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High school is no child's play. It is a place defined by learning, competition, literature, history, math, science, art, languages. It is a journey in which we are confronted each and every day with resistance. Surviving this journey is no easy task; it requires endurance, determination and courage.

From the first ring of the morning bell at 7:42 until the final shrill of the afternoon bell at 2:43 we are faced with opposition. The football team facing off Park Hill in the playoffs. The visual arts student crossing their fingers for a gold key at the Scholastics Art Competition. The student fighting to stay awake after a late night at the premiere of Twilight: Breaking Dawn Part II.

Each and every one of us encounter struggles. How do we survive? We grapple against the odds and we show the opposition that we have the perseverance and fortitude to overcome it.

We survived the end of the world. We survived tennis matches, swim meets, the ACT, FMP interviews, math tests, history book notes. So get out there. Show the world that it cannot tear you down. Show the odds that they will not push you over the cliff. Exceed expectations.

And may the odds be ever in your favor.
BEATING FALL

Fall may very well be the only season in which it is shorts-and-t-shirt weather one day, and winter-coat-and-boots the next. Or maybe that’s just Missouri. But despite this state’s seemingly bipolar weather patterns, there is one thing we can be sure of: rain or shine, each day we will face the uncertainties of life.

What is it, then, that gets us up every morning? It is the knowledge that we can and do prevail over hardship. Lucky for us, this is where the students of Central High School shine.

The Band of Brothers made Indian history by making the second round of the playoffs and smashing rival Park Hill not once, but twice. The girls tennis team reclaimed the District title after a spectacular season. The boys swim team took not one, but two relays to the State championship. The Flag Team took first in the field show at Carrollton, and the choir sang first place as well. The Cross Country team took both boy and girl representatives to their respective State meets.

And the list of accomplishments goes on. Life is a battle for all of us, not just the athletically or musically talented. And we have been victorious. We mastered Geography map tests, Personal Finance stock projects, Language Arts music chats, Harvest Homecoming spirit days, the dreaded attendance policy, the new school lunch regime and countless other battles.

And we survived.

Opposition is the pathway to maturity and growth. And while our opposition may not be Lord Voldemort and a gang of Death Eaters or the fearsome force of the Volturi, it is nonetheless important that you put your brave face on and know that you can overcome the odds in front of you.

And remember this: I’m not allowed to bet, but if I could, my money would be on you.
central undergoes changes both big and small

New Buildings
Late last year Central began construction on a new facility. This building consists of a new varsity locker room, weight rooms, heat and ice baths and classrooms. The facility was scheduled to be made available for use in mid-January. With the construction, the senior lot was closed leaving many students with the dilemma of finding other parking places at the beginning of the school year.

Central also saw the construction of a new press box. This was completed just in time for the first varsity football game. The press box covers a large portion of the stands, with multiple media rooms on the inside and a concession stand, and bathrooms built into the back.

Lunch Time
Following the law passed by first lady Michelle Obama, all school lunches have been revised to fit the 750-calorie limit. Fries have been cut out of the majority of lunches. Paying extra for chips is another new policy to the school. Keypads have been added to the lunchroom, making paying for lunches easier for those without their I.D. cards.

ACT Testing
Central is now a site for ACT testing. Students can get a code from their counselor to register for Central as their testing location. This will give the students of Central an opportunity to test in a familiar environment, making testing much less stressful.

New Security System
This year the St. Joseph School District has introduced new security systems to increase safety in the schools. During the day all of the doors are locked, and in order to enter the school visitors will be required to "buzz in" before the doors are unlocked and they are allowed to enter the school.
Above: Mr. Chamberlain's freshmen year class uses their new iPads. The iPads were an integral part of project Connect, a district-wide effort to increase technology usage and availability among students. / Left: Construction on the new Morgan Multipurpose Facility continues throughout the fall. The building was expected to be completed in early 2013.

How would you survive the Lochness monster mystery? Have Scooby solve the mystery. / Saige Sheets (11)
Returning THE CROWN

football restores title as city champs

Senior Staff/ Nick Busby
Photos by/ Kyle Arnold and Maddy Steilen

Stepping onto the turf at Missouri Western, the football boys prepare for their first test. "You can't do it," the critics say. "You guys can't be as good as last year." But against all of the hate and against the odds, the team pads up and jogs onto the field, ready to go to war and determined to recapture the city crown.

Each season, the football team has a goal to win four championships. Those championships are: Jamboree, District, Conference, and State. The one that involves the most pride is, by far, the Jamboree. As a result of last year's loss, the team had to deal with a lot of criticism and hazing from other schools. "We got pumped up by losing the previous year," senior Jake Stoll said. "Our game plan coming in was to destroy all of the city teams. We really wanted to leave our mark on the city."

Dominating is exactly what they did, pounding the ball and tearing through Leblond and Benton's defenses to go up a total of seven touchdowns to zero. "Dominate' was the word of the week," senior Ty Franklin said. "We wanted to have no regrets and leave no doubt that we were the best."

After a rout of the first two teams, it was time for the real test. Of all the schools in the city, Lafayette was the one that hazed the most. "Lafayette definitely thought they were the best team," Franklin said. A rushing touchdown from senior Brandon Perkins put Lafayette in their place. That's all the boys needed to tie Lafayette and take back the title of city champions. "It felt pretty good because it proved we were the best," Franklin said. "With it being my senior year, it was great to go out winning."

"This senior class really wants to leave their legacy with this school before we leave," Stoll said. By returning the crown home to Central they have left that legacy.
Below left: Junior Tra Cruz gains the ball against LeBlond. Cruz became a key role player this season. Below right: Junior Denmark Gray breaks away from a Benton tackler. Gray led the way, running all over the city teams. Below: Senior Daniel Baker lays a hit on Benton. Baker used the Jamboree to break out and have a huge season.

What was your favorite part of Jamboree?

"Running out there and seeing all the Central Crables."  
/Senior Chad Bruder.

"The intensity of the crowd and how well we performed."  
/Freshman Jacob Hess.

"Probably beating Lafayette. They talked trash more than any other school."  
/Senior Matt Wright.

"Probably the atmosphere and the prep we did for it. We were getting pumped the entire week before."  
/Junior Tyea Mayfield.

How do you survive losing your voice because you are so loud at a game? Yell even louder.  
/Tanner Day (12).
PENNIES for CHANGE

students participate in annual games

Senior Staff/ Miranda Poulton
Photos by/ Madison Ideker, Carien Taylor

The crowd screams, egging on their class. Music pounds on the walls of the gymnasium. One of the most anticipated events of the first quarter has arrived: The Penny Drive Games.

The Penny Drive is an assembly where each class and the staff has a team to represent them. The teams compete in many different games such as tug-of-war and three-legged races. The seniors dominated the games, with the sophomores coming in a close second. Freshmen came in third, staff fourth, and juniors brought up the rear.

However, while the Penny Drive may just be a fun competition to high school students, it affects our community greatly by funding organizations such as Second Harvest which gives food to families in need.

“The United Way helps many organizations throughout St. Joe,” NHS sponsor Rebecca Calloway said. “All the money stays in St. Joe and helps people in need here in St. Joe.”

A week before the games, NHS members collect donations to raise money. There is a competition between classes to raise the most money. Students can put dollars or silver coins into their class jar to help their class or they can put pennies into their opponents jar to hurt them. The seniors raised the most money this year with $231.17. In just a couple weeks the student body raised a total of $3,683.27.

The Penny Drive is a fun way to get involved and help the community. The competition pushes students to give more. The change from the competition can give a change to a kid’s future.

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How would you survive a horror movie? By watching it with friends so I have someone to be scared with. //Brandon Perkins (12)
How would you survive without electricity?

I’d try to think of ways people in the past lived without electricity. /Sam Link (12)
"The cons are figuring out the validity of the information and then becoming a classroom distraction for students."

Q: What do you think are the pros and cons to having iPads at Corvus?
A: "The pros are that everyone has access to technology, finances are not a problem. The world is moving toward a technological platform. The cons are that it is sometimes a distraction. It's impossible for a teacher even with good priority and monitoring to make sure that student are not playing games."

Mr. Hackett
Imagine a device that allows anyone first class access to the world in just a touch of a button. Where downloading music and playing games are unlimited. What is it you ask? No, it's not a phone. It's an iPad.

At Central, the use of technology is playing a vital role among the freshmen class. In September each freshman received an iPad. Many people saw this as a step in the right direction. "I think it's important because you have to make sure they are prepared for the future of technology, to have the basis of what's happening in technology today," Communication Arts teacher Brandon Haskey said.

The use of technology expands each and every day. Have you noticed, for instance, in fast food restaurants the use of touch screen computers? Or even the lunch systems here at Central? Technology, like all things, has its pros and cons.

"The pros to having iPads are that they have unprecedented access of information and ability to get information faster and easier than ever before," Haskey said. "The cons are figuring out the validity of the information and then becoming a classroom distraction for students."

Providing technology such as iPads is a way of enhancing learning experience. It allows you to get a broader perspective of the world that you can't get from just sitting in a classroom. Having access to these types of technology help many students participate in class and have a better attitude toward school. In addition, under the current economic conditions, the iPads present a way for students who wouldn't have access to computers the chance to do bigger and better things regarding school; students are now able to collaborate.

Technology is the future. By allowing freshmen the opportunity to explore technology with iPads, they are being prepared to live in a technology based world.
EVERY Penny COUNTS
money from family helps educate students

Junior staff/ Darian Taylor
Photos by/ Megan Walters

People often don’t understand the impact that scholarships have on students. These make or break your chance of going to college. If students try hard in school and put forth the effort they can get scholarships and have most of their schooling paid for.

What if somebody told you that you could go to school and pay little to none for tuition? On Thursday, September 14 Central held a press conference that brought the news of a highly impactful gift to its students, teachers and community. Earl and Elmyra “Susie” Euler had written a will in which they donated a large amount of money to Missouri Western State University and Central High School.

The first person to hear about the generous gift that Missouri Western and Central were receiving was Dr. Melody Smith, superintendent of the St. Joseph School District. Central received $25,000 for students planning to attend any college. Additionally Missouri Western received $449,000 for Central students planning to attend Missouri Western. This is an opportunity that many people have never had. The seniors in the class of 2013 will be the first graduates eligible to receive some of the scholarship money. Any amount of money that a student receives in scholarship money helps them.

Dr. Robert Sigrist, who is an alumni of Missouri Western said that no one will quite understand how much this generous gift helps. “When people do this it helps attract talented students, and Central has a ton of talented students that go here,” Sigrist said. The more opportunities available in St. Joseph will urge the talented students that we already have in the area to stay here.

“It’s sad to see them leave St. Joe because we are exporting talent to other places that we want to keep here.”

J.D Euler was a cousin of the Euler family; he was their representative and spoke at the press conference. Euler told the Central High School leadership class that the money was going to the right place. Euler also said that his cousins donated money to their church. The Euler’s went to Central themselves and loved the school and knew the students here had potential. “They wanted to educate the money no one knew they had.” The Eulers’ generous gift will impact students now and for many years to come.

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How do you survive a horror movie? Don’t go upstairs. /Jake Keller (11)
## SCHOLARSHIP lowdown

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Source: Central High Guidance Center

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Above left: Dr. Robert Sigrist speaks to press conference attendees. As a MWSU alumnus, Sigrist was overwhelmed by the generous donation. Above right: President of Missouri Western State University, Dr. Robert Vartabedian speaks at the press conference. Above: J.D. Euler and Mrs. Hill enjoy cupcakes at the conference. Right to left: Leadership students Alex Roberts, Joe Cochran, B.J. Thomson, Brady Cameron and Hannah Klaassen. Friends of the Eulers. Rental leadership students get ready to listen at the conference.

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How do you survive Monday mornings? I feed my cat and cook myself breakfast. /Jenny Ohnesorge (11)
11 Junior quarterback Jacob Kauer runs away from the opposing team after a handoff. The Indians lost against Raymore-Peculiar with a score of 36-53.

21 After receiving the ball junior Trajon Ouse tries to find a hole in the defense. Ouse played corner and receiver for the Indians.

31 The players on the sideline cheer on their teammates on the field. Even with a loss, everyone kept up a positive attitude.

41 Junior Clayrene Bell blocks a Raymore-Peculiar opponent while trying to dodge another who is trying to tackle him from underneath. Clayrene was an excellent kick returner for the Indians this season.

How do you survive a long car ride home? I would draw out my plans to conquer the universe. /A-Lese Wilson (12)
A Reymore Poccular player tightly grabs onto the back of junior Derek Gray's jersey. Derek Gray's speed eventually got him away from the tight grip as he moved across the field.

Junior Derek Gray is tackled by two of the opposing players. Senior Matt Wright helps out Derek Gray by grabbing onto one opposing player and pushing him down to the ground.

Punt the PANTHERS

band of brothers battle their hardest

Senior staff: Kim Barnes
Photos by: Jack Mcbee

How do you survive on a tropical island? I would not survive. I would probably die and a bear would eat me. /Paige Shelter (12)
**ROYALTY**

*Harvest Homecoming Queen Helen Cargill*

"I wasn't expecting it at all, but I am happy I won."

*Harvest Homecoming King Brandon Perkins*

"I was excited and I wasn't expecting it at all."

Senior Ty Franklin jams out at festivus. Many bands and singers performed for the crowd.

Seniors Austin Hartschen and Taylor Collins show off their spirit day apparel. Seniors dressed like rappers for decade day.

Cabinet members Blair Griffin and Hannah Maseen sell homecoming shirts at festivus. Student government students were busy homecoming day setting up for festivus.

**BEHIND the SCENES:** preparing for coronation

*How did you survive the homecoming game?* With plenty of blue and white face paint. /Jack Kilgore (12)
Work Hard \ PLAY HARD
leadership lends a hand

Senior Staff/ Manny Rivera
Photos by Jack McBee, Madison Idler and Caitlyn Lindstrom

Boom! Fireworks ignite as the night comes to an end. Students, family and faculty gaze at the spectacular show, chanting and exclaiming their school pride. Football players howl with brotherly love, and fog sneaks into the air. This is Fall Homecoming. This is the night that epitomizes high school: freezing Friday night football games, school pride, friendship, and happiness. Unfortunately this night won’t last forever. After all, every good thing must come to an end.

Even though the end of homecoming is inevitable, for a whole week Central is a star-studded party. Homecoming week consists of festivus, dress up days, a dance, a parade, and of course the game. Students get extremely involved, trying to outdo each other on the dress up days. However, while homecoming is a fun and laid back week for most students, student government works hard behind-the-scenes to make homecoming memorable.

For months student government plans homecoming, perfecting every aspect of it. “We start planning homecoming really early, by the end of summer we have to have the theme and shirt design,” senior cabinet member Blair Griffon said. Picking out a theme is just the beginning; Student Government is in charge of many more obligations of homecoming. “We’re responsible for a lot! We have to take care of festivus, coronation, the parade, the dance, the t-shirt, and the dress-up days,” Griffon adds.

Student Government has much to worry about. Not only do they have those burdens to worry about; but also they have to deal with unexpected challenges. Blair explains, “One of the hardest things about Fall Homecoming is when students don’t dress up.” Dress up week is a defining tradition that can either make or break Homecoming week. Getting the word out about the days is a challenge because Student Government is faced with limited time.

However, even the toughest of challenges are overcome. Homecoming is a tradition that has been carefully crafted, and sculpted by student government for many years. Whether it’s picking out flowers for coronation or walking in the parade; Student Government will always go above and beyond.

How did you survive the cold football games? Warm clothes and lots of glitter. / Kinsley Chavez (12)
Making STATE boys advance team to state meet

The boys team worked all year long to achieve one goal: to make it to state as a team. When seven Central runners crossed the finish line at sectionals and everyone realized that they had achieved their goal, every Indian (fan, coach, or runner) went ecstatic. "There's a feeling of satisfaction that we haven't experienced yet this season. We have finally accomplished what we have set out to do since I was a freshman," junior Zac Miller said.

This was the first time since 2004 that the boys have qualified for state as a team. The five seniors on the varsity team will be able to leave Central without regrets, knowing that they have accomplished what they sought out to achieve.

"With a team at state, I have the opportunity to be a part of, and accomplish, something much bigger than myself," senior Jeff Bachman said. Jeff Bachman, along with Zac Miller and Brett Bachman, have qualified for State before as individuals, but never as a team. These three realized just how special this opportunity was for them.

"It means so much more to have a team travel to state with instead of going individually with a few teammates," Miller said.

Going to state as a team is something these seven boys will never forget.
Cross Country is a sport that is often looked over; they don’t have much funding, they don’t get many fans, and their sport is often misunderstood. But when the bus company forgets about them and doesn’t even show up to take them to the Districts meet? Well, that’s a bit much.

With the girls varsity team made up of primarily underclassmen runners, nerves were already running high. Without a means of transportation, things became a bit more hectic; “I was already really nervous to be racing my first districts race. The bus not coming just added on to the stress and pressure,” freshman Kristen Hagan said.

Lucky enough for the girls team, Coach Bob Miller had prepared them for moments like this throughout the whole season—emphasizing on their teamwork and togetherness. With Miller’s preparation and calm attitude, juniors Kaylee Ball and Elsa Kunz, along with sophomores Elena Fox and Kaylee DuVall, were able to step in and confidently calm the frantic freshmen. “Since we didn’t have any seniors on varsity this year the four of us really had to step up and lead the team,” junior Kaylee Ball said.

With everyone cool and collected, the team forgot the crazy morning, pushed past their nerves and worked together to run their hardest and place third at districts—advancing into sectionals.

Unfortunately, the team as a whole didn’t make it out of sectionals but two talented freshmen runners (Paityn Howet and Abigail Burr) did. Howet and Burr went on to run in the state race the next weekend in Jeff City.

The girls had a fantastic season and learned a lot about teamwork and dedication. With all seven varsity members returning next year, they have high expectations on what they hope to accomplish.

Left to right: Sophomores Mikaela Quick, junior Kaylee Ball and Hannah Van Cleave, freshman Faith Knut and seniors Chandler Gossett and Abby Neumann smile for the camera. The team ran at Plato City. Above left to right: Senior B.J. Thomson runs the last stretch of his race. Freshman Paityn Howet races toward the finish line. She qualified for State at the Sectionals meet. Senior Jeff Bachman and junior Zac Miller run the second mile at districts. The boys went on to run at sectionals and state.

How did you survive cross country practices? I kept reminding myself that when I got done I could drink lots of chocolate milk. /Elena Fox (10)
How did you survive football season? I visualized the goal I was reaching for, and worked to reach it. /Ty Franklin (12)
Central football is more than a sport. It’s an amazing experience that changes your life over four years. The Indians set out this year to make history. Making it to the second round of the playoffs, and hosting a home playoff game was a good start.

Where most sports start practice in season, football starts winter weights for next season only two months after the last season ends. Spring conditioning starts up in March. While many sleep in during their summers, the young athletes wake up around 6am to start a challenging summer program.

Those who survive the summer, leave stronger, faster and with a bond that’s unbreakable. “Without a good team bond, you don’t have a good team at all,” senior Brandon Perkins said. It was that bond that bought the team together whenever adversity showed itself throughout the year.

The season got off to a slow start with the Indians having a record of 2-3 after their first five games. Knowing that a change had to be made, the team rallied together winning three out of the next four games. Their impressive performance over those four games gave them an opportunity the Indians had never had before; they would host their first ever-home playoff game. Playing Park Hill the first time, they came out with a narrow 32-29 win over the Trojans. The Indians wouldn’t let it be that close again. Coming out playing without mercy, the Indians ended Park Hill’s season in a crushing 43-13 win.

That win made another big moment of history getting the Indians to the second round of the playoffs for the first time ever. The Indians had to play defending class 4 State Champions Staley. The Indians played with heart, but came up short. Even with the loss they still had many things to be proud of. They made history in multiple ways over the season. They started out being doubted by those around them. In the end the state stood shocked by the turn around the Indians had made.
"I'm thankful for meeting all of the girls and learning new skills from Coach and going to the meets and meeting girls from other schools." /freshman Christie Bahr

Losing senior players and rebuilding a team with fresh faces is never easy. The girls golf team saw a crop of five new girls with only three returning: seniors Kelsey Jordan and Jacy Atkins, and sophomore Kara Beemer. With so much inexperience, the team didn't know what kind of a season to expect. And while having so many girls unfamiliar with the sport certainly pinned the odds against the team, they were able to come together and have a solid season.

"It was different this year," Jordan said. "We had girls looking up to us for help and encouragement." Five girls who had never picked up a club before the first practice came out to the Golf Club for their first practice as a Central High School golfer.

"I was nervous! But everyone there was fun and good to get along with," freshman Alexa Franks said. "So after the first practice, I wasn't nervous anymore." Franks had been playing soccer for years, only playing a bit of golf on the side. Even as an incoming freshman, Franks saw herself playing the number three spot on the Indians' varsity team.

"I didn't really know what to expect," first time golfer sophomore Mady Pfeiderer said. "I knew going from basketball to golf was going to be a big change, and I really wanted to try something new, and golf was something I wanted to try." Standing at 6'2", Pfeiderer seems the perfect basketball player, but perhaps not the ideal golfer. For not picking up a club until the first practice, Pfeiderer found herself enjoying the sport.

Franks and Pfeiderer both felt that having the returning girls helped them feel more comfortable. "Having them know that we (returning girls) have been through this for four years, they know that they can get through anything throughout the season," Jordan said.

The incoming girls weren't the only ones to have a good season, Jordan and Atkins qualified through the Districts tournament to play in the Sectionals tournament with dreams to get through to the State tournament. "Even though we didn't make it to State, I believe that we had the best year even with the girls who had never picked up a club before."
Below/Atkins swings the club to reach the green on the 17th hole at Fairview Golf Course during the Central Invitational Tournament. Atkins placed 11th in the tournament out of about 90 girls.

/Senior Kelsey Jordan
Varsity/ four years
District qualifier/three years
Conference qualifier/three years
Sectional qualifier/one year
All-Conference/ Red Division

/Freshman
Alexa Franks

/Senior Jaci Atkins
Varsity/four years
Conference qualifier/three years
District qualifier/three years
Sectional qualifier/one year
All-Conference/ Red Division
St. Joseph Golf/ Golfer of the Year
News Press/ First Team

/Sophomore
Kara Beemer

/Sophomore
Mady Pfleiderer

Award Winning SENIORS

Top center/ freshmen
Christie Bahr and Madison Worley go over score cards at Fairview Golf Course. Top right/ Varsity girls have a team meeting before playing Park Hill South. Lee’s Summit West and Lee’s Summit North.

Bottom left/ Franks takes a practice shot before getting the ball on the green on the ninth hole at Fairview Golf Course.
Bottom right/ Coach Chip Brock fills out the girls’ score cards before the Senior Night match at Fairview Golf Course.
Middle picture/ freshman Madison Worley watches her golf ball move toward the green on hole three at Fairview Golf Course.

How did you survive your first year of golf? It was different, but as it went on I loved playing. /Mady Pfleiderer (10)
LOSE ONE
GAIN ONE

poms say goodbye to one coach, welcome another

Senior staff/ Manny Rivera
Photos by/ Jack McBee

Nothing stays the same forever. Central learned that when they endured several changes this year. These changes ranged from spicy chicken without fries, to a new and improved football press box. The Central poms team experienced some of this change on their team mid-season.

The bittersweet changes stemmed from the departure of Poms coach Christine Duncan. Her husband landed a job in the sunny state of California, which meant she would be leaving the “Show me State” with him as would her daughter, junior Baylor Duncan. Adored and loved by her Indianettes, Mrs. Duncan and Baylor, a Poms member herself, would be missed.

“When I first found out Mrs. Duncan was leaving I was sad, everybody was, but I also wondered who would replace her,” senior Audrey Catron explained. With Mrs. Duncan saying goodbye, that meant a new coach would have to step up and take her place. Communication Arts teacher Katie Kimble took on the added responsibility. “Everybody loves Mrs. Kimble. She’s nice and great at taking over Mrs. Duncan’s responsibilities,” Catron said.

Senior Rebekah Atakson adds, “It’s different, but Mrs. Kimble is a big help and great coach! She fits right in!”

New coaches aren’t the only changes the Poms squad endured. “Our dancing formation will be different,” Catron said. “Mrs. Duncan wasn’t the only one to leave. Her and her daughter left. There’s 19 instead of 20 girls now.”

With a squad so close, it was hard to say goodbye. “We are so close this year, I feel like we’ve known each other our whole lives,” Atakson said. “With coach Duncan leaving and Baylor as well, it’s like we are missing a part of our family.”

Changes are inevitable. One can either deny them or welcome them. While this change was heartbreaking, the Poms squad still accepted it, and with a very open mind. When one door closes another one opens, and even though Mrs. Duncan is gone, Kimble is here to make sure the Indianettes continue to succeed.
Top right to left: Senior Kasey Jones leads the Indianettes in a dance. Senior Audrey Calton and Junior Mekia Smith-Banks beam as they entertain the crowd. Bottom right to left: Junior Baylor Duncan dances with school pride. The Poms squad busts a move during the homecoming game. Junior Heaven Richie and the Indianettes perform during halftime. The Indianettes finish their dance on senior night. The squad finishes their dance with their traditional kick line.

how DOES IT FEEL to be the new coach?

"It was very sad to see Mrs. Duncan and Baylor leave, but I was also excited to help coach the Poms squad."

TOP Five Moves

Left: Bekah Atkinson does the "Sprinkler."

Left: Bekah Atkinson shows the "Polecat."

Left: Bekah Atkinson shows the "Cat Daddy."

How did you survive Student Government? Very carefully. /Alexander King (12)
CAPTAIN'S Corner

Senior Alex Ward
Position/ Defense/Midfield

"I’m thankful for the guys I’ve played with, the coaches I’ve played under and the program I’ve had the opportunity to represent these past four years.

Senior Joe Cochran
Position/ Goalie

"I am so glad I was able to play in the Central soccer program, and I wouldn’t trade it for anything. This program works so hard and never gives up despite wins and losses. We always had fun.

Junior Erik Gunderson
Position/ Midfield

"It was an interesting season with the new players that came in and we worked hard every game and practice. In some ways it was a building block for next year’s season.

Taking off his shin guards after sweeping the city tournament, senior Michael Lindsay has optimism about the future. A soccer program on the rise just finished bringing the city championship back to Central, and with an abundance of senior leadership, they are poised to restore a winning tradition.

The team came storming out of the gate this season, beating every team in the city and making a statement. “Our season started off really well by winning the city tournament,” Lindsay said. The victory in the city tournament set the tone for the year as the boys set out to prove they belonged playing against Kansas City’s toughest competition.

“At the beginning of the season our goal was to change the Kansas City school’s opinion of us,” senior Shelby Glenn said. “We wanted to prove to them that we deserved to be playing against them.” But it was not an easy road to prove that, as the team realized the type of talent Kansas City had to offer. The boys vowed that they would earn their place and realized they would have to rally around each other to get there.

Having 11 seniors on the team, it was no question who the leaders were. But when those seniors went down with injuries, it was up to underclassmen to step up in roles they weren’t familiar with. “When four or five of us seniors went down with injuries, so other people had to step up,” Lindsay said.

“Our starting varsity goalie got injured in a game and we had to trust in a new goalie,” Glenn said. “He stepped up and made us all proud.” That goalie was sophomore Brendan Ryan who had noteworthy performances against two of the best teams in the state: Lee’s Summit West and Park Hill. In these games the team also did exceptionally well, handing Kansas City its toughest competitions.

After a tough regular season the boys fell to Staley in the first round of districts. Though they couldn’t make a playoff run, they still showed their resilience by competing with the best competition in the state to finish with eight wins, 13 losses and one tie. “As a freshman and sophomore, winning only two games each year was hard,” Lindsay said. “This year was a definite step in the right direction for the program.”

By stepping up when they were called on against teams that they shouldn’t have competed with, this year’s soccer team proved they are no pushovers. Even with the odds against them, they proved they belonged.

How do you survive a midnight video game release? You put your big boy pants on and stay up all night. /Cooper Harris (12)
Experience OVER YOUTH

Senior Joe Cochran kicks the ball after making a save. The team lost valuable leadership when Cochran went down with a hand injury.

Middle/ Senior Tuan Le fights for the ball against Lafayette. They won and ended up sweeping the city tournament.

Right/ Senior Alex Warden doubles down-field. Warden used his experience to become a valuable leader.

Above left to right: Senior Salvatore Ingargiola does his post-goal celebration. Ingargiola was an offensive threat over his four years on varsity. Sophomore Lancer Barnes goes up for a header. It was his second year on varsity.

Left/ Senior Connor McDermott takes away a pass from the other team. McDermott was a key player off the bench this season.

How do you survive senioritis? Think that the freshmen have three more years but I am almost done. /Sam Link (12)
softball goes to districts

Senior staff/ Miranda Poulson
Photos by/ Madison Idokar

Softball was in full swing this season. They made it to districts, something that hasn’t been done in years. One thing that helped them the most was that they became a close family and had each other’s backs. The teamwork on the field extends off the field and in the hallways.

“During the season we finally started to just come as a team,” Freshman Hannah Steeby said. “I think that’s what made it such a good season.”

Practicing two hours everyday made them realize that even though they may have their differences off the field—on the field they all come together for a central purpose.

The long practices did pay off on the scoreboard too. The team dominated their opponents. The camaraderie of the team got them to the district championship. The players show an extraordinary love for the sport through their dedication and hard work. The perseverance of all the girls made the team stand out this year.

“We have so many talented players on the team,” Steeby said. “I think that was unique about us.”

Right/ Junior Galyn Lindstrom prepares to hit a ball. Lindstrom has been on the team for three years. Center Photo/ Freshman Hannah Steeby prepares to catch a ball. Steeby had a successful first season.
Left: Senior Ashley Witzcoen walks off the field. Witzcoen has played on the team all four years of high school.

Below: The softball team huddles together after their game against Park Hill. The girls met against Park Hill. Below Middle: Joel Walker prepares to bat against Truman. The team won against Truman.

Far Below: The girls discuss plays during a time out. The closeness of the team helped them gain victory.

**WHAT WAS THE best part of the season?**

-Freshman Hannah Steacy

"Probably going on the bus rides and having just been a team."  

-Senior Ashley Witzcoen

"Going to the district championship."  

-Senior Jacy Whitson

"We've gone farther than we ever have with districts and it was just fun being with all the girls."  

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How would you survive on Jupiter? Wear an astronaut suit and don't forget food and water and toys to play with. /Tanner Wallace (9)
**Making HISTORY**
girl's tennis team advances to sectionals

Senior staff/ Kim Barnes
Photos by/ Lily Zhao, Page Black and Jack McBee

Game. Scanning the Noyes courts during Districts, the girls tennis team laid their eyes on their opponents. Platte County was warming up on the courts. They observed the opponent's skills and mentally prepared themselves. Coach Kim Schank called the team in for a huddle and gave them all a pep talk. Altering breaking out, the top six girls entered their courts. This was the year the team made it past Districts. It's been more than six years that Central had a girls tennis team qualify to make it to sectionals. The tennis team had a winning season of 10-2 so the players were feeling confident in their matches.

Set. The ball bounced back and forth either side of the court. Seniors Brooke Shinneman and Cindy Jiang; juniors Megan Zimbelman, Mackenzie Conrad and Monica Singh; and sophomore Holly Johnston were each battling for a victory. Johnston said she was feeling confident about the semi-finals against Platte County because they beat teams that had won against Platte County. "I was actually kind of nervous because I knew we were expected to win," Singh said. "I didn't want to choke." Fortunately the team came through with a 5-3 win.

Match. The tennis team was excited to be able to move on to the finals where they played Staley. “[Before] we were playing Staley, that's when we were feeling really confident because we'd beaten them early in the season so we thought we'd have it in the bag,” Johnston said. They girls were nervous about playing Staley because they knew they hadn't played as well as they could have against Platte County, but they still managed to pull out a win with a score of 5-0.

Jiang describes beating Staley as the “best day ever” because after Connard won her match, the team ran to her court and hugged one another. A few days after the District wins, the team drove down to Clayview Country Club in Liberty, Missouri to play for sectionals. Unfortunately the girls’ confidence and skills weren’t enough to advance to state. Even with a tough loss of 2-5, everyone was still on cloud nine from making it past Districts. Winning Districts was an obstacle that took a lot of hard work and effort to overcome, and this year’s team has forever left their mark in Central tennis history. "I was very disappointed that we didn't get to move on, I wasn't ready for the season to be over," Shinneman said, "but I know everyone tried their hardest and even though we couldn’t move on, winning Districts was an amazing feat for our team."
Top Right: Senior Cindy Jang and Junior Megan Singh play a doubles match together. Bottom Left: Junior MacPhee Conrado serves a tennis ball during a match. Bottom Right: Junior Megan Zimmerman and Monica Singh play together in a doubles match. Zimmerman went on to State with Holly Johnston.

Journey to STATE
what did going to state teach you during the season?

"I learned that it takes a lot of work to get to the state level. We learned that we are going to have to work harder than ever to come back next year and hopefully compete for a medal."
Sophomore Holly Johnston

"I learned that everyone works hard, we have the drive to place and go to state next year. And we love to have the opportunity for the whole team to go."
Junior Megan Zimmerman

what ODDS did you face this season?

"To get our 10th win we had to beat Pike Hill, which had won 10 matches in a row."
Senior Brooke Shinneman

"We lost two seniors the year before and we had won Districts."
Senior Cindy Jang

"I had never played before."
Senior Tania Back

"To have a better season than last season."
Senior Taral Schel

How would you survive a zombie apocalypse? I would use Colton Anderson as bait and lock myself in the basement and starve myself. /Ryan Marquardt (11)
"We kept pushing through the hard times and stayed positive."
/Junior Mary Wachtel
Preparing for the Future

Young team gains varsity experience

Senior staff! Nick Busby
Photos by Lily Zhao and Catlyn Lindstrom

Standing on the court with the game on the line and sweat dripping down their faces, the volleyball girls look for someone to turn to as a leader. As they look around, they realize there are no seniors to take over. Only three of the girls have played varsity before. It seems lack of experience will be their downfall. But instead, the girls come together and work as one unit to compete against the odds.

With no seniors on the team, the girls were short handed and left without much experience. "One thing we overcame this year was not knowing how we played with one another," junior Mary Wachtel said. "We only had three varsity players from the previous year with eight more girls that were scattered from JV to freshmen joining varsity."

This lack of experience led to a difficult season with many ups and downs. Multiple games came down to the wire and were tough losses for the girls. "Not winning a lot of games this year was very tough," Wachtel said. "Next year I think we will do much better when we are all more aware of how each one of us plays."

It is this kind of positive thinking that kept the girls going and brought them closer together this season. "Our season didn't go as well as planned but we didn't give up," Wachtel said. "We kept pushing through the hard times and stayed positive."

That positivity ran throughout the entire team. "I think the season went great," sophomore Megan Kneib said. "We are such a young team and we got better as it went on."

This season brought the girls close together and they have nothing but optimism for next year. "I'm excited to see what next year has in store for us as we grow as a team over the summer," Wachtel said. "I love my team and wouldn't change a single thing about them!"

**Captain's Corner**

"We did try our hardest this year. I think next year will be better in terms of wins and losses because we have worked hard and played together so long." - Junior Carissa Gaebler

"Next year we are going to be a force to be reckoned with because it will be the same girls that have played together for a year." - Junior Teala Tolbert

"I am very proud of my team this year. Being a young team made it harder but I didn't stop us. I'm looking forward to next year and everything that comes with it!" - Sophomore Megan Kneib
Above: Senior Gunner Hawkins swims freestyle in the dual meet against Yuma. Hawkins qualified for State in the 200 Free Relay. Bottom left to right: Junior Carson Roach ready to take off. Junior Alex Stigt and Alex Jackson take a break during a home dual meet. Stigt and Jackson were both part of the 2012 State team. Junior Carson Roach takes a breath during his breaststroke race. Roach qualified for the State meet in the race. Senior Gage Milton, Drew Bodicky, Jonathan Connelly, and Gunner Hawkins prepare to jump into the pool on senior night. Right: Freshman Alex Bergland reaches to the wall during the freestyle. Bergland was one of only two freshmen this year.

How do you survive morning B-FIT? Go to bed super early and then just push through it. / Drew Bodicky (12)
state swimming PROFLE

Drew Bodicky, Senior Captain
State Swimmer, two years
"The best thing about making state is making state. Since it's based on times, you have to push yourself everyday."

Alex Jackson, Junior
State Swimmer, one year
"The best thing about making state was knowing we achieved our goal."

Carston Roach, Junior
State Swimmer, one year
"The best thing about making state was knowing I worked so hard to get where I am, and seeing all of my hard work come together."

Gunner Hawkins, Senior Captain
State Swimmer, two years
"State was the first time in my life I've ever really been there."

Alex Sigrist, Junior
State Swimmer, one year
"The best thing about making state is the feeling of not being able to do it, but knowing that you worked hard."

Cyrus Wallis, Freshman
State Swimmer, one year
"State brought us closer as a team, and we worked as a team, and we worked as a team to achieve our best."

it all in Leaving THE POOL

boys state dreams become a reality

Senior Staff: Lauren Gunderson
Photos by: Madison Jaecker, Jack McBee

The blare of the alarm jolts its victim out of the precious world of sleep. The bright red numbers read 4:30 A.M. Out of bed, into workout clothes and tennis shoes, jump in the car. Arrive at B-FIT just shy of 5am. Work out harder than you thought possible. Shower, breakfast, school. Listen to lectures, take notes, hear the bell ring. Back into the car and head to the pool. Suit up, stretch, and dive in. Endure a grueling two hour practice. Enter the life of a Central High School Swimmer.

With such a physically demanding schedule, fatigue is an ever present apparnance. Achieving State cuts on top of morning and afternoon workouts, full days of school, and long nights of homework is no walk in the park. "It was extremely hard," senior captain Drew Bodicky said. "Mainly because by the end of the day I was absolutely exhausted."

However, the boys knew that to acquire the times needed to go to State, all of the hard work was necessary. "Since it's based on times, you have to push yourself everyday so you can make that certain time cut," Bodicky said. Their desire to make those time cuts overcame their sore muscles and extreme exhaustion. Hence, the demanding swim schedule.

Nothing is sweeter than knowing that every debilitating second of agonizing work did what it was meant to do. Such was the attitude of the 200 free relay team (seniors Drew Bodicky and Gunner Hawkins, juniors Alex Sigrist and Alex Jackson) at the Conference meet. After falling just short of the required State time numerous times throughout the season, the boys pushed themselves and were rewarded with a State cut in the prelims round at Conference. "I've never felt so excited and I loved everyone I didn't like for about ten seconds," senior captain Gunner Hawkins said.

Junior Carston Roach obtained a State cut individually in his 100 breaststroke in prelims, and the 200 medley relay, comprised of freshman Cyrus Wallis and juniors Alex Sigrist, Carston Roach and Alex Jackson, managed to snag a State cut the next day in finals.

Although the season may not have looked very promising in the beginning, the boys proved that their tiredness could not overcome them. They ended the season with a splash and left their mark as a team that would not be defeated.
The world around us is forever evolving. As society changes, so must what is considered “normal”. Change is constantly occurring and sometimes it occurs quietly, without the knowledge of the majority. A major change that some Central students may not be aware of is the gradual switch of the Central High School Outlook to exclusively online content.

The Outlook is the school newspaper, or once was, that got the word out about sports and school events. However, what the Outlook has become can’t really be called a newspaper. It has evolved from a newspaper to its own website within three years. The Outlook was once printed out like any other newspaper, then transformed to an online view paper in 2011, and is now a website.

“The Outlook is now cheaper and more efficient to today’s society,” senior editor-in-chief Jacy Atkins said.

“We get the latest info out to the school and community instead of having them wait till the end of the month.”

Compared to the past, school news can be circulated much more efficiently. Also, the new website allows the students creating the site to really get a feel for a journalism career itself and help them with their future.

“The new website allows us to have more updated, current coverage,” adviser Jacqueline Scott said. “It gives journalism students the opportunity to work in a real-life creative-media atmosphere.”

The new Outlook website is a positive move in the right direction to keep up with the ever-changing society around us. It’s the right move for the school and the community, along with the students and workers themselves.
Left! Senior Staff Miranda Poulton is interviewed during journalism camp. Senior editors went to the camp held at K-State over summer to improve their skills. Photo taken from www.kstatekicker.com.

Below! Wakan editor Lauren Gunderson and Outlook editor Jaci Allen discuss coverage as they work on editing stories. The two editors often had to collaborate throughout the year.

**BEST OF THE OUTLOOK**

Senior Jaci Allen
Position: Outlook Editor in Chief

"It gives me an opportunity to work in a leadership role. And I like being able to read and edit through everything."

Senior Kim Barnes
Position: Senior Staff

"Being able to personalize the stories I write and I like being able to create a site that people will enjoy viewing."

Jackie Scott
Position: Advisor

"Getting to share something I am passionate about with my staff."

Far Left! Junior Staff Mollie Siemens works during class improving and editing a story. Siemens was a photographer and staff writer as a first year staff member.

Left! The staff is being overseen by advisor Jacqueline Scott. This was Scott's second year advising the Outlook and eighth year advising the Wakan.

Photo by: Lauren Gunderson.

**OVER THE YEARS**

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How would you survive a private school? I'm already cool. / Rosezita Bennett (12)
SIMPLY Visual

art students try something new

Junior Staff/Grace Carnesva/
Photos by/Megan Walters and Jackie Scott

A smooth canvas sits bathed in different shades of the rainbow. Pencils etched with both numbers and letters litter the tables. Sketchbooks lay out, bursting with ideas. This is the scene of a typical art class at Central High School. This year, however, they took their art skills out of the classroom and into the community. 

On October 11, Missouri Western State University held its first annual Visual Arts Day. It brought in 33 schools and over 500 kids from around the area to show off their skills and learn something new. The day included an arts competition for all forms of visual art and offered in studio workshops for clay, graphics, animation, printmaking, photography, drawing and sculpture art. Art students got the chance to try out new forms of art, expand what they could already do, and see works done by students from other schools and the college.

"We were able to go to workshops involving different types of art mediums and other elements involving the art world," junior Lindsey Takas said. "I liked it because we got to explore new things you wouldn’t be able to.

Everyone who went to the art day got a chance to try something new. Photography students could take a shot at painting a masterpiece and painters were able to attempt to create on a pottery wheel. Everyone who attended also got the opportunity to use college equipment that isn’t normally available to them here at Central. Although no one from Central won an award at the visual arts competition, the day helped in preparation for future art competitions, including the Scholastics Art and Writing competition in December as well as adding something new to the average art student’s year.
Below Top: Juniors Jenna Smith and Olivia Callow make 3-D pop up. Bottom Left: Junior Madison Michalek forms her clay on the wheel in a competition to get your clay the tallest. Bottom Right: Students draw in black and white chalk outside Missouri Western State University. Some schools came prepared for the competition with pre-made stands of their designs.

ON UP Building

Junior Hannah Van Cleave starts to form her clay in a competition to make the clay as tall as possible.

Senior Anna Hankins gets ready to compete in the clay throwing competition.

Arts students and their clay in Mid-Competition.

One of the clay towers formed in the throwing competition.

what is your favorite part of CHS Fine Arts?

The teachers are nice and we can do whatever we want with our artwork. 
/Junior Shelby Webster

"The environment and the people you're around." 
/Junior Lindsey Takes

"We get to use different mediums and types of artwork." 
/Junior Max Mitchell

"Other people interpreting your art and seeing it in a different way than you first thought." 
/Junior Olivia Callow

How do you survive without phones? Take up the amish way of life. /Amelia Scalise (11)
Thicker than WATER

national honor society hosts annual blood drive

Junior Staff/ Lily Zhao
Photos by/ Lily Zhao and Lauren Gunderson

Thin, velvety tubes oozing with blood snake in and out of machines across the gym. The familiar sight of fingers squeezing rubber balls and veins bulging as students watch their blood course through the tubes. The need for blood grows greater every year, but despite the increased demand only a small percentage of people in the world donate blood. To help supply blood needed, the National Honor Society held their annual blood drive on October 23 in conjunction with the Community Blood Center.

NHS works hard to make the blood drive a success, as this is an event that could save many lives. "Every time you donate you save two lives," NHS president Cindy Jiang said. That reason alone was enough to propel students into action.

Even students who did not know anyone who needed blood participated. "I’m just doing it to help other people and to give back to the community for a good reason," junior Aaron Moutray said. 117 pints of blood were collected this year and 234 potential lives were saved. This was a valuable opportunity to help others, especially for those who wanted to give blood in previous years but couldn’t. "I’ve had low iron before and I couldn’t give blood," senior Nikki Nowland said.

Nurses and doctors scattered across the gym were impressed with the amount of students willing to contribute to the cause. The different types of blood donated was critical in contributing to the current blood supply. As with any charitable event, there is always a health risk. NHS members hoped to reduce the chances of students vomiting by putting certain precautions in place. However, some students experienced discomfort and a few even fainted, but they were inspired to support others through their blood.
**Tips/ Before and After Donating**

NHS members supplied plenty of food and drinks and took good care of the donors. "You need to eat something before you donate blood and make sure you drink enough water so the blood comes out easier," Jiang said. "Before, they get granola bars just so they have something in their stomachs and afterwards, you need sugar to make yourself feel back to normal so we have Sprite, Sunkist, just different sugary things."

NHS members even took into consideration those with peanut allergies by separating the granola bars with nuts and giving them nut free ones. Donors were also forced to down an entire bottle of water before donating.

*BLOOD TYPES*

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How do you survive a snake bite? Suck the venom out. /Ethan Bennett (9)

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A Valley of
ENTERTAINMENT
competition hidden in fun

Junior staff: Lily Zhao
Photo by: Jack McBee, Lily Zhao and Maddy Stilen

A shout rings out, and a thundering beat shatters the silence. Horns blare, bells ring and a crisp melody seeps from the ground with confidence and pride. All across the field, the members of the Blue and White Regiment shift from form to form, creating a cascading rhythm of steps and music. As the performance comes to a close, flags twirl in the night sky, drawing circles in the air like wisps of smoke trailing away.

Fried peanut butter and jelly, frog legs, and alligator on a stick are not ordinary foods to find in a restaurant, much less a band competition.

However, every year the Missouri Day Marching Festival is held in Trenton, and it is more than just a band competition. "It's one of our favorite band competitions because it's a festival as well as a band competition," junior drum major Elizabeth Goller said. At every turn, there were booths selling pirate treasure, antique items, Native American articles, and food—lots of food.

While students stuffed themselves with funnel cakes and snow cones, they enjoyed diverse genres of music. "It's fun because you get to watch all the other drumline, colorguard, and band performances," Goller said. "Some shows are more creative than others. Some are more theatrical. Ours is very traditional marching band compared to most others." The Blue and White Regiment adopted the theme 'A Taste of Latin' for their field show, which comprised of three songs: 'A Land of Make Believe', 'Evil Ways', and 'El Cumbanchero'.

The color guard and drumline also had their opportunities to shine in separate competitions in an indoor show, where they displayed their unique talents. The Central drumline received second in their division, 5A. Their theme of 'Knights of the Round Table' included two songs, 'Sir Lancelot' and 'The Gauntlet'. 'Sir Lancelot' involved changing time signature, which enhanced the momentum of the upbeat, fast-tempo song while 'The Gauntlet' featured a jazz break with a slower, straightforward beat to showcase their impressive movements. "This year we didn't have as many charts, as many movements, but some of the things we did were more intricate, like we had some moves with our legs that we did," junior Erik Gunderson said. "That was a little bit of a challenge and that added to our show."

Unfortunately, flag did not place in the indoor show with their mash-up of modern pop songs, but placed third in the outdoor competition. Faced with tougher competition at Trenton than at Carrollton, the band also took third. Their strong performance was further highlighted when the drum majors won best drum major, with was decided based on their qualities of leadership, confidence, directing style, synchronization, and their salute.

As the last competition of the year for marching band, it was bonding experience for the band members and a farewell competition for the seniors. "It's ends our season, and it's a good ending," Goller said.
Favorite Food at Trenton

"Rog legs" 
Freshman Cyrus Walls

"Puffy Cheese Steak" 
Junior James Gulay

"Cotton candy" 
Sophomore Jacob Sprague

"Candy Kiss" 
Junior Tessa Balm

"Fried Chicken" 
Sophomore Sydney Pukset

"Alligator" 
Senior Chris Eckhart

"Messed up" 
Sophomore Ben Hardy

"Fried butter" 
Senior Paul Black

Top left: The flags team performs during the halftime show. The team practiced after school on their halftime performances. Top right: Drumline performs during senior night at The Den. It was the senior night for boys' soccer. Left: Junior Raven Bowers and Brittany Snyder twirl their flags during the field show. The flags perform at halftime during home games. Bottom: Percussion members hold the banner at the MWSU Homecoming Parade. The parade was one of the many parades they participated in during the year.

How do you survive an avalanche? You've got to cover your face and breathe. /Devan Jones (10)
Right! Madi Lucas and Jenna Esterson perform on stage at the fall play, "Cocoonuts." The girls played characters that lived in the hotel. Above! BJ Myers, Jacob Keller and Sydney Goldberg act out a scene in the fall play.

Right! Crew members Tyler Allen, Chriasy Smith and Abbey Sisk put together a piece of the set before the show. There were about 20 crew members.  
Far Right! Senior Scott Smith gets choked out by Justin Hall in the fall play "Cocoonuts."

**Fall Into COCOANUTS**

*How do you survive without your phone?* You don't. —Drake McClure (12)
students put on fall production to raise money for theatre department

Senior staff/ Senior Megan Walters
Photos by/ Central Theatre Department

With over 200 hours of rehearsals, set preparations, light checks and other odds and ends to oversee, saying the cast of the Cocoanuts worked hard was an understatement. The cast undertook the entire musical production in just two months. This included auditions, casting members, learning scripts, creating the set and then more practice on the script.

According to Senior cast member, Scott Smith, they worked on the set every Saturday and then did acting lessons every week day. The whole cast and crew consisted of about 50 people with over half of them freshmen.

The comedy sold approximately 800 tickets which earned them about 2,200 dollars. The money earned from this production went towards creating future shows with updates to existing and purchases towards new stage lights, set materials and more.

Not only did Central Theatre produce an exceptionally crowd pleasing show, they enjoyed themselves while doing so. “Everyone in the musical was just incredibly good spirited, and good hearted. This is one of the best groups of people we’ve had in a long time.” Scott Smith said.

For some members of Cocoanuts, the production was about more than raising money. Director Sarah Bronson who was in charge of everything from casting and choreography to budgeting and scheduling called it a learning experience. “Everything had its different challenging aspects. From learning how to block or choreograph to learning how to budget... To put it in one phrase, I learned how to become a leader,” Bronson said.

Thanks to the impressive turnout and hard work, Central Theatre is willing and able to continue producing even more crowd pleasing shows in the future.

“Everyone in the musical was just incredibly good spirited, and good hearted. This is one of the best groups of people we’ve had in a long time.”

/Scott Smith
Powderpuff FOOTBALL

Senior Rachel Kosse
Position/ Running Back and Defensive End
"I loved all of the competition. Everyone was very competitive."

Junior Mackenzie Conard
Position/ Quarterback
"It was very exciting and competitive. Although, we should have won, our team always had a lot of spirit."

Sophomore Elena Fox
Position/ Safety
"I loved being able to play under the lights, and being able to have all of the attention focused on us girls. It was cool to be a football player for the night."

Freshmen
"I thought that it was very intense."
-Taylor Cheesman

Sophomores
"It was very fun, and it would be fun to win next year."
-Franny Diamond

Juniors
"It's fun to be competitive with everyone."
-Shayla Bast

Seniors
"I loved beating the juniors."
-Ashlyn Hieser

How did you survive without the Internet? I survived by going butterfly watching. /Jacob Kaiser (11)
A Strand of Sisters
more than just a pretty face
Junior Staff Madison Idahoer

Some say that girls can’t play football, and that it is a sport for the tough men. In this year’s Powder Puff football tournament, the girls proved that theory wrong. Girls showed up with eye black to look tough, bows to look cute and a mind set to destroy the opposing teams. These girls showed that they were more than just pretty faces out on the field. There was yelling, pushing, and all around determination seen throughout all of the girls playing. “Just because we’re girls doesn’t mean that we can’t be tough,” junior Regan King said. “I wish that Powder Puff could be more physical.”

Powder Puff was set up differently this year. In the past, the girls played on Saturday morning at Noyes Field. There have always been around eight team, consisting of 12 girls, competing in a double elimination tournament. The teams competed against each other playing two hand touch football. This year, Powder Puff was played on Monday night, starting at six. This allowed the teams to play under the lights at Noyes Field. There were also only four teams this year, consisting of 22 girls, with one team for each grade. The football played this year was flag football, which some players enjoyed and some did not. “I personally think that two hand touch was better defensively,” King said. “But, I think flag was better offensively.”

“My favorite thing about Powder Puff is sharing the joy of every touchdown made with my team,” senior London Bundridge said. Not only is Powder Puff a fun thing to do with friends, but the money raised goes to a great cause. In order to play, each player had to pay a five dollar participation fee. All of this money went to emancipated seniors.

Many girls have friends on opposing teams, but the friendships are left at the sidelines when it comes to Powder Puff. This one night event is taken very seriously by mostly all of the participants. The seriousness turns into fun until a team loses, or doesn’t get a call that they want. Although, at the end of the day everyone comes together as one school, and realizes the fun that they just had.

The senior team claimed the championship this year, defeating the junior class 2-1. Controversial touchdown calls determined the outcome of this years championship game, but each team walked away with a smile on their face.
who won the election and what it means to us

Youth suffrage. The 26th Amendment, one piece of history that directly impacts us. Turning 18 marks the beginning of adulthood, and one perk of being an adult is the right to vote. However, voting rights have come in stages. Before youth could vote, the 15th Amendment gave African Americans the right to vote, and the 19th Amendment gave women voting rights. Youth voting tends to be low compared to other demographics. Whether they're out of town or simply apathetic, young voters don't get involved as much. However, this election got people fired up and students abuzz about the upcoming four years.

The election this year between Governor Mitt Romney and President Barack Obama was a close one, dividing students down the middle. As seniors prepared to exercise their new power, the hallways filled with talk of foreign policy, the economy, and the 47%.

Romney
Favorite movie: Indiana Jones
Favorite food: Meatloaf cake
Big Beatles fan
Astrological sign: Pisces
Twitter followers: 1,715,722
Named after NFL quarterback

Obama
Favorite movie: The Godfather
Favorite food: Chili con carne
Big Stevie Wonder fan
Astrological sign: Leo
Twitter followers: 24,648,126
Called Barry O’Bomber in high school

How do you survive winter without snow? I watch Christmas movies with snow in them. / Taylor Shavone (10)
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Above: Stickers are given out to each person who votes. Right: Government students worked the polls with community volunteers. Passing out stickers was an easy way to show voters their support was appreciated.

Left: People of all ages show an interest in voting. Below: The ballot sheet includes candidates Mitt Romney and Barack Obama. Records indicate a higher voter turnout during presidential election years.

How do you survive a water balloon fight? Hide somewhere like a ditch. / Brock Myskoftski (5)
Dude looks like a Lady
show choir hosts annual male beauty pageant

Junior Staff/ Maddy Staln

High heels and hairspray are rarely identified with high school boys, but Mr. CHS is a night where two worlds collide. Grace, elegance, and beauty are attempted by over a dozen men, each representing a different club. The audience cheers as one by one each contestant struts on stage, working the catwalk to impress the judges and to gain the crown they all desperately hope to win.

This is the atmosphere of the annual male beauty pageant; Mr. CHS. The pageant is held every November by the Encore Show Choir, which performs before and after the show. The men in the pageant participate in four categories: school spirit, swimsuit, lip-sync, and evening wear (in which each contestant receives a question to answer on the spot). Each man receives equal opportunity to shine and impress the judges and the student body.

The night of dresses and heels was definitely a struggle for some of the guys on stage. However, that didn't get in the way of their amusement and determination to win. "It's the most amazing feeling ever, besides the fact that I'm in a dress most of the night," senior contestant Brandon Perkins said. "It's a little awkward but it's fun."

The lip-syncing portion is always a crowd favorite, and this year the guys really stepped it up. Songs ranged from Taylor Swift's "We Are Never Ever Getting Back Together" to the popular "Gangnam Style."

Many contestants had fellow students up on stage to help with the dance and lip-syncing. For those men that danced in dresses, they had their work cut out for them. "It was interesting," senior contestant Paul Black said. "It definitely took a lot of work so I really feel how it feels to be a girl sometimes." For other contestants, costumes varied from the normal heels and dresses. Senior contestant Jacob Maffi sported a cowboy hat and overalls, and senior contestant Nick Shores simply wore pink spandex shorts.

Although each contestant worked hard to get the crown, the judges could only pick one. Fourth runner up went to Mr. International Thespian Society Justin Hall, third runner up went to Mr. Choir Brandon Perkins, second runner up went to Mr. Freshmen Mentor Program Paul Black, Second place went to Mr. Football Ty Franklin, and Mr. Senior Class Eli Mejia was crowned the winner. "It feels pretty great." Mejia said, "I feel like a huge role model."

The contestants can hang up their tiaras now that the contest is over, but the memories of being on stage won't soon be forgotten. "All those little guys out there that are wanting to compete in pageants when they get older have someone to look up to," Mejia said. "I'm going to change the world one piece of glitter at a time."

Right! Senior Nick Shores dances to 'It's Raining Men' for the lip-syncing portion of the Mr. CHS competition. Shores sported bright pink spandex and a pink raincoat, which he ripped off during his performance. / Dominate! Senior Eli Mejia receives the Mr. CHS crown after the judges' final decisions. Mejia competed as Mr. Senior Class. "It felt good to know that I did the best pageant queen impression," Mejia said.

How did you survive wearing high heels? I practiced wearing them. First walking, then running, then tied together. /Paul Black(12)
Left! Senior Brandon Perkins answers a personality question during Mr. CHS on November 8th 2012. Perkins competed as Mr. Choir and received fourth place.
Far left: Senior Paul Black lip-syncs to Taylor Swift's "We are Never Ever Getting Back Together" in the Mr. CHS lip-syncing portion on November 8th 2012. The audience laughed and cheered as Black paraded around the stage in his heels, dress and wig.

The Competition:

Mr. Fellowship of Christian Athletes (Chris Tremblay)
Mr. Freshmen Mentor Program (Paul Black)
Mr. International Thespian Society (Justin Hall)
Mr. Senior Class (Eli Meja-Winner)
Mr. Soccer (Shelby Glenn)
Mr. French Club (Brandon Noble)
Mr. DECA (Easton Bruce)
Mr. Japalime (Emery Anderson)
Mr. Football (Ty Franklin)
Mr. Students Government (Jacob Muff)
Mr. Spanish Club (Nick Shores)

Left! Senior Justin Hall shows off his legs after he is awarded "Mr. Sexy Legs". Pictures displaying each of the contestants' legs were shown during lunch periods and the student body voted for their favorite pair. Above! Senior Ty Franklin dances to "The Creep" for the lip-syncing portion of the Mr. CHS competition. Franklin performed with senior Javon Harker and Wyett Klaus "It was my destiny to be in Mr. CHS." Franklin said. "I was supposed to be first.”

How did you survive wearing a dress? Easily, they are surprisingly comfortable to wear. -Shelby Glenn(12)
squad shines at state, advance to nationals

Go big or go home. It all comes down to these next three minutes. "Silence please, now performing Saint Joe Central." It's go time.

The cheerleading squad performed at the state competition in Columbia, Missouri on October 22nd and 23rd. A lot of time, dedication, and hard work went into preparing for competition.

The Squad had to qualify for State by placing in the top five at regional competition in the summer. Coach Lisa Lauck said practices were held during the summer to get ready for regionals. The squad was split into two teams: an all-girl squad and a co-ed squad.

Both teams placed in the top five and qualified for state.

As a result of qualifying for state the team had to work hard to improve their routine. Lauck said the "Level of difficulty, we had to learn new, harder stunts which is something that happens every year because when we come together in the summer there isn't as much practice time, so you're usually a brand new team learning things for the first time, so your routine is easier, and by the time you get to state it should be more difficult."

Lauck also added that competition practices lasted an hour and a half to two hours and the team also spent time at Mega Gymnastics Center where they worked on tumbling and jumping.

Before state the team felt well prepared and were excited to go. At state both teams were nervous but ecstatic to perform and ended up doing well in the overall competition. The team still had football games to cheer at though.

"It was tough (having to practice for both games and state), but we spent one or two practices a week on state while balancing that with one or two practices a week for our game time, sometimes at night and sometimes on a weekend."

Despite the balancing act, two squads managed to qualify for national competition which took place in February 2013.
Left! From left to right, sophomore Katie Sears, senior Regan Schultz, and senior Anna Brockman shout their cheer. They are from the Co-ed cheer squad.

Below! The stunt group on the left is a part of the All Girl cheer squad. The members performing the liberty stunt are junior Skyler Evans, sophomore Kali Fujinami, senior Abbey Miller, and senior Mayme Lawrence.

Far Below! Senior Anna Brockman perfects the dance for the state competition. Anna is apart of the Co-ed cheer squad.

The best part of state was...

/All Girl Captain
Mayme Lawrence

"I felt like preparing for state brought our squad closer and showing the crowd how hard we’ve worked."

/All Girl Captain
Abbey Miller

"Being with my team and bonding with them."

/Co-ed Captain
Mackayla Sponseller

"Going down with my team and us all bonding together! I love competing!"

/Co-ed Captain
Regan Schultz

"Getting to travel with all the girls. I think the bus rides and hotel nights bring us closer."

How did you survive heartbreak? With a gallon of ice cream and my favorite chick flick

/A.T. Yuratovitch (11)
Winter brought the greatest obstacle of all: the end of the world. Fortunately we have survived it, although skeptics argued that it was never going to happen in the first place. But the end of the world wasn’t the only hitch we faced this winter. Winter is a time for reversals, which is by nature not a good thing for us humans. Humans dislike change. The school implemented a new policy second semester that outlawed any cup not secured with a screw on top. This development was not welcomed by all, but did it break us? Does Kristen Stewart have more than one facial expression? Exactly.

The number of predicaments brought about by this frosty and dismal season is almost endless, really. There’s the constant threat of bad weather drawing near to ruin our plans. And with the great quality of snow plowing in our humble town, battling with the snow is made that much easier. Not to mention the perpetual aura of coughs, sore throats and stuffed up noses. And added on top of all that this year was the dreaded "fiscal cliff". As high school students this wasn’t necessarily at the top of our priority list, but hearing that word about 1,000 times a day was enough to drive anyone mad.

On a more serious note, we faced hardships not so trivial. A horrible tragedy in Newtown Connecticut rocked our nation and impacted even those not connected to the people there. Other such disasters took place as well and were equally as terrifying and painful. But these too we have survived. This cold season may have many difficulties, but it is the season that proves to us that even with numerous attacks at once we can survive. So we hold out for survival and for better and brighter days to come.

As Samwise Gamgee said, "Even darkness must pass. A new day will come. And when the sun shines it will shine out the clearer."
Finding their
STRENGTH

teams find their strengths in the city jamboree

Senior Staff/ Nick Busby
Photos by/ Caitlyn Lindstrom, Maddy Stelen

As they sprint up and down the court during practice, the basketball team wonders how much more they can take. Sweat rolls down their faces as they huff and puff to catch their breath. Just when they think they can’t go any longer, they realize that this hard work will pay off. And when they walk out in front of the crowd for the city jamboree, their efforts became extremely apparent.

The city jamboree is the official start to the basketball season and both the girls and boys teams are in similar situations. “We have a lot of young guys,” junior Derek Gray said. “They are stepping into a tough role but us returning guys are taking them through it.”

“This year we are dealing with the fact that we’re all really young,” junior Brady Rodney said. “We’re trying to get our chemistry right on the court by working together and hanging out outside of basketball.”

Although both teams are looking at a year of rebuilding, they did not use that as an excuse. “We wanted to repeat what we did last year,” Gray said. “I felt like we played good in the first two quarters but we could have played better against Lafayette.”

The boys beat Benton and Leblond but fell to Lafayette, while the girls beat Lafayette but came up short against Benton and Leblond. Though it wasn’t the result they were hoping for, each team found a positive way to look at it. “At first we were all like ‘it’s going to be a long season,’” Rodney said. “But we realized that we’re young and we can use it to our advantage. It was good to test out what we had since we had such a young team and see what we needed to work on.”

With that kind of attitude, the boys and girls teams turned their focus and intensity toward other opponents they would face. Using what they learned from the jamboree, they went back to work, to prepare for tougher challenges down the road.

what player do you imitate on the court?

“Derrick Rose. He is an explosive point guard. At practice they call me Day-Rose.” /Junior Cay-yante Bell

“Candace Parker. I’ve always thought she was a really good player.” /Junior Brady Rodney

“It would have to be LeBron James because he is the number one player right now.” /Junior Tyree Mayfield

“ Probably Brittney Griner because she plays the same position as me. She’s also really aggressive and that’s how I like to play.” /Sophomore Mady Plecker
"We're young and we can use that to our advantage"  
/Brady Rodney

Above/ Junior Brady Rodney takes the ball down the court. As the team lacked seniors, Rodney stepped up and became a leader. / Left/ Seniors Joe Cochran, Brandon Perkins and John Monahan strike a pose for the camera. The crowd was decked out in old school Central gear for the Jamboree. / Above Right/ Freshman Amez Stillman gets ready to run out on the court. Stillman's talent scored him a starting position for the Jamboree./ Below Right/ Junior Jarie Bennett searches for a teammate to pass to. Bennett's experiences became invaluable. / Right/ Freshman Kylee Williams calls the play as she brings the ball up. She was part of the youth the team was based around.

How do you survive driving in the snow? Four wheel drive. /Gage Wilson (12)
The truth about being a student is that we don’t know what we want. We spend four years taking classes in hopes of finding our passion. Whether it’s painting art for the rich and famous, or accounting financial matters; everybody has a passion. It’s just up to us whether or not we want to pursue them. Five senior marketing students just might have found their passion.

Marketing offers several opportunities for students to get into the field of marketing and business. One of these great opportunities is the Entrepreneur challenge. In the challenge, marketing students are given a prompt and must provide a plan for a product or service they want to provide. This year the prompt was for students to create a product or service that can be used in the sports industry. Senior students Taranjit Sohal, Nick Adams, Paige Shelter, Reyhan Wilkinson, and Kailie Saverino were all awarded a scholarship for presenting a superb idea. "Our group put together a plan, and it was to create an app for phones that would allow food to be delivered to them as opposed to them getting up and going through the hassle of getting it themselves." Sohal said. It was that idea that scored her, and her fellow group members a scholarship to Missouri Western State University.

“It feels great to have the scholarship, and it's a good scholarship too. It's $4,000.” Shelter said. “I feel fortunate, it really is a great scholarship, but I'm not going to Missouri Western, and the scholarship is only for that university. However, my group members are going there so it defiantly works in there favor.” Sohal adds.

The scholarship means opportunity for these students. Even if not all of the winning students are seizing this chance to be a future entrepreneur, they have a sense of what they want to do in the future. Sohal says, “Entrepreneurship and business isn’t for me. I most likely won’t pursue it as a career. I defiantly did have fun doing this challenge though.” Shelter on the other says, “I'm going Missouri Western State University, and I know business and marketing is what I want to get into.”
Juniors Jordan Gabauer, Aaron Moutray, Hannah Pointer pay close attention as junior Megan Zimbelman presents their business plan.

What to WEAR

Reyhan Wilkinson finishes his outfit with a bold, black work coat.

Wilkinson uses a blue button shirt as a basis for his entrepreneur attire.

Adding to the professionalism, Reyhan accentuates his outfit with a matching gold tie.

Wilkinson sublimes black stacks add a nice to his look.

Wilkinson rocks a pair of black shoes, emphasizing his professional look.

Reyhan holds his outfit together with a very ostentatious belt.

Words of Wisdom

What makes a good entrepreneur?

"An entrepreneur has to have strong character traits such as being a hard worker, being focused on task, and a risk taker."

— Mr. Jordan

"A good entrepreneur should be persistent, able to recognize a good idea, and driven."

— Mrs. Beavers

How do you survive bankruptcy? By living in a shoe! /Mackayle Sponseller (12)
From left to right: Senior Ashley Wilcoxson dribbles the ball past a faculty member. The games were postponed due to two snow days before winter break. Senior Taylor Collins shoots the ball into the basket. The teachers put up a good fight and got the ball back before the end of the quarter.

Top to bottom: Coach Kimble defends the net against senior defense Kimble coached the boys' junior varsity basketball team. Coach French catches a pass. French was the girls' junior varsity basketball coach. Cheerleaders perform a routine at the Senior Faculty games. The cheerleaders went to nationals in February 2013. They placed sixth overall at Nationals.

STUDENTS battle TEACHERS

Teacher dominate at annual games once again

Junior Staff: Darian Taylor

The whole school crowded into the gym, seniors excited and expectant to see if this would finally be their year. Most of them had been anticipating this since their freshman year. The faculty was excited to show the school that even though they are older they could beat the seniors... again.

Many seniors dream of playing in the games when they first came to Central. "I was looking forward to it since freshman year," senior Chad Bruder said.

After a grueling contest the winner was announced: the faculty had once again stolen the title of champion. Even with the senior boys spectacular win, the senior girls loss to the faculty secured the win for the teachers. The faculty were happy but not overly surprised at their win as they had come into the games with much confidence. "I did think we were going to win because we're bigger, stronger and smarter than the students," Coach Jacob Kimble said. "When we won I felt great, accomplished and that my life would be complete having now competed against Ty Franklin." The teachers love to play against the students that they have watched grow here at Central High School. The students also enjoy the opportunity to play against their favorite teachers.

Many seniors believe that they should of gotten the gold. "I still think we came out on top because we won our game but the girls did so bad in their game that they made us lose overall." Bruder said.

The seniors and faculty look forward to the games every year to talk smack on their favorite teachers and get to have some good competitive fun. The senior/faculty games are a time for the teachers to show the students just what they can do and a chance to celebrate the cancoring competition.
What was your favorite part?

"Getting to beat up on the senior girls."
/Coach French (Faculty)

"Beating the guy teachers even though we lost beating them in the first place was our goal!"
/Brandon Perkins (12)

"Getting to play against Callaway."
/Kevin Haywood (12)

"I like how the teachers get involved and don’t let you win easy."
/Taylor Collins (12)

"These are kids I’ve got to watch grow up.” Coach Kimble

How would you survive without hair? I wouldn’t. I would wear a wig and draw on my eyebrows. /Alexis Owens (11)
A group of students quickly fill the back room. One by one they assemble in three rows. Dressed as characters from the movie A Christmas Carol, they resemble the evergreen that stands from behind: a high-pitched sound signals the start of harmonious music.

Around for more than 20 years, Caroling has been an important tradition at Central. On December sixth, the Dickens Carolers traveled throughout the Saint Joseph Community singing songs for the holidays.

"Carolings important to central because it gives the kids a sense of purpose, and it gets us out into the community with service organizations so well have exposure as singers," Mrs. Weissenborn said. Caroling provides great service projects for students. Places like the Saxon home for the elderly provided a way to celebrate the holidays with songs they might have sung or heard in there childhood. To be able to share music that people know in the community, and being able to share those Christmas songs it great," Senior Karis Caldwell said. "I think caroling takes everyone back to childhood memories, it's very nostalgic."

With the Holidays around the corner, Caroling is a way to spread the holiday cheer. Young or old caroling will always put a smile on anyone face.

I would love to get new outfits made, but I would really love to be able to do more service organizations and continue this maybe as a fundraiser. The more I can get a group out into the community the more support Central choirs will get from the community" Weissenborn said.

for

The Holidays

choir students sing carols to the community

Junior Staff/ Apk Adlang
what is your **favorite** part of choir?

"The choirs are very talented, and all of my friends are in choir in some way." /Cole Warden (11)

"I really enjoyed doing thet for show choir on the front lawn." /Corrie Blazer (12)

"Singing Christmas carols because we brought elderly people to tears." /Brandon Perkins (12)

"We got to go caroling to different places. I enjoyed caroling, it's really cool. I enjoy making people happy through music." /David Gilmore (12)

Andrew Donaldson and Raven Bowers pose for a picture. They were getting dressed to carol around St. Joseph.

Karis Caldwell and Justin Hall sing in Saxton nursing home. They sang for the elderly who lived at the home.

Seniors Scott Smith, John Monahan, and Sydney Goldberg sing carols to people in an elderly home. They were there with a group.

Elizabeth Goller carols for the elderly. She was at Saxton with a group of choir students from Central.

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**How would you survive a haunted house?** Run through it really fast while screaming. /Adam Le (9)
1/ Junior Tyree Mayfield goes in for a layup. Mayfield scored the last shot of the homecoming game.
2/ Senior Shun Williams tips off the ball to start his last homecoming game as a Central Indian. Williams has started varsity four years.
3/ Junior Derek Gray defends the ball against Ruskin's defense. Gray got first team All-City.
4/ Senior Brady Cameron dribbles the ball past two of Ruskin players. Cameron has been on Varsity one year.

How do you survive a boxing match with a kangaroo? I would wear the kangaroo out first. /Peyton Carvell(12)
ROAST RUSKIN
battling til the last second

Junior Staff/ Daniel Taylor photos by J. McBee

How do you survive being chased by Pac-Man? It's simple. You kill the pac man./Sheridan (good)
Winter ROYALTY

Snowfrost Homecoming Queen Taylor Collins

"I was very surprised. It was shocking."

Snowfrost Homecoming King Cecil Bratton

"It felt great. I didn’t expect it at all."

Senior Peyton Carvell poses as Ron Stoppable for Snowfrost Homecoming’s Character Day.

Junior Joey Lafasciano poses as the Cat in the Hat for Snowfrost Homecoming’s Character Day.

Senior Syndey Goldberg poses as Boo for Winter Homecoming’s Character Day.

What is your favorite Homecoming Day?

I really liked Spirit Day on Friday. It’s so good to see how much spirit Central has. It makes me feel like we are all a big family! (Kylee Harper 9)

Workout Day, because it was fun to see everyone looking crazy with bright colors and crazy hair and everything. (Jenise Sample 10)

How would you survive without art? I would not be possible to survive without art because surviving is art. (Olivia Callow 11)
Who's ready for **HOMECOMING**?

students show central pride during snowfrost homecoming

Junior Staff/ Maddy Stelen

Crazy outfits, fun times, and school spirit. Snowfrost Homecoming is a chance for Central to show their Blue pride for an entire week. The themed spirit days provide opportunities for every student to dress crazy, look crazy, and show themselves as a true Central Crazie. The boys’ basketball game at the end of the week finalizes the time of fun and is always the pinnacle of the students’ spirit and pride.

To feint their school pride, students adorned themselves head to toe in what will display the most Central spirit. The week was kicked off with workout shorts, tennis shoes, and sweatbands as students decked themselves out in their favorite exercise gear. Favorite Childhood Cartoon Day was an even bigger success, featuring appearances from the Cat in the Hat, Power Rangers, and The Flintstones. Famous names filled the halls of Central as students dressed up like their favorite celebrities for Celebrity Day. Paris Hilton, a Kardashian or two, and more than a couple of KeShas strutted the halls as their celebrity personas. “Homecoming is a great time to outwardly show everyone’s inner central crazy self,” junior Megan Zimbleman said.

Central was as classy as ever on Dress Up Day to celebrate the coronation of the Snowfrost Homecoming Court. At the ceremony, the student body filled the auditorium to watch the king and queen announcement. This year’s King and Queen were seniors Cecil Bratton and Taylor Collins. They joined their court in pumping up the entire school at the pep assembly, displaying Central pride and faith that the boys’ basketball team would try their hardest at the game that night. “I liked spirit day the best because I got to be even more spirited than usual,” senior Rachel Kosse said. Although the boys didn’t come out on top against Ruskin, many Central students, parents, and supporters showed up and displayed what truly matters during Homecoming: pride for your school.

Snowfrost Homecoming remains a reminder to the students that the celebration of Central spirit remains and will continue on. With the dresses, the body paint, or the roaring crowd as a basketball swishes through the hoop, Central students stay true to their Central pride for the rest of the school year and for years to come.

 Celebrity Day, because I liked to see all the interesting costumes and how close people looked to the real celebrity. McCabe Davis (11)

 I would say workout day because it inspires me to get in shape for Channing Tatum. /Taranjit Sohal (12)

How would you survive without books? I would have a lot of free time I can tell you that! /Lily Zink(9)
Q: How do you feel about snow days?
A: They suck. It's super cold.
Q: Is there such a thing as too many snow days?
A: No. We get out of school.
--Kelsey Trueblood (12)

Q: What do you think are the pros and cons of snow days?
A: The pros are obviously sliding and no school. The cons are being out of school you have to make up the work.
Q: Is there such a thing as too many snow days?
A: Yeah probably. After awhile they start to take the snow days out of break and that's not fun.
--Nut Matthes (12)

How would you survive without Naka-Kon? I would just go do a different convention. --Sarah Cleveland (12)
SnowDAZE

excessive amount of snow days leaves students behind

Senior staff! Miranda Poulson
Photos by! Miranda Poulson/ Olivia Callow/ Karla Walters

Big white flakes fall from the sky. Twitter blows up with "No School" updates from students and teachers alike. Snow days are things students cherish. Little gifts to let you regain your sanity.

Kids spend the day building snowmen and sledding. Teenagers can sleep in late. There isn't a spicy chicken patty in sight, and the smell of hot chocolate fills the streets. For a moment, everyone seems at peace.

Then there's another snow day. And another. Before you know it, those little gifts are eating away at spring and summer break. The ground is no longer soft and white, but grey and slushy.

The winter cheer is gone, and we are left feeling sluggish. Sledding and sleeping in has been replaced with shoveling the driveway.

With the return of school brings the return of early mornings and homework that has been piling up. Being hit with Winter Storm Rocky right after Winter Storm Q, classes were put back almost two weeks, throwing schoolwork off schedule. Some classes, such as IB courses with strict deadlines, are harder to catch up on than others. While snow days in small doses can be welcoming, excessive snow days can be a burden.

How would you survive without hacky sack? I would probably take up another hipster sport like hantis or yoyo. /Robert Adams. (11)
Freezing for a Reason

students take the plunge to help Special Olympics

Senior Staff! Nick Busby

Jumping into a freezing lake in the middle of winter is not something a normal person does. But when it is for a good cause, even a normal person is able to become crazy enough to take the plunge. This year, several Crazies took the meaning of the word very seriously when they leaped in to Lake Contrary to raise money for Special Olympics.

The Polar Plunge is an event in which people across the community get people to pledge money to Special Olympics if they jump in to the bitter lake on one of the chilliest days of the year. It is tradition that part of Cancoming totals go toward the Polar Plunge in order to sponsor student plungers. "I'm extremely happy that I got to experience the Polar Plunge," junior JT Yuratovich said. "We got to dress ridiculously and show people Central's school spirit."

The plungers needed all the spirit they could get in order to stay warm in the harsh conditions. "I was literally freezing my buns off but it warmed my inside to know we were raising money for Special Olympics," senior Michael Lindsay said. "My favorite part, by far, was getting to wear my Speedo. I chose the Speedo since it was so cold. I wanted to make a statement that I try to look good no matter what the temperature is."

When it was Central's turn to plunge, the students put a special spin on it to represent the school. "We all did the "Here We Go" chant in our swimming gear...enough said," said Yuratovich. "It was the coldest experience of my life, but I'm glad I got to take part in it."

"Knowing I was helping something bigger than myself."
-Sophomore Clint Squires

"When we were standing around they had campfires to keep us warm and they had heaters in the tents."
-Senior Brandon Perkins

"Wait...we were in danger?" -Freshman Nick Corder

"The warmth of the charitable kept me warm and toasty."
-Senior Michael Lindsay

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How would you survive getting lost on the subway? Ask the nearest homeless person. /Doug Otting (11)
"I was literally freezing my buns off."

/Michael Lindsay (12)
Going PINK
raising money for breast cancer awareness

Junior Staff/ Lily Zhao
Photos by/ Alexis Rodney

It's a color that comes in many forms. It's a color that implies love. It's pink. Paint it Pink is an annual fundraiser for breast cancer awareness that is highlighted by a basketball game. Whether it's hot pink, soft pink, light pink, or dark pink, the point is to paint it pink. This year was the fifth year of celebrating Paint it Pink. To raise money for breast cancer awareness, Student Government sold pink t-shirts to the student body. The student body wears these shirts on the day of the basketball game. A total of $1033.40 with all the proceeds going towards breast cancer awareness at Heartland Health. "It's all about uniting the basketball fans and the program in this one common cause to fight breast cancer," Student Government sponsor Kathy Northup said.

Cancer is a deadly disease that, as survivors know, is a difficult fight, and bringing attention to this disease is crucial. Breast cancer is the second leading cancer related death in women. Central drew awareness to breast cancer with not one, but two Paint it Pink games this year.

The event was split between two basketball games. This year was the first time the boys were involved with Paint it Pink. Central Crazies painted the stands pink by wearing their shirts both nights in support of breast cancer awareness. The players donned pink headbands, pink socks, pink laces, and even pink Under Armour during the games. Every year, a breast cancer survivor is honored during the game. At halftime of the girls' game, Language Arts teacher Dawn Smith was honored. She was presented with half a dozen roses and made an inspirational speech to the crowd. The check was presented at halftime of the boys' game the following night, which was also senior night. From the support of the players and fans, Central Crazies painted a double dose of pink to double the awareness of breast cancer.
5/ Senior Jacob Muff, Nick Busby, and Zach Hill present the check at halftime of the boys' game. A total of $1033.40 was raised. 
6/ Dawn Smith is honored at halftime of the girls' game. There were two Paint it Pink games this year.
7/ Junior Jaree Bennett battles for the ball. The girls won against Lee Summit West.

Pinking It Up
Senior Carl Zimmerman dribbles across the floor.
Senior Shun Williams tries to pass the ball past a defender.

Freshman Kylia Williams wears pink Under Armour for the Paint it Pink game.
The boys wear matching pink socks during the Paint it Pink game.

What was most memorable about Paint It Pink?

"We had a close game and we actually got a big crowd."
/Freshman Paige Downing

"Wearing the all the pink."
/Freshman Haile Koelliker

"All the people that were there supporting each other."
/Freshman Alex Wilson

"Probably the loud crowd."
/Freshman Kylia Williams

How would you survive without a ponytail?"I would shave my head."
/Ellen Gilmore(11)
Dominant! Mr. Haskey instructs one of his freshman English classes. He will be attending school in Chicago for writing. Top to bottom! Mrs. Haggard works diligently in her office. Haggard has been in charge of the B program while at Central. Mrs. Hoeker talks to her class about a test prep assignment. Hoeker has been an English teacher at Central for 10 years. Dr. Wolfe works closely with one of her art students. While here, many of her students have won awards for their art work.

How would you survive without shopping for a year? I would cry. I'm too obsessed. /Bailey Cole (11)
Leaving their MARK

teachers leaving impacts students

Hearing your favorite teacher is leaving can put a burden on anyone’s day. Some students would then start wondering, “Who is going to replace them?! What if I don’t like them?”

With the average of teachers that are leaving or retiring this year an average, it seems to some students high. It seems like every other week we are hearing of another teacher that is leaving.

Teachers who leave special impacts on a school are remembered years after they are gone. For the teachers that are leaving, they will all be remembered for the extraordinary influences they had on students and other teachers. For many, it could be going out of their way to help another teacher or stay after hours to help a student in their class. They could even be little things to someone like saying “Hi!” to them in the hall, or give them a simple smile that could change their day.

For me, one of these teachers is my FLEX teacher. Sounds cheesy, but without him and without his push to get good grades and the drive to see each of us succeed in high school, I don’t know how my grades would be. Mr. Haskey was always pushing us to be our best and that has helped me grow into the person that I am.

Many teachers have their own way of impacting students. Each of the teachers leaving have done something that will leave this school better than what it was like when they arrived.
WITH CHANGE Comes GREAT OPPORTUNITY
district plans many changes for next school year

Junior staff/ Maddy Stelen

Change is inevitable. Whether through planned circumstances or unexpected situations, transformations are bound to happen. For the 2013-2014 year at Central, change will definitely be apparent.

Budget cuts have been hitting everywhere in the nation, and now they are hitting the Saint Joseph School District. According to St. Joseph News Press’s Alonzo Weston, the district will be cutting $3.07 million from next year’s school budget. $843,000 of that cut is coming from technology funding. While the freshmen of the school district of the 2012-2013 year each received their very own iPad to take home and use year-round, students in the upcoming years will not receive such technology for their own. “The biggest impact [next year] is for all the students is not being able to take the technology home,” said AP government teacher Kris Larson. What technology exists in the school district will remain, however, no new technology will be added in the upcoming school year. Other changes include new Dell computers instead of Macs in the library at Central, and the possibility of replacing the Macbooks with Chromebooks. The district will assess financial outcomes and efficiency before any decisions on future years’ technology will be made.

Economic issues have been addressed in other programs in the district. At Central, the zoology specimens budget for dissections has remained the same, although the price of specimens continues to raise. This leads to fewer specimen to the same amount of students. However, this has acted as a blessing in disguise to Zoology teacher Carol Conard. “The good thing about it is that it allows the kids to work in bigger groups,” said Conard. “You can see how they work together as a group.”

Every change the district chooses to make is for the benefit and well-being of its students. Budget cuts and technology pauses are just the beginning of a new and better school district, one that will both accommodate its students and prosper under the new adjustments to the system.

The most dominant change next year is the alteration of administration at different levels of the school district. The superintendent and the chief school administrator of the Saint Joseph School District Dr. Melody Smith will be leaving the district. May 2012 will mark Smith’s 25th year as a public educator. Smith has made a tremendous impact on the district, teaching for 15 years before acquiring administrative positions. Through Smith’s help and guidance, the Saint Joseph School District has become a district whose students achieve success in all areas. “New leadership always brings new looks on things,” fine arts teacher Dr. Jeanette Wolfe said. The district will evolve from what is has become into a community that will make Smith proud and our new superintendent, Dr. Fred Czerwonka, proud to be a part of. Central’s own Dr. Marlie Williams will be leaving the district and joining Liberty School District as Executive Director of Secondary Schools in the fall of 2013.

While change can be sudden, we can expect the alterations in the district and at Central High School to be taken upon with ease by all students and faculty. “With change there are pains; the first year will always be a struggle,” said Wolfe. “But I think change is always a good thing”
Above left: Juniors McCabe Davis and Ashley Hanson dissect their squid together in their Zoology class. Above right: Student dissects his squid during Zoology class. Below Left: A pile of Mac laptops sits on a desk in math teacher Mrs. Gilliland's room. Below Right: New Dell computers ready to use sit in the upper LRC library at Central. Center: New Dell computers sit out of order in the upper LRC library as they wait to be installed.

Source: Alonzo Weston, Saint Joseph News Press

| Money allotted for technology per student: for 2012-2013 | $250 |
| Money allotted for technology per student: for 2013-2014 | $192 |
| Money cut from school district budget: for 2013-2014 | $3.07 million |
| Money cut for 2013-2014 from technology alone | $483 thousand |

**BUDGETlowdown**

*How would you survive without tennis? I would become very fat and sleep a lot/* - Max Mitchem (11)
Create your own COLOR

art show to broadcast regional students hardwork

Junior Staff/ Cailyn Lindstrom / Photos By/ Mollie Siemens

Art is everlasting and contributes not only to our culture, but to our history. Through art and markings many stories that would be forgotten are remembered. Many people who dedicated their lives to art live on and are remembered for their hard work. Central High School has artists walking the halls every single day waiting to leave their mark.

On March 9th, 2013, at the Albrecht Kemper Museum, young artists from all over northwest Missouri were recognized for their dedication to and passion for art at the regional high school art exhibition. Beautiful paintings, portraits and sculptures were put on display for recognition. The artists received awards ranging from 1st place to an honorable mention. Being a ribbon winner in the regional high school exhibition is an honor. Central students had a great showing, walking away with 6 different ribbons. “I really enjoyed the art show,” junior Hannah VanCleave says. “made me feel like my hard work was being noticed.”

Ribbon winners include: In the Alternative category, 3rd place: A-Lease Wilson for “Self Portraits” Rembrandt Style on medal. In the Three-Dimensional category, 3rd place to Bailey Harris for “The Textured Tempest” and Hannah VanCleave for “Walking on Egg Shells.” In the photography category, Shelby Webster for “Portrait of My Father: The Lost Art of Labor”. In the Drawing Multi-Color, Nhung Luu received an Honorable Mention for “Marbles”. Lastly, in the Painting category, Joe Cochran received an honorable mention for “Tracks”.

While athletics and academics may be more widely recognized than pieces of art, artistic ability is not something to be discounted. It takes dedication, patience and much talent to create a successful piece of art. Central is a school that takes pride in the high level of artistic talent in its student body. The Regional High School Art Exhibition is and will continue to be an outlet for these talented students to show off their work.
Left: Senior Joe Cochran received an honorable mention for his painting “Tracks”. The painting is truly impressive and Cochran really showed his talent.

Bottom Right: Junior Hannah VanCleave is shown with her sculpture “Walking on Egg Shells”. VanCleave received an honorable mention and says “I feel like my hard work was being noticed.”

Students not only did well at the Albrecht Kemper Regional Art Show but in other competitions as well. Over 20 students placed in the annual Scholastic Art and Writing Awards competition in categories ranging from drawing and photography to poetry and sculpture.

Row 1/ Left to Right/ Abel Juarez, Marla Mills, Nungh Loo, Sidney Owens, Abigail Sharp, Angelique Ashe, Olivia Callow, A-Leise Wilson Row 2/ Left to Right/ Haley Bennett, Maddie Michalski, Sajja Sheets, Kaleigh Pryor, Shelby Mills, Brenna Bettis, Pangak Matet, Melissa Brown, Madison Speer Row 3/ Left to Right/ Brandon Noble, Joe Cochran, Lewis Greer, Jenna Smith, Karleigh

How would you survive life with no shade of color? I’d use my imagination and create my own world. /Katie Sumner (11)
How do you survive without google? Use Bing.com instead, duh! /Nathaniel Simpson(12)
thespian society goes to conference in St. Louis

Senior Staff/ Manny Rivera

Everyday we are introduced to new and interesting ideas; always aspiring to grown and lean from others. Whether it's from visionary skylines, to ingenious artist; inspirations is amongst us frequently. Central high schools originative International Thespian Society got to experience inspiration first hand on their trip to the I.T.S. Conference in St. Louis.

“The I.T.S Conference in St. Louis was a big group of theatre nerds, all together under one roof, furthering our acting skills,” Senior Sarah Bronson explains. “Central didn't get to compete but we got to watch shows and improve teams. Also, seniors were given a chance to audition for colleges.” Bronson explains. “The conference was a great way to learn from others and at the conference we really got to soak in new ideas and concepts. Central's I.T.S got to study under great competitors who really opened our eyes to more aspects of theatre such as lighting and improve.” Senior Scott Smith adds.

I.T.S is already an honorable group. The St. Louis conference will only further their skills. Sydney Goldberg says, “I love I.T.S and I'm glad I got to be a part of the group. I feel fortunate for the trip to St. Louis and I defiantly think we'll take a lot of what we learned into consideration for next year's group.”

Dominant/ Mr. Vandyke, Scott Smith, Madi Lucas, Jenna Estenson, Sophia Hamm, Mr. Pennington, Alyssa Turner, Carrie Blazer, A-leece Wilson, Lexi Meyers, and Alex King pose after a meeting at the I.T.S. conference.

Right to Left/ Sydney Goldberg, Sophie Hamm, Sarah Bronson, and Anna Brockman wait for their room.

How will you survive paying for college? I'm gonna blow through my savings account. /Nikki Nowland(12)
dream comes true for ball queen

Three empty chairs sat in front of the room waiting to be filled. The crowd was silent, waiting patiently to hear what Colonel Hall had to say. The girls in the room were especially excited. They had spent all day getting ready for this night: finding the perfect dress, painting their nails, fixing their hair. They all wanted to look perfect for this special event: the JROTC ball.

The moment had finally come when the king and queen were crowned: Bre Nelson and Alec Guy. “Everyone was really happy when Bre won. She is so adorable and super nice to everyone.” sophomore Cydney Puckett said. Nelson, however, was the most excited of them all. Her smile radiated across the room as she walked up and sat down in her royal chair. With the new queen tiara, her pink dress and her favorite tennis shoes, Nelson was stunning. “I was really excited and happy to be crowned queen.” Nelson said. “It was the highlight of my high school.”

Although the military ball is a major event for the JROTC it is not the only thing they do. Military ball king Alec Guy is well aware of this and had a different take on the ball than Nelson. His highlight isn’t the ball but the drill team.

Having been in JROTC all four years Guy knows the dedication and time it takes to be apart of the drill team - especially with the once a week 6:00 a.m. practice. “For me, JROTC is about the competitions and the friends you make.” Guy said. “I mean, the ball is really fun but that’s just one night. The other things last all year.”

JROTC is a great organization at Central that teaches discipline and allows students to have fun and make friends. Regardless of the reason, JROTC is special to each and every one of it’s members.
When They AREN'T DANCING

JROTC performs at the Winter Homecoming pep assembly. The drill team competed in competitions on Saturday mornings and has been very successful this year. Their success is a direct result of their hard work and dedicated members.

JROTC Marches in Veterans Parade

On Sunday, November 11 JROTC marched in the veterans parade. Meeting at city hall, they marched all over town. Both Benton and Lafayette's RO marched with them.

How do you survive without Young Life? "I would be living a very depressing life." /Caitlyn Lindstrom (11)
Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) is a club that promotes family living. “FCCLA is really big on community service,” Mrs. Taliaferro said. “We’re also the only club that has family as our main focus.” In 2010-2011, Central was the 2nd largest chapter in Missouri. Family And Consumer Science (FACS) classes are required to join FCCLA. You may take any of the nine FACS classes at Central, from World Food & Nutrition to Child Development.

Like any other school activity, FCCLA goes to state and has competitions. However, they also have their own FCCLA week. Much like the homecoming spirit week the student body celebrates, FCCLA members celebrate a week of FCCLA by dressing up. “It is a national week,” Mrs. Taliaferro said. “We’re celebrating it the 11th-15th.”

On Monday, members wore FCCLA colors, red and white. Tuesday was hat, vintage, or retro day. Students could choose to wear an item of clothing from Mrs. Taliaferro’s vintage clothing collection. Wednesday, FCCLA members dressed professional and celebrated teachers. “We have a breakfast for teachers the Wednesday of FCCLA week,” Mrs. Taliaferro said.

Thursday was pajama day and Friday was school spirit day. Students wore blue and white to show their school pride. “Hopefully it raises awareness to the school as a whole,” Mrs. Taliaferro said.
Below Left: Kenzie Grey wears a hat to show her support for FCCLA. Many students wore hats to pull together their vintage outfits. Left: FCCLA members dress up for the vintage day. The students borrowed clothes from Mrs. Taliaferro's vintage clothing collection. Right top: Mrs. Taliaferro and FCCLA members dress in vintage clothing in honor of FCCLA week. The clothes came from Taliaferro's personal collection. Right bottom: An article of clothing from the early 1900s. The dress belonged to Mrs. Taliaferro's great aunt. Below Left: Hats from Mrs. Taliaferro's collection. The front hat dates back to the 1920s.

“We’re the only club with family as our focus.”

Mrs. Taliaferro's vintage shoes. She keeps some vintage clothing in her classroom closet.

Q: Why do you think FACS classes are important?
A: "I believe they have a lot to do with home life and even just skills for living on your own, which everybody has to do."

Q: What is your favorite FACS class to teach?
A: "Home and interior design."

Q: Why?
A: "The students can do individual work and they come up with some good ideas that I like. I enjoy seeing them come up with different ideas for things."

Ms. Gebb

How would you survive a narwhal invasion? By dressing up as one and eventually becoming their leader/Erin Gerhardt (12)
Cotillion teaches students skills for the real world

Senior Staff/ Nick Busby
Photos by/ Drew King

Second oldest school west of the Mississippi. Though the floors may creak and the stalls have no doors, Central High School oozes tradition. From Homecoming to NHS to community service, Central recognizes excellence at every level.

Of these traditions of excellence Cotillion is one of the most prestigious. "Cotillion is lesser known, but one of Central's most long and sturdy traditions," senior Zach Hill said.
Every year seniors have the opportunity to further their excellence and learn how to succeed later on in life. The Cotillion scholarship takes some of the brightest students from the area and cultures them in etiquette, teaches them to exceed in interviews and allows them to act in a professional setting. All skills that they will need for the rest of their lives.
"Myself and the other cotillion finalists were given tours of the new Missouri Western State University Chief's Training Camp, then got to meet and learn how the producers and architectures made that project happen," Hill said. "That along with community service work, such as volunteering at the Noyes Home and meeting and learning from prominent St. Joseph judges, lawyers and other public figures are some of the events the finalists go through."

The finalists all receive $700 in scholarship funds, but each finalist is hoping to be selected as the overall Cotillion winner who will receive $1100 in additional funding to the college of their choice. The candidates from Central were Zach Hill, Grant Neumann, Helen Cargill, and Hannah Klaassen. "At the end we have a ball where we all dress up and waltz, which we had to learn how to do," Klaassen said. "That is where they announce the finalists and honor us for being a part of it."

No matter what the occasion, Central always has students to represent excellence. Whether in school or in the community, the Cotillion scholarship represents the readiness of our leaders to enter the rest of their lives. "I'm incredibly honored to be chosen as a finalist and very appreciative of the first hand knowledge and skills we get to learn through Cotillion," Hill said.

Grant Neumann went on to win the male overall Cotillion scholarship of $1100.

1/ Senior Zach Hill and his father socialize at a Cotillion event. This was once of the events in which the finalists learned valuable social skills.
2/ Senior Zach Hill and Helen Cargill listen to the Cotillion board speak. It was an opportunity to find out what the board was looking for in the overall Cotillion winner.

3/ Senior Hannah Klaassen and her father met other finalists at an event. One of the finalist's favorite parts was meeting finalists from other schools.
4/ Central finalists pose with finalists from other schools. Finalists from Central were Helen Cargill, Zach Hill, Grant Neumann, and Hannah Klaassen.

How do you survive Missouri weather? Always have at least seven layers. You can always strip down if it's too hot.
Nick Shores (12)
what was your **favorite** part of Cotillion?

"Touring Missouri Western's facilities because they were doing a large Zumba class in the gym."  
/Senior Zach Hill

"Dancing lessons because it was funny watching my dad try to learn to Waltz."  
/Senior Helen Cargill

"It was nice to meet the finalists from other schools. They are all interesting people."  
/Senior Grant Neumann

"Learning how to dance was pretty fun because not very many people know how to Waltz."  
/Senior Hannah Klaassen

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How do you survive having a part time job?  
/Always play as hard as you work. Rodney Phillippe (12)
Above/ MU and KU stools were two of the most popular chairs for sale at Chairs for Charity. Other college chairs included Nebraska and MNSU. / Above center/ Brush and Pencil Club decorated a wooden chair with green vines and plastic flowers. This chair was the only one with a basket in the seat. /Bottom center/ FBLA painted a wooden desk with white paint and pink roses. Chairs for Charity featured other items besides chairs. /Right/ Seniors Reyhan Wilkinson and Megan Walters prepare to set up the chairs for Chairs for Charity. Each year, DECA students are in charge of the event. /Bottom/ Juniors Steven Henderson, Jeb Drost, Megan Zimbelman, and Ryan Cartledge discuss the rivalry between the KU and MU chairs. KU and MU chairs are always auctioned for a higher price.

How would you survive living in an aquarium? I'd swim under the rocks and eat the algae. /Alex Jackson (11)
Take a seat for **CHARITY**

DECA event raises money for noyes home

Junior Staff/ Lily Zhao
Photos by/ Madison Stellen

DECA sponsored the 2nd annual Chairs for Charity event on January 31, 2013. Chairs for Charity is a fundraising event in which different clubs at Central decorate chairs to be sold in a silent auction with the proceeds going to the Noyes Home. Seniors Reihan Wilkinson and Megan Walters organized the event this year. DECA raised a total of $700 for the Noyes Home.

In order to carry out the event, planning started at the beginning of the school year. DECA created invitations, selected dates, and spoke with clubs and teachers. The items submitted by the clubs ranged from bids of $3 to $70, and displayed on the tables were stools, desks, chairs, and even a green paper cutter. Student Government created a striped blue and black chair and Brush and Pencil Club created a chair with a basket in the seat covered in vines and flowers.

Many clubs created chairs for this event, although items of all sizes were present. Other furniture for sale included a white desk with pink roses, a blue Central cabinet, a white chair with pink cracks, and a camouflage stool. "One of our goals this year was to have different artifacts for people to bid on so we had a desk, a cabinet, and wall art that you can have," Wilkinson said. These small items for sale, such as a small rocking horse and silver COFFEETIME sign, expanded the event to draw more people to the event. To attract the art community, artwork by Central students was also displayed. "We really want to open it to the entire St. Joseph community," Wilkinson said. With the addition of these various pieces, Chairs for Charity expanded into more than just a charity auction.

**favorite chair and why?**

Jeff Drael - Junior
"My two favorite chairs are the KJ and MJ ones because I made them and they're the best."

Megan Zibelman - Junior
"The KJ one because it had MJ and they're 19 in their basketball record."

Hannah Pomier - Junior
"My favorite chairs are the blue and black one because it's Central colors and Central colors are my favorites."

Steven Henderson - Junior
"The Missouri Western chair because it stained."

Ryan Carlton - Junior
"The MJ one because MJ is real."

Jordan Pfeifer - Junior
"I like the Missouri Western chair because it looks like there was a lot of work in it and represents what St. Joe is about because were a college town."

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**How would you survive in a fairytale?** I would be a witch. /Alwal Gang (12)
The transition from high school to college is an important step in the lives of a vast majority of students. Before they can move on to the next level, they have to take the ACT. Most colleges on the D-1 level (who enroll students around 30,000+), won't accept you if you don't score at least a 24 and have an impressive GPA. Most smaller colleges are beginning to raise their standards. For those hoping to improve their scores and achieve their goals, the ACT Academy is their savior.

The academy lasts for three days, during the week of the ACT. Student wishing to improve their scores, or taking for the first time learn different test taking, and time management to go the best that they possible can. This way when they get to the real test, they know exactly how to approach it. "There have been kids who've taken the academy, and have come back and told me they'd raised their score 2 or 3 points and got a scholarship to my college," said Mrs. Kimble.

A large amount of students sign up for the academy to approve their score each academy that comes around. The students are split up between a variety of teachers. With it lasting all day, each of the three days the students are more than prepared. A lot more students feel more comfortable to take it now that. Central is a ACT Testing site. The best thing about the Academy is that it is helping the students of Central reach their goals to guide them through life. A student struggling with the ACT will reach their goal, and soon make differences in the lives of many.
Above: Senior Derek Gray Jr. is using his skills learned in the Academy to complete his ACT. Derek’s top score from previous ACT’s is 18. He plans to improve it this time around. Opposite left: Mrs. Kimble poses for a photo. Kimble teaches the English, and Reading portion of the ACT.

Senior: A.J. Casem
Current Score: 19
Goal: 25

Junior: Derek Gray
Current Score: 18
Goal: 21

Senior: Cooper Jennings
Current Score: N/A
Goal: 21

How did you survive Twilight Movies? I tear out my eyeballs. Daven Tomlinson (12)
Lasting Legacy

"Her vision for the school has led us in the right direction. She is a joy to work with." / Mrs. Larson

"She is really great for Central. She has done a great job with the climate of the school." / Coach Kelley

"She has been an extremely collaborative leader. She is empowering to students. She will be sorely missed." / Dr. Wolfe

It has been a privilege to work with her. She has supported all of Central's long standing traditions." / Mr. Jordan

How would you survive without Fridays? I wouldn't. / Sydney Howery(10)
Saying GOODBYE
indians lose strong leader and advocate

Senior Staff/ Nick Busby

Competitiveness, dedication, passion, tradition. All of these describe Central High School and all of the students in it. Always the underdog, Central has become a competitive force in sports, unrivaled in academics, and kept up the long lasting tradition that makes our school great. And though she will be departing after the school year, Central will forever feel the effects of the person who made this all possible; Dr. Marie Williams. After 10 years at Central, Dr. Williams will be joining Liberty School District as Executive Director of Secondary Schools. "I love all of the students here," Dr. Williams said. "It will be difficult not seeing students every day."

With seven years as principal and three years as vice principal, the student body and faculty have come to know Dr. Williams as their leader as well as Central's figurehead. "It's bittersweet for Central," Mr. Jacob Kimble said. "We hate to see her go but we understand."

"Her vision for the school has led us in the right direction," Mrs. Kris Larson said. "She has built leaders and she's a joy to work with."

That vision has laid the groundwork for many years to come at Central and will be the guidelines for future leaders to follow. "Central is and will always be near to my heart," Dr. Williams said. "It's all about continuing to do what is right and build upon the success that is already here."

Top/ Dr. Williams speaks at the Euler Scholarship Press Conference. Much of her job included public speaking. Far Left/ Dr. Williams welcomes students to a homecoming coronation assembly. She always spoke at every coronation. Middle/ Dr. Williams takes a break from her work. She was vice principal for three years and principal for seven years. Far Right/ Dr. Williams speaks to students about the importance of the Euler Scholarship. This was one way she helped students prepare for their futures.
students play for a different reason

Senior staff/ Nick Bussy/ Page Block

Competition is alive on all levels. The basketball boys fight in sectional basketball, spring sports train hard for the season, but what about the rest of the students? How does the school stay competitive in the off season? This year Fellowship of Christian Athletes took care of that in its three on three basketball tournament.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes grew immensely around the school over the last few years. "We at FCA believe that there is a special connection between sports and faith where we can play for God and represent him while doing it," senior Brock Ryan said. "I think the growth is due to the welcoming environment we have created and the great messages we bring week in and week out."

The three on three basketball tournament was held to raise funds for FCA and to give the student body an enjoyable and fun competitive event. 11 teams competed in the tournament which had over 40 participants. "The tournament turnout was fantastic," said Ryan. "FCA plans to do at least one similar tournament every year."

In the end the Caucasian Invasion took home the trophy. "The turnout for the tournament shows that if you are willing to put in the extra work, our student body will respond positively," said Ryan. "It's a great way to get your club out there and recognized."
"I had fun and almost no one got hurt, except Carl." /Alex Warden (12)
The theater darkens as a hush falls over the auditorium. Suddenly a spotlight hits the stage as dancers twirl into sight and the pit strikes up a tune. The opening number sweeps into full force as singing begins to rise from the stage.

Central's rendition of "Thoroughly Modern Millie", held on March 7-10, was a smashing success. The auditorium was filled each night by students and parents watching as the cast and crew put on an endearing and amusing show.

To prepare for the musical, the cast and crew spent hours practicing each day, at times even coming in on the weekends to put in extra time. The ensemble endured not only one, but two "hell" weeks as a result of a schedule change, causing them to run through the entire show with lights, costumes and sound. In retrospect it may have been for the best to have two hell weeks, as the show this year was double cast in three of the lead roles.

"We only got half the time to practice," senior Anna Brockman, who portrayed Millie, said. "But the six of us came together and made it work out."

Another dynamic created some extra work for the cast: a dance heavy show. Not only was line memorization and vocal work vital to "Thoroughly Modern Millie", so was learning how to dance.

"The first month we really focused on dancing," Brockman said. "The choreographer would teach us the dances and we had to practice them over and over."

Even with some added complications to overcome, the Central theater department pulled off an amazing show. The cast and crew put in the extra time and effort necessary and with their determination and perseverance the musical was an outstanding hit.
1/ Senior Anna Brockman brought Mille alive by incorporating herself into the character. Brockman gave it her all in her last performance. / 2/ Senior Alyssa Turner's personality shines through Mille. Turner's last performance was bittersweet. / 3/ Cast show off their tap dancing skills. It was a first show in awhile to be a main dancing production. / 4/ Sophomore Jenna Esterson and Freshman Aly Fields vocals shines.

What was your favorite part of the musical?

"Being on stage." /Senior Kayla Shade

"Dancing, we haven't had a show thats majority dancing." /Senior Anna Brockman

"Working with the lighting." /Junior Lucas Evans

"Performance week, when everyone gets closer during the crazy time!" /Sophomore Holly Johnston

How would you survive a horror movie? I would obviously split up. /Bryce Reeps (12) /Brian Sawyer (12)
More Than Makeup

Cheerleading is just like any other sport

Senior Staff/ Manny Rivera Photos by/ Manny Rivera/Jack McBea.

When one thinks of sports: helmets, kneepads, and other clichés come to mind. However, when cheerleading is brought into the equation, the complete opposite is thought of. Cheerleaders are stereotypically thought of standing on the side lines, and waving pom poms. It’s almost like word association. We say “cheerleaders”, and most think “makeup”. The truth is; cheerleading is more than makeup.

Dressing to impress is just one aspect of cheer. “Cheerleading is just like any other sport. It’s not all about makeup and glitter. While I do enjoy it, cheerleading is much more than that. It’s just as physically demanding as any other sport,” sophomore Morgan Barnett said.

“You need a lot of upper body strength for lifting and basing. Also, tumbling requires a lot of muscle all around, and you need strong legs for jumps.” Senior Taylor Collins said.

“You have to stay in shape and be strong because there really is a lot of lifting for competition,” said senior Mayma Lawrence. Staying in shape is just what the girls do. Long and demanding summer practices keep the girls physically and mentally strong. “Summer practices are intense, but for the most part keep us in shape and well prepared for a long season that waits.” Lawrence said.

“There are a lot of pushups and situps. It almost feels like a boot camp. If you drop your flyer you have to do pushups.” Barnett said.

Rigorous and exhausting summer practices are just one of the many demanding aspects cheerleaders must overcome. Like any other sports the cheerleaders must meet these physically demanding obstacles.

“I think cheerleading should be recognized as a sport. We’re just as physical and we compete. It’s way more than shaking your pom poms,” Collins said.
Gettin’ that Toe Touch

1/ Always start with a smile. Bend your knees, clasping your hands and assume position.

2/ Hit a high “V” and get ready to bring your arms back around.

3/ Cross your arms and prepare for a burst of energy.

4/ Explode into the air!

Beyond the Glitter

What is the most physically demanding aspect from cheerleading?

"Basing and backspotting. Mainly because it involves a lot of lifting and requires a lot of upper body strength. Most people don’t realize it but it’s a lot of work, especially when you do it a dozen times at practice and games."
—Senior Carly Green

"Tumbling is pretty physically demanding. It requires strength all around and works your body pretty hard."
—Senior Taylor Collins

How did you survive the SAT? The same way I survived the ACT / Jordan Gabauer(11)
1. Senior Lauren Gunderson swims the IM during an invitational meet. Gunderson was one of the four captains and state swimmers. 2) Junior Mollie Siemens gets ready to jump off the block and swim her 500. 3) Freshman Madison Grooms finishes her 100 fly at the conference meet. During this race Grooms got a PR. 4) Junior Madison Idecker puts on her goggles before swimming her 50 free. 5) Back row: Junior Rylee Harlan, senior Lauren Gunderson, freshmen Kristen Hagen and junior Bailey Cole. Front row: junior Karleigh Eckhardt, junior Madison Idecker, and sophomore Rachel Hagen. These girls went down to the state meet to swim and cheer on their teammates. 6) The state relay team embraces each other just before they receive their rewards. This team was made up of senior Lauren Gunderson, juniors Karleigh Eckhardt and Madison Ideker, and sophomore Rachel Hagen.
Defying the Odds

Girls make it to state despite expectations

The Lady Indians swim team had prepared for the conference meet to be the end of their season. It had been a successful year, with many best times and great memories, but it was a building year, and the girls realized that. Going beyond the conference meet - making it to state - was an unrealistic goal. It was something they could only dream of.

"Going into the conference meet I was expecting everyone to get best times and to finish off my high school career in a really positive way. I definitely did not expect any state cuts to come out of that meet," senior Lauren Gunderson said.

When the Indians achieved state times in not only one, but three events at conference, emotions were running at an all time high. The first state time was obtained by Eckhardt in her 50 free. This was followed closely by the state cut Eckhardt got in her 100 free. And if this wasn’t enough excitement for the Indians, the 200 free relay cut eight seconds to get the state time in this race as well.

The relay team was made up of Gunderson, juniors Karleigh Eckhardt, Madison Ideker, and sophomore Rachel Hagen.

"No one, not even I, expected to go to state. So qualifying at the last meet in two individual events and one relay was the most indescribable feeling ever," Eckhardt stated.

Cutting eight seconds in any swim event, especially the freestyle relay, is practically unheard of. "I remember jumping out of the pool, looking at the clock, and being like ‘oh my gosh, did we really do it?’" Gunderson exclaimed.

"It was such a beautiful feeling of accomplishment that I still get emotional thinking back to that day," Eckhardt said. Going to state was a dream come true for the swim team. Due to their hard work and dedication during the season, they were able to defy the odds and expectations of everyone by making it to state. The state meet was a great finish to a very memorable season.
1/ Senior Tarell Strader throws opponent to the mat in his match against Benton in the City Meet. Tarell won the city title for his second year in a row.
2/ Senior Tokawon "T.K." Kpereya dominates his opponent in the City meet. This year was T.K.'s first year wrestling since middle school, and he finished with a winning record.

3/ Sophomore Johnathan Stickler brings his opponent to the ground.
4/ Blake Dixon gets ready to pin Benton wrestler. Dixon has been wrestling varsity all four years.
5/ Dixon hooks the leg of his Lafayette opponent. Dixon won both of his matches to win the City title.
6/ Wright performs a takedown against his Benton opponent. Matt Wright is a talent wrestler with All-American honors under his belt.
7/ Sophomore Keenan Wilson grapples with Lafayette opponent. He went on to win his match.
wrestling has one of best duel years yet

Senior staff/ Cecil Britton/ Photos by/ Jack McBee

Central wrestling is the definition of heart and hard work. It's the product of sacrifice and determination. The young athletes have to worry about cutting weight, keeping up with their grades, and perfecting their technique. If very difficult, but they know exactly how it's done. This year Central went on to have what might have been its best year of duels in Coach Brett Swope's coaching career.

Helping drive this year's success, was the group of seniors who bought great leadership to the team. Among the group of seniors there's an All-American, State qualifiers, and many winning records.

Central's heavyweight class and 220 were held down by Senior Matt Wright throughout the season. Not taking any time off, Wright went to tournaments in the off season, and earned his All-American title. "It's a great feeling," Wright said. His skilled showed as the season went by ending with a 31-16 record.

It was an outstanding season by Central's Tarell Strader, and Austin Hartschen. Both wrestlers had great seasons, both making it to state.

"State was the most memorable for me," Strader said. "State is the greatest place to go." Strader reached state his second year in a row, and finished his season 38-13.

The leadership from a group of Senior led Central to one of its best dueling years they've had. Through everything they held their heads high and led their team to many victories. This year is certain to lead to great things next year. Where this year's Junior are ready to take lead.

GOING To State

Q: What was the best part of going to state?

Senior Tarell Strader
Weight Class: 126
"The college students, and all of the great wrestlers"

Senior Austin Hartschen
Weight Class: 162
"Going to state and the experiences."
give until the last second

Senior Staff/ Jacy Atkins
Photos by/ Jack McBee / Caitlyn Lindstrom

Proving people wrong is easier said than done. The Central Lady Indian basketball team had expectations this year that to some seemed outrageous. With countless hours of team bonding sleepovers, tough practices, and dedication, the girls were determined to make this season a topic people would still be talking about in the future.

“A lot of people were doubting our record and they thought we were going to have a losing season and we actually didn’t,” sophomore Mady Pfeiderer said. “So we met our goals by getting there.”

With no seniors on this year’s team, the girls were left with roles they thought they would only take on as seniors. Taking on these new responsibilities caused the bond between the girls to grow much stronger.

“I didn’t know what to expect without any seniors,” junior Jaree Bennett said. “But we all bonded really well, so it turned out pretty good, better than I thought it was going to.”

The relationship between the girls grew as the year went on.

“We grew as a team a lot this year,” junior Brady Rodney said. “We were rough at the beginning but as the season went on it got a lot better.”

Having no seniors on the team brought extra pressure for the young team. They wanted to prove wrong those who doubted their age and ability. But, that wasn’t the only thing on their minds. This year was Coach Kevin Kelley’s last year as the girls’ basketball coach.

Pressure to get him to 500 wins was a goal the girls set before the season even started.

“It was motivation to work hard for Coach Kelley,” Pfeiderer said. “We wanted to get him as far as we could because he deserves it.”

Although the girls wish they had gone further in the district championships, Rodney, Pfeiderer, and Bennett all agree that the season was a success. Even though they fell short at districts, the team is satisfied with the season full of memories they left Coach Kelley.

“We really wanted to end him on a good note because it was his last year and I know he really loved the effort we all gave,” Bennett said.
Time for a **NEW CHALLENGE**

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1/ Rodney brings the ball up during the City Showcase against Benton.
2/ Junior Jazrée Bennett makes a basket during the game against Ruskin.
3/ Freshman Kylee Williams goes against a defender during the game against the Ruskin Eagles.
4/ Rodney, Bennett, and Williams set up a play during the City Showcase at the Civic Arena.
5/ Maggie Lawrence looks to a teammate for help during a game against the Ruskin Eagles.
6/ The Varsity girls huddle up during a timeout with Coach Kelley during their game. This was Coach Kelley’s last season as the coach of the girls’ basketball team.
7/ Rodney drives the lane for an easy lay up.

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*How did you survive if your fingers were glued together? I would make them chop sticks.* — Ladarious Todd (12)
"Making it to sectionals again was quite an experience. I think we proved a lot of people wrong."

/Senior Bryce Reeps
Exceeding

EXPECTATIONS

an unlikely run leads to back-to-back district titles

Senior staff/ Nick Busby
Photos by/ Diane Cameron

District champions. That is the goal. It’s
the first day of the season and senior Brady
Cameron knows how much hard work it’s
going to take to reach their goal. He knows
that no one expects much from the team. He
knows that they lost valuable seniors last year,
and he knows how unlikely it is to repeat as
district champions. Although he knows this,
he also knows that with hard work anything
is possible, so he sets off down the court to
give everything he’s got in an improbable and
memorable season.

After losing many key seniors from the previ-
ous year the basketball team wasn’t expected
to do as well as they had in the past, but
the team didn’t sell themselves short. “Our
primary goal was to win districts,” Cameron
said. “Coach constantly talked about our
season as going up and down and we just
needed to end the season at a high point and
not a low one.”

Surviving the initial shock of losing play-
ers at key positions, the team focused on
working together as a unit to compete with
schools across the Kansas City area. “Coach
always said that we should play as one entity,
working together to overcome our oppo-
nent,” Cameron said. “We worked together
to achieve our goals.” That unity worked as
the team competed against the best the state
had to offer, although they sometimes came
up short in the fourth quarter. “I would say we
were even with most of the teams we played,”
said Cameron. “There was never a team that
we didn’t think we could beat.”

Though they would sometimes come up
short, the team hit their stride at the perfect
point in the season, rolling in to districts with a
winning attitude. In the district championship,
the boys showed their grit as they pulled out
a shocking double overtime win to claim the
district title for the second straight year. “It felt
awesome to win districts for the second time
in a row,” Cameron said.

The boys unlikely run came to an end at
sectionals when they fell to Fort Osage, but
it didn’t dampen the school spirit at all. “We
worked hard throughout the season and got
the job done during the tough stretches,”
said Cameron. “We owe a lot to the crowd.
Our Crazies supported us through the whole
season and the playoffs. I’m glad us seniors
ended our career with a bang.”

“We had an up
and down season
but the high points
were winning districts
and making it to sec-
tionals again.” - Senior
Shun Williams

“I feel like we did
good. As a young
squad we had a lot
of guys step up and
fill roles. We had a
good overall season.” -
Junior Derek Gray

How do you survive with a mullet? Rock it. /Bailey Harris (11)
The earth is made up of many things. It is a myriad of plants, animals, water, towns, cities, countries, jungles, deserts. But while these are fundamental building blocks of our planet, they are not what gives the world depth. So what is it that gives meaning to these imperative pieces of this macrocosm? Human beings. The living, breathing embodiment of the earth. We record its history, tell its story, overcome its obstacles. Surviving is defined as continuing to live or exist in spite of danger or hardship. Our race is an expert on survival. We've survived wars that have tragically reduced the number of our kind on this planet. Each and every day we stay strong through lesser, but nonetheless devastating, circumstances. In high school, it's no different. We, humans, are central to survival in this place.

What is it that gets our basketball boys pumped up for their District games? Music? Maybe. Motivational speeches? In part. The presence of hundreds of Central students supporting them? Definitely. The people of this school are what make it the best high school west of the Mississippi. Without us it's just a big old building filled with books, whiteboards and no meaning.

So let's take time to brag about ourselves. Let's take time to smile about the little things that we all accomplish every single day. Be inspired by the fact that both our boys and girls soccer teams are the best in the city. Be in awe that one of our own scored a perfect 36 on the ACT. Smile because we have an amazing student government team who bring us video announcements and homecoming and countless things we love here.

Make every moment count. Don't let fear or doubt in yourself stop you. Obstacles are only as big as you let them be. You control how you choose to face life, so choose to face it like Captain Jack Sparrow, who so wisely advises us that 'The problem is not the problem. The problem is your attitude about the problem.'

Portraits taken by Mcbee Photography
Profile photos by Megan Walters
If you are too busy

getting better"
How would you survive seeing in black and white? That would be depressing. /Justin Schelzbaum(12)
Any high school athlete knows how it feels to juggle numerous activities at once. Managing practice and competition schedules, homework, work, family and friends is no easy task. Many involved in high school sports are ready to let these four years be it for their athletic career. They are ready to throw in the towel and cash out. However, there are the few, the athletes who are prepared to take it to the next level.

Four seniors decided to continue their athletic journey into college. Jacob Boling signed on January 15 with Fort Scott Community College for baseball. He is looking forward to the higher level of competition he will face playing college ball. "I'm excited to be able to play (baseball) at a higher level and be able to see how well I fare against other college players," Boling said.

Brandon Perkins, Cecil Bratton, and Chad Bruder all signed to different colleges on February 6 to play college football.

For Bratton, the question wasn't if he was playing college ball, it was where. "I had several schools (to decide between), mostly division two," Bratton said. A few of these choices include the University of Central Missouri, Missouri Western State University and Northwest Missouri State University. Bratton opted for the chance to play at the highest level. "I signed at Missouri State University, I liked the facilities, the coaches, the players, and it is division one, I just couldn't pass it up," Bratton said with a smile.

Perkins jumped on the chance to sign with Midland University. "Not many people wanted me because of my ACL," he explained. He will be playing running back and linebacker for the Warriors.

Bruder had his sights set on Missouri Western State University for years. "During signing I felt like I had finally accomplished something I had been working for about four years," Bruder said. He will be playing receiver for the Griffons next fall.

These four are taking the first steps down a path that will lead them into their futures. It's a path that will require their full dedication. They are now among the few who are confident, motivated and driven enough to enter collegiate athletics.
Why did you decide on your school?

"I signed to Missouri Western because of all the athletic and educational facilities that they have." /Senior Chad Brueder

"I signed to Missouri State because I liked the college and the town and it was division I which has always been my dream." /Senior Cecil Bratton

"I signed to Midland University because it's far enough away from home that I am independent but close enough that I can still come home." /Senior Brandon Perkins

"I choose Fort Scott because they keep a smaller team which improves my chance for playing." /Senior Jacob Boling

How would you survive without teeth? I would really chop up my food. /Dalton Morton(11)
Say WHAT?
the famous central lingo

Junior Staff Madison Ideker

Picture yourself walking down the hallway after second hour. On the way to FLEX, waving to your friends as they pass. All of a sudden you hear a loud voice yelling "You've got a mean bacon boy!" Double take. What in the world could that mean?

Here at Central, there is a unique lingo used by a large portion of the student body. It's not secret code or foreign language but rather everyday words used in different ways than we're used to. For example, not everyone knows that bacon boy is when the collar of your shirt is wrinkled and looks like a strip of bacon or that when someone calls you their cousin they aren't talking about actually being related, but that you are just their close friend.

This page lets you in on a few of these words and phrases heard around Central.

How would you survive without coaching softball? I wouldn't be able to live without seeing Lexi Walker/Coach Dodge.
How would you survive without cupcakes? Would be forced to eat chocolate covered strawberries.

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Senior THROWBACK
what was happening the year you were born?

Top NAMES

GIRLS  | BOYS
1 Jessica | Michael
2 Ashley  | Christopher
3 Emily  | Matthew
4 Samantha | Joshua

Top in 1994, there was no World Series, therefore no World Series champion. At that time there was a strike in Major League Baseball.

Above/ The Dallas Cowboys won the 1994 Super Bowl. They played against the Buffalo Bills, defeating them 30-13.

Dominant/ The winner of the NBA championship game was the Houston Rockets. They beat the New York Knicks, 4 games to 3.

Right/ In 1994 was the famous OJ Simpson car chase. This picture can be seen all over throughout history.

Far Right/ The most famous movie in 1994 was Forrest Gump. This movie was directed by Robert Zemeckis.

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How would you survive without sparkly phone cases? I wouldn't look as bold./Miranda Poulson(12)
How would you survive without a wrist watch? I'd carry a stone sun dial all of the time/Austin Hartschen(12)
Explore while LEARNING

Q: What's your home country?
A: Germany

Q: Why did you want to come to America?
A: Always wanted to go to high school here with a new culture.

Q: What has been the biggest change?
A: High school is a bit different here.

Q: Every teen has a car in the United States. What do you find interesting about America?
A: Food is healthier in Germany.

Q: What's something different about Germany?
A: Education system. No sports in school in Germany. Everything is outside of school.

Q: What's your most memorable memory from being in America so far?
A: Doing the rip cord at World of Fun.

How would you survive a year w/o your best friend?
Live in sorrow for a year. / Katelynn Myers (10)
four students turn worlds upside down

Junior staff/ Catlyn Lindstrom

Home. One word with a lot of meaning. Home is where your heart is. Everything you grow up around and get attached to is at your home. Ever since you were a little kid, you constantly are making memories with all your surroundings, but some things have to change. Change is all around us, every single day. Some change is good, some change can completely flip your world upside down. What if you were up for that? What if you were completely blindfolded, walking into somewhere that you have to now make your “home”? That’s exactly what happened here at Central High School with these four students, and we call them, foreign exchange.

These four students left their home countries on their own to come explore and learn in America. All the students have always wondered what it’s like here, and now they get to see first hand what it’s like. American television and movies are played worldwide, creating some sort of picture in the mind of people everywhere. These brave students took the plunge and are now learning, growing, and making friends here in the United States. Students from Germany, Italy and Paraguay have come to Central High School to learn the ropes of America. They all have very different backgrounds and very different stories. Their worlds were turned completely upside down, and it’s learning experience, not only for the students themselves, but also for the students here. People get to ask questions all about foreign countries and get to compare school systems, which only a select few students get to actually experience first hand.

All of us have a curiosity about big changes. Wonder always fills minds of “what could be”. These students completely changed their worlds to be able to grow as learners and as people. They created a life changing experience and America is something that none of them will forget.

Q: What's your home country?
A: Italy
Q: Why did you want to come to America?
A: Foreign exchange program and America was my 1st choice. I want to travel. I went to Australia for 2 months with the same program
Q: What has been the biggest change?
A: Everything is bigger here.
Q: What do you find interesting about America?
A: A lot more opportunities including the musical.
Q: How long have you been here?
A: 11 months. I got here last August.
Q: What's something different about Italy?
A: Choose what classes I want. It's more spread out. I walk everywhere in Italy. Here, if I don't have a ride, I don't go.
Q: What's your most memorable memory from being in America so far?
A: Being in the musical. Definitely.

Q: What's your home country?
A: Paraguay
Q: Why did you want to come to America?
A: For learning things and for expanding my knowledge.
Q: What has been the biggest change?
A: Everything! Everything is a big change in some way.
Q: What do you find interesting about America?
A: All the different people I have been meeting
Q: How long have you been here?
A: I got here in January and I left in June.
Q: What's something different about Paraguay?
A: We have no snow. The snow was very nice.
Q: What's your most memorable memory from being in America so far?
A: The day after I got here, my brothers took me to a church group. There were so many different people that I was shaking.

How do you survive a year in a foreign country? Make a lot of friends and try new foods. /Madison Cathey(12)
**SENIORS**

*defying* **THE ODDS**

Seniors give their input

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122  How did you survive falling into the monkey pit at the zoo? I would join in! It would be fun! Dr. Wolfe (faculty)
How did you survive eating McDonalds every day? I would become an obese slob and die of diabetes. / Beverly Catron(11)
Leaving the NEST

senior staff/ Kim Barnes

A plethora of backpacks zipping, yearbook signings and saying last goodbyes to the teachers who made a difference are all inevitable parts of senior year. Graduation has long been anticipated and once the day rolls around, summer will start quickly and then preparing for college classes will begin. While college is a time for freedom and new adventures, it’s also a time for big changes. Imagine being able to go home after school and relaxing until it’s time to do homework or having a meal together with the family. Not in college. Instead of going home, students will be going back to their dorm rooms and eating with their friends instead. Parents won’t be there to nag about making the bed or not doing the dishes. In college, students are on their own.

School work is another change. “I heard in college it’s all about spending time studying for big tests and in high school, it’s about doing the little assignments,” senior Brady Cameron said. There will be a difference between the hours used for doing high school work and hours used for college work. In college there will also be more distractions from homework, from friends to clubs to sporting events. “The biggest change will be socializing too much instead of doing homework,” senior Cindy Jiang said.

Most seniors are stumped about picking the right major when entering college. It’s a major decision that can be very daunting. “I am not scared about college,” senior Alex Warden said. “I am scared about finding the right major for me because that’s a huge life decision.”

“I think being on my own and being more independent will be a change,” senior Mayme Lawrence said. Lawrence has always had her family around during her schooling years so once she sets for college alone, things will be different. “I will miss my family,” Lawrence said. She will be one of many seniors who will be missing their loved ones at the start of a new chapter in their life.

College is about leaving the nest, getting used to a new town and new faces, and confronting new adventures. It’s a fresh start and a great learning experience. Changing schools doesn’t mean having to change yourself. It’s about being yourself when the world around you continues to change.
TOP Ten
College Choices

1. Missouri Western State University
2. Northwest Missouri State University
3. University of Missouri-Columbia
4. Missouri State University
5. Truman State University
6. University of Missouri-Kansas City
7. University of Nebraska-Lincoln
8. Kansas State University
9. North Central Missouri College
10. Johnson County Community College

Elijah Mejia
Abigayle Miller
Alexandria Miller
Donovan Miller
Shelby Mills
Cristian Miranda
John Monahan

Dakota Montague
Dylan Montague
Perla Montes Nolasco
Jaime Moore
Whitney Moran
William Morgan
Joshua Mrkvicka

Matthan Mrkvicka
Jacob Muff
Alexis Myers
Byron Myers
Mercedes Myers
Jenny Nabil
Breeyona Nelson

How would you survive being bit by a Vampire? You become a sexy Vampire yourself! Anna Brockman(12)
Senior Smarts

Jason Yuan wins national merit scholarship

Junior Staff/Grace Demerval

For many seniors, the last year of high school becomes full of transitions. With most credits completed, senior schedules can end up full of last-minute requirements, easy electives, and “senioritis” instead of the heavy class load from years before. Jason Yuan, however, can’t be counted among most seniors.

Yuan, a member of the National Honor Society, scholar bowl and an IB diploma student has also been selected to get a National Merit Scholarship. Yuan was a finalist out of over one million entrants and was chosen as one of 15,000 finalists to receive a scholarship and it took plenty of work to get there. "I qualified to apply for a National Merit Scholarship based off my PSA T score I got junior year," Yuan said. “Then I wrote an essay and completed an application for the second stage.” Along with all the hard work, comes the college decisions that go with senior year. "I've applied to Yale, Harvard, Duke, Washington University and a few others," Yuan said. He has also interviewed with Harvard, Yale, Brown and University of Pittsburgh for a chancellor's scholarship.

Like most seniors Yuan is also waiting for acceptance letters after all the time spent on applications and essays and to make the final decision on where to spend the next four years, where he plans to major in biology with a pre-med focus. "The hardest part was probably getting the first few essays written because when you’re typing the first one up there’s a moment where it just hits you that college is so close," Yuan said.
Abigail Neumann
Grant Neumann
Brandon Noble
Kaleigh Nold
Nikki Nowland
Megan O’Rourke
Sydney Oglesby
Michaela Osteen
Elizabeth Ottenger
Daniel Ottison
Kaylyn Owens
Sidney Owens

Darrin Parton
Joshua Pearson
Brenda Perez-Lara
Brandon Perkins
Corey Perkins
Michael Perpich-Harvey
Austin Pettigrew
Rodney Philippe
Caitlyn Phillips
Rebecca Pickard
Timbre Pierson
Rhoni Pister

Abby Plumb
Brittany Pollack
Leanne Potter
Angel Preston-Chapman
Hannah Ramlatchman
Bryce Reeps
Ayrica Reeter
Valmin Reyha
Lauren Rice
Ryan Rider
Manuel Rivera
Shiraya Robbs

Alex Roberts
Emery Robinson
Taylor Rosow
Tabitha Rowland
Katelyn Russell
Brock Ryan

How would you survive getting swallowed by a whale? Freak out. /Daniel Ottison (12)
How would life without the moon? "I would stack up with flash lights"/ Abuok Deng (10)


A secret language only they could decipher, the slightest twitch of the lip or the frown of the eyebrow, maybe even a simple look could unlock their native language. A language unknown to the world, a language shared from deep within. The connection between siblings is very special, but imagine one between twins. Twins acquire the ability to connect in unique ways. Many people believe that they have the power of telepathy- the transmission of information from one person to another from only using the mind, but what they really have is intuition or twintuition.

With twintuition a simple facial expression or sometimes or gesture can imply a message or sign.

"With my sister and I, we sometimes know what each other are thinking without either of us say a word." Said Lauren Bacon. "I can tell whether or not she’s upset or feeling bad."

Even playing the same sport or spending time with each other can be a way of communication.

"My brother and I both run track" Said Abby Newman. "It’s something we both love to do.

The chances of having a twin are 1 out of 250; having a twin is something truly special.

With a total of eight sets of twins, Central is considered to be lucky. Although twins may share special connection, that maybe the only thing they share.

It is commonly associated with wearing the same cloths and having the same personalities, but most of that isn’t the case.

"When we were younger, our parent used to dress us up in the same types of clothing, but different colors." Said Leslie Bacon. "We hated it so much and made our parent stop when we were three or four."

With senior year coming to an end it comes a time where each twin will have to go their separate ways, but no matter where they end up next year or even five years from now, each one will always share their unique way of connecting.
Who’s YOUR CRUSH?

seniors reveal their underclassmen crush

How would you survive with no sugar? Use Splenda / Tyler Meinert (11)
Senior Austin Hartschen crushes on freshman Kylee Harter.

"I just saw her and I knew I was in love." - Hartschen

Senior Ladarius Todd crushes on sophomore Brett Williams.

"She's super smart, good looking, and I had a class with her last year." - Todd

Senior Taranjit Sohal crushes on sophomore John Kosse.

"If you close one eye, squint with the other and turn the lights off he looks like Channing Tatum." - Sohal

Senior Dom Wilkinson crushes on sophomore Emmaleigh Zahnd.

"She's my soulmate." - Wilkinson

Senior Nick Shores crushes on sophomore Bailey Wilcoxson.

"I heard she likes gingers but I could persuade her differently." - Shores

Senior Ashley Wilcoxson crushes on sophomore Jake Giles.

"He's so cute and smiley." - Wilcoxson

Senior Chris Tremain crushes on freshman Josey Nelson.

"Her smile lights up my whole world." - Tremain

How would you survive being surrounded by spiders? I would sacrifice Skyler Evans. - Regan Schultz (12)
Central Crazies cheer on the football team on senior night. The Indians pulled out a win against Ruskin 47-14 to finish off the year at home. The senior boys painted their bodies to spell out "2013 Seniors" to show extra support to the football boys playing their last game on Noyes Field.

Left/ Seniors Taylor Rosset, Joe Cochran, Brandon Perkins and Johnny Monahan cheer on the girls basketball team at the city jamboree.

Middle/ Seniors Jacob Hudson and Kelsey Jordan dissect a squid in Zoology class.

Right/ Senior pom girls Bekah Attakson, Audrey Coston and London Buntridge perform at the football city jamboree.

How would you survive without snow days? I probably wouldn't. / Shelby Webster (11)
How would you survive without spring break? I wouldn't come to school all week. /Brenda Perez-Lara(12)
Above: Seniors Cecil Bruton and Taylor Collins pose at Winter Homecoming Coronation. Bruton and Collins won King and Queen at the ceremony.

Seniors Kyle Viselli and Sydney Goldberg pose in their outfits for Music Genre Day during Fall Homecoming. The seniors' genre was rap music.

Seniors Connor McDermott and Reyhan Wilkinson congratulate each other during the 2012 Penny Games Assembly. Seniors placed first in the games.

Senior Nick Shores strikes a pose during the Mr. CHS competition. Shores wore this during the swimsuit portion of the competition.

Seniors Brady Cameron and Kim Barnes stand on stage at the Winter Coronation ceremony. Cameron and Barnes were awarded Prince and Maid of Honor at the ceremony.

Left: Seniors Connor McDermott, Brock Ryan, Garrick Clapp, Chris Tremain and London Blundridge compete in the 2012 Penny Drive Games. The seniors placed first in the games.

Below: Seniors Nick Busby, Brandon Perkins, Brady Cameron and Audrey Catron pose for a picture at Fall Homecoming’s Festivus. The seniors’ genre of music for Music Genre Day was rap music.
Adams, Nick  
Varsity Baseball, DECA, Basketball

Anderson, Brittney  
Art, FCCLA  
Do my homework, sleep.

Anderson, Colton  
DECA  
Just accept who you are and be ready for negative reactions.

Ashworth, Chris  
Drawing, Football, Anime Club, Drawing Club, Ceramics Club  
Minding my own business and staying out of other business.

Atkins, Jacy  
Golf, Spanish Club, FCA, FCCLA, School Publications

Auxier, Colton  
You go, do your best, try your hardest and get it over with to prepare yourself for college.

Bacon, Lauren  
Speech and Debate, Softball, DECA

Bacon, Leslie  
Softball, Debate, FCCLA, DECA  
Don't take everything so seriously, do your best and move on.

Bachman, Brett  
Cross Country, Track, FCA, Student Government, NHS  
Get passing grades.

Bachman, Jeff  
Cross Country, Track, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Student Government, NHS  
If it doesn't kill you, it builds character.

Baker, Daniel  
Football  
Courage, being brave, and keeping your head high. Accomplish the school years and after another.

Barnes, Kim  
Varsity Soccer, Boy's Soccer Manager, Spanish Club, Freshmen Mentor Program  
Always stay positive, don't overload yourself. Pick the right friends and stay out of trouble.  
Xoxo-Gossip Girl

Black, Page  
Tennis, FCA, TOMS Club, Key Club  
I didn't go.

Blazer, Carrie  
Show Choir, Chamber Choir, NHS, Musical, FBLA, DECA  
Get the most out of everything and don't stress the small stuff.

Bodicky, Drew  
Swimming, Track, DECA, Student Government  
Google.

Bright, Alissa  
DECA  
I stick close to my friends.

Brockman, Anna  
All-School Musical, Show Choir, Cheerleading, Drug Free Superstar, National Honor Society  
Don't wish it away.
Brong, Sarah
Encore Show Choir, Fall Musical, Spring Musical, Chamber Choir, NHS
Always stick by your friends and stand up for what you believe in.

Brown, Melissa
Ceramics, Painting
Be yourself, get involved, try hard, make friends, and of course have fun doing all of it.

Bruce, Easton
Soccer, DECA, Soccer Manager
Just go, it's not a big deal.

Bruder, Chad
Football
Just do it

Boling, Jacob
Baseball
Just do it.

Clary, Blake
Marching Band, Key Club, Musical Pit Band
Saying out of gangs that wanted me for my bo staff skills.

Clapp, Garrick
Soccer, Baseball, FCA
Do not procrastinate and take your grades seriously. Don't leave knowing you could've done better.

Coilns, Taylor
Cheerleading, Soccer, Spanish Club, FFA, FCCLA
I keep my head held high and smile at everyone who walks by!

Cordonnier, Jordan
Cross Country, Track, FCA, French Club, Choir
I do what I do.

Cowden, Ashley
Choir

Busby, Nick
Student Government, Baseball, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Drug Free Super Star, Central Crazies
Just keep it real.

Caceres, Jackson
Be yourself and don’t look for trouble.

Cameron, Brady
Basketball-All District, Student Government, Drug Free Superstar, Central Crazy, FCA Buckets to all of you! Don't suck!

Cargill, Helen
Student Government, Debate, Principal's Steering Committee, Spanish Club
Work hard, play hard.

Cartridge, Kelsey
Baseball, Wrestling, Football, FCA

Casem, Alexandra
French Club, Diversity Student Union, Fall Musical
Never give up. Just, simply, keep on going.

Cathey, Madison
FCCLA, Choir
By going to class and doing your homework.

Catron, Audrey
Indianettes, Student Government, Cheerleading, NHS, Fellowship of Christian Athletes
Never put off fun for homework – You can do it later!

Caudeago, Elizabeth
Throughly Modern Millie, Hants Club
Just enjoy what all your doing and try to do your best.

Cochran, Joe
Ceramics Club, Cabinet, Stomp Team, Soccer, Cheerleading
“...turn up, collar greens :)” – 2 Chainzz

Chapp, Gimenez Fabricio
Fishing Club, Hand Tennis Club, Hackey Sack, Tennis, Theater
I just come to the school and get over with the things I have to do.

Chavez, Kinsley
FCCLA, Ceramics Club, Central Crazies
You make the best out of it and enjoy the four fastest years ever.

Day, Tanner
Track, Wrestling, Football, Debate
Mrs. Dudley piloted my life all 4 years.

Photos Left to Right: Senior Swimmers Gage Wilson, Drew Boddicker, Gunner Hawkins and Jonathan Connelly honoring their favorite teachers. / Senior Alec Gay running the last leg of his cross-country race. Senior Ashley Wilcoxson dribbles the basketball down the court for the Senior Faculty Games. / Senior Ashley Wilcoxson, Regan Schultz, and Hannah Klaassen waiting for the announcement of Fall Homecoming Queen. / Senior Elijah Mejia and Johnny Monahan enjoy the festival music.

How did you survive without deodorant? Urn I wouldn't go too school cuz how bad I smell. / Lydia Adiag, 9
Davis, Jolie
Baseball, Basketball
By being aware of all my surroundings.

Dealy, Michael
Spanish Club, FCCLA
Stay motivated, listening to music, when at school don’t worry about other things, and making new friends.

DeLaCruz, Johanna
Keeping Positive thoughts and motivating myself to try very hard helps keep a positive attitude.

DiBiase, Brianne
FBLA, All-School Musical, Latin Club, National Honors Society, DECA
Work hard and stay busy.

Duryee, Alexander
Latin Club, National FFA Organization, Frontiers in Design (Physics), Chem-Physics Club
Cross your i’s and dot your t’s. It may seem rough, but time will fly and soon you’ll be writing your own advice.

Eisenberg, Cooper
FCCLA, DECA
I survived high school by smiling as visions of giant 50-foot birds flying by that I would suggest not doing that and (focusing) on important like things.

England, Joe
Arrive every day and do as you’re told.

Epple, Britni
My friends helped me through everything I have been through in school.

Evans, Lane
Soccer
Even though it’s hard wake up in the morning and be on time to school.

Force, Sydnee
Go to Class!

Franklin, Ty
Football- All-State, Gospel Choir, Janapanime Club, Girls Track Manager, Stomp Team Club
Don’t go chasing waterfalls. Please stick to the lakes that you’re use to.

Fry, Ethan
Gospel Choir, Camerata
Always be involved!

Garcia, Celso
I do all the work, try to get good grades and not get into trouble.

Gardner, Ashley
Skills USA
Learn to work under pressure and always do your best.

Gerdt, Christine
Marching and Concert Band, Musical- 1 year, Hantis Club
I come to school every day and turn the work in on time. Moreover I try to think positive going to school.

Gerhardt, Erin
Pit, Orchestra, Film Club, Hacky Sack Club,
Marching Band, Chem-Physics Club
Have the best of friends who keep you sane over those four crazy years.

Gray, Nina
Be friends with your teachers. Survive Mondays.

Gregory, Ryan
Choir
I survive high school by playing in a band, hanging out with friends and doing all my work.

Goldberg, Sydney
Student Government, National Honor Society, International Thespian Society, DECA, Tennis
Do whatever you want, even if it's illegal.

Gossett, Chandler
DECA, FCA, Spanish Club, Cross Country, Track
Get involved in a lot of clubs and be nice to everyone.

Green, Aaron
Debate
Get smart friends, copy off them.

Griffin, Blair
Volleyball, Nation Honors Society, Student Government, Freshman Mentor Program, DECA
Stay Positive.

Groenke, Indi
Show choir, Choir, Spanish Club
I survived high school by getting involved, making friends, being myself and enjoying high school.

Gunderson, Lauren
Swimming, NHS, Drug Free Superstar, Spanish Club, Freshman Mentor Program
Drink a lot of coffee and do all your homework.

Habrock, Chase
Go to school do your work then go home and do your work.

Hall, Justin
Musical, Choir, Show Choir
Do your homework and have fun!

Hamilton, Jahmeal
I survived High School by keeping to myself and some times I talked to different people.

Hanway, Hailey
Good friends and laughter.

Harker, Javon
Football, Basketball, Track
Do what you are suppose to do.

Heater, Mackenzie
TAG, FCCLA, Spoken Word Club
Take it easy. High School is what you make of it.

Hervey, Danielle
Cheer, Spanish Club, FCCLA
Keep a positive attitude, stay focused, and stay out of drama.

Hill, Zach
Student Body President, Latin Club, Debate, Principals Steering Committee

Haywood, Kevin
Track, Basketball, DECA
Don't Procrastinate!!!

Hudson, Jacob
DECA
Live my life like Snoop Dog

Huff, Austin
Football, DECA, Hacky Sack Club, FCCLA
"You are now about to witness the strength of street knowledge." - NWA

Ingargiola, Salvatore
Football, Soccer, Baseball, Basketball, Wrestling
Try to be friends with everybody.

Jiang, Cindy
Tennis, NHS, Future Problem Solving, Science Investigations, FBLA, DECA
Live at Panera.

Jordan, Kelsey
Golf, Principals Steering Committee, FFA Member, FFA Officer
You must study everyday, work hard and meet deadlines.

Juarez, Abel
I make many friends and ignore the trouble-makers.

Left to Right/ Senior BJ Thompson, Elijah Mejia, Ty Franklin, Jacob Muff and Zach Hill dress up for Decade Day/ Senior Karis Cladwell goes caroling/ Senior Sydney Goldberg, Sarah Bronson, Alyssa Turner and Carrie Blazer go to a International Thespian Society meeting/ Senior Mayme Lawrence, Taylor Collins, and Kim Barnes waiting for the announcement of Winter Homecoming Queen/ Senior Emery Robinson participates in Mr. CHS.

How would you survive being In Mean Girls? Get like them. Insult people. ALOT. It's gonna get you far promise. /Gabbie Phillips(9)
Kenyon, Harley
Marching Band, Brush and Pencil Club, FBLA
JROTC
I survive through my art.

Klaassen, Hannah
Student Body Leadership, Volleyball, Freshman Mentor, NHS, Fall Homecoming Court
First Attendant
Google.

Leon, Abril
Thanks to my English teachers who helped me to learn English, also with my homework and development in the school.

Liechti, Gabi
DECA
Pat Attention! Do work! Turn in on time!

Lindsay, Michael
Soccer, Cross Country, Track, Student Government, FCA
Don't stress too much, things will work out. I promise!

Link, Sam
JROTC, Marching Band, Drumline
Get as much sleep as possible, do your work as soon as possible.

Long, Libby
If you actually care about getting decent grades, then try not to slack off too much.

Luu, Nhung
The cover artist for Harvest Court 2009 and 2010 pamphlet, Scholastic Drawing Silver King 2010, Scholastic Honorable Mention 2012 and 2013
In order to survive high school, do your work and turn it in on time.

Magers, Cheyenne
Go to class and do homework.

Mann, Chelsey
Band, Choir, JROTC, Basketball, French Club
Don't let other people bring you down and don't waste your time on people who don't care about you.
Martin, Keifer
Debate, Wrestling, Musical, DECA
Sit down, shut up. Learn to take crap.

Matthews, Samantha
Spanish Club, Key Club, Choir, Skills USA
Never give up! Always have a positive outlook on school and never procrastinate.

Mauricio, Keren
Not being afraid of anyone or anything.

McFeaters, Patrick
Soccer, Wrestling
Do my home work.

McGaughy, Kheana
DECA, FCCLA, Debate
Mostly stay to myself and try to stay focused on my goals.

Mejia, Elijah
Football, Stomp Team, Bush and Pencil Club, Ceramics Club, INT. Thespian Society
"Just hit the east side of the LBC on a mission trying to find Mr. Warren G."

Mills, Shelby
DECA, FCCLA
"If it doesn’t challenge you, it doesn’t change you" - Fred Devito. We’re only afraid of what we create. Take risks.

Montague, Dylan
Work, Football
I just go to school and do my homework.

Moore, Jaime
Varsity Scholar Bowl, Math Club, Drumline, Project Lead the Way, National Honors Society
"If you never get in over your head, how do you know how tall you are?" - T.S. Elliot

Moran, Whitney
Band, Choir, Music Contest
I surround myself with supportive people.

Morgan, William
Wrestling, Golf, Latin Club, Ceramics Club, Student Government
Z-Q-7-19-W-P What does that spell? SPORTS!!

Muff, Jacob
Freshman Football, Ceramics Club, Rifle Team, Stomp Team, Student Government
"I ain’t with the drama you can meet my llama." - Chief Keef

MrKvicka, Matthew
All School Musical, Show Choir, New Generation Singers
Learn to care about your future.

Myers, Mercedes
I do my work and just listen to what teachers say. Ignore the other kids and do what I am told.

Nelson, Bree
JROTC- Military Ball Queen

Neumann, Abby
Cross Country, FCA, TOMS Club, DECA
Find things that you like to do. Get involved.

Neumann, Grant
XC, Marching Band, TOMS Club, NHS, Concert Band
Don't get behind.

Noble, Brandon
Engineering, Ceramics
Sleep and charcoal. Oh, and a-cal-

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Left to Right: Senior Grant Neumann starts off his cross-country race strong. Senior Taylor Collins goes up for a three point shot during the senior faculty game. Senior Blair Griffin before the Fall Homecoming Coronation Assembly. Seniors Keller Martin, Michael Perpich-Harvey, and Kara Bryant dress up for Decade Day. Seniors Anna Brockman and David Gilmore go caroling.

How did you survive hell week? Dream chase. / Trevor Moeck(11)
Pearson, Josh
Track, Encore Show Choir, Theatre, Brush and Pencil Club
To survive high school I decided to attend every day possible and put forth my best effort in each class. I also chose to become involved to make new friends.

Perkins, Brandon
Football, Track, Choir, DECA, Student Government
My friends.

Perpitch- Harvey, Michael
Wrestling, Debate
Having good friends.

Pierson, Timbre
French Club, FCCLA, Choir
I survived high school by staying focused and getting involved in activities.

Plumb, Abby
FCCLA
Stay calm, don't stress. Treat people the way you want to be treated.

Phillips, Katie
DECA, Basketball, Leadership, Yearbook, FCCLA
I never gave up even when it was easiest to quit!

Potter, Leanne
JROTC, DECA, FCCLA
Honestly just have fun and get involved in activities. Don't let people drag you down.

Poulson, Miranda
TOMS Club, Hacky Sack Club, Film Club

By smiling often, because a smile is a power-

ful thing.

Reetes, Ayrica
JROTC, Skills USA
Enjoy every moment of laughter. Things seem hard, but laughter makes it easier.

Rider, Ryan
Marching Band, JROTC, Concert Band
Try for good grades, enjoy activities and clubs and just get out of your comfort zone sometimes.

Rivera, Manuel
Cheerleading, DECA, Yearbook Staff
Starbucks and several 5 hour energies!

Robbs, Shiraya
Thoroughly Modern Millie, Mixed Choir, Diversity Student Union
I didn't let myself get behind in homework and stuff. I focused on my goal, which is to graduate High School.

Rowland, Tabitha
Band, German Club, Musical
Sheer luck.

Russell, Katelyn
FCCLA, Spanish Club, DECA
Take everything one day at a time.

Rzepkowski, Matt
DECA
I survived by keeping my grades up, not getting into trouble, and by putting forth 100% effort towards all of my assignments.

Schellhorn, Jessica
DECA
Living young, wild and free!

Schultz, Maddison Volleyball, Basketball, Track, DECA, FCCLA
I kept it together when it was easiest to come apart.

Schultz, Regan Cheerleading, NHS, Yearbook and Outlook, Spanish Club, Freshman Mentor
Smile and stay positive.

Shade, Kayla NHS, All School Musical, Show Choir, FCA, District/State Music Contest
I find a lot of fun things to do that balance out with the pressures of school. Play hard-Work harder.

Sheffer, Destinee Do my work, come to school.

Sheiter, Paige DECA, HNS, FCCLA, Soccer, Prom Committee
Don’t wish it away.

Sherwood, Chad Wrestling
Be your self and comfortable with who you are.

Shinneman, Brooke Tennis, National Honors Society, DECA, Spanish Club, FCCLA
Don’t stress the little things.

Smith, Brad DECA
Just go with it.

Smith, Scott Show Choir, All State Choir, New Generation Singers, Musicals, International Thespian Society
I survived by doing anything and everything I could that I enjoyed.

Sohal, Taranjit National Honor Society, Spanish Club, Freshman Mentor Program, DECA, Tennis Sparknotes.

Sponseller, Mackaylie Cheerleading
Don’t be so worried about fitting in because you won’t have to try and fit in with the right people.

Strader, Tarell Wrestling, Football, Track, Brush and Pencil Sleeping and studying.

Star, Brett I survived by being silly to people

Stoll, Jake Football
Have fun with it, do your work, and enjoy people and make awesome memories.

Taylor, Nick FCCLA
I survive by doing my work.

Tremain, Christain

Veale, Brandon FCA, FCCLA, Spanish Club, Wrestling
Eat breakfast, finish my lunch and bed before 10:30

Left to Right/ Senior Easton Bruce competes for the title Mr. CHS./ Senior Megan Walters participates in art day./ Senior Brady Cameron competes in the FCA basketball tournament./ Senior Sydney Goldberg in the Fall Musical./ Senior Elijah Mejia and Paul Black after Mr. CHS.
Veale, Jackson
FCA
Make as many friends as possible.

Viselli, Kylie
Indianettes, Student Government, Cheerleading, NHS, Freshman Mentor
Stay Positive.

Walters, Megan
Photography, Yearbook, Outlook
Do your thang.

Watson, Danni
Brush and Pencil Club
Enjoy the good times.

Whitson, Jacy
Softball, Basketball, FFA, FBLA
Become involved in extra curricular activities.

Wilcoxson, Ashley

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Softball- All Conference, All District, All City,
Spanish Club
Headphones my friends.

Wilkinson, Reyhan
Deca- Chapter President, FMP, Prom Committee, Football, Spanish Club
Come to school, do well, then focus on getting involved and having fun.

Wright, Matt
Football, Wrestling, DECA
Pay attention and do your work!!

How would you survive without cats? I would be lonely. /Jordan Coriciglia(9)
Left to right: Senior Brandon Noble models his formal wear during Mr. CHS. / The Senior team competes in tug-of-war during the Penny Drive games. / Senior London Bundridge teaches little kids at Poms Kiddie Camp. / Senior Ashley Wilcoxson plays softball against Park Hill South. / Senior Carly Green dresses up for FCCLA.

How did you survive being a smurf? Own it. / Megan Zimbelman (11)
How would you survive gum stuck in your hair? Go on Pinterest and look up how to get it out! / Katherine Lille(9)
How do you survive daytime TV? The Internet. /Ryan Bucher (12)
Will Doyle

hit the beat

Junior Staff/ Caitlyn Lindstrom

People waltz through life every single day. They live their lives while gracefully floating to the rhythm of the world. However, junior Will Doyle isn't interested in dancing to the world's tempo. He takes control of the beat of life, literally. Doyle is a main contributor to the Central Drumline, who recently came in second place in their 5A division competition. He has been playing drums since 6th grade and has been a part of the drumline throughout his high school career. But drums aren't the only musical talent Doyle brings to the table. He mixes his own music and creates what is known as a "dubstep". Dubstep music is a techno mix of different sounds, usually set to a familiar or popular song.

Doyle had a chance to wow Central with his beats at 2012 Harvest Homecoming Festivus. The student body bounced together as he performed his personally made dubstep live and his unique rhythm blared through the oversized speakers, filling the front lawn with techno music. This passion of his came just from an idea he saw on the internet. "I just saw people online making music and I wanted to give it a try," Doyle said. His students and peers definitely gave a positive response, which did not go unnoticed by Doyle. The affirmative response to his music is encouraging for his future, in which he hopes to spend his time making music. "I want it to be my whole career," says Doyle "Creating music, mixing music, maybe even performing one day."

Doyle's students and peers definitely stand behind him and his future goals. The positive response of the student body not only at the festivus performance, but at all the Central Drumline performances point to a successful future for Will Doyle.

How would you survive life without chocolate? It's not possible for a girl to survive without chocolate. /Lexi Walker(11)
Above: Twister was in the top five most popular movies in 1996. Twister was directed by Jan de Bont.

Right: Rapper and music artist 2Pac was killed in a drive-by shooting in Las Vegas. This was known to be one of the most popular celebrity deaths.

In 1996, the New York Yankees won the World Series Championship game against the Atlanta Braves. The Yankees won four out of the six games played.

How would you survive without clothing stores? Who needs clothes? /Ryann Haynes(12)
Top Names

Girls
1. Ashley
2. Taylor
3. Emily
4. Samantha

Boys
1. Tyler
2. Austin
3. Jacob
4. Michael

Mariah Carey
Always Be My Baby
#1's
1 of 1

Always Be My Baby was in the top three most popular songs in 1996. Mariah Carey was one of the most popular artists in 1996.

The Dallas Cowboys won the 1996 Superbowl against the Pittsburgh Steelers. The score of the game was 27-17, with the Cowboys coming out on top.

DALLAS COWBOYS

Friends
Written By: David Crane

The Naked Truth
Written By: Matthew Weiner

Fired Up
Written By: Arleen Sorkin

How would you survive a one day summer? Eat all the icepops I could, book a one way ticket to Mexico, and never come back. /Karleigh Eckhardt(11)
How would you survive college rejection? I would eat my feelings away. /Rachel West(11)
Everyday student begins own business at early age

When filling out job applications, many teenagers spend their time pining after their favorite clothing store or restaurant. It is not often for high school students to be working toward their career already. Junior Caylie Hausman decided to commit to the latter: she earns a living through her photography.

Fascinated by capturing moments and photo design, Hausman explored photography by experimenting with her camera and taking countless photos. During her freshman year, she perfected her art and began making a profit.

Hausman posts most of her work on Facebook, where each photo bears the watermark "Caylifted". This is where many people have discovered her work and as a result hired Hausman to take their photos. She has photographed a broad range of subjects, from her aunt's newborn daughter to a pair of strangers' engagement photos.

While doing what she loves, Hausman reaps the benefits of having her own business. She makes her own schedule, and has the ability to make professional connections that will benefit her in the future.

"(Having your own business) is really good for networking. It gives you connections in the community for future employment opportunities," Hausman said.

For some, the prospect of beginning a career in high school is unfathomable. For Hausman, it was an easy fix. "It just depends on whether or not you have passion for what you're doing. I love photography. So whenever I am actually working, it's fun." Hausman said.

At the young age of sixteen, Hausman is already excelling in a competitive business world. By managing her business and meeting with clients, Hausman is learning essential business skills before she is even out of high school. "It has me dealing with people and actual problems that photographers deal with," Hausman said. "Not just hypothetical problems from a book or a class."

Hausman has definitely taken a unique approach to getting a job while in high school. Hausman has proven that it is never too early to get out there and commit to a career you truly enjoy.
Perks of being a JUNIOR

"I was definitely excited to go to prom, but I was also pretty excited to be able to sit in the wonders of the senior cafeteria." /Knowles Hardy

"The rigorous course study prepares you well for what you will face in college." /Chance Dahle

"My favorite privilege about being a junior is being able to be a freshmen mentor because my freshmen are pretty awesome." /Raven Bowers

"My free hour because I get to talk to coach Kelley." /Erik Gunderson

How would you survive without music? I'd sing in the shower because that'd be the closest thing to music. /Aaron Moutray(11)
Upperclassmen

PRIVILEGES

the opportunities and freedoms that come with being a junior

Junior Staff: Maddy Stalen

Freshman year is the time when students enter the world of high school. Sophomore year just a small step up on the totem pole. But when students finally get to experience all of those upperclassmen benefits they’ve been watching the older students have from afar for the past two years, is their junior year of high school.

Being an upperclassman: every student in high school looks forward to this point in their high school career when they finally join the seniors as the “older kids”. This is when they can partake in classes, activities, and privileges exclusively for eleventh graders and up. New confidence and assumed superiority is what fuels the juniors as they take on these new responsibilities and freedoms.

Schedules fill up with IB and AP classes as students have the opportunity to take higher level classes and further their education with different programs available only to upperclassmen. These classes act as both a catalyst for learning as well as academic hardships. "I’m happy I can take IB Diploma because colleges look very highly upon it,” junior Carston Roach said, an IB Diploma candidate. Juniors can also apply for National Honors Society, an honor of academic achievement and community service.

Aside from academic eligibility, juniors also get to look forward to others aspects of Central High School that are reserved for upperclassmen, such as sitting in the senior cafeteria at lunch or parking in the senior parking lot. Of course there is also the always anticipated prom, something that is exclusive to upperclassmen. "I’ve been looking forward to prom since freshman year," said junior Maria Llanas.

A student’s junior year of high school not only provides more privileges and benefits, but ultimately prepares him or her for their senior year. Without the burdens of impending college application results or the thought of becoming an adult, juniors get to enjoy their limited responsibilities while appreciating their newfound freedom, authority, and opportunities.

TOP 10 PERKS

1. PROM
2. Turning Seventeen
3. Sit in the Senior cafe (without being judged)
4. Park in the Senior parking lot (without being judged)
5. Become a Freshman Mentor
6. Have a mentoring/IB cadet hour
7. Take IB and more AP classes
8. Apply for National Honor’s Society
9. You can use magic outside of Hogwarts
10. YOU GET TO BE AN UPPERCLASSMAN

How would you survive without your license? I would have to rely on others to give me a ride, so basically I wouldn’t survive! (Carly Rumph '11)
Junior PROBLEMS

Harder classes
Personal finance
IB/AP
STRESS
Premature seniors
You STILL have to eat school food.
You're still eligible to become a tribute in the hunger games
If you're short, you still get mistaken for a freshman
No respect the seniors get
You have a whole year left after this
These grades actually count
Seats go way faster in the west cafeteria
Jobs
Homework
Knowing you leave your friends next year.

what is the **hardest** part of junior year?

"All the AP classes."
/Junior Jay Alford

"All the stress"
/Junior Stephanie Gummeit

"The homework"
/Junior John Prklop

"having no time"
/Junior Jenny Ohnesorge

How would you survive if you were a chipmunk? "Sing to a guy named Dave, form a band, get a record deal." Kaleigh Pryor(11)
Another late night, books spread out all around. A few more problems, another IB World Lit essay written in a completely different format than the one for AP History, not to mention perfecting that resume for Personal Finance. It’s stressful. It’s insane and it’s almost the end of high school. This is Junior year.

Junior year, though it has many perks, also comes packed with more pressure than any other year. It brings on serious talk of ACT scores instead of football scores and more time is spent keeping up with credits than keeping up with the Kardashians. It opens up the opportunity to take Advance Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB) classes for college credit and a heavy workload. "All the college classes, they’re nerve racking," junior Brittany Snyder said, who takes dual credit biology, making her a student both at Central and at Missouri Western State University.

Matthew Powell
John Prokop
Kaleigh Pryor
Kayla Frzybielski
Jessica Pomey
Jordan Puckett
Tyler Reed
Shanyah Reiner
Guadalupe Reyes
Emilee Richardson
Carston Roach
Shamari Robbs
Jordan Roberts
Brady Rodney
Dulce Rosas
Logan Ross

1/1 Juniors Kaleigh Pryor and Rollins Hardy show stress in a photolaration. Both Pryor and Hardy deal with the stress of AP classes, dance and being part of the Central Indians.
2/1 Sarah Segrist
3/1 Ryan Marquart
4/1 Britney Snyder

Keep Calm and CARRY ON
juniors take on a new level of stress

Junior Staff/ Grace Damerval

Even the regular and honors classes carry a heavier load to get prepped for college. "The homework’s been a lot harder, and teachers expect more out of you." junior Sarah Segrist said. There’s also the pressure of the ACT test. The test is another pressure put on in to help get into college, on top of the college classes and grades.

With all the stress, everyone must find a way to stay sane. "I just take a break from my work if it gets too out of control," Snyder said. Time management is a much needed skill especially when jobs and clubs come into play, though some handle this stress better than others. "I eat a lot. Usually junk food," junior Ryan Marquart said, who after skipping a grade also handles the stress of being a year younger. Everyone handles the stress differently and as Segrist said “Coloring also helps.” Juniors, with all the stress, still keep calm, work through the problems, finish up the last big essay, turn in the massive personal finance portfolio, and carry on.

How would you survive time travel? "watch every episode of phil of the future and act accordingly." Sydney Price(10)
**JUNIORS will DECIDE**

Junior vote on their favorites

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Franki Thompson

How did you survive getting into Hogwarts? I ran around and jumped for joy. Reed Bolony (11)
Madness backstage, all they can manage is a quick acoustic session before running on stage to a crowd of 2,000 screaming fans. Such was the atmosphere of Reed Bolonyi’s band’s tour this summer. The band, A Greater Tomorrow, toured all the way from Los Angeles to New York after signing a record deal with Rock X Records.

The band first started in 2011, but Bolonyi joined in April 2012 as the drummer. The bands favorite part is when they get to be up on stage performing. “It feels awesome, all the lights are on you and it’s your time to show everyone what you can do.” Bolonyi said. A Greater Tomorrow has dedicated fans that go to their shows to give them their support. “If the crowd has a great response, the band feeds off of it, jumping, singing along and clapping in certain parts of the song. It just fuels us so much and it makes it an overall better performance.” A Greater Tomorrow performed at festivals to a crowd of excited students.

A Greater Tomorrow had their first album, Just In Time, put on iTunes in April 2012. “It feels cool that people around the world can hear our music.” Bolonyi said. The band’s future plans are to keep playing music, do what they love and see where it leads them.
How would survive without Twitter? By saying my thoughts out loud. /Cameron Allen (10)
new NHS members inducted in time-honored ceremony

Senior NHS President Cindy Jiang delivers opening remarks. Jiang gave the speech on Leadership at this year's ceremony.

Juniors Megan Zimbelman and Lily Zhao proudly hold their lit candles. The candles symbolized the new members' dedication to the four NHS pillars of scholarship, leadership, service, and character.

Senior NHS secretary Regan Schultz helps out with the candles. Schultz was elected to NHS office by her fellow members last year.

Juniors Madison Ideker and Heather Holmes smile out at the audience. The girls' happiness was echoed on the faces of all their fellow inductees.

Zimbelman dips her candle into the flame as old members look on. Senior NHS members sat on stage during the assembly in support of the new members.
Heather Holmes

FLYING HIGH
cadet officer in the civil air patrol in
the united states air force

Junior Staff/ Uly Zhao

There are millions of tiny objects in the skies: birds, planes, stars... and like those objects, the important goals in life are far away. As teenagers, our lives are like stars. So far ahead, yet they shine so bright. Many teenagers dream of flying high, and junior Heather Holmes knows her path to the skies. She is a cadet officer in the Civil Air Patrol (CAP), an auxiliary in the United States Air Force in which their mission is to assist Homeland Security with humanitarian needs.

Holmes remembers the exact day she joined: October 31, 2008. Every week she attends meetings at Rosecrans Air Force Base, where she learns topics such as the differences between civilian and military airports and how plane engines work. Holmes has stimulated landing planes on unpaved areas including grassy fields and rocky terrain. This year she experienced a parachute stimulator. "It was really cool because you felt like you were being dropped out of an airplane," Holmes said.

Holmes is looking into the Air Force ROTC in college because it helps officers obtain a job after graduating. However, her goal is not to be in the Air Force. Her dream is to become the President of the United States when she is older. "It's leadership. I know how to lead a group of people that either don't like me or respect me," Holmes said. "But part of being a leader is being a follower and that's a big part, knowing when to take other people's suggestion."

Holmes enjoys the National Cadet Special Activities that are offered by CAP. Last fall, she and other cadets went to Maryville to volunteer with Community Emergency Response Team, where they dressed up as victims and waited for emergency response. These activities give the cadets experience in the community. For example, every December Holmes takes part in "Wreaths across America" in which cadet sell wreaths that are laid across the graves of fallen victims of war. "My favorite part is just standing on top of the hill in Leavenworth National Cemetery and seeing all the wreaths," Holmes said. "It's cool because my squadron did that."
Junior Max Mitchem awaits the reciting of the NHS Pledge. While some seniors were inducted into the society this year, the junior class dominated the ceremony.

How do you survive being a mermaid? It's going to be a lot of floor work! Taranjit Sohal (12)
1/ Heather Holmes, Kayli Bragg, Elizabeth Gollan and Beverly Calon laugh as they struggle to walk together in the Penny Drive Games. The juniors placed third place. The Penny Drive Games are a competition between the grades. National Honor Society is in charge of the Games and the money raised supports the United Way.

Not Pictured:
Barbosa, Olivia
Bonea, Shelby
Brinton, Travis
Chapman, Taylor
Constantino-Martinez, Socrates
Dozier, Jessica
Enciso, Crystal
Evans, Wyatt
Ferguson, Christopher
Fletcher, Chase
Ginn, Danyelle
Gutierrez-Ortiz, Fernando
Ham, Kali
Henderson, Steven
Hill, Grant
Hunsinger, Brittany
Hutton, Thomas
Irvin, Mercedes
Johnson, Joshua
Kronberg, Zachary
Lariviere, Clayton
Lujan, Patricia
Maddox, Philip
Malet, Pangak
Maurer, Taylor
Moore, Shy/Keshia

Mullen-Fannon, Alexandra
Nold, Christopher
Osienska, Serson
Owens-Cornelius, Alexis
Patton, Crystal
Pollard, Hayley
Quaye, Sarah
Ransom, Felicia
Reyes, Daisy
Roberts, Austin
Saxton, Wesley
Smith, Taylor
Strader, Derek
Suarez, Eduardo
Swope, Mikel
Throckmorton, Matthew
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Walters, Heaven
Warden, Austin
Washington, Alexis
Watson, Booby
Welton, Robert
White, Cheyenne
William, Aywak
Wilson, MaNesha
Yang, Monica
Yarnell, Madeline

2/ Rachael West swims at the NKC Invitational on December 8, 2012. The girl’s swim team received 13th place.
3/ Caytine Bell gets tackled by two players on Harvest homecoming. The Indians fell 36-53 to Ray-Pec.
4/ Monica Singh plays doubles in the Central tournament with Megan Zimbelttman. Central received first place.
5/ Spencer Savoy dribbles down the soccer field at the Den. The Indians pulled through with a record of 7-14-1.

How do you survive junior year? You don’t - Douglas Otting (11)
Staying CLASSY

Above/ Juniors Shaleigh Bass and Jarre Bennett dissect a squid in Zoology class. Dissections happen annually in the class.

Juniors Raven Bowers and Sydney Mills perform with show choir at Mr. CHS in the fall. The event is to raise money for show choir and also put on a show for the school. Senior Eli Mejia took home the crown as 2012 Mr. CHS.

The junior team races towards the finish line to compete in the Penny Drive Games against the other classes. The team is doing a race where all the teammates legs were tied together.

Junior Shamari Robb works on the ceramics wheel. Robb along with many other Central students attended Missouri Western’s Visual Arts Day on October 11, 2012.

Left/ Juniors Nick Gutzmer, JT Yuratovich, Regan King, Karleigh Eckhardt and Rollers Hardy are dressed in Heavy Metal for the fall homecoming. The group worked the dunk tank at Festivus on October 26, 2012. "I loved playing my guitar, it made me feel alive," JT Yuratovich says.

Below/ All the junior poms and cheerleaders cheer at a fall pep assembly. Combining the poms and cheerleaders during pep assemblies is something that makes them unique. "It’s a lot of fun, it’s exciting," Junior Poms girl Jay Allford says, "I like entertaining."

How do you survive being an Upperclassmen? By being an upperclassmen/ Bacchus Loe (11)
How did you survive black Friday? /I ran to the items and dodged the crazy mob. Sterling Stewart(10)
How did you survive the school fire? I stopped, dropped, and rolled the heck out of there. /Tori Fee(11)
inside the head of the opposite sex

ever wonder what's inside the head of your gender counterpart? read on to find out about what's in the head of the girl across the room or the boy passing in the hallway.

Q: What do you look for in a girl?
A: Respect and honesty
Q: Biggest pet peeve about girls?
A: When they don't text back
Q: Rather be taken or single?
A: Taken, because it's less stress.
Q: How long is a relationship until it is considered serious?
A: Three months.
Q: Do you plan on getting married?
A: Yes, while I'm in my mid 20's.

Q: What do you look for in a girl?
A: Have to be smart and not afraid to be different.
Q: Biggest pet peeve about girls?
A: When they get into drama. That's not cool.
Q: Rather be taken or single?
A: I've been single for the past two years, and I'd like to keep it that way for a while.
Q: Rather date older, younger, or your age?
A: Age doesn't affect my thoughts on girls.
Q: How long is a relationship until it is considered serious?
A: Two to four months, but it varies for different people.
Q: Do you plan on getting married?
A: No, I don't want someone holding me back.

Q: What do you look for in a girl?
A: Someone who is not ugly.
Q: Biggest pet peeve about girls?
A: If they put makeup on in front of me.
Q: Rather be taken or single?
A: Single, because I can do whatever I want.
Q: Rather date older, younger, or your age?
A: Older. Because everyone else is immature and boring.
Q: How long is a relationship until it is considered serious?
A: About three months.
Q: Do you plan on getting married?
A: Maybe, if I did I'd probably be like 28.

How would you survive without fingers? Well, no more picking my nose. /Justice Joiner(11)
Sophomore THROWBACK

What was happening the year you were born?

Above! In the 1997 NBA Finals the Chicago Bulls won the championship. The Bulls played the Utah Jazz and beat them four games to two. The MVP for the final tournament was number 23 Michael Jordan.


A top toy in 1997 was the Beanie Baby. The Beanie Baby was known to be the 'must have' toy for Christmas 1997.

Popular Movies

Titanic
Director James Cameron

Men in Black
Director Barry Sonnenfeld

How did you survive breaking every bone in your body? Cats licked me back to health! Hailey Pendleton (9)
Top NAMES

GIRLS
1. Taylor
2. Emily
3. Hannah
4. Alexis

BOYS
1. Tyler
2. Jacob
3. Austin
4. Brandon

The Titanic, released December 19, 1997 was the number one box office hit of 1997. This film was nominated for 14 Academy Awards. The Titanic is known to be one of the highest-grossing films of all time.

One of the most watched TV shows in 1997 was Friends. The first Friends episode was aired in 1994, but it hit a peak in popularity in 1997.

Jurassic Park
Director: Steven Spielberg

Liar Liar
Director: Tom Shadyac

Air Force One
Director: Wolfgang Peterson

As Good As It Gets
Director: James L. Brooks

How did you survive a month without a mirror? I used my glittery nail polish as a mirror. Bekah Attakson (12)
How do you survive a jelly fish sting? Someone has to pee on the sting! /Tara Crawford (10)
Thomas OTTINGER
careers don't just come naturally

Senior Staff: Jacy Atkins

Taking college classes while in high school is easy, right? Wrong. How does a student find the time to balance both? Simple. Just ask sophomore Thomas Ottinger.

Ottinger is enrolled in Calculus I, a dual credit course offered through Missouri Western, normally reserved for seniors. Ottinger's family is heavily involved in academics. His father is the department chair of the math department at Missouri Western, and both of his parents attended Brigham Young University.

On top of taking Calculus I, Ottinger has high school homework to find time with. "It gets kind of stressful sometimes, but I just do the homework," Ottinger said. With the test high school students dread taking, the ACT, Ottinger has a 33 after taking it two times, but plans on taking it again.

Even though he is only a sophomore, Ottinger already has college in his sights. He plans to follow in his parents' footsteps and attend Brigham Young. "Both of my parents went there, and I really want to go there as well," Ottinger said.

College classes don't stop here. Ottinger says he plans to enroll in the next level of math classes throughout his junior and senior years of high school.

Preparing for college is easy to Ottinger. During his last two years at Central, he plans on taking upper level Chemistry classes and physics.

When attending Brigham Young, Ottinger plans are undecided, but plans on doing something in science, engineering, or physics.

Ottinger's mind is set on academics. Almost everything he does is about academics.

How do you survive Christmas vacation with your parents? I don’t. I go to a friend’s house. /Austin Miller (9)
Distracted Driving

Story by Haley Bennett

"I always see people texting and driving," freshman Gillian Matt said. "When I see people in the car next to me texting and driving, the first thing I think of is 'what if that person runs into someone or comes over into my lane?'; and the risk they are putting people in."

Cell phone usage has been a major distraction for countless drivers. One in three drivers say driving feels less safe. Why do they feel this way? Distracted driving, the single most common reason for peoples' road concerns.

"Texting and driving is not a good idea. It could cause a big accident and could really hurt someone," junior Ashlee Gillespie said.

Many students agree with Matt and Gillespie. "I believe that texting is just another distraction and when you mix driving with texting [together], it could become a big problem," junior Katie Sumner said. "So I think the 'no texting and driving law' is a good thing to have. It keeps some people from texting while they drive."

"When people text and drive, they should think of all the people that they are putting in danger and the causes that could happen from it," Matt said.

Unfortunately many people don't think texting and driving is harmful and they ignore the law. Even a simple five second text check can cause a serious and dangerous wreck. 13% of all drivers from the age of 18-20 who have been in a car wreck say they were either texting someone back or were talking to someone on the phone. But it's not just teenagers, adults do this as well.

TOP Five Distractions

1. Talking/texting on the phone
2. Exceeding the speed limit
3. Changing the radio station; tape or CD
4. Reading a map/using a navigation system
5. Eating and drinking

Behind the Wheel

Sophomore year is a unique time for students. They're traveling down a new road. Literally. Most students experience the thrill of their first solo drive during their sophomore year. But with their driver's license and newfound freedom, there comes a price. Students turning 16 have an increased chance of getting into wrecks. The fatal crash rates among 16-19 year olds is four times that of older drivers. So what's your story?
"I was taking the (driver's) test and I was backing out and I went the wrong way and I barely hit the corner of another car. I didn't even make it out of my spot."
-Katie Sears

"I was trying to call my mom and I didn't turn my wheel fast enough and I went on the curb and almost hit a pole! And then when I looked back, I saw the person behind me freaking out."
-Lia Wickham

"One time I was backing out of my friend's driveway and I hit a street pole."
-Mia Lund

"When I was parked in the Senior Lot I had went to back out and I almost hit two cars. All of the football players were laughing at me."
-Lydia Sarver

How do you survive only eating ice cream? Hope that I don't develop lactose intolerance. /Rachel Kosse (12)
How do you survive having a twin? I have my free time away from him. / Joe Trout (10)
Seeing DOUBLE

Identical twins with different personalities

Senior Staff: Cecil Bratton

There are many students at Central who have the possibility of seeing a sibling or relative in the halls. John and Joe Trout are two who understand exactly how this feels. Not only are they brothers, but they are twins, identical twins. While the brothers are similar in looks, they are completely different in personality. Unless you know John and Joe Trout personally, you may have difficulty telling them apart.

John and Joe aren't stereotypical identical twins who finish each other's sentences, dress alike, and tramp through the same activities. John is involved with Central's Jazz band, while Joe throws for the track team. If you can't tell them apart by their looks, then you might be able to after spending five minutes with them. The brothers still enjoy some things together, though. They are able to come together for football, where both play at the lineman position. During the season at the Truman game, the twins were called into action, where they both earned their first Varsity tackle.

For the most part, the Trout's get along outside of school. "We use to fight when we were younger, but we don't do that anymore," said both Trout's simultaneously. They have each other's back, but at the same time, they let each other fight their own battles. At the end of the day, they lay back at home playing Xbox and hanging out with each other. "I'm so much better than John at Madden," said Joe. They may look the same, but John and Joe are as different as the rest of us. Even with their differences, they laugh, fight, and enjoy the company of one another. Next time you walk down Central's hallway look close, and you might just see double."
How would you survive if you were trapped in a freezer? Become a snow woman. /Heather Holmes (11)
Left: The sophomore class goes crazy during the Penny Drive games. They have been a high energy group at this year's assemblies.

Left to right: Evan Brown, Joseph Kellogg, Jackson Riddle, Emory Corso and Heaven Richie work together to complete a challenge during the penny drive games. The senior class won the games this year. Jacob Mejia, Mia Lund, and Katie Sears smile for a picture at the My Success event at the Civic Arena. The event is held every year for all sophomores in the district. Lancer Barnes gets ready to throw the ball into play. Barnes went on to have a good season. Heaven Richie catches her egg during the Penny Drive games. She saved it and was able to keep her class in the relay.

How would you survive without your toes? I wouldn't be able to pick things up with them anymore. /Lauren Egarta (12)
How do you survive the hallway crowds? I shove people with my elbows. /Leanne Potter (12)
Sophomore LIFE

Sophomores get ready for the festivities to begin at first pep assembly of the year. The assembly was held to get students pumped for the first varsity football game of the year.

Sophomores Emmaleigh Zahnd and Brett Williams sell water for student government at Festivus. The sophomore class dressed up for disco music genre day for homecoming week.

Sophomore Silas Marks plays guitar and sings during Festivus. It was the second year Marks and his sister Grace have performed at Festivus.

Sophomores Leighandra Hazlett and Jenna Esterson at the My Success Event. The sophomores enjoyed seeing the different college and career options.

Sophomore Jackson Riddle hanging out at the My Success Event. The sophomores got the day off school to look into different careers.

Left: Sophomores Alexis Adkins, Jordan Davis, Hannah Bush and Nick Brown listen to a presentation at the My Success Event. The My Success Event is a career and college event held every year for Sophomores.

Below: Sophomores Kate Reinert and Madalyn Lucas sing in the Fall Musical The Cocoanuts. The Comedy was the second Central musical both girls have appeared in.

Left: The sophomore penny drive team laughs as they try to keep their balance in a race during the Games. The sophomores struggled more than any event.

How do you survive being hit by lightning? Cry and go to the hospital. Then eat lots of ice cream! Kaitlyn Pappas (11)
How do you survive in a blizzard for four hours? You wear a coat, gloves, some earmuffs and huddle up in a ball so you can stay warm. /Stormie Walker (11)
Alexa FRANKS
shooting for the goals

Two lines of soccer players walk out of the tunnel and into the bright lights of the stadium. They blink, adjusting their eyes to the harsh glare and look up to see thousands of fans waving flags and screaming. Too soon, the national anthem begins to play, and they place their hands over their hearts. It only takes one look at the faces in the crowd to know they have the hopes of a country resting on their shoulders.

That is what it means to be on the U.S. Women's National Team.

Freshman Alexa Franks may not be carrying that pressure right now, but she has had the dream of playing for the U.S. Women's National Soccer Team since she was a little girl. She began playing at the young age of four. Since then, she has played on multiple recreational and club teams and has achieved her goal to play for one of the most highly ranked soccer teams in the country, the Kansas City Futbol Club Magic. Currently, she plays with Kansas City Premiere. She also started the Olympic Development Program in 2009 and has made the team two years in a row.

Along with soccer, Franks has run track and field since she was 11 and golfed since she was eight. After pulling her hamstring in the AAU Junior Olympic qualifying round for track in 2011, soccer became her priority. "Soccer is my favorite sport, but I also play golf and run track." Franks said.

During the school year, Franks is very busy.

"There are days in the week that I have to leave straight from school and I don't get back from soccer practice until 10!" Franks said. On days she has soccer practice, she packs her soccer gear the night before and after school her mom picks her up and they drive to Kansas City for practice. Even with her busy soccer schedule, Franks still finds time to spend with her family. "When I don't have practice, I just come home after school, do my homework and relax. These are the days my whole family can eat dinner together."

Franks also understands that academics are of great importance in life. Franks not only wants to earn a soccer scholarship, but she wants to attend a great academic college. "I want the best of both worlds!" Franks said.

What is the lure of soccer? "Soccer gives you a sense of drive," Franks said. "When you are on the field you can never stop playing. There is always somewhere you need to be and something you need to be doing. There are always skills you can improve on and goals you need to reach. You have to keep working as hard as you can to get them." She describes herself as "one of the most competitive players you will ever meet" and embraces everything she does with a very driven and motivated attitude. Soccer has shown Franks how determined she has to be in order to play at the level she wants to be at.

How do you survive paparazzi? You wear sunglasses, you put your hands over your face, and have a really hot bodyguard.

/Katie Sumner (11)
Freshmen THROWBACK
what was happening the year you were born?


Right: Usher's album cover for his song Nice & Slow. This single was the number one song on the 1998 Billboard during the month of February.

How did you survive freshmen year? Time management. /Hannah Van Cleave (11)
The New York Yankees were the 1998 World Series Champions. The Yankees played against the San Diego Padres and swept the series in four games in order to win their second World Series championship in three years. This was their 24th championship overall.

I Don't Want To Miss A Thing

By Aerosmith

How do you survive morning? My teammates motivate me to push through it. /Rachael Hagen (10).
How do you survive being a Freshmen mentor?

"By talking to the kids as much as possible and staying positive."  Bailey Cole (11)
How do you survive Missouri weather? "I give mother nature bipolar medicine." / Madison Idiker (11)
How do you survive your first year of college? Good study habits, prioritizing between school and sports. /Chad Bruder (12)
# FRESHMEN defying THE ODDS

freshmen cast their vote

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## How do you survive street light cameras?

I cut a hole in my car and stop with my feet like Fred Flinstone. —El Mejia (12)
The FIRST Year

how will you remember freshman year?

Junior Staff/ Lily Zhao

They are first years: inexperienced, immature, incapable of coherent thought. That’s the image that people associate with freshman, but this is not reality. The first year of high school is the first chapter in the next stage of their lives: first impressions they make, first experiences, their first taste of independence. It is a time for fun, adventure, rebellion, learning and making friends. It’s these small things that help us find our way, and these are just few glimpses of some first years’ first year. Which one are you?

Funny

High school can either be the one of the most fun times in your life or one of the worst. For those who make the most of it, like freshman Paige Downey, high school goes by much faster. She looks at everything with a glass half full. "I get a whole five minutes to conversate between classes!" Downey said. She’ll talk for four minutes and 33 seconds and then rush off to class. Downey plays basketball and soccer for fun, and she is making many funny memories. This year she went to Columbia with her soccer team, and she abruptly ran off the field. "I had just scored a goal, and they said Hayley, but I thought they said Paige so I ran off the field and we only played with 10 people," Downey rambled. She doesn’t laugh at just herself; she enjoys playing pranks on her friends. "One time we threw a bag of poop on one of my friends," Downey said. She has made the daunting freshman year bearable by laughing, but however fun high school is, summer can’t come soon enough.
Impulsive

High school means peer pressure and at times it is easy to get sucked into the world of evils. Someone says “do it,” and others listen. Some may have the impulse to make trouble, but there are those that have the impulse to do well in school. Freshman Tanner Wallace is a different kind of impulsive: with her words. Her mouth has gotten her into awkward situations more than once in her first year of high school. Wallace says what’s on her mind and will blurt out anything. In the middle of class, she often exclaims, “Oh, I have to pee.” Wallace also gets more excited about lunchtime than her friends. She says random thoughts and can’t contain them, and her impulse compels her to speak. Her impulses aren’t all bad though. This year, she is used to taking notes, and the thought of homework isn’t as horrifying. In fact, she feels a need to do her work. High school has had its impact on her.

Rebelligious

A youth who doesn’t rebel isn’t a youth, but freshman Josey Nelson falls into her own category of a rebel. Not only does school become stressful, but homework falls lower in her list of priorities. “I spend more time with my friends and my parents don’t like it,” Nelson said. She procrastinates on her homework and gets on her phone all day. Is she a troublemaker? “No I’m not,” she vehemently denies. She gets in trouble with her parents for talking back and acting out like everyone else. “I guess I can be rude,” Nelson acknowledged. “Sometimes I don’t like what to eat what my mom cooks so I’ll make cereal and my mom gets mad. One time I went downstairs and I ate in the basement.” When her parents tell her to do her homework, she’ll procrastinate. They’ll say to her “Be quiet, go to your room, give me your phone”, but like all students, she realizes the importance of learning, even though she is rebellious.

Smart

A steel rod will become a needle if you sharpen it enough, and with the rigorous high school classes that are available for higher achieving freshman, this can happen quickly. Freshman Nick Corder is taking Algebra 2, a class taken even by upperclassmen. “I’ve always really liked math so that led me to take a higher course. There’s more homework, a lot more than my eighth grade year.” Corder said. He’s developed a willingness to study more at home. He isn’t only good at math. Instead, his favorite class is language arts and he lists math as one of his more challenging classes, and he enjoys other hobbies unrelated to math. “I can do computer design okay, but that’s okay, it’s mediocre, so not really,” Corder said. He is modest when describing himself, but he admits he doesn’t like not knowing things. That mentality inspires him to learn as much as he can, starting as a freshman in high school.

Thoughtful

High school stresses can become a trap for young students, causing them to think only of themselves and not of those around them. But for freshmen like Rylee Schultz, more homework doesn’t mean less time for friends and family. On her friend’s birthday, it would have been easy to just say, “Happy Birthday”, but she took the time to buy balloons and have them delivered. “I’m kind of shy, but not to my friends,” Schultz said. High school has brought her closer to her friends, and she enjoys seeing them make new friends. Every year they give each other Christmas gifts, and this tradition continues on in her freshman year. “This year we actually got each other the same gift.” Schultz said. Celebrations aren’t all, though. She does subtle actions that go unnoticed like pushing in chairs, opening doors for people, and using her manners. Whether it’s at home or at school, the little sincerities don’t escape her.
How do you survive a sinking boat? "Grab a life preserver, jump off the boat, and find land." /Rich Wood (9)
BOY'S TOYS

Kujo to Call of Duty:
McGee takes weapons to new level

Staff/ Alegra Hayward

"Ever since I was a kid, I'd pick up a stick and take a knife and sharpen the end," freshman Zane McGee laughed, "and attack my sister, using it as a spear!" McGee has always had an infatuation with weapons.

He enjoys collecting weapons as well as making his own out of junk. "I put them together to make something more interesting, more useful," McGee said.

McGee carries a knife around with him everywhere he goes, except for school. "I like how they make me feel safe when I hold them. Mainly, I like weapons for self-defense and "if" scenarios. Like, what if this were to happen? Should I be ready?" McGee said. And there's a reason behind his caution.

In the 1983 film Cujo, a woman and her child are trapped in their car after it broke down. Outside of the car is a violent, killer dog with rabies named Cujo. When McGee was a child, he watched that movie. "I was so agitated because of the person trapped in the car. I thought, 'How would the movie be different if she had a knife or gun to protect herself?'

McGee said.

His liking of weapons led to his playing of the popular video game series Call Of Duty. "You do a lot of killing," he explained. However, when he's off of PlayStation Network, he doesn't consider himself an aggressive person.

McGee collects airsoft guns. He has rifles and handguns, plastic BB pellets and metal and semi-automatic guns. Although he has a wide variety of airsoft guns, he can't wait to get his hands on the real thing. "I'm hoping to get a revolver when I'm sixteen," McGee said.

"A .357 Magnum Python, which is my favorite handgun."

From attacking his little sister to being afraid of rabid dogs to killing people on video games, McGee's liking of weapons has gone far.

How would you survive a skunk attack? "I would hide and get tomato juice." / Hunter Adkins (9)
How do you survive assigned reading? I don’t. I just don’t read them./ Libby Long (12)
Freshman Eric Semena blocks a tackle. This was Semena's first year playing on the Central football team.

1/ Abigail Burr runs towards the finish line. Burr competed in Cross Country. 2/ Jake Hill and Chase Morgan sell hotdogs at Festivus. Festivus is an annual fall event for Central. 3/ Maggie Lawrence shoots a basket. This was Lawrence’s first year on the basketball team. 4/ Jamalson Ball, Gage Stagner, and Nick Hanlan dress up for homecoming. Tuesday was Childhood TV Character day.

How do you survive a class without friends? Isolate myself from everyone and do my own thing. / Tabitha Rowland (12)
How do you survive your phone dying at school? I don't because every time my phone dies I cry a little bit. / Alecia Gibson(11)
Clean TIL 2016

Freshmen work on their iPads during PAX. The freshmen received their iPads shortly before picture was taken.

Freshman Ali Signst performs at Festivus. Signst sang and played the guitar for several songs in front of the crowd.

Freshman Gage Stagner dribbles down the court at a JV boys’ basketball game. The team lost against Lafayette that night.

Freshmen Gage Stagner and Nick Hanlan pose for a picture during winter homecoming. Stagner and Hanlan dressed for Character Day as Superman and the cookie monster, respectively.

Freshman Ammonda Wilkinson poses for a picture during fall homecoming. Wilkinson dressed for the freshman genre, country music.

Freshmen compete in Tug of War portion of Penny Drive assembly. The freshmen placed second in the assembly after the scores were totaled.

How do you survive long assemblies? I don’t skip them. / Craig Lakota (11)
Choir director Mark Pennington is composed yet fun as he directs a large group of teenagers through a stack of music. Every so often he stops to tweak and fix pieces of the songs. As soon as the bell rings they all rush on to other classes, and within three minutes another crowd rushes in. As soon as he’s ready, the process begins again. This is the daily routine of Pennington, whose passion for music led him to an inspiring career as a choir director. "Music and science were two sides to the same coin," Pennington said. "Whereas science is the study of visible, external objects and their relationship to each other; music is the study of invisible, internal objects and their relationship to each other. As a society, we have become more and more obsessed with the things we can see and forget that there are so many unseen things that need to be studied, shifted around, and put in order. I believe that music allows us to do that," he has worked tirelessly with students and tried to instill many of these things in the young minds he mentors.

Throughout his career Pennington worked with students from different backgrounds which, he explained, helped to strengthen the choir. "We have a unique challenge here at Central because we are an urban school with equal amounts of urban and suburban students. We also have a wide variety of socio-economic conditions represented. But due to our size, we have a large talent pool and that allows us to reach high levels of achievement."

His choirs over the years have fared. This year's choirs face trouble with confidence, which is common fault in performing. "In some aspects we are further ahead this year than we usually are with our choirs," Pennington said. "Students are working at a fairly high level and technique seems to be building. However, some of the choirs have yet to realize their true potential. Some of that is due to a lack of confidence and some is due to the fact that leaders are not stepping up as they should. I believe that all of the choirs will bring their best effort to their portion of the concert."

"Everyone should join choir," Pennington said. "It is probably one of the most collaborative activities available, and we know that collaboration skills will be at a premium in the global workforce. Therefore, learning how to work with others and work together to achieve a common goal is something that everyone could benefit from. I also believe that humans have been given a voice that has the ability to go beyond speaking and yearns to sing. Singing truly is the 'other side of the coin.'"
How do you survive 4th quarter? Study a lot and turn in all my homework / Kaitlin Blair (10)
faculty gets involved

Visual art instructors Jette Wolfe and Kim Chenoweth discuss the Missouri Western Visual Arts Day schedule on Thursday, October 11, 2012.

Staff members Cy Musser, Jessica French, Jeff Sullivan, Jeff Wallace and Dr. Robert Singlet prepare for open house on Monday, August 20, 2012.

Staff members Kevin Kelley and Vickey Meyer dress up as part of the coming halftime activities during the senior-faculty games.

Science teacher Carol Conard helps junior Emma Abert during a zoology dissection.

Band directors Kevin Griffin, Chad Lippincott and Roy Maxwell wait for students to load the bus to perform in the Veteran’s Day Parade on Monday November 12, 2012.

How you survive a part time job? Lots of it. /Raven Dakon (11)
KEEPING IT CLEAN

janitor smiles no matter what the task

Staff/ Sara Schlange
For 10 years, custodian Michele Coker has kept the walls and halls of school buildings clean. Every day she came to work at one of the most unappreciated jobs, surrounded by a bunch of unappreciative kids. But without people like Coker, our school would be a mess of chaos and dust.

Janitorial workers have it rough. They work long hours and, as Coker admitted, their job is physically draining. "As I get older, it gets a little harder," Coker said.

With all the work janitors do for us, it's not surprising they get so exhausted. "I don't do) a whole lot," Coker joked. "No, I clean classrooms, clean restrooms, sweep halls, dump trash, (and) clean the cafeteria.

With such long, work-filled hours, it's amazing she makes it through the day. "Come on 2:30," Coker laughed, "it's nap time." When the days got rough, Coker turned to humor to keep her spirits up. Student and staff thank-you's helped her too. "People will tell me that it looks nice," Coker said, "and people recognize what I've done," And that's when her job becomes rewarding.
The job provides a lot for Coker, especially things you can't count. "You know really (with) this job, I don't have to think a lot and it gives me time to meditate," Michele confessed. "It's good for my blood pressure."

We have many people to thank for cleaning such a special school, and Coker is one of the bright faces you will see picking up. She always has a smile on her face, no matter how hard the day may be. The maintenance staff has one of the toughest jobs, but without them, Central definitely wouldn't be the greatest school west of the Mississippi.

How do you survive a 4-day spring break? I sleep the whole time./ Evan Cruz (10)
How would you survive not having your water bottle with you? I would die of thirst. /Kaylee Ball (11)
Bleeding BLUE

Varsity basketball coach and physical education teacher Kevin Kelly talks to junior Jaree Bennett during a home basketball game. This was Coach Kelly's last basketball season as head coach.

Basketball coach and physical education teacher Jessica French competes in the senior faculty basketball game. Coach French defended senior Ashley Wilcoxson.

Basketball coach and physical education teacher Cy Musser goes up for the jump ball at the senior faculty games. Senior Kevin Haywood challenged Coach Musser for the tip.

Football coach and physical education teacher Jeff Wallace watches his football team warm up before the state playoff game against the Staley Falcons. This season resulted in one of only a handful of state playoff runs in Indians football history.

FCCLA teacher Birdena Taliaferro models her handmade clothing items. Mrs. Taliaferro created her own vintage clothing line.

How would you survive without batman? I am batman... so how would I survive without myself? I wouldn't. Batman goes, I go. Bruce out. /Eric Siemens (9)

Social studies teacher Lisa Lauck, health teacher Ashley Murphy, and special services teacher Ms. Walker compete in the three-legged race during the penny drive games. Faculty members also raised money to help support United Way during the Penny Drive event.

Choir teacher Mark Pennington speaks at the collaboration meeting. New ideas and thoughts were given to better the school.

Softball coach and physical education teacher Jami Dodge shoots a free throw at the senior faculty games. Coach Dodge was a tough competitor for the senior team to handle.
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How would you survive singing in the cold? Just sing out as loud as you can. /Justin Hall(12)
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How do you survive getting hit in the nose? Cuss and scream. /Timmy Bacon (10)
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**How do you survive having a negative lunch account?** Bring money. /Dominique Neal (11)
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How do you survive buying your prom dress? I would hope that I am a good enough daughter and that my parents would pay for it. /Joseph Kellogg (10)
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How would you survive a pop quiz? Say a little prayer and just do it. /Kaitlyn Pappas (11)
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How do you survive getting a stain on your favorite shirt? I make my mom wash it because she can get stains out of anything. /Alisha Speer (10)
How do you survive not going to prom? I’ll survive. /Anthony Phillips (10).
Surviving Farewells

With survival comes experience. In high school, to the dismay of the underclassmen, the experienced are the seniors. Besides having lived longer, we have walked the halls of this school more times than they. But our high school survival story now comes to an end and the story of the rest of our journey begins.

The ending of this chapter in our lives is interwoven with excitement and eagerness, but also with fear and sadness. Saying goodbye to the assurances of Central High School is no easy task. No longer will our morning bell ring precisely at 7:42. No longer will we hear announcements at the beginning of second hour. No longer will we scarf food down in a 22 minute lunch period.

These anomalies have defined us for four years. The things we have gained at Central are written into our being and they have made us stronger. Each obstacle we survived here has taught us how to persevere in the world. And while at times it seems that we are losing more than we are keeping with us, the experiences of most importance, those that can’t be taught, will never leave us. We may not remember every math equation, but we won’t ever forget the best friend that showed us what friendship really is. We’ll probably forget the accomplishments of our sports teams, but we’ll always know what it feels like to be a part of a team, a member of something bigger than ourselves.

As we say our farewells, these are the things we hold dear: That we have not only overcome the odds against us, but we have helped others overcome their battles. That we never gave up and we are the conquerors of our survival stories. That we have left our mark on Central, just as it left its mark on us. When our time comes to walk away for good we will look back to the moment when we first stepped into this school and in the words of Darth Vader we will confidently say “When I left you, I was but the learner. Now I am the master.”
Ryann,
You have grown into an amazing caring, hardworking young lady.
We are so proud of you. Continue to live life to the fullest keeping your eyes on God. You have an exciting successful future ahead of you and we feel so blessed to be a part of it. We love you so much.

Mom, Dad, Keley, Clayton/ Jady

As you finish this chapter in your life and start a new one we all want you to know, we are proud of what you have accomplished and the young man you have become. As you choose the direction your life will take you, find what you love and passionate about and success will be yours. Our wish is that your life is full of all the joy and happiness that you have brought to ours. We love you so much!

Love always, Mom, Dad, Scott, Noah, Garrett/Jacob

Chad Bruder

A growing raging storm
Fear- never a factor
With the toughest, there you stood
Will of a lion and a heart of gold
We always knew you would
We watch you while you’re sleeping
So still, so calm, and serene
But once upon that field
You’re a powerful machine

We marvel at your talents
You’re intense and dedicated
So been, devoted, daring
Just as we anticipated
Your qualities are endless
You’re faithful kind and true
Righteous and respected
A leader, Chad, that’s you!

Watching you play any sport
Has always been a pleasure
You’re masterful and focused
Our pride we cannot measure
And now our son
You’ve become a fine upstanding man
Faithful and steadfast
Honest and True
As proud parents we know
There is nothing you cannot do.

Love you,
Mom/
Dad
Zach,  
We are so proud of all you have accomplished in your four years at CHS. We look forward to and support all you will accomplish at MU.  

We love you so much!  
Mom/ Dad

"The fruit of righteousness will be peace; the effect of righteousness will be quietness and confidence forever" Isaiah 32:17. It is a joy to watch your quiet confident leadership unfold in your life! You are a blessing to us!

Love, Mom, Dad, John, Brett/ Gwen

Salvatore,  
You have made us very proud. We are glad that you made it to senior year and that you worked very hard to keep up with your sport and got good grades. We will always be with you on anything you decide to do in your future. We are very proud of you and we love you very much.

Your father, mom, Giuseppe, Girolama, abuelo/ abuela

Ashtyn,  
Words cannot express how blessed we are to have you in our lives. We are so proud of all you have accomplished and can’t wait to see what great things you achieve in the future. Your faith will help guide you throughout your life, so be ready, awesome things are about to happen!

We love you!
Mom, Dad, Jordan/ Madison

How do you survive in a heatwave? Wear tank top and shorts and drink water. /Jacy Whitson (12)
Brock Ryan
From before the first sound of your heartbeat, we have loved you. Psalm 9:10-
"Those who know your name will put their trust in you; for you, Lord, will not forsake those who seek you." Stay strong in faith.
Love/ Dad/ Mom/ Brett/ Jour/ Brianna/ Brendan

Joe Cochran
Dear Joe,
Thank you for the wonderful memories these past four years. We have been very blessed to have you as a son. You have many gifts and talents and it has been a joy to watch you grow and develop into the person you are today. Continue to make good choices by keeping your faith and remember who you are. Your family is proud of you. Dream big, work hard, have fun and keep smiling.
We love you very much! Mom/ Dad/ Rachie/ Becca Matthew 5:14-16

Mary Helen Cargill
Helen, We are so proud of you! Love/ your family

Jacob Hudson
Jacob,
We are so proud of everything that you have done and can’t wait to see what great things you’re going to do next. When I look at what a wonderful young man you have become I still sometimes see the sweet little boy who held my hand. But it’s time to let you go and find your place in the world. I’ll love you forever; I’ll like you for always, as long as I’m living my baby you’ll be.
Always/ Mom/ Enrique/ Izabella/ Nicholas
Jacob, We are so proud of you! We know this is the first of many accomplishments in your life! Good luck at whatever your next endeavor may be! Love You Always/ Grandma/ Grandpa Wood

How do you survive a blizzard?
Stay in my basement with food by my fireplace. /Derick McGoon (11)
Hannah
We are blessed to have you in our family. Your smile, desire, and determination make you special and unique. We’re glad we’ve been a part of all your successes and have been able to watch you grow into a remarkable young lady. As this chapter of your life closes and the next begins, know that we will be here to support and encourage you every step of the way. Welcome to the future!
Love,
Mom/ Dad/ Henry

Taylor
Congratulations Taylor! You are an amazing girl and I am so proud of who you have become!
Love/ Mama

Gabbi,
It seems just like yesterday you were our beautiful baby girl. You have grown into a beautiful young woman. We want to wish you success and happiness in every path you choose. Make your dreams come true! God Bless You.
We Love You/ Mom/ Dad

Josh,
CONGRATULATIONS!! We are all so very proud of you. Your sense of humor and enthusiasm are an inspiration to everyone who loves you. I consider it a privilege to be your mom and, as a brother you’re a hero. Your perseverance and passion for what you love are to be admired. Always remember, we’re beside you all the way! All our love/ Mom/ John/ Lindsey (and Sammie, too)

Jake
You have worked hard to get to this day and we are so proud of you. We know you will do extraordinary things with your life. Always have faith, never give up, follow your instincts and take risks. Make peace with who you are and always be true to yourself. Cherish the people who love you. We will be here for you... always.
Mom/ Dad/ Thad/ Max/ Ashley/ Lily

How would you survive without your free I would have stay up super late to finish all my IB work. /Ryle Wilkinson (11)
Miranda, We are so proud of all you have accomplished and have faith that you will continue to succeed. You are an amazing person. We love you very much!
Love, Mom, Dad, Steve/ Alyssa

We are so proud of who you have become, never letting the bumps in the road stop you. Remember always to forgive others and forgive yourself...Often, Always cherish your family; friends, faith and health as these will give you strength to embrace changes that may at first seem unthinkable. Most importantly dream big, live life to the fullest and never stop singing!
Love Mom, Dad/ Spencer

Leslie Bacon
Leslie your quiet, sweet nature has always been a blessing to us. We couldn't be more proud of you. Keep up the hard work and success will be yours. Philippians 4:13
Love, Mom, Dad/ Rylie

Blake, We appreciate your caring spirit, the leadership that you have shown in New G's, your sense of humor, the way you can find the funny side in just about anything and your quick wit. These strengths help people feel at ease around you and we believe God will use in a mighty way. Our prayer is that you will look to God for guidance and direction throughout your life and that you will live according to Proverbs 3:1-35.
We love you and are blessed to have you in our lives,
Dad, Mom, Lindsey/ Tennyson

Lauren Bacon
Lo...we are so proud of you in every way. Your kindness is a beautiful gift, Do what makes you happy and you will find success in life! Psalm 46:10
Love, Mom, Dad/ Rylie
Nina May,
words can't describe how proud of you I am for all the
accomplishments you've achieved in your life, not only
graduating but also every other challenge to get there.
I'm sure you're already for the college challenge as well.
PS. They have an all you
can eat café... you'll
feel right at home. "the
fridge"

Love Mom/ DJ

Austin,
We cannot believe you are already graduating from high
school. It seems like just yesterday when our sweet little
boy was starting preschool. We are so proud of the
intelligent, responsible, and talented young man you've
grown to be. We love you so much!
Mom, Dad, and Ashton

Every day with you has been a gift to us. You
were always perceptive, mature, articulate and
bright beyond your years. Nothing has changed-
you still are. You have also grown into a tall,
lovely young lady whose busy high school career
has been a wonderful adventure. You have the
capacity to achieve
anything and will
be successful at
whatever you choose.
Remember, a woman
is only helpless when
her nail polish is
drying.
We love you. Mom,
Dad/ Alex

Congratulations! We
are so proud of you.
Love, Mom/ Carl

How do you survive Freshman Friday? There is no Freshman Friday/Bryson Nadling (9)
David,
We are so proud of you and all of your accomplishments.
We love you.
Mom/Dad/Cameron

"Grace was in all her steps, Heaven in her eye, in every
gesture dignity and love."—John Milton. Brynnie, It's that
bittersweet time, as you must spread your wings and fly.
You have forever touched our lives and hearts with your
talents your incredible honesty and strength, and your
endless faith in friends, family, and humankind. Your
loyalty to those you love exceeds all bounds, stay strong
in your convictions and be
confident in your dreams...
they are within your reach.
"Surrender to the wind, and
you can ride it. We love You!
Mom/Dad/Jared/Luke/Joel

Benjamin Knapp
We are so proud of you and love
you very much! "For I know the
plans I have for you," says the
Lord. "They are plans for good
and not evil, to give you a future
and a hope." Jeremiah 29:11
Mom/Dad

Alec,
If we could have hand-picked a son, we couldn't have
picked one more perfect than you. You've taught us so
much about life, kindness, trust and perseverance. You
are a light and a joy, and we
are so proud of you. May you
always remember that God has
big plans for you, and that your
greatest asset is your gener-
os heart. May your life be filled
with love and laughter, and may
all your dreams come true.
Love always,
Dad/Mom

Kourtney Berten
Kourtney
We are all so proud of everything
you have accomplished! Believe in
yourself and you will go far.
We love you.
Mom/Dad/Kriley/Jacob/Eliana/Grandma

How do you survive a UFO attack? Barricade and grab a shotgun. /Johnathan Stickler (10)
Logan Walner

Logan,
We are so proud of you! As this new and exciting time of your life begins, continue to work hard and always believe in yourself! We love you!

Mom/Dad/Ridge

Alyssa Turner

Alyssa,
"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams." Congratulations!

Love,
Mom/Dad/Christen

Brooke Shinneman

Brooke,
You were the missing puzzle piece that made our family complete. Your smile is that ray of sunshine that has been lighting up our lives for 18 years now. But now it's time for you to go off to college and share your sunshine with the rest of the world. We are so proud of all your accomplishments and what a fine young lady you have become. God has great plans for you. Congratulations on your graduation!

Love, Mom/Dad/Drew/Shawn

Taylor Rossow

Taylor,
God blessed us the day you were born and you have blessed us every day since. You entertain, surprise and yes, challenge us, and we will miss you!

Love always, Lisa/Dad

Rachel Lau

Rachel,
Congratulations! We are so proud of you! You have worked hard to get where you are. Stay strong in your faith and may the Lord bless you in all that you do.

Lots of love,
Dad/mom/Joseph

Chandler Gossett

Chandler,
You have made us so proud! You are such a wonderful person and you have grown into such a beautiful young girl. We know at college you will do great and you'll do amazing things to impact this world. Keep God in your life and keep following his path. We love you so much!

Mom/Dad/Carrigan/Gage

How do you survive with no money? You just die. /Jaree Bennett (11)
You have grown from a beautiful baby girl into this amazing young lady that we are so very proud of. Your hard work and determination has opened so many doors for your future, may God continue to guide and bless you. Follow your dreams and know that no matter where they may lead you, you are always loved. Love, Mom & Joe, Dad & Tammy, Zach, Payton/ Ryan

Ty, We are so proud to call you our son, brother and friend- May God bless you always. Love, Mom, Dad, Kelsi/ Molly

Cindy, You shine in every role you play, you light up the sparkling ice stage, you light up our lives, and now it is the time to light up the world. We are very proud of you and your accomplishment. Keep reaching for your star, your dreams will become true. Your amazing intelligence, hard work, caring personality will bring success beyond your dreams. With all our love, Mom, Dad/ Melissa

Ty Franklin

Kelsey, It seems like only yesterday, we were taking pictures of you leaving for your first day of Kindergarten. Soon we will be all taking pictures of you receiving your diploma. While our little girl has grown up, the brightness of your smile has not changed. We are so proud of you and your accomplishments. May your future be filled with love, laughter and happiness.

We love you bunches and forever, Mom/ Dad

Kelsey Jordan
Kara Bryant

Watching you grow into a kind and beautiful young woman, all while maintaining poise, dignity, grace and integrity have been a joy for all of us. During the next leg of your journey, may you continue to have the fortitude and faith to hang on to what's important, when others would normally let go.

We love you very much, Dad, Grandma Alice/ Aunt Brandi

I am proud of the young lady you have become. Your dedication to learning has earned you so much success in your school years. Honoring your beliefs have earned you respect from your family and friends. Always remember:
1. You are beautiful inside and out!
2. You are loved!
3. You can do anything you set your mind to. I've loved watching you become such a great young woman! I'm proud!

Emily, We are proud of you!
Love Mom, Dad, Taylor/ Claire

How do you survive in the Amazon? I would tap into the vast knowledge of all the survival shows that I have watched. // Mr. Kimble
Page and Paul

Page and Paul,
We are very proud of you! We pray for God's blessings and direction in your lives.

Love/ Mom/ Dad/ 
Becky

Carly Coo,
We have enjoyed watching you grow from an adorable baby to a beautiful, intelligent young woman. It warms our hearts to look back over the past 17 years and makes us proud to be your parents. Always stay true to yourself and try to find joy in all that you do. We are proud of you and love you very much. You are truly a blessing from God!

Love Always/ 
Mom/ Dad

Sydney Blue,
Congratulations! The courage and strength of character you have displayed through the challenges that life has handed you is truly admirable, and will serve you well as you continue on life's journey. Know that your mom is smiling down at her "beautiful baby girl" and we are both so very proud of you.

Go get em Syd! Love/ Mom/ Dad

How do you survive living on only watermelon? Swimming in it. /Michelle McDowell (11)
We are so proud of the person you've become. The future holds so much for you so keep reaching for the stars and enjoy the ride. Oh the places you'll go!

Much love/ Dad/ Mom

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Kayla Shade

Make your life a song to God. We are so thrilled to be in the audience and cheer you on! Love you to the moon and back!

Mom/ Dad/ Kyle

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Samantha Matthews

Samantha, God made you wonderful and you find your own way of sharing your life with us all. We are so proud of your way of accomplishing so much. Always strive to be great.

Love you always/
Mom/ Dad

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We are blessed to have you as our daughter. We are so proud of you. Don't stop believing in yourself and your dreams. We will always be there for you.

We love you/ Mom/ Dad/ Jas/ T.J.

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CONGRATULATIONS JOSHUA!
You did it. We are so proud of you!

Love/ Dad/ Mom/ Jimmy/ Jordan

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How do you survive a polar bear attack? Run really fast. /Corbin Watts (11)
Dear Gaige,
I know throughout the years school has been a challenge for you. I knew you would overcome all of the challenges it had to offer. You'll never ever know how proud I am of you. You were an amazing child and now an amazing young man. I love you so much, and I can't wait to see where you take your journey through life.
Love Mom

Hayley,
You have grown into such a wonderful person. We are so proud of the person you have become. Your talents, wit and charm light up our lives as well as those around you. Your faith and determination will lead to whatever goals you have in life. Stay true to yourself and all else will follow. The future is yours. We love you, Minky.
Love, Mom, Dad/ Derek

Rayhan Azizi,
We are extremely proud of you and all your success. You have accomplished so much in the past four years let alone the past eighteen. This is just the foundation to your future. We hope that what you have learned will continue to help you achieve your goals and dreams. We will always continue to love and support you in whatever you do.
Love always, Mom, Rejoel/ Kevin

We can't believe how fast time has passed. Feels like just yesterday we dropped you off for your first day at pre-school with your little pigtails. Now the day has come, graduation! We are so proud of you and all the accomplishments you have achieved. We are so thankful for the phenomenally sweet and intelligent daughter we have. Love you princess, Mom/ Dad

How would you survive life with no color? I wouldn't. / Peyton Carvell (12)
We are very proud of you! Congratulations we love you, Mom, Marc, Shawn/ Mammaw

Kaleigh...
God has a plan to give you the future you hope for
Live- Let yourself live, life is too short
to have regrets about anything- take chances!
Laugh- "A day without laughter is a day wasted" Charlie Chaplin
Love- "If you judge people, you have no time to love them" Mother Teresa
Chose to love... and love as long as you live!
We want all you want for yourself and more!
Love you Mom/ Grammy

Ryan Rider

Abby, We are so proud of you! You're a sweet, caring, smart, and beautiful young lady and we love you very much!
Good luck in college.
We will always be here for you- Abby Q. Morganstein!
Love, Mom, Dad/ Tony

Courtney Smith
“The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.” Baby girl we are so proud of the young lady you have become. Always reach for your dreams.
We love you, Mom/ Dad

Kaleigh Nold

Sidney Owens
Sidney- we are proud of you!
Successes is in your path and remember to always follow your heart! Love, Mom, Dad/ Spencer

How do you survive popularity? Be you. / Bailey Wilcoxson (10)
Johnny Monahan

"Stay Golden, Pony Boy" Congrats and best wishes!!

Love you/ Mom/ Dad/ Emily/ Jessica/ Kenzie

Morgan Harden

You have grown up into a bright, beautiful, and intelligent young lady. You will go far in life!

Love/ mom/ dad/ Rindy/ Travis/ Megan

Danni Watson

Danni, Though things haven't always been easy, you've never given up. You've been determined to pave your own path and we're excited to see where that takes you. Congratulations!

Love/ Mom/ Grandma/ Brynn/ Kathy

Manuel Rivera

Manuel C Rivera III (Manny)
So many fond memories, from Gouverneur, New York to St. Joseph, MO. But none can ever surpass the snow angels you made in the middle of those cold winter days of up state New York. But that little curly haired silent boy made us so proud in all he participated in and accomplished in the first eighteen years. Your future looks very bright, promising and exciting.

Mom/ Dad/ all your brothers are proud of you.

Rachel Kosse

Rachel, We are so proud of you and love you so much. "To live a creative life, we must lose our fear of being wrong."

-Joseph Chilton Pearce

How do you survive an avalanche? I probably won’t be anywhere near a mountain. /Cailyn McAlister(10)
I am so proud of you!
"Why fit in when you were born to stand out"
- Dr. Suess

I love you doll.
Mom

Anna,
We are so proud of you. You are a smart beautiful young lady. You are capable of anything as long as you apply yourself.

Love, Mom, Dad/
Branden
(Road Trip-Trashboat)

Dillon,
You have always had one of those smiles that light up a room. Don't ever lose that joy! We are so proud of the beautiful person you are both inside and out. All we ask of you now is to dream big, work hard, never give up and always stay true to yourself. Your family will always be here for you.

We love you!
Mom/ Dad/ Austin/ Drew

Dear Brady,
Your graduation is here all too soon and what a wonderful journey it has been! You have fought the good fight, you have finished the race, and, more importantly, you have kept the faith! You have achieved much along the way, and we couldn't be more proud of you! You are truly a blessing from Heaven above! We love you more!

Mom/ Dad/ Drew/
Melissa/ Eli/ Jax/ Sydney
Clayton/ Courtney/ Noah
Phil 4:13

How do you survive on Pluto? You don't. /Madison Sapp(10)
Blair, it's hard to believe you are a senior. We are so proud of who you are and all you have accomplished. Keep your heart and your eyes, on the Lord and he will lead you where you need to be. We love you! Jeremiah 29:11
Love Mom, Dad/ Bailey

Timbre, The dictionary defines “Woo” as- to seek after zealously or hopefully. Continue to seek out your dreams. We love you, Woo! Dad, Mom/ Wiggles

And they were all young men, and they were exceedingly valiant for courage, and also for strength and activity; but behold, this was not all- they were men who were true at all times in whatsoever thing they were entrusted. Yea, they were men of truth and soberness for they had been taught to keep the Commandments of God and to walk uprightly before him. We love you Mom, Dad/ Haley

Jacob my love for you exceeded my expectations and I am extremely proud of the man you have become. Congratulations on all of your accomplishments!
I love you, Mom

How do you survive a food fight? By throwing the messiest food/ Mackinzie Conard (11)
Words cannot express how proud we are to be your parents. Not only because of your unwavering determination to excel at all you do, but because you have grown into such a beautiful, caring young woman both inside and out. In the future follow your heart, embrace your passions, and be very proud of the special person you have become. We wish you a world of happiness and success in the next chapter of life’s journey!

Love, Mom/ Dad

"Grace was in all her steps, Heaven in her eye, in every gesture dignity and love."—John Milton. Brynnie, It's that bittersweet time, as you must spread your wings and fly. You have forever touched our lives and hearts with your talents you incredible honesty and strength, and your endless faith in friends, family, and humankind. Your loyalty to those you love exceeds all bounds, stay strong in your convictions and be confident in your dreams... they are within your reach. "Surrender to the wind, and you can ride it" We love You!

Mom, Dad, Jared, Luke/ Joel

Chelsey Mann
I am so proud of you! Congratulations! I know that you will go far in life and do well. I love you very much! You are beautiful, special and kind. Keep chasing your dreams and reaching for the stars! Love Mom

Congratulations Jaxon! I am so proud of you. It has been a joy watching you grow into the wonderful young man you are today, and I look forward to seeing who you become. Always remember to stay true to yourself, chase your dreams, have fun, and make a difference. I love you always and forever!

Love, mom

Jaime Moore
Jaime, We are so proud of you! Now take the time to enjoy the endless possibilities of who you can become. Good luck at spirit. Sand T.

Love Mom, Dad/ Kristen

How do you survive finals? By preparing myself to take the test but still being able to have time for down time/ Paul Black (12)
Dominick, Do your own thing and find your own way, but remember, we will always be here for you.
We love you. Mom, Dad/ Claire

Grant, We are so proud to have you as our son. May God bless you with a deepening faith, much happiness, and future success.
Remember, Neumann's work hard! "Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus," 1 Thessalonians 5:16 We love you!
Mom, Dad/ Abby

Abby, We are so proud of you and the choices you have made. We are excited to see what God has planned for you. Persevere and you will achieve your goals. "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind."
Luke10:27
We love you! Mom, Dad / Grant
Congrats Seth! We are so proud of the young man you have become! You have a bright future ahead of you. Enjoy the journey.
All our love, Mom, Dad, Trevor, Shelby/ Lil Bill

Lauren, you are a blessing beyond words! Your determination and spirit have allowed you to be a blessing for all who come into contact with you. Remember to laugh, remember to love, live to the fullest each day!
Love, Mom, Dad, Erik/ Daniel

Samuel Link
You have grown into a very fine young man. I am blessed to have you as my son. I love you M.B.A.F.F.
May you always be happy and follow your dreams!

Jenny Nabil
Thanks for all the cotton candy memories! We are so proud of you!
Love, Mom/ Dad

“For I know the plans I have for you” says the Lord, “plans to prosper you, plans to give you hope and a future.” Jeremiah 29:11
Son we are so proud of you and we know you will fulfill all your dreams!

Elijah Mejia

How do you survive a relationship? By wearing the pants/ Anna Brockman (12)
Colton,
It doesn't seem that long ago that you were starting school. Now
you are graduating soon and on to a new journey in your life. We
are so proud of you and love you very much. Always remember to
keep that beautiful smile and it will take you places.

Mom/ Dad

"The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face
shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face
toward you and give you peace."—Numbers 6:24-26

We love you, Mom, Dad,
Kim/ Will

Carrie Blazer

Jacy Atkins

Jacy, some simple
reminders…
Always stick up for what
is right…never lose your
excitement over a
thunderstorm…say
please…take time to play
in the rain…God is
AWESOME…say I'm
sorry…there are some
pretty special angels
watching over you….say
I love you…play fair
and be a good sport….par
is great, but bogey
is still pretty darn good…
always tip the waitress….say
thank you…call mom
& dad…choose your
battles…when you get
the choice to sit it out
or dance, we hope you
DANCE!

Stay true to yourself and
to God, Jacy, and I know
He holds a great future for
you in his hands. We're
so proud of you and the
young woman you've
become. Congratulations!

Love, Dad, Mom, Jason,
Natalie, Josh, Natalie,
Jamie, Josh, Payton,
Gabe, Bailey, Jaxon,
Archer/ Elliott

How do you survive the ACT? Being Asian helps/ Jason Yuan (12)
Drew,

Someone once said that the best things we can give our children are roots and wings. We gave you roots and watched you grow into a remarkable young man. You found your wings on your own... but we know you don’t need wings to fly. God has a big plan for you, so go out there, spread your wings, and do something extraordinary.

Love, Mom, Dad, Ryan/ Kathryn

“A cheerful heart is good medicine” - Proverbs 17:22 We give thanks to God for your sense of humor and the laughter you have brought to our family! You are a joy to us!

Love, Mom, Dad, John, Jeff/ Gwen

Peyton Carvell

Peyton-icKarori-cheesy-macaroni-PETE. We cannot begin to describe the joy you bring to our hearts and this family. The free spirit you possess is contagious. You are a man after God’s own heart- that is more contagious! May you continue chasing after Him and using those gifts He’s bless you with to reach others. We love you Cotton Tail very much!

Mom/ Dad

London, Bundridge

London, When you were a child we wished this day would never come. We hoped we could keep you as our little girl forever, but we could not stop time and your day is now here. Although, we have dreaded this for so long, the sorrow we expected is not as great as we once had imagined. You have amazed us by your strength, intelligence, confidence, and beauty while still being our little girl. You are truly a gift that we cannot keep to ourselves any longer. London don’t worry about your future away from home because you are ready, and that makes us ready. We wish you the best and hope in some way you stay that little girl forever.

London

How do you survive tryouts? Work hard and push yourself harder than the person next to you, stay motivated. / Austin Huff (12)
Dear Baby Brother. If mom never got hurt, we wouldn’t be as close as we are. No one else knew what we were going through you had me and I had you. We supported each other and now, being away from you, I feel so lost. Know that I am so proud of you and all you have accomplished. Know that no matter what you plan on doing from now on that I will have your back 100%. Know that although you don’t like it, you will always be my baby brother. I love you with all my heart and nothing can ever change that. Congratulations. Your big sis

You are an amazing person, reach for your goals and don’t let anything hold you back! Your strength and faith will allow you to succeed... We look forward to great things for you!
We love you!!!

Congratulations!
You’re done an awesome job! We’re proud of you.
May God bless your future.
Love Dad and Nancy

Kaitlyn, the world is a better and brighter place because of you. Thank you for being the daughter parents pray to have, and a sister who is a perfect role model for her brother and sisters. Keep smiling your beautiful smile and laughing through life. We are all always here for you- your family- always! You are an amazing person that will go very far and accomplish so much!
We love you, Mom and Dad, Hunter, Carley and Cydney

Kaitlyn Ezzell

Sarah Cleveland

Jacqueline Gumm

Daven Tomlinson

How do you survive a bad date? Start bending and become an avatar. / Skyler Evans (11)
Below/ Senior Chad Bruder goes up for a shot at the Senior Faculty Games. The boys team is composed of volunteer players.

Below/ The senior girls powder puff team with their first place trophy. This year the powder puff games where played late at night on the football field under the lights.

Below/Senior Peyton Carvell dresses up as Rulius from Kim Possible for character day. Homecoming dress up days are different each year.

Below/ Senior Abbey Miller hugs Winter Homecoming Queen Taylor Collins. Winter and Fall Homecoming show the students school spirit.

Left/ The senior boys team gets pumped up for the senior/ faculty basketball game. Each year the seniors battle the faculty for the title of winner.

Below/ Seniors Carly Green, Ashley Schwertel, Regan Schutz, and Anna Brockman cheer at a pep assembly. The cheerleaders perform at every pep assembly.

How do you survive the freezing cold? Stay in bed and watch Gossip Girl. / Abbey Miller (12)
Reina, Always remember who you are and never let anyone take that from you. Never give up on your hopes and dreams. Remember anything is possible. Reach for those stars! Know that I will always be here if you need me.
I am proud of you. Love you, Mom.

Dad and I are proud of the beautiful levelheaded young woman you have become. We are excited to see what future God has in store for you. Our first child going off to college; how difficult that will be for us, but an adventure for you. Grayson will miss his big sis to torment and love on! We pray for God to guide your life to the career best for you! We love you very much. Dad, Mom/ Grayson

Nathan,
It is hard to believe how much you’ve grown and how quickly the years have gone. It seems that just yesterday, you were our little baby and now you are a young man with your future spread out before you. Set your goals high, work hard, believe in yourself, and the sky’s the limit! We love you!
Mom, Dad/ Kendra

Nick; In life, you can take the high road or the low road. Just remember, both will have potholes. We are so proud of you and excited about all that your future holds.
Love Always, Mom, Dad, Justin, Lane, Oma, Grandma/ Steve

Nick Shores

Kelsey Trueblood

How do you survive being short? I will never be taller than any guy I date. So on the plus side, I can always wear heels.
/ Mayme Lawrence (12)
Danielle Sproat

You have grown up so much since this photo, your future is in your hands. Never stop reaching for your goals. Remember we will always love you, and we are your biggest fans.
Love Mom, Dad/ Michelle

Rachel Sapp

Rachel, you’ve grown to be a beautiful, intelligent, talented young lady. We couldn’t be more proud of you. As you turn the page to the next chapter of life, remember to chase your wildest dreams, spread joy, and shoot for the moon, even if you miss, you’ll land among the stars!
We love you, Mom/ Dad

Alex Warden

Alex, You have brought us such joy over the last 18 years. Thank you for being such a great role model to your siblings and friends. Your sweet, gentle spirit and the way you reach out to help others makes us so proud of you! You are such an amazing young man and we feel honored to be your parents! As you start this next chapter in life... remember to always put God first, never give up on your dreams, and live your life with purpose! You’re going to do amazing things! 1 Timothy 4:12 & Philippians 4:13 We love you so much, Mom/ Dad

Tre Voltolina

Tre, you are the shining star that came into our lives over 18 years ago. Always remember your faith, love, and happiness it will take you far in your adventures. Keep striving for better opportunities and advancements. There are no limits, the only limits are what you put on your self.
Love you, Mom, Dad/ Adam

Megan Walters

Megan- You have brought so much joy and happiness to us. Enjoy this new chapter of your life and know that you always have our support. Follow your dreams and your heart.
We love you so much! Dad, Mom/ Emily

How do you survive being tall? I never jump up and down for joy because I hit my head on the ceiling. / Jeb Drost (11)
Michael, Venture forward in your life with confidence that the Lord, your parents, and your family will always be with you to love and support you! XOXOXO 
Love, Mom, Dad, Gena, Emily/ Rob

Ridge, in 18 short years you have gone from a darling little boy to a handsome young man. We are so proud of you and all of your accomplishments. May the next four years be another exciting journey in your life. Follow your dreams, live your dreams, and know we love you! 
Mom, Dad, Blake/ Chase

Oh my, where have the years gone? It seems like just yesterday that you were a smiling, little girl who was dancing and signing along to “Rebecca Lynn” 
There are not enough words to express how proud we are of you. You have grown up to be such a beautiful young lady, both inside and out. As you set to begin the next chapter in your life, “I pray that God will fill your heart with dreams, and that faith gives you the courage to dare to do great things. I’m here for you wherever this life brings, so let my love, give you roots and help you find your wings.” Love you so much!! Mom/ Dad

Keifer, we are so very proud of the young man you’ve become! God bless you in this journey of your life. 
Love, Mom, Dad, Conner/ Mattie

How do you survive winter break? Stock pie all the hot coco you can find and don’t eat yellow snow, make a snowman and wear warm clothes. /Dayton Zirkle (11)
Now don’t suppose that there are only white sands at the bottom of the sea. No indeed! There is a wonderful sight to see for every shell holds a glistening pearl anyone of which would be the pride of a queen’s crown. Always follow your dreams and remember anything is possible! Love, Mom/ Dad

Brenda, We are proud of you for all that you have accomplished so far. We hope all your dreams come true. Don’t let anything bring you down and keep fighting to get much farther in life. We love you, Mom/ Dad

BJ Thomson

Congratulations BJ!
We are so proud of you. Good luck in college. We know you will succeed wherever you decide to go.
Love Dad, Mom, Nicole, Lindsey / Megan

Dear Kylie,
These precious years with you have flown by way too fast. Words can’t describe how proud we are of you. You have grown into a wonderful young woman. I know God has an amazing plan for your life. May all of your dreams come true!
All our love, Mom/ Dad

Brandon Perkins

Brandon we are so proud to be your parents. Congrats on all your hard work. Remember to stay focused on God and allow him to direct your steps.
We love you. Mom, Dad/ Family

How do you survive without utensils? I use my hands.~Thomas Ottinger (10)
Dear Abbey,
We are so proud of the beautiful young woman you have become. Stay strong in your faith and true to yourself always.
Love, Mom, Dad, and Mandy

Thank you for being such an amazing daughter! You can do anything you put your mind to. I love you very much!!!
Love Mom

Dear Regan:
Where has time gone? You have grown into such a beautiful young lady. We are so proud of what you have accomplished and the person that you are. As you embark on this new adventure we would like to give you a list of Schultz family wisdom to never forget.

Always listen to your voice of reason.
Never let your car be broken in “two” because you will get clipped.
Don’t worry about running out of cups because you can always use your foot.
Always file your ticks under “T”.
Replace your batteries before they shutdown.
When the seas get rough “stop the boat”.
If you ever run away, you always have a home in Wisconsin with what’s-a-court.
Don’t worry- because when you’re out you’re out!!!!!!!

With all our love,
Mom, Dad, Randy, Drew, Rylee and Bella.
Naomi Rehemeyer

"Congratulations", my dear Naomi, I love you very much!
"For he shall give his Angels charge over you, to guard you in your ways" Psalm 91:11

Love, Mom

Alex

Alex Roberts

Alex, the door is opening to the next phase of your life. As you go forward, continue to surround yourself with people who inspire and support you. I love the person you are. You are truly a gift in my life. It is your turn to live your dreams.

Love, Mom

Lauren Rice

We are SO proud of you and all of your accomplishments. Always believe in yourself, follow your dreams and let your heart lead the way.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Brandon, Jeron/ Jonathan

Matthew Rzepkowski

"Dedication to purpose beyond reason."
Congratulations
Matthew! Love, Mom, Dad, Grace/ Lily

Maddynson Schultz

This is completely unbelievable you are graduating! We are so proud of you and the young woman you have become. You will always be our little precious girl. ~Always and forever We love you so much
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Row 1: Mr. Kunz, E. Ottinger, J. Moore, S. Henderson, Mr. Carter Row 2: E. Kunz, D. Miller, Kegan Budine, B. Cordonnier

Pay It Forward

SURVIVING THE ODDS

Endings are most often associated with bleakness. After all, they are the culmination of a journey. Luckily for us this end is also a beginning. For some, it's the beginning of the rest of their lives; for others, the beginning of a new year in high school. So what then is there to say at this time of realignment?

There is this: We are beautiful, innovative, imaginative, courageous human beings. We have learned, taught and endured. At every turn we were threatened, at each crossroad tempted. But we did not waiver in our resolve to overcome, to rise above our circumstances. In the end, these are the things that matter.

Not every game ended in success, not every test was aced. We aren't perfect and we never will be. What matters is what we let define us. Not failure, that much is certain. We are distinguished by our purpose and steadfastness. We are not the sum total of the challenges that have made us fall; we equal every moment in which we picked ourselves up off the ground and continued on this journey called life. "A day may come when the courage of men fails, when we forsake our friends and break all bonds of fellowship, but it is not this day. An hour of woes and shattered shields, when the age of men comes crashing down! But it is not this day! This day we fight!"
Letter from the Editor/

High school is made up of so many pieces that choosing the most important of these to turn into a yearbook is unfavourable.
No one moment defines what high school means to each of us. So what is it that we all share here? Difficulties, obstacles, odds. You hold in your hands a testament to your perseverance and determination in the face of struggle. I hope that in these pages you will see yourself, part of your story echoed in a photograph or a story. I am constantly overwhelmed by the drive of students at Central; you don’t give in, you don’t let opportunity pass by. When you open these pages in 20 years, I want you to feel that drive, the bravery and certainty that I see in each of you. This book isn’t just a record of the 2012-2013 school year, it is a tribute to the warrior-like mentality of the students at this school.

Life isn’t always a walk in the park. Let this book remind you that hard times won’t endure forever and that you have the strength to outlast them. Let it remind you that you have survived so much that your resume of achievements is enough to decimate any enemy. Let it remind you of the voices of two little hobbits stranded in Mordor: “What are we holding onto, Sam?” “That there’s some good in this world, Mr. Frodo... and it’s worth fighting for.”

Special Thanks/

First and foremost I would like to thank my dedicated and hard-working staff. Without you this issue of the Wakitan would not be here. I am honored to have had the opportunity to create this book with all of you, and it’s something I’ll be forever grateful for.

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Last but certainly not least, thank you to the students of Central. Your accomplishments have continually inspired us and given us a purpose.
In high school, most kids will do anything to fit in, including drinking or getting high. There is so much emphasis on the problems in high school, that it can be disheartening for students making the right choices. These students had no voice until the Drug Free Superstar program came. This program recognizes the student athletes that choose to be drug and alcohol free.

Each year one boy and girl athlete from each season is chosen to represent Central. There are many applicants, so being chosen is an honor. The application process may seem easy, but to be chosen for this recognition, a panel of people first must interview you.

“We look at their activities list, we visit with teachers, then after the interviews are done, and we look at the whole picture and see who is the best fit,” counselor and Drug Free sponsor Ashley Howren said.

After the six athletes are chosen, their work starts instantly. Throughout the school year, the superstars go to 10 elementary schools, Bode and Truman. At the schools, they tell the students why they have chosen to become drug and alcohol free, who influenced their decision, what consequences you’d have with drugs and alcohol, and talk about internet safety.

“It feels great to take something I am very passionate about and hopefully make a difference in young people’s life,” senior Nick Bussy said. He is the spring boys Drug Free Superstar.

The kids also have opportunities to ask the superstars about high school and peer pressure. Drugs and alcohol are the furthest on these six athletes’ minds. They are focused on their success as an athlete where they don’t have time for drugs or alcohol. As Drug Free Superstars, these athletes represent the entire drug free community at Central.
A Positive

team chemistry changes culture of baseball program

senior staff/ Nick Busby photos by J. McBee

As the boys wait just outside the dugout, eager to storm the field, they take a look around at one another. This is no longer a group of individuals but a team, poised, and ready to make a postseason run. They know they have enough talent, so each time sprint onto the field they do so with two goals in mind; to win, and to have a good time doing so.

Over the last few seasons the baseball team has been very successful, but it seemed to lack one key component: chemistry. “Last year the team didn’t like to relax and have fun like we do this year,” senior Jacob Boling said. “It was more full of cliques.” But this team found chemistry and they used that to their advantage. “As a team we like each other,” Boling said. “We have a good mix of players and we mesh well as a group.”

With this newfound chemistry the team looked to change the culture of the baseball program with an emphasis on enjoying themselves on the field. “When we are in the field we like to keep the attitude light,” senior Garrick Clapp said. “We do things like call each other pet names to try and embarrass some of the guys. It just helps to keep things fun.”

Their new fun-loving but still hard-nosed attitude led to a breakout season this year. This year’s focus on a team effort certainly paved the way for future generations within the baseball program.
Below: Junior Trevor Moeck throws a runner out at home plate. Moeck had a strong season recovering from an arm injury.

Greatness of THE GAME

"It's great because the team looks out for each other and that makes the games more fun."  
Senior D. Gray

"It's really a team effort every time we go out there and I'm thankful to have played with these guys my senior year."  
Senior N. Busby

Far left: Sophomore Joe Tieman hurts a pitch. Tieman has been a varsity pitcher since his freshman year. Left: The boys lean on the fence to watch their opponent warm up. It was a pregame tradition to scout the other team.

varsity BASEBALL

schedule

Date  Opponent
03/18  City Mount Rainier
03/19  North Kansas City
03/21  Liberty
04/03  Russian
04/04  North Des Moines
04/05  Park Hill
04/06  Park Hill
04/10  La Crosse
04/12  Truman
04/19  Eastern Jackson Country Tournament
04/23  Park Hill
04/26  Blennerhassett
04/29  Russian
05/09  Park Hill South
05/11  Rockhurst
05/13  La Crosse
05/14  Oak Park
05/16  Truman


How would you survive snow in the summer? Build an indoor pool. /Rebecca Bishop (08)
“I’m excited for the kids, who are serious to actually improve. It all makes me happy.”

Coach Chip Brock

underclassmen left without seniors

Role models and leaders; where would we be without them? Whether it’s a teacher, firefighter, or even an older sibling, we all need somebody to look up to. It’s those superior to us that sculpt and mold us into whom we become. However, not everybody is fortunate enough to have a higher power to look up to. With no returning seniors this year, the golf team was left with no guidance. This wasn’t the only factor acting against the team; zany weather ensured them a difficult time.

“I expected a more average performance from the team, with no seniors it was difficult. The weather also played a huge factor in the team’s performance. More bad weather means less practice. I had hoped to be further along with improvements,” Coach Brock explains. Odd weather and disadvantages didn’t keep the team from soaring. Having no seniors gives the golf team the chance to give a new name to the team and build a new reputation. “The team has more depth this year. The kids this year are here to actually play golf. I’m excited for the kids, who are serious to actually improve. It all makes me happy,” Brock adds.

With an average team and very potential golfers, there is more than enough time for improvement. A year without any seniors is unfortunate, but shouldn’t be the center of a brick holding a team down. Having no leaders simply means you have to become the leaders and set the standards for others. It’s time to be your own role model.
Bailey Jackson gazes with hope as the golf ball moves closer to the hole.

Left to Right: Cole Roberts and his coach, Chip Brock, glance at the course, planning their strategies. Cole Roberts carefully places the golf club and a strategic place.

Left/ Bailey Jackson swings with force hoping for a hole in one.

Above/ Boston Parker waits patiently as his competition strikes the golf ball.

Boston strikes the golf ball with full force.

How do you survive having blue skins? Don’t think about it at all. AJ Casem (12)
Right: Junior Megan Zimbelman falls after tripping over her opponent. The fall didn’t stop Zimbelman from aiding her team in their win.

Right: Junior Maddy Steffen steals the ball from an opponent. Steffen played center midfielder on varsity this year.
them Proving WRONG

senior power duo leads team to great success

senior staff/ Lauren Gunderson
photos by/ Jack McBee

Last year, many viewed the girls soccer team as being young. This year the term "young" is even more accurate to describe the team. Senior leadership went from six to two, a drastic drop that could harm the structure of any team. However, this obstacle was simply a challenge for the underclassmen-heavy to overcome.

Having a lot of raw talent on the team gave the girls an advantage against the more developed Kansas City teams, who made the mistake of not viewing the Indians as a threat. "[Not being threatened by us] has been a problem for them because they haven’t shut us out a single game," senior captain Rachel Kosse said. This, along with the evolving balance of developed and fresh talent on the team has led the girls to a great 7-4 season thus far.

Another important aspect to the team this year was the camaraderie. "The girls this year seemed to complement each others personality really well" senior captain Kim Barnes said, "which makes working together on and off the field easy and fun."

Barnes and Kosse, being the only two seniors, were the power duo that showed the rest of the team how to come together, play together and win together.

The girls overcame some challenging roadblocks and became a better team because of them. Even with less experience, the team has the skills they need to show everyone they deserve to and will win.

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How would you survive Mordor? I would take Sting with me. /Samantha Matthews (9)
Having underclassmen on varsity can rattle a team. But for boys tennis their freshman, Van, only makes their team stronger.

Number one player Sebastian Kline said, “Van makes the strength in the top”. Teammates clearly have respect for Van. Who practices every day to gain the experience the upperclassmen have. He even started the season early working with varsity over the summer. Which has allowed the team to participate in more tournaments, making their team even stronger.

Van’s high school tennis career has started early on, but how will a coach leaving affect him and his teammates. “Players play, coaches coach but the players determine the outcome” Van said. The team believes their hard work and determination will carry on with against all the odds. A broken racket can’t even stop this team.

A coach may be leaving but a team is becoming closer. One thing’s for sure, this team's strings are stronger than ever.
Top left to right: Sophomore A. Fangman receives the ball from his opponent. Freshman V. Hopkins gets ready to volley at the net. Hopkins keeps his volley's tough. Bottom: Junior N. Russell jumps up for the ball. Russell's leaps scores him points.

how DOES IT FEEL to be leaving after eight years?

"Bittersweet. I want to be there for my kids like but I miss the tennis teams." Coach Simpson

How do you survive without yoga pants? I wear jeans. / Freshmen Molly Davies
Leadership

RETURNS

talented upperclassmen lead team

senior staff/ Cecil Bratton II
photos by/ Jack McBee

Chris Chamberlin was used to coaching fairly young track teams. That wasn’t the case this year, with a large amount of returning juniors and seniors. Returning with the upperclassmen was the leadership they brought to the team.

Familiar faces on the field were the talented runners that make up Central’s relay teams. Daven Tomlinson, Tarell Strader, Tyler Reed, Tokawon “T.K.” Kparyea, and Tanner Day. “I get to run with the best team I could ask for,” Day said. The young athletes show their love for each other every day, continuing to push themselves to be the best. The same thing can be found with the ladies’ relay. Among that squad is junior state sprinter Brady Rodney. She has gone to state every year. Her goals grew this year as she planned to place in the top three. “I placed last year, but this year I want to make the podium,” Rodney said.

The Distance team is probably the hardest working on the team. It takes heart, and a natural love for running to run multiple miles everyday for practice. They have a large amount of senior leadership with runners such as Brett and Jeff Bachman, B.J. Thomson and Jordan Cordineer.

Also returning to the track was Central’s state hurdler Drew Bodicky. Bodicky went to state for two different events.

“Hopefully I can go twice,” Bodicky said. It shouldn’t be an issue with his hard work ethic. Another talented hurdler planning to do big things is junior Skylar Evans. Evans went to state as a freshman and planned to make it again this year. Recently coming off an ankle injury, she doesn’t plan to list that stop her as she runs her way to state.

This year’s group was a close one, led by great leaders. There will be many lost in this year’s graduating class, but great things will come next year with great leadership from the junior class.
Above top! Senior Cecil Bradton gets ready to release the shot put. Above below! Sophomore Scott Keegan soars over the bar. This was Scott’s first year with the team.

Left Top! Senior Drew Bodicky leads the pack in the 300m hurdles at the city meet. Bodicky went to state and placed 11th. Left Below! Senior twins Jeff and Brett Bachman run together holding first and second place. They lead in all distance events in the city meet.

Right! Junior Brady Rodney anchors her relay team at city. Rodney has been a threat on the track, making a state appearance each year.

How do you survive a lightning storm? Go into my basement and hide. /Dakota Davis (10)
NHS MEANS:

Two Year Member
Lauren Gunderson
"NHS is an opportunity to be honored for high academics and character. It allows people to be proud of how hard they've worked throughout high school."

New Inductee
Maddy Steilen
"Too often people are recognized for what they've done wrong; NHS is a chance for students to be honored for what they've done right both in and out of the classroom."

How do you survive typos? // watch Taylor Mali and listen to gladiator music. // Vicky Meyer
Principal's Honor Roll is achieved by actions performed inside the classroom. Controversially, National Honor Society not only recognizes academics, it also recognizes work outside of the classroom. Scholarship, character, leadership, and service are the four pillars of NHS. It is on these four principles that the Society is built and upheld.

Each year new NHS members are inducted into the society at a formal ceremony. A vital part of this ceremony is the giving of speeches on the four pillars of NHS. This year Blake Dixon, Rachel Kosse, Cindy Jiang, and Grant Nuemann were the chosen to speak by their fellow members.

The president of NHS Jiang wrote and delivered the speech about leadership. "I was hoping to inspire others with my words," Jiang said. Throughout the year she organized many NHS events, including adopting a family for Christmas, the Penny Drive and the fall Blood Drive.

Nuemann was the secretary of NHS and another speaker. "I wanted the audience to know they could make a difference through service," He said.

The assembly, luncheon, and tap day were all put on by the previous members of NHS and the sponsors. "I thought the sponsors did a really wonderful job orchestrating the assembly" Nuemann said.

Member Kim Barnes was inducted this year as a senior. "I was very excited to walk on stage and light my candle to symbolize my induction into NHS," Barnes said.

National Honor Society has been a tradition for many years. Central has one of the oldest chapters. New members will be inducted each year, which means more service by students will continue to happen.
Something to PROVE

1/ Nick Gutzmer speaks to the student body. He won the Vice-Presidency. 2/ Presidential candidate Jay Alford delivers her speech to the student body. Alford switched it up with a rap. 3/ Hannah Van Cleave approaches the podium. She won the position of Secretary. 4/ Treasurer candidate Mackenzie Conard addresses key topics in her speech. Conard was the first candidate to speak.

Above: The candidates pose for a group photo. This was a showing of good sportsmanship before the debate. Right: Sophomore Sammy Hamm delivers her speech in spoken word. Hamm won the position of Treasurer.

Above: JT Yuratovich gets the crowd's interest with a few jokes. Yuratovich became the President for next school year.

new SBOs look to prove themselves

senior staff/ Nick Bushy

Sitting behind the curtain each one of the Student Body Officer candidates waits anxiously as they hear the auditorium fill with the dull roar of students. They have practiced their speeches many times but the reality sinks in that there are over 1000 students they must speak in front of. Though they are nervous, they know there is no turning back now. So two by two, knees shaking, they take the stage with something to prove to the student body. Each one of them ready to make the 2013-2014 school year one of a kind.

All candidates had to overcome extreme nerves to prove they have what it takes to lead the school. “Before the debate, I honestly couldn’t sleep at night,” new Student Body President JT Yuratovich said. “I was constantly rehearsing.” Though the campaign in itself is a huge accomplishment, the ultimate reward for the elected candidates is knowing that your fellow classmates believe in you. “It feels absolutely amazing to be elected!” new Student Body Secretary Hannah Van Cleave said. “I worked really hard and wanted this more than anything. It makes me even more excited and motivated for next year knowing I was voted by my peers.”

School spirit often begins with student government, which leaves a huge responsibility with the new SBOs. “Student government sparks school spirit by running pep assemblies, getting people hyped up about homecoming, and just setting a good example,” new Student Body Vice-President Nick Gutzmer said. “If we are excited about school and the extra activities that go with it, then so will the student body.”

The SBO elections are not taken lightly and the new officers know they have a huge undertaking ahead of them, but they feel that with the support of the student body they can make it happen. “I am willing to put everything on the line to make the 2013-2014 school year spectacular,” Yuratovich said. “We have the potential to have the greatest school year that Central has ever seen.”

How would you survive goggles glued to your face? Make really cute accessories for them. /Mrs. Beavers (12)
5/ Couples get close as the DJ slows it down a bit. Coach Sullivan has DJ'd prom for many years.

6/ Students go crazy when the flashing lights illuminate at prom. Prom is one of the most anticipated events of the school year.

7/ Cecil Bratton's date, Bree Nelson, had to make an early departure, so Bratton requested to have the dance with Brady Cameron. The rest of the prom participants watched as the couple danced.

8/ Senior Students make the most of their last prom while still attending Central. Some students still attend prom after graduation.

Get Your PROM ON

best twerking west of the Mississippi

senior staff/ Megan Waters
photos by/ Jack Mcbee

How would you survive eating raw bacon? Cook it. /Ethan Lott (9)
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behind THE SCENES
staff gives the inside scoop

senior staff: Kim Barnes

Strict deadlines, staff frantically running around to take sport photos and spread designs being created with the help of design editors are just a few things the Wakansta staff does in order to meet their deadlines.

Editor-in-Chief Lauren Gunderson keeps the staff focused and excited about the creation of the yearbook. “I like editing stories. I find it fun,” said Gunderson. “I like knowing things are done correctly and being in control of that to some extent gives me some satisfaction.”

For inspiration on page layouts, senior design editors Brooke Shinneman and Page Black get their ideas from looking at yearbook designs from different schools. “It’s hard to come up with a completely new idea from a blank screen,” said Shinneman.

“I like interviewing because I get to meet new people,” said senior staff Manny Rivera. The perks of being on yearbook is interviewing new people.

While working on the yearbook can be stressful, the staff finds ways to keep things fun.