

Centennial High School

PROFILE

2008-09

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For 30 years, Centennial High School has maintained an enviable reputation as one of the premier high schools in the state. Centennial was recognized by *U.S. News & World Report* as a Silver Award Winner, America's Best High Schools, 2008. We are very proud of our teachers and students who continue to challenge themselves in their "commitment to excellence." In recent years, Centennial's many stakeholders have worked diligently to diversify our learning opportunities in order to meet student needs and interests. Humanities, Photography, ESOL, African American Literature, African American History, Academic Life Skills, SAT Preparation, Advanced Composition, Career Academies, and Jazz Band are just a few of the many unique course offerings that contribute to making Centennial an excellent school. In 2007, *Newsweek* magazine's Advanced Placement Challenge Index placed Centennial High School in the top 150 schools in the United States.

Our dedicated faculty is committed to the mission of identifying and challenging our students in order to truly know and understand each learner as an individual. It is our goal to provide a safe and emotionally supportive environment that fosters mutual respect and individual integrity. We strive to develop in our students the critical skills necessary to become self directed, lifelong learners within a diverse and changing world. With course offerings that encompass the areas of intervention, enrichment, and acceleration, Centennial High School provides our students with the tools to meet and exceed curricular expectations, state mandates, and individual goals.

Our notorious "Eagle Pride" is the product of our many co-curricular and extracurricular programs that so aptly exemplify the true spirit of Centennial High School. Our PTSA, Parents Council of Black Students, Korean Parents Community, Latino Advancement Committee, Athletic Boosters, and Band Backers play a major role in developing critical connections with our staff and students. In addition, Centennial is blessed with strong business partnerships that provide support and special opportunities in a variety of ways for all of our students. We are proud of our collaborative relationships with both parents and community that make Centennial High School a great place to teach and learn.

Carl Perkins, Principal

Fast Facts

Facility opened - 1977

Additions/Renovations:

1998 (R), 2002 (R)(A)

School Capacity: 1,332

(This does not include additional capacity provided by 4 portable classrooms.)

Total Enrollment: 1,453

Student Mobility 2007-08

2.9% Entrants

2.4% Withdrawals

Ethnicity

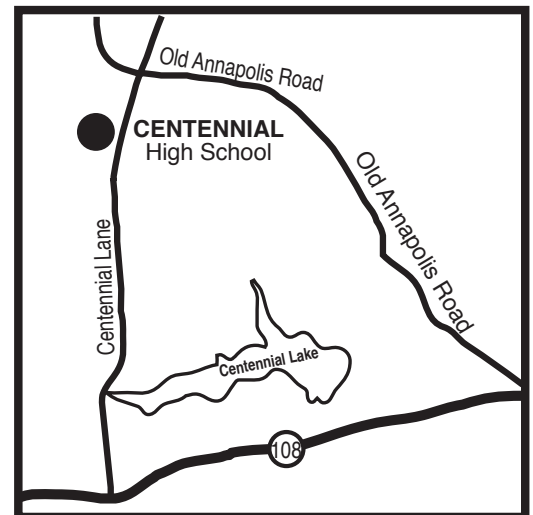
White	60.5%
African American	8.2%
Asian	28.1%
Hispanic	2.7%
Native American	0%
Unidentified	0.5%

Students Receiving Special Services 2007-08

Ltd. English Proficient	1.7%
Free/Reduced Lunch	4.8%
Special Education	5.4%

Dropout Rate: .67%

PTA members: 700



Achievement Data

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HSA data will be included in future profiles as it becomes available.
The Class of 2009 is the first class that must fulfill the HSA requirement in order to graduate.

SAT Scores and Participation					
School Year	N	Percent Participating	Centennial HS Mean Scores		
			Critical Reading	Mathematics	Writing
2005-2006	340	85.6	580	608	574
2006-2007	359	88.4	574	604	582
2007-2008	298	83.2	577	607	584

Other Facts

Educational Partnerships:

- Dorsey Hall Merchants
- WR Grace
- Creig Northrop and the Northrop Team

Class of 2008 Documented Decisions

Attend a 4-year college	76.8%
Attend a 2-year college	17.5%
Employment	4.0%
Enter the military	1.6%

Accomplishments

Staff:

- Milken Outstanding Educator Award
- Washington Post Educator Leadership Award
- Intel Award for Excellence in Teaching in the Sciences
- Instructional Assistant of the Year
- Presidential Scholars (2)
- Tandy Scholars (2)
- Christa McAuliffe Award
- Maryland Earth Science Teacher of the Year
- Howard County Chamber of Commerce Educator of the Year
- National Board for Professional Teaching Standards Certification

Athletics:

- 14 People Tree Awards
- 120 County Championships
- 102 Regional Championships
- 40 State Championships

Academics:

2007

- First Place HC Math League
- It's Academic Baltimore Champions
- Intel Talent Search Semi-Finalist

2006

- First Place HC Math League
- Intel Talent Search Semi-finalist

Special Programs

- Best Buddies Program
- Humanities Program
- Maryland Voices Writing Project
- Project Lead the Way