Welcome back to our returning families and our first ever Coyote families! We are honored that you have chosen Centennial High School. You have made an important decision and we take our responsibility seriously as together we relentlessly pursue academic excellence!

Over the summer we have made the place new from: fresh paint, resurfacing of the parking lot to new water fountains, new air conditioning chillers and a few other landscaping projects.

As we begin our new school year, the first few days have been full of anticipation, excitement and relief for the new school year which of course has been full of Coyote Pride! For those of you who are new to Centennial, it takes all of us to demonstrate Coyote Pride: an engagement in the school experience in a positive manner with honor, integrity and excellence. Teachers positively interacting with students, being innovative in the classroom, and inspiring students to learn. Students respecting the campus from simply picking up their trash to taking pride in themselves by arriving on time, honoring the dress code, having tolerance for their peers and simply saying hello to one another. Parents providing a positive influence in our community and with teachers representing Coyote Pride.

As we embark upon this year, we are excited for new opportunities with implementation of personalization. Our mission is Quality Instruction Everyday ~ Personalized Learning for All. In our growth as educators, Mondays will be devoted to professional development for our teachers as an investment in student achievement. The early release days (peoriaunified.org) will allow our teachers time for peer collaboration on curriculum, content training and activities that will cultivate personalization of the educational experience. Our teachers have the opportunity to be innovative in practice to inspire students in their learning and to increase their overall growth.

High school is a time of opportunity and student responsibility. This year is a new year, with a new look and new opportunities for all of us. We look forward to your partnership and encourage you as parents to take an active role in creating a culture of achievement through coyote pride. Here are a few suggestions for you to be a part of Coyote Pride:

⇒ Ensure your child gets to school early or on time every day
⇒ Monitor your child’s grades and attendance with ParentVue weekly
⇒ Set goals and have ongoing conversations with them about their dreams and successes along the way - celebrate!

With a shared responsibility from all of us, we are sure to have a meaningful new school year. As principal, I thank you for your continued support for our students, staff and teachers.

Christine Lopez Lira
Principal
Centennial High School
FROM THE DESK OF...MR. BRET PALMER,
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL/ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

Dear Coyote Fans,

Welcome to another great year of Centennial High School Athletics! It is an honor for me to serve in my role as Assistant Principal/Athletic Director. Since 1990, Centennial High School has had a rich tradition of both academic and athletic excellence. The numerous championship banners that hang in the Centennial gymnasium are a testament to the hard work and dedication of our student athletes and coaches as well as the support of our community. The Centennial Athletic Department believes that athletics teach young men and women valuable lessons and instill lifelong traits that will serve them well into the future. The athletic program at Centennial High School is a strong, consistent and cohesive program. Under the direction of our dedicated coaching staff, I am confident our programs will continue to strive for competitive greatness.

Please welcome some new faces joining our athletic program on campus for 2017-18:
- Athletic Trainers: Tyler Sullivan and Casey Kyriacopoulos
- Baseball Coach: Brady Pond
- Basketball Coach: Randy Lavender
- Cross Country Coaches: Chris Webb & Nick Oberdin
- Tennis Coach/Boys: David Laufer

Be sure to follow us on twitter: @CeHSathletics. We hope to see you on campus at one of our fall sports events: Badminton, Cross Country, Football, Girls’ Volleyball, Golf, and Swim & Dive. Check our school athletic website for more information on all your Coyote sports!!

GO COYOTES!

HONOR ~ INTEGRITY ~ EXCELLENCE

Creating a Culture of Achievement through Coyote Pride
Dear Coyotes,

Welcome back to another exciting school year! We understand the importance of providing students with a holistic education and are proud to offer over 40 different clubs and activities for our students to engage in. Moreover, Centennial’s extracurricular programs are tailored to meet the unique needs of our diverse population. Any student interested in forming a club that does not already exist is encouraged to find a teacher willing to sponsor the club and then swing by my office for more information.

Our students hosted Club Day on August 23rd during both lunches and had a great turnout. I challenge all students to get involved, develop your leadership skills, and most importantly engage in Coyote Pride! For more information about our clubs and activities, please see the activities page on Centennial’s school website: www.peoriaunified.org/Centennial.
Welcome back Coyotes!

This is going to be another amazing year. As Coyotes, we conduct ourselves with honor, integrity and excellence. Part of this responsibility is being on time to school. Below is the tardy policy of Centennial High School. Please read the policy as changes have been made. We hope you understand it is our priority that your student is successful, and part of this equation is your student being on time to school. If you drive your student to school, it is imperative you have them here on time. Parents, you may excuse your students for the first 5 tardies. After the 5th excused tardy, the consequences for unexcused tardies will be put in place.

These tardies are CUMULATIVE per semester/ regardless of class period.
Consequences for Unexcused – Per Semester:

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Please understand that accumulated tardies will impact loss of credit and open enrollment. Students and parents will meet with the Assistant Principal for Attendance and Discipline to determine credit eligibility and open enrollment status at the discretion of the administration.

Our goal is for your student to arrive to class on time and respect the 90 minutes of course content that our teachers have worked diligently to prepare. We take your student’s success seriously, we care! Please review and discuss this policy in detail with your student.

Again, welcome back and have a wonderful school year!
Welcome back and a special welcome for our Freshmen Coyotes, the Class of ’21! I hope you had a chance to recharge over the summer and you are ready to make the most of this school year. Incredible students combined with a talented and caring staff make Centennial a special school.

My name is Dave Fernandez, I am an officer with the Peoria Police Department and I am very happy to be the School Resource Officer here at Centennial. You will see me around campus at special events and sporting events and I look forward to meeting you.

With many of our 2100 parents and students driving to Centennial on a single lane (NB 79th Ave), it can get a little crowded so thank you for your patience! Morning and afternoon traffic can be challenging the first month or so but each year it smooths out as everyone learns our campus safe driving practices.

Just a reminder, please DO NOT drop your sons and daughters off in the street or on the side of the road where “No Parking, Stopping or Standing” signs are posted. Morning traffic is usually heavy and if you are rear-ended while your son or daughter is exiting your vehicle, they will be seriously injured. There are also “No U-Turn” signs posted in some areas near the school (7 along Acoma Dr.) and the turnouts along Acoma Dr. and N. 79th Ave. are for school busses only. All these things are in place for one reason, the safety of our students.

Wishing you a great year and as always, please feel free to contact me with any questions, comments or concerns.

Thank you,
Officer Dave Fernandez #7727
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David.Fernandez@Peoriaaz.gov

♦ Freshman Intro to Guidance—9/12 & 9/15
♦ Internet Safety Week—9/18-9/22
♦ Picture Retakes—9/26
♦ Academic Awards—9/28
♦ Senior Group Photo—10/12
♦ Homecoming Week—10/16-10/20
Welcome back Coyote Families,

The nurse administers acetaminophen and ibuprofen. There are permission slips that were sent home to you this summer in the enrollment packet that need to be completed in order for your child to receive medications. These are the only two medications I can provide. If your child needs anything else such as allergy medications or Tums, you are welcome to drop off the meds to my office anytime during the school day. There is a permission slip to sign so please bring in the medication yourself and do not send with your student. Inhalers and Epi-Pens are allowed to be carried with students however there is a form to fill out beforehand. I do not medicate with acetaminophen or ibuprofen after 2pm.

It is very hot outside. Please have your child bring a water bottle to school every day for hydration. We now have filtered water bottle refill stations around campus. Water bottles are also available in the cafeteria, Coyote Den and vending machines. The nurse’s office cannot provide water bottles to students. Along with hydration is nutrition. Please encourage your child to eat a healthy, protein-packed breakfast before school, especially if they have PE before lunch time. Many kids become very ill if they do not eat and we want to help prevent this.

Please keep your child home from school for vomiting, diarrhea, fevers over 100, pink eye symptoms, unexplained rashes that might be communicable, lice and severe sore throats/coughing. If a doctor has seen your child and said they are not contagious, they are welcome to be here. Please communicate with the nurse if your child is having symptoms but has been cleared via a doctor’s note or we will have to send them home if they come in.

Teachers will be notified confidentially of any major medical concerns that can lead to emergencies in the classroom such as diabetes, severe food allergies or epilepsy. I do encourage you to also have a conversation with their teachers about the medical condition or encourage your child to do so. Communication is key so please feel free to call or email me with any changes to your child’s health status.

Thank you and I look forward to the new school year,

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FROM THE DESK OF…
CeHS SCHOOL COUNSELORS

Welcome back to the 2017-18 school year! We are looking forward to working with you and your student, keeping them focused on this year, but also preparing them for their post-secondary plans. Whether they are seniors finishing up their final year of high school or part of our newest freshman class, it is never too early to start thinking ahead!

This year we have 5 counselors in our department. Mrs. King took a position out of our district and after being a long time Coyote, Mr. Repak is now a Liberty Lion. We will miss them both! We were, however, able to hire a great new team member, Mrs. Hoffner! Some of you may already know her as she has been a Science teacher on our campus for the past 12 years and we are thrilled to have her join our department. Please double check your student’s counselor assignment when making an appointment to see us.

Please refer to the Guidance flyer from your summer mailer as a quick reference for upcoming events and be sure to check out our updated Guidance page on Centennial’s website for all the latest news and information from our department. Again, welcome back and please let us know how we can assist your student in having a successful and productive year!

Your School Counselor team:
Ms. Woodyard, Mrs. Holbrook, Mrs. Schmidt, Mr. Ramey & Mrs. Hoffner