

Welcome New & 284!



**2021 CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL
FRESHMAN AND NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION**

Agenda

Welcome and Introductions

- Home & School Association (HSA) Exec. Board
- HSA Committee Chairs

Getting Involved: Central HSA

- Meetings and Board Elections
- Fundraising
- Campus Beautification Team
- Upcoming Dates
- Communication Channels
- Neighborhoods

The Fundamentals

- Logistics
- Rosters
- Climate

****Break****

Student Panel Q&A

Closing Remarks

- Alumni Association
- School President

Parting thoughts

Meet the HSA Executive Board



**Heidi Siegel, HSA
president**



**Nina Liou,
HSA treasurer**



**Lynne Hopper,
HSA vice president 1**



**Leslie Medley,
HSA secretary**



**Eleanor Ingersoll,
HSA vice president 2**

Meet the HSA Committee Chairs



**Robin Dominick,
Fundraising**



**Maria Holahan,
Hospitality**



**Ester Roche Curet,
Communication**



**Alex Doty,
Campus Beautification**

Additional HSA volunteers

- Laura Sepe – Fundraising committee
- Tony Dominick – Technology
- Lisa Capizzi – Spirit Wear

Want to get involved?

- Join a committee
- Fill an opening
 - We're looking for a Class Rep for #284

WHAT WE DO: CENTRAL HSA

- **Meetings and Board Elections**
Leslie Medley, Secretary
- **Fundraising**
Robin Dominick, Fundraising committee
- **Hospitality/Events**
Maria Holahan, Hospitality committee
- **Campus Beautification Team**
Alex Doty, Campus Beautification committee
- **Communication at Central**
Ester Roche Curet, Communication committee



Central HSA Meetings

Second Wednesday of each month (usually)

6:30pm to 8:00pm

in-person at CHS in Spain Conf. room

(will deliver via Zoom as well, if possible - still figuring out the technology, logistics and cost)

First meeting of school year: October 13th

Includes identifying a 284 Class Rep.

Fundraising for Central

Fundraising chair

Robin Dominick



School
Fundraisers



EVERY DOLLAR RAISED GOES BACK TO THE SCHOOL PLANS FOR 2021-2022:

- Grants for all academic departments
- Technology – upgrades in classrooms
- Campus Beautification school clean-ups
- Communication, Freshman Welcome Night, Summer Orientation, Freshman Tea, International Day, Teacher Appreciation, Graduation Awards and **much** more *(as scheduled)*

Fundraising for Central

Fundraising chair
Robin Dominick



School
Fundraisers



HOW YOU CAN HELP:

- Annual Giving Fund: *Year round*
- Spring Auction Event: *Spring 2022 (fingers crossed!)*
- Spirit Wear: *Throughout the school year*

**Consider joining us and/or sharing your experience & ideas
with us: fundraiser@centralhomeandschool.info**

CHS Campus Beautification

Campus Beautification
chair

Alex Doty

What the Campus Beautification Team does:

- ✓ Systematizes and socializes care of interior and exterior campus spaces
- ✓ Provides students with up to 30 hours of service hours while giving back to our school
- ✓ Encourages stewardship of the building and campus



Key Communication Channels

Communication chair

Ester Roche Curet

1. PSD Infinite Campus
<https://sso.philasd.org/cas/login>
2. Central High School website
<https://centralhs.philasd.org/>
3. Google Classroom
sign-up info will be provided by teachers
4. Central HSA website
<https://centralhsa.org/>
5. HSA Google Group
<https://centralhsa.org/parents-list>

HSA Affinity Groups

African American Network & Latino American Network

These networks are communities of African American and Latino Central High School alumni and parents, both past and present, who have formed communities to facilitate fellowship, support and participation in sharing information and resources particular to loving, protecting and tooling their constituent students for success. They also create space for professional networking and socializing as Central HS communities of like minded and like situated African American and Latinos.

For further information, contact Joe Quinones at joetquinones@gmail.com or join the Facebook group, by searching in Facebook for **Central HS African American Network** Information about the Latino American Network - to come.

Anti-racism Network

The Central High School Anti-Racism Network aims to help make Central a safe and anti-racist space through education and advocacy.

Learn more here: <https://centralhsa.org/chs-antiracism-network/>

We are: Parents and guardians of current students at Central High School in Philadelphia, PA

Join: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScIDaXZTH49IYO9fj7hLiH2J5aL9T-Lf-FxLAA9H-0advLfjQ/viewform>

Upcoming Dates and Events

- ✓ Roster run through: Friday, August 27, 8am - noon
- ✓ First Day of School: Tuesday, August 31
- ✓ Labor Day, school closed: Monday, September 6
- ✓ Rosh Hashanah, school closed: Tuesday, September 7
- ✓ Antiracism network meeting: Sunday, September 12, 4pm
- ✓ Yom Kippur, school closed: Thursday, September 16
- ✓ Back to School Night: September, TBD
- ✓ Indigenous People's Day, school closed: Monday, October 11
- ✓ First HSA General Membership Meeting: Wednesday, October 13

Our Neighborhoods:

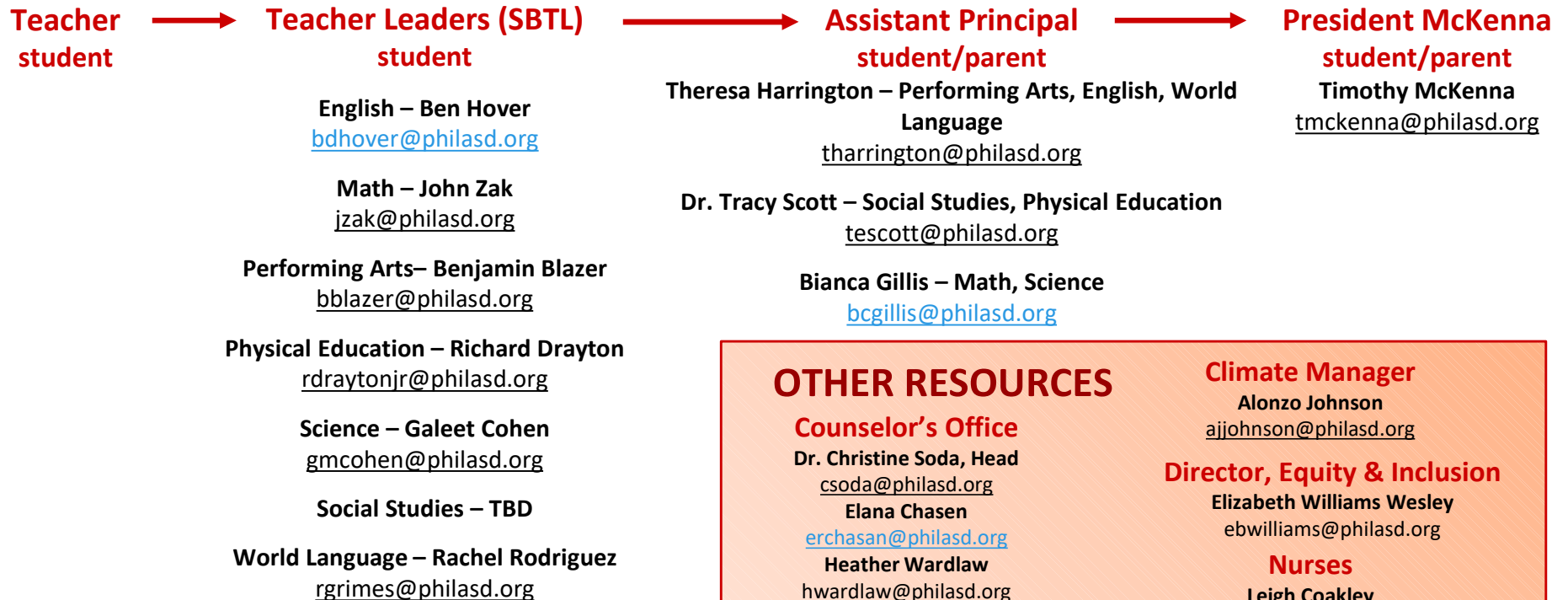
Meet CHS parents and guardians



The Fundamentals

- **Important logistics - travel safety, general school information**
 - Theresa Harrington, Assistant Principal
 - Tracy Scott, Assistant Principal
 - Bianca Gillis, Assistant Principal
- **Rosters - class schedules and course selection**
 - Avi Snyder, Roster Chair
- **School Climate**
 - Alonzo Johnson, Climate Manager
 - Elizabeth Williams Wesley, Director of Equity & Inclusion

ACADEMIC PROBLEM SOLVING



OTHER RESOURCES

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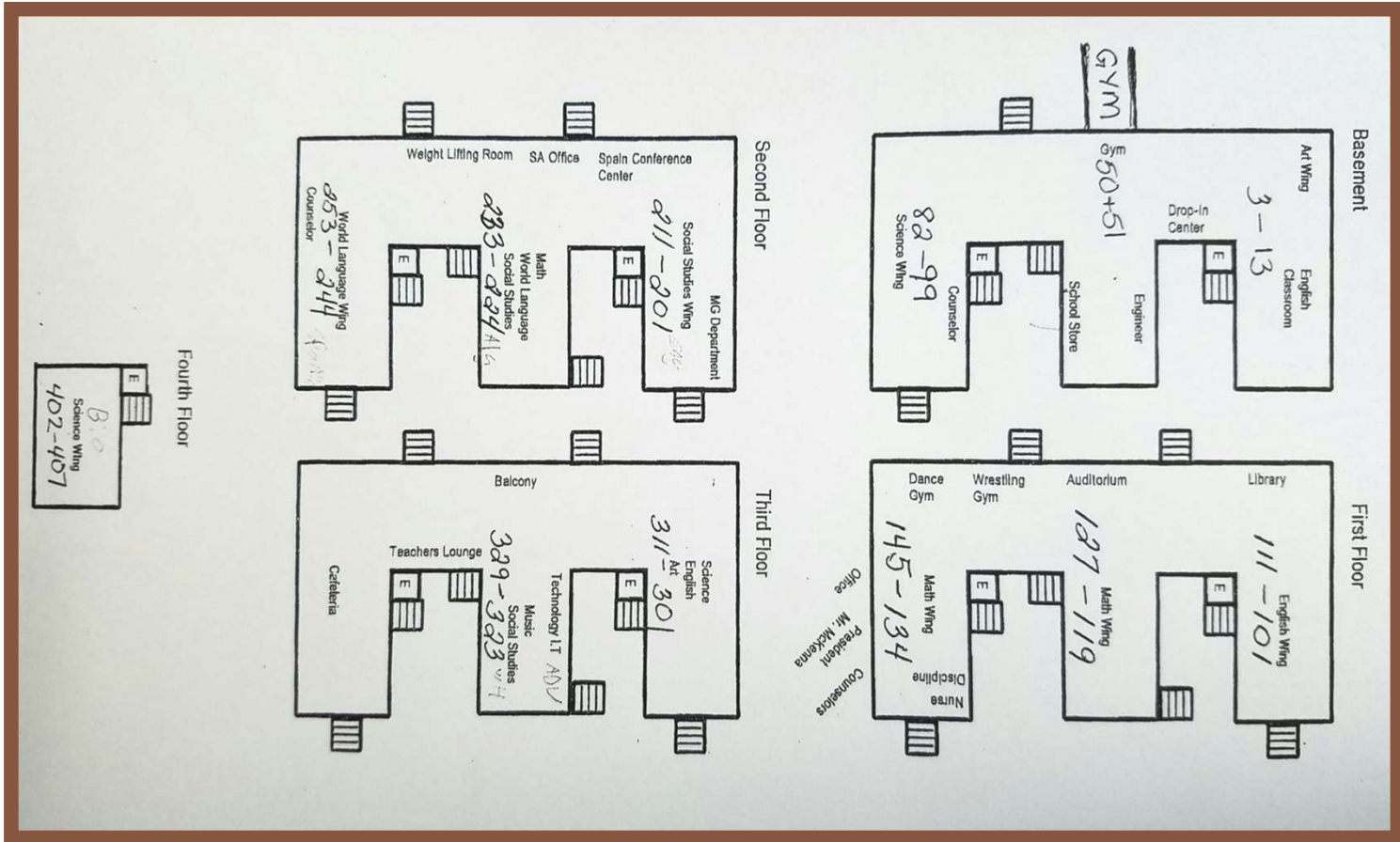
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CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING MAP



*****Break*****

Parent/Guardian meet & greet

Sign-up for Google Group

Purchase Central Spirit Wear

Q & A Panel



New student parents and guardians,
Central HSA board members,

and

Central Student Panel

Closing remarks



CHS Alumni Association

CHS President's Comments
President Timothy McKenna



Thank you!

Best wishes,
New and 284
Central families!

Parting thoughts

1) A year like no other

*“We spend precious hours fearing the inevitable.
It would be wise to use that time adoring our families,
cherishing our friends and living our lives.”*

—Maya Angelou,

2) Roster changes

Creating schedules for 2,400+ students and 100+ teachers in a building designed for 1,850 people is a complicated, Herculean, imperfect process. Changes will happen.

Please be patient.

3) Don't be a stranger

Get Involved!

Attend Central HSA meetings

VOLUNTEER!

Attend CHS Events (when possible)!

Art Shows – Music Performances – Musicals – Sporting Events – Club Presentations

(And, DO NOT MISS International Day!)



4) Love your children

- Given them space to grow.
- Let them make mistakes.
- Listen to what they say.
- Support them, challenge them, hold them accountable.
- Tell them that you love them.

Best wishes!
