are helping them understand the importance of education for their future happiness and success.

Walter Lewis

Principal, Centerville Junior High School, Fremont USD

FROM THE DESK OF THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

The first semester has come to a close. Can you believe we are already half-way through the 2022-2023 school year? Families, please take the time to review your student's grades which can be found in the Illuminate Parent Portal. Celebrate the successes, because we all know how important it is to acknowledge the positive. If your student is struggling, the good news is the second semester offers a fresh start for everyone. Please reach out to the Centerville staff and your student's teachers if extra support is needed regarding your student's academics. We are here to support you and your student.

Students who have year-long electives (such as band or foreign language) remained in the same course, with the same teacher. Many other students had semester electives (such as leadership, drama, or art), which are different from the class they had during the first semester. Please take the time to reach out to any new teachers on your student's schedules if you have any questions or concerns.

Every student is expected to attend every class period, every day. Research shows that missing 10 percent of school days, or about 18 days in most school districts, negatively affects a student's academic performance. That's just two days a month and known as chronic absence. Students who are chronically absent have lower reading and math scores, as well as weaker social-emotional skills than they need to persist in school. If your student is experiencing issues that are preventing them from attending school daily, please contact the front office so we can provide support to ensure your student comes to school daily. Some strategies for parents to consider are: talking with your student, contacting the school, making sure there is not an underlying issue preventing your student from doing well in their classes, and setting attendance goals with your student.

Springtime is just around the corner. This means there will be dances and end of the year activities. End of Year Activities for 8th graders include: The Great America Trip, the Promotion Dance, and the 8th Grade BBQ. There will also be dances, lunch time activities and our Round-Up Day Carnival for 7th/8th graders. Along with these upcoming activities and better weather, we also start the restricted list. This is the list of students who will not be eligible to participate in the exciting, upcoming activities. Any student who receives **more than three RC or student discipline referrals to the assistant principal or is suspended in the RC or off campus for a partial or full day, during the third and fourth quarter, will be placed on the restricted list.** The restricted list students will lose the opportunity to participate in one or more upcoming activities. The good news is your student will have the opportunity to start over at the beginning of the fourth quarter, March 16th, if they are on the restricted list during the third quarter. Please remind your student that behavior is important and all school rules must be followed. We understand that spring will be in the air, but we must all work together to keep our campus a safe, happy, and healthy place for everyone.

Please review the school wide rules regarding technology, with your students. Students should not be on their cell phones from the first to last bell of the school day. Having a clear expectation on the proper use of electronics is especially important during the middle school years, as they build lifetime habits. Parents, please remember to check your student's messages, as there have been numerous reports of students inappropriately using social media platforms to send harmful messages to each other.

Mrs. Grimmer

Assistant Principal, Centerville Junior High, Fremont USD

February

- 1 Ed Faire, 6:00 – 7:30 PM
- 3 **Early Dismissal, 11:56**
- 14 8th Grade Panoramic Picture
- 17 **Early Dismissal, 11:56**
- 20 **Holiday, Presidents Day, No School**

March

- 15 Straight A Tea
- 16 **Early Dismissal, 11:56**
- 16 End of 3rd Quarter
- 17 **Staff Dev. Day, No School**
- 28 PTSA Meeting, 6:30

Ed Faire

Join us for an evening of information and a celebration of student work. This evening, February 1, 2023, is for current students and next year's 7th graders. It will be in the multi-use room.

Dry Cleaner Parking Lot

Please be considerate of our neighbors, the dry cleaning parking lot, and not park there before school or at pick up time. We thank you for your cooperation.

Panoramic Pictures

The 8th grade panoramic picture will be taken during the school day on February 14. Please listen to the announcements for ordering directions.

Bookmark Design Contest

The Library is sponsoring the Annual Bookmark contest. Design an original, imaginative, and colorful bookmark that will be displayed in the library and made into bookmarks for your fellow students.

- Use the entry form located in the library to design your bookmark (one per student).
- Top 3 bookmarks will be awarded prizes.
- All submitted bookmarks will become property of the library.
- Deadline for entry: **Tuesday, Feb. 28th**.

PI Day

We will be celebrating Pi day this year. More information to come. Listen for updates in the Daily Mustang.

Straight A Tea

The Straight A Tea, sponsored by PTSA, will be held on March 15, 2023 at 2:30. In an effort to include all students who deserve to be honored we are requesting that parents of all 8th graders who transferred to Centerville Jr. High this year from out of district, please bring a copy of their 7th grade report card to the school office by March 2, 2023, to verify they earned all A's at their previous school. Seventh grade students will be honored and invited if they achieved straight A's their first semester. Eighth grade students will be honored and invited if they earned straight A's both semesters of 7th grade and first semester of 8th grade.

PTSA Positions

The Centerville PTSA executive board needs you! We have quite a few positions open for the 2023-2024 school year. Please consider joining the Executive Board so you can help be a part of all the wonderful things Centerville PTSA does. For more information on job roles or if you'd like to express interest in a position, please email Stephanie at centervilleptsa@gmail.com

Student of the Quarter

Our faculty and staff want to honor students that are the embodiment of what it means to be a Mustang.

Someone that perseveres, works hard, and has strong character traits.

This year Centerville Faculty and Staff will be implementing a Student of the Quarter Award. At the end 1st, 2nd, and 3rd quarter we will be implementing this award. For each of our first three quarters, each teacher may submit one name as their Student of the Quarter. Teachers have agreed on

the following criteria for choosing the "Student of the Quarter":

- Students exhibiting excellent character traits (Planning and Decision Making, Honesty, Integrity, Responsibility, Citizenship, Respect for Others, Caring, Problem Solving)
- Students that have significantly improved (academically, socially/emotionally, behaviorally)
- Students who have excellent academics, excellent behavior, or excellent participation in class.

Students nominated will receive a certificate and a bumper sticker designating them as a Student of the Quarter. Students will also be invited to a Zoom session for the Principal and/or Assistant Principal to present the award.

Each teacher decides which student will receive the award. Students and/or parents should not lobby teachers for an award. Please feel free to ask Principal Lewis or Assistant Principal Grimmer if you should have any questions.



CAASPP

California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) is the state academic testing program intended to provide information that can be used to monitor student progress and ensure that all

students leave high school ready for college and career. Students who have the most significant cognitive disabilities, as designated in their active individualized education program, are eligible to take the California Alternative Assessments (CAAs). **Students in grades 3-8 and 11 will take either the computer adaptive CAASPP or CAAs in English and Math. In addition, students in grade 5, 8, and 12 will take California Science Test (CAST) in spring 2021.**

Parents/guardians have the right to exempt their child (ren) from taking the CAASPP, CAAs, and/or CAST. For more information about your school's schedule or concerns about your child's participation, please contact your school.

ELPAC TESTING

The Summative English Proficiency Assessments for California, or Summative ELPAC, is the test used to measure how well students understand English when it is not the language they speak at home. Information from the ELPAC tells your child's teacher about the areas in which your child needs extra support. This spring, your child will take the Summative ELPAC.

Students in kindergarten through grade twelve who are classified as English learners will take the Summative ELPAC every year until they are reclassified as proficient in English. Students are tested on their skills in listening, speaking, reading, and writing. Your child's voice is being recorded as part of the speaking test. A small percentage of student responses will be used to validate the accuracy of scoring and will not be used for identification. All recorded responses will be destroyed after the scores are validated.

Counselor's Corner

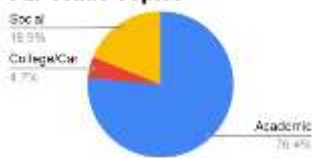
Hello Centerville families!
We welcome you to the second semester of the 2020-2021 school year!!

We are happy to answer any questions about your student's performance at Centerville or any concern you may have. Please contact your student's counselor or talk to the teacher directly about your concern. We are happy to be a liaison for you and your family.

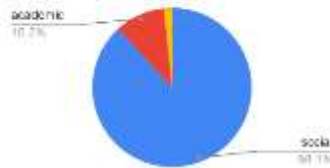
Student Data

During the fall semester, we began using our self-referral form for students to have more access to their school counselor for academic, social emotional, and college/career support. The majority of students who make appointments with us for academic purposes, while the majority of our drop-in students have been for social emotional support. Since we started collecting this data, we have seen 380 students through appointments and 140 students through drop-ins.

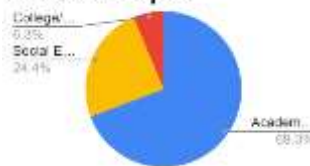
7th Grade Topics



Drop-Ins (November)



8th Grade Topics



Students and families can find this self-referral form in the front office, on the school website under the [counseling tab](#) and around the school through a QR code.



Please check out the QR code to the right which takes you to our [linktree](#) with resources!

2022-23 COURSE REGISTRATION!

Admin and counselors are busy preparing for NEXT year's classes!

Current 8th graders are invited to Washington High Schools showcase on February 23rd to learn about course options. High school counselors will visit our 8th graders on February 27th to help the students select their high school classes.

Current 7th grades will be working with you at home to select their courses for next year between February 14-26. You are invited to visit EdFaire at Centerville on February 1st, and you can visit our website at https://linktree/centerville_mustangs to view the College and Career Presentation that we share with parents in October. Instructions for selecting courses will be sent out to families as the date approaches (it is the same process that you completed last year!).

If you have any further questions, feel free to email, call, or text your student's counselor:

Beca Glaze
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rglaze@fusdk12.net

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