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The month of February, while being the shortest month of the year, is also one of our busiest. Looking at our calendar, there are several activities happening this month that I would like to take a moment to highlight.



Starting on February 1<sup>st</sup> we will be having an all-school assembly recognizing Black History Month, featuring speaker George D. Arnold. *(For more information, look for the article in this edition written by Mr. Leavy.)*

Another activity affecting all students in grades 9-11 is the 2018-19 course selection process. This year, students will be using Career Cruising to register their course selections. Career Cruising provides students a template for long-term course planning as it relates to careers as well as post-secondary plans. Counselors will facilitate large group sessions where general information about course selection is shared. Counselors will also follow up with a personal one-on-one meeting to review student's selections. At this time, I cannot emphasize enough how important it is for students to take course selection seriously. Their selections will first determine if there are enough students interested to run the course and second, the number of seats and staffing needed to accommodate the requests. If a student chooses without thought and then later, would like to change their selection, there is a good chance that they may not be able to make the switch.



Moving on to another event and one you are invited to, is Central's Annual Blood Drive, happening February 22. Annually, student council members, working cooperatively with The Blood Center of Wisconsin, coordinate a blood drive to help meet the critical need for blood. They set a high goal for blood collected and encourage members of the community to join in this effort. If you want to be part of this effort, please connect with student council advisor Marica Johnson (JohnsonM@westosha.k12.wi.us).

The last big activity involves all students in 11<sup>th</sup> grade. On February 27<sup>th</sup>, all juniors, in the State of Wisconsin, will take the ACT. The score students earn on the ACT exam is used to not only judge the quality of school systems, but for students, that score can be used for college (4 or 2 year) entrance requirements, to meet some scholarship requirements and even be used for consideration of some financial aid packages. We understand the importance of doing well on this exam. This year we have coordinated a test prep opportunity junior students can take to better prepare them to do their best. For students who have taken this test prep seminar, we have seen a positive effect, with greater student confidence and greater student scores. With these significant results, we are offering this seminar during the school day on Thursday, February 8<sup>th</sup> and strongly encourage students to sign up. Typically the cost of this seminar is \$89.99, but we are supplementing the cost, so it is being offered at a significant reduction - \$19.99.



If you have not signed your junior up for this seminar, please do so today! You may click on this [link](#) to register. If you have questions about this tremendous opportunity, give Mrs. Netzer- Jensen a call at 843-2321 ext. 263



As I close, I want to thank parents for being an active part of your child's education. At Central, we are working hard to continue to provide opportunities and expand on best practices in to meet the needs of our students. Our doors are always open and we welcome conversation and feedback so we can improve in areas that do not meet the standards of excellence we target. Have a wonderful February!