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Central: a name familiar to all of us; heard every day on the announcements, doodled on every notebook, cheered out at football games a hundred times over. We hear “Central” and we think of the expectations and the glory. We picture the hallways and the classrooms and the teachers that made us want to succeed, the ones that made our experience golden.

Our school is not one made of hundred-year-old bricks and green tile walls, but of handprints and footsteps; personal touches on every trapezoid-shaped desk, non-air conditioned room, and revealing bathroom stall door. Every sketch made on a table corner and every theatre kid’s painted signature backstage represents our exclusive claims to these grounds.

And yet, it’s not the grades and the scoreboards, but the faces that made those days great. It’s not where you’re at, but who you’re with that made your memories glorious.

But **personally**, I’m glad mine were made at Central.
Fall is my favorite season. It is the season for beginnings. New, young faces enter the halls and take their place at the lunch tables. People from last year are gone and new students embody their anticipated role of being yet another grade older. New teachers, programs, and rules are put to the test for the first time as everyone settles into their new roles in the new year.

This was the season of surprises. The government was shut down and Miley Cyrus lost her innocence. The nation was in a healthcare frenzy and Kim Kardashian decided to procreate. But we were not swayed. Despite new leadership, we continued to perform to our fullest potential. Athletes from swim, tennis, and cross-country performed at State and a student directed her own play. The color guard took second and the Drumline took first at the Carrollton Competition. Both teams continued to succeed at the Trenton Competition where the color guard took home third place and Drumline again received first.

We have continued to make this place our home despite the challenges we faced. We never fell flat. We continued to define this building by our accomplishments and personalities, by the friendships built and the jokes we shared.

We have made the classrooms, fields, and stages our own. The lunch tables, lockers, and trophy cases belong not just to the building but to us as well. The entire concept of Central High School is based on what we've done and who we were with. We have customized it into a school of success and great memories of accomplishments.

And personally, I don't think we could have done a better job.
Central High School, or as the students like to say, “The greatest school west of the Mississippi”, is the home to 1600 Indians, and a new principal: Dr. Stephens. Bringing with her new rules, new expectations, and new perceptions, Principal Stephens led the staff to achieve greatness.

She is familiar with the high school level, along with elementary, considering she was the principal at Eugene Field just last year. “I didn’t really have plans to go back to the secondary level, but I was asked to... and I’m excited that I did!” Principal Stephens said.

There’s an obvious amount of development and responsibility in between the ages of elementary school and high school, but according to Dr. Stephens, there’s not much of a difference besides the growth of hormones and maturity.

“Their little hearts are the same. They’re still the same kids that they were when they were in elementary school,” Dr. Stephens said. She believes that it’s all about creating and expanding relationships with students, which she desires.

Principal Stephens knows that there are students in the school that need someone to go to for all sorts of different reasons. It means something to her when she knows that the students can come to her with any problems they are having whether it is personal or school issues. There will always be some challenges to be taken upon when being principal of a high school. A good way to take care of a problem is to hear it directly from an individual student that has been experiencing the situation first hand.

Dr. Stephens has come up with great ways to resolve issues, new ideas for Central, and share communications and relationships between the staff and school body.

In order to get students involved, Dr. Stephens has asked her three vice principals to choose one freshman, sophomore, junior, and senior to gather for a meeting to discuss issues, positives, and ways to make Central a better community for everyone.

“I want to know how people are feeling. I just think it’s the kids’ school, so they should have more voice and input in to it rather than just student government.” Dr. Stephens said.

In order to keep this tradition going, the students that were brought in to the meeting will be asked to recommend a friend in their grade for the next meeting. This is a great way to reach out and get the voice of the students heard by everyone including the principals.

As Dr. Stephens said, she didn’t have any intentions on going back to the high school level. But there is no doubt that Central is a place for her.
Satisfaction in the Cafe
New lunch system flows smoothly

Beginning October 21, 2013 the school district changed to a new lunch system that flowed smoothly and efficiently, according to students.

"The line is ten times more organized," junior Evan Brown said.

The new system allows students to help themselves to fruit and salad after they grab their main dish. There are two lines to choose from: one food in one line, a different food in the other.

"I think it's cool how we get to use the tongs to help ourselves to the fruit," sophomore Harrison Cargill said.

During the process of getting a lunch, students have the ability to help themselves to fruit or vegetables. There are small cups available to students so they can help themselves.

Many students have found themselves coming back for seconds ever since the new system has been put in place.

"I love the new food! It tastes a lot better than the old food," Harrison said.

The anticipation built as more and more students became aware of the new lunch system. There have been a rise of complaints about school lunches, but now that our school has taken part in a better, more organized system, the students have become more and more satisfied.

Above: Dr. Stephens works hard to plan out events for the rest of the school year and comes up with some other ideas for the next school years. She discusses plans for the upcoming season Activities Director Coach Hook.

Top: Junior Molly Stickler talks with the lunch ladies about the new lunches and how they are much better Stickler says "the lunches have improved so much."

Below: The new salad bar includes toppings such as carrots, peas, chicken, tomatoes and much more. This salad bar was a part of our new lunch system in 2013.
Before the season even started, the football team was already focused on winning. With an arsenal of returning starters, the team marched into Spratt Stadium to face three city opponents. Their goal was to win the jamboree, the city championship.

"It gets our feet wet," senior quarterback Jacob Kaiser said. "It gets us in the right mindset for the season." The jamboree took place exactly one week before the opening of the season, and pitted the Indians against Lafayette, Benton, and LeBlond.

It didn't take long for the team to show that they were ready to play. Their first offensive drive resulted in a 35-yard touchdown pass from Kaiser to Dakota McQuiston. "Getting that touchdown on the first play of the game was awesome," Kaiser said. "That definitely set the tone and gave us the energy to go out the rest of the night and dominate." The team didn't slow down from there. They finished the Lafayette game with a 18-0 win.

The next two games were against Benton and LeBlond. The Benton game was a little closer, with a final score of 12-6. Even closer was the LeBlond game, which ended in a 6-6 tie. Despite that tie, Central ended the night with the best record and claimed the city title.

"It feels good," Kaiser said. "We got it last year, and that was a big goal. This year, our main goal was to dominate. I think we definitely showed that." This victory helped the team get into the right mood for the actual season.

In the only chance they had to play city opponents, the Central team proved themselves to be the champions of the city.
Senior Coyote Bell breaks free from Benton Cardinal defenders during the city football jamboree. Bell went on to pick up extra yardage after a hard fought battle against Benton.

"It was a lot of fun. It was cool to cheer with the other schools." - senior Aubrey Vandmolen

"It was very exciting but it was also a little sad! It was kind of like the beginning of the end for the class of 2014, but our boys played hard and gave us a victory to remember." - senior Kaleigh Prior

"I'm definitely going to miss going up against all the city schools because there's always some rivalries. It's a lot of fun to play in front of all of St. Joe." - senior Kyle Fox

The cheerleaders show their Central spirit during the kickoff against Lafayette during the jamboree. The shown flyers from left to right are senior Aubrey Vandermolen, junior Mia Lund, and junior Morgan Barnett.

Senior Indianette Sommer Bransfield performs a kick during the city wide poms performance at the jamboree. Each year, the poms squads from all the city schools perform a dance together.
Several students and staff competed in a battle of the fittest: the Penny Games. The Penny Drive is a way to raise money for the United Way. The games call for an assembly where students who signed up are able to play in a series of team games that include tug-of-war, limbo, and relay races.

Game participants spent the entire day preparing themselves so they could be focused at game time. "I've been listening to music in my classes all day to get pumped up for the games," junior Megan Kneib said. Some of the games played were tug-of-war, limbo, and three-legged races, providing entertainment for participants and spectators. But no matter what you do, it is near impossible to avoid embarrassment during the games.

There are multiple accidents that can happen when you're under pressure, whether that be falling, tripping, doing something at the wrong time or losing your shoe. However, it made it more entertaining. The games are about having a good time and representing your class to the best of your ability. If you mess up, you just have to laugh, get back up, and keep fighting to represent your class, knowing that you're playing for a good cause as well. No matter how the classes placed, everyone raised money for the United Way, which is the main goal.

The Penny Drive's purpose is to get involved and help the community. National Honor Society took donations throughout the week by accepting money and coins from students, teachers, parents, and any other individual who was willing to donate. This was set up as a challenge for the classes as they fought to raise more money than the others. "The amount raised is great! The dollars will go to the 2013 United Way Campaign," Kylee Strough, President of the United Way of Greater St. Joseph said. "The campaign funds are then distributed to nineteen United Way Partner Agencies and seven United Way Initiatives." As a whole, our school raised $3,300 for the United Way.
personally pennies
in and out of the games

Sophomore Lauren Bouchard stands up, relieved, after finishing her part of the relay race. The race involved running backwards, crabwalking, and riding on a scooter.

September 6, 2013 was unseasonably hot. Senior Ryan Cartledge fanned himself off with a newspaper as he suffered in the 90 degree weather made worse by the lack of air conditioning in the gym.

Senior Kaleigh Pryor celebrates as she skillfully wins the limbo competition. The seniors ultimately won the games.
September 30th was a shocking day for most Americans. Not only was Twitter raging, the two dominant political parties—Democrats and Republicans—were as well. USA Today reporter Gregory Korte gave reason for the disagreement: “The Republican-controlled House has passed a spending bill that maintains spending levels but does not provide funding to implement the Affordable Care Act, or Obamacare. The Democratic Senate insists that the program be fully funded and that Congress pass what they call a ‘clean’ conflict-resolution.” Thus, the government shut down until a compromise could be found. The federal government could no longer legally spend money.

When the spending of money ceased, so did the paying of federal employees, excluding those who were important to the country. With no paychecks and loss of jobs, it could have been said to be a miniature Great Depression for those working for the feds.

Although the Saint Joseph School District was unaffected by the shut down, some students were impacted first-hand. Heather Holmes, whose father is in the military, said, “Because my dad was considered essential personnel, my family was not affected by the shutdown. My dad had to tell people to go home; people who weren’t being paid were not allowed on the base.”

The government reopened in mid-October, but that was not the end of things. It was only a temporary fix and did not resolve the spending problems that brought the shutdown on. Further decisions regarding the budget were made in January.
JROTC marches in downtown Saint Joseph in the Veterans' Day parade. One of the biggest impacts the shutdown caused was a delay in Veteran's paychecks.

**who's right?**

Who do you think had the right ideas concerning the debt issue?

"Democrats."
- freshman Regan Blair

"Republicans."
- Mrs. Northup

"Democrats."
- freshman Guadalupe Enriquez
Central's football team comes out prepared to beat Truman. Leading the way was senior Tyler Meinert. Central trampled Truman with a score of 58-6.

Senior Jacob Kaiser prepares to pass the football. Soon after the pass the Indians scored to increase their dominating win over Truman. Kaiser has been on the varsity team since his sophomore year.

The Central Crazies cheer on the football boys at the homecoming game by waving their spirit fingers during kickoff. The Indians had just scored their first touchdown. During the game, the Central Crazies waved white towels to distract the other team.

Senior Tyler Reed jumps into the air to avoid a collision with another player. Reed helped the Central team with their win against the Patriots. Reed has played football for Central since he was a freshman.

Senior Tony Todd tries to hang on to the ball while being pursued by a Truman player. Todd gained extra yardage on the play. Todd has been on the football team since he was a freshman.
The senior student section does the "Who's house, our house" chant. This chant is very popular at pep rallies and home games.

"I was beyond surprised! I felt like I was going to pass out from the excitement. It was such an honor, and I couldn't stop smiling."

"I was shocked. I honestly didn't expect it, and I was very grateful, and I want to thank everyone who voted."

The senior student government students show their pride during the homecoming parade. The freshmen ended up being the float contest winners.

The homecoming court came together one last time after the ceremony was completed. The seniors were honored to participate in the traditional ceremony.

The main building staff show their spirit for Tiki Tuesday. As tourists, the teachers showed their tropical side for homecoming week.
Decorative halls, clever slogans, and unusual outfits are all staples of one of Central's finest traditions: Harvest Homecoming. This annual celebration of school spirit provides a week's worth of memorable moments for the student body, from the daily themes to the coronation of Homecoming King and Queen. Of course, all of these events lead up to the final event of the week, the football game against Truman. For some of Central's students, this Homecoming was different than prior Homecomings.

For the senior class, Harvest Homecoming was different than any other Homecoming they had experienced in their first three years at high school. For starters, this was the first time any of these students were able to participate in Homecoming Court. Senior Tessa Tolen reflected on the experience of being selected by the student body to be on the court. "Being on homecoming court and getting maid of honor. That was the best." Tolen, who was Maid of Honor of the Homecoming Court, represented the band something that she was very proud of. "It was amazing that two band people actually got on court," Tolen said. The second person she was referring to was Erik Gunderson, who also had a place on the stage at Coronation. Tolen was very grateful for the chance to be Maid of Honor. "I'm lucky that I got to spend it with so many amazing people on court with me, and it was just awesome. It was a great experience. I'm glad to be part of it." Hunter Ezzell and MacKinzie Conard won the titles of King and Queen.

Of course, with the highs of a senior Homecoming came the realization that this was the last Harvest Homecoming for these students. Senior Derek Gray realized how different things felt this time around. "It felt a lot different. Freshman through junior year, it's just another game," Gray said. "When it comes to your senior year, you realize it's your last time playing in front of Central High School on your homecoming night, so it's a lot more emotional." Gray thought that he finished his last Homecoming on a high note, as the football team finished off the Truman Patriots, 58-6. He reflected on his favorite part of Harvest Homecoming. "My favorite memory was probably just winning," Gray said. "I mean, that's probably the best part of all, but then after that, coming to the dance and seeing everyone here just having fun was the best part, too." Homecoming is a tradition that Gray says he'll miss. "I'll just miss the spirit. Monday through Thursday everybody dresses up and Friday, seeing the Crazies cheering you on, that's the best feeling," Gray said.

The fun of pajama day, the excitement of the pep rally, and the emotion of the football game provided one great Homecoming week, and one that students experiencing their final Harvest Homecoming will remember for a long time to come.
Freshman Gabby Howat runs in the cross country meet. Howat qualified for sectionals while running during her first year on the cross country team.

Left: Senior Elsa Kunz runs at the Kearney cross country meet. Kunz has run cross country for four years.
Middle: Senior Chance Dahle runs his best during the meet. Dahle has run cross country for one year.
Right: The cross country boys huddle up during the Kearney meet. Both teams did this before each race.

Highlights of the Season
Runners share their favorite moments

"I enjoyed getting to know everyone on the team and really becoming a family together."
- freshman Jacob Bahr

"Going down to St. Louis for the Forest Park meet at the beginning of the season."
- sophomore Paityn Howat
Sprinting to Victory
run past the weak, hurdle the dead

story by

Despite the challenges of hills, the difficulties of the courses, or the conditions of the weather, Central cross country runners showed improvement throughout the season.

Although the runners didn't beat any school records, they did achieve some personal bests. They also improved their running skills, challenged themselves every day, and ultimately beat their competition.

"This is my first year of running in high school, but I've already improved a lot," freshman Jacob Bahr said. Bahr ran at districts as a varsity runner in his first year at Central. He ran for two years in middle school prior to this year.

"I can't believe I made varsity as a freshman," Bahr said. "I worked really hard and got great results."

While many improved on their bests, state qualifiers were scarce. Senior Zac Miller and sophomore Abigail Burr led the pack.

"I'm proud of both girls and boys this year. I wish a few more could've gone on to sectionals and state, but overall I'm happy with this year and proud of my teammates," Miller said.

Cross country is an individual sport, but it takes a team to help each runner improve and succeed.

"Cross country is a great sport, more people should join," sophomore Paityn Howat said. "I enjoy running. It's great exercise and a way to gain lots of lifetime friends."

"Getting to work hard with my teammates knowing we are all working towards the same ultimate goal."
- sophomore Nokomis Miller

"My favorite moments of cross-country is seeing the improvements everyone gave from the beginning of the season to the end."
- senior Zac Miller
Sophomore Alexa Franks drives the ball at Fairview Golf Course at hole two. This is Alexa's second year of golf on varsity.

**Favorite Experiences**

*best moments of the season*

“The best part of the season was watching us improve from last year.”
-sophomore Alexa Franks

“My favorite part of the season are the bus trips to and from the matches.”
-freshman Ally Franks

On a warm September day at Fairview golf course, junior Hannah Williams waits for her golf ball to land. This is Hannah’s first year of golf.

Junior Mady Pfeiderer practices her stroke before she hits the ball at Duncan Hills golf course. This is Mady's second year of golf.
Driving Outside the Box

greatness in numbers

Story by

Stroke by stroke, hole by hole, the girls golf team welcomed newbies and changes into the new year. With the most girls they have seen in a while on the team, this year was interesting with new coaching techniques and new team dynamics.

"I liked having more girls on the team. The more players we had, the more we felt like a dominating team, not just a few okay players," sophomore Alexa Franks said.

Many players had positive outlooks on having a bigger team and dealing with some of the changes. "I think we did considerably better with a larger team than we did last year, we definitely improved," Franks said. "We can definitely improve on some things, but overall great year and lots of improvement."

"The team played better this year and we had more people come out for the team, so overall was a better year," sophomore Madison Worley said. "I enjoyed getting to know the new girl golfers coming out this year."

With returning girls and new players coming in, they had a wide range of golf skills. Most of the new girls felt more comfortable on their first day because of all the help they were getting from the returning players.

"The other girls were nice, so I felt more a part of the team than I thought I would," freshman Ally Franks said.

With many new players Coach Brock had to come up with new ways on making sure he would have time to individually coach everyone. Being with more girls, he had to find a way to be flexible.

"We lose more one-on-one time with the coach, but having more players means more friends and hopefully a better year," Worley said.

With all of these changes, many positives and negatives occurred during the year. The players agreed that a larger team beats just a few good players.

Freshman Ally Franks puts for the ball while playing in a match at Fairview Golf Course. This is Ally's first year of golf.
Sophomore Rylee Schultz bunts the ball during the city jamboree. This base hit helped the Indians capture a victory against the Benton Cardinals.

Senior Lexi Walker fields the ball as a second baseman. The cleanly fielded ball was used to throw a Truman Patriot player out at first base.

**remembering the year**

*What was your favorite part of the season?*

"My favorite part was the bus rides on the way to and from all of our games."
- junior Bailey Wilcoxson

"My favorite part of the season was always being together and never having a dull moment."
- sophomore Halle Koelliker

"Dancing and laughing at practice with the girls was definitely my favorite part of the season this year."
- senior Caitlyn Lindstrom
Power of Youth

young team pulls off successful season

With only three seniors on the team, the Lady Indians had to step up and come together to turn this season into a success. Their team chemistry and hard work paid off as the Lady Indians finished their season with an 11-15 record.

Head coach Jami Dodge looked forward to the season and believed they could go far with the personnel this year.

“My expectations were very high for this season,” Dodge said. “We had a lot of returners and some incoming freshmen that I knew would make a big impact on the team.”

With less than half of the team consisting of upperclassmen, the underclassmen contribution to the team was a key ingredient in the team’s success.

“A lot of different girls stepped up into leadership positions for us this year,” Dodge said. “They stepped up big, and it really helped the team.”

Determination and dedication were required for such a young team to reach their goals and their full potential.

“They worked very hard everyday at practice,” Dodge said. “They never gave up in game situations and they always tried their hardest.”

The Lady Indians lost several games by one run. Dodge said that they spent lots of practice time on closing a game and this paid off for the girls.

“I told them to work hard, never give up, communicate with their team, and always pick each other up,” Dodge said. “If one girl makes an error, her teammates need to tell her it is okay and that they will pick it up for her.”

However, the Lady Indians never let silly mistakes or the pressure of tight games get to their heads.

“Everyone was always talking each other up,” sophomore Halle Koelliker said. “When someone was down, it wasn’t for long because of everyone’s encouraging words.”

In order for any group of athletes to become a winning team, they must have strong team chemistry. The Indians definitely came together as a team, and for this reason, they pulled out such a successful season.

“We worked together really well,” junior pitcher Bailey Wilcoxson said. “We had a bond that no other team had.”

Story by Sara Schrage
"I love the girls, all the girls were awesome, and they were always fun to be around."
—Senior Carissa Glaubius

"We improved from last year which is always good, and hopefully we will keep getting better. All the teams bonded and that made us stronger as a program."
—Junior Megan Keogh

The varsity team stands with their arms around each other before the Truman game. Senior Carissa Glaubius is wearing a blue jersey because she is the team's libero; the libero is the defensive player.

Senior Mary Watchtel and Junior Mackenzie Sample block the ball against Truman. Watchtel and Sample have both been on varsity for two years.

Senior Carissa Glaubius bumps the ball in the game against Truman. Glaubius tore her ACL last year and was told she would not be able to play her senior year. She recovered and did not miss a game all season.

Sophomore Tanner Wallace sets the ball in the game against Truman. This was Wallace's first year on varsity. Right: Junior Emily Mikesch serves the ball against Truman. Mikesch has played for Central for three years.
A Fresh Start
new coach inspires a season of revival

New players, new uniforms, and a new coach. For the Lady Indians, this season was a season of revival and resurgence, laying the foundation for a successful program. Under new head coach Cassie Halling, the Lady Indians concluded their season with a 6-19 record after finishing the previous season 3-21.

A new coach means new expectations and philosophies. The change in staff was one of many difficulties the Indians faced this season.

"It took a lot of getting used to," senior Carissa Glaubius said. "But we tried our hardest and played some really good teams this year."

Apart from the coaching change, the Lady Indians took on plenty of stiff competition. Halling said her team’s opponents are some of the best in the area, making it hard for the girls to recognize their success through a losing season.

"A challenge was being able to keep our heads high coming out of some of the games where we played some very tough teams," Halling said.

But the threat of their opponents didn’t stop the Indians from giving it their all.

“We worked hard every day,” Halling said. “Coming in with the expectation that we have a chance, that we are talented, and that if we become a team and play with each other we can be successful. “

All that dedication to the program paid off for the girls. The team took great strides towards becoming a competitive team.

“I really think that we improved on our passing, being aggressive on our serves, working well with each other, and trusting each other,” Halling added.

The Lady Indians’ team chemistry was strong, and the support from one another helped them through their slumps.

“We’d go into the huddle; we’d tap each other, and say “Hey, you can get it next time,” senior Tessa Tolen said. “We encouraged each other to do better.”

Despite a rough start and long losing streaks, the ladies took several steps in the right direction towards a thriving and successful volleyball program.

“We became competitive and we definitely battled between matches,” Halling said. “We won more games than we have in the past, so I think the girls saw some strides in improvement.”

Story by
Sara Schrage
Practice makes perfect swim makes state yet again

The alarm buzzes at 4:20. A drowsy hand slumps over, presses snooze, and easily dozes back to sweet dreams of summer and freedom. The alarm rings once more at 4:25. The swimmer groans, gets up, and prepares to meet at the YMCA to swim while the rest of the student body is still asleep. The pressure is released at 7, but only for a moment before practice starts up again after school for another two hours. Quite possibly the most hardworking group of athletes at Central High School, the boys swim team is reputable for their time management and passion for the sport.

"The will to succeed is important, but the will to prepare is vital." Once again making state cuts by just the second invitational of the season, the boys refuse to take no for an answer. The team ranked sixth out of 21 teams at the Independence Invitational meet on September 14, with many individuals placing in the top ten. Seniors Alex Jackson and Alex Sigrist were two of those success stories.

Cutting a time to make state is not as easy as it looks. It takes endurance, patience, and tedious practice. "We potentially swim up to 5,000 meters during rough times of the season, and we do lots of different drills and strokes to improve our skills," senior captain Alex Jackson said.

By the Columbia Invitational on September 21, the medley relay made state time, as well as Sigrist in the 50 free during the free relay. Morale was at an all time high as the swimmers realized they once again were making history. "It's not just something you can do for fun. It's something you have to be dedicated to because you swim so much every practice," senior captain Carston Roach said.

Overall state cuts include: 200 Medley relay and 200 Free relay by Alex Sigrist, Carston Roach, Alex Jackson, and Cyrus Wallace, the 100 Backstroke and 50 Freestyle by Sigrist, the 100 Breaststroke by Roach, and the 50 Free and 100 Free by Jackson. The swim team proves their skill every season, and inspires many to work endlessly at the things they are passionate about.

Story by

Jordan Goodman
KYLC KAMMERER SWIMS IN THE INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY EVENT AT THE KEARNEY INVITATIONAL. KAMMERER PLACED 12TH IN THE EVENT OVERALL.

CAPTAINS

"What are you going to miss most?"

"My bond with my team and swim meets."
-senior Alex Jackson

"The chance to improve."
-senior Alex Sigrist

"The meets, the bus rides, the memories, getting out of school early, and the team. Knowing it's all over now."
-senior Carston Roach
Serving Up

Success
tennis sends two to state

After a successful regular season and a strong showing in district and sectional play, the Lady Indians tennis team sent two players to Springfield to compete at State competition. These two players were junior Holly Johnston and senior Megan Zimbelman.

Johnston and Zimbelman qualified to compete in doubles tennis. In order to get there, they had to win at all levels. “We got second at districts,” Zimbelman said. “And then we went on to win our district.” They also came away with a conference championship.

Traveling to state had been a goal for the team all season. “We felt very lucky to be back there because that was kind of our goal to get there and for Holly to come back from her injury,” Zimbelman said. Johnston returned from a fractured foot, which she suffered earlier in the season. As Zimbelman stated, they had gone to state in the previous year.

Things did not exactly go in Zimbelman and Johnston’s favor once they reached state, as they were immediately matched up against the best doubles team in Missouri. “We lost our round one to the state champion,” Zimbelman said. The tournament followed a double-elimination format, though, so they had a chance to play again. They came back to handily defeat their second round opponent before ultimately falling in round three.

As far as the regular season goes, the team found great success. Zimbelman personally finished the season with a singles record of 14-4. “My favorite part of the season was getting to spend time with the girls and helping improve our games to the next level,” she said.

It was a season of tremendous highs for the tennis team. They performed well at all levels and topped their season off by having two team members achieve the ultimate goal of qualifying for state.
"We felt very lucky to be back there because that was kind of our goal to get there and for Holly to come back from her injury."
Junior Jacob Cebulko kicks the ball in the game. Cebulko played soccer for three years and played varsity for one year.

The soccer boys huddle up before the game against Raytown on October 29, 2013. The boys went on to lose against the Cardinals.

Junior Joseph Kellogg runs down the soccer field kicking the ball and ready to make a goal. Kellogg played outside midfielder for the varsity team.

Captains Close-Up

What was your favorite memory?

"Beating Truman at home in penalty kicks was my favorite win of the season."
-Junior Marco Machado

"Beating Truman."
-Junior Brendan Ryan

"Getting the most penalty kicks against Truman for the first time in years."
-Senior Erik Gunderson

Freshman Daniel Gunderson tries to keep the ball away from the opposing team. Gunderson was a center midfielder for the season.
Changing the Tides
underclassmen take control of team

The ball is kicked between two players. Sweat pours down their faces as they jog to the sidelines for a quick drink of water before taking another lap around the field. The sun beats down on the boys as they prepare to scrimmage each other once more before the two-hour practice concludes.

A team once dominated by senior leadership passes the torch to the juniors and underclassmen to continue the legacy from last season. Placing second to LeBlond at the city jamboree, the boys were off to a good start. Every player had a mindset that this year’s team could exceed the goals not previously accomplished by the Central soccer program. “I can tell everyone two statistics coach was proud of. We had more goals scored than scored on us for the first time since Brooner started coaching here,” freshman Daniel Gunderson said.

A team made up of 11 seniors was cut to just three this season. The underclassmen had to step up and prove they were worthy enough to represent Central soccer on the highest level. “There were two other freshmen on varsity this season, Zach Robb and Manuel Aparicio. It means a lot to me especially because I was able to play with my brother at every game,” Gunderson said. “My favorite moment this season would probably be my assist to my brother in our game against Kearney.”

Leadership on and off the field helped shape a team that only lost each game by one or two goals. “As a captain, you represent the team, and you want to represent it as best as you can. However, being captain does not make you any more important than the rest of the team,” junior captain Marco Machado said. This type of thinking created bonds between the players who grew up playing on the same soccer teams.

The boys ended their season 7-15, but not with disappointment. “This season was very much an improvement from my past seasons here,” Machado said. Despite losing close to half of the upperclassmen players, these athletes proved nothing could stop them from working hard to achieve success.

Story by
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Cheer champs
in it to win it

Story by
Megan Prayshark

Sweaty palms and pounding hearts, standing in the concrete tunnel at Mizzou was scary. Groups of student athletes stepped through, and their nerves calmed as they did one thing they loved: cheerleading. Our cheerleaders performed to their highest ability this year, perhaps even the best they’ve ever done. If one thing’s for sure, it’s been the most successful season in the past four school years. “This year we’ve achieved more than we’ve ever achieved,” senior captain Maddie Michalski confirmed.

The proudly poised squads wowed the judges at the Kansas City Regional Cheerleading Championships. Bringing the varsity, junior varsity, and freshman teams, they got just what they came for: flashy trophies to show off. The frosh won second place in the Junior High Division, the JV team won third in the JV Small Division, and the Varsity team got first place.

Advancing to the State Championships at the University of Missouri-Columbia, the varsity squad claimed the ownership of a third place trophy in the Super-large Division. It was the highest score cheerleaders have ever made in all of the history of Central.

Although getting this far takes hard work, it’s not solely laborious. “There are a lot of opinions about cheerleading,” senior captain Skye Evans said. “A lot of people judge us... but we have a really fun time.”

Left: Sophomore flyer Adair Bright is lifted in a liberty stunt during the city jamboree football games. This stunt was one of many that the cheerleaders performed. Right: A stunt group performs a basket toss during the city jamboree football game. Junior flyer Mia Lund rose high while looking as if she was doing a toe touch.
close-up captains
there's no 'i' in cheer

"We've performed up to our expectations every competition, and we've had a really fun year." - Maddy Michalski

"We're just one big family, we love to do the sport, and we all love each other." - Skyler Evans

"I'm very proud of all the cheerleaders. We've worked very hard this year, and we put in a lot of effort." - Amy Insco

Right: The cheerleaders show their skills during the Hawaiian-themed football game against Platte County. The squads cheered the football boys onto victory.

Left: Two of the stunt groups hold up the banner during the homecoming game against Truman. Every home game the cheerleaders hold up a banner for the football players to run through. The football team later went on to beat Truman for their homecoming game.

The varsity cheer team participated at the state cheer competition in September. The team placed third in the state in their division, which is the best the cheer team has ever done.
The Boys of Fall put on their helmets and shoulder pads and prepare to prove their dedication. They run past a banner in the locker room. The phrase keeps repeating in their heads - “Chase the ring, chase the ring, chase the ring.” They run out on the field, and amp up the Crazies for another legendary season.

As summer conditioning started in March, the weak and undedicated were separated from the pack. The intense practices, linemen dinners, and silly pep assembly dances with the Indianettes brought the team close together, and they consider each person a part of their family. Football is more than just something to do for the players. It creates bonds that cannot be broken. “Those guys on the team are my brothers and I love them like family,” senior captain Hunter Ezzell said. Each person gave 110 percent every down, every game, and all to prove they were worthy to represent the greatest school west of the Mississippi.

With their season starting 1-3, the boys had a lot to prove. The gears changed at the Homecoming game against Truman on September 27. “It felt really good to win our last Homecoming game because we put in so much blood, sweat, and tears,” senior captain Derek Gray said. The crowd went wild when the final buzzer went off, and the Indians left Noyes Field, winning their second game 58-6. With renewed confidence and an “eye of the tiger,” attitude, the football team only improved as the year progressed. They finished the regular season 6-5.

For the third year in a row, Central football made it to the second round of playoffs. They hosted the first round at home on Halloween night. The Crazies put on their costumes, jackets, and face paint to cheer on some of the hardest working men of the student body. Tears were shed when the team emerged victorious. Although the second round resulted in heart breaking defeat, the Indians proved they are one step closer to getting the state ring they have always strived for.
Indian players put a stop to a Park Hill South player during a Friday night football game. Senior Hunter Ezell, number 54, and sophomore Jake Hill, number 23, were responsible for this key stop.

Seniors Derek Gray and Tyler Meinert show their emotions before the senior night football game against the Park Hill South Panthers. Meinert was unable to play due to a shoulder injury, but he was still a major part of the Central football program.

Senior quarterback Jacob Kaiser scrambles in the pocket during a Friday night football game. Kaiser later completed a pass to help the Indians beat Park Hill South for the senior night game.

So... what now?
"I was offered a full ride by 10 schools, but I chose Illinois State because of its engineering program."
-senior Tyree Mayfield
The half time buzzer goes off. As our beloved Boys of Fall run off the field, the Crazies sit down. The band gives their performance. Next up is the Indianettes, and the crowd anticipates what the girls have in store for them. The music starts to play, and the crowd erupts. The Central Poms team is an essential part of half time entertainment for both football and basketball home games.

They practice three days a week, including during the summer, and put in just as much hard work as the teams they dance for. "A lot of the girls take dance classes at a studio. The constant practice is what improves skills the most. Perfect practice makes perfect," junior Paige Musser said. The Poms team made a transition of coaches, a newly dominant freshmen team, and inevitable injuries look easily overcomeable.

The transition of coaching from Mrs. Richie to Mrs. Kimble was just one more element that pushed the comfort zone of the Indianettes. Seniors who were used to the choreography and teaching style of one coach had slight difficulty adjusting to the teaching style of a different type of motivator. "At first we were all unsure of each other, but once our summer season began and kicked in we all became more comfortable," senior Somer Bransfield said. "She (Kimble) has different ways of handling things and with such a young team the changes we had weren't difficult."

With the underclassmen over representing the upperclassmen by two dancers, they prove that new does not always have to be a bad thing. The Pommies held a bonding week before school started to start the relationship they would have together for two consecutive dance seasons at Central High School. "Camp helps all of us bond with each other. We also do a bonding week in the summer where we do something different everyday like a sleepover, kickball, swimming, and other activities," Bransfield said. With constant hard work and a love of supporting the Indians, the Pommies work endlessly to impress the crowd.

"Our goal is to work hard every practice because it's the best feeling to dance and have everyone love what you performed," Musser said. The Indianettes push each other for improvement at every practice.

"We keep each other upbeat and focus on positivity," Bransfield said.

The gym gets quiet as the cheerleaders spirit off the floor and leave room for the Poms team to perform. The senior section comes face to face with 14 stunning girls in bows, glitter, and the football boy's jerseys. The music comes on. The Indianettes look up at the crowd, smile, and give a breathtaking performance that even they get chills from.

"Our senior night dance because it was adorable and easy for me to do my steps with the music." - senior Rollens Hardy

"Our Lady Gaga dance because it was different than our usual style and we got to wear really cute tutus and lightning bolts." - senior Kaleigh Pryor
Above: The girls strut to the final pose during the halftime performance at a home football game. The poms perform at every home football game half time.

Left: Seniors Jay Alford, Somer Bransfield, Rollens Hardy and Kaleigh Pryor enjoy their senior night decked out in tutus and tiaras. They were the only seniors this year.

Left: Sophomore Niki Mitchem dances at the football Jamboree with the all-city poms team. It was Nik's second year on the poms team.

Right: Freshman Alexa Dixon performs with the all-city poms team at the football jamboree. The all-city team was made up of girls from Central, Benton, Lafayette and Bishop Leblond High School.

“Our Lady Gaga dance because it was something we’d never done before and it was fun and original.”
- senior Somer Bransfield

“The Lady Gaga dance because I got to help choreograph it and it was senior night. I also got to wear a tutu and tiara.”
- senior Jay Alford
The Blue and White Regiment went through many different challenges. From shortened practices due to heat to competitions being rained out, the band was able to push through and perform amazing shows.

Their season off with two weeks of camp out in the parking lot and practice field in front of the school. The students had to have all their James Bond music memorized before the camp started and be ready to learn all their drill charts. After those two weeks, they knew the majority of their first song in drill.

Once school started, marching band went through a series of unfortunate events. The first few days were early outs, but they were prepared for that. The next few weeks had multiple unexpected early outs due to heat. This threw the band’s schedule off by weeks. By the time the first football game came around, the band only had their pep music, and most of their first song ready to perform.

“The drill went well. There’s always room for improvement, but for it being our first time, it went really good,” senior tenor percussionist Will Doyle said.

Eventually the excessive amount of heat days came to an end, and the band was able to have the full length practices they needed. With the normal practice times, students had to practice even harder and learn more charts each day than they would have if the heat days hadn’t happened.

This was a big challenge for the performers, but with hard work and dedication, they were able to pull it all together in time for their competition at Carrollton.

Unfortunately, it had been raining all night and all morning, so the entire band wasn’t able to compete. The drumline and color guard decided to still go for their indoor shows, and asked a few of the other band students to come with them to help set up and cheer them on. The color guard placed second in their division, and the drumline placed first in theirs.

Only three weeks after the Indians had another competition in Trenton. Fortunately for them, this one didn’t get rained out. Between the two competitions, the band practiced and got their entire show ready to perform. Once they got there, the color guard and drumline did their indoor performances first. After that, the entire band got into their uniforms and went to the field to perform. After all performances were done, all the bands gathered on the field to hear the results. The whole band placed fourth in their division, the color guard placed third in their division, and the drumline placed first in theirs.

The band had many obstacles throughout the marching season, but they worked hard and were able to push through in the end. All in all, the marching band had a great season that the students and directors are all very proud of.
Senior Liz Goller leads the band at halftime in the game against Lee Summit West. Goller was one of this year's drum majors.

Freshman Alexia Graves prepares to perform during the game against Lee Summit West. Alexis is a trumpet player from Truman.

Senior Emily Vogel walks across the field before the opening ceremony. Vogel has played the clarinet in the band for the past four years.
Entering the Real

“I understand the importance of serving my country. The Airforce sounds like something I would be good at.” Senior Tyler White
Moving on in different ways

Freedom, independence, and no parents to tell you what you can and can't do. Isn't that what seniors look most forward to while preparing for college? Students commit for different reasons. Some better than others, but the obvious purpose is to get an education for a career suitable for you. Seniors Tyler White, Tyree Mayfield, and Madison Ideker have a little bit of an idea of where they would like to go, and what career choices they are looking into.

"I've always wanted to go into the Air Force. It's always seemed interesting to me," Senior Tyler White said.

The Air Force is a career for dedicated soldiers willing to serve for their country. Many benefits and positive guarantees come from being a part of the Air Force. One of those guarantees is the opportunity to get a portion of college paid for after serving the Air Force.

"Who wouldn't want college paid for? I've always liked the Air Force but if I get there and don't like it like I thought I would, I can just go to college and have most of it paid for," White said.

Debt is a big issue for many college students, but for White he can save thousands of dollars just by going into the Air Force when all along that's what he's been most interested in.

It is undecided whether White is going into the Air Force yet or not. College is a time that he wishes to experience but he knows the importance of serving his country.

Senior athlete Tyree Mayfield, tight end for the Indians, plans to go about his college career a bit differently.

As a stand out performer not only for his school but for the whole city of St. Joseph, Mayfield was offered a football scholarship to play for the fighting Salukis at Southern Illinois. The tight end has taken multiple visits to the campus to meet with coaches and to see the school itself.

"I really liked that campus because the field, classes, and dorms were all so close," Mayfield said. "It was really convenient."

Coach Spoonover who is Mayfield's recruiter is from Mound City which is about 35 miles from St. Joseph. Mayfield has grown a relationship with coach Spoonover considering they have a little bit in common.

"He knows the area and what it's like to go from somewhere smaller to somewhere bigger. We relate really well." Mayfield said. "It's the little things that make you want to go somewhere."

Off the field, Mayfield looks at the campus and what other activities there are to do.

"I liked the campus more than what I was expecting. Everything was so close together plus the campus was real nice," Mayfield said.

Mayfield plans to graduate college with a degree in engineering. It is undecided whether Mayfield is going to Southern Illinois yet or not, but it is safe to say that he is just as interested in them as they are in him.

A typical, casual college life consists of going to class, supporting the athletics, and having a good time which is what the majority of students plan to do including senior Madison Ideker. Ideker plans to go to Mizzou where she wants to major in nursing after six years of studying.

"I want to help people. Plus MU has a good nursing program," Ideker said.

Ideker intends to rush her freshman year because she doesn't have a specific sorority in mind.

"I've always grown up a Mizzou fan which is a reason why I want to go there," Ideker said.

Mizzou is well known for being elite in both basketball and football, which she really enjoys watching.

Ideker is almost certain that she wants to go to Mizzou, but it is still undecided.
Seniors McCabe Davis, Dayton Zirkle and Hannah VanCleave look through the art displays. Students from all schools brought pieces to display and competed for awards.

Right: Senior Noah Hockaday draws on the sidewalk in front of Missouri Western with white chalk and charcoal. Pieces drawn in front of the hall ranged from redone versions of classic pieces and portraits of teachers.

Far right: Senior Ryan Marquart takes a photo of himself on the webcams. All the students who attend put pieces up for judging throughout the day.

Rise of the Arts

a learning experience

Juniors and seniors involved in fine arts classes got a chance to broaden their palate on October 10 at the Missouri Western Visual Arts Day. Students who went were able to observe other people's works and experiment with different kinds of visual arts that they wanted to try.

Students were able to play with art media such as photography, ceramics, and printmaking. The point of the trip was for students to learn how to execute different kinds of visual art.

Students could also bring and compete with their own art. They could mount it on the wall and judges would walk around the building to see everyone’s art. If the pieces had what the judges were looking for in the different categories, they gave the students awards.

“It was a way to learn to become a better artist,” senior Bailey Harris said.

Harris got involved in the trip by being in ceramics and painting classes throughout her high school career. She said that her favorite thing during the day was watching teachers compete because it isn’t something you usually see; it’s usually just them showing you the basics of how to get it done. Harris had crafted a vase to use for competition, but found out upon arrival that it had been knocked over and couldn’t be fixed.

Junior Hannah Monger also went on the trip. She participated in drawing and some photography. She got involved in the trip by taking photography. “My favorite part was all the different activities and learning to become a better artist,” Monger said.

Senior Breanne Bettis also attended Visual Arts Day. She got involved in the trip by taking IB visual art class. She competed with her charcoal drawing of her best friend. Bettis's artwork had what the judges liked, and she won an award for her piece.

The students had a fun time learning how to execute different art forms and see other people's art.
Seniors Shelby Webster, Hayley Bennett, and Nick Grable glaze clay towers at visual arts day. The tower glazing was one of the ceramic workshops, along with the wheel throwing competitions that went on throughout the day.

Advanced ceramics students glaze clay towers for an installation project at Missouri Western. The towers replaced last year’s project of glazing clay houses, a project which was on display throughout the day.

**artists close-up**
What made the trip worthwhile for you?

“I got to experiment with oil pastels and experience it and actually work with them for the first time, and worked with printmaking which was really new. I enjoyed trying new things.”
—senior Breanne Bettis.

“I think what made the trip worthwhile was getting to see other people’s art and seeing how they did it, and observing their technique and getting ideas for my art.”
—senior Shamari Robbs.
"Donating blood helps save lives, and I encourage everyone to try it at least once. I really appreciate the convenience of being able to help others by donating blood right here in the gymnasium at CHS."
- guidance counselor Mrs. Hill

"I've never given blood before, and it was weird and felt weird. But I'd do it again."
- senior Ryan Cartledge

1. Senior Bacchus Lee donates blood. Lee donated blood in order to save lives locally. 2. Seniors Sheridan Alger, Mackenzie Conard, sophomore Maggie Lawrence and junior Jordan Christensen and sophomore Nokomis Miller hang out at the snack table after giving blood. The snacks were provided to keep the donors healthy. 3. A view of the blood drive set up in the gym. The blood drive took up the gym for the entire school day. 4. Senior Andrew Donaldson donates blood. Donaldson is also a member of National Honor Society, which sets up the blood drives every year. 5. Senior Shiloh Boles donates blood. Boles is also a member of NHS.
It's a cool fall morning, and students from every classroom are excitedly hurrying to the main gym. Granola bar in hand, they all have one purpose: to donate blood and save lives.

Every October, the National Honor Society sponsors a school-wide blood drive for those who need that red, vital fluid. Senior NHS member Jeb Drost explained the process. "If you've filled out a blood drive form, we'll give you a pass to the gym, and then you come with your leave permit. They give you a bottle of water, you drink it, and then you donate a pint of blood and you're off on the run."

Although most students get through the donating process in a breeze, they can't help but get some butterflies in their stomach. "Before, I was a little nervous," senior and first-time donor Madison Ideker admitted. "During I was fine. And now, I'm feeling good. Because I'm gonna save a life. I'm saving two lives!"

"Out of all the high schools, we've always donated the most blood every single year," Drost said. The enthusiasm for saving lives this year was no different than the years before, with 142 students contributing to the blood drive.

Ideker is glad that she donated. "I think everyone should give blood. It's for a good cause."
Bad Dates to Remember

story by

senior directs school play

The lights dim and the drama begins as the actors and actresses make their way in creating a magical show for Central high school students and parents.

On November 1 and 2, senior Mariah Carr directed her first play "Check Please". With the help of her cast and behind the scenes crew, she presented 30 minutes of disaster dates.

In this hilarious comedy the play follows a man and woman going on blind dates and trying to find love. Having to go through multiple personality disorders, extreme age differences, and imes, the daters almost give up entirely. This play keeps you guessing and shows a funny side to a stressful situation.

"I enjoyed the whole concept of the play, it made me laugh," sophomore Kim Blazer said. "I liked that everyone could relate to this play in some way."

This play was completely done by students, whether they were acting, doing lighting, or directing.

Carr headed up the team by putting people in their place or telling them what to do.

A lot of work was put into making this production ready for people to see. From hours to days to weeks, students put in time getting this play ready.

"I don't have a very big part in the play I'm a hostess, but I felt like doing this play was another job by how much work we put into it," Blazer said. "Don't get me wrong I enjoy doing the play, I meet wonderful people here all the time."

With so many people, doing so many things the place got hectic. Carr kept the order of the cast and crew and was able to get everything together to create a wonderful show.

"I am proud of everyone involved in the play," Carr said. "I thank everyone who gave me an opportunity to get behind the scenes and make this play the best I possibly can."
1. Sophomore Jennifer Cobb and junior Webster Dyer perform at opening night of the play. Cobb played a crazy girl with multiple personalities.

2. Juniors Webster Dyer and Madi Lucas rehearse for the school play. Madi Lucas played a girl who was deeply obsessed with the Patriots. Webster Dyer played one of the main characters in the school play.

"I am proud of everyone involved in the play." - Mariah Carr

3. Junior Josey Redmond rehearses her scene in which she plays a mime on a blind date. Redmond is currently stuck in a box. 4. Junior Kate Reinert throws water in sophomore Andrew Kirby’s face. Kirby’s character had to wear three shirts throughout the show. 4. Junior Webster Dyer pretends to be caught in a storm with his blind date Mimi who turned out to be a mime. 5. Junior Kate Reinert and freshman Jackson Connors rehearse their scene. Jackson plays a man who will not stop talking about himself throughout the date.
Field of Females

Girls get chance to fight for bragging rights

In many peoples’ minds, football is for guys only, but not at Central. Here, girls anticipate the chance they get to show off their athleticism while playing powderpuff, or flag football. “I’m in it to win it,” freshman Kathryn Bodicky said.

This is where the roles are switched. Female students are the players, and male students are the coaches. It’s a chance for girls to show off and prove that football is not just for guys. Although there is not supposed to be rough contact during powderpuff, it’s nearly impossible to avoid it, as some peoples’ emotions take over. In the past, there have been a shocking amount of players jamming their fingers, getting concussions, and other injuries. Besides the slight risk of being hurt, it is a way to get involved and represent your class, which is one of the main purposes. Two preliminary games are set up first. They use half of the field so both games can play at one time. “Play your hearts out,” senior coach Tra Cruse said as advice for his team.

The preliminary games are set up as Seniors vs. Sophomores and Juniors vs. Freshmen. Whoever loses that game then plays for third place. The winners of the preliminary games advance to the championship game.

This year, the championship game consisted of the senior class and the junior class. “We’re going to destroy the seniors, and you can let them know that,” junior coach Traejun Johnson said. The seniors pulled through and came out on top, with juniors, freshmen, and sophomores falling behind in that order.
Left: Senior Tori Fee runs down the field to score a touchdown for the senior football girls. Tori has played powderpuff all four years at Central.

Right: Junior Tanner Wallace catches the pass from the center. Wallace was the quarterback for the junior team.

Senior girls get ready for the game by huddling together. The senior girls were the powderpuff winners.

Junior coach, Evan Brown, gives the junior players advice. “If we get down early, don’t give up because you can always come back.”

Freshman player Kathryn Bodicky claims that their biggest competition is the seniors.

Junior player Katie Sears says that she’s playing to win it all.
"I like yoga pants, but sometimes I decide to look cute and not wear yogas."

"I like to wear Gucci, my love, Calvin Klein, Kors, Obey, Vans. I love designers."

Senior Madison McKinley shows off red lipstick, a trending fashion in the fall.

Sophomore Makiah Buckley shows off an open army shirt with a cami for fall fashion.

Senior Madison McKinley bottom two photos wears tights with brown boots to show off her fall fashion.
Throughout the year, there are many changes in fashion trends and styles. For girls, it goes from high waist shorts to skinny jeans, flip-flops to sandals, and Uggs to combat boots. For guys, it goes from cargo shorts to jeans and short sleeve v-necks to preppy, long sleeve shirts. Trends come and go like the wind, and Central is the place to find the latest fashions for teenagers.

Some students get outfit ideas from Pinterest, Wanelo, fashion magazines, or other sources of fall fashion. Other students go to thrift stores and goodwill, such as DAV, to make their own fashion style that will make them stand out. Wherever they go to get their ideas, they make their style unique.

Clothes can show off who you are, but how you present yourself in other ways is also important. Girls cut their hair shorter for the season while others have grown theirs out.

Style is an important part of your personality, as it can help you show who you really are and bring out your uniqueness. Don’t be afraid to stand out. Be you, don’t worry about others’ opinions, and make yourself unforgettable.
Above: Mr. Cross Country Ryan Cartledge receives fourth runner up. Cartledge thought he would be disqualified for his scandalous dance.

Right: Mr. Choir Cole Warden, gets crowned Mr. CHS by last year's Mr. CHS, Eli Mejia. Mejia now attends the University of Missouri.

Right: Mr. Track and Field Tyler Reed received first runner up. Reed has participated in Track and Field for the past three years.
What a Pretty Girl
seniors' last chance to shine

story by
Jordan Karmann

She wobbles onto the stage. Her hair is short, and her face is covered with makeup. The elegant dress she wears is not zipped in the back. The interviewer asks the contestant a pageant question. The voice that escapes from her mouth is deep. Is that even a female?

Mr. CHS is an event planned and held by Show Choir every year. It allows the various clubs and sports of Central High School to compete in a way that is not typical. Each organization of the school can have one male represent them, of which they dress up like a girl and compete in four different segments to win over the judges and audience. All the money raised goes directly towards Show Choir.

This event is not new at the "Greatest School West of the Mississippi" either. "I have watched it since the seventh grade when all of my sisters were in high school," senior Jebediah Drost said. "I have been looking forward to this for a while." This event is exciting for all grades, as it represents the personality of the senior class that year, and pumps up underclassmen for their chance to shine.

Being a part of Mr. CHS is not as easy as throwing on some horribly hideous shoes and bright pink lipstick. Time and dedication are put into the performances. "I started planning a month before hand and had about a week of practice with my guys," senior Ryan Cartelge said. Each contestant had the same obstacles to overcome. "I had to plan my outfits, then get the outfits, learn the dance to my song, build the chair for swim wear, and find people to help me with everything," senior Cole Warden said.

The four segments the guys competed in were spirit, swim, lip sync, and evening wear. The crowd, and contestant, favorite of the night was predominantly the lip sync. From "Pretty Boy Swag" performed by Mr. Speech and Debate Leroy Walker to the "Jingle Bell Rock" performed by Mr. DECA Bacchus Loe, the crowd was more than entertained. "The lip sync was my favorite part," Cartelge said. "It was a lot of fun. I felt that my group and everyone else did really well."

With Cole Warden winning the Sexy Legs Contest, the crowd anticipated waiting to hear the results of the pageant. Fourth runner up was Ryan Cartelge, third runner up was Jack Yuratovich, second runner up was Ryan Marquart, first runner up was Tyler Reed, and the winner was Cole Warden. "I think it helped out a lot that the money went towards an organization I am involved in," Warden said. "I wanted to put a lot into it that way I could get the most out of it."

Whether it was buying a button with your favorite guy's face on it, putting cash donations into the container of the male with the sexiest legs, or just buying the ticket to attend to the festivities, every part of Mr. CHS was a success. The teachers got to laugh at students they have seen transition over the past four years, the Senior Class got to show off, and the student body got to enjoy a night of laughter and fun.
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Winter in Missouri means never knowing what the weather will be or when a snow day will occur. Winter at Central means a brand new season of students crushing old records and inevitably establishing timeless memories.

Winter is the middle man. It is the time between a beginning and an end; there is no stress over starting a new year or anticipation for summer break. The season leaves room for us to throw ourselves completely into our school: into homecoming, into sports, into preparing for those end of the year tests. It is a time different than those around it merely for its perfect placement in the timeline of the school year.

Winter brought room for success as well as changes in the norm. Life in the media brought a buzz into the hallways as celebrities continued to surprise their dedicated fans. Justin Bieber got into legal trouble over a carton of eggs and Shia Labeouf is no longer famous. Jay Leno retired his desk on the Tonight Show and Jimmy Fallon left his spot on Late Night to take it over. Miley continued her wild streak and now short hair cuts are sweeping the halls of Central.

The girls’ swimming team brought people to state in multiple events. Those who submitted to Scholastic won gold and silver keys in award for their skills. The theater production put on an awe-inspiring musical for their school. We as students refused to be affected by cold weather and deadly colds. Even the announcement of longer school days for the next year didn’t phase us.

While scraping ice off of car windows and trekking through piles of snow seem like burdens during the onset of winter, the student body persists in order to come together for their school. We inevitably succeed in what we do regardless of Missouri’s choice of climate for the day. Personally, I see this as our greatest strength as a school: focusing on what it means to be a part of our high school regardless of outside conditions. We continue to make the best of what we are given and put forth what we can for our school.
Another chapter was written in the ongoing battle between the seniors and faculty in the 2013 Senior Faculty Games. The annual basketball game ended with a very one-sided score.

"It was pretty embarrassing since we lost by forty or something like that," senior Trevor Moeck said. "So it was pretty embarrassing, but it was still a lot of fun."

The girls played first, and prior to the game, they were fairly confident. "I was confident," senior Jaree Bennett said. "I knew it would be fun, so I didn't like think it was like a hard game. I've played basketball so I wasn't really scared."

The faculty took a quick lead over the girls, and they never looked back. Bennett was surprised by how serious the faculty took the game.

"I didn't take it like, super serious," she said. "I didn't expect them to come at us super serious like they did."

By the time the boys took over, the score was already out of reach. "We knew that we were going to be down by a little bit," Moeck said. "But we thought it was going to be like a four or six point lead, and it ended up being a lot more than that, our hopes kind of went down the drain."

Moeck was able to joke about how he played in the game. "I didn't make any baskets, but I did throw a few passes," Moeck said. "I know JT missed a wide open layup on a beautiful pass I threw."

From the start of the girls game to the end of the boys game, the faculty handily won over the seniors.
Senior Jaree Bennett and Coach Majors jump for the tip during the girls game. The female faculty members later won the game.

Left: Senior Trevor Moeck attempts to block Coach Boone while Boone shoots the ball. Boone eventually made the shot.

Above: The senior girls and female teachers in the games give each other fives after the end of the games.

Left: The male teachers participating in the games cheer on the women teachers playing in the games. The women teachers who did not play in the games cheered on the other teachers.

trash talking teachers
the battle of words before the game

"That's what made it fun because I was trash talking with them and they trash talked back, and I got to play against my cousin who is now a teacher here."
-senior Jaree Bennett

"Me and Coach Musser did a little bit of trash talking and Coach Boone did a little bit of trash talking."
-senior Trevor Moeck
favorite part

"The atmosphere of our Central Crazies."
-Sophomore Jake Hill

"We came out pretty strong against Benton. It was exciting."
- Sophomore Maggie Lawrence

"Derek hit a three-pointer against Leblond."
-Sophomore Gage Stagner

"Beating Leblond was my favorite part of the game."
- Junior Mady Pfleiderer

Top: In the game against Benton, senior Derek Grey passes the ball over a Benton player. Bottom: During a heated game against Leblond, sophomore Kylee Williams falls trying to defend the ball.
On November 26, the boys and girls varsity basketball teams played in the jamboree against Benton, Lafayette, and Leblond. In preparation for the game, the girls team put in hours of practice and hard work.

"Since we didn’t lose anyone it was helpful and we were all in sync. We practiced together, got some plays down, and we knew everyone we were playing against and felt prepared," junior Maddie Pfleiderer said.

The girls worked hard and ran through plays and scenarios over and over until they were confident. All their hard work paid off, and they won against Leblond. Although they didn’t win the other games, they fought hard against Lafayette and Benton.

As for the boys, their tactics were quite similar. The boys focused a lot on being healthy by working out and eating right. They also got the advantage of more players coming in. They all practiced and worked hard to get as good as they possibly could.

"We won one of the three games, which was against Benton," sophomore Gage Stagner said.

Although they didn’t win all three, they also fought strong against Leblond and Lafayette. Both teams worked hard and did their best. Many players on the teams agreed that for next year they want to grow more as a team and become closer, as well as adjust to new coaching styles and plays.
Top 10 Celebrities of 2013
1. Miley Cyrus
2. Drake
3. Kim Kardashian
4. Justin Bieber
5. Beyoncé
6. Rihanna
7. Taylor Swift
8. Selena Gomez
9. Katy Perry
10. Kanye West

"I would say the biggest celebrity event of the year was Paul Walker's death. He was one of my favorite actors and the Fast and Furious movies were a part of my favorite movie series. Whenever I got the news that he died, I was very upset. He was such a good person. He was so actively involved in charities and helping everyone around and I hated to see him go."
-senior Nick Gutzmer

"I think the Olympics are a pretty big event. It's an awesome tradition where the best of the best get to compete for their country."
-senior Bailey Harris

Disney child star Dylan Sprouse's nude photos were leaked via twitter in 2013. Sprouse is just another example of child stars who have lost their innocence.

Kim Kardashian and Kanye West welcomed a baby named North to the world on June 15, 2013. The baby's name caused a big reaction in social media.

On November 30, 2013, Paul Walker from Fast and Furious was killed in a car accident. The death was widely talked about by fans.
What Just Happened?

celebrities mark a year to remember

The famous individuals dominating our lives have left us asking questions in 2014. Questions such as, where did Hannah Montana go? What happened to the innocence of Dylan Sprouse? Did the illuminati take away Paul Walker's death just as fast and furious as his movies? Most importantly, what does the fox really say?

The year of 2013 was one of shock and no filters. Teen stars who were admired by the kids of the 90s turned not-so-innocent, break ups irreparably broke the average heart, and celebrity deaths haunted minds. New trends were started. Twitter became the "see all know all" of social media, and overall the year became one to remember.

Happiness exploded throughout the nation with news of Kanye West and Kim Kardashian's pregnancy - only to be disrupted by controversy over the child's given name, North West. A million girls walked around with crushed souls at news of Channing Tatum's pregnancy with the flawless Jenna Dewan. Beliebers questioned their undying love for Justin with his late arrivals to concerts, arrests, and girlfriend scandals.

The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air made a come back when Will Smith and Alfonso Ribeiro did the Carlton dance together on national television, but shortly after lost the life of everyone's beloved Uncle Phil, or James Avery. Nelson Mandela and Paul Walker left the world as well, but only physically. The legacies of 2013's fallen heroes forever live on.

Most notably, 2013 was the year of Miley Cyrus. A new haircut and color, music style, and clothing choice gave Miley a new name. Fans let go of Hannah Montana, and embraced the individuality of a new type of role model.

Celebrities, whether one chooses to admit it or not, define American culture. They set the mood for each progressing generation, and overall give the average citizen something to talk about. While it's sad to say goodbye to the events of 2013 and early 2014, next year is bound to leave its imprint on society forever.

In 2013, Miley Cyrus ditched her Hannah Montana wig and 'Party in the USA' for short blond hair and a refusal to stop. Her change made her one of the most talked about people of the year.

On December 5th, Nelson Mandela passed away at age 95. The loss of the iconic South African sent shockwaves through social media.

On June 3rd, Channing Tatum and his wife, Jenna, welcomed a baby into the world- further crushing girls dreams of being with him.
What goes into an award-winning piece of work? Creativity? Dedication? Personality? If you ask Central's Scholastic Art & Writing gold key winners, it's all of that and more.

The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards is a yearly competition between creative secondary students from around the country. The submission process begins with an idea. "I have been working a lot with photography this year, so I selected twelve pieces for my portfolio," senior photographer Olivia Callow said. Students are allowed to choose from 28 different categories for their work and are allowed to submit as many pieces as they'd like.

It's not easy-peasy, though. Artists and writers are given a two months' notice before the submission deadline. Junior artist Kaylee Duvall remembers her persistence with her pencil-drawing project. "Me and a couple of other girls that all got gold keys, we put a lot of time into it. We worked on it for quite a few weeks, and we put a lot of work into it."

It's said that eyes are windows to the soul, and art and writing is just the same. Senior poet Kyler Martin tried to incorporate himself into his submission, a poem about a breakup. He believes that was how he won a gold key. "They just liked that I basically said what I wanted. I feel like it's true. Everything, and you can tell that."

In the end, submitters can either lose or win one of three awards: gold key, silver key, and honorable mention. The gold key is the highest award, and winners have their work judged once again for a national award.

Gold key art was displayed at the Albrecht Kemper art museum, and the gold key writing has a chance to be published.
The winners of the art portion huddle together.


Not Pictured: Hannah VanCleave, Summer Weeks, Kenzie Monahan

Top: Senior Hannah VanCleave won an honorable mention at Scholastics. She created a ceramic sculpture referencing to John 21:6. Bottom: Senior Marissa Guthrie also won for her ceramic vases. Her two vases were two different shades in two different sizes.
The crowds raise their arms and get loud to cheer on the boy's basketball team. They provided support as the Indians prepared to "Taze Truman."

Brady Rodney and Tyree Mayfield take center stage of the auditorium in front of the student body, staff, and parents during coronation. They were announced as snowfrost homecoming king and queen.

Sophomore Arnee Stillman jumps in the air to rebound the ball, getting it back for the Indians. This was Stillman's second year on varsity.

JROTC stands at half court before the homecoming game. They held up the flags as the National Anthem was performed.
Taze Truman

"It's amazing how much can be accomplished if no one cares who gets the credit."
Royalty
homecoming king and queen speak about winning the crown

"I was just in it for the fun but winning was the cherry on top."

Brady Rodney

"It was really surprising! I really didn't think I was going to win, but it felt good."

Tyrone Mayfield

The student body shows confusion as they try to comprehend what's happening. The students were disappointed with the referees' decision.

Crazies show their spirit by chanting to other parts of the crowd. The Central fans were unofficially separated into three groups: underclassmen, upperclassmen, and current eighth graders.

Homecoming King Tyrone Mayfield stands at the end of the Indianettes' tunnel to greet the varsity basketball players as they run through. Mayfield had a different handshake for each athlete.

Brady Rodney and Tyrone Mayfield take center stage after they are crowned homecoming queen and king.
Tazing Truman

student body gets pumped for homecoming

Homecoming is described as one of the most anticipated events of the winter season by many. It's a time when girls on court spend time dress shopping, guys on court buy new ties, and students shop until they drop. Performers practice harder, players put their whole heart in the game, and the Crazies get louder.

"My favorite part about homecoming is seeing the school spirit throughout the building," junior Brett Williams said. The whole week is based on getting the school pumped up for the games. This includes dressing up in different outfit styles and taking an overwhelming amount of pictures. "Photo bombing peoples' pictures on the different dress up days is the best part of homecoming," sophomore Paige Downey said. Homecoming also means that you get to look as ridiculous as you want without being judged.

Most people spend the whole week in anticipation for coronation, where the homecoming king and queen are crowned in front of the whole school. Athletes get the chance to vote first, then the rest of the student body gets to make the final votes. On coronation day, the students, teachers, parents, and friends crowd and rush in to the auditorium, anxious to see who won. Brady Rodney was announced as the snowfrost courtwarming queen, and Tyree Mayfield was announced as the snowfrost courtwarming king.

Although the initial homecoming week ended with a "snowpocalypse" storm that caused the game and dance to be postponed, the Crazies didn’t let the spirit die when the rescheduled game against the Truman Patriots occurred. They got loud and stayed loud as the game went on in attempts to "Taze Truman."

"The best feeling is being on the court and being able to hear and feel the positive energy," sophomore Jake Hill said. The Indians fell behind after a long fight, losing 48-53 to the Patriots. Although we didn’t come up with the win, the Crazies and the players will never let the Indian pride die, and will keep hopes high for the next homecoming.

Freshmen Kat Bodicky and Alexa Dixon represent the R.O.C.K. in USA song for "Rep the Song Day."

Junior Jackson Riddle does his special routine before he shoots a free throw. Riddle has played varsity for two years.
"We haven't won that many games, but it has still been a really fun season! I went out on a good note, that's for sure!" - Senior Kyle Fox

"The fan support is awesome! I love home games, even if we lose." - Sophomore Jake Hill

Junior Jackson Riddle dribbles the ball during the senior night game against Truman. Riddle was able to drive into the lane and score with help from senior Kyle Fox by setting a pick for Riddle.

Sophomore Arnez Stillman scores against Truman during the boys senior night basketball game. Stillman's two year varsity experience helped the Indians' with their wins this year.

Senior Derek Gray goes up for a layup and draws a foul. Gray helped keep the Indians close with the Truman Patriots throughout the game.
Never Give Up

Boys give their all no matter what

On the court the one thing that matters is the ball and the net. The Indians basketball boys played their best and that is all that anyone could ask for.

The team ended the season with -- losses and three wins. Senior Kyle Fox said, "We haven't won that many games, but it has still been a really fun season. I went out on a good note, that for sure."

Senior Zack Olson said, "The wins and losses haven't always gone our way this year, but there's no other group of guys I'd rather play with. We play hard and have fun and that's all that really matters."

Having great teammates and a good coach are important in any sport. The boys have always had fans in the stands and that is something that every team needs. Sophomore Jake Hill said, "The fan support is awesome! I love home games, even if we lose."

The team never gave up and gave their best during all of their games. They didn't give up during games when the scoreboard wasn't what they wanted and that is awesome. The team kept going and didn't quit. Freshman Matt Austin said, "This year was rough, but we're young. This is good preparation for next year and the years following."

This season the boys basketball team did more than play on the court. "We do things like, team dinners. We build friendships and enjoy being off the court." They have become close and have become friends.

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Left: Sophomore Tanner Curtain shoots the ball during the boys senior night basketball game. Curtain successfully made the shot, adding points to the Indians' score.
new head coach leads successful season

A "rollercoaster": the word Jessica French, head coach of the Lady Indians used to describe this year's season. This is French's first year as leader of the program and one of her favorite seasons as a coach. The Lady Indians finished 15-11 in the season.

"At times, I was super pumped and super excited and then other times I was down and upset," French said, "But for the most part it was probably one of the best years I've had as a coach."

French had to work with a young team. With a squad full of underclassmen, setting achievable goals was difficult.

"The main goal that I had was I wanted the team's attitude and their projection of themselves to change into tougher, more aggressive players," French said, "and I think by the end of the season, we met that."

Senior Brady Rodney, captain of the team, worked hard to lead this team to a successful season. Rodney said it wasn't always easy keeping the young team on the right track. "With a new coach (and) being so young, it's hard to be on the same page," Rodney said.

The team joined together. They started showing chemistry and winning games. But then misfortune struck the Lady Indians.

"One specific down was when Brady went out in the Truman game with a blown ACL," French said. "Our one and only senior, our team captain."

"To lose her early in the season really hurt us."

That didn't stop the Indians from doing work. In fact, it lit a fire inside of them. "The most positive thing was how everybody came together as a team," French said, "and rallied around each other and was still able to be successful without Brady."

French said their determination and will to work were the strongest showing characteristics in her players that led them to such a successful season.

This season for the Lady Indians couldn't have been a better basis for the successful program French is building. "I just want to thank the girls for working with me and my coaching staff for working so hard," French said.
Senior Captain

what is the best part of Central girls' basketball?

"It's like having a ton of extra sisters."
-senior Brady Rodney

Junior Mady Pfleiderer boxes out a LEBLond player during the city jamboree. Pfleiderer retrieved the rebound in order to help the Indians score.

Sophomore Kylee Williams dribbles the ball down the court against the Lee's Summit West Titans. The Indians fell to the Titans in a close back and fourth game.

Freshman Jaelyn Haggard shoots a three point jump shot against LEBLond in the city jamboree. Haggard knocked down the three to put the Indians in front of the Eagles.

The Indians team gathers together before their game against Lee's Summit West. Central gets together, in the middle of the court, before every game.
favorite moments of the season

"I had so much fun at the invitational at Mizzou and being at the hotel." - sophomore Madison Grooms

"Going to Conference, because JV got second place." - freshman Kadie Willis

"Qualifying for state, that feeling when you make it and know that all of your hardwork has finally paid off is exciting." - senior Rylee Hanlan

Senior Karleigh Eckhardt, freshman Audrey Schanks, senior Madison Ideker, and freshman Madeleine Brownfield celebrate their state cut performance in the 200 free relay. These four Indians later beat the school record in that event.
Senior Bailey Cole swims breast stroke at the YMCA. This was her senior night and last time she would ever swim this race in the YMCA pool.

Senior Rachael West swims breast stroke at the senior night home meet at the YMCA. West won her heat in this race helping the Indians win the meet.

Making a Splash

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Girls strike gold at state

Stroke by stroke, lap by lap, the Central girl swimmers exhaust themselves of all their energy practicing at all times of the day. As they follow a strict schedule of a combination of cross fit and swim practice, they prepare themselves for state.

"The practices are ruthless, but it helps us achieve our goals we set for ourselves throughout the season," senior Rylee Hanlan said.

Hanlan was a captain and participant at state this year. She didn't come home with any wins, but she did beat some of her personal bests.

"Qualifying for state, that feeling when you make it and know that all of your hard work has finally paid off was the best part of the season," Hanlan said.

With so much team building going on, the girls had a more unifying feeling. There were five captains this year for the swim team. These captains paved the way for incoming swimmers.

"The captains worked well together, they really brought the team together," Coach Jenkins said. "We call the captains the moms of the team and they each have their own family, they really brought our team together this year."

Being a team and working hard allowed the team to come in 29th place out of 71 teams at state. Senior Madison Ideker got 15th place in her 50. Lastly their relay team brought home a win in the 11-200 free relay-race.

"I've never had a relay win in this category since I started being a coach, so it felt good to reach new winnings and goals," Jenkins said.

By working as a team and having that feeling of comradery, the girls swim family brought home many great wins from state.
Sophomore Jacob Olson tries his best to gain control of the match against the wrestler from Benton. He has wrestled for two years and finished the season with a record of 23-14.

Junior Giuseppe Ingargiola tries to pin down the other wrestler from Benton High School. Ingargiola has been wrestling for the Indians for one year.

Wrestlers' experiences
What was your favorite memory?

"The overnight tournament in Raytown."
-freshman Coleman Locke

"Riding along with coach Greiner in his van to tournaments!"
-senior Logan Nigh

"My favorite memory was getting second at city duals."
-sophomore Jacob Epperson

Junior Dashawn Evans holds the opposing wrestler from Lafayette High School.
Underclassmen Control

young indians populate team

One spotlight, one opponent, one goal. Wrestling is a very independent sport, but it takes a great amount of dedication and motivation to rise above certain standards. The Indians wrestling team started out with 31 participants but chipped down to 23 by the end of the season. All but seven were underclassmen, but there is no doubt they came every day to get better and prepare themselves for the years to come.

"We had a rough season, mainly because we lost a lot of seniors," Sophomore Chase Morgan said. "We got to put a lot of freshmen in the lineup though which is a good thing because it gives them experience."

Young teams can sometimes be an issue, but only for a short amount of time. With only three seniors, the rest of the team is preparing themselves for the long run.

"We have a lot of young guys! Many of them have improved a bunch," Senior Logan Nigh said. "A lot of them have never wrestled before and just came in and went their hardest. Things started clicking as the season went on and was (a) good experience for them."

Nigh was one of only three seniors (Daniel Stroud, Cade Coffee were the others) to return this season and finished with a winning record of 17-9.

On and off the mat, Nigh enjoyed the opportunity to get to know his coaching staff.

"Coach Greiner is probably one of my favorite coaches to be around especially when we take his van to tournaments," Nigh said.

If there is one thing to graduate high school sports with, it's the relationships that were formed between teammates and coaches.
Some people feel more comfortable skating on ice rather than running on a track, getting checked into a wall rather than getting tackled onto the ground, and shooting a puck rather than shooting a basketball. Seniors Garrett Kellam and Sam Starr are two of these people. Kellam plays hockey for the Kansas City Jets, and Starr plays for the St. Joseph Griffins. Both Kellam and Starr started to play hockey when they were quite young. Kellam first picked up a hockey stick thirteen years ago. "My dad’s boss’s son played hockey," he said.

Starr, who started when he was six, was also influenced to play by his dad. "My dad’s from Vancouver, Canada," Starr said. "And he played a lot of hockey when he was a kid." Both players have their own reasons for sticking with the game. "It’s just a lot of fun," Starr said. "I can’t even describe it. You have to play to know."

Kellam enjoys the physical side of the game. "Hitting people and scoring," Kellam laughed. "It’s pretty barbaric, yeah." Hockey games take place weekly, but unlike any other high school sports, it requires a lot of traveling. Most games are more than an hour’s drive away. Kellam’s farthest trip was to Colorado Springs, Colorado. That trip took nine hours. Similarly, Starr’s longest trip was to Duluth, Minnesota, which took eight hours.

Starr thinks the technicality of hockey sets it apart from any other sport. "I feel like hockey’s a lot faster than any other sport," he said. "It’s pretty technical. You can’t just pick up playing hockey in a year. It takes a lot of time to get good."

Kellam thinks that hockey requires a greater connection with teammates. "I guess you have to bond a little bit more," Kellam said. "I mean they’re people you don’t go to school with all the time, so you kind of have to get to know them a little bit better. You don’t just like hang around with them all the time. You have a lot more chemistry."

People are often surprised when they learn that Starr and Kellam play hockey. "There’s hockey in Missouri?" Starr laughed as he expressed how most people respond to him saying he plays hockey. "Most people don’t know anything about hockey around here. ‘Oh, I’ve never been to a hockey game.’ That’s what a lot of people say. Just not really familiar with it."

Garrett Kellam and Sam Starr are part of a rare breed of high school hockey players. While it involves much more traveling than football, basketball, or any other high school sport, the two find the sport perfect for them.

Senior Garrett Kellam prepares to control the puck. Kellam plays for the Kansas City Jets.
Hockey Highlights
favorite career moments

“My favorite memory was getting the game puck, the MVP.”
-senior Garrett Kellam

“I went to this hockey camp in Michigan, and the Michigan hockey coach, Red Berenson, he’s a really famous Division 1 hockey coach, coached the camp, and there was a lot of the players there.”
-senior Sam Starr

Senior Sam Starr quickly shifts on the ice. Starr plays for the St. Joseph Griffins.

Senior Sam Starr sprints down the hockey rink. Starr started hockey because his father played.
Next **Level**

athletes sign to college programs

**Derek Gray**

"I signed there because it felt like a great program. The football program is moving up, and I wanted to be a part of that. Me and Coach Partridge have been talking well together and it just felt good for the right place."

- senior Derek Gray
Missouri Western State University

**Jacob Kaiser**

"Coach Patrick, our head coach, he seems like he's getting the program in the right direction."

- senior Jacob Kaiser
Quincy University

**Tyree Mayfield**

"They have the degree that I want to get into and I really like the campus and I know someone who's up there right now."

- senior Tyree Mayfield
University of Wyoming

**Kyle Fox**

"My brother goes there, and they're a really good program, so I wanted to go up there and play."

- senior Kyle Fox
Northwest Missouri State University

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Elon Tyree
"I was looking at another place too, but the reason I decided to go to Northwest is that I just love the atmosphere of the campus and the coach and teammates are really awesome guys, really accepted me and welcomed me in, and I know they have a young program that's going to be growing and getting better here in the next few years, and I want to be part of that. Proximity to home was a big factor too. We just adopted a little boy from Ethiopia, so it was really important for me to be close to him while he's growing up."
-senior Zac Miller, Northwest Missouri State University


“Because of my injury, I was forced to re-evaluate my college options. I prayed about it and I talked to my parents. They loved it, I loved it, and it was the best fit.”
-senior Brady Rodney Loyola University Chicago

“When I had my official visit there and meeting Bill Snyder, it was kind of an amazing experience.”
-senior Jebidiah Drost Kansas State University

“Their coach was about the only coach that stuck with me through the recruiting process after I injured my arm.”
-senior Trevor Moeck Maple Woods Community College
The Central Crazies get pumped up to cheer their seniors on for the last boys basketball home game and senior night. Seniors in multiple winter sports were honored at the game.

**Senior Advice**

"Just relax and have fun. The season is shorter than you'd expect so enjoy it," said senior Zach Olson.

"Remember to never sweat the small stuff, because in the end it's really never worth it," said senior Amy Insco.

**Flashbacks**

Pictured: Tyrone Mayfield (Football), Jay Alford (Poms), Coyote Bell (Football), Mary Wichtel (Volleyball), Kyle Fox (Football)
Bittersweet emotions fly through Amy Insco’s head as she walks through the tunnel of cheerleaders when her name is called over the intercom on February 27th. She is guided by her parents as she spends one of her last days as a Central High School basketball cheerleader. It is senior night, and Amy represents every student athlete from every sport Central has to offer.

“I knew this would be one of the last times I got to be with all of my cheer girls,” Insco said. “I’m going to miss cheer so much.”

Torturous, long practices establish bonds between teammates that cannot be easily broken.

“We all have known each other for a long time so it’s like a big family,” senior swimmer Rachael West said.

Saying goodbye is hard when a flood of good memories crash down on an athlete on senior night.

“It’s nice to know that I won’t have to wake up at 6:30 every summer morning to workout anymore, but I’m going to miss being with the guys in the locker room after a hard fought game, and sitting with them on the bus laughing about how awesome Coach Kelley looks wearing his over sized jumpsuit that he wore for travel gear,” senior basketball player Zach Olson said.

The coaches cherish the years they had gotten to spend with their seniors as well. “It’s like a closing of a chapter,” girls Varsity basketball coach Jessica French said. “You’re excited that your players are getting ready to go out into the world, but also that this is going to be the last time you’re really going to have an influence on their lives.”

Senior night is more than a night of recognition for the student athletes that had put their hearts and souls into Central sports for four years. It is about saying goodbye to teammates, coaches, and parents as graduation and college quickly approaches. Most importantly, it is saying goodbye to that senior’s sport. Although each sport’s senior night is held in different seasons and on different dates and hours, the feelings each Indian experiences are universal—once an Indian athlete, always an Indian athlete.
Shae Silvey sings during a dance with Sam Hockaday. This is Silvey's first year attending the Military ball.

Keigan Slade dances in the midst of a circle at the ball. Slade is a sophomore this year.

Freshman Jade Gero enjoys a dance with friends at Military ball. This is Gero’s first time attending the military ball.

Left: Xavier Jones dances with a group of friends including Garrett Busby. Jones is a freshman and Busby is a junior.

Right: Jammie Seippel slow dances at this year's Military Ball. Sipple is a sophomore.
A Winter Wonderland
king and queen share the stage

"Oh, I just can't wait to be king!" One of the catchiest songs of The Lion King rings out of the speakers and into the watchful crowd. Members of JROTC cast their eyes on their king and queen as they dance in the spotlight. The lights twinkle and the Winter Wonderland themed hall comes alive with delight.

Moments earlier, the students were filled with anticipation for the announcement of this year's king and queen of the military ball. Before the big reveal, King Mikel Swope said all he was thinking about was how good he looked in his suit and about all the kids in the crowd who looked up to him. Sheridan Allgood, the queen of this year's military ball said lots of things were running through her mind. "I hope I don't fall. I hope the crown doesn't fall off," Allgood said. "What if the flowers smell bad?"

"When I found out I was king," Swope said, "I was pretty excited."

Allgood was overwhelmed with emotion when her name was called over the loudspeakers. "I almost started crying. I was just so happy," Allgood said, "It was awesome."

Swope and Allgood became instant celebrities at the military ball. "It made more people come up to me and be like 'Congratulations!' so it kind of made me a lot happier," Allgood said, "and I think I had a better time because of that."

Swope said after he won he was busy with pictures and dancing for the rest of the night. "I took pictures with everybody," Swope said, "since this is my last year I took a lot of pictures and danced."

It was a great night to celebrate the JROTC year. "We were really happy to be king and queen together," Allgood said.
Senior, Kaylee Ball practices her debate with her partner Tatiyana Lorrick. Ball participates in Public Forum and various Competitive Drama debates in tournaments.

Words of Wisdom

Forum students work hard to win

Story by

National Forensics League, also known as NFL (not to be confused with the National Football League) is the Speech and Debate program here at Central. This functions as both a class and a club, and is full of hard working students succeeding in both public speaking and overall debate skills.

The students in Speech and Debate have a variety of different events to choose from and succeed in. To qualify for the district level, a student has to make it in one of the top spots at a district tournament. There are two different qualifying tournaments: the student congress and individual events.

Speech and debate activities are challenging and competitive. It requires practice, coaching, dedication, and hard work. This hard work and consistent practice proves beneficial at the tournaments and competitions.

The Speech and Debate program has two leaders this year: Monica Singh and Kaylee Ball. These two seniors have been a part of Speech and Debate for four consecutive years. Singh and Ball both have said that they have improved on their Public Forum debate since they had first started. "To prepare for a tournament I try to write a solid case and find a lot of evidence, then I discuss the case with my partner" Singh says of her tactics, which have proven to be successful over the years.

The topics for Public Forum debate change every month. Public Forum along with many other debate styles change ever so often to keep a variety in the tournaments. Every year the tournaments are held in different places. In 2009 was held in Birmingham, Alabama. In 2010 the tournament was held in Kansas City, Missouri. In 2011 the tournament was held in Dallas, Texas.

Speech and Debate is a rigorous program at Central, and remains a great way for students to learn public speaking and debate skills.
Debate students of Central High School, present the awards they won in the Debate tournament.

Central Junior Jenna Estenson is presented her award at the Savannah debate tournament. Jenna precipitates in many different types of debate.

The speech and debate team waited in the crowds to receive these awards at the Savannah Novice Spectacular. Later, many Central received awards.
And the new record is 175 dollars... for a chair.

Chairs for Charity started three years ago. Chairs were decorated and then auctioned off. The idea originated with DECA student, Katherine Lawrence, for her class project, and it donated all the profit to the Noyes Home. "The great thing is that we do it for two reasons: to help the community and there's a creative component," DECA teacher Mrs. Beavers said. "I think it's knowing that you're doing something for your community."

Beavers decided to keep the event going. "I think it is a good learning experience for the students, a good chance for Central students to get involved." Beavers said over 40 chairs were donated this year—ten or more above previous years.

"I thought it was a good way to use my creativity and skills for a better cause," senior Ryan Marquardt said.

"It's mostly student-driven," Beavers said. Volunteers were tasked with running the snack table, publicizing the auction, greeting the guests, and setting up the event. Preparing for the auction took a couple months in total.

People who made the chairs had their own timelines. "It was several hours. It took over the span of two weeks," Marquardt said. Marquardt and his friends split the work on the chair. Marquardt said it was a lot of work, but it was fun work, and he'd do it again if he weren't a senior. His favorite part (about making the chair) was that he got to work with his friends on it.

The auction was on December 3rd. "It's really surprising in a good way to see how much all of the chair sold for. There were chairs that sold for 50, 70, 80 (dollars) that were no bigger than this one (library table chair)," Marquardt said.

Beavers said her favorite memory of Chairs for Charity was seeing the excitement of the people attending the event as they walked in.

The chairs raised around 1,500 dollars for the Noyes Home. "It's going to go to the general funding; to provide housing because everybody needs housing, especially today. It helps give them a bit more comfort," Beavers said.

The Noyes Home made a chair this year that sold for 175 dollars. "I think my favorite chair was this year's from the Noyes Home," Mrs. Beavers said. "The meaning behind it. I think it's great symbolism: we give to them and they give to us."
Left: A member of the community bids on the chair created by children of the Noyes Home. Their chair sold for most money at 175 dollars.

Above: Members of the community walk around to decide which chair to bid on for the auction. The auction raised 1500 dollars for the Noyes Home.

Left: A young child participates in painting the community chair. Anyone who wanted to paint the chair could leave their mark on the chair which is kept outside of Ms. Beaver’s classroom year-round.

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**chairs for charity** working the event

Sponsor David Jordan, Emory Corso, and Claire Palmer wait at the sign in table at the Chairs for Charity event. Palmer and Corso were active DECA memebe this year.

Erik Hecker and Kayla Spilman set up refreshments for the Chairs for Charity event. It took the efforts of many DECA members to make the event a success.

Senior Hannah Pointer answers questions about the chairs on display. Pointer along with other DECA students helped organize the Chairs for Charity event.
Winter benefits
no school, no problem

It's something anybody can take on, but something hardly anybody wants to do on a free day out of school. Some say it's too cold, others say money is money no matter what it takes.

Junior Trenton Humbert says he loves snow days because he enjoys taking full advantage of them to make hard working cash.

"I made $200 just after shoveling four different driveways." Humbert said. "I was exhausted, but I made bank."

Many students see snow-days as days to themselves; days where they can just sit back and watch Netflix.

Junior Jordan Christensen was far from selfish during the long span of snow days as her and her youth group went and helped the community.

"I went with my youth group to a homeless shelter and we served food to a bunch of homeless men," Christensen said.

The youth group she is a part of also consists of freshman Seth Willoughby, Spencer Cathy, Brandon Sears, and Bailey Christensen.

What better way to spend a day out of school than to give back to the community. The group spent hours a day serving to the homeless and providing support to many unfortunate individuals.

The most common activity many students like to take part of when the snow is falling is sledding, or on a more advanced level, snowboarding.

Snow Creek is a 40 minute, 32 mile drive South to Weston Missouri where junior Clint Squires wishes he had easier access to. During the snow days Squires loaded a car-full of friends and proceeded to go skiing.

"I love when we have snow days because I get to go snowboarding. I really admire it because I have the freedom to do what I want," Squires said.

Squires suggests that everyone should at least give snowboarding a shot because, "...you never know if you'll like it or not. It's something you either love or hate."
Left: Junior Clint Squires spent his snow days snowboarding at Snow Creek. He snowboards at Snow Creek nearly every weekend.

Above: Superintendent Dr. Fred Czerwonka sends out cancellation updates via twitter. The beginning of February was unseasonably cold causing multiple cancellations.

Left to right: Spencer Cathey, Seth Willoughby, Brandon Sears, Jordan Christensen, and Bailey Chisvetensen serving to the homeless.

Why did you do what you did on the snow days?

"My favorite part of serving at the soup kitchen was seeing how happy a simple thing I often take for granted, makes other people. I enjoyed honestly helping other people in need."
- Junior Jordan Christensen

"I wish we could have snow days every day! I just started getting interested in snowboarding, and I love it!"
-Junior Clinton Squires

"I like helping out my neighbors and family on snow days. As long as I'm making money."
-Junior Trenton Humbert
A child from the trash dump working to find food and recyclables. The people who live in the dump have to search for food daily.

Workers from the trash dump lining up to get food and water. Hayes and Sliwson's group set up a table to pass these out to the workers in need.

Gene Hayes playing with a young girl from the school. The kids enjoyed spending time with the boys and other workers.

The children from the school wait excited for the workers to come in and help them out. The group enjoyed meeting the kids and getting to connect with them.
On February 14th, Juniors Gene Hayes and Wesley Slawson went to Tegucigalpa, Honduras for a mission trip. They stayed there to help and serve for a week.

Wesley has been to Honduras three times and knew what to expect. Gene on the other hand had never been.

"It was a huge culture shock for me. It was my first time out of the country and it was shocking to see how other people live," Hayes said.

While there, Slawson and Hayes worked at a school called AFE that was dedicated to the people there who live in the trash dump. The school gets the kids out of the dump and gives them an education and food. Slawson and Hayes helped build a wall around the school. They also helped build a house for one of the student’s family.

They also went to the actual dump where the people work and earn money by going through the trash to find food and recyclables. Slawson and Hayes took water and food for the people there, and all the people lined up to get it.

While working at the school, they were able to connect with some of the students. They befriended a few of the little fourth grade girls who were smitten with Hayes. A few of the kids made an effort to communicate with and befriend them. Some of the high school students there were able to speak a little English, so they were able to talk with them some.

"That was a pretty good experience because getting to talk to someone even though there’s a language barrier is pretty interesting," Slawson said.

Although they did a lot of work, they were able to have some fun as well. Some nights they got to go into the city to eat and go shopping. One place they visited was Valley of the Angels which is a big tourist site where you can shop and experience the culture some.

The boys said it was a great and humbling experience.
This year many things ended. Some sad, some not so sad. One main thing that was a huge deal was Seth Meyers leaving Saturday Night Live to take over Late Night, Jimmy Fallon leaving Late Night to take over The Tonight Show, and Jay Leno disappearing from the show entirely. This was a nationwide outrage. People were upset that their favorite hosts were leaving. Although two of them were moving up, Jay Leno being done was a big deal. Leno announced that he was done with television for good. Although he has done this before and come back, he claims he is finished forever.

One thing that sophomore Ally Fields is upset by is Shia Labeouf’s career ending. “I was sad that Shia Labeouf’s career ended. I will forever miss Shia Labeouf.”

Labeouf showed up at a movie premiere with a paper bag over his head that said “I am not famous anymore”. Also, in a press conference right before the premiere, he used a famous French soccer player’s quote to answer a question. Many people were shocked and upset by Labeouf’s actions.

Another big thing that ended was Seth Meyers on Saturday Night Live. He was part of the SNL cast for 13 years and was a head writer for the show. He joined the Weekend Update segment during the 2006-2007 season when Tina Fey left the show. Meyers continued as the anchor for 8 years, 5 of which he did as the only anchor. Sophomore Jordan Corcimiglia was very upset by Meyer’s moving to Late Night.

“I’m sad that Seth Meyers left SNL. He was really funny, and I loved his Weekend Updates,” Corcimiglia said. Film/Television personalities aren’t the only ones being missed, though. Sophomore Noelia DePietro was sad for her childhood to be ending.

“My childhood because now I can’t walk into buffets and get free meals because I look 10. I can’t eat whatever I want anymore. I can’t be carried to bed when I fall asleep on the couch, which I don’t understand why because I don’t even weigh that much! Forreal tho, I don’t feel ready enough to make big decisions about my life. But I can’t stop time, so I’ll try to make the best of it.”

DePietro also said she was sad that school was going by so fast. High school is where many people get a bit of a reality check; they have to be ready to grow up and make big decisions. Many wish they could go back to the days they were small enough to be carried to bed and not have to worry about the big assignment due the next day in AP Euro. Many things have ended, but sometimes you just have to push forward and look on the bright side.
What is ending that you will miss?

I loved him so much and he is literally so hot. I cannot even. Even when he went through his cannibal phase, ugh. But yeah, I was looking forward to seeing his new movie that he stole the idea from some guy.
-sophomore Ally Fields on Shia Labeouf

I'll miss him in general. Plus the people who replaced him aren't very funny.
-sophomore Jordan Corcimiglia on Seth Meyers

I don't feel ready to make big decision, but I am going to try to make the best out of the situation.
-sophomore Noelia DePietro on Childhood

Jay Leno retires as the host of the Tonight Show.
The Plaza 8 movie theater gets destroyed just before its closing.
The vote for Smoke Free St. Joseph went on the ballot on April 8, 2014.
Seth Meyers leaves Saturday Night Live to become the host of Late Night.
The Olympics
shocking moments of the olympics

"That the Russians got the most total medals against U.S. and everyone else."
- Freshman Carson Masoner

"What I found shocking was at the Olympics the fifth ring did not light up right away."
- Junior Ashley Marshall

"Most shocking moment was when Sage Kotsenburg took gold."
- Sophomore Alex Bergland

takes world by storm

story by

People look forward to the event that only comes around every few years, but unusual incidents in Russia turned the Olympics of fun, exciting games into an Olympics of nightmares. The Winter Games began on February 7, 2014 as the athletes beat records and gave the world a spectacular show in Sochi, Russia.

With the amazement that fills people's eyes, some serious events had people turning their heads in confusion. From the mishap of the fifth Olympic ring during the opening ceremony to multiple terrorist threats to manners as simple as hotels in Russia not being ready and open for their guests, the Sochi Olympics appeared ill-prepared.

Hotels are a home away from home, right? Well, in Sochi, this is hard to believe as the doors don't even allow the families to enter the room. More problems included televisions not working, light bulbs not in lamps, some bathrooms lacking hot water and producing dark colored water.

"The hotels are a big deal to the families that are staying down in Russia, but that doesn't really affect us who are experiencing the Olympics at home," junior Ashley Marshall said. With a list this big of problems occurring in Sochi, what's the big attraction?

With problems occurring everywhere, still nothing can distract people from the performances of the amazing athletes. "I know there was a lot of stuff going down at Sochi but nothing can beat the amazing tricks those athletes do," sophomore Alex Bergland said. People boasted about the security checkpoints in Sochi preventing anything from coming about from the terrorist threats. As athletes represented their countries in the Olympics, all their countries proved victorious and took home medals of gold, silver, and bronze. Russia took first with the USA closely behind, and Norway took third in the overall medal count.

Despite all the troubles and mass chaos that occurred in Sochi, people got to enjoy the excitement and competition that the Olympics bring to everyone.
The Goods in Life

what's everyone spending money on?

story by

Peyton Davis
Senior
His favorite place to eat is Taco Bell.

Bailey Cordiner
Sophomore
His favorite place to eat is Cheddar's.

Madison Guthmiller
Sophomore
Her favorite place to eat is Olive Garden.

Job: Cashier @ Hume
Hours per week: 10
Paycheck: $190 per 2 weeks
Expenditures:
1. Gas $120 a month
2. Food $30 a month
3. Savings Deposit $230 a month

Job: PepperJax's
Hours per week: 23
Paycheck: $240
Expenditures:
1. Gas $130
2. Rent $50
3. Utilities $50

Job: Cracker Barrel
Hours per week: 15-20
Paycheck: $95-100
Expenditures:
1. Food $10
2. Gas $35
3. Miscellaneous

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Kayli Bragg
Senior
Her favorite place to eat is Taco Johns.

Vincent Chavez
Junior
His favorite place to eat is McDonalds.

Emily Frazier
Sophomore
Her favorite place to eat is Sakura.
DECA Thrives

DECA, more formally known as the Distributive Education Clubs of America, impacts the lives of students from all over the country and beyond. DECA is a club that has persisted at Central for 14 years and teaches students leadership and entrepreneurship skills in business terms. Students go to competitions and innovative trips to learn essential marketing skills. This year the Central DECA chapter took over 10 students to New York, and 30 students to state competition in the Ozarks.

"DECA competitions are aligned with business industry standards," DECA advisor Lisa Beavers said. "Students acquire skills in writing, testing, their knowledge of business, and use presentation skills with an industry professional serving as a judge."

Students gain appreciation for DECA because of the real life business experience it provides. "I am passionate about DECA because I see the skills that students are learning now can be put forth towards what they will do in their futures," DECA President Regan King said.

The students that qualified for state work hard on their projects to advance to the national level of competition. "Revising your project to make it better and going over your notes is a big portion of preparation— but practicing with Ms. Beavers and Mr. Jordan is key and is what really helps you become better prepared," senior state finalist Mikala Smith-Banks said.

Just as students are given a chance to compete, they are given a chance to have fun and explore through DECA. They make friends from all over the state, and establish memories that never fade. DECA is more than a club— it's an adventure that never ends.
Senior Austin Ambrozi advances to state in the Ad Campaign event.

DECA students enjoy a day at Madison Square Garden.

DECA students Wilk Catron, Kaleigh Pryor, Emory Corso, Garrett Ensign, Beverly Catron, Jacob Cebulko, and Mikala Smith-Banks at the top of the Empire State Building.

Seniors Aaron Moutray and Ryan Cartledge await the awards ceremony at DECA districts on February 13.

Below juniors Liz Eastin and Claire Palmer chat before competing at Zona Rosa DECA district competition.

DECA students tour Yankee Stadium.

Bryce McNett, Kaleigh Pryor, Beverly Catron, Emory Corso, Mikala Smith-Banks, and Bacchus Loe visiting the Statue of Liberty.
Polar Plunge

story by

stuco raises money for somo

It is February 15th. The air hits hard against their skin as they prepare to run into the freezing cold water. There are people surrounding them as they give each other pep talks. They are raising money for a good cause. They are Polar Plungers.

"The polar plunge is an annual event for the Special Olympics of Missouri," senior student council advisor Kathy Northup said. "It happens to be the charity of choice for the Missouri Association of Student Councils, so Central feels very strongly that we need to participate."

Student council members from all four classes are honored to participate.

"My best friend's brother has autism, so I did it for him," freshmen student council member Ashley Moeck said.

Precautions were made to ensure that the plungers did not get sick from being exposed in the winter weather.

"I prepared a few towels and warm clothes for pre and post plunge," senior Cabinet member Robert Adams said.

"The program also had a warm tent for people to dry off and stay warm."

The crowd's excitement rubbed off on the plungers.

"The atmosphere was really nice and fun," Adams said. "Everything was organized well and registration was smooth and efficient."

From decorating the halls to sprinting into icy water, student government does a lot for Central High School and the St. Joseph community. This year the Greatest School West of the Mississippi raised $525 dollars for the Special Olympics, and had seven plungers in all from the four classes. They were freezin' for a reason, and plan to plunge again in the future to raise money for a worthy cause.

"I really wanted to cross something like this off my bucket list."

-senior Robert Adams
“It was a lot of fun and I enjoyed doing it with my friends,” senior Jeb Drost said.

“Central High School enjoys being a part of the Polar Plunge every winter,” student government advisor Kathy Northup said.

“The Missouri Special Olympics program is a good cause,” senior Robert Adams said.
The school board meets in the downtown office to discuss plans for the future. "Education Each Child for Success" is the SJSO slogan.

The school district offices are connected to the downtown public library. This is where the school board members regularly meet to consider making changes to the district policies.
The new superintendent, Fred Czerwonka, brought in new ideas to change how our schedule looks for the 2014-2015 school year. "The plan is to go fewer days in the school year, I believe, for students, back to 167 days from 170-some odd right now," Principal Stephens explained. "But in order to do that, you would go about 20 minutes longer each day. So you'd be getting out earlier in the summertime, but to do that you'd go a little bit longer each day."

The district offices worked with the school board to come to this decision. Some students might groan at the thought of the extended school day, but Principal Stephens doesn't think we'll notice it. "It's just a few minutes added onto each class," she stated. The longer day could definitely bring benefits to students and teachers alike.

Being on a committee that discusses ways to use the extra minutes, Principal Stephens has high hopes for the new schedule. "I know one thing they want to accomplish is to allow students the opportunity for intervention time at the end of class," she said. "After the teacher has taught, she'll know from the last assessment you took who's got it and who still needs some help."

Something Principal Stephens also hopes to see is additional time in FLEX. She added, "It feels like we don't really have the opportunity to do anything in there, and I'd like to see kids be able to really use it to be able to improve academically." Students could use this extra time to make up work or see teachers about their grades.

The decision was made for the benefit of students, Stephens mentioned. "I'm looking forward to figuring it all out. I'm just worrying about trying to do the best for kids."
Operation:

story by

Sara Schrage
It's inevitable. On February 14th every year, the office is jam-packed with red and pink. Hundreds of balloons, bears, and sweets take over. This is one of the busiest days of the year for secretaries and office aides alike.

"It's very chaotic," Secretary Tara McCauley said, "It's constant all day long flowers, balloons, deliveries, and teddy bears."

All the incoming gifts keep the office aides occupied for the entire hour.

"There is no stopping," aid Zoey Jenson said, "You just had to keep running back and forth."

Hannah Pointer, another office aide, said she knew what to expect on Valentine's Day.

"I'm not going to lie, I was really stressed out about it in the morning," Pointer said, "I knew that I was going to be sprinting down the hallways for an hour and a half."

Cindy Gilleland, attendance secretary, has a method to keep the day stress free. She has Valentine's Day down pat.

"It's busy, but we do have a pretty good little system down between all of the secretaries and office aides," Gilleland said, "so it works out pretty good."

The day is full of mixed emotions. Some love all the red and pink and some think it is ridiculous.

"I think it is kind of fun," Gilleland said, "I kind of enjoy the day just to see the different stuff that comes in."

Others view it as a waste of money.

"I think it's crazy," McCauley said, "that people spend all this money on all of it."

No matter your outlook on Valentine's Day, every year the office will be overwhelmed with the abundance of balloons, bears, and sweets. It's inevitable.
The Central High School Cheerleaders cheer on the girls basketball team while they play Park Hill.

Favorite Moments
week of pink

"My favorite part about playing in the game was having a good crowd!"
junior Mady Pfeiferer

"My favorite part about playing in the game was having senior night and paint it pink in the same night."
sophomore Alix Wilson

Freshman Jaelyn Haggard shot the ball during the Paint It Pink game against Park Hill. She later makes the shot.

Senior Nick Gutzmer presents this year's honorie Mrs. Shelley Fox for being a survivor of breast cancer.
For some, February may be a month where they are mainly focused on presents, their loved ones, relationships, and Valentine’s Day. For others, it’s a month to celebrate a survivor or remember a loved one who fought hard in a difficult time.

Like many other places around the country, for Central, February brings a week of pink as breast cancer is supported throughout the school. Although October is the designated National Breast Cancer Awareness month, organizations are dedicated to raising awareness and education about this cancer type throughout the year. This is a collaboration of national public service organizations, government agencies, and professional medical associations that work together to promote awareness and provide greater access to services for people to get checked and/or cared for.

Breast cancer can affect both men and women. Last year more than 230,000 women and more than 2,200 men in the U.S. were diagnosed with breast cancer. Since so many people have been diagnosed with it, it is recommended that everyone gets a check up at least once a year for early detection or to reduce the risk and numbers of this cancer.

Paint it Pink is a game for the girls’ basketball team where pink is the main color for both the players and for the crowd. It’s used to represent support for breast cancer and recognize a survivor for their hard fight.

Dress up days were set up for the week of the game to show our spirit and support, and to get everyone ready for the game later on in the week. The days included “hats off for cancer” where you wear a pink hat, “pink on your feet” where you, obviously, wear pink on your feet, pink dress up day, wear your Paint it Pink shirt day, and a pink out day. "I like the amount of support we have," said senior Tony Todd. Mostly everyone in the school dresses up for these days to show their support for the cause.

After the long week of pink, the Lady Indians basketball team took on Park Hill at home. Due to it being the Paint it Pink game, the girls wore as much pink as they possibly could in order to show support. The cheerleaders wore their Paint it Pink shirts, and the crowd also wore the Paint it Pink shirts that were sold to raise money for Heartland Breast Cancer Awareness. The girls fought hard while playing for a good cause, but fell short two points to Park Hill.

Every year during the game, Central recognizes one warrior and survivor of breast cancer. This year, it was the step-mother of Elena and Kyle Fox, Mrs. Shelley Fox. "I believe in the cause," said senior Austin Ambrozi. Many people are diagnosed with breast cancer every year, and some may not even know it. As Mrs. Fox is announced, she recommends everyone getting checked yearly and checking yourself at least once a month.

Central also raised $635.80 to Heartland Breast Cancer Awareness from Paint it Pink shirts that were sold the previous week.
Junior Evan Brown asked junior Brett Williams to prom. "I really wanted to surprise her. I was talking to Hayley Hinde about ideas to surprise her, so we came up with the idea to surprise her with balloons," said Brown. He also gave her flowers and wrote "Prom?" on her car. Without hesitation, Brett said yes!

Will You Go To Prom With Me?

(Top) Junior Tim Tremain asked junior Kenzie Sample. "I just thought Kenzie deserved a very surprising and sincere way to be asked." After she walked in and saw her surprise, she said yes!

(Middle) Junior Jacob Mejia asked junior Kennedy Chavez. "I decided by knowing her favorite foods would help me out, and I had to combine them into a cute message."

(Bottom) Junior Emory Corso got asked by Junior Marco Machado. "I was completely surprised and couldn't wait to tell him yes," Corso said.
After the teachers and students were done warming up for the senior faculty games, students and staff lined up to form a tunnel while varsity cheerleaders Kayla Morris and Mia Lund escorted Tryston Weston through it and across the court to ask a young lady, Erin Dunn, to prom by surprising her with flowers. He asked in front of the whole student body and staff using the gym microphone. She said yes!
Faces: what we recognize and remember about the people we once knew. When names escape us, we recount the face that went along with the memories. We remember the smiles and the laughter lines and the funny moments that made our years memorable.

When we look back on our time here at Central, we will remember it with the guy who drummed his fingers on his desk in math class and the girl who always had a cup of Starbucks with her. We will remember the kids who shared the answers to the homework and the ones who were nice enough to save us a seat at lunch.

The people make up what we are at this school. Regardless of tests and records and papers, we exist as the sole source of energy and character in our school.

We take for granted our presence in this building. Without the student body we are left with blank hallways empty of the voices and faces we have become accustomed to. We are responsible for more than just our attendance: we decorate the hallways, take over the announcements, create the science experiments that are displayed. People establish the environment that exists within a school, it is not established by infrastructure alone.

**Personally,** I can not think of any better experience from high school than meeting the people. They are the ones who make math seem bearable when it appears to be foreign. They bring you up when they can tell you are down. With such diversity, Central presents itself as a golden opportunity for meeting such people and bettering one's experience in high school.

So remember the faces, Central. Remember the people that made your experience golden. Appreciate what they did for you and recognize what you did for them. Take away from this school what one can only hope to take away: the memory of a mass of smiles and faces that allowed us to enjoy our years here, and to find people to make memories with.
Class of 2014
Collecting items that can be found free is typical. Collecting items that require the spending of money is dedication. What an individual spends their time and money on is a good representation of that person's characteristics. Some people collect coins. Some people collect bottle caps. And others, like senior Bacchus Loe, collect shoes.

"I've wanted Vans since freshmen year, but I never had the money or time to do it," Loe stated. "After I got a job, I could start saving up and also buy Vans."

Quantity is quality in the fashion-conscious era of 2013. "I have 15 pairs of Vans, ranging from $45 to $65," Loe stated. Style is another factor that makes this brand preferable. "The $45 (Vans) are usually the canvas authentic type—just one color. Sometimes they categorize them by era, which right now is the Marvel Era," Loe stated.

When the winter holidays are not right around the corner, Loe works diligently on increasing his collection. "It was a while during the summer that I bought two pairs a month," Loe stated.

Loe puts his collection to use. "I wear Vans everyday except for at work, and when I work out," Loe stated.

There are multiple different stores to purchase this brand from as well.

"I get most of them from Journeys and PacSun. Normally they don't have my size, so I have to order them online," Loe stated. This collection can easily become expensive.

"I use the shoe laces they come with, but if they get dirty, I buy more. I only use white, but if different colors come with them I'll use those instead. I wear no-show socks, which I purchase at Off Broadway Shoes. I also use the Shield to protect them from dirt and water," Loe stated.

Loe's collection defines who he is. "Shoes in general make up someone's personality. They represent me," Loe stated.

A habit he has gotten used to, Loe looks forward to the next era of Vans on the market.

"I'm gonna go for the 59 Era, which is 1950-1960 colors. They will look more casual than the Superhero Marvel Era," Loe stated. Anything a person does is an element shown of that individual's personality and interests. The music they listen to, sports they engage in, and classes they choose to take are examples of typical elements. The elements often overlooked are the things that people wear, and how they present themselves physically. Loe wears Vans everyday to represent his creativity, and shows no signs of stopping in the future.
Places We'll Go

things we'll do

Story by
Rigley Smith-Knight

Scotland
“I have to get my basic studies here first then I will be able to go to Scotland.”
- senior Madison McKinley

Drake University
“I want to major in international business. I will go for 4 years.”
- senior Dulce Rosas

Oklahoma University
“It's my hometown. I want to major in International studies.”
- senior Heather Holmes

Vanderbelt
“I'm the only student from Central going to Vanderbilt but I am excited.”
- senior Ryan Marquardt
Joining the ranks of Steve Jobs and Mark Zuckerberg, entrepreneurs who changed the world at a young age, is senior Sebastian Kline, CEO and founder of Kline Tech.

Kline came up with an idea for a new warehousing system, which he believes will lower costs for companies. “We sell an inventory system for the iPhone,” said Kline. “It’s so easy to use that grandma could figure it out.”

Kline had to go through several steps to get his idea up and running. “There’s always papers of incorporation, there’s writing a business plan, compiling financials, getting people who have the same philosophy as you so you can get your first customers, and you have to find people to advise you,” Kline said. He has been advised by Rebecca Evans from the Small Business Administration and Larry Lee from the Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship at Northwest Missouri State University.

Building a product is one thing, but finding a customer is something completely different. “People think, ‘Oh yeah, if I make it they’ll come,’” said Kline. “It’s not that kind of industry anymore. Now everybody wants a piece of the pie, and they’re really nitpicky about what features they get and what kind of deals you can cut them, and early on you can’t cut very many deals, and you have a product, and they either want it or they don’t, and if they don’t share the same philosophy, you probably don’t want them as a customer.”

Even before he graduates, Sebastian Kline already has the foundation in place for a successful company.
"[I got the tattoo] about two weeks ago. It's a cross on my heart; I got it 'cause I'm Catholic. I went to Catholic school, and so it shows my Christianity: It's just a way to show it. I had a necklace, but I was always taking it off, and I can't take this off."

"I got my tattoo right after my birthday, September 4th. I went and got it with my mom and my aunt; we all got the same tattoo together. It's like a bonding symbol. It's a Celtic emblem, from my heritage from Ireland and Scotland. I went on a trip and went to Ireland and Scotland over the summer, and that's where I found the symbol. Then I came back and got the tattoo. Each swirl on the tattoo symbolizes a stage in a woman's life: maiden, mother, and crone."
Alecia Gibson

"I have my belly button, my monroe, my septum, my cartilage, my gauges, too. I like the look of them, and I just like the fact that I can do that. People don't look at me and be like, "Oh, she's a freak," and stuff like that. All of my friends are very accepting about that."

Kyler Martin

"A lot of my friends had [their septums] pierced, so I was inspired by them. There is kind of a meaning behind it. In Native American culture, a lot of times they indicate the chief of a tribe. I'm Native American, so chief, top dog, yeah."

Christiana Woodcock

"I got my tattoo because it's from a movie and the director talks a lot about a balance between the good and the bad in people and just has a lot of good meaning to it. It's from Princess Mononoke; it's from Japan. I'm gonna get more tattoos soon!"

Tyler Kincaid

"I got more added to it last week. It's like, a cool peacock feather and then there's an all-seeing eye, and there's this really good looking chick with a snake going through her hair and stuff. I've always wanted one, and I just like art alot. And I think it's beautiful."

It's stupid how people have stigmas towards piercings and tattoos and any type of self-expression."

-Kyler Martin
rhythm and poetry

"I write what I feel and express it through words in the best way possible," said senior Kyler Martin. Unlike those who do sports, he finds beauty in words and language. Martin has been doing creative writing since he was in kindergarten. He started by writing short stories for his friends to have something to laugh at. At the age of 10, he started to to write poetry and songs. Martin began to write because he was influenced by music.

Rapping is another talent of Martin's. His favorite rapper is Drake. "Drake is a lyrical genius when he wants to be. He knows what people like and want to hear as well as how to create it. He's a true artist," said Martin. Martin received a mic set as a Christmas gift, and he said that he has done a lot a lot of rapping. "Rap stands for rhythm and poetry, which is something that a lot of people don't know," said Martin. "When I rap, I'm constantly staying true to what I say. Everything is personal."

With his creative writing and rapping, Martin likes to preform what he writes. He preforms at open mics and has done four of them. "I get incredibly nervous right before I do them, but as soon as I get on stage everything becomes fluid and natural," said Martin.

Martin plans on attending Missouri Western State University after graduating. He plans to get his general education from Missouri Western, and then attend college in Chicago for music production, poetry, creative writing, and potentially film.
"Midwest's best I got an X on my chest where Missouri rests like a treasure chest in my chest, I killed your flow and I'm not impressed, I'm too based and I'm too blessed."
"My first kiss was in sixth grade. It was in Lexi’s basement and the boy I kissed was Grant Scottle. It was Lexi, Grant, our other friend Pierce and I. Pierce and Lexi were just like kiss each other already. We were all sitting in a circle and they just sat there until we kissed each other."

Hannah Van Alen

"My first kiss was when I was sixteen. I was at my house and my boyfriend at the time came over. We walked to the pond by my house and then, we sat at the bench then he had kissed me.

Rylee Hanlan

"I had my first kiss when I was sixteen. I was at the movies with a girl. I didn’t have enough courage to kiss her. Then, at the very end of the movie, I got the courage to kiss her."

Jellica Smith

"My first kiss was when I was four years old. A girl and I were playing the game Mommy and Daddy. We were in a playhouse then we kissed."

Tony Todd

"My first kiss was at Trails West when I was thirteen. This boy and I walked to the top of the hill. Then he kissed me at the top of the hill."

Kasli Brass
"I was twelve years old. I was dating this girl for about three months, we were at the Bode Ice Arena. I just kinda went in for it and things worked out so I kissed her."
an internship abroad

After high school, most people choose to go to college or into the workforce, but senior Grace Marks has other plans. She is travelling thousands of miles across the ocean to take a yearlong church internship in Cape Town, South Africa.

"I was planning on going to college after high school," said Marks. "Then this summer I went to a church conference and there was a sermon about this guy and he didn't want to give up his dreams and stuff, and then he felt like God wanted him to, and then he decided to, and now he's a leader in the church and does great things." Deciding to forego college was not an easy choice for Marks. "I was really challenged by that, and then I felt like I still didn't want to go on year team or anything, but then I felt like God told me I should told me I should be on year team, so I decided to give up college."

A lot of preparation has gone into Marks' internship. "I got a job this summer because it's a big thing you have to save for," said Marks. "I'm talking to people who have already gone, and I'm going to get my shots this summer so I don't get sick from going over there. Also you can send out letters if you don't raise enough money by the time you want to go, then you can send letters to people in your church and in your family and they can give donations if they want to."

The internship comes with several responsibilities. "You read books and you serve the community. You serve the church, and you get involved and learn and take leadership roles," said Marks.

Marks is looking forward to the experience, but she is nervous at the same time. "I'm really excited to go," Marks said. "I'm nervous because I've never been far away from my family, I'm really close to my family, and it'll be kind of scary to be away from them and out of my comfort zone, but I'm really excited to see what God does in my life and hopefully in others."

Grace Marks will be spending the next year serving others overseas. Her internship could run from this August 2014 to August 2015, or from January 2015 to January 2016.
Story by
Collin Raymond

-being student body prez-

"[My life was] pretty average. I came to school every day, and I played sports. I was just the average Central High School student." JT Yuratovich, Student Body President said. He was elected for this position at the end of the 2012-2013 school year. Now, as a senior who runs things, everyone passing by him in the hallways knows who he is. "A lot more people recognize me," Yuratovich, who estimated that he knows the names of at least 700 students, said. "I feel like I need to set an example for people, and I feel like I need to get to know people’s names a lot better."

Becoming the president of the entire student body came with a lot of responsibilities. "I have to speak at most school functions. I help out with video announcements. And I just help make sure things are going smoothly for events like homecoming and festivities." To get all of this done, he has to be at school more often. Yuratovich is very dedicated, as he’s never missed a single day of school in his life.

Keeping events successful isn’t the only thing the SBP has done. Yuratovich brought tradition back to the school by reciting the Central pledge every morning during the announcements. Senior Ryan Cartledge commented on this, tweeting, “Thanks to JT, there’s no longer that awkward silence when we say the Central pledge.” JT Yuratovich’s hard work, dedication, and school spirit has not failed.
Embarassing Moments

seniors share their mortifying moments

"So I was a football trainer my freshman year. I was at a summer practice, and I was still super new because school hadn't even started yet, so hardly anybody knew me. I wore these white basketball shorts (really don't know why) and I had these bright turquoise blue granny panties on underneath. I clearly had no clue that you could see right through these shorts. The really cute senior football star, Alex Ray, came up to me and I was like, "Oh my gosh! Someone actually wants to talk to me?" but he told me that you could see my underwear through my pants and that practically the entire football team was talking about it. I completely melted insides." - senior Regan King

"My most embarrassing moment was probably when I did Mr. CHS and had to wear a woman's swimsuit and also a dress with hot pink high heels. That was awful." - senior Tyler Reed

"I was at work one day (Hy-Vee) and apparently I outgrew my uniform. I was working in an aisle and I dropped something so I bent down to pick it up. My pants that no longer fit me ripped along with my underwear. Everybody in that aisle got mooned." - senior Jeb Droist

Highschool memories

senior year in a nutshell

Ellis Island Immigration Museum
Statue of Liberty National Monument
"One time in pre-school I peed myself, and my teacher wouldn't let me sit down until my mom brought me a change of clothes. Also, when I went to my very first football practice I wore my game jersey instead of my practice jersey." - senior Zachary Olson

"Lexi's older sister waxed my eyebrow off when we had a snow day my freshman year, and I had never gotten my eyebrows waxed before so I thought it was a good idea, but obviously it wasn't and so for like 2 months I had to draw my left eyebrow on with a makeup pencil." - senior Karleigh Eckhardt

"During the senior faculty game Coach Boone went up for a dunk and I went up to block it but what ended up happening is he dunked on me. Everyone was going crazy and I thought I blocked him, but that wasn't the case. He dunked on me." - senior Trevor Mocek
Most Likely to Go Pro

Brady Rodney & Derek Gray

Bragg, Kayli
Cheerleading
Freshman Mentor Program
Volleyball
FCCLA
You can do anything you set your mind to!
Briscoe, Aaron
Honor Roll
You have an orange peanut. An orange peanut...for me? Well I accept you.
Butterfield, Tanner
Track & Field
FCA
Keep the party going.

Catron, Beverly
Volleyball
Swimming
Powderpuff
Student faculty game
DECA
Younglife
Do not fall into the norm of your peers. Be yourself.
Clark, Abby
Don't slack. Do your work and stay in school. Also stay calm.
Clark, Alison
Get involved. Have fun. Be true to yourself and be an Indian!
Cline, Matthew
Choir
Never let yourself be defeated, you are stronger than you think and at the end of the day only you can allow yourself to be harmed. Stay strong and you will go far.
Conard, Dylan
Football
Track
Don't do drugs, exercise, don't be a dingus.

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Cole, Bailey
Student Government- three years
Swim Team- four years
Freshman Mentor Program- one year
NHS- two years
Yearbook- one year
"There's power in looking silly and not caring that you do." - Amy Poehler
Conard, MacKinzie
Tennis- four years
Student Government- one year
Freshman Mentor Program- one year
Bel Canto Choir- three years
NHS- two years
Always offer a smile to whoever you see because you never know how close of a friend they will come to be.
Cooper, Cody
Hillyard District Contest
Don't get behind because when you do it's hard to get it back up.
Cruse, Tra
Student Government
Football
Younglife
Have fun and be smart...

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Damerval, Aslyn Grace
Musical
Yearbook:
Be yourself, everyone changes in high school, it's up to you who you become.
"This above all, to think own self be true" - William Shakespeare
Davis, Devin
Football
Wrestling
Track
The easy way is always the best way.
Davis, McCabe
Mentor
Swimming
Spanish club

Bass, Logan
DECA- two years
Pokémon Club- two years
Ceramics Club- one year
"I see now that the circumstance if one's birth are irrelevant; it is what you do with the gift of life that determines who you are." - Mewtwo
Bass, Shaleigh
Track and Field
Everyday is a fashion show and the world is your runway.
Baumann, Maxwell
Scholar bowl
Chem- physics club
Latin club
Orchestra
You aren't that important.
Beier, Wyatt
Drama- one year
Bennett, Jarre
Volleyball
Basketball
Track and field
DECA
FCCLA
Live life with no regrets which means get involved in everything in high school.
Bokay, Caitlyn
Photography
Study, do your homework, and study. You'll regret it if you don't.
Bransfield, Somer
Poms- three years
DECA- two years
FBLA- two years
Freshman Mentor Program- one year
Student Government- one year
When life gives you lemons, squirt it in someone's eye and walk away.
Brinton, Travis
Football Trainer- one year
Wrestling Trainer- one year
Don't stop and talk in the hallways at Central. Do Hillyards.
Pay it forward
NHS
Do your homework the day you get it. It might not be bad your freshman year but it can build up when you're an upper classmen. It will also help you relax more that you don't have to worry about it the night before.

Davie, Peyton
Soccer
Track
DECA
FBLA
Choir
Live life to the fullest with no secrets.

Doles, Kayla
Swimming
Hockey sack club
Don't let others dictate who you are and what you do.

Drost, Jeb
Football
Spanish club
Fishing club
NHS
Mentor
High school moves faster than you think and come senior year you aren't going to regret the things you did, but the things you didn't. Relax and have some fun. You go to the best school west of the Mississippi.

Emery, Dagan
DECA
Pokémon Club
Always remember, sliggoo only evolves when it's raining.

Enciso, Crystal
DECA
DSU
French club
Get involved with extra curricular activities. They're fun.

Evans, Skyler
NHS
Track and Field

Student Government
Freshman Mentor Program
Cheerleading
Do what you want, but don't get crazy...

Fisher, Randie
Baseball
High School goes quick

Gabauer, Jordan
Student Government
DECA
NHS
Debate
Cheerleading
Don't stress yourself out. Life's too short to worry!

Gann, Courtney
Softball
Don't procrastinate and push everything off till the last minute. Make senior year the best year you've had.

Gibson, Alecia
DECA
Ceramics Club
Gill, Logan
Symphonic band
Get involved in your community and help other people as much as you can. Never give up no matter how hard or stressful it maybe in your life. Keep trying.

Glaubius, Carissa
Volleyball
Don't let anything hold you back!

Gray JR, Derek
Football
Basketball
Baseball
Drug Free Superstar Leadership
Always chase your dreams and always work hard because nothing will be handed to you.

Everyday is a blessing.

Gray, Zack
Cross Country
DECA
Track
FCA
Do Cross Country
Gummelt, Stephanie
Choir
Fully accept and forgive fault that you believe you have, and you'll be set in wholly experiencing each day with people who see you for you.

Gunderson, Erik
Soccer
NHS
Student Government
Wrestling
Freshman Mentor Program
Get involved in what you're interested in and have fun. Meet new people.

Gutierrez, Nicholas
Baseball
Student Government
Basketball - 3 years
NHS
FCA
Get as involved as you can in this school. Try to meet someone new everyday and take yourself out of your comfort zone.

High school is four of the best years of your life, so don't let a moment go by without making a memory you will remember forever.

Helm, Josh
Sleep. You are going to need it.

Hockaday, Noah
Ceramics Club
Pokémon Club
DECA
Confidence is key to anything in life.

Hamm, Sophie
Student Government- Student Body Treasurer
NHS-two years
Show Choir- two years
Speech and Debate- three years
Freshman Mentor Program- one year
"Your life is an occasion, rise to it."

Hanlan, Rylee
Swimming- four years
Marching Band- four years
Concert Band- four years
Just always be yourself.

Hardy, Rollens
Poms
DECA
Who says you have to grow up? – Walt Disney

Harley, Sydney
Color guard
Band
Student Government
FFA
Soccer
I would say to live without regrets. This isn't going to be the best time or worst time of your life, but enjoy it.

Hatheway, Haley
Photography
Work Hard. Do Well. Be Happy.

Hecker, Erik
DECA
Don't let high school and your friends for granted. People aren't kidding when they say that it flies by.

Ideker, Madison
Yearbook- two years
Track- four years
Swim-three years
NHS - two years
YoungLife- four years
Live your life in a memorable way. Highs will come, lows will pass; always keep a positive attitude with whatever situation you're faced with. "Love the life you live. Live the life you love." - Bob Marley
Inso, Amy
Cheerleading
Student Government
NHS
DECA
Freshman Mentor Program
"If your dreams do not scare you, they are not big enough." - Ellen Johnson Sirleaf

Johnson, Joshua
Always take pride in your schoolwork.
Future knowledge can benefit your success in life. Sometimes the path you choose can have struggles, but never give up and follow your dreams. Time and dedication is worth while for the rest of your life.

Kaiser, Jacob
Football
Basketball - two years
DECA
YoungLife
Make the most of it because it goes by way too fast!

Kelly, Patrick
EMT
Just be yourself.

Kincaid, Tyler
Live in the moment and make memories.

King, Madison
FCCLA
DECA
Choir
Spanish Club
Just finish, don't give up.

King, Regan
Football Trainer - two years
Basketball Trainer - two years
PowderPuff football - three years
Always be the first one on the dance floor.

Lafasciano, Joseph
Student Government
Prom Committee
Principals Steering Committee
Basketball
FCA
Be careful what you post on the internet.

Larabee, Audrea
Softball
Basketball
Track
Choir
Get involved in something you like, and don't let someone change what kind of person you are.

Leslie, Holly
Mentor
National honors society
Spanish club
Pay it forward
All school musical
Always be yourself. It's better to be happy and be yourself than unhappy and fit-in.

Lindstrom, Caitlyn
Softball - four years
Swim - one year
PowderPuff - four years
YoungLife
Yearbook
Enjoy life in the moment, but keep in mind there's more to live than high school. Be happy, open-minded, and eat lots of pizza.

Llamas, Maria
Soccer
Mentor
DECA
Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow has not come yet. We have only today. Let us begin.

Loo, Bacchus
DECA
FBLA
Stay true. High school is only the start.

Lorick, Tatriyana
Show Choir
Latin Club
Debate

Musical
To the future Indians, high school is the doorway to your future. Get involved. Soar above the clouds and reach beyond the moon because these four years will fly by.

Love, Andrew
NHS - two years
Mentor - two years
FFA
Golf - four years
Basketball - two years
Catch your dream.

Marks, Grace
Musical
Chamber choir
Botany club
District choir
Above all else, guard your heart for everything you do from what it proverbs 4:32

Maurer, Taylor
Orchestra
JROTC
Japanime Club
Don't skip class, try your best, stay focused!
You can do anything you put your mind to, so keep pushing. Oh, and be involved in your school! And stay classy my friend.

Mayfield, Tyerre
Basketball
Football
Baseball
Senate
Better to be king than not.

McDowell, Michelle
Marching Band
Symphonic Band
DECA
It is the time of your life that anything could change the rest of your life. If it's just keeping your grades up, preparing for college, or just giving your first impression - think thoroughly and give it your best!

McQuiston, Dakota
Football
Track

PowderPuff
Senior faculty games
Central crazies
Do not slack off, these four years dictate your future.

Michalski, Maddie
Cheerleading
National Honors Society
DECA
Ceramics Club
Latin Club
Don't get caught up in school, keep solid grades, but have a little fun. Hang out with your friends as much as you can, trying your best not to get caught up in drama, because before you know it your four years will be up and it will be time to go separate ways. Remember to cherish the time you have without looking to far into the future.

Miller, Zac
Cross Country
Track
Freshman Mentor Program
NHS
FCA
Don't put yourself in situations where there is a potential for trouble. If you avoid the situation, you avoid the temptation.

Mills, Sydney
Show choir
Chamber choir
New Generation singers
You never know what will happen in life so make everyday count.

Mitchem, Max
Tennis
Hantis
Drug Free Superstar
National Honor Society
Yearbook
Live each day in the moment. Be outgoing and never regret the decisions you make whether good or bad. Four years seems like a lifetime but it will flash by in a blink of the eye, so don't let them go to waste.

Moeck, Trevor
Baseball
Video Announcements Crew
Don't you ever do what you think you can't do, you will succeed.
Montemayor, Cameron
Don't go to Lafayette...or Benton...or Leblond...or Central...

Myers, Carly
JROTC- three years
Color Guard- two years
"Make a wish. Do you have it? Good. Now believe in it. With all your heart."- One Tree Hill

Say nope to dope.
Peppers, Kelsi
Orchestra
Chamber Choir
Show Choir
Basketball
Musical
Get involved! Enjoy your senior year. It's your last chance to leave your mark at Central.

Pointer, Hannah
DECA
YoungLife
Chairs for Charity
Always be kind to everyone. You do not know what someone is going through. People will remember your actions forever, so make them count.

Puckett, Jordan
Have swag.
Prokop, John
Wrestling
Hacky Sack Club
Never give up.

Pryor, Kaleigh
Poms- three years
A+ Program
DECA
FCCLA
Spanish Club
"How lucky I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard."- A.A.
Mline, Winnie The Pooh

Rainham, Cecily
Soccer
Volleyball
Band
Follow your dreams! Stay true to yourself.

Reinert, Shanyah
JROTC
 Choir
Never ever give up. Keep pushing forward it really is worth it, I promise.

Roach, Carston
Swimming
IB Diploma
NHS
The early bird may get the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese.

Rodney, Brady
Basketball
Track
NHS
FCA
Don't wish away the moment you're in. Live in the now and worry about the future later.

Rosas, Dulce
Ceramics Club
Freshman Mentor Program
DECA
Enjoy all the little moments, even if they seem insignificant at the time because those are the ones you'll remember the most.

Segrist, Sarah
Choir
Think for yourself and choose to be happy.

Seward, Katlynn
Japanese
Creative Writing
Pay attention, or you will be so lost your senior year.

Siemens, Mollie
Swimming- four years
NHS
Student Government- two years
Cross Country- two years
Younglife
Live a story worth telling.

Sigmund, Alex
Swimming
IB diploma
NHS
Choir
Show choir
Do your homework, slacker.

Smith, Caleb
Pokémon Club
FCCLA

Smith, Christine
Swimming- four years
String Orchestra- four years
Spring Musical- four years
NHS
Color Guard- one year
French Club- four years
Don't be scared to talk to people you think don't like you. Don't be scared of people judging you. Don't forget to be awesome.

Smith-Banks, Mikala
DECA- three years
Student Government- one year
Soccer- two years
Indianettes- one year
Freshman Mentor Program- one year
Be involved- the more you do the more fun your high school experience will be, makes the most of it!

Snyder, Brittany
Swimming- two years
Marching Band- four years
NHS
Student Government- four years
Concert Band- two years
Spanish Club- three years
Don't be afraid to make mistakes. Precious life lessons can only be learned the hard way.

Southern, Chelsie
Ceramics club
Be more involved with everything that you do.
Sow, Aboubacar
Stop competing and making excuses about things, life is hard. Go suck it up and be a man!

Spicer, Josh
Weightlifting
Pick your classes wisely and not just because your best friend is in your class. Have your friend take a different class so that you two can tell each other about your different classes. In this way you are learning two classes.

Starr, Sam
Soccer
Homecoming court
Pick it up.

Steeler, Nathan
Don't procrastinate and have fun. Swag.

Stiles, Madison
Freshman Mentor Program
NHS
Pay It Forward Club
Soccer
Volleyball
"Chill out. It's just high school."

Stolfo, Adam
Soccer- three years
Basketball- one year
Get out of bed the first time your alarm clock rings.

Stone, Shelby-Mae
Cross-country
FCA
Younglife
Soccer
Have fun in high school. Ignore the drama and just be you. Stay positive at all times and have fun, but also take classes seriously.

Stricklin, Cheyenne
"If at first you don't succeed, try, try again." Never give up, don't ever say you can't.

Stufflebean, Sam
It's your choice to make high school good or bad.

Summer, Katie
FCCA

Ceramics Club- President
Younglife
Freshman Mentor Program- one year
Prom Committee- one year
Take pride in Central and the traditions here; they have been here long before us and they will be here long after us.

Vogel, Emily
Band- four years
Choir- four years
Some people won't be happy until they've pushed you to the ground. What you have to do is have the courage to stand your ground and not give them the time of day. Hold on to your power and never give it away!

Wachtel, Mary
Volleyball- four years
Basketball
Student Government
YoungLife
Central Crazies
Move Mountains.

Walker, Delonte
Don't sell yourself short, chase your dreams.

Walker, LeRoy
Spanish Club- one year
FCCLA- one year
Band- two years
Jazz Band- two years
Mr. GHS
Don't get lost. Don't skip.

Walker, Lexi
Softball
Swim
DECA
Freshman Mentor Program
Prom Committee
Help somebody every chance you get. It will leave you feeling more rewarded than anything.

Warden, Cole
Swimming
Soccer
Choir

Tietjen, Richard
The Earth was around before you were born and it will be around long after you're dead. Enjoy the time you're alive and never be complacent with your position; strive for experiencing all of life's mysteries.

Todd, Tony
Football- four years
Wrestling- two years
Student Government- one year
YoungLife- four years
Do YOU and don't worry about others.

Toole, Tessa
Volleyball
Chamber choir
Concert band
Marching band
NHS
You will most likely procrastinate, so I won't tell you not to, but manage your time wisely, otherwise you're in for many sleepless nights.

Tyrrell, Ethan
Publications
Hantis
NHS
DECA
Slow down and enjoy these years. They will fly by.

VanCleave, Hannah
Student Government- Student Body Secretary

Freshman Mentor Program
Show Choir
To do everything you can to be involved, the more you do the better your 4 years will be! Do your best to keep good grades and get as much sleep as you can. Good Luck.

Weaver, Mitchell
JROTC
Don't throw things in stores, trust me, it will save your life.

Webster, Shelby
Art Club- two year
Ceramics Club- one year
People assume that time is a strict progression of cause to effect but actually from a non-linear, non-subjective viewpoint- it's more like a big ball of wobbly wobbly... timey wimey... stuff.

Worm, Gwyn
FFA
DECA
Lead by example.

Young, Auche
DECA
Do not slack off when you think it's an easy class.

Yuravitch, JT
Football
Basketball
Track
Student Government
Prom Committee
Don't be scared of not succeeding, be scared of achieving things that don't matter.

Zhao, Lily
Soccer- four years
Yearbook- two years
NHS- two years
French Club- two years
Never give up hope. We aren't living only for tomorrow or tomorrow's tomorrow.
Most Likely to Get Lost

Joey Latasciano and Mary Wachtel
“My year was **exciting**. Becoming closer to people and finding myself has definitely changed my outlook on life. I can’t wait to see what lies ahead!”
- junior Madison Sapp

“My year was **exciting**. I have made varsity soccer, led the wrestling team in takedowns, and made All-District choir. My teachers seem to realize there are eight classes and so homework doesn’t seem so bad this year.”
- junior Jonathan Stickler

“My year has been **rough** because I had to move to a different house and worry about ACT testing.”
- junior Bryant Mann

“My year was **rough**. I had to take on driving in the snow, school work, and a job for the first time.”
- junior Sydney Howery

“My year was **unusual** because I did a lot of crazy things that I shouldn’t have… I woke up at the river this summer.”
- junior Lauren Stuck

“My year was **unusual** because I started dating Mackenzie Schneller.”
- junior Lewis Greer

“My year was **unforgettable** because I have made so many new friends through all the classes I’ve taken and because of all the memories I have made throughout the year.”
- junior Rachel Hagen

“My year was **unforgettable** because I started to like the direction my life and personality was headed and I’ve made a lot of new friends.”
- junior Sebastian Townsend
do we have school?

Junior Kale Czerwonka is in a special situation. His father is the superintendent of the school district. This gives him few advantages, but not as much as some may think.

The Czerwonka family moved here from West Plains, Missouri. Usually the new kids have a bit of a rough time making friends and getting into routines, but this wasn't the case for Kale. Many people figured out pretty quickly who his father was and wanted to befriend him because of that, but he is also involved in a few school activities and made friends through those means.

Some people may not know that his father is the superintendent, but those who do like to ask about what is going on "inside" the school district.

"There aren't really any perks. I mostly get the downside of stuff," Czerwonka said.

Czerwonka has a rough time when there is possibility of a day off for heat or snow. A lot of people text him and tweet him. Many of his close friends don't bother him about it, but just about everyone else who knows who he is asks.

"The worst part is my text messaging bill from everyone texting me to ask if we're out of school. But the best part is being the first one to know we're out," Czerwonka laughed.

It may be obnoxious at times, but Kale is able to let it pass and continue on with his life.
Kale Czerwonka
Would You Rather?
Rather have a job you love but get paid little, or have a job you hate and get paid a lot?

“A job I hate and get paid a lot because outside of my job and work I would have a lot of money to do just about anything I want!”
-Cole Roberts

Rather work a lot of hours and work less days, or work less hours but work more days?

“More hours and less days because it would give me more time to help children in their struggles because the children are the backbone of this country.”
-Armando Trevino

Rather live without your phone or your car?

“I’d rather live without my phone because I wouldn’t be able to live without the freedom of getting places all the time.”
-Katie Sears

Rather be invincible and transport or be able to read minds and fly.

“Probably be invincible and transport because I could go anywhere and do anything.”
-Joe Trout

Rather have a pause or rewind button for life?

“I would rather have a pause button because I would rather stay in one certain place and time than have to relive the whole situation!”
-Paige Musser
a second chance

As a teenager, you get more and more anxious to get on the road the closer you get to the chance. Parents, however, know how dangerous the road can be. Junior Leighandra Hazlett is also aware of how dangerous it is and how seatbelts and being cautious is very important.

In December, Hazlett was on FF Hwy and 169 going home from her aunt's house. She looked both ways to ensure there were no cars coming, then crept out. All of a sudden, a white SUV with dim headlights t-boned her on her driver's side door at 50 miles per hour, pushing her into a telephone pole on the other side. With the impact, she knocked out the driver side window with her head, knocking her unconscious.

"I was with God. I was calm and comfortable, not feeling an ounce of pain," said Hazlett.

Later, she woke up with a witness holding her hand to comfort her until the police arrived. She was then taken to Heartland Hospital, and sent home the next day, where she rested for the rest of Christmas break. She escaped the accident with a few cuts, stitches, bruises, and major car anxiety, as she made it out of an accident that could've ended much worse. "Blood clots, bruises fade, stitches come out, but the way that my God loved me that night will never change," said Hazlett.

As advice, Hazlett says to always take your time on the road and to never take the chance, because death is permanent. "Texting can wait!" said Hazlett. "I cannot stress enough that you might be the best driver in the world, but the man driving next to you might not be. Always wear your seatbelt."
Space camp sounds like something out of a book, but junior Cydney Puckett could tell you firsthand that it’s not. Puckett had the opportunity this summer to go to space camp at Patrick Air Force Base in Florida. She stayed there for nine days and saw lots of fascinating objects and equipment.

While there, Puckett and her group went to over 40 different important historical aerospace sites. They also visited Complex 34, the site of the Apollo 1 fire and the Air Force Air & Space Museum, where they saw a presentation about female astronauts. Puckett was able to see a rocket that was to be launched soon but had to go home before it happened.

The group then got to see the Rocket Garden, which featured lifesize models of rockets, as well as actual rockets that had been used in the American space program. "We got to see a museum that had a bunch of stuff that belonged to astronauts like Boy Scout patches, trophies, and music competition awards, and that was really cool because it reminds me that astronauts start somewhere too," said Puckett.

She enjoyed her first time at space camp and hopes she will be able to go again.
Cydney Puckett
soaring to new heights

Madeline Norcross is on her way towards one of the most impressive achievements of her life. Norcross is diligently working towards receiving her pilot's license.

Three years ago at an area air show, Norcross's interest in flying began. "I went to the St. Joseph Air Show with my dad and there was an act called "Pirated Skies" by Kyle and Amanda Franklin," said Norcross. "I watched it and I knew then that I wanted to fly."

"I decided to actually start working on my license a couple of months after I saw that airshow," said Norcross. Since then, Norcross has completed her flying time with a certified instructor and completed her first solo flight. "I have just soloed on June 3rd, 2013," Norcross said. "I am now in the process of starting my ground school."

Norcross's interest in flying is rare to find in a high school girl. "The best part about flying is being different than everyone else and seeing things from a different perspective," Norcross said.

"Aviation is dominated by males," Norcross said. "It's very rare to find a 16-year-old let alone that has soloed and is still continuing on her journey to get her pilot's license by 17."

Norcross knows achieving a pilot's license will take hard work and dedication. "You have to be very passionate and you have to be really committed," Norcross said. "You have to stay focused on your goal."

Norcross has big plans for when she receives her pilot's license. "I am going to get other ratings so I can do different things with my license," said Norcross. "I like flying different types of airplanes and learning how to land on water."

Norcross's drive also comes from another goal. "I am looking forward to inspiring people because that is my main purpose - to inspire people, especially children and women in aviation."
An average of 444,000 children are adopted from international adoptions yearly in the U.S. (Statistic Brain). These children are lucky to have someone that wants to care for them. Two of these children are juniors Elena Fox and Lancer Barnes.

Fox was adopted from St. Petersburg, Russia. "My mom has a photo album from my adoption," said Fox.

Some children are adopted since birth and others like Barnes are adopted a bit older. "I was adopted from the Phillipines when I was eight years old. I was happy. I had been waiting and was very happy when I found out I was getting a family."

Becoming a part of a new family can be hard for some, but for Fox, it wasn't. "I have always felt like I was a part of the family," said Fox. "They included me from the day I became one of them."

Barnes adapted well to being adopted and having a new family. "I have five other siblings who are also adopted," said Barnes. "My family is adopting three more from the Phillipines."

Meeting birth parents can be difficult and not all adopted kids want to met them. Fox is one of those who would like to meet her birth parents. "I would like to meet my birth parents to know what my life could've been and to compare physical characteristics," said Fox. Being an adopted child can be difficult, but those who are adopted are fortunate to have a family to love.
As a girl who started ice skating at the age of three, because her parents wanted her to try something new, junior Claire Palmer now lives and breathes ice skating. "My favorite part of ice skating is being in the shows," said Palmer. "I love the costumes, choreography, and entertaining the crowd."

Palmer mainly travels around this area, but she has been to Colorado Springs for the Southwestern Regional Competition. She practices two to three times a week at the Bode Ice Arena.

Despite all of her hard work, there were times when she wanted to quit. "Sadly yes, I have wanted to quit," said Palmer. "One of the first big jumps you do is an axel and it took me a while to get it. While trying to get it, I thought about quitting." Although she had these thoughts, she kept perservering and has won over twenty gold medals.

Palmer has been competing since she was five years old. Even though she loves skating, she does not compete anymore. "I'm mainly focused on shows that are put on during the Christmas and springtime where every skater gets a solo and getting all my tests finished [to determine what level a skater is] so my practice load is light compared to others," said Palmer.

Although she has put her competition life on pause, her love and passion for ice skating has not decreased. Palmer, along with practicing, also helps teach the basic skills program at the rink and plans on keeping ice skating in her life for as long as she can. "After high school I plan to audition for skating shows," said Palmer. "These shows could be stationed anywhere around the world, so I could be traveling and doing what I love."
"Focus on your grades and everything will fall into place! It'll be worth it more than you think. Picture what's coming next for you, and use that as motivation to do good and get good grades. It'll all pay off for college which is what really matters more than anything."

"Don't regret anything. Take as many opportunities that you can. It's great to get involved with student government, sports, clubs, Younglife, and everything else! You meet tons of new people, and learn a lot of new things. Take every chance in every situation!"

"As cheesy as it sounds, do not change for anyone else. Be you, no matter what. The only thing constant is change and when your four years are over I hope you can look back and be happy for what you've become. However, don't blink because it really goes by so quickly!"
Jacob Giles

"Get to know the upperclassman, because they will treat you right. Not that they won't treat you right if you don't get to know them, it's just a good thing to get to know and make friends with people older than you, rather than just your class."

Cale Straight

"Get involved in whatever fits you. I didn't take that advice and now I regret it. Don't mess around in the halls because there's nothing more annoying than a bunch of kids walking on the wrong side and cramming everybody up."

Bishop Buckner

"Be yourself! Don't be remembered as a copy. Do you and be happy for yourself, no matter what you do. Just don't be dumb and do stupid stuff that'll get you in trouble, cause that won't get you anywhere."

Garrett Ensign

"Whatever you do join DECA. You get to go on tons of field trips like going to a Royals game, the Plaza, and a trip to New York! If you join it with a lot of your good friends it will be even more fun. If you don't do DECA get involved in something else."

"Don't get caught up in the drama. Be a leader and good things will happen to you."
- Jacob Giles
Marissa Miller
Teammates aren't always players

From the long bus rides to team dinners, being team manager is a responsibility that Miller cherishes. As time consuming as sports may be, Miller travels to every road game and gets situated on the sidelines to watch her friends do what they love.

Unfortunately, most sports threaten the physical health of athletes and can sometimes cause a player to become eradicated for a certain amount of games. In the past two seasons there have been many injuries, but there’s something about the recovery that Miller likes.

“When the players get hurt, it’s fun to watch their motivation and determination to get back on the court.”

Most people look beyond the role of being a Varsity basketball manager, but with a great team and supportive fans there’s nothing that could beat it. Whether the Indians close the game with a win or loss, Miller appreciates being apart of such a great organization.
Story by
Halle Koelker

"I've always wanted a tattoo. Both of my parents have multiple, as do my grandparents. I've always wanted something on my body that has meaning to it."

Sophomore Kylee Williams got a tattoo with her sister to symbolize their relationship, Mexican heritage, and their religion. "It means I will always have my sister by my side no matter what, and she will always be with me. When we fight, it reminds me that I will always love her, and she will always be my sister. The cross in the tattoo means that God will always have the number one spot in our life and he is in our relationship that we have with each other."

When asked who had the idea of the tattoo, Kylee said, "My sister sketched the tattoo idea and then the tattoo artist changed it up, and we immediately agreed that we loved it, and we wanted that one. We decided that we wanted a cross in it to represent Christ, the word 'Hermanas' [meaning sisters] for our spanish heritage, and then the infinity sign to represent sisters and Christ is forever." Williams is still in shock with her new tattoo. "It's weird. Sometimes I look down at my foot in awe and I see that I really do have a tattoo that means so much to me. I love that I have a special meaning behind my tattoo and I will never regret getting it."

Jordan Corcimiglia
Jacob Corcoran
Nicholas Corder
Bailey Cordemier
Jessica Counter
Beth Cromer
Jewel Cudworth
Trevor Culver

Tanner Curtin
Brea Dail
Miriam Darnell
Justin Davies
Molly Davies
Isis Davis
Kimberlynn Davis
Dylan Deatherage

Cole Dennis
Anna DePastino
Noelia DePietro
Hunter Dewey
Cody Dickinson
Nicholas Dill
Kristian Diltz
Anthony Doles

Brendan Doughtie
Paige Downey
Jacob Dryer
Gabriel Dunn
Trevor Dunn
Nychang Duath
Ashlyn DuVall
Stev Dydell

Antigone Easton
Michaila Eaves
Alexander Echterling
Alessia Figata
Molly Ehrman
Edwin Flatt
Cassidy Ellis
Beau Emerson
Madalyn Hughes

“I work at Michael's, the arts and crafts store. I'm a cashier!”

Noah Campbell

“I work as a lifeguard at the YMCA.”

Riley Green

“I worked at Cheddar's. It sucked and I was a busser. 2 Gucci 4 Cheddar's!”

Kennedy Butcher

“I work at Mr. Goodcents. I make sandwiches. It's fun.”

Sophomore Jobs
more than $20 in their pockets

Zachery Emmi
David Epperson
Zachary Epple
Earvin Escalante
Caitlin Evans
Riley Evans
Domenic Fewins
Allyson Fields
Drew Fifer
Dakota Finch
Nathanael Fischer
Kameron Foster
Alexa Franks
Katie Frazee
Emily Frazier
Zachary Fry
Briana Fuemmeler
Alexander Galvez
Ryen Galvean
Christopher Gann
Hannah Gann
Jay Garcia
Dakota Gee
Bo Geng
Austin Miller

Emily Frazier
“I work at Country Squire [Retirement Home]. I'm a server.”

Zane McGee
“I just got a job at Pizza Hut. I make pizzas.”

“I work at NASA... JK, I work at McDonald's. It's a blast. Actually, I hate it, and I'm about to quit.” -Austin Miller

Jacob Gill
Christian Gilmore
Maurine Gilmore
Genevieve Gingrich
Mikaela Gober
Ashley Gordon
Gage Gossett
Michael Green
Cheyenne Griggs
Madison Grooms
Geordon Gummi
Madison Guthmiller
Dakota Guyer
Kristen Hagen
Nathan Hall
Nicklaus Hanlan
Kylee Harter
Anna Hatheway
Shania Hatheway
Alyssa Hawkins
Dominic Hawley
Rebecca Hayes-Bishop
Allegra Hayward
Madison Hector
"If you have bad eyebrows I can't even look at you"
Story by
Sydney Smith-Hunter

Niki Mitchem

“When people play with their gum. It is soooo gross.”

Makiah Buckley

“I hate bread, cheese and chocolate. I don’t know why.”

Channon Jarrett  Katie Frazee

“I hate when people stroke their fake beards.”

“I can’t look at anyone when they are eating.”

Herhen Llanas

“I can’t stand it when people cough. Just don’t cough.”
It was a dark August night when Adam Le suddenly awoke to discover his house in full panic mode. Following the sound of his mother's screams, he found her lying on the bedroom floor. Adam rushed to her side to figure out what was going on. In between her screams, Mrs. Le managed to get a few words out: "The baby is coming!"

Le's next move was to call 911 because with no other male in the house, he was in charge. The operator notified him that an ambulance was on its way. Meanwhile, the operator helped him prepare for the event. By no means did this calm Le down. "I was freaking out!" said Le.

The time had come, and the lights and sirens of the ambulance were nowhere to be found. With his knowledge from TV hospital shows and brief directions from the operator, Le began to help his mother in delivering the baby. The walls grew louder and everything seemed to be happening so fast it blurred together. "The baby felt really slimy," Le said "and it was very gross." Somehow, among all the chaos, Le delivered his baby sister at 12:10 a.m. on August 18th, 2011.

When the Le family arrived at the hospital, Adam was beaming with pride. The doctors named him as the best big brother ever. He was congratulated hundreds and hundreds of times. "When they started congratulating me, I felt happy that I'd done something amazing, and I was very proud of myself," said Le. Luckily, there were no real problems with the delivery and no health concerns for baby Helena or Mrs. Le.

Looking back at that day, Adam said it was the most terrifying, yet wonderful event he had ever been apart of. "It was special," said Le. "I will hold this over her head when she grows up."
"Chuck Bass because he is sophisticated and shows men the way to treat women and we are getting married."
- sophomore Erin Vaughn

"Miley Cyrus because she's a great inspiration to young women in our generation."
- sophomore Daric Bass

"Nash Grier because of his beautiful blue eyes and his funny Vines."
- sophomore Jordan Corrimiglia

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starry-eyed
for Stars

students share celebrity crushes

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"Lady Gaga because she is the most iconic pop star around. She slays the charts with her new and old music and albums. Her music and personality make her the amazing artist she is and will remain to be." - sophomore Austin Miller
You’re sitting on the couch watching TV, and suddenly the screen turns blue. The words “Tornado warning in effect for this area. Please find shelter immediately,” pop up in big, bold letters. Your heart races as you rush to your basement, take cover, and prepare for the worst. While you are cowering in fear, sophomore Aaron Phillips is outside gazing at the storm, marveling at its beauty.

A thousand questions are probably going through the average person’s mind, but the first has to be, “Why?”

“My family is a bunch of adrenaline junkies,” Phillips stated, furthermore describing his family as complete, utter madmen. “It started three generations ago.”

Family does, in fact, play a big part in his interest. Recalling his earliest memories, both sides of his family would strap a seatbelt around him and drive to the nearest storm. Things haven’t really changed since then. “We look at the radars on our phones from the National Weather Service,” said Phillips. After we find out there’s a storm, in any direction, we hit the highway and head out.”

Being a storm chaser can be dangerous. Phillips admits he doesn’t feel afraid, just cautious. “The biggest tornado I’ve seen is an EF3, a quarter mile wide tornado,” said Phillips. “The tornado was pushing this tractor towards where I was standing at a very high velocity, but it fell into a ditch, and I got away.”

Phillips enjoys watching tornadoes as a hobby, but he is also considering it as a profession. “The National Weather Service has a program that trains storm chasers, even a junior program that I plan on doing next summer,” said Phillips. “My family and I joked about how even if I was in a wheelchair, I’d do it. I’d find a way how.”

Looking dreamily out the window, Phillips whispers his motto: “Keep your eyes to the skies.”
Tanner Wallace says having her dad [Coach Wallace] work here as a coach and a weights teacher is fun sometimes, but she's gotten used to it, and it's not as bad as everyone thinks. "My favorite part about my dad being there is that I can always go into his office and talk when my friends can't seem to help more or I just get bored. A disadvantage is him always trying to embarrass me in the hallways and he's always the first to hear when I get in trouble in a class. Not everyone would want their parent working at their school, but having Jeffy there is fun."

Lily Rzepkowski's mother is a cafeteria worker. She says, for the most part, she likes having her mom here for the convenience. When she needs money or someone to talk to, she is always there for her. "It's really convenient for my mom to be here because I can ask her anything at any time. She can also bring me food at any time." Besides having the convenience factor for money and food, she also says that she likes having her mom here because she can talk to her when needed.

Jake Hill's mother [Mrs. Hill] is a counselor. "It's convenient because she always has good snacks for me." Hill says that having his mom here is nice because she is there for him whenever he needs her for money, food, or someone to talk to. Having his mom as the counselor has brought problems among him though. "Nothing gets past her, and she's usually one of the first to know if I get in trouble or something."
"I like that my mom [Mrs. Hanlan, nurse] works here because I can go down to see her whenever I want and need to. She's always there for me. I can also get food whenever I want."

-Nick Hanlan

Ali Sigrist's father is Vice Principal Dr. Sigrist. She says that having her father work here is actually pretty cool. "The downside is that people look at you differently, but you have connections." She says that for the most part, she likes having her dad here because he's always there when she needs him and it's very convenient. Sigrist also says that it can be very awkward because of the different ways people look at you.

Like Hill, Andy Peterson's father [Mr. Peterson] is also a counselor. Peterson says that having his father work here is good for the most part because he has somewhere to go when he needs to. "If anything happens, my dad is probably the first one to know." Regardless, he says it's pretty cool having his dad work at the school that he currently attends.

Tanner Wallace
Cyrus Wallis
Shayla Warden
Ashlea Watt
Matthew Weathermon
Cherish Weiser
Kyle Weiser
Brianna Wertz

Benjamin West
Gage West
Travis White
Kylie Williams
Brian Willis
Alixandria Wilson
Sarah Wittmeyer
Amanda Woodward

Madison Worley
Brooklynn Wright
Joshua Wright
Zolin Ying
Krista Young
Robert Young
Lily Zink
Class of 2017
Jillian Beauford
story by
Emma Godoy

freshman art prodigy

"I've always appreciated people who create art, just for fun, even if they aren't that good." Freshman Jillian Beauford said.

"Art's about having fun and creating what you want, not about how good you are because there are always going to be people that are better than you." Beauford has a taste for art, she is sometimes described as the best freshman artist in the school.

Beauford has been fascinated with art since third grade. "I think its really beautiful," Beauford said. "Everybody has their own style of art. And I found a style that I am good at." She can draw art pieces that look realistic. Beauford doesn't do much painting, colored pencil drawings, or pastel pieces as much as she does do with pencil drawings. "Traditional art 'pencil drawing' its what I've mostly done, it comes easily to me," Beauford said.

"I've kind of self taught myself. I didn't really get it from my family because nobody in my family is artistic." Beauford taught herself by looking at other artists work and observing life. She draws what she sees. "I think its neat that you can create exactly what you want and I think its fun" Beauford said.

Although she says that art is more of a pasttime for her Beauford said, "I plan on probably minoring in art in college and use it somehow in my career. Because I don't want it to go to waste." Art is how you choose it to be. There are so many different types of techniques used in art, which allow people to express themselves in different ways. "Don't think you're bad just because you know somebody is better." Beauford said. As Beauford says "The expert at anything was once a beginner" -unknown

Destiny Clinton
Devin Clinton-Ziegler
Melia Combs
Jackson Connors
Haley Conroy
Mario Corado
Megan Corcoran
Keatley Cotter

Jamie Cox
Emily Cromer
Jonathan Cronk
Victoria Crooks
Paige Dahl
Tyler Dahl
Nikita Davis
Makayla DePriest

Kaitlynn Derr
Maria Diaz-Valdez
Taylor Dittman
Anna Dittner
Alexa Dixon
Rhys Doan
Joseph DoFrain
Javier Eckles
At about the age of 12, Anthony Clary heard an announcement while in class at Bode Middle School. He heard that the Air Force Reserve was recruiting, and he jumped at the chance.

Clary has been a part of the reserve for about 4 years now. He went to a meeting and got all the information he needed. He then decided he wanted the full experience and went to a basic training on top of that. When he told his family about wanting to join, they were very supportive.

“My family has wanted me to go into the Air Force my entire life, and when they found out that I’m practically joining when I’m 12 or so, they’re like ‘Go for it,” Clary said.

Clary also said he has very supportive friends. He says they respect and support him a lot. Although there are some people who are skeptical, 99 percent of the time they hear his stories and are amazed.

Clary has been to three basic trainings. He had to go to at least one initially, but he took it two steps further. For his first basic training, he had to wake up at five in the morning and go out running in the snow in a not so warm outfit. At his second basic training, he went in as Special Operations Task Force and got a medal. For his third basic training, he got to go in as staff and yell at everyone. Clary said there are about 20 other people, some of many of whom are in high school, that are part of the reserve. They are split up into different squadrons. He is now part of the Pony Express Composite Squadron.
On November 2, 2013, Jackson Connors performed in his first play at Central High School. He amazed the audience with a dazzling performance of “Check Please”.

“I've done theatre since I was in the first grade, so I really wanted to be in a high school play and show everyone what I have been working on, since forever” Connors said.

As the only freshman boy in this first play, Connors had some nerves running through him from the beginning. He not only had to keep up with the older students, but he had to remember two different characters and their lines.

"Keeping track of what character I was and which lines go with which was probably the hardest part of this whole experience," Connors said.

He had to play the part of a nerd and a man with a really weird accent.

Being the only freshman boy on the team put up some challenges for Connors but he also had some positive aspects in coming into the theatre.

“I really liked playing the roles on the stage, but I also did enjoy meeting and becoming friends with the others in the play,” Connors said.

With not many freshman boys coming out for the plays, the theatre is hurting in the boys department a little bit.

"I think all boys should come out for the play. I had an amazing time doing “Check Please” and I think the boys will be surprised at how fun it really is," Connors said.
"My dream is to become a superhero and have my own sidekick."
-Freshman James Hartley
Blake Bradley

"I plan to make money in some kind of career and have a good, easy life. I want this so my family doesn't struggle and they don't have a hard life."
- freshman Blake Bradley.

Tucker Dahle

"I want to be an athletic trainer and travel around the world and help out professional sport teams."
- freshman Tucker Dahle.

Spencer Owens

"I want to go to college and become an engineer. I'm going to achieve this goal by staying in school and getting good grades."
- freshman Spencer Owens.

Julia Stolfus

"I want to go to college and then make a good amount of money to provide for my family."
- freshman Julia Stolfus.
story by

As the theme for the home football game on September 13, 2013 was ‘Merica, the pre-game pep assembly brought a whole new level of school spirit and support for ‘Merica. “I don’t really remember my reaction because I just started running, but it was really surprising,” Maria said.

Most everyone has watched at least one “soldier homecoming” video on YouTube, Facebook, Twitter, etc. Freshmen Maria and Micaela Kemerling experienced this first hand as their father surprised them at the end of the assembly without prior knowledge that he would be home as soon as he was. Lieutenant Kemerling is an engineer in the Army Reserves, and had been gone for about a month and a half. “He wasn’t supposed to come home until the following Monday, but he came home early,” Micaela said.

Their father was stationed in Mississippi for training. The girls say they got to talk to him sometimes, but nothing compares to having him home. For kids who have family members fighting in the war, every day is a prayer that their soldier will come home. The members of Maria and Micaela’s family are all very appreciative of getting the chance to experience this very special moment to be able to welcome their father home in front of the school.
story by
"Lydia Soto-Hunter"

Making the varsity team as a freshman can be a rare and impressive feat. "It's a real honor being a freshman on varsity" Jaelyn Haggard said. Many varsity sports this year have gained several freshmen, including basketball, soccer, and football. Many of these freshman athletes have worked all their life to get to this point and are well deserving of their varsity spot.

"I've been playing competitive basketball ever since I was little," Matt Austin said. Many freshman on varsity say that the team is very welcoming and they're all a big family. "They always give me great advice. My family is also supportive but they are always hard on me when I need to get better, but I always work on increasing my skills," Austin said.

Being a freshman on a varsity team can be tough. Most of the players on varsity teams are older and are used to playing the sport at the high school level. Varsity team members are expected to make an example for the junior varsity team and other teammates, which can be difficult for a first year freshman. It is safe to say that much is expected of them.

"I have been playing for eight or nine years now and I still love the feeling I get every time I get onto the court," Austin said. "I hope to continue to be work harder and be on varsity the next four years of high school. I hope I am a role model to incoming freshman so that they know if they work hard like we did they can become a varsity player too at a young age."

These athletes are showing promise and guarantee a successful athletic future for Central.
Leaving a Mark

what do you want to do before you graduate from high school?

Gannon Eckhardt

"Get all As, be section leader for clarinets, and be a superhero."

James Hartley

"State in swimming, learn how to do a cartwheel, and be James' sidekick."
- freshman Gannon Eckhardt

"Skydive, make straight As, and go to Germany."
- freshman Lauren Williams

"Finish a book, go on a road trip, go bungee jumping."
- Elsie Barry

Conlyn Rush
Brandon Sale II
Susan Sallee
Jaimen Sallee
Dakota Sands

Isabel Scamurra
Audrey Schank
Cory Schlimme
Brandon Sears
Haley Sharp

Sydney Shavroo
Mya Shearer
Lindsay Sherlock
Neil Shewell
Justin Shires
Timothy Silvers
Lexi Silcott-Morrison
Cylor Silvey

Shae Silvey
Chelsea Simmons
McKayla Simmons
Nathaniel Simpson
Zayne Simpson
Madison Sinclair
Mackenzie Singleton
Shelby Skeen
"Make national band, become drumline captain, and win ICEF."
- freshman Jonathan Cronk

"Finish writing a book, go on a road trip, and go bungee jumping."
- freshman Elsie Barry

"Go skydiving, become a varsity cheerleader, and go to nationals in NFL."
- freshman Annaka Kellogg

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Bradley Smith
Dawson Smith
Jessie Smith
Seth Smith
Cyrus Socia-Surritt
Jackson Sollars
Alyssa Soursley
Kelsey Sowell
Preston Sparks
Hannah Spicer
Cassandra Sponseller
Megan Sprague
Justin Steele
Cameron Steilen
Jackson Stickler
Julia Stolfus
Noelle Stone
Jack Taber
Hunter Talbot-Thompson
Madison Thomas
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Kristen Tieman
Carlos Torres
Devin Townsend
David Trammell
Chandra Traxler
Grayson Trublood
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Shyann Turner
Jazmin Udave
story by

connecting through basketball

Teammates are often considered to be brothers or sisters. For two basketball players, this is a little more literal. Senior Brady Rodney and freshman Simone Rodney are sisters on and off the basketball court.

"It's a lot of fun," Simone said. "We get to spend a lot more time together, and we get to hang out a lot. And playing basketball is awesome because I think this is the first time we've actually gotten to play together on the same team."

Brady also enjoyed the opportunity to play with her sister. "It's a lot of fun," she said. "It gives us another aspect to connect in because we're already really close."

Growing up watching each other play is partially why they connect so well on the court. "We've watched each other play so long that we know each other's games well enough," Simone said, "We can help each other out if we're struggling with something. Maybe we can give each other a little heads up."

Being at the same school has allowed Brady to give Simone high school survival advice. "As situations come up I'm like, 'oh you should do this' or, 'don't do this,'" Brady said.

It hasn't always been easy for Simone to be the younger Rodney. "I think that people kind of expect me to do everything that she does, like run track, which I hate running more than anything," Simone said. "Sometimes I feel like I have big shoes to fill, but she doesn't put any pressure on me."

Even with this added pressure, both Simone and Brady have greatly enjoyed the chance to play together.
Sisters On and Off the Court 🖤

Simone Rodney

Breanna Rodney
Molding Perfection
Art is a way for individuals to express their deepest thoughts, concerns, and ultimate desires. Joining the Central High School art department this academic year are Mr. Eric Simmons and Mrs. Mindy Christofferson - teachers who both promote and shape student self expression.

“I teach Ceramics, Advanced Ceramics, Sculpture, and Foundations in Art,” Mr. Simmons said. “I am a ceramicist by heart.”

While Mr. Simmons brings a fresh face to Ceramics students, Mrs. Christofferson finds passion in painting.

“I teach Foundations in Art, Paint I, Painting II, and Advanced Painting,” Mrs. Christofferson said. “Painting is my specialty.”

With Mr. Simmons leading the Ceramics Club this year, a major goal is to get students interested.

“I hope by starting up the Ceramics Club, students will be able to experience ceramic processes and techniques that they will not get to experience in a regular ceramics class,” Mr. Simmons said.

Commitment to students is evident in both of these new faces.

“I am completely dedicated to my profession, to my love for art, and to my students,” Mr. Simmons said.

New faculty brings new ideas as well.

“I am definitely excited about putting my own mark on what is already a top-notch program,” Mrs. Christofferson said.

Perfection implies that something is well-rounded enough to be molded into something greater than it ever was. Mr. Simmons and Mrs. Christofferson plan to implement their ideas, create discussions, and urge the artist out of each of their students in the years to come as Indian advisors.
For two of Central's own, Young Life is a second home. Mr. and Mrs. Kimble became involved with the organization when they were high school and now act as leaders to local youth.

"I was involved in high school for about two, two and a half years," Mr. Kimble said. "I took a year or two off, and I've been leading for the past eight years."

"I was involved in high school for all four years," Mrs. Kimble said. "And then I led when I went to the University of Missouri for four years in Columbia, and I've been leading here for six years at Central."

Mr. Kimble became a leader because he wanted to make an impact on the lives of youth. "I think I wanted to make a positive difference in kids' lives, and that was a great vehicle to be able to do that," he said. "And it let me get to know kids on a deeper level, and we can talk about life."

Being in Young Life has given a lot to Mr. and Mrs. Kimble. "I think Young Life has given to me a deeper relationship with God," Mr. Kimble said. "It's allowed me to get to know a lot of cool people. I've been able to learn their stories, which a lot of time that's really encouraging for me to hear people's stories and what they've been through in life and things that have gone well and things that haven't gone well and how they've overcome those things."

"It's given me a purpose," Mrs. Kimble said.

Young Life has been a major part of Mr. and Mrs. Kimble's lives. Today, they continue to share their love for the organization with the youth of St. Joseph.
Living for Young Life
"I was a natural with the ladies early on. At my Aunt Paula's wedding I was the ring bearer. At the photographer's suggestion, I kissed the flower girl. We were both six. Rock and Roll."

-Mr. McGregor

"The summer after my 7th grade school year I hung out at Hyde pool on a daily basis and that is where I met this very cute catholic boy named Scott. He was a year younger than me but we had a lot in common. He started walking me home from the pool every day. We spent a lot of time just talking and holding hands and then one magical day he surprised me with a kiss. I was totally not expecting it. It was short and sweet. After summer was over we went to different schools and we slowly drifted apart. I have seen him 4 times since that summer and he still has that sweet special smile. We will say hi to one another but cherish our memory forever."

-Mrs. Comard

My first kiss was the summer after 7th grade.... It was at my first boy - girl party. The boy was Doug Rankin... we were on a hay ride... We were going together, but in 7th grade, that didn't mean a whole lot... It just meant that you called each other and talked at school... Lol....He kissed me in front of everyone....

-Mrs. Gonzalez
"I had my first kiss when I was in junior high. I was helping teach at vacation bible school and there was a girl about my age who was also helping out. I spent all week with her and on the last day of VBS, I kissed her."
-Mr. Burgess

I was a freshmen in high school, and it was after one of my basketball games, and this boy that I kind of liked said he would give me a ride home. He was a junior, he took me home and then tried to kiss me. It was AWFUL! He was not gentle and practically swallowed my face. I could not get out of his car fast enough. The experience was so traumatic that I did not kiss another boy until my sophomore year.
-Coach French

"My first kiss would of been at a Junior High Dance in the middle school gym, when I was in eight grade."
-Coach Kelley

Diana Slawson
Bambi Smith
Phil Smith
Tabitha Snider
Ashley Stanton
Marcia Steeby
Ryan Stobaugh

Jeff Sullivan
Danny Tarrants
Karen Thompson
Sally Thorp
Mandi Tolen
Jeanne Turner
Ryan Van Dyke

Ashley Venenga
Craig Vulgamott
Jeff Wallace
Kyla Ward
Karen Williams
Chelsey Wilson
Jennifer Wineinger

Janet Zieger
First Battalion JROTC

Row 12: B. Badgett, J. Keith, D. Miller, L. Sample
First Battalion Staff

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Row 2: C. Perkins, C. Puckett, H. Williams, K. Morton, S. Reinert
Row 3: C. Steele, N. Brown, N. Russell, L. Sample, D. Bauman, M. MacDonald
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Front row: M. Gordon, J. Kaiser, Z. Olson, D. Conard, M. King, T. Reed, D. Gray, T. Mayfield, K. Fox, C. Bell, D. McGooin, J. Hill

**freshmen**

Back row: L. Kline, M. Green, T. Gannaway, J. Mularoni, T. Mishler, C. Linebach, J. Hunter
Varsity Volleyball

Back row: L. Beal, B. Evans, M. Kneib, T. Wallace, A. Majors, J. Bennett, V. Van Wey, B. Bosch, M. Sample, C. Halling
Middle row: A. DePastino, M. Lawrence, M. Steilen, M. Wachtel, E. Mikesch, C. Holmes
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Middle row: M. Corcoran, R. Bowers, M. McClendon, E. Gascogne, K. Tieman, J. Anderson
Front row: M. Michalski, J. Kaiser, C. Simmons, S. Rodney, S. Wilson

junior varsity

Back row: Coach Evans, Coach Majors, M. Bottoroff, K. Harter, A. Sigrist, M. McClurg, A. Richardson, Coach Van Wey, Coach Halling
Middle row: A. DePastino, L. SALTERBRA ST, R. Pierson, M. Collins, A. Wilson, C. Holmes
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Front row: M. Andersan, P. Davis, E. Gunderson, N. Russell

**junior varsity**

Back row: Coach C. Vulgamott, M. Miller, B. Williams, C. Beyers, H. Hinde, E. Fox, Coach Kate Brooner
Front row: J. Adams, A. Peterson, C. Van Cleave, B. Chivington, D. Gee
Tennis

Back row: E. Barry, S. Blachar, E. Hill, N. Stone
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9/19   Platte County Inv.  2nd
9/24   Smithville Inv.
9/28   Rim Rock Classic
10/5   KC Metro Inv.
10/12  Suburban Conference
10/26  Districts

Cross Country

Third row: M. Hickman, P. Howat, A. Burr, E. Klundt, K. Hagen, M. Conard, N. Miller, J. Ball, K. Simpson, C. Hill, K. Lily, M. WIlkoughby
Front row: S. Stone, E. Kunz, Z. Gray, R. Cartledge, Z. Miller, J. Shorba
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9/4     Park Hill South & Lee's Summit West  Loss
        Lee's Summit West  Loss
9/5     Liberty                   Loss
9/10    Oak Park                   Won
9/12    Central Invitational      15th
9/16    Platte County              Won
9/17    Liberty                   Loss
9/19    Maryville & Lafayette       Won
9/23    Oak Park Invitations       18th
9/26    Savannah & LeBlond         Loss
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Middle row: A. Bergland, C. Wallis, G. Eckhardt, J. Kammerer, B. Weddle, K. Kammerer, Coach Zieger, Coach Jenkins  
Front row: S. Cathey, N. Campbell
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Varsity Softball

Back row: Coach Gill, R. Schultz, P. Miller, Coach Dodge, J. Haggard, H. Steeby, Coach Foster
Middle row: V. Holcomb, K. Collins, B. Wilcoxson, H. Koelliker
Front row: S. Novak, C. Lindstrom, L. Walker

junior varsity

Back row: Coach Gill, K. Carson, Coach Roster, H. Hoffman, Coach Dodge
Middle row: M. Weiert, T. Cateon, M. Williams, L. Pettit
Front row: A. Hill, C. Crabtree, J. Davis
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Boys Basketball

Back row: Coach Kimble, J. Hill, G. Stagner, Coach Musser, C. Schlimmle, M. Austin, Coach Beaulieu
Middle row: A. Stillman, J. Riddle, T. Tremain, T. Curtin
Front row: Z. Olson, C. Bell, D. Gray, K. Fox, T. Mayfield

freshmen

Middle row: J. Barr, M. Aparecilo, T. Clark, C. Bell, B. Sears
Front row: J. McCauley, A. Riley, R. Smith, C. Humbert, S. Timmons

sophomore

Back row: Coach Kelly, J. Smith, J. Steinbecker, D. Kuntz
Middle row: G. Gossett, J. Mysiedba, B. Naring, Dylan Rongey
Front row: K. Larabee, N. Corder, N. Hanlan

junior varsity

Back row: W. Jones, Coach J. Kimble, C. Schlimmle
Middle row: G. Stagner, S. Kirby, J. Bristol
Front row: T. Tremain, T. Tremain, S. Keegan
Girls Basketball

Top Row: A. Bell, A. Majors, J. Haggard, P. Downey, M. Pleiderer, B. Shields, S. Rodney, A. Mocek, J. Boone, J. French
Middle Row: A. Wilson, B. Rodney, G. Howat
Bottom Row: K. Williams, M. Sapp, G. Woody, M. Lawrence

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Junior Varsity

Back row: J. Jahne, S. Schlange, G. Howat, Coach J. Boone, M. McClurg, M. Sapp, M. Byrd
Front row: S. Rodney

Freshmen

Back row: Manager D. Bullock, H. Bartlett, A. Huff, C. Mann, K. Kline
Middle row: Manager R. Parrish, A. Majors, S. Grier, Manager S. Stone
Front row: H. Grant, G. Thomure
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**Girls Swimming**

Second Row: M. Davies, J. Corcimiglia, G. Larson, M. Grooms, R. Hagen, K. Hagen, A. Schank, H. Pendleton
Third Row: D. Roberts, B. Christensen, K. Heckel, B. Warden, C. Steilen, M. Brownfield, and S. Blachar
Fifth Row: L. Green, K. Tieman, A. Richardson, A. Franks
Sixth Row: (Managers) B. Weddle, N. Campbell, and S. Owens.

The Indiana swim team placed fourth in the Winnetonka Invitational on December 14, 2013. There were over 24 teams in attendance at this swim meet.

The state swim team was preparing to head off for the first day of preliminary swimming for the state meet. Three relays and six individual events were swum among the Indain team.
Wrestling


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Central High School

Cheerleaders

Varsity Cheerleading

Front row: K. Beemer, A. Vandermonn, A. Inisco, M. Michalski, T. Fee, M. Guthrie, K. Bragg, S. Evans

1st at Regionals, 3rd at State, 10th at Nationals

freshmen

junior varsity

(Left to Right) Row 1: E. Bowman, A. Giles, A. Kellogg Row 2: A. Byrd, L. Williams
Row 3: K. Singleton, A. Nguyen, M. Brownfield

Poms

Middle row: A. Viselli, P. Musser, S. Prices, H. Grier
Front row: K. Pryor, R. Hardy, J. Alford, S. Bransfield
Band

Back row: E. Adams, A. Adkins, S. Alberts, B. Alford, C. Allen, S. Allgood, A. Angsten, C. Armstrong, L. Baker, D. Brandt, A. Ber
gland, S. Bingham, S. Blachar, R. Bowers, J. Brabham, M. Brownfield, N. Bucklein, C. Burns, M. Campbell, I. Caton, N. Chandler,
Goller, J. Goller, A. Graham, A. Graves, L. Greer, E. Gunderson, R. Hanlan, B. Hardy, D. Harris, J. Hartley, G. Hayes, M. Hayes, L.
Heeler, D. Helm, J. Hernandez, B. Hibbs, H. Hicks, B. Hodges, H. Hoffman, M. Holmes, M. Hosley, J. Jahn, J. Jenco, M. Jenkins, M.
McDowell, I. McKinney, N. Miller, M. Mills, R. Millsap, K. Moore, A. Morse, X. Negriozio, D. Oliver, A. Palmer, J. Phillippe, S. Phil-
West, H. Williams, S. Wittmeyer, A. Woodward, S. Zynda

drumline

Back row: R. Millsap, M. DePriest, D. Keller, X. Negriozio, G. Kellam, J. Jenco
Third row: N. Dill, J. Jahn, S. Wittmeyer, G. Hayes, B. Alford, B. West, B. Hodges, D.
Helm

trumpets

Back row: B. Weddle, D. Linscott, L. Gill, A. Clary, T. Maxwell, S. Smith, A. Graves
Middle row: J. Brabham, N. Fischer, A. Eckdahl, J. Goller, S. Bingham, M. McDonald
Front row: A. Dittmer, C. Burns, S. Blachar, C. Evans

flute
Encore

Row 2: J. Connors, K. Peepers, A. Sigrist, K. Bryant, L. Barnes, J. Ohnesorge
Crew: T. Toles, K. Harrison

flag team

Back row: A. Angster, M. Campbell, H., K. Moore, A. Graham, H. Glenn
Middle row: E. Dufrain, C. Smith, P. Ford, A. Palmer,
Front row: C. Armstrong, B. Snyder, R. Bowers, K. Przybylski

jazz band

Row 1: B. Hardy, B. Allen, G. Hayes, A. King, N. Bucklein, A. Eckdahl, A. Kirby
Row 2: V. Chavez, M. Cripe, J. Goller, W. Slawson, E. Gunderson, J. Trout
Row 3: K. Przybylski, E. Goller, C. Puckett

schedule

Rockbridge, Columbia, Mo
NWMSU, Maryville, Mo
Pleasant Hill, Pleasant Hill, Mo
"Being a senior" is an incredibly weighted statement. Although we are granted freedoms and privileges, we struggle under the weight of impending graduation and college applications. The end of each quarter arrives faster and faster until somehow we make it through the year.

We've been the freshmen and we've been the underdogs. We've fought our way through crowds and pushed through lunch lines. It wasn't easy making our way to the top. But it is just as bitter as it is sweet. Because we know this is not just the end of high school; it's the end of all the years we've ever spent in mandatory education. It's the end of the same schedule every day for years on end. We no longer need to worry about benchmarks, IB tests, AP tests, school lunch, or even the crowded hallways.

But in forgetting what burdened us we remember why we showed up at 7:42 every morning. We remember the friendships that made their way from elementary to middle and into high school. We recall the teachers that made us laugh and the success that made us smile. We think of those moments where we found a group or club or sport and thought, "yeah, this is where I belong". Because while showing up so early and not leaving until the afternoon seemed like a burden, it was where we became ourselves. It was the place where we found belonging and discovered our character.

As we say our goodbyes Central remember the reasons why we didn't want to say goodbye at all. Preserve the memories and the friendships that we made. Remember how we made this school ours.

Personally, I think what we're leaving behind is better than what we started with. And knowing that, seniors, we can graduate knowing our personal touches will never die within these halls.
Brady
Rodney

As high school graduation beckons the close of a chapter and starts a new one in your life, we have been privileged to witness your strength, determination, character, power and leadership as it inspires us and those around you. Thank you for allowing your light to shine while unconsciously giving permission for other (us) to do the same. May your life continue to manifest the glory of God as you were born to do while you pursue your dreams. Keep cruising Ruby Bridges.
Love,
Mom, Simone, Myles, and Dad

Karleigh,
We are so proud of the young women you have become. Watching you grow up has brought us so much joy and you have a bright future ahead of you. As you begin the new chapter in life move forth with confidence and integrity.
We love you!
Mom & Dad

Dear Zach,
Wow! The time went really fast! We are so very proud of you and are excited to see what your future holds. Thanks for all the laughs!
Love,
Dad, Mom, & Eli

I am incredibly proud of the young man you have become. I’ve watched you play many cold, rainy football games. Our family has sat through years of play productions with you either on stage or behind the scenes. Your many creations whether in metalworking, art or woodworking amaze me every time you bring a new project home. It’s impressive how you can always see things from a different point of viewpoint than everyone else in the room. Yet, you are so patient and tolerant of everyone’s differences. Be proud when you hear teacher after teacher comment on how you have a genuine good heart, awesome sense of humor, and contagious smile! I am so excited to see what the future holds for you!
Love,
Mom
Alison G.V. Clark

Oh my, look how you've grown, into a beautiful young lady that I am so proud of. Remember all you have learned and go forward in life being successful, courageous, & beautiful.

Love,
Mom and Family

Cortney Johnson

We are very proud of the beautiful, loving, intelligent, talented young woman you have become. Your future holds endless possibilities. Life is your studio and it is waiting for you to fill it with beautiful photographs. Always remember, "A dream is a wish your heart makes", never stop dreaming and wishing.

Love,
Mom, Dad, and Kamden

Rylee Hanlan

Rylee, we are so proud of you & the woman you have become. It seems like yesterday we were changing your diapers. You have grown up to be an awesome, caring & beautiful young lady. You are an amazing person that will go far & accomplish so much. Love you with all our hearts.

Mom & Dad

Aslyn Grace Damerval

We are so proud of you. May your dreams take you as far as you aspire to go with your creative and brilliant mind you will go far.

Love you,
Mom & Dad
Brittany
Snyder

I can't believe it's finally here. You've grown so fast. You will do great things. We love you.
Love,
Mom, & Dad, & Kaitlynn

We are all very proud of you! You are a beautiful, loving, and compassionate person and have a bright future ahead of you. We will always be cheering you on. You've got this! Love you more.
Mom, Dad, & Casey

Maddie
Michalski

If ever there is tomorrow when we're not together...
There is something you must always remember.
You are braver than you believe,
Stronger than you seem,
and smarter than you think.
But the most important thing is,
even if we're apart...
we'll always be with you.
Love,
Dad and Mom

Holly
Leslie

Michael
Cripe

Congratulations Michael, you did it! On your first day of Kindergarten, we walked you to your class and thought about this day. We are so very proud of you and the man you are becoming. You are smart, giving, respectful, and have the biggest heart we know. Your character and integrity are important to you, and this will take you a long way. God has great plans for you! We are excited to see where this next phase of your life takes you. Have fun, work hard, and enjoy every single day.
We love you as high as the sky.
Mom, Dad, Jenna, & Jack

Saige
Sheets

Saige... you are a wonderful daughter And we thank God for the gift of precious memories He's given us since the moment you came into our lives. There are so many ways you've already made a difference in the world And nothing can measure the happiness and pride We've felt watching you face life's challenges And making your dreams come true. Know that no matter where you go or what you do, We will always love you!
Dad & Mom
Kerns

Congratulations and welcome to your bright future.
Whoo Hoo!!
Love,
Mom and Dad

Lexi Walker

Lexi,
You are a beautiful person, both inside and out! We couldn't be more proud of you and know that you will go on to do big things! Always keep that happy and compassionate personality and SHINE BRIGHT!
Love You Forever,
Dad, Mom, & Lauren

Dominique Nehl

We are so proud of you. Follow your dreams be true to yourself.
Love,
Mom, Felicia, Mia, & William

Rylie Wilkinson

We are so proud of you. Believe and you will succeed.
We love you!
Mom, Dad, & Blake

Bailey Harris

Bailey,
We are so proud of you and the beautiful person you have become. You have such a kind, caring, and fun personality. You light up a room with your dimpled smile and giggle. Just keep smiling, believe in yourself, follow your dreams and you will succeed. You are so very special to us. We Love you "Button"!
Mom and Dad, Cooper too!

Katie Ohnesorge

Katie,
Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass; it's about learning to dance in the rain.
Let the rain fall, you're strong enough to handle whatever comes.
Your kind, gentle and loving spirit will take you wherever you want to go.
Never forget how much we love you, Krabcakes!
Mody and Mom
Lindsey Takes

Full of love, pride, and excitement for all that you have accomplished and all that you have yet to do. We love you with all our hearts... today and forever.

M & D
Xoxox

Regan King

Thank you for being such an amazing daughter— you made parenting a dream come true! You are the most compassionate, funny, intelligent, loving, responsible and multi-talented girl! You have brought joy and laughter to our lives. Always keep the music in your heart and be the first one on the dance floor... and the one last to leave!
Love you the “Mostest” Mom & Dad (and your entire family!)

Robert Adams

Robert,
When you were born we wrote these words to you to reflect on and live by: “To always be happy and jolly like you are now. To continue to absorb everything that interests you. To always believe in yourself. We will always love you and support you in whatever you choose to do.” After 18 years, we will still encourage these goals and wishes for you. We are so proud of your accomplishments and look forward to watching you enjoy many more.
Mom & Dad
Kaitlyn Peppars

You have been such a delightful blessing to me! I am so proud of you! You did it! I always knew you could! Always follow the leading of the Lord so that you may experience the same joy that you have brought me. Always celebrate who you are. Always listen to your heart and follow the Lord and you will go far.

Love and Prayers,
Mom

Max Mitchem

Max,

Our love for you is unconditional. Our pride in you is unending. Our belief in you is absolute.

Congratulations and love,
Mom, Dad, and Niki

Kelsei Peppars

You have brought such joy to my life. I am so proud of you! You have worked very hard to get to this moment and all of your diligence has paid off! Always celebrate who you are. God has a wonderful plan for your life. Always follow His leading and you will have a prosperous and fulfilling life.

Love and Prayers,
Mom

Cheyenne Blakeslee

"Congratulations" you have worked so hard to get here. 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. Our wish for you is that the path you choose brings you joy and happiness everyday. Always keep your faith and never give up. We are so proud of you "Punkin" Love you!

Mom & Dad

Mollie Siemens

Congratulations Mollie! We are very proud of you and who you are.

Love,
Dad, Mom & Eric

"Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened." -Dr. Seuss
Nick Grable
We can't believe you are already graduating from high school. We are very proud of all of your accomplishments and can't wait to see what you will achieve in the future.
We love you.
Mom, Lauren, and Pearl

You always make us proud. Your combination of intelligence and a thoughtful heart will serve you well throughout your life.
We love you!!
Mom, Dad, & Bradley

Hannah Pointer

Nick. You have brought us such joy and laughter. We are so proud of the young man you are and so excited for your future. Remember to dream big, work hard, and keep God as your center.
Romans 15:13 May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.
Love, Mom, Dad, & Jared

JT Yuratovich

JT-
We are so proud to call you our son! Many wonderful experiences and opportunities await. Do something each day that your future self will thank you for...
Your talents are God’s gift to you. What you do with them becomes your gift back to God.
Big Love,
Mom and Dad

Madison Ideker

Madison-
We are so very proud of you. Seeing all that you have accomplished so far in your life is amazing. You have so much more to achieve. Having you in our lives has been a true blessing. Follow your heart & believe in yourself because great things are going to happen!
We love you!
Mom, Dad, Jordan, & Ashtyn
Hayley Hernandez

Hayley,
Time went so fast! I remember taking you to kindergarten and now you are graduating high school. You have accomplished something wonderful. I am very proud of you and I know you will succeed no matter what you do. Make your dreams come true no matter what life throws at you.

Love,
Mom

Rollens Hardy

Words can’t express how much we love you! We are so proud of who you are and can’t wait to see what your future holds. We are blessed to have you.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Braxton, and Reese

Nick Viestenz

Congratulations Nick!
We are so proud of the fine young man you have become. Everyday you show us what courage, hard work, and character are all about. Whatever you decide for your future, we know you will be a success! God bless you.

Love always,
Mom, Dad, Lauren, & Jack

Tyler Reed

It is hard to believe you have reached this milestone already. The time has gone too quickly. Watching you grow and develop into the amazing young man you are today, has brought us so much joy. Through the years your determination, ambition, dedication, loyalty, and faith have made us so proud! Know that wherever life’s journey takes you, we will always be your biggest fans!

Dream Big!
With all our love,
Mom, Dad, Lauren, & Austin
Maria
Llanas
We are so proud of you, and hope all your dreams come true.
Love
Mom, Dad, Hernan, and Jenny

Kaleigh
Pryor
Life is full of choices. You have chosen your own path and to follow your heart in the right direction. God has given you the gift of a kind and caring heart. Remember you can never, ever have enough... friends in your life. There is always room for one more. That others right and follow what you believe in and life will take you to amazing places! We love you more than you will ever know.
Mom, Dad & Taylor

Chelsie
Southern
Chelsie, we have enjoyed watching you grow from an adorable baby to a beautiful, smart young lady. We are so proud of you! We want to wish you success and happiness in every path you choose. We love you very much,
Mom & Dad

Tatiyana
Lorick
We all knew the day you were born that you were going to do amazing things. The world is not ready for it, but as we watch your greatness unfold they need to get ready because here you come Tatiyana! We love you with all our hearts!!!
Love,
Mom & Chris!!!
Sometimes you will never know the value of a moment until it becomes a memory. –Dr. Seuss
Love,
Mom, Dad, Matthew and Isabella

Aaron
Hockaday

Aaron,
Where did the time go?
Here you are all grown up and ready for so many opportunities, see your good choices show who you are and who you will become. Your creativity, kindness, and confidence earns respect in this world. You have always strived for the best. Our challenges with losing your father this year has made you a stronger, more determined man. Just remember other things in life may change us but we start and end with family. Keep your sense of humor and smiling face. I am very proud of you.
Love,
Mom
Tanner Butterfield

What an honor granted by God to have the privilege of being your parents. We look forward to sharing a new chapter in your life. Your talents are many, which leaves the door of opportunity wide open. We are still your biggest fans and will be cheering for you every step of the way. Forever keep your kind and gentle heart. We love you to the moon and stars and back!
Love,
Mom & Dad

Ethan Tyrrell

Ethan,
We are so proud of you! Your focus and persistence are qualities we would all like to possess. Keep pushing forward and you will be amazed at what you can do.
Good job!
Love,
Mom & Dad

Danielle Parham

So very proud of you! Don’t stop believing in yourself… there’s a great future ahead of you!
Love,
Mom

Zachary Gray

Congratulations! We are so proud of you and the young man you have become. You have been a joy and delight from day one and it seems as if time has gone way too fast. You have a bright future ahead of you and know that we will always be there to support and guide you, if you need it.
We love you so much!
Mom, Dad, Alec, & Mitch
Adam Stolfus

Adam,
You have grown up to become an outstanding young man. When you find yourself in a tight spot in the future, just remember to stand tall and you will see your way forward. Good luck in all that you do in life from your biggest—albeit shorter—fans.
Love,
Mom, Dad, Emily, & Julia

Jenny Ohnesorge

Jenny,
From the very beginning, you have made your presence known. You're funny, talented, fearless, and strong. Like a dog with a bone, you know what you want and don't give up until satisfied.
Whoever said, "good things come in small packages", had better watch out for the great things coming from you.
We will always love you, JuJuBe!
Mom and Padre

Randie Fisher

We are so very proud of you! You have become such a handsome, smart young man. You are the best son, brother, grandson, and friend in the world! We love you so much and you are so special to all of us!
Love Always,
Mom, KC, Bryson, Gabriel, Grandma, Grandpa, Uncle Mike, and the rest of the family!!!
Patrick
Kelly
I wish you the strength to face challenges with confidence, along with wisdom to choose your battles carefully. I wish you adventure on your journey through life and may you always stop to help someone along the way. Listen to your heart and always remember how much you are loved.
“You are my sunshine, my only sunshine!”
We love you to the moon and back,
Mom & Dad

Shalie
Finch
You did it
We are so proud
Love you always Mom and Family

Stephanie
Gummelt
Congratulations to our precious girl...full of music, spirituality, and laughter... truly a gift to us from God!
Love from Mom, Dad, Bethany, Russell, Emily, Jon, and Grandma.
Brooklyn Millsap

A tiny little girl with a great big heart who gave more of herself than should ever be expected of one so young. Through trial and turmoil you never lost hope. Your smile brightened our darkest days.

We love you, Dad and Rylan.

Jordan Gabauer

Jordan,
It's hard to believe that little girl that used to follow me around everywhere has really grown up! I am so proud of all you have accomplished so far. Your determination and work ethic will take you far. You have not only met my expectations. Yet, you always exceed them! Don't forget to stop for a moment and reflect on a job well done. Someone once said, "Life is not the breaths you take but the moments that take your breath away." This is one of those, take it in. We are so proud of you.

Love,
Dad and Cassie

Nathan Steele

I hope your dreams take you to the corners of your smiles, to the highest of your opportunities, and to the most special places your heart has ever known. We are very proud of you and love you very much.

Mom & Dad
Shiloh,  
You make us smile simply because you are Shiloh.  
We are proud of you!  
Embrace each day as a gift, walk in the courage  
and strength of the Lord, laugh often, and never  
give up the Faith.  
Do not balk at the unexpected shift along life's  

path. God often leads those He loves on illogical  
journeys.  
"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my  
path." Psalm 119:105  
Love,  
Mom, Dad, & RebaLou

Kayli  
Bragg

I know this wasn't easy getting to this last year of high  
school. I know you will look back on it & see it was all  
worth it & know it was the best years of your life! You  
can do anything! We love you very much!  
Mom, Dad & Duston

Nicolas  
Russell

Nicolas,  
We are proud of you and know that you will do well at  
anything you set your mind on.  
Good luck in college!  
Maman and Bill  
Pam, Chris, Grandma  
Papi, Mami, Jill, Lorraine, Yannick
Aundrea Larabee
We are so proud of you Aundrea, you are everything we ever hoped for in a daughter. We are so blessed to be your parents and we love you so much. Our little girl is all grown up.
Love, Mom & Dad

Olivia Callow
Olivia, We know that you will follow your bliss and continue to uplift those around you. Best wishes to you, our beloved daughter.
Love, MM & DD

Congratulations! We love you and we know that you will have many opportunities in your future.
Mom & Dad

Trevor Moeck
We are so proud of you! May your future be filled with blessings and peace that only our Lord can provide. Always remember who you are. Never look back!
Ephesians 6:13-18
We love you!
Dad, Mom, and Ash

John Prokop

Haley Bennett
Haley, You are such a beautiful girl. We are so proud of you.
Love, Mom & Dad

Dakota McQuiston
Dakota... You have grown into an amazing young man. As you choose the direction your life will take you, know you will do extraordinary things with your life. Always have faith and never give up. We are all so proud of you.
Love you,
Mom, Dad, Farryl, Chris, Shannon, Justin, and Adrian
“Do the things that interest you and do them with all your heart. The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.” -Eleanor Roosevelt

You have worked incredibly hard to get to where you are. You have so many opportunities ahead of you. Remember to take advantage of as many as you can. We are very proud of you.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Dani, Alex, and Cam

You are a joy to us! Your laugh is a spark, your sense of humor a flame. If you will believe and persevere, you will shame the critics, and find the world a fertile place.

Mom and Dad

Sarah Segrist
Dayton Zirkle

Dayton, It’s been our privilege to raise you, and we can’t wait to see where God will lead you. Always keep your True North. “All your sons will be taught by the Lord, and great will be your children’s peace.” Isaiah 54:13
Love you BIG,
Mom, Dad, & Colton

Megan Zimbelman

Megan, With your spirit, beauty, intelligence and tenacity you will achieve anything you strive for. We are proud of you!!
“All of our dreams can come true, if we have the courage to pursue them.” - Walt Disney
We know......it’s time for you to fly.
We love you.
Mom, Dad, Belle and Zoe

Bailey Cole

Bailey, Before you were born, we dreamed about the woman you would become. We are so proud of you and know that the future holds wonderful opportunities for you. Go confidently in the direction of your dreams! Every new beginning is some beginning’s end... Welcome to wherever you are!
Love You Always,
Mom and Dad

Caitlyn Lindstrom

Caitlyn.
As we reflect over the last 18 years, words cannot describe how proud we are of you. (We cannot believe how much that you have accomplished already and can’t wait to see what you achieve in the next 18 years. You are the world’s greatest daughter and a wonderful sister to your younger brother. As you move on to college and into your career, we are always behind you 100%. You have a big heart and are always willing to help those in need, never loose that, it is who you are and that’s a trait that we are most proud of. Remember to get a “gas-friendly” RV, Dr. Lindstrom.
Love,
Mom & Dad
Austin Ambrozi

Life is a journey. It is neither fair nor will it be easy. Be optimistic & open to change. Always remember to laugh. Be a positive leader, follow the good, and be forgiving & kind. Always give your best! The future will hold promise for you & if you open your eyes you will see you are far more than you ever imagined. With pride we envision great things in your future. We love you to pieces!
Love, Mom & Dad (& Rocky too)

Kaylee Ball

Kaylee,
We are so proud of the amazing, loving, and caring young woman you have become. We can’t wait to see where God takes you and the plans he has for you.
Love,
Mom, Dad, Jamison, Jacob & Jaxon
"In their hearts humans plan their course, but the Lord establishes their steps." Proverbs 16:9

Alex Jackson

Watching you grow into the wonderful young man you are today has been a blessing. We are so proud of you and all of your accomplishments.
As you get ready to start Mizzou in the fall, know that we will always be there to support you.
Love Dad & Mom
Scot, Ashley & Maddle
Warren, Lindsay & Molly
Alex Sigrist

We are so proud of the young man you have become. God has truly blessed us. We know that you are so ready to take on the next step in life. Always rely on your faith and family, your ability to work hard, and remember to be nice to people. These three things will serve you well in life.

"Anything worth doing is worth doing well."

Mom, Dad, and Ali

Keegan Budine

Keegan, You continue to amaze us and astound us with all of your talents! May your future be all that you could ever dream it to be! We love you very much and know you will become whatever you put your mind to!

God bless you!

All of our love,
Mom, Dad, & Adriana

Jaree Bennett

You were special to us the day you were born and the doctor said "it's a baby girl" and you have been special to us ever since. To see you grow into a young lady has been a real joy. Now our next journey is to watch you become a woman. Live life to its fullest, but achieve all goals you have set for yourself.

Love you,
Mom & Dad

Chance Dahle

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart."

Jeremiah 29:11-13

All our love, Mom, Dad, Sadie & Tuck

Skyler Evans

We are so proud of you, and your accomplishments. You are such a joy. Can't wait to see what your future holds. Continue to shine. Love you bunches!

Gregg, Mom, and Mack

Bacchus Loe

Bacchus,

It's hard to believe that in these few short years you've gone from the goofy little kid that was always making us laugh to the tall, mature, & handsome young man that you are today. We are so proud of you, & love you so much.

-Grandma & Grandpa
But First, Let Me Take a #Selfie
Angela Sizemore

Angela,
I know that there has been a lot of major life events happen to you in a short time, and it has been very stress-ful. You have amazed me everyday with your strength to push on, and handle the things that need to be done. You’re a strong woman in every way, I am so proud to call you my daughter. I look forward to watching you succeed through college.

Love,
Johnny and Kali

Austin Sprague

Austin,
We are proud of all that you have accomplished. Congrats and we wish you the best on all the future holds for you.

Love,
Dad & Mom

Christine Smith

Congrats on being able to add graduation to you’re A-Z list of activities. Continue to do things, not just sometimes but always. That’s good advice from Jurek; JFK directed people to do things not because they are easy, but because they are hard. So, when in doubt, do burpees.

Love ya,
Mom

Ryan Kusilek

Ryan, our precious son. We love you and are so proud of you. God has an incredible plan for your life and we are blessed to be a part of it!

Love,
Dad, Mom, Brandon and Jason

Shelby Webster

Shelby-
There are no words to express how incredibly proud of you we are. Your intelligence and creativity never ceases to amaze us. Stay true to yourself and follow your heart and only great success will find you.

All our love,
Mom, Dad, Trevor, Seth, & Lil Bill
Hannah, VanCleave

We couldn't be more proud of the creative, outgoing, confident young woman you have become. You continue to make us happy each day and we are excited for what the future has in store for you!

Love always,
Mom and Dad

Darian, Taylor

It's hard to find the strength to let you go and let you grow up, but the time has come. Good luck as you find your way in the world. We will always be here for you.

Love,
Mom, Dad, & Family

Baeleigh Conners

Your entire family is so proud of you and your accomplishments! You can do anything you set your mind to! Have an amazing graduation!

Love,
Mom & Dad

Tyler White

"Working hard is important, but there is something that matters even more, believing in yourself." —Harry Potter

You're my boy Blue!

Love,
Mom & Tory

Zac Miller

We thank God for blessing us with you! You are a consistent source of joy in our lives. You are a man after God's heart, and we couldn't be more proud of you. "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11

We love you so much!
Mom, Dad, Kylie, Kenzie & Xavier

Blakli Thompson

Well we are coming to the end of another chapter in your life. You have overcome a lot of obstacles that only made you strong. We are so proud of the beautiful young lady you have become. Never forget who you are and what you can be, when God is in the center of what you do.

We love you,
G'pa and G'ma
We Are
The
Kinzie~ We couldn't be prouder of the sweet young lady you have become. You are beautiful inside & out and we will miss you around the house next year. Dream Big!! Godspeed. We love you, Mom, Dad, Maddie, & Max

Sam Starr

Congratulations Sam! We cannot wait to see what "adventures" God has planned for you next...
and- Always Remember Colossians 3:12-15 "...clothe yourself with compassion Kindness, humility, gentleness and patience... and above all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity..."
Love you tons!
Mom and Dad
(YOLO Meat)

Cole Warden

It's hard to believe our little blonde-haired, blue-eyed baby boy is already graduating! Where did the time go?! Cole, you are truly a blessing from God! You have had to deal with more adversity these past 18 years than most people do their entire life but through it all you’ve learned to make your own way, not worrying about what others think. Your courage, your contagious smile, your passion, your fearless spirit, your determination, your willingness to try new things, your love & compassion for others, and your incredible faith in God make us stand in awe of you! We have no doubt that you will do whatever you put your mind to. We are excited to see what this new chapter in your life brings. Thank you for being the incredible son that you are. We are so proud of you and love you with all our hearts!
Mom & Dad
Romans 8:28 & Philippians 4:13
Derek Gray Jr.

Derek, you did it! Everything you said, you would do in your 4 years at Central, you did! Your dad, brother and I are so proud of you! We know that you will excel in the next phase of your life. Never change, always be true to who you are... friendly, compassionate, hardworking, disciplined, funny, good natured, considerate... and last but not least BLESSED! We love you! (Our foursome :)

I love you. I'm so proud of you! Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. 
Love you, 
Mom

Kyle Fox

We are proud of the young man you have become! We love you!
Mom, Dad, Jared, Elena and the entire family

Kaleb Dunn

Kaleb! We love you and are so proud of you! Good luck with all of your future endeavors!
Love,
Mom, Dad, Trevor, Sierra

Mikala Smith-Banks

When your mom left this world and left you with us, we were hoping we weren't too old to enjoy you. Well, you taught me how to play with Barbies, that's for sure. We were amazed how you learned to ride a bicycle and amazed at your success in Martial Arts and Figure Skating. As you go onto college and your life you will succeed because you have the zest in you and you have God and your mother guiding you. We love you so much and you have been the light of our lives. 
Love,
Grandpa, Grandma, Mom, and Family

Madison McKinley

Our world traveler has reached another successful goal in life. Keep your feet grounded, the wind at your back and always choose adventure over the status quo. 
We love you Made!
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Letter from the Editor

A yearbook does not remind us of the classes we took or the essays we wrote: it is a testament to the moments that made us laugh and the friends that made us never want to leave. We are told that high school is the best four years of our lives, which may or may not be true. Regardless, we make an effort to ensure we remember it for what it was: a time to be young in a transition of getting old.

While the signatures in this book exist only between the covers, our imprints in this school remain. During our years here, we leave our footprints, scribbles, and records. I cannot fathom a Central without our memories of awkwardness and our memories of success.

Personalities are what shapes a school. I urge you not to focus on the grades and the scores that we can no longer change. Focus on the people and the faces that made our experience golden. High school is a time for uniqueness and becoming the people we decide to be. And personally, I can’t imagine a high school that would do a better job.

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Music Madness

story by Jordan Boomer

choir receives a rating of 1

For years the Central High School music department has thrived. Students put in extra work to enhance their vocal ability, and choir students anticipate the State Choir Contest they get to participate in each spring. The Chamber, Bel Canto, Comerata, and Men’s Choirs received the highest score possible at the District Competition at Northwest Missouri State University on May 3. Intense class work is required to be successful at the competition.

“We practice sight reading each class period as well as singing together to perfect the balance and blend we need when we sing,” senior Chamber choir member Sophie Hamm said.

“It’s definitely a challenge,” Hamm said. “We have to work hard in class to get our songs ready for contest.” Participating in the music department impacts students in more than one way.

“Music has taught me to appreciate and create beauty in a world that desperately needs it,” senior Men’s Choir member Andrew Donaldson said. Just like the football, baseball, and volleyball teams, the music department is given the chance to show off their talent at the State Choir Contest. Central brought home the gold this spring with a 1 rating for each choir, and will continue to make Indian's proud through their dedication and appreciation of music.

To the bottom and left show choir performs at the fall coronation to show off their talent.
Musical Shakespeare theatre performs "Kiss Me, Kate"

Screaming shrews and bumbling mobsters filled the spotlight during the school production of *Kiss Me, Kate*. The musical follows a theatre's production of Shakespeare's *The Taming of the Shrew*.

Senior Liz Goller played the part of Lilli Vanessi, the ex-wife of the show's star and producer, Fred Graham. "I have never been part of the musical here at school," she said. "I was in Robidoux Resident Theatre's "The Little Mermaid" last year as a Mersister and then I was in the pit orchestra my sophomore year of *Les Mis*.

Goller enjoyed the role because of the uncharacteristic things she got to do. "I liked singing "I Hate Men" because it was where I got to be the epitome of a shrew," Goller said. "That was enjoyable to kick things and throw things and be crazy. I'm not usually like that."

In order for the production to become a success, much time and effort had to be put into the show. "We spent about two months before hand getting ready and practicing every day after school until about five o'clock," Goller said.

For Goller, the best part of being involved in the production was getting the theatre experience. "It was fun getting to know people I normally don't hang around. I've never really been part of theatre so just in general getting to do something I've never done before was really exciting."

Bickering leads and comic support characters brought several laughs to the audience during the four showings of Cole Porter's *Kiss Me, Kate*. 
Freshman Aaron King, junior Josh Crotty and senior Andrew Donaldson in Act one of Kiss Me Kate. King and Crotty played gangsters threatening Mr. Graham, Donaldson's character, for money.

Sophomore Andrew Kirby and Freshmen Nate Bucklein and Jackson Connors preform in the number "Tom, Dick or Harry". The trio spends the song competing for the love of Bianca playing mobsters comic relief characters speak out

"I thought it was kind of fun because I like to consider myself funny, even though I'm not that funny. It was good to have a big role for once and be the comic relief of a show that could be considered kind of boring."

-Junior Josh Crotty (left)
Sitting behind the curtain listening to hundreds of your peers file in: all to hear you speak. Imagine what the Student Body Officers had racing through their head at that very moment. Will I pass out on stage, or look like a fool? Will I get through to my peers on stage on why I should be elected? The SBO Debates are a long time tradition at Central High School. Students run for office for many reasons, they truly have pride for their school or because each candidate believes they are the best for the job.

“I have pride in my school and I think I could make a difference,” Junior Marco Machado said.

Student Body Officers are a huge factor in making sure that everything runs smoothly with homecoming, school spirit, and the overall pride given off that year. “I know that I could fulfill the duties of treasurer with integrity and in the most responsible manner,” Junior Elena Fox said. The speech is your chance to get your voice heard and the only time that you truly are able to allow the Student Body to understand why you are the best choice for your school.

“I really just tried to focus on my enthusiasm for this school and my passion to see it be really exciting and fun for its students,” Junior Hayley Hinde said.

Running for an Officer position is stressful but also enjoyable for the candidates. “Being in front of the student body was nice because you were able to personally convey your ideas to them,” Junior Joseph Kellogg said.

Another year will pass and this tradition will still be here. The banners will be hung and yet another crowd will head to the polls to make their voice heard. New students will fill the shoes of the previous year and the cycle will start again. “Make sure you plan ahead! Also be creative and do something no one has done before. Basically just try to stand out as the best candidate!” Machado said.

After the debates votes were tallied and the results are in; next years 2014-2015 Student Body Officers are President Joseph Kellogg, Vice-President Marco Machado, Secretary Traejun Johnson, and Treasurer Gene Hayes.

Juniors Haley Hinde and Traejun Johnson did a handshake before speaking in front of the school. These two ran for Student Body Secretary.

Junior Elena Fox speaks in front of the school to inform them of her goals. Fox ran for Student Body Treasurer.

Juniors Marco Machado and Josey Redmon wish each other luck before addressing the student body. These two students ran for Student Body Vice President.
the next generation
new members join NHS

Dressed in elegant gowns and sharp tuxes, the 39 members of National Honors Society gathered in the auditorium to induct 49 new members into NHS. The two ceremonies on March 27 marked a new future for NHS. Tap Day was March 12, and the old members welcomed the new members with a breakfast before school.

The members were chosen based on four pillars: leadership, scholarship, character, and service. These pillars represent the foundation of NHS and what the members stand for. NHS President Andrew Donaldson was selected to give the speech on leadership, Treasurer Elsa Kunz on scholarship, Kaylee Ball on character, and Heather Holmes on service.

The new inductees in white dresses and black suits donned their stolls and one by one, walked to the center of the stage as their names were called and lit their candles. After the second ceremony, all the members gathered together for pictures before heading off to the Albrect Kemper Museum, where the luncheon was hosted and catered by Shaun's Catering. The members enjoyed a lunch of Chicken Cordon Bleu and cheesecake for dessert.

To the delight of the luncheon committee, Danny Belcher accepted their invitation to be the luncheon speaker this year. Belcher is a Grammy award winning opera singer who was a former president of NHS himself and graduated from Central. As a surprise, he displayed his Grammy and even trilled a few notes after his speech.

The induction day proved to be memorable and entertaining for all the members involved in NHS.
New year, new coach

a strong team bond

With multiple coaching changes over the past few years, the Central baseball team once again had a new coach this season. Coach Brent Seifert came in with lots of experience under his belt, graduating from Iowa Western Community College and playing with the St. Joseph Mustangs. The years of playing experience gave him confidence to put some youthful energy and motivation into the Central baseball team.

The Central baseball team looked forward to a good start to their season, but they faced difficult weather conditions that postponed the City Jamboree. They won their opening game 9-3 against LeBlond but lost 6-2 to Lafayette to take 2nd in the Jamboree. However, despite a successful start to their season, they had some tough losses in the beginning of their season. “We were 5-1 at one point, but then we dropped four in a row,” said senior Aaron Moutray. Even with all the ups and downs of the game, the team bond this year is strong.

The team this year is evenly balanced between talent and youth. With no captains on their team, leadership is spread beyond a few seniors. “We have a few underclassmen on varsity this year and they’re really stepping up," Moutray said. Although it is unusual not to have designated captains, the team chemistry is energetic due to the different playing style of their new coach. One of their players, senior second baseman Trevor Moeck, signed to play baseball with Maple Woods Community College. He had several reasons to sign at Maple Woods. “The coaches care about you, and their main priority is helping you move onto Division I or Division II,” said Moeck. “They have five to eight guys sign D-1 every year. They are a solid program. They always have a good record.”

With a new coach spurring their motivation to win, their strong bond has contributed to the teams’ desire to win.

Junior Mason Nagle tags a Lafayette player sliding into 3rd base during the City Round Robin.
remembering the year
What was your favorite part of the season?

"Enjoying my senior season with some of my closest friends." - senior Aaron Moutray

"When Trevor Moeck ran over Truman's catcher." - junior Joe Tieman

"The team bonding. Our team bonds unlike any other team out there." - senior Trevor Moeck

Nick Gutzmer pitches against Lafayette in the City Round Robin at Barlett Park. Gutzmer has played for the Indians all four years of high school.

Sophomore Jake Hill gets a line drive to right field. The Indians ending up winning the game against William Chrisman in the Eastern Jackson County Tournament in Lee's Summit.
Swinging With Purpose

boy’s golf team defeats the odds

Senior Boston Parker eyes the hole he needs to win the match. His hands are steady, and his confidence is sky-high. Parker takes a deep breath, clears his mind, and swings the golf club. He watches the ball with patience and anticipates for a hole in one.

The Central golf team is composed of many talented players. “I’ve been playing competitive golf since sixth grade,” junior Cole Roberts said.

Each practice prepares the golfers for matches against other schools. “A typical day consists of nine holes of golf for qualifying for matches and tournaments,” Parker said.

Individual work is frequently put in by the dedicated Indian golfers. “I have a swing coach in Olathe, and I practice in indoor facilities,” Roberts said.

Each year the golf team is proving to get better and better. “We have what it takes to be a strong team and take it to the next level,” Parker said.

Each player has unique goals that contribute to the overall success of the boy’s golf team. “We all have different goals that set us apart, yet we’re still really close,” Roberts said.

As experience rises, so does the expectations for the team. “I want us to win everything,” Roberts said. “We have the motivation and now we have a good place to practice.”

While a golf match is technically between two people from opposing schools, team work plays a large role in shaping each member of the boy’s golf team into the best individual player he can be. From playing golf on the weekends together to participating in intense games before practices, each golfer is able to learn and get better from interaction with his teammates.

With a positive attitude, consistent practice, and dedicated program anything is possible for the boy’s golf team.
Junior Will Catron puts from the fringe. This put was successfully made to help the Indians win their match.

Left: Freshman Austin Jackson chips from the fairway at Mollis Country Club. This shot helped the Indians beat Oak Park and Park Hill. Middle: Junior Kale Czernowka closes in on the green. His chip got him in position to put the ball to the hole. Right: Junior Garrett Ensign walks in to the bunker to play from the hazard. Ensign got his ball back on to the green to continue his play.

how successful has the season been?

“The team is the best it has ever been and we are looking great.”
-senior Boston Parker

“We’ve averaged fifth only losing by a couple shots to third and fourth.”
-junior Cole Roberts
Left: Sophomore Van Hopkins squints his eyes, waiting to return a lob. This is his second year on Varsity.

Below: Sophomore Harrison Cargil and Senior Alex Jackson launch an attack against Rockhurst's doubles team. This is their first year on varsity.

Captains Corner
Team Leaders on the Court

"I think we did great this season. Every year has been a blast, but this year we really came together as a team." -Senior Max Mitchem

"We've done pretty well. We've all practiced a lot and it has paid off." -Senior Nick Russell

"We're doing about the same as last year." -Junior Alex Fangman

Junior Alex Fangman slices a cross-court return back towards his opponent. This is his second year on varsity.
2014 marked a new era in tennis, as the title of head coach was transferred from Mr. Simpson to Coach Evert Hoffman.

Junior Alex Fangman says that the team has adjusted well to the change in coaching. "We're doing about the same as last year," he said.

The team has seen its ups and downs this season, but they have had a consistent record. "As a team we're about even," Fangman said. "Our record's about even."

While the team has adapted to their new coach, Coach Hoffman has brought some changes to the team. "He gives more specialized practices," Fangman said. "He works on certain things at certain practices. One day he'll just work with varsity, and one day he'll just work with JV."

The team has gone through other major changes apart from their head coach. Even so, they are doing about as well as they did in the previous season. "We lost our top two players, though," Fangman said. In the Leavenworth Tournament, Nick Russell and Alex Fangman took first place in doubles competition, Max Mitchem and Alex Jackson took third in the doubles competition, and Van Hopkins took third in singles competition.

This was a season of change for the tennis team. Players saw a shift in the title of head coach and the loss of their top players. With several major changes, the team retained a similar record for the previous season.
She Shoots, She Scores
soccer girls train for success

As the season for girls soccer begins and training ensues, the players start to get in the hang of committing every day working towards bettering themselves and the team. Taking part in a high school sport is both time-consuming and tiring for these girls, but every day they return for whatever is to come, whether it's conditioning for the entire practice or working on team building.

Tryouts and practice proved difficult as injuries arose almost immediately. IT band strains, ankle injuries, and knee injuries affected more than a few players as the season began. However, the girls pushed past these setbacks and continued to work on their skills and prepare for the season ahead.

Despite hardships, the team began the season well, coming out as City Champions and beating Liberty North in their first conference match. The outlook for the season was positive and exciting for these Central girls as they continued to be successful in their games.

This year, the team is working on building unity and and connections in order to function better on the field. "The best part about being on the team is being with people who share the same interests and knowing that you have each other's back," said junior Lia Wickham, who plays goalie for the varsity team. "Being able to communicate in an open and honest fashion is the most important part of maintaining team unity."

While losses are disappointing, the team never gave up in pursuing their goal of improving themselves. With such a tight group of girls, keeping their heads up and pushing forward proved easy and successful. Keeping this attitude, the girls were able to have a positive and rewarding season. "The best part about being on the team is how close we all are," said junior Brett Williams. "I can look around and know that each of them is there for me on and off the field." This is the type of perspective that makes a prosperous team. "We are pretty much like a family and it's great. I couldn't ask for better girls to play with."

Story by
Maddie Stefen
Senior Lily Zhao runs down the field as the ball moves down. Zhao has played midfield for varsity for three years.

Junior Emily Mikesch gets ready to send the ball down the field to the forwards. Mikesch has played on varsity for three years as an offensive midfielder.

An opposing player dribbles near sophomore Sara Schlange, junior Elena Fox, and senior Madison Steilen as they attempt to steal the ball. Schlange, Fox, and Steilen all take part on the defensive side of the field.

Sophomore Paige Downey uses her head to get the ball down the field. This is Downey's second year on varsity.

Junior Brett Williams sprints towards the ball, trying to reach it before an opposing player. Williams plays as an outside midfielder on the varsity team.

"Every moment counts—make the most of it while it's here."
- senior captain Megan Zimbelman

"Don't forget why you're playing the sport. Focus on what you love and leave everything on the field."
- senior captain Madison Steilen
Fuel to the fire

success comes from support

You can hear your name being shouted as you round your final curve. Those last seconds of your race can be defined by the support of those around you. Just like when you are working out and you have someone there to push you, someone there to add fuel to the flame. That support from your team is essential. “We are a tight knit group with a lot to offer. We haven’t completely gotten where we need to be, but when we get there we will be hard to beat.” Senior Madison Ideker said.

That support is what makes the team reach its peak. The bond between members of the track team is also what makes them do so well. They enjoy seeing one another succeed and encourage each other through all the rough patches. “Being able to encourage each other and run beside each other through the good, bad, easy, and hard days really brings us close,” Senior Zac Miller said.

With this bond the team not only does their best but has fun while doing it. They not only run for themselves but they run their best for their teammates as well. Track has taught the girls and guys many lessons that they will carry with them long after high school. “You can’t do anything by yourself, it’s always good to support others and others to support you,” Senior Skyler Evans said.

“I think it’s been going pretty good so far, we’ve been practicing hard and getting ready for all of our meets.”
- Freshman Chelsea Simmons

“I think it’s going pretty well, we are working pretty hard, but we aren’t preforming to our best ability yet.”
- Junior Traejun Johnson
"As individuals I am doing pretty well, I keep cutting time and as a team we are also doing really well."

-Sophomore Katie Lillie

"Reflecting on the Season runners share their thoughts"
Mrs. Russell shakes hands with the superintendent Dr. Czerwonka. Russell was nominated for Teacher of the Year.

Mrs. Beavers holds up her plaque. Beavers won Innovator of the year.

Every year, the Saint Joseph School District takes the opportunity to appreciate the ones who make education possible: the teachers. Giving the Teacher of the Year Award is a chance to let teachers know that what they doing is important, and is both rewarding for them and their school.

The award is annually granted to one teacher in the school district. Anyone from parents, students, or colleagues can nominate an educator in the district, any teacher that displays exceptional characteristics worthy of the award. Once nominated, a teacher fills out an application and completes both a 45 minute interview and a taped interview for the deciding board.

Only having taught French at Central for six years, Corinne Russell was not suspecting of the nomination. “I was very surprised because I still consider myself a new teacher,” said Russell. “I had never thought about the process of being nominated.” However, this was a pleasant surprised that had both a positive impact on her teaching and on her motivation in the classroom. “It really gave me a boost of energy to think that somewhere at some point, someone had thought that what I was doing mattered.”

During her interviews, Russell had to answer questions involving her philosophy of teaching and what she hoped her students would get out of her class. In order to become one of the three finalists in the entire school district, her answers had to be both impressive and compelling, which they evidently were proved by her advancement as a finalist. Although in an incredibly competitive process, Russell was able to prove that her ability to teach was enough to land her a finalist spot.

Being a finalist for this award shows both promise for Central and for Russell’s teaching. “Sometimes you wonder if you’re doing a good job or if you’re really making an impact,” said Russell. “Am I truly reaching out to the students? Are they going to remember the bigger picture?” she asks herself. This nomination was a way to remind Russell that what she is doing is truly important. “It gave me more confidence. I know that what I do is not always perfect, that there is always room for growth, but this let me know that what I’m doing is good, and that it is teaching a strong basis of how to use the french language.”