



## November 2021 Newsletter | Center Academy Riverview

As the holiday season approaches, the weather is finally beginning to change from hot to mild, and even a little chilly! We are nearing our Thanksgiving break (11/22-26) and only six weeks away from our Christmas break (12/20-1/3). There is a lot of news to report and many exciting things coming up for our students.



**Progress reports** will go home this week for grades entered through Friday, November 5.



**Veterans Day** is Thursday, November 11, and there will be no school that day. A special emphasis will be placed on our Veterans this week, in the classroom and at our assembly on Wednesday.

The **Center Academy Flag Football Tournament** will take place on Friday, November 12, at the Land O' Lakes Recreational Center, located at 3032 Collier Parkway, Land O' Lakes, 34639. The first game will begin at 10:30am, followed by the championship game at approximately 12:30pm. The team that loses the first game will play for third place while the championship game is played. *The way our team has been playing this season, we expect to be in the championship!*



**Spirit Week** is 11/29-12/3 (details will be communicated later this month)! Our **Winter Dance** will be held at the Fishhawk Tennis Club in Lithia on Friday, December 3. Students in grades 5-8 will attend from 6:30-8:00pm, and students in grades 9-12 will attend from 8:30-10:30pm. Please plan accordingly so that your child is dropped off and picked up at the appropriate times. The dance will be chaperoned by Center Academy staff members, including Mr. Stone. Students from other schools may attend as the guest of a Center Academy student, however, approval in advance is required. Please review the enclosed "Guest Request Form", which was also emailed and sent home with each student. Student guest requests are due no later than Thursday, 12/2. Admission is \$5.00 per person and may be [purchased online using this link](#).

Our **school wide community service project** will be collecting diapers and toys for the Rosa Valdez Early Childhood Learning Center. More information will be sent home before the Thanksgiving break.

**Tuition payments** must be up-to-date as we approach the end of the first semester. Make sure any necessary changes in bank or credit card accounts have been made in the FACTS management system. Families who selected the 2-pay option must have their second and final payment made by 12/15. No report cards or progress reports will be released until all financial obligations are met.



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**School attendance** is very important. We are required to verify attendance several times a year for any student who receives a scholarship from the Florida Department of Education. I am not exaggerating when I say attendance is being scrutinized more than ever from the state level, which I completely agree with.

Even though some absences are excused, an absence from school always puts students behind because of the instruction missed in class. *An excused absence does not mean the work missed is excused. Students who miss school, even with a doctor's note, must still make up the work but will be given extra time because of absence due to illness.* Students with unexcused absences must turn their assignments in on the day they return from being absent. (See the enclosed "Center Academy Grading Policy" for more details.)

As a reminder, students are required to be in school from 8:30am until 2:30pm each day. They should only be signed out for an appointment to see a doctor or dentist, or if there is a family emergency. On days where there is a social activity or field trip, students are expected to attend the full school day. Part of our school's mission is to encourage students in developing their social skills. When they leave early, they miss a significant part of the whole school experience.

Wishing you and yours a blessed Thanksgiving!



*Mr. Stone*

**Director**



## Request for Guest Admission

Dear Center Academy Parent or Guardian:

Your student has requested to bring a guest to **Center Academy Riverview's Winter Dance** on Friday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>. To ensure the safety of our students and staff, we are requiring a written permission slip for all attendees that are not Center Academy students.

Please complete the information below and note that **this form must be returned prior to the day of the event (no exceptions)**. It is important to plan accordingly to allow enough time for approval by all parties. This form must be signed by the parent/guardian of both the CA student and guest, as well as the guest's principal or school administrator and our director, Mr. Stone.

Center Academy Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of CA student's parent/guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of guest's parent/guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

### **For guest's school administrator to complete:**

By signing below, I verify the above-named student is in good standing at our school. The student does not have any current or past disciplinary actions that would prohibit him or her from participating in school functions.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name & Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Name & phone number of guest's school: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Request approved by Mr. Stone, Director – Center Academy Riverview

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### **Grading Policy and Grading Scale**

- Most assignments are to be finished and turned in by the end of the school day.
- Any assignment not turned in the day it is due must be taken home for homework and turned in the next day by 8:30am. Assignments that have not been turned in by 8:30am the following day are considered “incomplete” and will be marked as such in Gradelink.
- For every day that an assignment is late, after it has been marked ‘incomplete, a 2-point deduction will be made from the grade, for up to a maximum of 10 points or 5 school days. An assignment that has not been turned in after 7 days from the date it was assigned will be a zero.

*Example:* An assignment given on Tuesday and not turned in by 8:30am on Wednesday will be marked ‘incomplete. If the assignment is turned in later on Wednesday, a 2-point deduction will be made from the grade earned. If it is not turned in until Friday, a 6-point deduction will be made from the grade earned. If the assignment is turned in the following Tuesday (7 days after it was assigned) a 10-point deduction is taken off the grade earned. If the assignment is not turned in by the end of school on the following Tuesday, a zero will be given.

- Students with IEP accommodations will be addressed on an individual basis.
- Students who have missed days because of illness or excused absence may be permitted to make up the work after a discussion between the teacher, parents, and Mr. Stone.
- Tests or exams missed due to absence will be taken the day the student returns to school.

#### **Grading Scale:**

**A - 90-100**

**B - 80-89**

**C - 70-79**

**D - 60-69**

**F - Below 60**



**Daily assignments are counted as 10% of the student’s final grade**

**Quizzes count as 10%**

**Tests, projects, and papers count as 15%**