

## Center Independent School District

Superintendent, Dr. Brian Morris

## **Morris' Memos**

Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas!!!

As we enter this holiday season, I feel it is important that we all understand how blessed we are to have each other as working colleagues and to be a part of the Center Independent School District family. Nothing feels more like family than enjoying time together during this time of the year. It is fun to see all the events that take place on the various campuses, from the ever-famous Elf arrivals to being "mugged", and everything in between. Activities have increased in number and frequency with the onset of the holiday season.

We are proud of our Roughrider football team. They made it to the first round of the playoffs. The game didn't end like we wanted it to, but our kids and coaches worked very hard to fight through unanticipated injuries. We are very proud of them. Boys and girls basketball has begun. Both teams are performing at very high levels and we anticipate seeing them going deep into the playoffs after district.

Our next school board meeting will be on December 14, 2023. I will be getting with Principals in the very near future to begin putting our four-day school week Research Committee together. Be on the lookout for more information soon.

We are very excited to have our High School and Sixth Grade Band Concerts on Monday, December 11, 2023. We are equally anticipating the Seventh and Eighth grade Christmas Band concert on Tuesday, December 12, 2023. These performances never disappoint and we are very proud of our students and directors during this holiday season.

Center Independent School District is entering a busy time of the year. We are all aware of the festivities and holiday parties, of which so many of us are involved. Yet there are still the school responsibilities, planning, student monitoring, being here, TIA, walk-throughs, evaluations, and the list goes on and on. We all know that all of this has to be done, but understand you must take care of you. (A very hard lesson I recently had to face). We are here to help and support you. You may not always agree with others with whom you work; but proper and professional communication can help us all work toward an agreed upon end. I do not believe we have anyone working for us who wakes up and thinks to themselves, "how can I do a disservice to students today". I firmly believe we all want to help students. We may not always agree, but we all want the same thing.

In closing, take care of yourself. With the upcoming Christmas season, rest and take time to take care of you. You have all worked so hard, you deserve it. Love on your family, your kids, your parents, your spouse or significant other. Play a game, sit by the fire, just take some time.

Thank you for all you do. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!

Dr. Morris