

THE HOOFPRIINT

TRACKING EVERY STEP OF BRONCO PRIDE

BRONCOS KICKING OFF THE SEASON!

GENTRY ZIMMER

The Centennial Football team opened up the first home game of the year on September 5th. They played against Hastings .St. Cecilia.

The final score was 8-40. They didn't come away with a win, but they took away some positives and now know what to work on and sharpen up.

"I'm looking forward to watching us grow and strengthen our individual skills and as a team week by week," said coach Craig Barjenbruch.

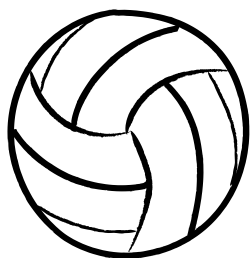


They are eager and hungry for wins; they're ready to put in time to get better and show us what they can do.

"I would say that the team is focusing on what we have to improve on every week, the whole season," said Kade McFadden (12).

Each week, these Broncos are going to bring it at morning weights, practice, and on the field.

"The first home game felt pretty good. I would say we got more comfortable playing with each other and just playing in general!" said McFadden.



STUDENT SECTION WHITE OUT

CHASE ROBINSON

The Volleyball team at Centennial hosted a triangular match against Fairbury and Central City on September 1, 2026, to help them prepare for later on in the season. It was a good battle, and there were a lot of lessons to be learned.

This was a whiteout game for the spectators, mainly for the student section.

"It was a good turnout, and a lot of people came," said Tyler Opfer (12).

People showed up for the game, and that's what we are trying to push. If more people show up to games and support, it gives the team confidence and increases our school spirit.

"The student section usually helps us play better and keep us in games," said Gentry Zimmer (11).

The volleyball team has had a rough start to the year, but is very confident that they will turn it around. If more people show up it gives the players more of a reason to play better.

"We want to show what we have worked hard for, and it's slowly starting to come together," said Meg Hoffschneider (12).



Showing Support

Jagger White (11), Kade McFadden (12), Parker Perry (11), Chase Pankoke (11), and Tyson Hornbaucher (11) lined up the front row of the student section as the first members.

All together, the team would really like it if more people showed up, and they will return the favor. It's all about getting our school to come together and improve the environment.

"I believe if the school comes together and supports each other, good things will happen," said Opfer.

MIDDLE SCHOOL MADNESS

CHLOIE EDWARDS

Every Friday, middle school homerooms compete in fun games and challenges in the gym, giving students and teachers a chance to show school spirit, work together, and earn points toward prizes.

The competitions create friendly competition between homerooms while giving students something exciting to look forward to each week. Students work together toward the goal of winning that week's game.

"Homeroom competitions are fun for students and teachers," said teacher Mr. Payne.

Along with being fun, the competitions bring students together and encourage them to support their classmates during the games and challenges.

"I think the most exciting thing about the homeroom games was seeing the students get excited for each other and competing against each other," said teacher Mr. Solomon.

The challenges can also teach students how to handle setbacks and keep trying when things do not go as planned.

"What I find the most valuable about this initiative is that it offers meaningful challenges to all students, regardless of ability," said teacher Mrs. Zegers.

While the competition may not be equally popular, students still enjoy having the chance to compete.



XC BEATING THE HEAT

BRAEDEN BLOEBAUM



The Centennial cross country team competed in Schuyler on September 3rd, 2026. It was a great start to the season. In each race, Centennial had someone in the lead, and unfortunately, the top runner on the girls' side got disqualified.

Stella Steele (9) ran an outstanding race, leading the race the entire time by about 300 meters. Closing in on her race, she took a turn too sharply before the tree and got disqualified. It was unfortunate, but she learned from it and didn't let it get to her.

"Why did the golf cart go so far ahead of me if they aren't pointing the directions?" said Steele.

However, just a few places behind her were the other girl runners: Marley Olson (12) at 4th, Nya Fischer (12) at 5th, and Josie Butzke (12) at 12th place. It was a great day for our girl cross country runners.

"It was pretty hot out, but we were able to finish very strong anyway," said Olson.

It was a very hot day over at the Schuyler golf course. The whole day was about beating the heat. Everyone hoped to finish before they boiled during their run.

"So glad the HS boys were able to go first at this meet; it's the only meet we do, and it was getting very toasty," said Carter Fritz (11).

Overall, the Centennial XC team did an amazing job over at Schuyler. They definitely made a showing over there, getting back into the season and shape.



Senior Selfie!

Seniors Nya Fischer, Marley Olson, Chelsy Hernandez, Braeden Bloebaum, and Josie Butzke pose pre-run.

MARCHING INTO THE FAIR

FAITH SCAMEHORN

On September 2, the band went to the state fair to perform their marching song for the crowd. This gave the band members a chance to showcase their song before taking it to upcoming events like Yorkfest and Harvest of Harmony.



"It went pretty good, but it was really hot," said Lynn Jurgensen (9).

Despite the heat and the weather conditions, the band did really well at the State Fair. This also comes from all the preparation they did by having morning practice and putting time into making it turn out good.



"I think we made a couple of mistakes, but overall I think we did great," said Hailey Stuzman. "I had a great time."

The state fair helps the band build confidence and prepares them for the bigger event later in the season. As the band, we were proud of our performance, even though we made some small mistakes.

"My favorite part of band is the bus rides competitions," said Stephanie Hoops (10).

Whether it is the excitement of bus rides, the pride of mastering a new song, or the friendships made along the way, joining the marching band gives students a supportive community to call home throughout high school.



LADY BRONCOS BEAT DOWN THE JEFFS

JARRET WHITE

On August 25th, the Centennial Lady Broncos softball team played in a triangular against North Bend Central and the Fairbury Jeffs in Beaver Crossing. The Broncos lost to North Bend Central 5-6 but dominated the Jeffs 11-3.

Against North Bend Central, Kenzie Stoll (10) hit her first career home run.

"I think this game went great; we really played as a team. I feel like my pitching and our fielding played a big role in that win," Said Emery Menze (11).

The Broncos had a Great 1st and 3rd inning, scoring five and four runs. Paityn Scheele(11), Ashton Wolf(10), and Dakota Boyer(12) led the game with 2 runs each. Boyer led the game with three hits in three plate appearances.

"It was a good game; we all stayed focused and supported one another and were able to play the whole game, and it led to run-ruling them eventually," said senior Faith Scamehorn (12).

Menze pitched all five innings of the game and struck out three batters.

Their team has had a "run-rule mindset," said Wolf, and every time they have thought that it has happened.

They will play Fairbury two more times in the future. The Broncos have a game Monday, September 1st against Aurora



Swing Batter Batter

Emery Menze (11) readies for her hit while on offense. Her pitching assisted the Broncos with their win.

TOUGH FIGHT FOR THE BRONCOS

TYLER OFFER

On September 3, the Centennial High School volleyball team competed against the Exeter-Milligan Friend Bobcats at home.

"We were good at bouncing back when we made mistakes. I think that was the best we have played all year," said Jaclynn Prigge (12).

Even though the team had lots of highlights, there are still things that need to be worked on.

"Talking is a challenge. If we communicate with each other better, good things will happen," said Head Coach Alex Anstine.

Every set was a nail-biter: 25-27, 23-25, 26-24, 26-28. Nonstop intensity was shown throughout the whole match. Not only that, but the Broncos' student section really showed up and cheered loudly for the team.

"It was a really good game to go to. The gym was loud," said Chase Pankoke (11), a member of the student section.

Next up, the Broncos will travel to Sandy Creek on September 10. They are looking for a win against the Cougars.

"Come cheer us on!" said Prigge.

NOW A BRONCO

BRAEDEN BLOEBAUM

This year, Centennial has had quite a few new students join to become a Bronco. One of those new students is Marshal Pankoke (12). Pankoke came to Centennial this year as a senior to finish out his high school career. Centennial was glad to welcome him. This is also his first year in a public school, which can definitely be a little difficult to adjust to.

"I started homeschooling from basically kindergarten until my freshman year, when I started going to a private school connected to Concordia just in Seward," said Pankoke

Pankoke currently participates in several activities. He is personally enjoying football the most. Being his first year at a new school, it was brave to go out for the football team.

"I was a bit nervous to join at first just because I didn't know anybody," said Pankoke. "But once I actually became close with everyone, I was really happy I chose to go out."

Having another senior to back up our football team is great. Let's not forget what comes first, though. Marshal is taking some difficult classes this year, but everyone has a favorite class in mind.

"It may seem a little weird to others, but I enjoy my college English class the most," said Pankoke. "The others in there are great, and Saunders makes it enjoyable."

We are glad to see that Pankoke is adjusting to our school nicely and we can't wait to see what he continues to do down the road this year.



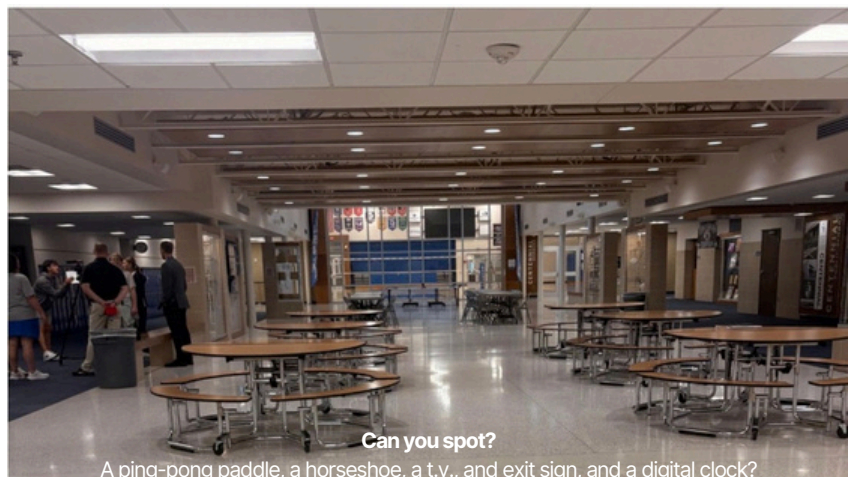
Serves Up!

Molly Fehlhafer (9) serves a lethal serve to the opponent. This is Fehlhafer's first year in high school, and she is already the starting libero.

"This year has already been so much fun!" said Fehlhafer.

CAN YOU SEE WHAT WE SEE?

CHASE ROBINSON & JARRET WHITE



Can you spot?

A ping-pong paddle, a horseshoe, a t.v., and exit sign, and a digital clock?





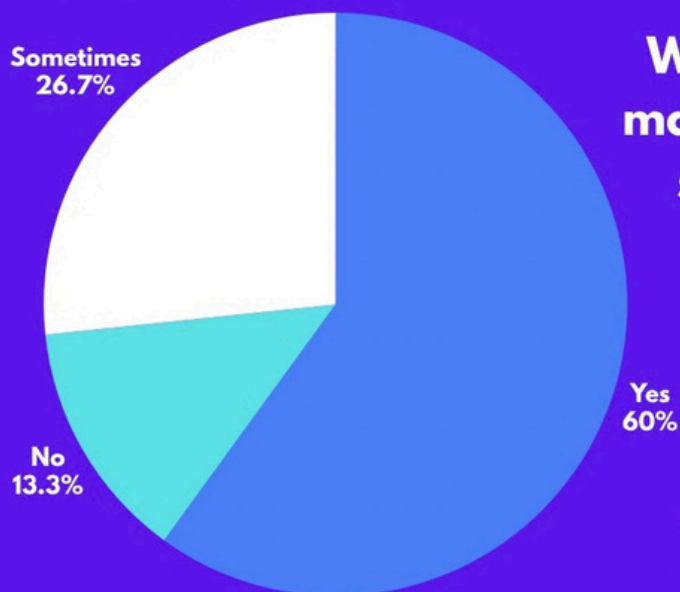
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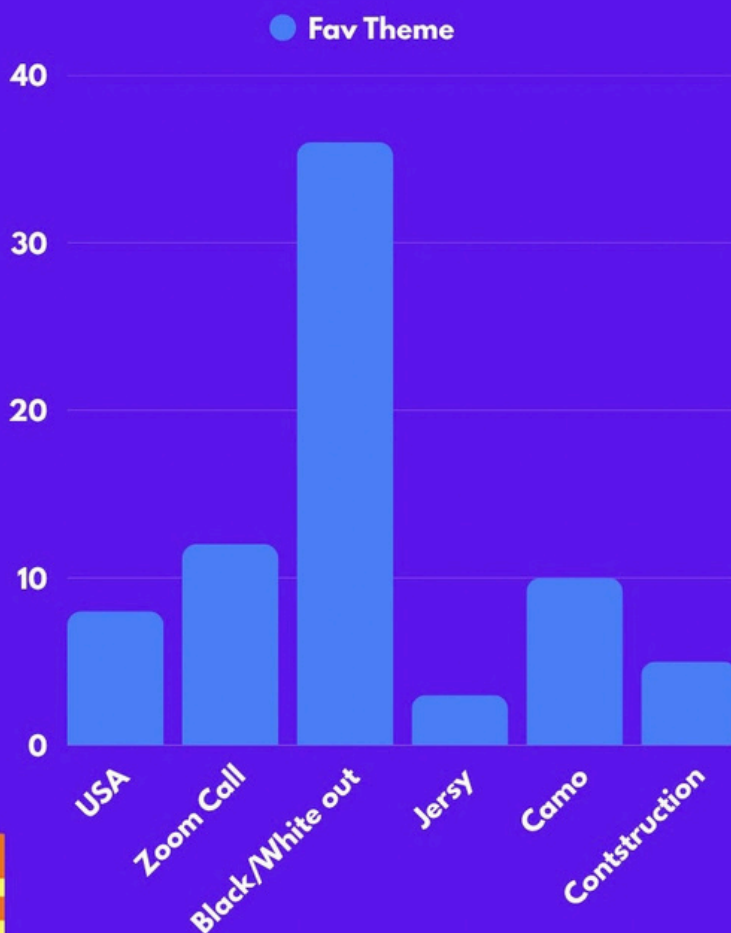
Student Section



Do you participate in student sections?



We conducted a survey to see how many students participate in student sections and what their favorite theme is.



Come support the Broncos any chance you get!

