



Centennial Academy Head of School Report CA Strategic Goals 2020 - 2025

October 2021

Academic Excellence: Centennial Academy will achieve and sustain top tier academic results by outperforming the district and state average, ultimately achieving a score of 90 or above, as measured by the College and Career Readiness Performance Index (CCRPI)

21-22 Target Goal: 60% of scholars will demonstrate proficiency in ELA and 65% of scholars will demonstrate proficiency in Math as measured by DRC Beacon Assessment data by the end of the academic year; 60% will meet their Typical Growth Goal in ELA and Math as indicated by iReady assessment data; 35% of scholars will meet their Stretch Growth Goal in ELA and Math

Updates:

- Continued Walkthrough Observations with Leadership Team and **EL Education** PD Specialist, Dr. Tarika Sullivan. This data is used to inform future professional development and coaching support of teachers.
- Our STEAM Specialist, Ms. Summer Blackmon, worked with K-8 teachers to launch our **Quarter 2 Project Based Learning (PBL)/STEAM Units**
- Leadership Team welcomed **Mr. Larry Rosenstock, founder of High Tech High**, to campus for strategic advising and consulting on STEAM/PBL implementation
- Media Specialist, Ms. Jennifer Burke, led reading initiative, **Buzzer Readers**, throughout the month of October in partnership with the **Georgia Tech Women's Basketball Team**
- Scholastic Book Fair** will be held the week of October 25th to provide an opportunity for our scholars to build their home libraries and further their love of reading
- Literacy Coach, Ms. Terion Woods, is spearheading our annual **Literacy Pumpkin Walk** to provide scholars an innovative and creative opportunity to showcase their favorite books in an artistic and seasonally appropriate fashion
- Kicked off Saturday Hero Academy under the leadership of Personalized Learning Specialist Ms. Adina Wade, 56 scholars attended October session (50% of registrants)

Upcoming Meetings:

- Larry Rosenstock, Founder, High Tech High
- Ehab Jaleel, Executive Director, Amana Academy

School Culture: Centennial Academy will achieve high satisfaction among stakeholders by ensuring a safe, supportive, and inclusive environment for every scholar, educator, and parent as indicated by 4 out of 5 stars on the CCRPI School Climate Star Rating

21-22 Target Goal: 90% of scholars will attend 90% of enrolled days by the end of the academic year

Updates:

- 8th-grade Emerging Legend Matthew Weldegaber was selected as an **APS REACH Scholar** and will receive a \$10,000 - \$30,000 scholarship to attend any eligible in-state college/university after graduation from high school after being nominated by Upper Academy Counselor, Ms. Raquel Horowitz
- Upper Academy Music Teacher, Ms. Rachel Odendahl, registered 8th-grade Emerging Legend Londyn Miller for **District Honor Band/All-State Band** auditions
- Celebrated **Centennial Academy Homecoming** with Spirit Week, Pep Rallies, and Flag Football



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- **Leadership Day** Celebrations were held on October 20th with a focus on “E-Engineering” for scholars and staff under the direction of Dean of Culture, Ms. Angel Hendricks

Professional Capacity: *Centennial Academy will achieve 90% retention among staff by fostering a positive and healthy working environment that retains, supports, rewards, and attracts talented educators*

21-22 Target Goal: *83% of staff will be retained by the end of the academic year*

Updates:

- Members of the Expanded Leadership Team attended the 1st **EL Education Regional Leadership Cohort** to continue to strengthen and build capacity around the three dimensions: Mastery of Knowledge and Skills, Character, and High Quality Work
- Collaborated with Ms. Susan Belmonte at CEISMC to reestablish **Georgia Tech Pre-Teaching Internship Program**
- Welcomed new Registered School Nurse to the CA Community, Nurse Abdi from **ProCare Therapy**
- Nominated Centennial’s Human Resources Team, Ms. Renarta Freeman and Ms. Erica Ware, for the **KIPP Leadership Design Fellowship** as an opportunity to receive national intensive and collaborative training for leadership development, particularly through an equity lens
- Teacher Support Coordinator, Ms. Jennitra Zachery, and HR Director Ms. Renarta Freeman, kicked off Centennial’s 21-22 Wellness Initiatives with a special presentation by **Cigna Healthcare** highlighting our wholistic focus on physical, mental, social, and financial wellness

Upcoming Meetings:

- Dr. Nina Gilbert, Director, Morehouse College Center for Excellence in Education

Community Partnerships: *Centennial Academy will cultivate family and community partnerships to ensure success for every scholar and serve as the school of choice for families who value excellence in academics, applied STEAM integrated learning, and ethical leadership in an urban environment*

21-22 Target Goal: *85% of parents will participate in a formal Parent-Teacher Conference by the end of the academic year*

Updates:

- Welcomed the new **Centennial Place Apartments** Manager, Ms. Afua Amoah Kubiti, and initiated weekly touchpoint meetings with Personalized Learning Specialist, Ms. Adina Wade
- Planning **Make Music Count** STEAM Engagement Opportunity with the **Microsoft Corporation** and Ms. Najula Jackson’s 5th-grade Accelerated Pathway scholars to provide mathematics integration enrichment
- Initiated partnership with **Out Teach** to enhance STEAM Education, particularly by providing job-embedded coaching to further enhance science integration practices among Accelerated Pathway teachers
- Held STEAM Accreditation planning meeting with **Cognia** and **ArtsNOW** as our STEAM Specialist, Ms. Summer Blackmon, leads us toward STEAM Accreditation in Summer 2022



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- Selected as **Wells Fargo School Recycle Program** recipient and Centennial will receive donations of classroom supplies, office supplies, PPE, and books
- Met with **Horizons at Georgia Tech** Director Sirocus Barnes to increase the participation of Centennial Academy in after-school and summer programming
- **Centennial Academy PTA** sponsored the Centennial Academy Educator Advisory Council (EAC) First Fridays staff event at Ponce City Market Skyline Park
- Collaborated with the Atlanta Charter and Partner School Network to sponsor two **Atlanta Board of Education Candidate Community Forums**
- **Georgia Tech STEM Club** is now serving twenty budding scientist scholars along with our Media Specialist Ms. Jennifer Burke each week in the Media Center
- The **Centennial Academy PTA** hosted a Parent University Takeover in conjunction with our Family Liaison Ms. Toshia Meadows and held the first PTA Meeting of the 21-22 school year
- Our CFO, Mr. Steven Pressas, attended the **Trust for Public Land's** 30th Anniversary Celebration at The Atlanta History Center as we continue to move toward a community partnership with APS and the Arthur Blank YMCA for a proposed Community Schoolyards Project
- Associate Head of School, Ms. Stephanie Hodges, represented Centennial Academy at the **Center for Puppetry Arts 22nd Annual String Fling: Illuminate the Night** event as a special guest of **The Coca-Cola Company**

Upcoming Meetings:

- Dr. Gloria Banuelos, Corporate Responsibility, Qualcomm Thinkabit Lab
- Matt Underwood, Executive Director, APS Office of Charter and Partner Schools

Financial Sustainability: *Centennial Academy will align resources to address scholar needs and manage funds to ensure revenue will equal or exceed expenditures annually while achieving all five financial performance standards as stated in charter contract*

21-22 Target Goal: *A minimum of \$150,000 will be secured through fundraising activities (grants, gifts, donations, etc.) by the end of the academic year to support the annual reserve*

Updates:

- Awarded FY22 **State Board of Education Facilities Grant** in the amount of \$50,528
- Received **Title IV Middle School Behavior Initiative** FY22 Allocation of \$17,725
- Received **Feminine Hygiene Grant** in the amount of \$917 from Atlanta Public Schools
- Completed and submitted **FTE & CPI Funding Cycle I Reports**
- Submitted **Title II Professional Development Grant** Request to APS
- Participated in the **State Charter Schools Foundation of Georgia Empty Stocking Fund** and received a \$500 “shopping day” donation; Delivery of 44 pallets of Lysol wipes to support our daily cleaning and sanitation efforts is forthcoming
- APS Federal Programs Specialist, Ms. Tenika Booth, will be delivering Centennial's **Charter Schools Program (CSP) Grant** check this week in the amount of \$150,000

Enrollment



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<i>Kinder</i>	<i>1st</i>	<i>2nd</i>	<i>3rd</i>	<i>4th</i>	<i>5th</i>	<i>6th</i>	<i>7th</i>	<i>8th</i>	<i>TOTAL</i>
90	75	88	109	80	101	78	67	72	760 (+7)

COVID-19

- Positive Cases, August 5th - October 25, 2021

<i>Scholars</i>	<i>Staff</i>	<i>TOTAL</i>		<i>Scholars</i>	<i>Staff</i>	<i>TOTAL</i>
53 (+6)	7 (+2)	60 (+8)		144 (+16)	24 (+4)	168 (+20)

- Close Contacts, August 5th - September 27, 2021

***APS Weekly COVID-19 Tracker: [Link](#)

- Staff Vaccination Percentage: 78% (+1%) Fully Vaccinated
- Weekly COVID-19 Surveillance Testing: 277 (-7) scholars consented & 94 (+2) staff

Centennial Virtual Academy (CVA)

- Launched on Monday, October 18th for beginning of Quarter II

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14	11	21	22	20	17	13	11	11	140