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HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## DEAN OF STUDENTS' LETTER

Addenbrooke families,

We talk a lot about community at Addenbrooke High School. In my 11 years here, the community has become one of my favorite parts of who we are as a school. We are a group of people–parents, teachers, and students–who embody a common devotion to the **True**, the **Good**, and the **Beautiful**. We walk this out, not just inside our walls, but also in the world around us.

I have the privilege of writing to you this week in Mr. Byrne's stead, as he has been busy serving our local community. In his role as Lakewood Police Department Chaplain, Mr. Byrne has come alongside the department and their families as they face significant tragedy, all while balancing his responsibilities here at the high school. Our students took the time to write notes of sympathy and encouragement to those affected.

Yesterday, we had the privilege of honoring our country's veterans. It was sweet time where students raised the flag, sang *The Star-Spangled Banner*, played *America the Beautiful*, and recognized Mr. Leonard, our very own veteran.

In honor of World Kindness Day, Addenbrooke High School students have spent this week completing acts of kindness. Thanks to NHS leadership, students have intentionally done things like build new connections, pick up trash, express appreciation to teachers, and hold doors open for others. And that's just the beginning of this season of service and connection. On December 1, the entire high school will be visiting various places in the community to serve. We'll share more information soon.

At Addenbrooke, community is not a buzzword; it is part of our DNA. I am honored to be a part of it, both as a parent and staff member. Your students are amazing, and it is an absolute privilege to work with them day in and day out.



**Kari Michelsen**
High School Dean of Students
Addenbrooke Classical Academy

## INTRODUCING: ED KING

# Guidance Counselor & Director of Postsecondary Success

We are pleased to announce the addition of Ed King to Addenbrooke High School's staff! Mr. King is our guidance counselor and Director of Postsecondary Success. His role will be to assist students in developing a clear post-graduate path, whether through a four year university, community college, trade school/apprenticeship, the military, or the workforce.

He earned a B.A. in English from CU Boulder and a Masters of Education from Colorado State University. Mr. King is excited to work with students and families to make plans for life after Addenbrooke.



## COLLEGE & POST-SECONDARY SUCCESS

# College Night – Monday, December 7, 5–7 p.m.

Save the date for our first college night! Representatives from the following schools will be in attendance for a Q&A panel:

- CU Denver
- Colorado State University
- University of Northern Colorado
- Colorado Christian University

Pizza will be provided. All Addenbrooke High School students and families are welcome!

## AROUND CAMPUS

# Field Trip | *A Christmas Carol*

Our next all-school field trip will be to the Denver Center for Performing Arts for a live production of *A Christmas Carol*. Permission slips have been sent home with your student and are available electronically HERE.

**Date:** Wednesday, December 9th
**Location:** Denver Center for Performing Arts
**Cost:** $25.00
**Permission Slip and Payment Due:** Friday, November 20th
**Dress Code:** Business casual
*Limited Number of Tickets Available. First-come, first-served.



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## NOVEMBER

16 High School Basketball Tryouts

17 SAC Meeting, 5:30 p.m. at High School Campus, 3rd floor

20 High School Thanksgiving Dinner / Cozy Day $1

23-27 Thanksgiving Break

## DECEMBER

1 High School Day of Service

8 High School Choir and Orchestra Concert, 7:30-9:00 p.m.

9 Pancake Breakfast / DCPA's *A Christmas Carol* / Holiday Social

11 Half Day of School

12 Winter Workshop 9:00-12:00 PM (PACS Sponsored Event)

11-18 Six Days of Giving to Staff (PACS Sponsored Event)

Calendar

Find more details & see more events at addenbrooke.org/calendar

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Follow along for campus moments, announcements & more.

# BULLETIN BOARD



## Enrollment

Enrollment and re-enrollment are coming up in December! Think about who you could invite into the Addenbrooke community. If you know a family seeking a classical education, please **encourage them to join a 9:00 a.m. Tuesday tour. No pre-registration required.**

## Stay Home When Ill

Please remember to keep your student home if they are contagious, too unwell to participate in school activities, or have symptoms such as fever, vomiting, or diarrhea. Thank you for helping us keep our school healthy!

## Board of Directors Letter

The Board of Directors publishes a monthly letter to the Addenbrooke community that was sent to your email. To read it, click here.

ABOVE BOARD
News from the Addenbrooke Board of Directors

## Restaurant Fundraiser

Join us at Red Robin on Thursday, November 19, for an all-day fundraiser benefiting our school! Red Robin will donate 20% of eligible food sales to Addenbrooke. Please visit the location at 3244 S. Wadsworth Blvd., Lakewood. Mention the fundraiser to your server. Online orders also qualify when placed through the "Fundraisers To Go" menu.

## Mustang Athletics

**Come cheer on High School Boys' and Girls' Basketball this season!**

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| 11/30 | ACA v. Twin Peaks @ Twin Peaks |
| 12/3-12/5 | Classical Cup Tournament |
| 12/9 | ACA v. Two Roads @ Two Roads |
| 12/14 | ACA v. Aurora West @ Aurora West |



Addenbrooke High School celebrated Veterans Day with a service on Wednesday. Thank you to the orchestra, choir, and Principal Byrne who helped us honor veterans.

Click here to see more.









