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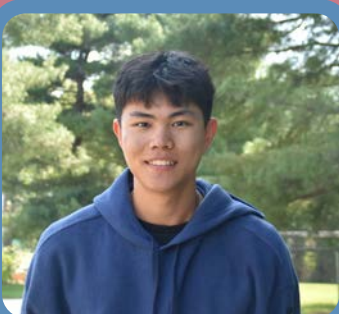
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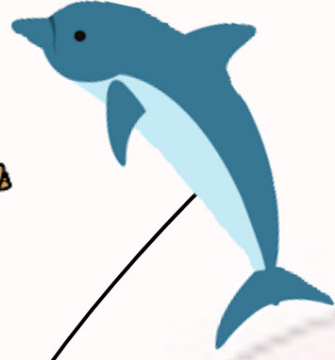
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Oh, the places we've been



how lucky are we

GOODBYE SENIORS: FROM OUR BELOVED STAFF!

Here are some sweet messages from the staff members that helped you along the way!

Dr. Miller

We'll miss you dearly and am so proud of all of you! As you move forward, stay curious, take thoughtful risks, and remember that the way you treat others will always matter as much as what you achieve.

Mr. White

Congratulations class of 2026, job well done, now go out into the world and apply the knowledge you've learned to make a difference.

Officer Carneal

Advice moving forward after high school, be a sponge, be coachable and remember that hard work always pays off!!!

Ms. Stevens

Class of 2026! I hope you take some of the skills you learned in math class (productive struggle, learning from mistakes, working with others) and apply them in your next chapter! We will miss you - come back and visit!

Mr. O'Brien

Don't be a stranger. Just be stranger.

Mr. Panzarella

Congratulations on all of your achievements! Keep pushing forward, don't be afraid to make mistakes and try new things!

Mrs. Holzman

You are capable of more than you know. Choose a goal that seems right for you and strive to be the best, however hard the path.

Mr. Sharbaugh

"Everybody's a star. . . You just got to be placed in the dipper and poured back down on the world."

Mr. Wheeler

"Let us, then, be up and doing, / With a heart for any fate; / Still achieving, still pursuing, / Learn to labor and to wait."

-Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Mrs. Seker

The world won't always be kind, but you always can be. Be nice even when it's hard.

Mrs. Doff

When this class leaves they will take a piece of my heart with them. Best of luck and I miss you already!

Mrs. Holt

Congratulations on this milestone! In this next chapter of your journey, may you pursue what truly matters to you while always carrying kindness and respect in all that you do.

Mrs. Stockham

To all the Seniors that made my year that much brighter, thank you! Please know that I wish you all the best now and always, and your energy in the lab will be truly missed.

Mrs. Grimes

Congratulations, Class of 2026! Remember to be yourself, be kind, and continue to accomplish amazing things!

Mr. Whitaker

"Life in every breath."

Mrs. Galante

Say yes to every experience unless it's illegal.

Mrs. Ireland

"They did not know it was impossible so they did it."
-Mark Twain

Mrs. Taylor

Put down your phones and be present. Maintain a life balance - school, work, friends, family and fun.

Ms. Nachlas

Never stop dancing, and always dance with your heart!

Mr. Slopek

Travel when you can, meet people who are different from you, stay curious. Some of the most important lessons in life come from new places, new people, and experiences you never planned for.

Mr. Hobson

Any time you can't do something, add the word "yet" and keep trying.

Mrs. Khaksari

Congrats to the Class of 2026. Always work hard and be kind. And remember the best way to stay balanced is to serve others in some capacity.

Mrs. Van Gieson and Mr. Parker

"Books are the plane, and the train, and the road. They are the destination, and the journey. They are home."

- Anna Quindlen

Mr. VanWestervelt

Each moment holds choices to see light, love, hope. Choose with self-compassion.

A Big Thank You to Our PTSA and Class of 2026 Sponsors!

Dear Mr. Moe and Mrs. Engle,

High school is not always an easy place. But since we joined this school as freshmen, you have been dedicated to us. Your immense commitment to ensure we would have the best possible high school experience has been such a blessing—one that has made our high school journey not just enjoyable, but memorable. On behalf of the class of 2026, we want to thank you! We are thankful for each of you as our class sponsors, and we wish you the best.

-The Wingspan Team

Dear PTSA,

Here in our Wingspan workspace, we have a phrase that we use daily in responding to comments and questions: "Yes Team!" It is such an important phrase to us because it reminds us of two things: that we are always anticipating what's next, and that we truly are a team, one that has been made possible because of your support. We are so grateful for your belief in us. It is because of your generosity and commitment that we have been allowed to relentlessly pursue the truth. Thank you!

-The Wingspan Team

Bucket List

What do our seniors want to do after high school?

Go scuba diving in the Maldives!



Kareena Shah

Travel to Europe to perform in a choir there!



Tobi Viatonu

Go bikepacking!



Will Yarlott

Compete in an Ironman Triathlon!



Zola Gargano

Trek to Mount Everest base camp!



Ritu Pokhrel

Fly a Navy fighter jet like a hornet or a lightning!



Shalisa Ibad

Buy a snail!



Connie Bell

Design my own fashion line!



Laila Aziz

Go on the highest zipline in the world!



Diya Bollam

Backpack around Europe with nothing but supplies and a few friends/family!



Yusuf Shikoh

Travel around Europe!



Kelly Ji

To be a background extra in a movie!



Rida Khan

Paint a wall and stare at it until the paint dries!



Aditi Gunasekar

Get high-security government clearance!



Johan Lee

Run a bakery!



Bella Hachani

Take a vacation to Japan!



Aiden Gauthier

Go to Italy!



Samaara Srivastava

Hike around the United States!



Jane Baldy

Meet LeBron James!



Corey Ruffin

Learn how to surf!



Elise Palabrica

THE BEGINNING OF THE END: SENIOR SUNRISE

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Groups of Centennial friends admiring the sun in the early morning at the first senior sunrise. Photos provided by: Ryan Doody, Hannah Elpus, and Teju Reddi

All good things must come to an end.

At the sharp hour of 6 A.M, August 29th, the Centennial Class of 2026 drove to school just before dawn. Students parked their cars and unpacked blankets, lawn chairs, cameras, and even cooking appliances, fully prepared to embrace this sentiment. The tradition of “Senior Sunrise,” where students gather to watch the sunrise together, accompanied with a “Senior Sunset” at the end of the year, is a longstanding tradition to bid a proper farewell for each graduating class.

For students, watching the sun rise over the horizon symbolizes the start of their education career, while the eventual sunset marks the close of their primary education.

That morning, Senior Karunya Bomma explained

why so many seniors hold this tradition deep in their hearts.

“I feel like it was a little surreal because it's one of the first landmarks of senior year where you kind of realize how we have so much ahead of us. So it's, like, the start of something monumental.”

But it's not just what it stands for, but the connections students have with one another. In terms of friendships, Bomma brings up how lifelong friendships bring more emotions into senior year.

“There's also just something about seeing the sunrise with other people that you've grown up with. I don't know how to describe it, but there's just something about it.”

Senior Kareena Shah notes her personal experience while watching the sun raise over the horizon.

“I think a part of me also felt a little sentimental knowing that this was kind of the last time I would watch the sunrise with my friends and it just kicks in that this is my last year I'll be with them. I want to make as many memories as I can.”

Savoring moments are always about making strong memories that you can carry well into adulthood. A part of that is being able to look back at your teenage years and notice the small moments; milestones, defining events, and old friends to reconnect with. Senior Sunrise serves as a singular and early destination in a long line of many more to come, allowing many students the opportunity to take out their cameras and do just that.

For Bomma, this idea is heavily reflected in her, stating, “I just think it's a cute memory. Like, you're gonna

look back into years and be like, what was I talking about? Well is it just like, that was the vibe at the time, you know?”

As Senior Sunset approaches along with the big finale of graduation, these moments hold extra significance to seniors such as myself. As these four years flew by, we are beginning to savor the last moments of high school; bidding farewell to teachers, classmates, and the same routine we've had since elementary school.

So seniors, remember—take out your cameras, create memories, and capture every moment; but don't forget to enjoy the ones that don't get uploaded. One day, these will be the memories we look back on and wish we could relive just once more.

Let's Have a Feast!

Teju Reddi
Managing Editor

There are not many states that have a gathering to make silly t-shirts with jokes, eat some great shellfish, laugh and talk throughout the evening.

Maryland is one of the special cases, and on the school level, so is Centennial High School.



*The whole class is celebrating with music, crabs, other food, and so much more.
Photo by: Teju Reddi*

On Oct. 8, 2025 the senior class held a Crab Feast, and what a feast it was. With so many things packed into the start of the year, this event required a ton of preparation.

The Crab Feast was a fun and joyful time where seniors could relax between the college applications and the stress that comes with being a senior.

Over 180 senior classmates came together to enjoy the second senior activity of this year. Many seniors try to

soak in all of the fun that takes place given it is their last year at the school, and last opportunity to make memories.

To throw an amazing event like this, there was a ton of preparation behind the scenes. The class of 2026 board members and sponsors worked tirelessly to make sure that the 2025-2026 school year is one to remember.

The senior class sponsors; Colin Moe and Elizabeth Engle, were hard at work getting everything ready and prepared for the big day.

Before the big feast, they needed to get the preparations started. "The event started to be planned last spring, and we had reached out to the caterer," Moe said. The crabs were catered from Monaghan, where they steamed the crabs right in front of the school.

Along with seniors, the junior class board of 2026-2027 was there to help by handing out crabs, serving food, and even enjoying some food for themselves.

"The senior class

board put up the decorations and everything, and me and a couple of the juniors on the executive board showed up 30 minutes before to help finish setting up, and got aprons on," said Advait Thambisetty, junior class president.

Thambisetty and the other juniors got right into helping out with serving crabs to the seniors and ice cream for a sweet treat to end the night.

While the senior and junior boards were working on the feast part of the event, the seniors attending had to make their crab shirts.

Making crab shirts has become a widespread tradition for feasts all over Maryland. All you need is a black t-shirt and some puffy paint or any kind of fabric paint. On the t-shirt, people cleverly make crab jokes to lighten up the event.

The Crab Feast is the event that lifts up the school year for seniors right before the chaos begins, and a great way to make memories. This year's feast was no short of a success, and a great preview for the senior events to come.

"Many seniors try to soak in all of the fun that takes place given it is their last year at the school, and last opportunity to make memories." - Teju Reddi

BIG EVENTS THIS YEAR

MIDWEST



SOCIOLY 10 YEARS AT NATS



LIP SYNC BATTLE



BOYS SOCCER AT STATES



*The whole class of 2026 is celebrating their first senior event.
Photo by: Teju Reddi*

SPORTS COMMITMENTS

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- **Aaron Cochran, Soccer**
Neumann University
- **Abigail Desena, Soccer**
North Dakota State University
- **Brady Harris, Baseball**
Cairn University
- **Carolyn Shadrick, XC/ Track**
Westchester University
- **Casey Stachera, Baseball**
Emory University
- **Claire Whipkey, Lacrosse**
Hofstra University
- **Dominic McDonald, Lacrosse**
Lebanon Valley College
- **Emily Graff, XC / Track**
UNC Greensboro
- **Eniya Headspeth, Track & Field**
Towson University
- **Finn Davis, Swimming**
Marist University
- **Ian Doll, XC/Track**
Washington Jefferson College
- **Ian Radtke, Soccer**
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology
- **Jack Arrington, XC**
Loyola University Maryland
- **Jameson Ivy, Lacrosse**
Elizabethtown College
- **Jane Baldy, Field Hockey**
University of Delaware
- **Jason Oberly, XC / Track**
Washington and Lee University
- **Jerica Yuan, Swimming**
Swarthmore College
- **Kaitlyn McManus, Lacrosse**
Rochester Institute of Technology
- **Madaline Reese, Softball**
William Peace University
- **Sophia Cortez, Flag Football**
Hollins College
- **Sydnee Peters, Volleyball**
Loyola University Maryland



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“Never stop dreaming, a dream is what makes it worth it.”
-Abby Desena

“Just keep trying new things and working hard.”
-Sophia Cortez



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“Stay confident through it all!”
-Jerica Yuan

“Enjoy the process and moments, not just the result.”
-Emily Graff



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WE GOING?



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A grid of 15 college logos from Pennsylvania, including Lehigh Valley, Penn State, and others.



MARYLAND

A grid of 15 college logos from Maryland, including Hopkins, MICA, and Bowie State University.



Stealing the Stage: Our Fine Arts Commitments!

Calvin Lee - Staff Writer



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Senior Owen Landle has been involved in Skyward Theatre for the entirety of his high school career and participated in all nine shows of his time here! Among those nine shows, however, he credits his favorite musical to be Alice by Heart. His favorite moment during his time here occurred during the performance of the musical Seussical, when he sang standing on an elevated platform in the middle of the audience. Owen will continue his journey at the University of Hartford. There, he hopes to develop the training and connections needed to simply make a living doing what he loves: theatre.

"Trust the process, and don't be afraid to make choices," Owen encourages, speaking to the next generation of Centennial actors. "Theatre is all about being uncomfortable. It's about being weird, and having an opportunity to express yourself. Traver is an amazing director. No matter what, he'll get something done. And if you just do your part, lock in, then everything will come together seamlessly."

Senior Erin Leberknight has been involved in six shows here at Centennial! The show in which she grew the most was Alice by Heart, but the one in which she had the most fun was Legally Blonde. "Being able to play different shows and characters, I keep a part of that character with me after I finish it. They are a part of me now!" she emphasizes. Out of Legally Blonde came one of her favorite moments of her Skyward Theatre career, when before the second act began, Erin and a few others would form a hype circle to get "legally locked." "It was peak life," Erin recalls.

She is off to University of Oklahoma where she hopes to keep performing, whether on a big or small stage, and hone in on certain skills, like dance. Her message to the next generation of Centennial actors is, "to not have any regrets. Go in with an open mindset, keep honing on specific details, but have fun reveling in the art of theatre!" To those considering going to school for artistic reasons, she encourages them: "don't let what other people say determine how you feel about your own art."

ERIN LEBERKNIGHT



Though Senior Jacqi Fan began her high school orchestral journey as a "really shy freshman who was scared to talk to teachers," she quickly grew to establish her presence in the program! She credits a big moment of growth to a moment in junior year when she asked a senior to duet Gershwin's First Prelude for a class assignment that eventually became part of a Centennial concert performance!

Jacqi will continue her journey at the Johns Hopkins Peabody Institute, majoring in violin performance and minoring in economics across the street at Johns Hopkins University. In college, she hopes to reach her full potential as a musician. "Of course, that won't happen ever technically," she admits. "It's like what Mr. Sharbaugh says about 'Areté'. But I know trying to achieve that will allow me to play the music I want, and communicate with my audience beyond words, and that's one of my biggest goals." She stresses how it is not perfection, but the emotional connection through music with her peers and her audience that she values. Her parting words are to "never underestimate the power of music, even if you are not a musician."



Class of '26: 6 Sets of 2!

They were born on the same day, and now they'll be graduating high school at the same time. We have six sets of senior twins this year, and here's a little bit about them.



Albert (Left) and Brad (Right) Cao



Evan (Left) and Emma (Right) Liu



Jack (Bottom) and Katie (Top) Kelly

Albert is older by 1 minute
Biggest Difference:
 Albert is very scheduled with plans, Brad is more flexible with plans
Biggest Similarity:
 Both have a passion for playing cards, but both are terrible at board games

Emma is older by 4 minutes
Biggest Difference:
 Emma is very abstract/humanities focused, Evan is very logical/STEM focused
Biggest Similarity:
 Both love blasting music while driving, leading them to fight over aux

Jack is older by 10 minutes
Biggest Difference:
 Jack has curly hair and Katie has wavy hair
Biggest Similarity:
 Both are outgoing, but also sometimes introverted



Kai (Left) and Quinn (Right) Leland



Blythe (Left) and Audray (Right) Zheng



Winnie (Left) and Noni (Right) Wiriyacoonsakem

Quinn is older by 31 minutes
Biggest Difference:
 Quinn is very involved in performance/musical arts, Kai is very involved in fine arts
Biggest Similarity:
 Both are very caring and always willing to help and be there for their friends

Audray is older by 12 minutes
Biggest Difference:
 Audray is stem oriented, Blythe is humanities oriented
Biggest Similarity:
 Prefer Starbucks > Dunkin EVERY TIME

Winnie is older by 13 minutes
Biggest Difference:
 Winnie is more emotional and sentimental, Noni is more logical and stoic
Biggest Similarity:
 Both are introverted with a few close friends

Senior Takeover Day!

A day to impersonate your favorite teacher? Take a look at how our seniors did!



Senior Assassin Makes a Splash at Centennial

Ryan Doody
Co-Editor-in-Chief

On the morning of April 13, Centennial seniors were decked out in swimming goggles and floaties, carefully approaching the school “safe zone” while trying to avoid elimination. The day marked the start of Senior Assassin, a yearly tradition among seniors in the few months leading to graduation.

tentially located.

The game creates a highly competitive yet enjoyable experience for all who participate, and even those who don’t but just get the pleasure of witnessing the craze. Players will hide behind cars, trick their friends, and even find their target’s workplace all for the sake of staying alive. The game is all about survival, and the biggest thing is to trust no one.

Senior Claire Pilcher took on the responsibility of running the game while fellow senior Dara Oladapo was tasked with the social media posts. The stakes are high; as a result, tensions can get pretty high as well, so it is crucial for those running the game to make sure it stays in check.

James Bond and the adrenaline rush is unmatched.”

Senior Assassin has evolved into a staple tradition for 12th grade students winding down their high school careers. People at Centennial have different interests, hobbies, and experiences, but Senior Assassin was one of the few things that felt equally shared among the entire grade. While the game itself is fun and exciting, it leaves a bittersweet feeling for those who are closing a chapter in their lives. For one, it serves as one of the last moments that seniors will look forward to and participate while in high school, but it also unites the seniors in a way that is atypical for a large high school.

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Senior Nostalgia 2026



Centennial Seniors geared up with their protection for Senior Assassin. Photo by: Teju Reddi

At exactly 6:30 A.M., each participant was assigned a target, one that they had until Sunday to eliminate. This cycle continues for the entire game, with each week seeing less participants remain. The game is played on the app Splashin, which automatically assigns each person a target, and includes a map feature to show where your target is po-

For the players, however, each week comes with a new strategy and gameplan. Senior Zohaib Syed enjoys the process of mapping out his own game plan.

“Coming up with unique plans in order to get your target out while also being inconspicuous is what makes Senior Assassin so fun,” Syed said. “You feel like

Humanities Program at Centennial



The students of the Humanities class of '26 celebrate their final events together at the Hum Banquet.

Provided by Rus VanWestervelt and Jessica Landi

Prom-ises Kept: One Last Song for the Class of '26

BLYTHE ZHENG

FEATURE EDITOR



Our seniors singing and dancing at Prom, making the most of their last high school dance. Photos provided by: Rus VanWestervelt

For Centennial Seniors, sweat sets and flip flops are much too common in everyday outfits. However, once prom rolls around, these Eagles never fail to show up. From bedazzled dresses, heels, and ruffles, to sleek suits, dress shoes, and bow ties, prom is the one day these students can show off their style and personality.

This one day takes months of planning, beginning as early as the start of the school year. From choosing a venue to coordinating decorations and catering, the junior class takes on the responsibility of organizing the dance. This year, on April 25, 2026, prom was held at the Baltimore Museum of Indus-

try, right along the Baltimore Harbor.

Despite the weather this year, the downpour of rain couldn't dampen the excitement. The day itself was just as memorable as the dance, filled with traditions that have become staples of the prom experience. From brunch and bouquet making with friends to TikTok transitions, photo shoots, and limo rides, the hours leading up to the event were full of laughter, friendship, and even a little bit of romance.

"Being there with friends and enjoying the night is the best part. It's especially nice seeing people I don't usually get to talk to during school, so it feels like every-

one's just coming together for one night," Senior Alex Barrett said.

Of course, no prom would be complete without the classic promposals. Centennial students fully embraced this tradition, with creative and often cheesy displays. From clever wordplay on posters to corny surprises, these promposals were scattered across Instagram. These couples coordinated outfits, matching dresses and ties, making them easy to spot once they hit the dance floor.

As the night unfolded and music played, one thing remained constant: the importance of capturing it all. Photos with friends and family became the highlight for many,

students will look back on for years to come. Although the rain pushed many pictures indoors, it didn't take away from how stunning everyone looked or how special the evening felt.

For seniors, especially, these photos represent more than just a dance. They capture some of their final memories as Centennial Eagles, marking the end of one chapter and the beginning of another.

"I cherished every moment even more, and even went out of my comfort zone to talk to new people and make new friends!" Senior Zena Levy expressed.

THE END OF A CHAPTER: BITTERSWEET MEMORIES

Let's take a look back at our some of our seniors's last memories at Centennial



1 Our seniors cherishing their last first day of school!
Photo provided by: Kaitlyn McManus

2 Sophia Liang (left) and Audray Zheng (right) capturing the moment of their last first day of school in the Centennial's parking lot.
Photo provided by: Sophia Liang



3 Annabella She (left) and Anushka Skariah (right) last first day of high school.
Photo provided by: Annabella She

4 Sophia Cortez won the dinosaur race at her last pep rally.
Photo by: Teju Reddi

5 Marching Band Seniors' last time performing Star Wars at the Fall Pep Rally!
Photo provided by: Rus VanWestervelt



6 Calvin Lee (left) and Mr. Funk-Heiser (right) competing for the prize at the spring pep rally.
Photo by: Teju Reddi

7 Our seniors posing and enjoying their last homecoming!
Photo provided by: Hannah Elpus.



8 Our seniors in cheer and marching band performing at their last homecoming parade.
Photos provided by: David Matchim

LAST ONES, BEST ONES!

Where Will I Be In 10 Years

Jessica Leffler

I would like to have a masters and hopefully a PHD in Food Science and hopefully be deep in my career.

Rayan Shah

I would be at the world table tennis championships, I would have become a top player in the U.S and travelled to Europe to compete and train. I hope to be training for the Olympics simultaneously.

Hannah Shiau

I'll have graduated from college and dental school with my DMD and I'll be in my residency program!! I'll also be getting ready to move to LA, New York, or Chicago for work and be married and have a family.

Mira Sybiriakova

I see myself living in a warm state with my own family. By that time I will already pass the bar exam and start working as a corporate attorney in a big city.

Noah Chu

I hope to be working on a film set in Los Angeles. It is ambitious, but I want to direct a movie when I'm older. I guess I've been influenced by my time at the AMC in Columbia.

Hannah Zhou

I see myself going to Titan (one of Saturn's moons) and befriending aliens.

Aaron Cochran

I see myself playing professional soccer.

Jake Weidemann

At 34,000 feet in a corporate jet flying rich people around.

Rana Cherukuri

I see myself working at the center of AI, working on improving education through technology.

A Guide to Longlasting Friendships: Centennial Duos Share Their Stories

Caroline Jenkins
Staff Writer

For those lucky enough to have one, the value of a close friendship during high school is evident. Senior year especially can be a time of uncertainty, and steadfast friendships help remind teens that they are not alone.

But how do you build a strong friendship? Close bonds are more than just meeting the right person at the right time. They take months (and sometimes years) of hard work, late-night talks, and inside jokes. Luckily, certain members of Centennial's graduating class have learned a lot in four years.



[Left] Wearing their attire for an elementary school band concert. [Right] Bell and Reddi at the Senior Sunrise. Photos provided by: Teju Reddi



[Left] Chauhan and Bakshi dressed up as genies. [Right] Bromance at the Centennial High School parking lot. Photos provided by: Darsh Bakshi



[Left] Balamurugan and Jayaprakash celebrating Halloween as kids. [Right] The seniors enjoying a sweet treat. Photos provided by: Taniska Balamurugan and Sandy Jayaprakash

1. Take Your Time

"My advice is to just trust the process," said Connie Bell, who has been close with Teju Reddi since 4th grade. "Sometimes people just need time to warm up to each other."

Not only does she recommend going slow, Reddi also notes that you should not be afraid of change; rather, you should expect it. "You have to work through the highs and the lows. Growing up is a part of life, and your friendship has to change with that."

2. Confide in Your Friends

It can be hard to feel confident around new people quickly. And yet, the truth is vulnerability is what makes friendships powerful. Rishit Chauhan and Darsh Bakshi have been best buds since elementary school. They said talking things over with friends can be a great outlet.

"[I]t's good to share your emotions and issues with the people you trust," Chauhan said. "If you're stressed or need to talk to someone, go to your friends."

3. Be Authentic

"When you're just starting to get to know someone, people often feel pressured to change their personality to what they think someone else will like, but it is so important to stay true to yourself" Tani-ska Balamurugan suggested, speaking from 14 years of friendship with Sandy Jayaprakash.

Jayaprakash added that it is easy to make assumptions about new people. Therefore, she said, "Being patient, open, and willing to understand each other early on builds a stronger, more genuine foundation for the friendship."



4. Show Gratitude
 Though it might feel awkward at first, expressing to those you care about how much they mean to you is a great way to keep your relationship strong.
 Maddie Tseu and Katie Genovese recognize how rare their bond truly is. "She brings so much warmth to everything," Genovese reflected. "It makes me really happy that she gets to be my best friend."

[Left] The pair in elementary school. [Right] Tseu and Genovese visiting Baltimore together. Photos provided by: Maddie Tseu



5. A Familial Bond
 Friends are often referred to as the family you choose. For neighbors Lauren Jensen and Erin Leberknight, that could not be more accurate. They have been friends ever since they can remember, and their powerful bond has even made their two families tight-knit.
 They trust that that familial bond will continue even after graduation. "I've always been very confident that like a family would or a sister would, even if you don't see each other every day, you're always gonna be close," Leberknight concluded.

[Left] The pair at elementary school age with their American Girl dolls. [Right] Leberknight and Jensen ready for their senior year Homecoming. Photos provided by: Erin Leberknight

Farewell from The Editors

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 Co-Editor-in-Chief

Farewell Wingspan; To Centennial and Wingspan,-----

We are a group of writers who have written countless features, conducted lengthy interviews, and chased breaking news stories all over the school. All we have done for the past four years as a part of The Wingspan is write. However, we still found ourselves stumped when curating this final letter as graduating seniors. Maybe it is because how can four years of getting to know our community through storytelling and reporting, fit into a few small paragraphs? The truth is, it's almost impossible to put into words.

The Wingspan has easily become a second home to writers here at Centennial. For us, the senior editorial team, the newspaper is a product of our drive to capture every moment possible here at Centennial. From covering athletic events, student and teacher features, and policy reviews, it has been a privilege to serve as a voice to this community. Everyday, we are reminded that journalism is more than just an elective class; it is a legacy, one that dates all the way back to the 1980's when The Wingspan was first established. This paper would not be possible without the students who trusted us with their stories, the teachers who kept their classroom doors open, and a community who never hesitated to help keep The Wingspan alive.

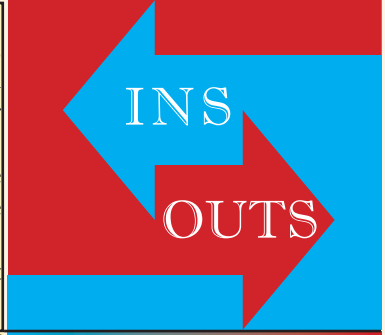
To this year's team, thank you for accepting challenges, trying new things, and writing passionately. We started the year with a lot of new faces and writers and concluded the year with a well-rounded production team. But more importantly, we created a family that made it easy to come to class each day.

For the future editorial team and students at Centennial, keep your hearts open to every voice that is waiting to be amplified. Never hesitate to get your foot in the door to keep asking questions driven by humanity and curiosity, and never stop telling stories.

And for Centennial as we leave it, thank you for allowing us to tell yours.



Our last sign off,
 Emma Liu, Teju Reddi, Ryan Doody
 The Wingspan Editorial Team



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