

# Life in the Jungle

CENTRALIA HIGH SCHOOL PARENT NEWSLETTER

JANUARY, 2009

## A Message from Deanna Borseth, CTAE Director

Dear Parents,

You are probably asking yourself the same question that staff, students, and administration are asking, "Where did the first half of the school year go?" The first half of our 2008-2009 school year has definitely come and gone quickly but not without painting a vivid picture from which to remember it! Much snow, freezing weather, and yes, another "100 year" flood will remain foremost in all our minds.

As we reflect back on December 2008 and January 2009, I find myself focusing on the dedication and perseverance of our community members, which includes our students and staff. Neighbors, friends, and strangers gathered together to assist one another to shovel driveways and sidewalks; sandbag homes, businesses, and schools; cleanup after the disasters; donate time, money, food and shelter to those in need; as well as, keeping life as "normal" as possible.

One example of the community spirit and dedication I have recently experienced is that of our current Business Week activities. Business Week curriculum and activities bring a wealth of leadership, free enterprise, and soft work skills, knowledge and experiences as well as networking opportunities to the lives of students. Local business and community members donate countless dollars and hours to this program for the success of our students.

The week of December 15th through 19th was to be Business Week at the Centralia College campus for our entire junior class. However, the snow cut it short by nearly two full days. As we returned to school in January, the schools involved (Centralia, Chehalis, and Winlock), community members and the Business Week staff planned a one-day activity on January 8th, to bring closure to the Business Week activities, allowing students to truly enjoy the full experience. Once again, Business Week was cancelled, along with all activities due to the flood. On **Tuesday, February 3rd**, we will once again –"third times a charm" – attempt to give our junior students the opportunity to fully experience the important skills and knowledge offered through their **Business Week** activities. As your students look at their future, they will have the valuable skills, experiences and connections from Business Week to plan for their future.

When looking back on the vivid picture painted by our weather over the past month or two, I prefer to focus on the positive and those that have worked so hard to make life better for others. When we ask ourselves, "Where did the first half of the school year go?" I hope our juniors and every person involved in Business Week will remember the dedication, determination, and perseverance of our community even during the hard times.

Sincerely,

Deanna Borseth  
CTAE Director

**"YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE"**

# MATHEMATICS NEWS

## Students - Do You Need Help With Math?

- Have you been absent?
- Are you falling behind?
- Are you lost or confused in math class?
- Would you like **FREE** tutoring?
- Do you like helping others?



If you answered yes to any of these questions, then we have just the place for you. Math tutoring is now available every Tuesday and Thursday in the library from 3:00 to 4:00. All students are welcome and encouraged to attend and either get help or give help!

*Don't forget that LSC still offers tutoring on Tuesday and Thursday from 2:30 to 4:00 with Mr. McLeod and Mrs. Boeck.*

**Special Reminder:** We are now starting 2nd semester. Your student's teacher may have changed. Please ask your student or give us a call.

## Linear Functions

Ms. Sharp's class is working to perfect Linear Functions. They are solving systems of equations to determine which internet company offers the best plan by price.

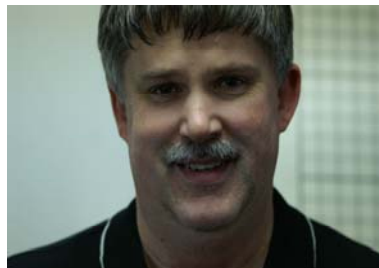


**WASL PREP** - (left) Mrs. Shaw's 4th period WASL Prep class reviews linear graphs and how slope effects the "steepness" of a graph. This class is getting ready for finals, and of course, they are gearing up for the WASL in April.

*Pure mathematics is, in its way, the poetry of logical ideas.*  
~Albert Einstein

## Who is Your Student's Math Teacher?

Have you met your student's math teacher? Is it one of the teachers below? It is important for parents and guardians to communicate with teachers, so please, get to know us! *Your student's teacher may have changed for the second semester. Please ask!*



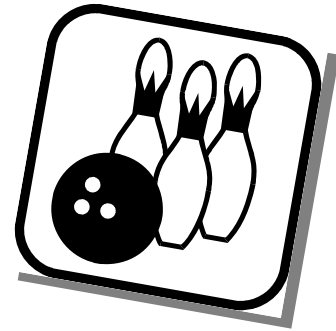
If I do not listen every second of every minute of every hour of every day of every class, I will FAIL!  
~ Lucas Rasmusson (CHS Student)

### Contact Us!

TEACHER	EXT.
Rebecca Shaw	245
Darrin Canfield	238
Sarah Dulin	277
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## SPRING BOWLING LEAGUE TO BEGIN SOON

The spring bowling league will begin on Thursday, February 19th and end on May 14th. Club members will bowl every Thursday at Fairway Lanes from 3:20 p.m. to approximately 4:45 p.m. Students will need to provide their own transportation. The cost is \$6.00 per week. All students are welcome to join regardless of their skill level. The bowling club is the place to bowl, socialize and have fun! Any student who is interested and would like to join the club, please stop by and see Ms. Habel.



## THREE CHS SENIORS SELECTED FOR PACIFIC LUTHER UNIVERSITY'S NORTHWEST HIGH SCHOOL HONOR BAND

On January 9th and 10th, Centralia High School seniors, **David Abarca**, **Emily Barr**, and **Grace Cooper** participate in Pacific Lutheran University's Northwest High School Honor Band. Over 500 students throughout the Northwest were nominated by their directors and ultimately 245 students were selected to participate. Students put together an outstanding concert performance with only two rehearsal days, performed under the batons of Sarah McKoin and world-renowned composer and conductor David R. Holsinger. Congratulations to David, Emily, and Grace for representing our school and community at this prestigious event!

## THEY MUST HAVE BEEN A BEAUTIFUL BABY!



### Attention Senior Parents!

Break out those photo albums! Baby pictures of your precious Tiger are needed for the senior slideshow. All pictures need to be in by February 9th. We are limiting only five pictures to each person. Have your senior bring the pictures to Mr. Dixon's room (Rm. #122) or hand them to Lacie Melhart. We need them ASAP!

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## ...CAREER CENTER NEWS...

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### FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID (FAFSA)

It 's FAFSA time! Before starting to fill out your form you will want to go to: [www.pin.ed.gov](http://www.pin.ed.gov). This will allow you to apply online and make corrections. Once you have a PIN for both student and parent go to [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) to complete the FAFSA form. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the Career Center at 360.330.7605 x219.

### SCHOLARSHIP LIST BY MAIL

The Career Center just emailed the first list of scholarships. The list is available in the Career Center. If you or your senior would like this list emailed to you, please take a moment to either email Mrs. Haskins at: [mhaskins@centralia.wednet.edu](mailto:mhaskins@centralia.wednet.edu) or call her at 360.330.7605 x219.

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## CHS CHORUS HOPES TO PLACE IN REGIONAL COMPETITION

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Selected choral students will be participating in the Southwest Region Solo and Ensemble Competition on February 21st. Mrs. Lauri Johnson will be taking 24 soloists and 8 ensemble groups made up of 16 students each to the competition. The student 's goal is to place at the regional level which will allow them to go to State.



Castle Rock will be hosting the competition and the public is welcome to come and listen to the students perform.

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**REMINDER TO JUNIORS AND THEIR PARENTS  
BUSINESS WEEK ACTIVITIES WILL RESUME  
ON FEBRUARY 3, 2009**

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# CALENDARS OF EVENTS

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## SCHOOL CALENDAR

February 3rd	-	Business Week activities
February 9th	-	Senior Baby Pictures are due
<b>February 16th</b>	-	<b>PRESIDENT’S DAY—NO SCHOOL</b>
February 29th	-	Early Dismissal

**Please note that Spring Break will be the week of March 30th—April 3rd this year.**

## FEBRUARY SPORTS CALENDAR

3rd	-	Boy’s Varsity Basketball	7:30-9:30 pm	Away game (Aberdeen)
3rd	-	Girl’s Varsity Basketball	7:30-9:30 pm	at CHS (Aberdeen)
5th	-	Boy’s Varsity Basketball	7:30-9:30 pm	at CHS (Black Hills)
6th	-	Boy’s Varsity Wrestling	4:00-10 pm	at CHS (Sub Regionals)
6th	-	Girl’s Varsity Basketball	7:30-9:30 pm	Away game (Black Hills)
7th	-	Boy’s Varsity Wrestling	9:00 am-8:00 pm	at CHS (Sub Regionals)
10th	-	Girl’s Varsity Basketball	7:30-9:00 pm	at CHS (River Ridge)
10th	-	Boy’s Varsity Basketball	7:30-9:00 pm	Away game (River Ridge)
12th	-	Girl’s Varsity Basketball	7:30-9:30 pm	Away game (Hoquiam)
14th	-	Boy’s Varsity Wrestling	10 am-10 pm	Regionals
14th	-	Boy’s Varsity Basketball	6:00-8:00 pm	Away game (Granite Falls)
17th	-	Girl’s Varsity Basketball	7:30-9:30 pm	Away game (Elma)
17th	-	Boy’s Varsity Basketball	7:30-9:30 pm	at CHS (Elma)
19th	-	Boy’s Varsity Basketball	7:30-9:30 pm	Away game (WF West)
20th	-	Boy’s Varsity Wrestling	All day	State
20th	-	Girl’s Varsity Basketball	7:30-9:30 pm	at CHS (WF West)
21st	-	Boy’s Varsity Wrestling	All day	State

# GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Graduation requirements have been established in order that students may acquire skills, knowledge, and attitudes necessary for their next career steps. The following must be completed before a diploma will be issued. Each semester of course work successfully completed equals 1/2 credit (0.5) credit.

## Graduation Classes of: 2009 & Beyond

English	3.5
*Mathematics	2.0
Science	2.0
Physical Education (PE)	2.0
Health	.05
Fine Arts	1.0
Vocational/Occupational	1.0
Social Studies	3.0
Washington State History	0.0
Electives	7.0
TOTAL	<u>22.0</u>

\*The Board of Education may be changing the math credit to 3.0

## Other Requirements

### WASL scores

Reading	400 or above
Writing	17 or above
Math <sup>^</sup>	400 or above
Science <sup>+</sup>	400 or above

<sup>^</sup>If 400 WASL score is not achieved, one must earn 2.0 credits of math and retake the WASL until passing or until graduation.  
<sup>+</sup>Postponed until 2013

## Senior Project and Paper Senior Presentation Cumulative Portfolio High School and Beyond (5<sup>th</sup> year) Plan

## CLASSES OF 2009-2012 DIPLOMA OPTIONS

### CERTIFICATE OF ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT ROUTE

- \*Meet State Standards – Reading 400+, Writing 17+ and Math 400+ OR
- \*Collection of Evidence OR
- \*AP Option OR
- \*SAT/ACT Option OR
- \*WASL Grade Comparison

For more information, please see your school counselor or visit <http://k12.wa.us/graduationrequirements/CAA-CIA> or <http://www.k12.wa.us/assessment/CAAoption/default.aspx> on the OSPI website.

### DIPLOMA ROUTE

- \*Meet State Standards – Reading 400+ and Writing 17+
- \*Must earn two math credits after the 10<sup>th</sup> grade
- \*Must retake WASL assessment annually (until they pass Math WASL) or meet all graduation requirements

For more information, please see your school counselor or visit <http://k12.wa.us/graduationrequirements/CAA-CIA> or <http://www.k12.wa.us/assessment/CAAoption/default.aspx> on the OSPI website

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## ... HEALTH ROOM UPDATE ...

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

This is a letter to provide you with information about meningitis and what you can do to prevent its spread.

Meningitis is the common name for an infection of the meninges, which are the membranes surrounding the brain and spinal cord. Different types of bacteria, viruses or fungi can cause it. Treatment varies according to its cause and the symptoms. Most forms are not highly contagious, but meningitis can be a potentially fatal illness.

About 3000 Americans get meningococcal disease (including meningitis) each year. Adolescents and young adults have an increased rate of getting the disease compared to the general population. Nearly 10% of the people who contract it will die from it. Those who survive may suffer hearing loss, brain damage, and loss of limbs, severe scarring, and emotional and psychological problems such as anxiety, depression or difficulty working.

Symptoms of meningitis may not be the same for every person. More common symptoms may include fever, severe headache, stiff neck, and being sensitive to bright lights. Nausea and vomiting, and fatigue or confusion may also be present.

Close personal contact is one possible way of getting meningitis. It is spread through direct contact with respiratory secretions (ex. saliva, sputum, nasal mucus) of an infected person. That's why your child should avoid sharing water bottles, eating utensils, etc. with friends.

Most cases of meningitis can be avoided by practicing good hygiene **\*wash your hands thoroughly and often\***, and don't share personal items. A meningococcal vaccination is available to protect against the disease. The vaccination can help protect against up to 83% of the meningococcal disease cases occurring among adolescents and young adults. We encourage you to speak to your family doctor about immunization.



Please call your child's doctor, the Lewis County Health Department # 740-1223 or your child's school if you have any questions.

Thank you from your school nurses,

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## SENDING OUT KUDOS TO STUDENTS

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Kudos to **Mrs. Floyd's classes** for being our future entrepreneurs. Her students have been busy making tasty dog biscuits and a variety of wreaths as a way to earn money for a trip to Disneyland. There they will participate in the Youth Education Series which highlights language arts, art, and animation. If anyone is interested in purchasing either product, please feel free to contact Mrs. Floyd at 360.330.7605 ext. 263.

Sending **CONGRATULATIONS** to the following students for placing in the 2009 Regional Photo Competition:

<b>Lacey Burchett</b>	-	1st Place
<b>Alex Elkins</b>	-	4th Place
<b>Jonell Brager</b>	-	5th Place
<b>Jessica Janes</b>	-	7th Place
<b>Alyson Messegee</b>	-	9th Place
<b>Sandra Wade</b>	-	10th Place
<b>Stephanie Baumel</b>	-	11th Place

**Kudos to all front office teacher's aides.** All of your help is greatly appreciated and it is a delight to work with each of you.