

WHAT A GREAT TIME TO BE A BISON

It has been a great semester to be a Bison! As the first semester draws to a close, it has truly been an exceptional start to the school year. Student and community accomplishments have been remarkable during this period of time, and the amount of positive attention this community has received has been special.

The opening of the Bison Activity Dome on December 1, 2022 was monumental, and the facility is truly unique. The facility opening received State, Regional, and even National attention, as the District was able to access more than \$4 million in Federal Funds to construct a gymnasium for the District. Along with serving as a gymnasium, the Dome has the additional purpose of being a Safe Room to protect 2,865 students and community members from severe weather. The District put careful thought and consideration to the project, while also having positive outcomes along the way. The facility has nearly doubled in value from when prices were locked in to the completion of construction, further highlighting the overall value to the District.

Along with hosting the ribbon cutting for the Bison Activity Dome on December 1st, the District also held an open house at the high school to showcase the improvements that have been made by the District over the past few years. As impressive as the Dome is, people may not know how impressive the entire high school is. The renovations to the Science, Industrial Technology, Agriculture, Special Education, and Physical Education areas are nothing short of remarkable. Over the past seven and a half years, the District has done something exceptional for nearly every academic, activity, and athletic program to provide students the opportunity to pursue their passion. Further, the District has made a dedicated effort in not only providing state of the art facilities, but surrounding our classrooms and programs with exceptional staff.

This semester has been highlighted by considerable academic growth, activity performance, and athletic programs that represented the community and school in a positive light. The academic performance of our students continues to improve with each year. Each year, multiple scores of 30, or higher, on the ACT are reported. This December provides a snapshot of how incredibly gifted our students are in the areas of music. This is very evident in their Holiday programs, performance in the pep band at ball games, or in their dedication to preparing for the upcoming musical. Two of our four Fall sports programs also qualified for the State Tournament, in their respective sports, with both Softball and Football qualifying. This has been a really great semester.

As we prepare to roll into 2023, please take the time to reflect on 2022 and what a great year it has been for Central City Public Schools and the Community of Central City. It is very difficult to find a school and community that is doing more to be progressive, thinking outside the box, and being innovative to improve our community and to support growth. We cannot take what the overall community is doing for granted, and we must continue to do our part to support the growth of Central City.

Please take the time to enjoy the Holiday Season and we look forward to even greater things in 2023! It is truly a great time to be a Bison!