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With 1,672 students attending Central High School, there is a place for everyone. This connects students beyond their classrooms, clubs, or organizations. This gives everyone an opportunity to find their niche in Big Blue Nation. We are united for the common purpose to learn and have fun doing it. Stay true to yourself, stay true to your school. Be True. Be Blue.
A: Astros beat Dodgers 5-1 in World Series!

B: Beyoncé posts an Instagram picture revealing her twins for the first time!

C: Earth, Wind and Fire's classic song "September" was put back into the spotlight on September 21st, due to its lyrics, "Do you remember the 21st night of September?"

D: Demi Lovato released her new documentary "Simply Complicated".

E: "Game of Thrones" was a huge deal this year for the many people who watch it.

F: Fidget spinners make a huge comeback from the 90's!

G: iPhone 8 and 8 Plus were released with features such as a completely glass screen, lacking the home button, and wireless charging.

H: Justin Bieber and Selena Gomez were rumored to be back together after their big split.

I: K: Lady Gaga's exciting new documentary, "Gaga: Five Foot Two" premiered on Netflix.

J: Kimye announced that their surrogate is pregnant with their third child!

K: Miley Cyrus showed her love for Liam Hemsworth with her release of "Malibu".
NCIS star Pauley Perrette, Abby Sciuto, announced that she would not be returning after season 15.

"Grease" star, Olivia Newton-John was diagnosed for the second time with breast cancer.

Prince William and Kate Middleton announced that they are having their third child.

Queen Elizabeth II was portrayed in the cutest way! Gina Lee created the cutest Queen Elizabeth costume for her daughter, Willow!

Riverdale makes a big break out on Netflix!

Taylor Swift released her major diss track against Kanye West and Katy Perry titled "Look What You Made Me Do".

Uber has big plans for sleek "flying taxi".

Vanessa Hudgens fully supports "High School Musical" TV Series.

"Walk on Water", Eminem and Beyonce's new song, was released this year.

Creators stated that "The X-Files" would return for an 11th season this year.

Youtube short video, "In a Heartbeat", gets over 15 million views just days after it was posted.

Zendaya and Reese Witherspoon will be teaming together for their new movie, 'A White Lie'.
1. The Senior Class contestants use up all of their strength to try and win the Tug-o-War battle.
2. Hailey Hopkins, Emily Klundt, Caroline Hausman, and Jaimie Delgado, NHS members, smiling for the camera. Altogether, they have been helping conduct the games.
3. Senior Jenika Hergott is focusing hard and taking the shot for the basket.
4. Junior Isaiah Steiniger is holding up his WWE belt, cheering on his teammates to finish the race.
5. Sophomore Carson Gaddie is racing to sit and pop the balloon. Gaddie hustles to get back to his team.

6. National Honor Society members group up to take a photo with the check that states the grand total raised by Central High School students and staff.
7. Big banana Ethan Crooks and the Sophomore team cheering on their teammates as they finish up their race.
8. Junior Hailey Fox scrambles to sit and pop the balloon. This appears to not be an easy task.
9. National Honor Society members welcoming out the Freshmen Class as they get ready to participate in the games.
Change for Hope

Penny Drive tugs in over $2,000

Story by Leah Bauer

The annual Penny Drive Games took place on September 15, 2017. This event is sponsored by the National Honor Society, as they join together to support the United Way. This gives students the opportunity to donate their spare change and participate in a class and staff competition that is shown throughout the entire school. Donations also come from the sales of t-shirts and the jeans week for the teachers.

There were many decisions and preparations that had to be decided when setting up for the Penny Drive Games, whether it was designing the t-shirts and games or ticket and t-shirt sales. “We had to plan all of the games and figure out which ones would be most entertaining,” stated Emily Lower, NHS member.

This year was a bit different, as there was a change in the teacher sponsor for NHS. Mrs. Johnson took over and wasn’t exactly sure what to expect, “Even with this being my first year, I had amazing students to get the games ready and things went very smoothly.”

Juniors dominated the games against the classes. The dizzy basketball game was a favorite, “I liked shooting the ball dizzy and actually making it,” explained junior Chase Larson. While the Juniors enjoyed victory in most activities, it wasn’t a complete walk. The faculty proved their might by heartily defeating the competition during the tug-o-war. The Freshmen Class raised the most money, bringing in $128.40 by collecting change.

Overall, the students and staff at Central raised a grand total of $2,982.56.
It's All About Timing

Story by Emily Haugh

Our Central Crazies proved this year that they can roll with whatever is thrown their way. Due to weather concerns and for safety reasons, the school made the decision to cancel Festivus. While that might have thrown us a curve ball, we still made the absolute best we could out of the infamous homecoming week!

Our homecoming week this year consisted of “I Woke Up Like This”, “Game Day”, “Western”, “Dress Up” and “Blue Out Luau”! Each day students came prepared for the dress up days, from pajamas to cowboy hats and boots! Something new this year, the decisions were in the hands of the students. Central Crazies were able to go online and vote for the dress up days they wanted.

President Jon Walker said, “We really wanted the students to participate. We felt that could be accomplished if they had a part in choosing what the dress up days were.”

As always, our homecoming assembly was one for the books!

Walker stated, “My favorite part of the whole week was the assembly. It was perfect. From Korn dancing to the kiss prank, everybody was into it from the beginning. It really was a dream come true to see 1600 of your peers come together for the same goal: winning the game that night.” And win we did! Central took home the victory at the homecoming game by 1 point! Go Central!
It's Not a Luau Unless

It's a Blue Out!

Story by London Loveless

It was muggy October night, the Indian Tribe was prepared to put on a show nearing the end of homecoming week. However, the Raytown Blue Jays were ready to give Big Blue Nation a run for their money. Central got off to a rocky start. Falling early in the first quarter, the crowd's spirits dropped. The Indians went into the third quarter trailing three touchdowns.

As the full moon rose over Noyes Field, the boys' fire relit, the crowd was roaring, and the student section erupted. The crowd's cheer, "Blue Get Ready to Roll", was taken very seriously. Sophomore quarterback Max Conard threw three touchdowns to three different receivers in the last fifteen minutes of the game. With one minute left in regulation, Conard rushes, makes a few cuts, and then sends the game into overtime. Each team scoring one more time, Raytown goes for two to try and clinch the win, but was unsuccessful.

Student Body President Jon Walker explains, "Playing in this game felt like playing tackle football in my backyard as a kid. This is what football is all about." The boys in blue fought until the end. Walker recaps the experience at Noyes Field as, "The Best Ever."

Atmosphere of Noyes Field in 3 Words

"Super Duper Neat."-DJ Humbert
"Totes outta Control."- Trace Walters
"Destined to happen."- Lance Vey

1. The seniors on the football team dance to the music at the Fall Homecoming Pep Assembly. They had fun showing off for the Homecoming Court.
2. Juniors Eric King and Abbey Grooms pose together while Eric wears his Blue-Out Luau T-shirt. These two have been friends for three years.
3. Freshmen get blindfolded by Cabinet members during the Freshman Prank. Their expressions are priceless after figuring out that their "Homecoming Court" is actually their mothers.
4. Andre Valdovinos, Fredis Flores, Anna Blachar, Kenya Vance, and Alexanaka Nabor wear their jerseys for Game Day. They are all supporting their favorite teams.
5. Freshmen Nathan Barry and Henry Scamura get goofy for Western Day. They have taken on the excitement for Homecoming.

6. Remington Roderick ready to block the wide receiver. He's concentrating on tackling his opponent.
7. Landon Pasley and the rest of the team celebrating the touchdown to tie the game. This touchdown led the team to victory.
Harvest Homecoming Coronation

Lighting the Luau

Story by Haley Green

Harvest Homecoming week is hands down one of the most anticipated events of the school year here at Central. The week is full of school spirit, flooding the school with Big Blue pride. Throughout the week, the student body votes on who they want to represent Central by being a part of court, and then continue to vote on who they want to ultimately represent Central by holding the title of Harvest Homecoming King and Queen.

While homecoming is an exhilarating time for everyone involved, especially for those who are selected to be a part of Harvest Court. "It’s really cool to see homecoming from a different angle," Prince Trace Walters describes his overall Homecoming experience. "It’s especially an honor being able to go on stage and have all of your achievements announced in front of the student body."

"I am just thrilled that I got the chance to speak to the school and be a representative of our student body through faith and love for others!" King Boston Small showed his gratitude for his given title by encouraging the students to be the light in someone’s day.

Queen Rachel Brunner thanked Central by stating, "It’s honestly an honor and I feel so blessed to have gotten the opportunity to be a part of it. The whole week was super exciting and fun."

1. Prince Trace Walters and Maid of Honor Hailey Hopkins standing in recognition for their final positions.
2. Princess Kamiyah is smiling towards the audience after being introduced.
3. King Boston Small and Queen Rachel Brunner take center stage to be presented with their crowns.
4. The Fall Homecoming Court standing, recognizing their queen and king.
Raise Your Hands Up!

Story by Haley Green

To wrap up the 2017 Harvest Homecoming, students and staff gathered to celebrate the significant week with a dance. Students were able to show off their moves and unite as a Big Blue family in a safe, fun environment. As the luau theme radiated throughout the week, it bled into the dance as well. The dance was a perfect ending to a perfect homecoming!
1. Tanner Dozier and Kenyen Gann asking questions at the one of the manufacturing technology career path tables. They spent a lot of time in this section of the event learning about the different jobs that fit their hobbies and personality types.
2. Reina Foster writes her name on the many tickets she earned for the drawing. Many awesome prizes were given away, including laptops and $100 iTunes gift cards.
3. Dakota Wilson at the construction station watching demonstrations of the equipment and looking at a few of the tools required for the job.
4. Anthony Grumblatt at the Beyond Sunday table talking to the youth pastor from Grace Evangelical Church.
5. Caleb Bartley decided he might be interested in a job as an athletic trainer. This booth attracted many people who enjoy athletics.
6. Kailey Roades, Alejandra Castillo Bravo, and Celeste Forge learning from the woman at the therapy table. There were a lot of interesting facts about how to help people who need therapy and what would be required from them if they were to go into that field.
7. Connor Springs, Braeden Drag, and Jacob Ball at the machine manufacturing table looking at the pieces of a machine and watching a video about the different products the company makes.
My Success Event

Setting Sophomores up for Success

Story by Abby Horn

The My Success Event took place on October 19, 2017, at Wyatt Park Baptist Church. Over 70 area businesses participated in the event, as well as various universities, colleges, and technical schools. This was a great opportunity for sophomores to learn more about the possibilities they have after high school in continuing their education and in potential careers. The goal is to help students start to come up with a plan for their future, and the My Success Event certainly achieved that.

Sophomore Jas Sohal explains, “This event helped me feel more prepared for the future. It let me know that I have a lot of options to choose from when I look for a job.” Students explored all different kinds of careers at the event. There were many friendly faces willing to educate students on all kinds of jobs and clear up any questions they might have had.

Sophomore Olivia Tewell recalls, “The most interesting thing I learned is that there are so many choices in the health science field that I didn’t know about, so it gave me a lot more ideas.” The Health Science path was very popular among the students, because many are interested in pursuing a career in the medical field.

Not only were the career booths a big help to students, but the colleges that attended played a big role as well. “I enjoyed the MU booth because they gave a lot of information about their programs,” sophomore Addison Wheatley commented. Graduation is not very far off for sophomores, and the college booths definitely helped everyone learn about some of the options that they have after high school.

Overall, the My Success Event was a huge hit. Everyone was excited to explore all of the opportunities that their futures could have in store. Each career and college brought something different to the table, opening the students up to all sorts of opportunities.

8. Alana Adkison waiting to talk to the professionals behind the Altec table. This career choice was one of the many options available in the Architectural Drafting and Design path.
9. Anne Garvey and Ashlyn Claycamp learn about the different requirements and experiences of being an optometrist. Optical Options ran the station and offered a lot of useful information to the sophomores who stopped by the table.
10. Cruz Becerra and his friends listening to the information being presented about safety.
11. Lauren Bloodgood, Ashleigh Cochran, and Alexandra Moore getting ready to start looking at the Health Sciences section of the event.
JROTC Military Ball

Leading the Way

Story by Emily Haugh

This year marked another successful Military Ball. As a senior, its crazy going through events that you've been to 2 or 3 times before, knowing that its your last. This was the last Military Ball I was able to attend, but I didn’t let that get me down. As per every year, the military ball committee met at Word of Life church at 6 am to start setting up the many components that went into this year’s ball. A new feature was the balloon arch that Central cadets assembled. After set up was complete, each school lined up to send their students through a practice grand march and the rehearsal of the crowning of the King and Queen. Central’s king this year was Harris Gulledge and I was crowned as the queen. Hours later, with make up, hair and dinner complete everyone made their way to the Word of Life Church. Everyone from each JROTC program gathered to watch as their staff was recognized in the grand march and their king and queen were crowned. It was an amazing moment for me as I sat and looked at all of the people whom I’ve gotten close to and spent so much time with over the years. Everything I had done in RO was worth being able to be in that moment for even a second. Cue crying and pictures and dancing and everyone just letting go of all of the stress and worries for a night. I love the military ball because it really includes everyone. King Harris Gulledge agreed. “I think it unifies the programs and allows each cadet to have an opportunity to dress up and enjoy a special night.”
1. A group of cadets and alumni William Phillips dance together on the dance floor.
2. Olivia Graves slow dances with her date, Quinn Milligan.
3. King Harris Gulledge, Tyler man and Tucker Deming embrace each other for a slow dance.
4. Christina Whalen, Ethan Beck, Colton Wilson, Tucker Deming, Harris Gulledge, Tyler Mann and William Phillips dance together during "In the Navy" by The Village People.

1. RO Staff members dance with Will.
2. Colonel Hall snaps his fingers and sings along to his favorite song, "September" by Earth, Wind and Fire.
3. William Phillips, Baylee King and TJ Mann enjoy themselves at the ball.
4. Harris and Emily posing after they were crowned king and queen.
Powder Puff

Monday Night Lights

Story by London Loveless

Powder Puff Football is taken very seriously at Central High School. With the seriousness of the event, it also goes to a fantastic cause. All of the profits go straight to Mrs. Rucker’s Wigwam. The Wigwam is a closet at Central where students in need can get hygiene products, clothing, and food items. Seniors picked the freshmen out of the hat to play first. While the freshmen ran a solid defense, the seniors dominated on offense beating the freshmen 3-1. On the other end of the field, the sophomores and juniors battled it out to see who had to play the defending champion seniors. The sophomores pull out the win in overtime against the juniors. Going for the third and fourth place title, the juniors knew it was time to kick it in gear. However, the freshman team stepped up. Class of 2021 ran a very effective offense. Juniors put up a hard fight, unfortunately falling to the freshman team.

The Championship game was intense. Tension arose as the class of 2020 set out to beat the defending champions. Quarterback Bree Rush was evaluating her offense closely, although nothing clicked for the seniors. Putting up a tough defense, they held the sophomores for majority of the game. The senior team exemplified grit, determination and passion, however time was not in their favor. With the final score being 1-0, the sophomores clinched the win against the reigning champions.

1. Juniors and freshmen prepare for the next play.
2. The sophomores playing defense against the juniors. They spent a lot of time practicing, which paid off when they won their first game and got them into the championship game.
3. Freshman team posing with their 3rd place banner. They got off to a rocky start this year losing to the seniors in their first game. However they made a great comeback after they beat the juniors, securing 3rd place.
4. Seniors Sarayah Wiedmaier, Paulina Regalado, and London Loveless face off against Madelyn Cheadle and the rest of the sophomores in the championship game. Both sides had great players who tried their very best until the end.
5. Tenille Long and Greycie Bardo strategize for their debut Powderpuff appearance.
6. The sophomore team huddles up to get instructions from coaches Max Conard and Quentin Trotter. The girls did amazing this year with the help of all their coaches.
7. Senior Sabrina Quick carefully reads the sophomores offense.
8. Seniors and sophomores coming back to the starting line after a down made by the seniors.

1st Place: Sophomores
2nd Place: Seniors
3rd Place: Freshmen
4th Place: Juniors

True Winners-
The Wigwam with $600 raised
Paint it Purple
 Playing for a Purpose

Story by Sydney Dixon

On Monday, February 12th, the Lady Indians Basketball Team played their last home game for a larger-than-life cause. In a game destined to be important for their place in conference, the Indians honored countless families who have been affected by the diagnosis of cancer. The evening began with Central students presenting a $500 check to cancer charities throughout St. Joseph. Students were urged to wear the corresponding color of the cancer their friends or family members are battling to the game.

In previous years, the game has been called “Paint it Pink” to honor breast cancer patients, survivors, and those who lost their life to the disease. But this year, the name was changed to “Paint it Purple” to represent the fighters of numerous types of cancer.

Baylor Owens, a senior on the Indians Basketball Team, knows all too well the effects of a cancer diagnosis on a family. Baylor’s dad is currently battling liver cancer and she played Monday’s game with an ambitious attitude, “Everything I did that game was for my dad, but that’s been my mentality for my whole basketball career. This night was a bit different though. I knew that me participating in the thing I love most was supporting those battling cancer and that is just an amazing thing. I got to play the game I love in honor of one of the people I love most.”

Although the Indians fell to the Truman Patriots 43-60, Central played with their hearts full for members of the community who have been affected by cancer.
1. Senior Kloey Albertson and Senior Jayda Cumming bringing out the $500 check for cancer awareness.
2. The Poms team standing tall in their Paint it Purple shirts.
3. Freshman Emma Vejraska talking a shot from the three point line.
4. Senior Gwen Bachman making a move to get around her opponent.
5. Freshman Natalie Keller driving to the paint to make a layup.
6. Senior Olivia Duke looking to make a pass to one of her teammates.
7. Junior Sarah Burr catching the ball that is being thrown to her.
8. Freshman Riley Wetlauffer shooting the ball inside the paint.
Cancoming

Celebrating for a Cause

1. Senior Philip Wu jumps for a rebound.
2. Senior Caroline Hausman gets ready to pass the ball to her teammate.
3. Coach Kelly is being carried after making a basket.
4. Senior Calvin DuVall uses skill moves to get around Mr. Woolard.
5. Senior Landon Grunberg dribbles the ball into the paint.
6. Sophomores cheer in the junior sections after raising the most money for the fundraiser.
7. The guys’ team gets pumped up for the game to begin.
8. Staff members receive the huge check!
9. Senior Sydney VanDyke sings the beginning of the cheerleaders’ performance to the jingle dance.
10. Coach Kelly gives the ball to senior Anika Newbold to pass the it inbounds.
Cancoming, which has become a Central tradition, helped to raise over $6,000 to give back to the Central and St. Joseph community in its 2018 season. The proceeds of the program went back to Central students in need through the Wigwam and other organizations within the community, like the Salvation Army, Adopt-a-Family, Interserv, and the Noyes Home.

The goal was for each class to raise $1000. To give the students an incentive to donate, Central provided a Chick-fil-a sandwich party to the FLEX that raised the most and allowed the winning class to choose where they sat in the Student-Faculty Game assembly. Sophomores won this contest and screamed their battle cry from the junior bleachers.

Cancoming is, most importantly, a way for students to give back to their peers and their community. Senior Vice President, Caroline Hausman, explains the importance of giving back, "Central is a great school filled with kids that come from all different backgrounds. Cancoming is a way for us, as students, to give back to others in our school who have fallen upon hard times, as well as people in our community who are struggling." Hausman feels rewarded to be apart of a fundraiser that makes such a difference.

The impact that Cancoming leaves on students that participate is remarkable. Students are given the opportunity to see how much their donations add up and can positively affect the community around us.

Kris Larson believes that Cancoming helps students see how big of a difference they can make in their community, "While volunteering and giving back to our community, students realize that they can make a difference and these students know that when they donate money, it goes directly to our students. They know they can make a direct impact."

Not only do students get to help their community, they are able to enjoy friendly competition with other classes. Student Body President, Jon Walker, was excited to see the interaction, "I definitely loved the competition and engagement that it brought between the classes."

Cancoming gives students the opportunity to make a difference in their community and to donate to people in need—all while enjoying a friendly competition against their peers.
Story by London Loveless

With a new school year, new traditions are coming at Central High School. Due to weather situations, Festivus was canceled. Student Government knew that we had to make it up to the student body. This is when Homegoing was created.

Emily Lower explains, “The purpose of Homegoing was to take our school spirit on the road and to provide a fun new activity for the student body. It got named “Homegoing” because we did homecoming like activities, but we brought it to the south side. Based on the “Craziest Crazies” from football season we had a Homegoing Court- one boy and one girl from each grade level. We had pretend coronation, a king and queen, dance and other fun activities.

“The structure of Homegoing was pretty simple, as we had to work around a lot of space or not having microphones. The Big Blue Nation had a very successful turnout as our student section was larger than Benton’s,” Emily concluded. “Everyone seemed to have a good time and it was a nice thing to do before we left for holiday break.”
1. Senior Jon Walker pumping up the crazy section before the game.
2. Senior Gwen Bachman dribbling the ball around the three point arc. She is attempting to find an open team mate to pass the ball to.
3. Junior Samson Holcomb dribbling the ball on the edge of the three point arch. He is scanning the court to find an open team mate to pass to.
4. The crazy crowd on their feet cheering with senior Zach Kanatzer.
5. Senior Kaitlyn Davidson diving for the ball. Her hustle for the ball was awarded a jump ball and Central got to keep possession.
6. Junior Landon Pasley driving through the paint to score a basket. On his way to the hoop he was fouled and sent to the free throw line to shoot.
7. Freshman Lauren Eiman taking a difficult shot in the paint. She received a foul and was put to the free throw line to shoot two baskets.
8. Sophomore AJ Redman shooting a three pointer. This led the team to an amazing run of scoring a substantial lead to Benton.
9. Central Crazies on their feet after sinking a three pointer. "We got three ball!"
1. Sophomore Dani Dotson poses as Mulan after her math class with Mrs. Johnson.
2. Seniors Gwen Bachman, Jessica Schenk, Megan Parmer, Caroline Hausman, Hailey Hopkins, Emily Klundt, and Olivia Duke twinning as the seven dwarves. Each girl decided on her dwarf based on her personality.
3. Members of JROTC hold their positions at the end of their amazing performance during the homecoming assembly.
4. Sophomore Emrie Graves and junior Holden Modlin celebrate Disney day in Mr. Fox’s classroom.

Where Dreams Come True

Dressing Our Best

Story by Abby Horn

Every student loves Homecoming week! With dress up days, coronation ceremony, and all of the spirit, it’s no wonder it’s an all school favorite. For Snowcoming, classes got into the spirit by having a hallway decorating contest. Each hallway was modeled after a favorite Disney film or characters. The Freshman reproduced the jungle home of Tarzan, the Sophomores Frozen, the Juniors Monsters Inc., and the Seniors various well-known characters! The winner of this contest and the spirit stick was the Senior Class.

For the famous dress up days throughout the week, Monday started out right: everyone got to be Sleeping Beauties and wore their pajamas to school. On Tuesday, everyone was their favorite Disney character. It was a “Suite Life” on Wednesday for Zack and Cody twin day. For Coronation, everyone was looking their best and all dressed up. Finally, on Friday everyone was in their blue for spirit day. We ended it with a pep assembly, great basketball games, and the dance! It was a great homecoming week, Central!
Game Time

Story by Sydney Dixon

On Friday, February 2nd, the Coliseum was packed full of students and parents, hopeful to see a magical win that would cap off the spirit of Snowcoming week. Students crowded into the student section, eager to cheer on their favorite Indians.

The Lady Indians were up first and maintained control over the Liberty North Eagles throughout the game. Central was able to hold onto their lead after jumping out in front in the first quarter and won by a final of 38-35.

Senior Gwen Bachman expressed her appreciation for the Central Crazies’ enthusiasm throughout the game, “The extra energy and fans feeds into our energy. One great play that makes the crowd go crazy leads to another and the momentum builds in our favor.”

Following the Lady Indians suspenseful win, Central’s boys team was unable to hold onto their early lead. The team kept it close going into the half but were, ultimately, unable to keep up with the Eagle’s powerful offense. Central fell to Liberty North 55-47.

Gaige Wilson, a senior point guard, expressed his overall enthusiasm for the Snowfrost game, “The whole week has built up to this one game and there’s a lot of pressure, but also a lot of excitement.” Wilson hopes that the team’s ability to work together will help them be more competitive during districts.
Meet The Court

Lexi George
Q: What was your reaction when you found out you were on court?
A: I instantly called my mom to tell her the news, because I was shocked that I made it!

Joseph Meyers
Q: What most excites you about being on court?
A: I’m most excited about getting to be with Kris Larson, because I don’t take her class anymore, and I know she missed me. I missed her too!

Anika Newbold
Q: What is a random fact about yourself?
A: My hair is real.

Kloey Albertson
Q: What is the most embarrassing thing that has ever happened to you?
A: I became a Royal’s fan.

Shawn Boss
Q: What is your favorite show to binge watch?
A: Back when I was in my binging prime, I could knock out 7 episodes of “The Office” a night. This is highly unproductive, and I don’t recommend it.

Noah Johnson
Q: If you could have lunch with any celebrity, who would it be?
A: I definitely have to say Luke Skywalker. I mean, do I need to explain why I’d want to have lunch with a Jedi?

William Gentry
Q: What is your favorite thing to do on a snow day?
A: I study for scholar bowl.
1. Gabby Runsey, Alison Ledford, and Jennifer Lochead dance the night away.
2. Sadie Wyryck, Shea Keener, Aubrey Davidson, and Lukus Gilpin chat as they dance along to the music.
3. Central Crazies chat and sing as they dance along to the music.

A Magical Ending

It was a ball!

Story by Haley Green

Dreams truly did come true on the evening of Central’s first semi-formal Winter homecoming dance. Students were given an opportunity to close Homecoming week with an enchanting night of dancing, photo booths, and a fun experience all around. As all of the students gathered around our King William Gentry, and Queen Aliyah Hall, they also shared their first dance experience along with their partners for the night.

The 2018 Winter Homecoming dance was definitely a night to remember, closing the long anticipated “hoco week” with smiles and laughter from all involved.
Drug Free Super Stars

Drug Free is Key

Drug Free Superstar is an honor and a privilege for those students chosen. The Class of 2018 had over 30 amazing applicants to fill the 6 representative spots from Central. Fall, winter, and spring seasons were represented by one boy and one girl. This year, administrators and counselors have chosen Boston Small (Fall, Cross Country), Hailey Hopkins (Fall, Tennis), Colton Wilson (Winter, JROTC), London Loveless (Winter, Cheerleading), Ronnie Burr (Spring, Golf), and Megan Parmer (Soccer, Spring) to represent Central High School.

The Superstars go to the feeder elementary schools and middle schools to influence the children to make the important decision to be drug, alcohol, and tobacco free. Boston Small remarks, “This is a great opportunity to mentor middle and elementary school kids and teach them about proper choices in high school and middle school.”

Megan Parmer explains, “DFSS has allowed me to be a role model for students coming in to high school.” The Superstars also talk about the very important life skills such as choosing the right friend group, and learning how to manage your time. Parmer emphasizes, “I want them [younger students] to know that it is possible to be drug free, and that you can do it!”

DFSS also focus on other topics that can benefit students. Social media is a big area that students need to make smart decisions when using. According to HHSGov, 94% percent of teens have social media and 71% of them use more than one form of social media. Students make choices everyday that can impact their future. Seeing good choices put into action by these Superstars can influence others and help them realize their future is worth making good choices now.
1. Colton Wilson, Boston Small, Megan Parmer, Hailey Hopkins, London Loveless, and Ronnie Burr get together at Truman Middle School. The Super Stars talked to both seventh and eighth grade.
2. Ronnie, Boston, Megan, and London talk to Bessie Ellison sixth graders.
If you won the lottery today, what would you do with the money first?

"Give it, share it. There are multiple situations I would donate to including research to the blind community, Truman Medical Center, family members or even a cruise."

What song do you know all the words to?

"I don’t listen to a lot of music but I do like the band Casting Crowns."
What current trends confuse you?

"Texting abbreviations. For a long time, I thought LOL meant 'lots of love' instead of 'laugh out loud'."

What advice would you give to the juniors that are about to be seniors?

"Take everything in. Don't forget what the lower classes are going through. Remember the quote, "Everybody love everybody" by Jackie Moon."
Faculty

Craig Addison
Alison Ashlock
Julie Bacon
Andrew Ball
Elizabeth Barbosa
Joseph Barbosa

Amy Barnett
Kyle Beauschamp
Lisa Beavers
Lindsay Beger
Alicia Bell
Laura Benitz

Scott Blakley
Catherine Jill Blazer
Jared Bosney
Michael Briggs
George Ray Brooks
Vicky Bryan

Logan Burgess
Jeffery R Carter
Christopher Chamberlain
Elizabeth Chase
Mindy Christopherson
Blaine Clardy

Melanie R Colgan
Nicole V Davis
Jami Dodge
Angela Dorsey
Mary Ann Dudley
Krisin Ebberts

Karen Eckels
Morgan Eckels
Amanda Felice Collier
Joel Fischer
Monica Flaska
Rich Fox
Karen Franklin
Daniel Gerhardt
Rebecca L Giles
Cindy Gilchrist
Shawna Gilliland
Terri Godfrey

Danyelle Gonzales
Stephanie Haenni
Jared Hafner
Cassie Halling
Ashli Harlan
Paul Hart

Mary K Hayes
Samantha Herrington
Neal Hook
James W Hosler
Marisa Hughes
James Hunter

Matthew Jansen
Kristy Johnson
Melissa Johnson
Zach Johnson
Brandi Jones
Brenda S Jones

Amelia Jordan
Mark Jolt
Karol Kelley

Kevin Kelley
Katherine Kimble
Deborah King

Jill Kirkendoll
Paul Kutz
Hunter Lanham

Blaine Clardy is welcomed into the tribe during the first pep assembly of the year. This is Mr. Clardy’s first year teaching social studies at CHS.
Camera Shy

Stephanie Atkins
Penny Barnett
Sydney Bauer
Braden Bigham
Charles Bish
Kane Brooner
Angela Brown
Michelle Coker
Felix Cortez
Patricia Cortez
Teresa Czuprynski
Lora Davison
Ryan Ebberts
Rita Ebersold
Brenda Engle
Corinne Erich
Solita Ezell
Connie Fattig
Mike Hardin
Kallie Hartigan
Cathy Hogan
Robert Horner
Jacob Kimble
Toby Lawrence
Jessi McWilliams
Josh Merritt
Greg Myers
Alecia Nelson
Jennifer Rigby
Tabitha Ritter
Brandy Sell
Kathy Shorba
Bambi Smith
Brooke Soske
Andee Stagner
Marcia Steeby
Darren Verbick
Tracy Verduzco
Kathron Viestenz
Jennifer Wineinger
Cynthia Worsham

Chantelle Schweppe
Katy Schwartz-Browns
Corrie Seig
J. Eric Simmons
Duane Smith
Phil Smith
Sarah Snider
Ashley Stanton
Deborah Stephens
Ryan Stobaugh
Charity Strauch
Brett Swope
Karen Thompson
Amanda Toled
Alyssa VanBeekum
Ryan VanDyke
Craig Vlagmont
Cheryl Wampler
Kyle Ward
Karen Williams
George Wieder
Tessah Wood
Paul Woolard
Lynnea Wooten
Andersen Atkins
"You're watching Bird Up! The worst show on television."

Muhammed Alasadi

Kloey Albertson
"If A Cup Cake Falls From A Tree How Far Away Will It Be From Down. #Jupiter"
- Jaden Smith

Cade Aitken
"Life is like a steak, you cut the fat away to make it healthier. Whatever you do in life, cut the fat out."
- Van Hopkins

Josalyn Alvarado
"Not only was she a singularly gifted witch. She was also an uncommonly kind woman. She had a way of seeing the beauty in others, even, and perhaps most especially, when that person couldn't see it in themselves."
- Horns Lupino

Mateo Anderson
"Hard choices, easy life. Easy choices, hard life. - Jerry Gregorek"

Alexx Angeles
"It helps to explain something to someone if they know what you are talking about."

Cade Angsten
I wish to be as cool as Clayton Smith when I graduate. I love you.

Christopher Aikison

Son Aung
"I really believe in the philosophy that you create your own universe. I'm just trying to create a good one for myself."
- Jim Carrey

Devon Aviles
"I just want to thank Google, Quidget, Slader & whoever created copy and paste for getting me this far."

Andrew Aumacher
"Most trees are blue"

Caleb Ayala
Gwen Bachman
"You have brains in your head you have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose." - Dr. Seuss

Arturo Barnes
"It's better to give than to receive."

Ericks Barnes
"I have not failed. I've just found 10,000 ways that won't work."

Aissatou Barry

Peyton Bartlett
"Just wait and see, I'm kind of a big deal."

-Leighton Bartlett

Leah Bauer
"Is your mom the lunch lady?" - Every kid ever

Kaden Bernard

Journee Bigham
"rip lil peep"

Elizabeth Bird
"I know it breaks your heart, moved to the city in a broke down car."

Celeste Blakey
"Here we are on the worst place on earth and we're not even being paid!"

-Dr. Alan Grant, Jurassic Park 3

Gaige Blanton

Brooke Blizzard
"OH MY GOD ZANDRA I'M LAUGHING SO HARD AHHHAHAHA!" -Brooke

Truman Blizzard
Dooch Yeaaah Lil Pump

Ethan Bohe
#obsnation

Tristan Boles

Seth Boose

Shaven Boss
"Let's get crazy."

-Bob Ross

Cruz Botello
"My greatest pain in life is that I will never be able to see myself perform live."

-Kanye West

Nicholas Bowman

Patrick Bracciano

Class of 2018
Zion Braden
"Education is important, but gains are importanter."

Alexa Brown
"All our dreams can come true...if we have the courage to pursue them."
- Walt Disney

Karissa Brown
"My gears are officially grinded."

Rachel Brunner
"much love"

Destiny Bruns

Hailee Brushwood
"High school has been a real scooter to the ankle."

Alexandrea Bryson
"What lies behind us and what lies before us are small matters compared to what lies within us."
- Ralph Waldo Emerson

Breanna Bunse

Logan Burns
"I think we did a pretty good job so far."
- Mathew Coke

Ronnie Burr
"What other people may find in poetry or art museums, I find in the flight of a good drive."
- Arnold Palmer

Brandon Caceres
"2 plus 2 is 4 minus 1 that's 3. quick math."
- Big Shaq

Emily Camacho

Noah Cameron
"Why are you so sweaty?"
- Dale (AKA Dragon)

Alyssa Cameron-Davis
"I'll stop procrastinating tomorrow or maybe next week."

Rubi Castor

Daleyse Castro

Jordan Cathar
"The best way to predict the future is to create it."
- Abraham Lincoln

Kenzie Catron

Hun Ue
"I can do all things through him who strengthens me."
- Philippians 4:13

Teauny Chase
"Making people laugh and helping others."
Carter Clark

"I know a little about everything and a lot about nothing."

Tennessee Clary

"Goodbye everyone, I'll remember you all in therapy." - Plankton

Rebecca Clevenger

"Would you like an egg in these trying times?" - Danny DeVito

Selena Coile

"Be who you are and say what you feel, because those who mind don't matter and those who matter don't mind."

Abigail Collier

Dalton Cook

"Who do you think you are, I am."

Pete Weber 2012

Justin Copeland

"Will Turner: This is either madness... or brilliance.

Jack Sparrow: It's remarkable how often those two traits coincide."

Zachary Courtney

Bradford Craddock

Bryson Crum

Nathan Crum

Harmani Cross-Bernard

"An arrow can only be shot by pulling it backward. When life is dragging you back with difficulties, it means it's going to launch you into something great. So just focus and keep aiming."

Jayda Cunning

"It's the oldest story in the world. One day you're seventeen and planning for someday, and then, without ever really noticing, someday is today, and that someday is yesterday and this is your life." - One Tree Hill

Dylan Curtin

Jakob Danner

Kaitlyn Davidson

"If two wrongs don't make a right, try three." - Laurence J. Peter

Haley Davis

Rhianna Davis

Yes, the weather is fine up here.

Noah Day

Jalime Delgado

"Things will happen and you will die."

-Mary Ann Dudley
Respect The Pouch
-Capri Sun

"I'm sorry, did my shoulders distract you from reading this quote - you're welcome mj" -Ami Dias

"It's Miami without the the MI."
-Ami Dias

"If you or a loved one has been diagnosed with Mesothelioma, you may be entitled to financial compensation."
-Ralph Dishong

"My next step is just like poultry judging, I'm just gonna wing it."
-Stevie Dotson

"Life is like pizza; when it's bad it's still pretty good."
-Madison Dryer

"Trying to be happy by accumulating possessions is like trying to satisfy hunger by taping sandwiches all over your body."
-Ryan DuFrain

"God is good all the time..." -Jess

"People think I'm joking when I'm actually just being mean."
-Dﻶem D impeccable

"One man's trash is another man's treasure."
-Calvin DuVall

"I need help" -Hopson

"Are you silly, I'm still going to send it"
-Lane Eggert

"Chase Hicks is so tan I thought he was black."
-Trishanna Espericuetta

"I am strong because I am weak. I am beautiful because I know my flaws. I am a lover because I am a fighter. I am fearless because I have been afraid. I am wise because I have been foolish. And I can laugh because I've known sadness."
-Michael Evans

"I want to be a dentist." -Hermey

"None of my assignments are done, but I sure am."
-Tieria Fish

"No-Relation."
"I, Noah Cameron, leave my goalie skills to the one and only Cole Weisberg."

"I, Ralph Dishong, leave my basement hijinx and mojo to Steven Dishong."

"I, Tanner Dulin, leave my untimely inappropriate comments to Collin Gentry."

"I, London Loveless, leave my motherly attributes for cheerleading to Abbie Adkins."

"I, Alondra Torres, leave my A's and B's to Karla Reyes."

"I, Haley Green, leave my Senior Lot parking space and my ability to sniff out the fakes to my stepbrother, Gaige Cox."

"I, Chloe M. Jones, leave my band locker to Mary Monach."

"I, Ike Warner, leave my Team Sports Quarterback skills to Parker Berry."

"I, Tommi Stanton, leave my ability to beat the bell by 30 seconds to Bailey Sipes and Ethan."

"I, Emily Haugh, leave my hallway wandering and Mrs. Moore pestering to Olivia and Enrie Graves."

"I, William Gentry, leave my scholar ballin' to Collindoodle and my social conservatism to LeeAnn Nordstrom."

"I, Joey Myers, leave my parallel parking skills to Adam Johnston."

"I, Noah Young, leave my procrastination and occasional snarky attitude to Caitlyn Eivans."

"I, Joanna Reitai, leave my table in the West Cafeteria & School spirit to Hadley Golden."

"I, Christina Whalen, leave my ability to procrastinate and still get an A to Jessica Miller."

"I, Lauren Moye, leave my skill of procrastination, ability to function on very little sleep, and love of fast food to my sister, Sydnee Moye."

"I, Jbean, leave my beans to all the cheerleaders."
"I, Leah Harvey, leave my awful attitude/personality to all future IB World Lit students."

"I, Maddie Dryer, leave my willingness to spread positivity and love for fine arts to Cylene Gould, Karlee Seek, and Madison Hovenga."

"I, Harmani Cruse-Bernard, leave my procrastination to Cian Bernard."

"I, Jordyn Gibson, leave my tired mornings and test anxiety to RJ Johnson."

"I, John George, leave my position as Piano Accompaniment for Show Choir and my ambition to Ian Patterson."

"I, Christine Hillyard, leave my stress levels and procrastination skills to all the future IB kids."

"I, Andrew Axmacher, leave my parking cones and good looks to Brody Estes."

"I, Emily Lower, leave my hidden sass and constant sarcasm for all things going on around me to Liza Heeler."

"I, Anika Newbold, leave my “Go Central Indiana” to Taylor Hutcherson."

"I, Seanna Lightle, leave my procrastination and love of socks to Jade Kass."

"I, Kylee Kent, leave my viola chair to Taylor Williams."

"I, Sidney Thomas, leave my loudness and tardy record to Kristopher Allen."

"I, Cadence Kamler, leave my bad attitude and tardiness to Presley Shipp."

"I, Aaron Herring, leave the moldy pie in my locker to Mittens."

"I, Andy Adkins, leave my Minecraft PvP skills to Will Hummer."

"I, Olivia Duke, leave my procrastination abilities to Haleigh McCamy."

"I, Bradlee Wilkinson, leave my love for music to Cole Weiberg."

"I, Zion Broadus, leave my lockdown corner abilities and lightskin look to Jake Judah."

"I, Kellen Hansen, leave my weekend skills to Clay Teschner."

"I, Shawn Boss, leave my Justin Bieber hair to Scott Le."

"I, Michael Lloyd Evans, leave my stunning good looks and RD expertise to Allie Barnett and Gideon Wood."

"I, Nicolaus Harris, leave my favorite pair of jorts to Kade Harris."

"I, Kloey Albertson, leave the drumline to Tucker Deming."

"I, Jon Walker, leave my height to nobody. I don’t wish that upon anyone."

"I, Alyssa Cameron, leave the drumline to Tucker Deming."

"I, Kyristin Lickhart, leave my hard working attitude to Lyndsey Lickhart."

"I, Madelyn Malotte, leave my friendly attitude to Jennifer Lochhead."

"I, Emily Haugh, leave my secondary movements and the 21st night of September to Olivia and Emrie Graves."

"I, Logan Burns, leave my incredibly dark sense of humor to Hunter Deming."

"I, Peyton Bartlett, leave my burnout marks to Brett Roderick."

"I, Calvin DuVall, leave my free hours to future Mentors."

"I, Journiee Bigham, leave my empty gas tank to Karty Bigham."

"I, Clayton Smith, leave my hilarious jokes to Jaggar Kotche aka RD."

"I, Griffin Fisher, leave my art work to anyone that wants it."

"I, Dylan Grippando, leave my nothing to no one."

"I, Preston Millard, leave my positive attitude to David Jones."

"I, Delanie Shores, leave my dot points to the incoming IB Chemistry students."
Harris Galledge
"Need my money now like I'm J.G. Wentworth." -Yung Gravy

Jared Gutzmer
"Reunite Pangea: 2018" - Jared Gutzmer

Aliyah Hall

Anna Hallman

Osama Hanif
"Thanks for the workout advice bros. I'll remember that the next time I'm smaller than you. @Zion"

Kellen Hansen
"Wyd this weekend"

Nickolaus Harris
"There ain't nothin more frightening than driving with a live cougar in the car" -Reese Bobby

Leah Elisabeth Harvey
"Thank you for submitting your senior quote, unfortunately we are unable to put the quote you submitted in our yearbook." -Yearbook Committee

Austin Hatheway

Emily Haugh
"One of my kidneys is reserved for Mrs. Moore."

Caroline Hausman
"I never look back, darling. It distracts from the now." -Edna Mode

Spencer Haywood

Courtney Hazelwood
"You miss 100% of the shots you don't take." -Wayne Gretzky -Michael Scott" -COURTNEY HAZELWOOD"

Khalik Henderson

Jenika Hergott
"Drama is dead. So don't start it and don't be in it because in the end no one is gonna care about it again. Plus it's make your high school experience not worth something to remember." -Jenika Hergott

Aaron Herring

Justin Hicks
"Don't put something stupid for your senior quote." -MOM

Alexander Heinrichs

Alycia Hill

Jordan Hill
It is never too late to be what you might have been. -George Eliot
Christine Hilyard
“This too shall pass. It may pass like a kidney stone. But it will pass.”

Tevin Hollan

Hailey Hopkins
Romans 5:8, 12:1-21, 15:13
Ephesians 2:5-10, 4:31-32
Philippians 4:6-8
Colossians 3:12-14

Hanyo Huang

Miranda Humbert
“Welcome to Regal Hollywood 10! What can I get for you today?”

DJ Humbert
“Ya head out?”
“Nah, I’m going home.”

Liam Hummer
“Ain’t that just the way.”

Shemia Irvin

Brett Janssen

Elijah Jeffery
“Well, I’d like to help, but not as much as I’d like not to.” - Red Forman

Isaiah Johnson
“Yes, I look like Cleveland Brown. No, you can not touch my hair.”

Madison Johnson
“To the Window…”
- Li’l Jon

Noah Johnson
“…To the Wall!”
- Li’l Jon

Walker Johnston

Chloe Jones
“The word “freshmen” is already plural. Putting an ‘s’ on the end is unnecessary.”

Elena Jones

Nicolas Jones

Hadley Joyce
“Do you feel good? Cause you look good.”
- Lizzie Szczepanki

Samuel Judah

Joseph Kaminiski
“ Esketik.”
Cadence Kamler
"If no one comes from the future to stop you from doing it then how bad of a decision can it really be?"

Zachary Kanatzar
"I was watching cops" -Breann Huff

Myles Keener

Tristan Keith
"It does not matter how small you are if you have faith and a plan of action." -Fidel Castro

Kylee Kent
"Right is right, even when everyone is against it; and wrong is wrong, even if everyone is for it." -William Penn, the founder of Pennsylvania.

Skyler Kent
"2.0, ready to go" -Some Cool Substitute

Nabila Khalid
"It's Na-bee-la not Ne-bu-la"

Hafza Khan
"It's Dr. Khan"

Baylee King

Christopher King

Saeed Kissanga

Emily Klundt
"You are loved more than you will ever know by someone who died to know you." -Romans 5:8

Aubrey Kovac

Hailley Kukuc

Jason Kusilek
"I'd like to thank Mathway, google search, Sparknotes, control f, and the guy who invented copy and paste."

Ariel Ladesh

Brecklyn Landess

Noah Lane

Bobby Leverence
"The weather up here is nice."

Andrew Le
Alexis LaBeau
Preston Ledford
Quentin Lenz
Danelan Lewin
Kyrsin Likhart

Alexis Light
Seanna Lightle
Audrey Lindsteadt
Natasha Long
London Loveless

"Love what you do. There's always going to be someone else who's smarter than you, but there's no substitute for passion. People who are passionate always work the hardest, and that sets them apart." -Aniela Trump

Emily Lower
Remington Loyd
Adam Lutz
Caleb Lynch
Brittany Mace

"Contrary to what people may say, there's no upper limit on stupidity." -Stephen Colbert

"Look at me I'm very vain and important."- Ms. Meyer
"They don't think it be like it is, but it do." -Oscar Gamble

Andres Machado
Gabriel Machado
Milagros Madera
Madelyn Malette
Brendon Martin

"But you know, happiness can be found even in the darkest of times, if one only remembers to turn on the light." -Albus Dumbledore, Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban

"Just be nice."
Conner Martin
“I will never do anything at all unless I’m having fun while doing it.”

Katie Mason
“Sometime, things that are expensive, are worse.” - Freckle (Jason Greene)

Katherine Mauricio
“Surprised I graduated! Now what? (O.o)”

Nelson Maxey
“I was gonna go to school but then... (you know the rest).”

Bryanna May

Lauren McCartney
“I have dance.”

Madison McCreu
“It’s fine. I’m fine. Everything is fine.”
*Everything was not fine*

Caitlyn McDonell
Stanberry Class of 2018

Rachel McKeighan

Vincent Mears

Viviana Mejia
“I feel God in this Chili’s tonight.”

Zandra Mejia

Austin Meyer
“Winter is Coming” (Ned Stark)

Jacob Mikesch
“Winners get to do what they want.” - Ricky Bobby

Preston Millard
“You’ve got to live for the moments to come, not the moments that have passed.”

Kadrian Misner
“Sweat hard to work hard” - Marcel O’Neal

Amm Mohammad
“Okay now we outta here, toodles to you snitches” - Drake

Madison Monroe
“Don’t get bitter, just get better.” - Alyssa Edwards

Anastasia Moore

Brielle Moore
“Brielle, how did your whole hot pocket fall out of the pocket?”

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"I, Johanna O'Callaghan, leave my love to Nolan O'Callaghan."

"I, Cassie Sterns, leave my sarcastic wit to my sister, Abigail."

"I, Mallory Gertner, leave my ability to "take it till you make it" and my Cosmic Brownies to Julia Fangman."

"I Emily klundt, leave my love for Jesus to Kenzie Miller!"

"I, Alexis Stockwell, leave being a Senior to Ally Ryan, and Miley Monday to my tennis babies."

"I, Brittany Palmer, leave my attendance record and my never failing smile to Jacob Turner."

"I, Jenika Hergott, leave my attendance record and dancing abilities to Evan Hergott."

"I, Osama Hanif, leave my gains to Shohab Nazar."

"I, Gwen Bachman, leave my injury free season to Kenzie Miller."

"I, Haley Davis, leave my JROTC squad leader place to Courtney Weekly."

"I made, I saw, I conquered." - Byron Myers

"I'm an icon living."

"The only thing standing between you and your goal is the story you keep telling yourself as to why you can't achieve it." - Albert Einstein

"It is a miracle that curiosity survives formal education." - Benjamin Franklin

"You no B-sian, You A-sian - Life" - Esther Par

"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want." - Psalm 23:1

"Haha okay" - Courtney Newman

"Renee, you are my other half. I will miss you more than words can say."

"Do you really know what you are doing, or are you just sounding smart?" - H. Twain

"We will miss you more than you will ever know."

"I spent 113,880 hours of my life for a piece of paper and a handshake." - RebeKA Novak

"rip Mr. Kelley <3"

"Are you serious?" - From that one teacher

"She is clothed in strength and dignity, and she laughs without fear of the future." - Proverbs 31:25

"I like my country music at the volume where I can't hear you complaining about it." - Brittany Palmer

"You no B-sian, You A-sian - Life" - Lili Par

"You no B-sian, You A-sian - Life" - Lili Par

"You no B-sian, You A-sian - Life" - Lili Par
"I, Hailey Hopkins, leave my racquet and all its power to my doubles partner Olivia Tevell, and I leave the Hopkins legacy to be continued on by Cole Hopkins."

"I, Jaylyn Perez, leave my procrastination and indecisiveness to Ashley Perez."

"I, Darius Wallis, leave my favorite moldy cap to Jenna Crype and Emily Ptomey."

"I, Aubree Morriss, leave my pet names for everyone to Kinsey Keller."

"I, Trace Walters, leave my wrestling locker and records to Butch Walters."

"I, Lance Vey, leave my witty jokes to Caden Romer."

"I, Caroline Hausman, leave my Snooks good looks and charm to Anne Garvey, though she comes by them naturally. I also leave my first class seat in the girls' golf van to Lauren DuVall, as she is now the new leader of the team."

"I, Jared Gutzmer, leave my saxophone skills to Katherine Cronk and Tenille Long."

"I, Ronnie Burr, leave the Central Jeep Club to Ashlyn Bardo."

"I, Megan Parmer, leave the Parmer name and all the power it holds to my brother Zach Parmer."

"I, Joey Myers, leave Clearance the taxidermede chipmunk on my car dashboard to Adam Johnston."

"I, Andres Machado, leave my Latino suave and ampadabriousness to my cousin Aaron Valdovinos"

"I, Patrick Bracciano, leave my good looks and my parking spot to my sister Anna."
Jayden Rivera

Braden Rosary

Jasmine Roby

Jake Roderick

Remington Roderick

Abigail Rosonke

"As long as my GPA is higher than gas prices" - Me freshman year

Dalaine Ruddy

Gabrielle Runsey

Edward Samuels

Zachary Scamurra

"Please, ARMY, remember what we say: love myself, love yourself." - Kim Namjoon (RM of BTS)

Jessica Schenck

Kassandra Sears

Stephanie Sedlock

Ronald Segrist

Trevor Sell

"...and all the time God is good!" -Liv

"I don't know half of you half as well as I should like and I like less than half of you half as well as you deserve." - Bilbo Baggins (Tolkien)

"You can catch a lot of flies with honey, but you can catch more honeys being fly." -

Jacinda Shannon

Connor Shea

Raegan Shelley

Devon Shewell

Jacob Shorba

"Yes my name is Jacinda and yes I am white."
Delanie Shores

"Everyone said to Vincent Van Gogh, "You can't be a great painter; you only have one eye." And you know what he said? "I can't hear you."" - Michael Scott

Jayden Shumaker

Jacob Simmons

Amanda Sims

Boston Small

"Your heart knows the way. Run in that direction." - Rumi

If you live for people's acceptance, you'll die from their rejection.

- Lecrae

Clayton Smith

Austin Sollars

Austin Solomon

Madison Southard

Jason Stamper

"Chasing Clouds without running out of Breath"

"I don't love people. I love Camaros, Zeppelin, and French Fries, in that order." - Steven Hyde

Tommi Stanton

Cassandra Sterns

Kanon Stewart

Sydney Steward

Alexis Stockwell

"Once in awhile someone amazing comes along... and here I am." - Tigger, Winnie the Pooh

"Sarcasm: the witty will have fun, but the stupid won't get it."

"If it weren't for the last minute, I wouldn't get anything done."

"The grass is wet, but the field isn't." - Joel Fischer

"It's like you're not even wearing socks!" - Baylee King

Ashley Stoll

Ethan Strathman

Holly Streck

Megan Streck

Matthew Summers

"Stanberry Class of 2018"

"Yes, I'm Megan's!"

"Yes, I'm Holly's!"
Mariah Tucker
"If Luke Bryan hit me with his truck it would be the best day of my life." - Mariah Tucker

Carson Turner
"Your Mom." - Chris Kelley

Geron Turner

Oscar Valdivia Gutierrez

Andre Valdivinos
"bears eat beets, Bears, beets, 'Battlestar Galactica'." - Jim Halpert

Kenya Vance
"Life is pain we've got to scrape the joy from it every chance we get." - Hot Rod

Sydney VanDyke
"Be the Hero of your story." - Big Fish, the Musical

Lance Vey
"Don't sweat the petty things and don't pet the sweaty things" - George Carlin

Emily Voeltt

Jonathan Walker
"And I knew exactly what to do. But in a much more real sense, I had no idea what to do." - Michael Scott

Nathan Walker
"Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened." 

Darius Wallis
"Do you wanna hold my healing rocks?" Former Swim Coach, Kevin Bigham

Avery Walters

Trace Walters
"I shoot, I score. You shoot, I score."

Kayla Ward

Saige Warner
"Hey. They laughed at Louis Armstrong when he said he was gonna go to the moon. Now he's up there, laughing at them." Chaz Michael Michaels, Blades of Glory

Kaleb Watts

Madison Wells-Sanz
"Unless life also hands you sugar and water, your lemonade is going to suck."

Grant Weir

Izaak Werner
"Austin Gene Solomon is a Germafoe and has a YouTube channel."
Christina Whalen
"I don’t know what I’m doing but I know I’m doing it really really well.” - Andy Dwyer

Kyle Wichern

Sarayah Wiedmaier
"I think we agree, the past is over.” My Boyfriend, George W. Bush

Bradley Wilkinson
"If you’re with me be with me, if you aint then "be aint”

Christopher Wilson
"Per aspera ad astra."

Cotton Wilson
"He alone, who controls the youth, controls the future.”

Gaige Wilson
Keef’s House

Matthew Wilson
"I’m the best there is plain and simple.”

Ricky Bobby

Meaghan Wilson
"Did I tell you to release your parachutes. Press ‘Y’. We’re dying here.”

Kindall Wisdom
"A girl and her Jeep is a beautiful thing.” - Unknown

Timothy Wright
"I’d kill for a Nobel Peace Prize.” - Steven Wright

Philip Wu
"Eat, Sleep, Conquer, Repeat.” - Kid Fearless

Noah Young
"Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glory your Father in heaven.”

Matthew 5:16

Kevin Zhu

Video Announcement crew putting in the work to bring us their newest installment.

Camera Shy
Samuel Canchola
Jacob Crenfield
Barbara Dyer
Jing Jang Gao
Hunter Gilbert
Dylan Hay
Andrew Hisson
Christopher Kepner
William Kepner
Karina Khan
Eric King

Cole Larabee
Ceo Lian
Maxwell Morgan
Zachary Pinkerton
Merlani Rain
Bre’ Onna Rush
Noah Smith
Corbin Stringham
Bawei Thang
An Van
Angela Wallace
Seniors enjoy lunch time in the West Cafeteria. These girls multi-task, finishing homework with eating a relaxing meal.
Senior Activities

Aviles, Devon
Axmaker, Andrew
- Football- 4 years, Baseball- 2 years, Basketball- 1 year
Ayala, Caleb

Bachman, Gwen
Cross Country- 4 years, Basketball- 4 years, Track- 3 years, Band- 1 year, Student Government- 2 years (Freshman class senator, Student Body Cabinet), FCA- 4 years
Barnea, Arturo
Soccer- 3 years, Basketball- 1 year
Baron, Erico
Soccer- 3 years, Basketball- 1 year
Barry, Assatou
Bartlett, Peyton
- Football- 1 year, Tennis- 2 year, FFA 2 years, Skills USA- 2 years
Bauer, Leah
- Outlook Staff- 3 years, Wakitan
Staff- 1 year
Bernard, Kaden
Bigham, Jouniee
Orchestra- 3 years
Bird, Elizabeth
Blakely, Celeste
Blandon, Gaige
Blizard, Brooke
Freshman Mentor- 1 year, Track- 1 year, Outlook Staff- 1 year, Student Government- 1 year
Blizzard, Truman
Boeh, Ethan
- FFA- 3 years
Boles, Tristan
Bosse, Seth
Bos, Shawn
Orchestra- 4 years (1st violin section leader, Concert Master), DECA- 1 year (Vice-President of Special Projects), Speech and Debate- 3 years (Vice-President), Student Government- 1 year (President), Video Announcements, Freshmen Mentor- 1 year, Scholar Bowl- 2 years, Chemathon 1 year, Musical Pit Orchestra- 1 year
Botello, Cruz
Bowman, Nicholas
Bracciano, Patrick
Brodus, Zion
Football- 4 Years (Captain), Orchestra- 2 years, Student Government- 1 year (Cabinet), Video Announcements- 1 year
Brown, Alexa
Spanish Club- 4 years, FCLA- 1 year, Creative Writing Club- 2 years, Flags Corps- 2 years, Choir- 4 years
Brown, Karissa
Orchestra- 2 years, Swimming- 4 years (Captain), Soccer- 4 years, Sophomore Tutor- 2 years
Brunner, Rachel
Softball- 4 years, Powderpuff Football- 1 year
Brunt, Destiny
Brushwood, Hailee
Cheerleading- 4 years (All American), Sophomore Tutor- 1 year, FCLA- 1 year, Quesadilla Club- 1 year, National Honor Society, Prom Committee
Bryson, Alexandria
All-School Musical- 4 years (Dance Captain, Student Costumes Director, Actor), Encore Show Choir- 4 years (Secretary, President), Drama Team- 4 years (Choreographer, Actor), Student Government- 1 year (Cabinet), Choir- 4 years, Sophomore Tutor- 1 year, National Honor Society, International Thespian Society
Busse, Breanna
Burns, Logan
Burr, Ronnie
Golf- 4 years, Student Government- 1 year, Video Announcements- 1 year, Fellowship of Christian Athletes- 4 years, National Honor Society- 1 year, DECA- 3 years, Drug Free Superstar, Freshman Mentor- 1 year, Cross Country- 1 year
Caceres, Brandon
Japanese- 4 years, Rifle Team- 1 year
Camacho, Emily
Cameron, Noah
Baseball- 4 years (1st team all-conference 2 years 1st base, 2nd team all-conference 2 years pitcher), 1st team all-news press, 1st team all-city (2 years), Soccer- 4 years (2nd team all-conference 2 years GK), 2nd team all-district, 1st team all-city, 1st team all-district, 1st team all-city, 3 years GK, Captain (2 years), Basketball- 4 years (Gary Sprague Award Award, Captain), Basketball- 4 year, Student Government- 2 years (Freshman class senator, senior class senator), Sophomore Tutor, Boys to Men mentor, Latin Club
Cameron Davis, Alyssa
Marching Band- 4 years, Choir- 4 years, Tennis- 1 year, Concert Band- 4 years, DECA- 1 year, Spanish Club- 1 year
Canchola, Samuel
Castor, Rubi
Castro, Daleysi
Catherine, Jordan
Soccer- 4 years
Catron, Kenzie
Caw, Kainon
Cee, Hmun

Adkins, Andersen
Scholar Bowl-3 years, Tennis-3 years, Science Club-2 years, Tetris Club-4 years
Al Asadi, Muhammed
Albertson, Kloye
Softball- 1 year, Basketball- 1 year, Band- 3 years, Choir- 2 years, Drumline- 3 years (Section Leader), Student Government- 3 years (Sophomore Class Vice President, Junior Class Senator, Student Body Secretary), All School Musical- 3 years, FCLA- 1 year (President), Civitas Club- 2 years, Philosophy Club- 2 years, Ecology Club- 2 years, Show Choir- 3 years, DECA- 1 year, Video Announcements
Alden, Cade
Soccer- 1 year, Tennis- 4 years, Outlook Staff- 1 year
Allen, Keith
Alvarado, Josaelyn
French Club- 4 years (President), Spanish Club- 3 years, Creative Writing Club- 3 years (President), Diversity Student Union- 3 years (Spokesperson), Board Game Club- 1 year, Math Tutor- 3 years
Anderson, Mateo
Catholic Breakfast Club- 2 years, Chemathon- 1 year, Band- 1 year, DECA- 3 years, FBLA- 2 years, FCA- 3 years, Freshman Mentor Program- 2 years, Soccer- 4 years
Angeles, Alexx
Angsten, Cade
Ashburn, Dylin
Atkinson, Christopher
Aung, Son
Soccer- 4 years, Wrestling- 4 years, Tennis- 1 year

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Chase, Tenaya  
JROTC: 4 years

Clark, Carter  
Choir- 4 years, Debate- 3 years,  
Board Game Club- 2 years, Solo for  
Contest- 1 year, Show Choir- 1 year

Clary, Tennyson  
Marching Band- 3 years, Freshman  
Mentor- 2 years, National Honor Society,  
Orchestra for Fall Musical-2 years

Clevenger, Rebecca

Col, Selena

Cook, Dalton

Copeland, Justin  
Soccer- 3 years, Debate- 3 years

Coutney, Zachary

Crockett, Bradford

Cranfield, Jacob

Crum, Bryson

Crum, Nathan

Cruse-Bernard, Harmani  
Softball-3 years, Diversity Student  
Union, Board Game Club, Spectrum Pride  
Club (Historian), FCCLA, Coloring Club,  
Freshman Mentor-2 years

Cunning, Jayda  
Student Football Trainer- 4 years,  
Basketball- 3 years, Orchestra-3 years  
(Section Leader), Prom Committee,  
Student Government- 3 years (Sophomore  
Class Senator, Junior Class President,  
Student Body Cabinet), DECA- 3 years,  
FFA- 1 year, Powerpuff- 3 years  
(Captain)

Curran, Dylan  
FFA- 1 years

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Danner, Jakob

Davidson, Kaitlyn  
Volleyball-2 years, Basketball-4 years,  
National Honors Society-2 Years,  
Spanish Club-2 Years, Track-1 Year,  
Cheerleading-1 Year, Choir-1 Year, Student  
Government-1 Year (Freshman Class Vice  
President)
Harris, Nickolaus
Baseball-4 years, Wrestling-1 year, Softball Manager-1 year

Harvey, Leah Elisabeth
FCLC-1 year

Hatheway, Austin

Haugh, Emily
JROTC-4 years, Outlook Staff-2 years, Wakanita Staff-2 years, Office Secretary-4 years, Professional Kiss-Up-4 years, Teachers Pet-4 years

Hausman, Caroline
Varsity Golf-4 years, Student Government-2 years, Sophomore Senate, Student Body Vice President, National Honor Society, Freshman Mentor, DECA-3 years, FBLA-3 years, FCA-3 years, Catholic Breakfast Club-3 years, Choir-2 years, Prom Committee, Powder Puff Football-4 years.

Hay, Dylan
"I only take baths with bubbles." -Liam Hummer

Haywood, Spencer

Hazelwood, Courtney
Outlook Staff-1 year, Wakanita Staff-3 years

Heinrichs, Alexander

Henderson, Khalik

Hergott, Jenika
JROTC-4 years

Herring, Aaron

Hicks, Justin
Soccer-1 year, Football-3 years, Baseball-1 year

Hill, Alycia

Hill, Jordan
Rubik’s cube Club-4 years (Representative), Chess Club-2 years, Thrive-1 year, HTC Robotics-1 year

Hillyard, Christine
Tennis-2 years, Freshman Mentor-2 years, FFA-2 years

Hixson, Andrew

Hopkins, Hailey
Tennis-Varsity-4 years, News Press Athlete of the Week, Student Government-3 years (Freshman Class Treasurer, Sophomore Class Senator, Student Body Cabinet), Freshman Mentor, National Honor Society, Drug Free Superstar, FCA-3 years, DECA-2 years, FBLA-2 years, Art Club, Table Tennis Club, Prom Committee, Powder Puff Football-3 years.

Huang, Haoyu

Humbert, DJ
Football-4 years, DECA-3 years

Humbert, Miranda

Humer, Liam

Irvin, Shemia

J

Jeffery, Elijah
Johnson, Isaiah
Football-3 years, DECA-2 years, FBLA-3 years, Debate-2 years

Johnson, Madison
Poms-4 years, Freshman Mentor-1 year, Spanish Club-2 years, Prom Committee-1 year, Outlook Staff-1 year, Choir-2 years

Johnson, Noah
Tennis-2 years, All School Musical-4 years, Band-4 years, Debate-2 years

Johnston, Walker
Football-1 year

Jones, Chloe
Band-4 years, Fall Musical-2 years (Pit Orchestra), Strings Orchestra-2 years

Jones, Elaina

Jones, Nicolas

Joyce, Hadley
FFA-3 years Poms-2 years Cheer-1 year

Judah, Samuel
Basketball-1 year, Student Government-1 year (senior class senator)
Knudt, Emily  
Cross Country- 4 years, French Club 2 years, FCA Leader- 4 years, Track- 4 years

Kusilek, Jason  
Band- 2 years

L

Lane, Noah

Larabee, Cole

Lawrence, Bobby  
Football- 4 years, Baseball- 2 years, DECA- 2 years, Sophomore Tutor- 1 year, Student Government- 2 years

Le, Andrew

LeBeau, Alexis

Ledford, Preston

Lenz, Quentin

Lian, Ceu  
Soccer- 1 year

Lickhart, Kyrstin

Light, Alexis

Lightle, Seanna  
Interact Club- 2 years, FCCLA- 1 year

Lindsteadt, Audrey  
Orchestra- 4 years, Fall Musical- 4 years, FFA- 3 years, Ecology Club- 2 years, Spanish Club- 1 year, Volleyball- 1 year

Long, Natasha

Loveless, London  
Cheerleading- 4 years (Captain- 1 year), Student Government- 4 years, (Freshman Class Senator, Sophomore Class President, Junior Class Senator, Student Body Cabinet), Outlook Staff- 1 year (Editor), Wabilita Staff- 2 years (Editor- 1 year), Powder Puff Football- 3 years, National Honor Society, Drug Free Superstar,

Lower, Emily  
Poms- 1 year, All School Musical- 4 years, Speech and Debate, Philosophy Club, Math Club, Student Government (Sophomore Class Treasurer, Student Body Treasurer), National Honor Society, Freshman Mentor, DECA, DECA, FBLA, International Thespian Society

Loyd, Remington  
Outlook Staff- 1 year, Tennis- 1 year

Lutz, Adam

Lynch, Caleb

M

Machado, Andres

Machado, Gabriel

Malotte, Madelyn  
Fall Musical- 2 years, JROTC- 4 years, Choir- 2 years, Band- 1 year

Martin, Conner  
Wrestling- 1 year, Freshman Mentor- 1 year, Debate- 3 years, DECA- 1 year, Quesadilla Club- 1 year, Tennis- 2 years

Mason, Katie  
JROTC- 4 years, Band- 2 years, Spectrum Pride Club- 2 years

Mauricio, Katherine

Maxey, Nelson

May, Breyanna  
Band- 2 years

McCarter, Lauren  
Poms- 3 years, DECA- 2 years, FBLA- 2 years, Student Government- 1 year (Senior class secretary)

McCrea, Madison  
Spanish Club- 2 years, Wabilita Staff- 1 year, Outlook Staff- 1 year, Freshmen Mentor- 1 year, Choir- 2 years

McDonell, Caitlyn  
Choir- 2 years, Volleyball- 1 year, Powder Puff Football- 2 years, French Club- 2 years

McKeighan, Rachel

Mears II, Vincent

Mejia, Zandra  
Debate- 1 year, Wabilita Staff- 1 year

Meyer, Austin

Mikesch, Jacob  
Football- 1 year, Soccer- 4 years (Captain- 1 year), Basketball- 1 year, Sophomore Tutor- 2 years

Millard, Preston  
JROTC- 2 years

Misner, Kadrian

Mohammad, Aum  
Freshman Mentor- 1 year, French Club- 1 year, DECA- 3 years, FBLA- 1 year, All School Musical- 1 year (Student Director), National Honors Society (Secretary)

Monroe, Madison

Moore, Anastasia

Moore, Brielle  
Soccer- 4 years

Moore, Jordan  

Morgan, Maxwell

Morris, Aubree  
Quesadilla Club- 2 years, DECA- 2 years, Drama team- 2 years, Scholar Bowl- 2 years, All School Musical- 2 years, French Club- 2 years, Debate- 3 years

Moth, Nyadeng

Moye, Lauren  
Choir- 4 years, Chamber Choir- 2 years, Fall Musical- 1 year, National Honor Society, Freshman Mentor Program- 2 years, Spanish Club

Myers, Joseph  
Choir- 4 years, Concert Band- 4 years, Marching Band- 4 years, Jazz Band- 4 years, Show choir- 2 years, All School Musical- 4 years, National Honor Society, Soccer-1 year

Newbold, Anika  
Marching Band- 4 years, Drumline- 4 years, Softball- 4 years, Track- 2 years, FBLA- 2 years (President- 1 year), Art Club- 1 year

Newcomb, Dylan

Newman, Courtneay  
Basketball- 4 years, Golf- 3 years, Volleyball- 1 year

Nigus, Braden  
Football- 4 years, Wrestling- 1 year, Baseball- 1 year, Student Government- 2 years (Junior Class Senator, Student Body Cabinet)

Novak, Rebekah

O

O'Callaghan, Johanna  
FCCLA- 1 year

O'Neal, Cathlyn  
Cross Country- 2 years, Track- 1 year, Marching Band- 3 years, Freshman Mentor- 1 year, Prom Committee

O'Neal, Marcel

Owens, Baylor  
Basketball- 4 years, Freshman Mentor- 2 years

Owens, Joshua

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Plamer, Brittany

Par, Esther  
Show Choir- 3 years, Sophomore Tutor- 1 year, Bel Canto- 2 years, Orchestra- 2 years, Diversity Student Union- 4 years, Pay It Forward- 1 year, National Honor Society, IB Full Diploma Candidate, Tennis- 1 year

Par, Lili  
Sophomore Tutor- 2 years, Diversity Student Union- 3 years (secretary) Science club- 1 year, Pay it Forward- 1 year, Women Choir- 1 year, Bel Canto- 1 year, Show Choir- 1 year, Orchestra- 3 years, Tennis- 1 year

Parmer, Megan  
Poms- 4 years, Soccer- 4 years, Student Government (Senior Class Vice President), Freshman Mentor, National Honor Society, Drug Free Super Star, Outlook Staff, Speech and Debate, DECA, FBLA

Parsons, Turner  
JROTC- 4 years, Orchestra- 4 years, Choir- 4 years, Student Government- 1 year (Senior Class Senate), Tennis- 2 years

Penland, Jordan

Perdomo, Tatiana

Perez, Jaylyn  
Soccer- 3 years, Orchestra- 3 years

Pinkerton, Zachary
Quick, Sabrina
Swimming - 4 years (Captain), Fall Musical - 2 years (Crew, Student Director), Powderpuff Football - 3 years
Rain, Merilast
Rash, Cody
Regalado, Paulina
Bel Canto - 3 years, Vespers - 3 years, Fall Musical - 2 years (Student Director - 1 year), Freshmen Mentor - 2 years, Contest - 3 years, Powder Puff Football - 2 years
Reinert, Zachary
Reitov, Dylan
Reitov, Joanna
French Club - 4 years, DECA - 2 years, Freshmen Mentor Program - 1 year, Pay It Forward - 1 year, Prom Committee
Reynolds, Kiernan
Richardson, Steven
JROTC - 3 years
Rivera, Jayden
Roades, Braden
Roby, Jasmine
Roderick, Jake
Roderick, Remington
Rosonke, Abigail
All School Musical - 2 years, Catholic Breakfast Club - 1 year
Ruddy, Dalaine
Rumsey Gabrielle
Orchestra - 4 years, French Club - 2 years, Choir - 4 years, Sophomore Tutor - 1 year
Rush, Bree-Onna
Basketball - 1 year
S
Scamurra, Zachary
Marching Band - 4 years, Wind Ensemble - 4 years, All-School Musical - 4 years, Scholar Bowl - 3 years, Chamber Choir - 3 years, Jazz Band - 3 years, Drama Team - 3 years, Jazz Lab Band - 1 year, Show Choir - 1 year
Schenk, Jessica
Volleyball - 4 years, Basketball - 4 years, Track & Field - 1 year, Powder Puff Football - 1 year, DECA - 3 years, FBLA - 3 years, Sophomore Tutor - 1 year, FCA - 2 years, National Honor Society
Sears, Kassandra
Sedlock, Stephanie
Poetry Club - 1 year, Literary Magazine - 1 year, FFA - 1 year
Segrist, Trey
Orchestra - 3 years, Basketball - 2 years, Track - 2 years
Sell, Trevor
Fall Musical - 3 years, Marching Band - 4 years
Shanon, Jacinda
Shea, Connor
Shelley, Raegan
Shewell, Devon
Shorba, Jacob
Shores, Delanie
Shumaker, Jayden
Simmons, Jacob
Sims, Amanda
Spanish Club - 2 years
Small, Boston
Cross Country - 4 years, Track - 4 years, FCA - 4 years, Basketball - 2 years, National Honor Society, Drug Free Superstar, DECA - 2 years, Freshman Mentor Program - 1 year, Student Government - 2 years (Sophomore Class Senate, Senior Class Senate)
Smith, Clayton
Smith, Noah
Sollars, Austin
Solomon, Austin
Baseball - 1 year, Skills USA - 2 years
Southard, Madison
Swim - 1 year
Stamper, Jason
Stanton, Tommi
Basketball - 1 year, Freshman Mentor - 2 years, Spanish Club - 1 year, Cool to Be Kind Club - 1 year
Stens, Cassandra
Volleyball - 1 year, Choir - 4 years, Catholic Breakfast Club - 3 years, Chemistry Club - 1 year
Stewart, Kanon
Soccer - 1 year, Marching Band - 2 years, Skills USA - 2 years
Stewart, Sydney
Marching Band - 4 years, Swimming - 4 years, Concert Band - 4 years (Wind Ensemble - 3 years), Cross-Country - 2 years, Track - 2 years, All-School Musical - 1 year, Choir - 2 years, Drama Team - 2 years, International Thespians Society - 1 year, Speech and Debate - 1 year
Stockwell, Alexis
Choir - 3 years (Freshman Women's Choir, Bel Canto, Die Meistersingers), NVMO All-District Choir - 1 year, Tennis - 3 years, Freshman Mentor - 2 years, National Honor Society, Pay It Forward Club - 2 years, Prom Committee, Spanish Club - 2 years, Sewing Club - 2 years, Speech and Debate - 4 years, Powder Puff Football - 1 year, FCLLA - 1 year, Quesadilla Club - 1 year, IB Diploma - 1 year, Missouri Leadership Seminar Ambassador
Stoll, Ashley
DECA - 1 year, Basketball - 1 year
Strathman, Ethan
Streck, Holly
Swim - 4 years
Streck, Megan
Swim - 1 year
Stringham, Corbin
Summers, Matthew
Sun, Bawii
Swift, Ivy
Swope, Summer
FFA - 3 years
Szczepanik, Elizabeth
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Tangtityaphephant, Yatirae
Thang, Bawi
Mathew 17:20 “Faith can move mountains.”
Thee, Brent
Thomas, Ariana
Skills USA - 2 years, Swim - 1 year
Thomas, Sidney
Volleyball - 1 year Basketball - 1 year
Thornton, Anakin
Thornton, Malik
Tolen, Tori
Soccer - 4 years, Marching Band - 4 years, Jazz Band - 3 years, Fall Musical - 2 years
Torres, Alondra
Trammell, Lily
Tucker, Mariah
FFA - 4 years, Skills USA - 2 years, Choir - 1 year, Hillyard Ambassador - 2 years
Turner, Carson
Turner, Geron
Valdivia Gutierrez, Oscar
Valdivinos, Andre
Soccer - 4 years, Soccer Manager - 2 years
Van, An
VanDyke, Sydney
Die Meistersingers - 3 years, Show Choir - 4 years, All School Musical - 4 years, Drama Team - 4 years, Spanish Club - 3 years, Outlook Staff - 1 year
Walker, Jonathan
Football - 4 years, Tennis - 1 year,
Wrestling - 1 year, Speech and Debate - 4 years,
Student Government - 2 years
(Sophomore Class Senator, Student Body
President), Video Announcements, Frisbee
Club - 1 year, Outlook Staff - 1 year,
Wakitan Staff - 1 year

Walker, Nathan

Wallace, Angela

Wallis, Darius
Swimming - 4 years, Track - 1 year,
Spanish Club - 2 years, Freshmen Mentor -
2 years (President)

Walters, Trace
Wrestling - 4 years (2x City
Champion, All Conference Honorable
Mention, All Conference 2nd Team, All
Conference 1st Team, State Qualifier),
Football - 2 years

Ward, Kayla

Warner, Saige

Watts, Kaleb

Weets-Sanz, Madison
Choir - 4 years, Diversity Student
Union - 3 years

Weir, Grant

Werner, Isaak
Basketball - 1 year, Baseball - 1
year, Golf - 2 years, Quesadilla Club

Whalen, Christina
Track - 1 year, Cross Country - 3
years, FCA - 1 year, Freshman Mentor - 2
years, Pay it Forward Club - 1 year,
National Honor Society, JROTC - 4 years

Wichern, Kyle

Wiedmaier, Sarayah
Student Football Trainer - 4 years,
Student Government - 2 years (Junior
Class Senate, Student Body Cabinet),
Outlook Staff - 1 year, Wakitan Staff - 1
year, DECA - 3 years (VP of Community
Service), FBLA, PowderPuff - 4 years
(Captain - 4 years)

Wilkinson, Bradlee

Wilson, Christopher
Football - 1 year, Soccer - 3 years,
DECA - 3 years, Speech and Debate - 4
years, JROTC - 4 years

Wilson, Colton
Football - 2 years, Wrestling - 1
year, Band - 4 years (section leader, lead
baritone), Jazz Band - 4 years, JROTC - 4
years (Drill Teams - 4 years, IDR With
Commander, FDS Commander, Honor
Guard Commander), Staff 4 years, (S4 - 3
years battalion commander, executive
officer, Superior Cadet), National Honor
Society, Freshman Mentor - 2 years, Drug
Free Superstar

Wilson, Gaige
Soccer - 4 years, Basketball - 4
years, Sophomore Tutor - 2 years, DECA -
1 year, FBLA - 1 year

Wilson, Matthew
Golf - 4 years

Wilson, Meaghan
Cheerleading - 4 years, FCCLA - 2
years, Spanish club - 1 year

Wisdom, Kindall
FFA - 4 years (Sophomore Reporter,
Junior President, Senior Jr. Advisor),
Freshman Mentor - 1 year, National
Technical Honor Society

Wright, Timothy

Wu, Philip
FBLA - 2 Years (Vice President),
DECA - 1 Year, Student Government - 1
Year (Senior Class Senate)

Young, Noah
Tennis - 3 years, Freshman Mentor -
2 years, French Club - 2 years, Eco Club - 1
year, Powder Puff Football - 1 year, DECA -
1 year, State Qualifier DECA - 1 year
Outlook Staff - 1 year

Zhu, Kevin

Senior
Superlatives

Accident Prone

Jake Mikesch & Rhianna Davis

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Most Likely to Write a Novel

Trey Segrists & Kylee Kent

Dynamic Duo

Olivia Duke & Jessica Schenk

Dynamic Duo

Nick Harris & Trace Walters

Best Snapchat Story

Khalik Henderson & Anika Newbold
Most Opinionated

Devon Shewell & Leah Harvey

Most likely to win the lottery and lose the ticket

Brooke Blizzard & Gabe Machado

Most likely to be late to graduation

Zach Reinert & Emily Lower

Most Musical

Joey Myers & Sydney VanDyke
Class Mom and Dad

London Loveless & Jon Walker

Most likely to start a Youtube Channel

Shawn Boss & Courtney Hazelwood

Administration’s Most Wanted

Andy Adkins & Zandra Mejia

Worst Driver

Gaige Wilson & Lexi Fujinami
Best Smile

Aumna Mohammad & Braden Nigus

Most Athletic

Boston Small & Gwen Bachman

Biggest Gamer

Kloey Albertson & Jacob Shorba

Coffee Addicts

Megan Parmer & Rachel Brunner
Most Likely to come back to Central to teach

Lauren Moye & William Gentry

Craziest Crazy

Zach Kanatzar & Jayda Cunning

Biggest Flirt

Noah Cameron & Lexi George

Life of the Party

Kellen Hansen & Journee Bigham
Most likely to take over the World

Delanie Shores & Ronnie Burr

Most Humble

Kyle Wichern and Emily Klundt

Best Dressed

Andres Machado & Kassie Sears

Most Artistic

Andy Le & Marissa DePietro
Juniors

Mateca Aanin
Carlin Adams
Elijah Adams
Rickson Aisek
Evelyn Alexander
Jacob Alexander
Kornelius Allen

William Allen
Gunnar Anderson
Lucas Anderson
Brendan Arnold
Keerat Athwal
Laura Atte
Joseph Ayala

Rylee Bacon
Georgia Ballah
Jason Baltzer
Ashlynne Bardo
Joshua Barnes
Melvin Barnes
Alexandria Barnett

Kierra Barr
Geige Bettrell
Ashley Bearden
Andrew Beck
Ethan Beck
Rebecca Belding
Jennifer Benner

Mariah Benner
Elizabeth Bennett
Kylie Bernard
Parker Berry
Karl Bigham
Anna Blacher
Aaron Blighn

Caian Bodde
Megan Bennett
Raul Botello
Samantha Bowman
Andrei Brant
Sierra Breveka
Taylor Bristol
Most Overused Phrase...
How many ways does the cafeteria use chicken?

We want to thank our lunch ladies who take such good care of us. Even though we giggle about the chicken, we truly appreciate you feeding us and giving us something to look forward to every day.

- Spicy Chicken on bun
- Honey Mustard Chicken Salad
- Asian Chicken Salad
- Chicken Alfredo
- Pepperjack Grilled Chicken on bun
- Honey Sriracha Chicken Salad
- Chicken Popper Bowl
- Chicken Patty on bun
- Chicken Nuggets!
Camera Shy

Madison Atkins
Luis Albor Cruz
Tanner Baker
Jay Den Banks
Walter Brown
Amirayh Campbell
Mayqueni Chiel Perez
Par Cuai
Shamar Cullar
Cody DePriest
Skylar Duncan
Aleigha Fitch
Nichole Harding
Graham Hill
Ethan Jackson
Leah Jang
Valeria Jinez
Heather Johnson
Julie Kanus
Fadila Khalid

Alexis Kirpatrick
Laku Kotu
Charles Moore
Madilynn Morgan
Elijah Negozio
Eric Nieman
Ossene Ojo
Tyler Peters
Nicholas Randleman
Jacee Riddle
Rebecca Schwichtenberg
Kristen Smith
Clifton Sorrels
Le'Andrea St. Clair
Nathaniel Streu
Luis Valdivia Gutierrez
David Woerman Jr.
Lal Zual
Sophomores

Alyssa Acion
Alexa Adams
Abbie Adkins
Alana Adkins
Devan Admire
Jerrica Aguilar
Kostopher Allen

Emma Allison
Nathan Alvaredo
Dylan Amos
Marcella Anaya
Cassandra Anderson
Anna Anthony
Logan Anthony

Mason Arney
Bailey Ashton
Roman Atencio
John Austin
Jyzziah Bagby
Ariana Bailey
Jacob Ball

Autumn Banks
Catherine Barnes
Caleb Barley
Brodi Becerra
Cruz Becerra
Dakota Berry
Jacob Bigham

Kayla Black
Ciara Blair
William Blazer
Lauren Bluhm
Lauren Bloodgood
Jarod Boothright
Biak Bor

Sage Bouchard
Jordan Bratton
Jennarae Brevington
Demetres Brown
Zachary Brown
Bensen Bruckshaw
Andrew Brunner
“I got robbed.” - Sydney Dixon

“I wasn’t here last class.” - Maddy Page

“I already turned it in.” - Addison Wheatley
What is your most creative excuse for not doing your homework?

John Gonzales
Belai Gonzalez-Escobar
Enrie Graves
Olivia Graves
T WHITE Graves
George Gray
Kaleb Griggs

Alice Grooms
Anthony Grumblatt
Hector Guerra Landrau
Ansh Gupta
Benjamin Hadle
Ana Hammond
Cameron Hanson

Chaelie Harman
Ceira Harris
Payton Harrison
Kathryn Hart
Kaylee Hecker
Troy Herbert
Victoria Hinneh

Sul Hnin
Malia Hockaday
Kiley Hoffman
Ray Holcomb
Alexia Hollow
Henry Holmes
Cole Hopkins

Abigail Horn
Bayden Hudson
Dametria Hughes
SUNETRA Hughes
Noah Hutchison
Dawt lang
Zing lang

“I was sick.” - Avery McCarthy

“My dog ate it.” - Olivia Smith

“You never said to turn it in.” - Bria Kirby
William Jasper
Kyon Johnson
Malachi Johnson
Randall Johnston
Adam Johnston
Antonio Jones
Malee Jones

Trinity Jones
Colton Joseph
Alexis Jumps
Jada Jung
Shea Kenner
Caleb Keling
Jared Kelly

Makayla Kern
Fatima Khalid
Hassan Khan
Jessica Kirachky
Bria Kirby
Lillie Kirby
Andrew Klepees

Dylan Kline
Gracie Knadle
Jaxon Knadle
Senyo Kpems
Matthew Kronberg
Anika Lamb
Leah Lane

Brayden Langford
Aliyah Larabe
Angelic Larson
Wynnter LeBlanc
Damien Lee
Paige Leftin
Spencer Leppard

Makiah Leff
Calire Lies
Lyndsi Lichaert
Christian Light
Weston Lindstrom
James Loch
Jasminie Logan

Homework
Excuses con’t

“My brother ate it.”
- Tyler Orth

“I put it in the wrong backpack.” - Lauren DuVall
"I left it at home." - Demetres Brown

"I had church last night and didn’t get home until late." - Patrick Nyguen

"I just didn’t do it." - Maddy Cheadle
Sophomores show their school spirit during the 1st day pep assembly.

Camera Shy

Nora Al Asadi
Devon Bandt
Perryn Barrett
Coby Bitterman
Lina Botello
Walker Brown
Joshua Burchett
Brayden Burleson
Jacob Cutherford
Colby Cox
Yariel Fontanez Rosario
Dreyden Johnson
Stephan Jordan
Trina Kano
Alyssa King
McDonnell Kony
Maresse McCalib

Savannah McClasky
Tyisha McDougal
Holden Modlin
Jesus Ortiz Herrejon
Ivan Rodriguez
Antonio Serrano
Taylor Smith
Ashley Sowell
Cameron Strowder
Jackson Sturgis
Tashena Thomas
Enrique Tllman
Anna Welchert
Jonah Williams
Jeffery Younger
Adalina Zepilovic
Edson Acosta
Cooper Adams
Seretee Adams
Jake Adkins
Lita Akers
Ryan Akin
Emily Alexander

Landon Allen
Isaiah Alvarado
Cowles Anderson
Keifer Anderson
Leighanne Arcadi
Cailey Armes
James Arnold

Logan Arnold
Bao Aryan
Annemarie Amsmu
Ethan Baldwin
Georgetta Balia
Jaemin Balzer
Alexandria Banks

Javen Banks
Greyce Bardo
Christopher Barnes
Gerard Barnes
Marcos Barron II
Nathan Berry
Zachary Barton

Joshua Bayer
Makayla Beaver
Roman Becerra
Evan Beck
Connor Bell
Elana Benedict
Jaden Bernard

Joseph Berry
Quentin Berry
Lauren Beyer
Eli Blair
Nathaniel Blakely
Doyle Boman
Veronica Boone
Freshmen Myths
What did you hear about CHS before your first day?

- Elevator Passes
- Freshmen Friday’s - On Fridays special hazing events were reserved for freshmen.
- You have to scrub the tile indian heads if you step on one.
- Upper class men will lock you in the tunnels. -Thank you Saige Warner.
- The homework is really hard.

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Academics
What really matters in our time here at Central is that we learn. We learn how to think on our own. Teachers are preparing us for our next step in life, whether we continue our education, serve in the military, or join the workforce. The students here are getting a strong foundation for the future.

There is a class for everyone at Central High School. Core classes in English, science, math and social studies make up the bulk of our schedules. Whereas, electives such as woodworking, web design, and creative writing offer us a way of exploring our interests. Central has a very strong advanced placement program, International Baccalaureate Program, and honors program that gives students a chance to excel in areas that they are talented in.

Every student that walks these halls has the potential to make a difference, both big and small. They might help just one person, impact the community, or even change the world.
Business

The business department at Central has a lot to offer for everyone. There are a plethora of classes to choose from. Beginners can start with Introduction to Business, and they can work their way up to more advanced business classes. In the classes to come, Mrs. Beavers explains, "Students learn about business management, finance, marketing, sales, and more. Students learn about entrepreneurship, keeping up with customer's changing needs, and how to be competitive globally."

There are also many classes in the business department that help teach students more about computer applications, computer programming, and web design. Students can also take finance, accounting, and marketing classes.

The business department offers many different High School of Business, known as HSB, classes. Students are also offered job shadowing opportunities to further explore possible future careers. Mrs. Blazer explains, "In my Career Investigations classes, I send students on job shadows in the community, based on career interests. The idea is to connect students with experts and professionals in the community. Students learn what careers they might like and just as important, how to get there."

The business department doesn't just stop with all of their classes, they also offer other organizations to be apart such as FBLA and DECA. All of the opportunities given from the business department helps prepare Central students for successful business careers.
English Language Arts

Mrs. Moore

If you could be a character from a book, who would you be?

I would combine the wit of Elizabeth Bennett from “Pride and Prejudice”, the perseverance of Lisbeth Salander in “The Girl with The Dragon Tattoo” (Millennium Series), and the analytical mind of Sherlock Holmes in “The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes.”

“[I] have taught English Language Arts (in some form and at all grade levels) in both high school and college for over three decades. My career began at Central, so returning to Central has brought me full circle. The best part of teaching has always been working with students and sharing the diverse curriculum that is Language Arts.”

Ms. Leslie

If I could be any character from a book, I would choose to be Wonder Woman from the DC Comic Books!

“I have been teaching for a total of 17 years. I started my teaching career in Concordia, MO as the only English teacher in a very small high school. I taught all high school English classes there for 6 years and coached golf and cheerleading, as well as sponsoring Yearbook and Junior and Senior classes (for Prom and Senior Trip). I then moved to Independence, MO where I taught at Fort Osage High School for 9 years. I coached girls and boys golf and loved it. Then I met and fell in love with my fiancé who is from St. Joseph. He has a daughter who attends Central. I was hired by SJSD to teach English at Central last year, so I sold my house in Independence and we bought a house here together. This is my 2nd year at Central, teaching sophomore English and coaching golf.”

Ms. Messer

“If I could be a book character, I would be Sherlock Holmes. I enjoy solving mysteries and puzzles, and exploring all fields of study from chemistry to literature.”

“I taught Composition and Reading 101 and 102 as adjunct faculty for the Metropolitan Community Colleges of Kansas City for 15 years. I taught high school in the Park Hill district, and I taught English Language Learners in the North Kansas City School District before coming to Central in 2016.”

Mrs. Felice-Collier

“I don’t think there is a book character that I read about and think to myself, “I want to be her.”

“I have been at Central for 5 years.”

These 4 aren’t the only English teachers at Central. We are also fortunate to have Ms. Benitz, Ms. Brown, Ms. Bryan, Mrs. Kimble, Ms. Meyer, Ms. Moyers, Ms. Nold, Mrs. Wampler, and Mrs. Ward as part of our English Language Arts Department.

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The FACS, family and consumer sciences, department is pretty popular at Central. Their classes teach students many important skills that will be used in the future!

In Child Development, taught by Mrs. Davis, students learn about the development of a child from birth to elementary school. For a few days, students get to take home a simulation baby that they have to care for like they would a real child, to show them what it feels like to be a parent. Later on, they get to run their own daycare right at CHS. Ms. Davis explains, "Students learn skills that they can use every day in their lives. Learning these life skills will promote healthier relationships and they learn how to balance school, work, relationships, and life more effectively."

Mrs. Lehman takes on the role of teaching students how to sew. She states, "My favorite part is giving students an opportunity to learn a lifelong hobby with sewing." Their projects start out with the basics and they take on harder projects as the class progresses. Students eventually sew more creations and challenge themselves more. They get to be creative when repurposing an item, and they even have a project where they choose what they want to make!

Family Foods & Nutrition, taught by Mrs. Haenni, students learn how to cook. Mrs. Haenni explains, "These are some of the basic skills for survival. Ultimately, students learn how to work with others, creating, collaborating, and problem-solving. It is painful to see the struggle at the beginning, but so beautiful to see the growth that occurs in one short semester." They learn how to cook meals that could be fixed for their families in the future. After, students can take World Foods and Nutrition. They get to make food from all around the World. The best part is after they finish cooking, they get to eat what they make!

1. Students refurbish a lamp in interior design class.
2. Kenzie Miller is stirring her soup.
3. Students in Fashion & Fabrics sewed pajama shorts.
4. Aaronn Blohm is measuring out ingredients.
5. Students in Child Development are testing out children’s toys.
6. Jake Judah is sauteing some chicken.
7. Meaghan Wilson is painting her lamp in Interior Design.
Fine Arts

Let’s get creative!


There are Advanced and AP level versions of these classes for students who excel in the art field or want to continue the class beyond just one school year. “Fine Art classes give students the opportunity to express their individual creativity while building self confidence,” said Jill Kirkendoll, one of Central High School’s art teachers.

There are a wide range of fine art classes one can take at Central that support every person’s best interest. “I enjoy teaching art because it’s a relaxed subject that you can always improve on. We learn a concept and then practice our skills. And then you do it again because you can do it better. Art is as infinite as your imagination,” said Beth Barbosa, fellow Central art teacher.

1. Anika Newbold works on an art project.
2. Jill Kirkendoll helps Skye Fisher and Cameron Lowrance on their art projects.
3. Brass members of the band at the Black Out Game.
5. (from left to right) Noah Johnson, Zachary Scamurra, Skyler Duncan, and John George holding Maddie Dryer in “Anything Goes”.
6. Jackson Sarver playing the xylophone at a home football game.
Story by Ethan Crooks

Industrial Arts fills a key role at Central. The program gives students the option to try something new, to take a class where they enjoy what they are doing, and to prepare them for possible jobs in the future. Mr. Juhl explains, “Industrial Arts teaches students hands on skills that they could use throughout the rest of their lives and teaches personal work ethic which is very valuable for getting and keeping a job.”

The Industrial Arts department at Central consists of: metalworking, woodworking, and Project Lead the Way (PLTW). Project Lead the Way makes up a pretty large portion of the department. Included in this part of the program is: PLTW engineering design & development, PLTW computer integrated manufacturing, PLTW introduction to engineering design, and PLTW principles of engineering. For those who don’t know, PLTW is a nonprofit organization that helps students develop STEM skills. STEM stands for science, technology, engineering and math.

1. Freshman Gadge Gero researches for his graphic design project in Mr. Stobaugh’s class. Gadge reviews his work carefully, as one mistake could ruin the whole assignment.
2. Sophomore Dylan Kline works diligently with the woodworking equipment. He wears protective glasses to make sure sawdust does not get in his eyes.
3. Mr. Juhl helps students make precise cuts in the wood. With his assistance, the finished product will look fantastic.
4. Mr. Stobaugh’s students find interesting ways to enjoy their day. For example, freshman Sam Willoughby appears to relish his class time dressed as a happy hot dog.
1. Senior Ryan Copeland considers the answer for his test. He has complete concentration.
2. Freshman Sydney Sample checks her answer with freshman Jaclyn McClendon. They work on their homework assignment together.
3. IBHL Seniors Colton Wilson, Nathan Crum, and William Gentry answer test questions. They studied hard for this test.

Math Department

Want Some Pi?

Story by Cameron Hanson

Using numbers, variables, and symbols, Central's math department helps students build a foundation for their future career. Our math teachers work diligently to ensure that students develop confidence and an appreciation toward math. Mrs. Gonzales says, "What students need to take away from their four years of math is that the reasoning skills being developed in solving math problems helps them solve their own problems by making logical choices."

The math department is in charge of the math club, which is sponsored by Mr. Kunz. They also have monthly contests like ASMA (American Scholastic Math Association) and MIML (Missouri Math League). These contests are for students who show outstanding ability in math.
1. Son Aung shows off his weight lifting skills for the camera.
2. Colonel Hall helps Baylee King with senior work in class.
3. Girls in Coach Kelley’s PE class wait in line to shoot some hoops.

P.E. & JROTC
Finding Our Strong

By Emily Haugh

PE and JROTC may look the same but they have some major differences! Students in PE spend their time working out, lifting weights and learning different techniques to keep their bodies in great shape. Some classes included in the Physical Education Department include dance and aerobics, weight training, and Individual and Dual Sports. They work hard getting their physical education on!

JROTC is set up on a rotating schedule that goes from class days to drill and ceremonies days (days that are spent learning drill, marching and how to handle the weapons) and PT Days (Physical Training). JROTC is an educational and physical class all rolled into one!

4. Coach Musser overlooks his weight training class.
Science

For every action...

Story by Brodi Becerra

The science department at Central includes biology, chemistry, physics, biomedical science, science investigations, anatomy & physiology, environmental science, genetics, and microbiology. Central offers these classes with honors, International Baccalaureate, and advanced placement credit to be earned.

Science is all about making our world a better place to live. Mr. Duane Smith has very real reasons why he loves teaching science. “I want my students to want to do things. For example, to perhaps find a cure for cancer, to solve problems like renewable energy, the coming fresh water shortage, or even win a Nobel Prize one day,” explains Mr. Smith.
History

It's all in the past.

Story by Haley Green

The Social Studies department here at Central is crucial to the transport of historical knowledge to every Indian throughout their Central High School career. Although Social Studies is a required credit for the first three and a half years, that does not stop the teachers within from making it one of the best experiences possible for their students.

Historical knowledge isn't the only thing these teachers have to offer. Mrs. Larson, Mr. Barbosa, and Mr. Kimble are all class sponsors, leaving them in charge of individual class governments and their involvement throughout the school to best represent their class as a whole. Mr. Kimble and Mr. Claridy are basketball coaches, Mr. Barbosa is the assistant track coach, and Mr. Carter is also the Student Body government sponsor, making him responsible for the initiation of all school preparatory events such as pep assemblies, Chick-fil-a Fridays, Homecoming events, and any fundraising that takes place throughout the school.

Teachers are one of the biggest inspirations to students, especially teachers who have a lasting impact on their pupils. "My high school history teachers had great passion for what they did and that continues to inspire me," claims Mr. Barbosa, who is in his sixth year of teaching here at Central. "I have always loved History."

As new students filter through the history classrooms, new stories follow. Mr. Kimble, who has met a new group of students for the past thirteen years exclaims, "It is kind of fun and interesting watching how culture changes through the years in regards to teenagers. It is super interesting!"

As the years pass and students say their farewells, the legacy and history of students of the past is ready to be redeemed and expressed through students of the future. Mr. Barbosa, Mr. Blakley, Mr. Carter, Mr. Chamberlain, Mr. Claridy, Mr. Fox, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Kimble, Mrs. Larson, Mr. Miller, Mr. Oswald, Mr. Ritter, and Mrs. Robbs are prepared for what the future holds, with regards to what history held.
World Languages

Wise Words From Madame Russell

“By learning another language, you will also make yourself more marketable for future jobs. In today’s business dominated society, knowing another language can only be an advantage and gives you a competitive edge. Of course, the more advanced your language skills are, the more valuable your skills will be for your employer. Your employer may offer to relocate you to another country or may use your language skills to deal with business partners abroad or with other employers who do not speak English.”

“If you choose to learn another language, do it for yourself and have fun with it! You will most likely travel to a different country in your lifetime and knowing another language makes you a citizen of the world instead of a citizen of one country.”

“If you are planning on going to college, being fluent in another language will help you massively; you will have the opportunity to test out into advanced classes and may be able to earn a minor in that language faster. Many colleges offer study abroad opportunities and while you can learn the language while you are abroad, knowing the language before will make your experience more enriching and exciting.”

“Learning another language takes time and practice. But, once you do, even at a beginner level, knowing another language offers many benefits and opportunities. Learning another language is a wonderful experience for yourself; it offers the satisfaction to challenge yourself and the reward to be able to communicate with people who come from different parts of the world.” - Madam Russell explained the importance of studying a foreign language and we wanted to share her words with you.

1. Juniors Maia Shaifier, Melissa Cruz and sophomore Jose Perez are studying hard and are having fun learning Spanish.
2. Seniors Joanna Reital and Alondra Torres re-tell a French poem through pictures.
3. Seniors Baylor Owens, Kaitlyn Davidson, Seanna Lightle, Mallory Gertner, Cassie Sterns are hard at work learning a new language.
4. Sophomores Olivia Smith and Shannon Casey work together to get finished with their Spanish paper.
Central High School offers eighteen different athletic sports teams. Student Athletes find how to balance their homework and practices while keeping their grades up to par. Athletics is a very big part of Central and high schools across the country. Being true to the blue has never been more vital than the year 2018. We live in a climate of political unrest and perceived and real social injustices where it has never been more important to stand together for our school and teams. Cheering for our Indians in blue draws us closer together, giving us memories that will last a lifetime. We stand by our flag, we stand by our school.

Be True. Be Blue.
1. Senior Noah Cameron looks to shoot the ball to score at the Jambo. The team will miss Cameron next year.
2. Sophomore AJ Redman is looking for an assist. This is AJ's second year on varsity.
3. Sophomore Graham Stager passing the ball. This is Graham's first year on varsity.
4. Coach Musser calls a timeout to settle down and to see the new plays.
5. Freshman Will Small goes in for a layup. Small has made a spot for himself on varsity.
6. Josh Clarendon goes in for what looks like a dunk. Clarendon has been a key player for the team.
Boy’s Basketball

Uptown Dunk

Beginning with our first win of the season against William Chrisman and ending with a 46-41 dub against Truman, this will definitely be a year to remember. We had new players, new crazies, and new friendships. This year’s team ranged from freshmen to seniors. This season our boys had a grand total of eight wins, some by a long shot, and others were close calls. One of our most intense games was the two point win against our long time rival, Liberty North, which excited all the players and kept them on their toes.

Sophomore Graham Stagner said, “This season has definitely been a ride, from the leader seniors down to the new coming freshmen. I am glad to have been apart of this amazing year!” The many exciting games kept the boys going through the ups and downs, including the night they defeated Benton at our Home-Going game and the two times they crushed Truman.

In order to acquire these victories the team must not only train hard, but work together. Though they did not win every game this year, the boys played wonderfully and had a blast competing against the other teams.

1. Seniors Gaige Wilson and Noah Cameron start off the game with a handshake.
2. Noah Cameron makes the lay up. This is Cameron’s last year as an Indian.
3. Junior Samson Holcomb dribbles up the court.
4. Junior Landon Pasley waits to run a play against Liberty North.


Season Stats:
Varsity: 9-17
JV: 5-11
Sophomore: 1-12
Freshman: 4-8
SEASON STATS

Varsity: 12 - 14
Junior Varsity: 15 - 7
Freshmen: 8 - 4

First Row: Baylor Owens, Dezman Duncan, Courtney Newman, Kaitlyn
Davidson
Second Row: Coach Brooke Soske, Gwen Bachman, Rhianna Davis,
Sydney Wetlauffer, Jessica Schenk, Olivia Duke
Third Row: Coach Jared Boone, Sarah Burr, Gracie Moody, Lauren
Eiman, Emma Vejvaska, Coach Blaine Clardy, Coach Jared Ross

First Row: Rhianna Davis, Gwen Bachman, Baylor Owens,
Dezman Duncan, Courtney Newman, Kaitlyn Davidson, Olivia
Duke, Jessica Schenk, Makia Shimer
2nd Row: Melanye Deleon, Nyakun Farmer, Sarah Burr, Gracie
Moody, Sydney Wetlauffer, Haleigh McCamy, Andrea Brown,
Caitlin Ervins, Emma Woody
3rd Row: Ashtyn Danner, Coach Jared Boone, Ryley Wetlauffer,
Sydney Sample, Coach Brooke Soske, Emma Vejvaska, Lauren
Eiman, Keegan Steeby, Natalie Keller, Makayla Beaver,
Katherine Cronk, Kortney Lawton
1. Freshman Emma Vejraska searches for an open man. This is Vejraska's first year playing for Central.
2. Sophomore Gracie Moody goes up for a basket. Moody has been apart of the varsity team for two years.
3. Senior Rhianna Davis uses an arm to keep her opponent at bay while looking for a teammate to hand the ball off to. She has become an important part of the team.
4. Senior Courtney Newman lets the ball fly in hopes of a three pointer. Newman was a big part of the team this year.
5. Defenders have nothing on junior Sydney Wetlauf, as she tosses the ball into two point territory. This is her second year playing for the varsity team.
6. Senior Dezman Duncan gets some serious air as the ball plummets out of her grasp toward the hoop. Duncan has worked hard playing on varsity this year.
Girl’s Basketball

Teamwork Makes a Dream Work

Story by Claudia Kammerer

The Central High School Girl’s Basketball team was off to an explosive start in their 2017-2018 year. The effort they gave in practices combined with their love of the game and fellow teammates shot these athletes into 2nd place at Districts for varsity.

“We all have a role on the basketball team, and if we all do our role, we succeed,” smiles senior Kaitlyn Davidson. She loves her sport and, most importantly, the people who play it. “It (basketball) teaches you how to not only be a teammate, but family,” she says.

Senior Gwen Bachman is equally as enthused about those who share the court with her. She gives each and every practice everything she has and, though like any family, the girls have their fights, “At the end of the day, we know we can always count on everyone on the team,” she states.

“It’s a big family atmosphere, because we’re all close friends on and off the court,” shares sophomore Gracie Moody, who adds emphasis to Bachman’s claim. She and the others not only give their best efforts to basketball but also to each other.

The Central High School Girl’s Junior Varsity Basketball team has also impressed us this season with the achievement of 15 wins to 7 losses this year. With their work ethic and willingness to shine on the court, all of these ladies have and will continue to make Central proud.

7. Not even a potential steal can stop freshman Lauren Eiman from fighting to keep the ball in Central hands. Eiman has worked hard her first year playing for Central.
8. Senior Baylor Owens scans the court for an open play. This is Owens’ last year playing basketball for Central.
9. Senior Olivia Duke grips the ball tight, ready to make her next move. Duke has been a big part of the varsity team during her high school career.
10. A swarm of opponents threatens to steal, but senior Gwen Bachman doesn’t let up. Bachman has worked hard her last year playing on the varsity team.
1. Flyers Meaghan Wilson, Hailee Brushwood and Marley Vandermolen get the crowd "Ready to Roll" on senior night.
2. Seniors Meaghan Wilson and Jailine Delgado with sophomore Shannon Casey stand for the National Anthem preformed by the Blue & White Regiment.
3. Senior Aliyah Hall flies a thigh stand at the blackout game.
Cheerleading

Heart beats in 8 counts

Story by Brodi Becerra

The 2017-2018 Varsity Competition Cheerleading team consists of fourteen hard working athletes that rule the blue mat. They dedicate their summer to morning practices, which consist of a routine with elite stunts and tumbling. The girls launch other girls into the sky and they are expected to do a trick while in the air. All those hours of practicing lead up to the regionals competition in Lee Summit, Missouri. Our Central cheerleaders took the floor on July 22, 2017. They placed in the top five which qualified them to attend state on October 29th in Columbia, Missouri. They are to complete level appropriate tumbling passes and hope they do not “eat mat.”

Senior Meaghan Wilson knows a little too much about eating mat while trying to master a toe touch back tuck. “My feet slipped and I face planted in front of the whole team.”

Head coach, Amy Barnette most enjoyed, “Watching the team gain confidence with new stunts, they may think that I am crazy with these ideas, but they do it and master them.”

Flyer and veteran cheerleader, Hailee Brushwood remarks on the season, “My favorite memory has been being able to create bonds and friendships with all the girls on my team, and growing as a person and a cheerleader because of them.”

They will compete in the 5A small division against schools all over the state of Missouri and hopefully bring home another state title.

Experience Counts = 115 years of combined experience

4. Senior London Loveless waits to cheer our football boys on as they storm the field.
5. The Central Cheerleaders had a friendly cheer off with the Ruskin Cheerleaders.
6. The Cheerleaders huddle after their warm up before the game.
7. The cheer team gets the crowd hyped at the America themed game.
Sitting from Left to Right: Madalyn Page, Meaghan Wilson, Aliyah Hall, Hailee Brushwood, Shannon Casey, Kneeling left to right: Marley Vandermolen, Abby Horn, London Loveless, Taylor Miller, Jailene Delagdo, Brodi Becerra, Brylee Peacher, Standing from left to right: Jazmin Sosa, Emmy Thrasher, Jadyn Haynes, Alyssa Till, Sara Beck, Abbie Adkins

1. The Central Varsity Cheerleaders cheer on the Indians at their blackout game.

2. Taylor Miller, Brodi Becerra, Emmy Thrasher, and London Loveless chant along with the crowd on retro night.


The Varsity Competition Team placed 4th at State out of 6 teams.
1. Senior Olivia Duke pushes herself to her max to finish the race. This was Duke’s last home meet.
2. Sophomore Cruz Becerra reaches his stride as he finishes his race. Becerra is giving his all for the last meters.
3. Junior Kenzie Miller finishes strong. Miller has run for three years on varsity.

1st Row: Trey Segrist, Myles Keener, Boston Small, Emily Klundt, Olivia Duke, Gwen Bachman, Nelson Maxey, Tham Tangtiyaphan, William McCarthy
2nd Row: Jacob Ball, Ben Willoughby, Heaven Lamorie, Kenzie Miller, Ryan Dale, Fred Flores, Braxton Hardy, Caleb Potter, Cruz Becerra
3rd Row: Makayla Kerns, Kacey DuVall, Madison Rosonke, Tori Orton, Grace Schwope, Haleigh McCamy, Riley Nichols, Nick Steele, Ben Galloway, Tyler Orth
4th Row: Lily Caden, Lydia Grier, Bella Wieblet-Smith, Marissa Drag, Shannon Holmes, Aidan Lindstrom, Nathan Barry, Will Small, Mason Orscheln
5th Row: Rebecca Evans, Alanna Phoenix, Amanda Nabors, JJ Fuller, Josh Collier, Brody Jackson, Damion Mujica, Tyler McCartney, Ian Patterson, Roman Becerra, Sam Willoughby
6th Row: Coach Ron Bachman, Coach Bob Miller, Coach Alyssa Vanbelkum

State Qualifiers: Gwen Bachman & Boston Small
Central Cross Country won Districts.
Cross Country

Sprinting Towards Success

Story by Claudia Kammerer

The Cross Country team has jogged into our memories this year with an amazing 3rd place finish at the Conference Championship Meet by the Boys Varsity, 2nd place at the Conference Championship Meet by the Boys Junior Varsity, a 4th place at the Conference Championship Meet by the Girls Varsity, and a 1st place at the Invitational by the Girls Junior Varsity. The boys ran hard in the team favorite Chili Pepper Meet, but they were not to overshadow the girls, who also blew our minds at their Excelsior Springs and Arkansas Meets.

These patriotic Indians don’t just win, win, win without hard work, though. Days of practice and training are put into their impressive times we hear over the intercom. Many people have seen these dedicated athletes running on Ashland after school for hours. However hard these practices are, the team bond and each runner’s love for the sport make it all worth it. “I love the bond we have. We have hundreds of inside jokes. It’s crazy,” laughs Fredis Flores, a talented junior on the team. He has been running cross country for 4 years. Fred especially loves the kinship he feels with his fellow runners. “We’re not friends, we’re family,” he says.

Ryan Dale, a runner that is in it to win it and have a lot of fun, too. Ryan’s favorite memories of practice are one of Central Cross Country’s many inside jokes. “I like the memes,” he chuckles. “(also) like the part when you stop running.”

“Building up to senior year, I have wanted to go to state,” says senior Boston Small. He accomplished his goal and traveled to Jefferson City, Missouri. However, his many, many accomplishments are not all that he competes for. “I love... putting the work in and getting the results,” Small states. He loves all the team traditions, including pasta dinners, hanging out with friends, and praying before meets. This is a close-knit group of friends that do what they love and love what they do.
1. Sophomore Kacey DuVall strides to the finish. DuVall has been a key part of this team.
3. Junior Will McCarthy and freshman Will Small races to the end, pushing each other to do better.
4. Nathan Barry and Ben Galloway fight to the finish. Both Barry and Galloway have had a successful season.

Cut out (5.) Senior Boston Small sprints to the finish. This is Small’s final year running as an Indian.
6. Senior Myles Keener and junior Ben Willoughby run together to the finish.
7. Freshman Lydia Grier works her way to the finish. This is Grier’s first year running for central.
8. Sophomore Riley Nichols and Haleigh McCamy work together to get to the finish. These two have fought hard throughout the season.
How many stitches are on a football?
Answer 8

Isaiah Johnson- 8
Zion Broadus- 8
Bobby Lawrence- 10
Khalik Henderson- 9
D.J. Humbert- 6
Adam Johnston- 7
Landon Pasley- 8
Jonathan Walker- 8

1. Senior Lane Eggars breaking through the line of defense. This is his final year playing with Central's football program.
2. Coach Buckler giving the team a pep talk during the jamboree. This gave the team the energy to pull through the next game.
3. Junior Hunter Madison scoring a touchdown in the jamboree. This touchdown led the team to end the game strong.
4. Senior Lance Vey leading the team through the tunnel. They are running with American flags to respect those who have fallen for our country.
5. Freshman Angylo Reed running the ball down field to attempt to score a touchdown. This is his first year playing for Central.
6. Sophomore Max Conard running to find an open pass. He is concentrating on making a great pass to his teammates.
Football

Making the Tackle

A fresh coach, a leadership filled senior class, and Noyes field, had our boys in blue ready to roll in the fall. Andy Ball, the new coach of the Indians was ecstatic with the way his boys had worked all off-season, "The guys are just really working their tails off in the weight room and on the field, I'm really excited to put that together with our mental toughness and see where that takes us." After a rough start to the season, a 34-8 loss to conference foe Liberty, and a nail-biting 42-44 loss to crosstown rival Lafayette, the Indians were destined to get back on track.

Determined to turn the season around, the Indians brought it all out and beat Ruskin ending the game with a smashing score of 28-8. Carrying high from the win, the Indians returned home to face Class 6 powerhouse Ray-Pec for senior night. The tough, 14-37, loss was crushing for the Indians but fueled them to keep pushing. A 1-1 road trip against Truman and Liberty North would put the Indians at 2-5 when they returned to Noyes Field for homecoming. A comeback, along with an overtime thrilling 42-41 win, would sit our Indians in a great position to head towards districts. A rough loss to North Kansas City would sit our boys in the first round of districts against the Oak Park Northmen. A 48-32 shootout would assure the Indians a date with the Staley Falcons next week in the District Semifinals. Staley, the #1 team in the state, gave the Indians a very rough 0-60 loss, which would be their final game of their year. Although not making it as far as they would have liked, it was nonetheless an unforgettable season for Big Blue Nation and everyone else that was involved.

Keeping up with the Coaches

This season on "Keeping up with the Coaches", we have Coach Andrew Ball. Coach Ball is taking the place of Phil Pitts who resigned for family reasons. Coach Ball was recently coaching at Missouri Western as the defensive line coach for the last two years. Ball also spent time as the co-recruiting coordinator at Truman State for four years prior. With organization, leadership skills, and his knowledge of football, Coach Ball will guide the team to further wins and more great memories.

7. Senior Noah Cameron punting the ball down the field. This is his first and last year as a Central football player.
8. Senior Landon Grundberg getting in position for the next play to begin.
9. Junior Luke Zweierlink trying to break loose of the defense to score a touchdown. He got the team to the next first down.
10. Senior Jon Walker running through the tunnel with the spirit stick. He played a very aggressive game alongside his teammates.

1st Row: (left to right) Mike Buckler, Jimmy Hunter, Andy Ball, Jon Guyer, Jarad Haferbier 2nd Row: Dan Ritter, Brett Swope, Toby Lawrence, Ben McGee, Regi Trotter, Cale Lyons

1. Senior Kellen Hansen shoving the other team away from the line of scrimmage. Kellen is using all of his strength to insure he doesn’t get past him.
2. Sophomore Max Conard getting ready to receive the ball. During this play Max threw the ball to Luke Zweerink for a touchdown.
3. Sophomore Quentin Trotter getting ready to throw the ball. He is concentrating to make sure the pass is successful.

4. Hunter Madison running the ball down the field, Hunter was running in full force in attempt to get the defense away from him.

5. Senior Landon Grundberg running the ball to the end zone for a touchdown. This touchdown pumped up the team going into half time.

Statistics:
Varisty - 4-6
JV - 2-5
Freshmen- 0-8

Freshmen

1st Row: Martix Large, Butch Walters, Trey Eggleston, Cooper Adams, Zach Williamson
3rd Row: LaDajzon Jenkins, Conner Bell, Chase McCray, Kevin Johnson, Ricky Cox, Dawson Johnson, Logan Arnold, Quentin Berry, Angylo Reed
4th Row: Hunter Deming, Mason Hayes, Caleb Zweerink, Ulises Marin, Asher Frazier, Liam Godar, Jayce Pierce, Alex Duke, Collin Stufflebean, Jace Linder
5th Row: Cameron Collins, Ziah Hughes, Hayden Mace, Noah Coyle, Austin Roderick, Wyatt Kimberlin, Ethan Ross-Taylor
6th Row: Cale Lyons, John Guyer, Conner Gentry, Jordan Kerns, Thomas Mann, Ben McGee
Girls’ Golf
May the Course Be With You

Story by Abby Horn

The Lady Indians Golf welcomed lots of new faces this season. Over the past couple of years seniors have graduated, which means the golf team changed things up. Quite a few girls on the team have had no previous experience playing. According to Central teacher and coach, Joy Leslie, “Most of the girls on our team are new to the game of golf, so they are still learning the rules and fundamentals.” Even though it was a learning year, the girls still managed to build a team and have had a successful season. Their most notable matches were their wins against Lafayette, Bishop Leblond, and Savannah High School.

These Lady Indians are a very close-knit group. Senior Hafza Khan says, “We are one big happy family.” They always try to encourage each other and help out in any way that they can.

“We tried to have a big team atmosphere,” explains senior Caroline Hausman. The more experienced players enjoyed helping out their new teammates. Seniors Caroline Hausman and Courtney Newman agreed, “We’ve enjoyed getting to play with some of the younger girls and bring them into the sport.”

The girls’ achievements this year would not have been possible without all of their hard work. They had to overcome a lot this season and they stayed positive through it all. These ladies truly love what they do and it shows. Overall their season was a success and they hope to continue to improve in seasons to come.
What is your biggest golf pet peeve?

Caroline Hausman- "When people don’t fix their ball marks."

Courtney Newman- "When people take a million practice swings before they hit the ball."

Lauren DuVall- "When the ball doesn’t go the way you want it to."

Reina Foster- "When people walk in front of me to their ball, but they’re in the way and I almost hit them with my ball."

Sadie Wyrick- "When the ball falls off the tee right before you are about to hit."

Alexis Starks- "When the ball almost gets in the hole, but it’s right on the edge."
Girls' Golf

1st Row: Hafza Khan, Caroline Hausman, Courtney Newman
2nd Row: Shelby Brown, Ella Kirkendoll, Taylor Tauai, Annabelle Gascoigne, Madisen Curtin, Kathryn Dotson, Sarah Newcomb
3rd Row: Coach Joy Leslie, Lauren DuVall, Reina Foster, Alexis Starks, Sadie Wyrick-Holtsclaw, Coach Chip Brock

Stats:
Varsity 2 wins/ 3 losses
Tournaments - 8th out of 19, 2nd out of 4, 4th out of 4, 1st out of 3, 9th out of 9
JV - 3 wins/ 3 losses
Tournaments - 10th out of 17, 4th out of 4
Indianettes

1st Row: Megan Parmer, Madison Johnson, Hadley Joyce
2nd Row: Tessa Caldwell, Allison Root, Kartyr Bingham, Hadley Golden
3rd Row: Evvie Logan, Ellie Maguire, Reese Hardy, Jaclyn McClendon, Ashton Hartschen
1. Central Indianettes workin’ it on retro night!
2. Seniors Madison Johnson and Hadley Joyce focusing on the jamboree kickline.
3. Indianettes pose for a quick picture on homecoming night. Blue Out Luau was a hit!
4. The poms team bustin’ a move during their school part at the jamboree. The Indianette’s loved dancing on their home field in front of the whole city.
"Ladies, your music is on!"

Story by Zandra Mejia

The pom poms aren’t the only thing that shines about this team. The Poms team this year is constructed of hard working, talented, and committed girls along with their coach.

The team headed off to camp in June which resulted successfully for many of them. Karyawan Bigham, Madison Johnson, Megan Parmer, and Allison Root won the All American Award. Karyawan Bigham was the Top Gun turn winner, and Coach Ashley Stanton was awarded her coaching credentials. The team as a whole won the Spirit Stick along with the Teamwork Award and the Gold Award for their home routine. Senior Megan Parmer’s greatest accomplishment was, “winning first place overall for Home Routine all four years.”

The team faced many changes this year. 7 of the team’s 12 members are new. The girls have come together, worked hard, and pushed themselves to the limits, to yet again attain a successful team. The choreography group of the team consists of Madison Johnson, Hadley Joyce, Megan Parmer, Karyawan Bigham, and Allison Root. This accurately portrays how the girls of different grades and ages came together to benefit the team. “My favorite part of being on poms is getting to spend my last year of high school with the people that I love,” said senior Madison Johnson.

This is also Mrs. Stanton’s first year as a coach of the team. “My favorite thing about being the coach is getting to know all the girls. They are an amazing group of people. I love watching how much they have grown this year individually and as a team.” Ashley has only positive things to say about the girls adaptations to the changes this year, as well as “keeping up with traditions as well as adding some new things.”
Boy’s Soccer

Goals!!!

Story by Claudia Kammerer

The Central Indians Boys’ Soccer Team has scored big this season with notable wins against Staley, Liberty North, Truman and Raytown. They have worked hard, given it their all, and stayed absolutely hilarious. The boys bring 100 percent to every practice and manage to stay lighthearted and make these grueling practices better for them and those around them.

"Last year we got negative; this year we stayed positive and it was good for team morale," says junior Josh Clarendon. He loves soccer and loves the people he plays it with.

"It (the season) started up pretty difficult, but as the season went on, we learned to work with each other mentally and physically," says freshman Aaron Valdivinos.

"We get along really well, and there’s lots of jokes," senior Mateo Anderson smiles. He has been playing soccer for 12 years and has played for Central all 4 years of his high school career. Though they may joke around with each other, every one of the boys takes their sport seriously.

After winning their first District game, they were ecstatic to move on to play against Staley. Though the boys lost, all put up an impressive fight that had the crowd going crazy. They worked hard, gave it their all, and had a great season.

1. Senior Andres Machado settling the ball to his feet for better control. Son is getting in the drop position for support.
2. Junior Josh Clarendon heading the ball forward to the midfield. Josh had a very successful season playing the back line.
3. The Central Indians huddled up discussing the game plan for the game against LeBlond. They played a physical game and came out on top with the first victory of the season.

4. Senior Jake Mikesch taking a shot on goal. This is his final season playing for Central.

5. Senior Andre Valdivinos and sophomore Bual Tin Thang celebrating a goal against Lafayette. The team played a strong game and won.

6. Senior Saige Warner stealing the ball from the other team. He carried it down the field to pass it to the forward.

7. Sophomore Bual Tin Thang using his skill moves to get around the defense. After Bual got around the defender, he crossed the ball in the penalty box.

8. Senior Son Aung striking the ball to the goal. He played a very passionate game and helped the team come out on top.
Soccer Teams

Varsity

Junior Varsity

C-Team
1st Row: Josiah Macrander, Andrew Klepees, Jackson Weddle, Ethan Crooks, Randy Johnson 2nd Row: Hayley Kruse, Augustus May, Chris Mosoti, Angelo Barron, Tate Tolen, Brielle Moore 3rd Row: Jason Fuller, Joseph Hnin, Clayton Mikesch, La'Var Felder, Zach Redmon, Gerard Barnes, Chris Barnes 4th Row: Anne Garvey, Coach Luis Rivera

Stats:
Varsity: 6-8
Junior Varsity: 4-6-2
C-Team: 5-1-5
Softball

Junior Varsity
1st Row: Keegan Steeby, Olivia Wood-Schmidt, Mareyah Martin, Amajahea Walker, Lita Akers
2nd Row: Coach Matthew Jansen, Faith Catron, Jackie Cox, Madison Roderick, Karah Ford, Coach Shannon Foster
3rd Row: Mia Gray, Payton Harrison

Varsity
1st Row: Rachel Brunner, Anika Newbold, Rebekah Novak, Dezmen Duncan,
2nd Row: Coach Matthew Jansen, Taylor Hutcherson, Taylor Bristol, Claire Richardson, Jade Kass, Natalie Keller, Coach Shannon Foster
3rd Row: Taylor Williams, Madison Cowman, Alana Adkison

Stats:
Varsity: 12-16-1
Junior Varsity: 8-4
Softball

All About That Base

Story by Sydney Dixon

Central’s Softball team was thrown a curveball this year. While this season didn’t live up to their expectations, it was never because of a lack of effort. Central’s team worked hard in the off season by frequently reviewing fundamentals, practicing effective communication, and having an overall hunger to individually improve. In his third year coaching softball, Varsity coach Matthew Jansen voiced his appreciation for his team and his goals every season, “We try to improve and develop what’s between the ears by becoming aware and executing game plans.”

Although this season wasn’t their best in a series of dominant years, the team won the City Championship and each game was won by a large margin of runs. Coach Jansen said winning the championship was incredible, “The way they played to win the championship really gives us a sense of pride to be the best team in the city. The sheer will and intensity of the team was incredible.”

One thing the softball team prides itself on is their tight-knit relationships. The girls are not all best friends, but their overall love for each other and the game is something the team relies on for success. “Softball has always been a get away to do something I love and the girls that you meet throughout the years are amazing,” Senior Anika Newbold explains. “You start to create friendships that matter.” Newbold is one of Central’s team captains. She will miss the game she grew up playing and the relationships she formed during her four years at Central.
1. Senior Rebekah Novak is seconds away from making contact with the ball. This is Novak’s second year playing varsity ball for Central.
2. Junior Taylor Bristol leaps into the air for an amazing catch. Bristol has played third base on the varsity team for the past two years.
3. Junior Jade Kass rises to catch the pitch. Kass is one of the catchers for the varsity team.
4. Senior Anika Newbold throws the ball to the infield.
5. Senior Dezmen Duncan is up to bat on our home field. Duncan is one of the four graduating seniors that will be missed next season.
6. Senior Rachel Brunner rounds third at full speed. Brunner is one of the pitchers for the varsity team.

7. Sophomore Alana Adkison slides into home plate. This is Adkison’s first year playing varsity for Central.
8. Junior Claire Richardson prepares to pitch the ball. Richardson has pitched for the varsity team all three years of her high school career.
9. Sophomore Taylor Williams swings through the ball. Williams has been an asset to the varsity team this year.
10. Junior Taylor Hutcherson winds up for the pitch. This is Hutcherson’s third year playing for the varsity team.
Boys’ Swim

Making a Splash

Story by Ethan Crooks

Boys swim is one of many different sports Central has to offer. Competitive swimming brings more to the table than you would expect. Besides being another way to compete, it is also a fun atmosphere getting to spend time in the pool competing with yourself and others.

Junior Ian McCarthy joined swim because he, “Wanted to try something new.” Ian enjoys swimming everyday and bonding with his, “brothers.”

For sophomore Hayden Stewart, ‘new’ isn’t the case. Hayden has been competitively swimming for eight years. Stewart swam a 1:18 on his 100 fly at a Columbia meet, shaving off three seconds. This sport is more than just swimming back and forth, swimming just one hour nearly burns 650 calories. It also works out most of the body’s major muscles.

Freshman Isaac Rivera is a beginner to the sport all together, he has only been swimming for one year. One word Isaac would use to describe swim is, “Legendary”.

To pump up the team, senior Devon Shewell gives the team a hype speech: “Swim fast, swim strong, swim against yourself. Indians on three, 1-2-3, Indians!”
1. Senior Devon Shewell swims backstroke, from his transition. Swimmers like Devon who have swum for many years have perfected the proper technique for these transitions.

2. Freshman Isaac Rivera swims his first meet with the Central Indian Swim Team. During this meet, he learned the proper technique, etiquette, and expectations required for the team.

3. Sophomore Hayden Stewart pushes through his fatigue and swims another long distance race. Stewart placed high in the race, despite many obstacles.

4. Sophomore Kody Philippe executes a backstroke on his first varsity race. In these races, swimmers may only use one type of swimming the whole time, and will be penalized if they use an improper technique.

5. The Boy’s Swim Team bonds before their first meet of the season. The team supports each other throughout their meet, but most of the support comes from the camaraderie before and after the meet.

6. Junior Chase Larson warms up before the meet. The team warms up fifteen to thirty minutes before the meet so they can perform their best.

7. Junior Tyler Dorsey rises from the water to breathe. The swimmers have to go a long time without oxygen during their events.

8 & 9. The Central Indian Swim Team lines up at the end of the pool to dive into the pool. The team is given a countdown, then they all dive into the pool for the race.

What is your favorite swim stroke?

Ansh Gupta- “Breaststroke”
Isaac Rivera - “Fly stroke”
Hayden Stewart - “Butterfly stroke”
Ian McCarthy - “All of them”

1. Junior Ian McCarthy swims a 100 meter freestyle race at a home meet. He is preparing to do a flip turn.

2. Sophomore swimmer Ansh Gupta throws his goggles off his face halfway through the race. Despite this obstacle, he still performed well in the race.

3. The CHS swim team surrounds senior Gavin Gregory as they finish their battle cry. Gavin is a great swimmer, and a role model for the team when it comes to swimming.
1. The girls cheer on their teammate as she completes her race.

2. The freestyle stroke is a favorite with this Indian.

3. "On your mark!"

Girls Swim

1st Row: Samantha Heckel, Sabrina Quick, Holly Streck, Darius Wallis, Karissa Brown, Madison Roderick
2nd Row: Rachel Chapman, Cambry Roach, Avery McCarthy, Abbey Grooms, Danielle Polledo, Jenna Cripe, Emily Ptomey, Heaven Lamorie, Abbie Adkins, Bria Kirby, Addison Wheatley,
1. Junior Abbey Grooms swims the 200 freestyle. She set goals for the year and worked especially hard, even through an injury, to meet them.

2. The swimmers smile during a strenuous meet. They love their sport, but know they have to work hard to make every stroke count.

3. Junior Abbey Grooms approaches the wall during the freestyle. She made the state cut in the freestyle relay.

4. Central swimmers line up on the block, waiting for the buzzer to sound. Races are what the girls have trained weeks for.

5. Central swimmers wait for the buzzer as they prepare for the race.

6. Senior Darius Wallace takes a breath during her 500 meter freestyle. This is one of the events that she works hard at to meet her goal.
Makin’ Waves
Towards Victory
From the Fast Lane

Story by Haley Green

Speed, agility, and confidence are often the top three aspects praised within an athlete. Central’s Girls’ Swim team definitely lives up to the expectation. However, great victory can only be achieved with a vast amount of dedication, including pushing yourself to your absolute limit.

“Although, everyone has times of complaints, I try to see the brighter side of every practice. Our team as a whole is always there for each other, whether we’re at a dreadful practice, or we just dominated at a meet, we make it a point to listen to each other, and support one another,” senior Darius Wallis expressed.

Emily Ptomney added on, “Our team is pretty supportive, no one swims without the team cheering for them on the other side.”

As with any competitive sport, support from your teammates and coaches, good sportsmanship, and overall dedication lead to the road of success as a team. When reminiscing on past experiences on the swim team, Wallis reminisces, “When we were in Columbia, Missouri for a meet, we received several noise complaints. Obviously, to others this can be seen as a negative, but I think it’s a perfect example our energy and love we give to each teammate.” These girls show the true bond that they have with one another, as well as pride regarding Central. “As a team, the last couple of years have been a ride. Although change is good, it determines to be difficult for both a team and a coach. The best thing about this season was how our team stuck together, listened to one another, and encouraged each other to continue the season.”

7. Darius Wallace completes her 500 meter freestyle.
8. Juniors Abbey Grooms, Emily Ptomney, Jenna Cripe, and senior Sabrina Quick pose for a picture together. They are all smiles at the home meet.
9. Central swimmers line up for the backstroke. They wait for the buzzer that starts the race.
1. Senior Turner Parsons getting ready to serve the ball. This is her final year playing for Central.
2. Junior Faith Vandel getting ready to hit the ball. She hit the ball cross court to score the point.
3. Sophomore Angela Cobb returning the ball to her opponent. After an intense rally Angela came out on top with the point.
4. Senior Hailey Hopkins hitting the ball cross court trying to score the point.
5. Freshman Allison Ryan concentrating on hitting a great shot. This is her first year playing tennis for Central.
6. Senior Rhianna Davis in full concentration, ready to hit the ball. She lobbed the ball over her opponent to win the point.
7. Junior Julia Fangman is running to strike the ball. This will get her the winning point.
8. Junior Faith Vandel in a ready position. She is mentally preparing herself for the next serve.

9. Junior Anna Blachar hitting a powerful backhand shot. Anna hit the ball cross court to her opponent to score the point.

How many strings are on the average tennis racket?

Corra Daniels: 3
Julia Fangman: 1
Arenko Dochwell: 10
Turner Parsons: 20
Britney Hempe: 2
Rhianna Davis: 70
Angela Cobb: 4

Correct answer: 1
Girls Tennis

Tennis Begins with Love

Story by Cameron Hanson

The girls tennis team had an unexpected start to the season due to the early arrival of Coach Ritter’s baby, Finley. Fortunately, Coach Beger was able to step into the role seamlessly. Coach Beger has lots of experience having played tennis for sixteen years, four of them being at Missouri Western. Beger challenged the team with more drills and harder practices. “We have a good time, a positive attitude, work hard, and act as a family,” Beger explains. The girls did very well adapting and responding to the change of coaches. “I had some big shoes to fill, but it was also a learning experience.” With her background in tennis, she was able to coach the girls through a successful season.

While the girls tennis team missed Coach Ritter, Coach Beger did a fantastic job leading the Lady Indians in a successful season. Sophomore Olivia Tewell remarks, “I have a great team and they make everything better.”
Girls Tennis Team

1st Row: Alexis Stockwell, Rhianna Davis, Hailey Hopkins, Turner Parsons, Noah Young
2nd Row: Brittney Haynes, Bailey Uldrich, Corryn Darnell, Kinsey Meyer, Julia Fangman, Kim Le
3rd Row: Assistant Coach Begger, Anna Blachar, Olivia Tewell, Jaskirat Sohal, Angela Cobb, Faith Vandel, Coach Ritter
4th Row: Allison Ryan, Alaina Lefler, Kailey Pond

5 wins out of 8 games

1. Junior Anna Blachar strikes the ball with full force. This gets her the win!
2. Senior Hailey Hopkins concentrating on the ball approaching her. Hailey hits a excellent strike to earn the point.
**Volleyball Teams**

**Freshman**
1st Row: Elise Meyer, Lexi King, Toni Wilson
2nd Row: Ryley Wetaufer, Alex Gonzales, Makayla Beaver, Brooke McCloud
3rd Row: Coach Darcy Ralston, Tenille Long, Katelyn Sample, Lauren Eiman, Olivia Horn, Coach Callie Smith, Coach Kayla Mcquillan

**Stats:**
Freshman: 19-3-1
Junior Varsity: 19-12
Varsity: 22-9-2

**Junior Varsity**
1st Row: Madelynn Cheadle, Emma Hale, Olivia Smith
2nd Row: Cambry Roach, Sophieh Shutt, Gracie Moody, Avery McCarthy
3rd Row: Ivory Howat, Emma Vejiraska, Sydney Sample, Sydney Dixon, Addison Wheatley
4th Row: Coach Darcy Ralston, Coach Callie Smith, Coach Kayla Mcquillan

**Varsity**
1st Row: Kelsey Gillenwater, Ami Dias, Jessica Schenk
2nd Row: Claire Lenz, Abby Sellar, Sydney Wetaufer
3rd Row: Coach Darcy Ralston, Coach Callie Smith, Halle Norris, Bria Kirby, Hailey Spitzer-Fox, Ashley Kanatzar, Coach Kayla Mcquillan, Bryanna Webster
Volleyball

Can You Dig It?

Story by Sydney Dixon

Central’s Volleyball Team was more competitive this year than they ever have been, winning 22 games and losing only 9. However, in her fourth year coaching at Central and her 2nd as Varsity Coach, Kayla McQuillan was quick to remind that winning isn’t everything and that the right state of mind makes a player and team all the more extraordinary, “This team has a winning and ‘never give up’ mentality. We are successful because of the players who put the team before themselves.” The volleyball program has created a foundation for years to come with their positive attitude and ability to face challenges head on.

The Indians Volleyball Team consisted of only three seniors, making their team rather young and inexperienced on the varsity level. The girls proved their determination for advancement in the program throughout the season, though, all while facing the challenges of having so many young players. Senior Kelsey Gillenwater enjoyed playing with the underclassmen and was delighted to be a mentor to her younger teammates.

“I was able to meet a lot of amazing underclassmen. It was a really wonderful experience to be a leader of such great, young volleyball players that have the same love for the sport as me.” Gillenwater has participated in volleyball during all four of her years at Central and will miss the girls she’s played with over the course of four years. She’s excited to see what they will accomplish next season.

Just because the girls are all different ages with different backgrounds, it’s hard to tell that on the court. According to senior Jessica Schenk, “Our best game this season came against Savannah because our entire team was in sync and ready to play. You could feel the energy of each person in that gym working towards the same goal.” The girls all share the same passion and work together as a team in order to compete and win games. Schenk also takes pride in her team’s energy and excitement, “Nothing can compare to the adrenaline rush that takes over after a good kill.” Schenk will miss Central Volleyball, but is very confident in the team’s abilities for the upcoming seasons and trusts that the program is in good hands.
1. Junior Sydney Wetlauffer passes the ball to set up an amazing kill. This is Wetlauffer’s second year playing on the Varsity team.
2. Freshman Sydney Sample leaps up to hit the ball. Sample has been an asset to both the junior varsity and varsity teams.
3. Junior Ashley Kanatzar sets the ball for senior Jessica Schenk to hit it over the net. Teamwork is an important part of this sport.
4. The girls celebrate after scoring a point. The volleyball team was 22-9-2.

5. Senior Jessica Schenk passes the ball. This is Schenk’s second year playing Varsity.
6. Sophomore Abby Sollars lunges to keep the ball in play. So far, Sollars has played Varsity for her entire high school career.
7. Senior Kelsey Gillenwater and junior Hailey Fox spring into action when they go up for a block. This duo has been an important part of the team this year.
8. Junior Claire Lenz gets ready to pass the ball. Lenz has been an asset to the volleyball team this year.
9. Senior Ami Dias leaps up to tip the ball over the net. This is her last year playing volleyball for Central.
Pins for Wins

It’s Not Just a Game

Story by Haley Green

Whether it's in the classroom, on the streets, or on the mat, Central's wrestlers definitely have an unbreakable team bond that radiates through their companionship, especially this season. "Our bond is truly unbreakable," sophomore Gaige Cox boasted about his teammates, "my team is truly my motivation to further better myself."

Senior Trace Walters, who has held a record of over 500 throughout his wrestling career, brags on the team's special bond, "We have a very strong bond. We never let each other get down and we always help push each other to the max in practice to better each other."

"I really think we all just want to be able to make it to State this year, it would be pretty cool to let our family members who inspired us have the experience of cheering us on for that State title." Cox beams with the idea of state as one of his main goals for this season, as well as the rest of his wrestling career at Central. "I made varsity as a freshman and again this year as a sophomore, it would be a dream come true if I was able to hold a State title this early in my wrestling career." However, hard work and dedication calls for celebration and relaxation from time-to-time.

"One time we dedicated a whole practice to a dance off," Walters confirmed.

As the Central Wrestlers' season continues, their bond continues to strengthen, as well. The wrestlers strive to be the best of the very best, working as hard as possible to not only achieve and thrive for themselves, but for Central as a whole.
3. Freshman Butch Walters pins his opponent after almost pinning him twice and running out of time. The whole team got excited and crowded around the mat for the last few seconds of the match to cheer for Walters.

4. Freshman Chris Barnes pins his opponent, nearly doing the splits in the process. Barnes was determined throughout the match and was able to pull it off in the end.

5. Senior Trace Walters flips his opponent over his shoulder, winning the match in a matter of seconds. Once his opponent was in the right position, there was no way he could have won the match.
1. Freshman Chris Barnes waits for the referee to give him the signal to begin the round. He was able to keep his opponent underneath him and went on to win the match.

2. Sophomore Ben Hadle rides his opponent, using all his strength to break him down flat onto his stomach. Hadle continued to wrestle hard, earning him the victory over his opponent.

Wrestling Statistics
Dual Record  5-15
Suburban Conference  1-4
Wrestlers with more than 20 wins: William Walters-23, Son Aung-22, Greg Lamorie-20
1. Black Sabers perform their routine at the new Knob Noster drill meet.
2. Cadet Christina Whalen accepts a trophy at the Knob Noster Drill Meet.
3. Cadet Emily Haugh poses with the 1st place overall trophy.
4. Cadets Tyler Mann, Ethan Ross-Taylor, Dylan Kline, Thomas Mann, Aaronn Blohm, and Arianna Fish pose for a picture after the Cotillion Saber Arch.
5. Sabers do a signature move during their Lees Summit performance.
6. Black Sabers looking great while performing for family and friends!
JROTC

What Happens Down There?

The 2017-2018 school year has been an amazing time for Central’s Cadets. Beyond the normal events that bring everyone together each year, new ones were added! Students attended the Dining Out in January and a new drill meet at Knob Noster Middle and Elementary School in Knob Noster, MO. Students loved the new events and opportunities this year to further their JROTC career. The event is coming up on their 100th anniversary next year so students are very excited to bring in new traditions along with the old.

A new drill meet was added to our normal line up. Knob Noster brought new opportunities and trophies to our Central High School JROTC. In January, the Dining Out was held for the first time. It was a formal event with important guests and old traditions brought in to be used by the current cadets. Some of the traditions included a speech from Brigadier General Cotter, a speech from our own LTC Hall, a grog bowl, and of coursing dancing the night away. The event was loved by each member that was invited and is an event that could be seen again in the following years.

Some traditions never change as cadets strive to push out of their comfort zones at drill meets, race the clock to finish the staff scavenger hunt in time, or just enjoy a Thanksgiving meal with their second family. Current cadets love the Staff Scavenger Hunt and Christmas Party and knowing that Colonel Hall has made up a list of items that no one would ever think of. Nonsensical items (some including half a bowling ball) make the hunt ten times more fun! The Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner is a new two-year tradition that brings in the family feel to staff and teams. Everyone pitches in with a dish or dessert, dinner is eaten, and everyone expresses their thanks for what they have and for one another. It is a time for reflecting everything that has been accomplished by the cadets.

Cadets love the new and old traditions and everything that is done within the JROTC program. This is another great year for JROTC and we can’t wait for whatever is to come.

7. Harris Gulledge dances with his mother at the Military Ball.
8. BNCO Turner Parsons and XO Colton Wilson pose with an overall trophy.
9. Cadet Tucker Deming waits with his Color Guard.
10. Central JROTC’s Color Guard performs before the game.
11. The Military Ball Saber Arch waits for their time to shine.
11. A picture of an original painting hidden behind a bookshelf in RO.
Performing Arts

At CHS students take performing arts to a whole new level. Students have gone all over the country playing their instruments, debating, and presenting their work to a vast array of audiences. These students spend countless hours perfecting their craft and honing their skills to represent Big Blue Nation. To watch these students perform is a moment in time that won't be forgotten. Be True. Be Blue.
Marching Band

Central Band brings the theater to the field.

Story by Cameron Gilmore

Most people know of "The Lion King", "Wicked", and "Phantom of the Opera" as large Broadway productions or famous Disney movies. However, this year the Central Blue and White Regiment changed many student's outlook toward these musicals. The band's "Phantom of Broadway" halftime show was pioneered by a high school band in Texas last year, and the Central band adopted it this year. Songs from the show include "Circle of Life" from "The Lion King", "Defying Gravity" from "Wicked", and "Phantom of the Opera" This year's halftime show was selected by the band students themselves.

"It makes our job a lot easier when the students like what they're performing," Band Director Joel Fischer chuckled. "We have a lot of young talent in the group, and a lot of excitement around the program."

Along with a new show, comes a new teacher too. Ms. Wootten, the newest to the Central band family, has been welcomed with open arms. "Ms. Wootten has been a great addition to our band family," freshman Katherine Cronk proclaimed, "she always makes sure my plume isn't on backwards."

The band has had a strong year, bringing continual improvement with every band competition. The Blue and White Regiment brought in the best general effect and music score at their Carrollton band performance. Promptly after, the band finished first place in their Trenton band competition. The band is looking strong, and they are expected to look even stronger next year.

1. Freshman Tenille Long and Sophomore Cameron Gilmore head up to the stands, ready to support the Indians. Throughout the game the sounds of their instruments accompanied the cheers of the crowd.

2. Freshman Shallon Lebsack plays in the pre-show with the other woodwinds in the band. She has spent a long time practicing the piece and is excited to show it off.

3. Senior Drum Majors, Jared Gutzmer and Bryson Crum helping band members set up the pit on the track. They are also preparing their platforms so that they can conduct the halftime show.

4. Senior Sydney Stewart dressed up as a Hershey's kiss for the homecoming game. Each of the seniors costumes that day were creative and showed their unique personalities.

5. Junior Anna Blachar focuses on her music during the halftime show, unaware of what is going on behind her. Two members of the color guard are framing her with their flags.

6. During the light up halftime show at the homecoming game, the band members went all out with mini christmas lights and glow sticks. They spent a long time working to make the night memorable.

7. Sophomores Emrie Graves, Dani Dotson, and Ciara Blair play during the halftime show. The show featured music from "Lion King", "Wicked", and "The Phantom of the Opera".

8. Ethan Crooks, Spencer Ehling, Jared Kelly, and Jackson Sarver playing the "Lion King" portion of the halftime show. The pit added a lot to the show this year, and everyone worked hard to make it sound amazing.
Bel Canto

No Bass Here

Bel Canto means "beautiful singing" in Italian, and this year our singers definitely lived up to that expectation. Every blue day the choir gathered to prepare for their next concert, as well as create friendship bonds over the many hours spent practicing.

"The best part about Bel Canto is being surrounded by other girls that have a love for the same things that you do," exclaims senior Baylee King. In order to be in Bel Canto you need two things: a beautiful voice and a passion for singing.

Each girl works hard to better themselves but, as junior Cierra Farrow states, "We are all a team and it takes all of us to put it together."


Camerata

Story by Haley Green

Central is full of substantial talent, especially in terms of artistic abilities. The Camerata expresses their talented gift through the art of singing. Girls and boys audition for their spot to be placed into the prestigious choir. The analysis of classical music and presentation is the main priority of this choir, emphasizing the thought and emotion portrayed into each and every performance.

The Camerata choir expresses their talents through the power of verbal song, showing passion and artistic respect through each piece of music.
Encore

Master Singers

Encore choir is all about singing and dancing. Their devotion and passion drives them to wake up early every blue day morning to get to school at 6:30. “After being involved with show choir for 4 years, I’ve found that show choir is a place where people can come together to have fun and create something awesome through rehearsals,” exclaimed Sydney VanDyke.

Encore practices throughout the year for competitions during second semester. They want to achieve the highest rank possible. “My favorite part of being in encore is when we are so well prepared for our competitions that when we practice and perform everyone gets immersed into the moment. It’s also quite remarkable to notice Mr. Hart’s subtle facial expressions of disappointment whenever someone does something goofy when dancing,” Tanner Duin states.

The choir bestows happiness in the hearts of many! They work diligently to perform the choreography and sing insync. “If the choir program at Central is like a piece of bread, Encore would be the butter on top,” Duin concluded.

Die Meister

First Row: Lauren Moyer, Gabby Rumsey, Carter Clark, Sydney VanDyke, Madison Dryer, Zachary Reinert, Coolaid Daryll, Joey Myers.
Second Row: Colton Connors, Kylee Kent, Alexis Stockwell, Skyler Duncan, Madison Hovenga.

Do re mi fa so-for those who don’t know, Die Meister (chamber choir) is top choir at Central. Die Meister is incorporated with many skillful students that dedicate a lot of time to their singing.

One member, Maddie Dryer, stated, “Die Meister is a class that is every other day and we are usually always doing various activities in the community.” The class is taught by Mr. Hart and each member is required to audition before joining the group. The auditions can be extremely nerve-racking, but practicing and remaining calm is what enables members to join together and create beautiful music.
Drumline

Give Me a Beat!

Story by Elise Gelman

This year our Drumline put out their best effort performing with the marching band as well as in their solo performances at games and pep assemblies. Hours upon hours of practice went into each one and as the year went on everyone could see their improvements. The freshmen got into the rhythm of things quickly and the whole line was excited to have new people playing.

As senior Anika Newbold puts it, "We start out as strangers, but we turn into a family each year." The hardest part about this family like experience is saying goodbye to the seniors as they graduate and leave Central behind.

Senior Joey Myers said, "The hardest part is performing at the highest level possible. The Central Drumline has a history of always performing great and being amongst the top of their competitors. Each player has to take personal accountability for their own playing. When we fail, we fail together and when we succeed we succeed together." The Drumline did well this year, while there were many struggles and successes along the way, they were able to live up to the high expectations. Throughout the year there were many amazing performances that excited the crowds and filled them with school spirit.

1. Freshman Nathan Barry and sophomore Jackson Weddle performing in front of the sophomores at the homecoming pep rally. As the only two tenor drums, they are very important to the line.
2. Anika Newbold playing for the crowd at the football game. It was senior night and everyone had a really good time.

Row 1: Ethan Crooks, Nelson Maxey, Anika Newbold, Alyssa Cameron-Davis, Bemo Myers, Darien Courtney, Spencer Ebling, Mason Amey
Row 2: Jackson Weddle, Isaac Rivera, Angela Cobb, Jackson Sarver, Brodie DeSchepper, Aubrey Brown, Arsh Gupta
Row 3: Tucker Deming, Yiattan Tangtiyasphant, Noah Burnett, Jared Kelly.
Jazz Band

Jamming to their own tune

By Cameron Gilmore

At Central, Jazz is synonymous with fine arts. The Central Jazz Band is a program that is both in school and extracurricular. Most students join the class because they love the genre, while other students join to learn an instrument better.

"I joined Jazz Band because it was a chance to broaden what types of music I play and listen to, along with having the experience to participate in another music activity," recalled senior Colton Wilson. Wilson has been in the jazz band since his freshman year, returning to the program every year due to the joy he gets out of the program.

"It’s a different experience. I wanted to play much more. I initially didn’t think I would love jazz so much, but now it’s a part of my life," senior Ethan Strathman concluded.

The jazz band performs at the Homecoming Coronation, Fine Arts Gala, and in venues across St. Joseph; such as Chick-Fil-A and the mall.
Orchestra

Lookin’ Sharp, Give it a Rest

Orchestra is a huge part of these intellectual students’ lives. They all share the same affection and love for music as one another. Throughout the year, they prepare for their concerts and competitions, striving to get the highest score possible. However, orchestra brings a deeper meaning to these passionate students.

“My favorite part about orchestra is learning and improving my skill,” exclaimed sophomore Grace Schwope. Central’s orchestra needs teamwork in order to make a crescendo of beautiful magic. From the string family to the percussion family, they all contribute a bundle of joy to the symphony.

“Music has taught me rhythm, better concentration, and different styles of playing,” stated sophomore Alexandra Moore. Orchestra students practice their plucking, strumming, and bowing their instruments every class period until their work is a masterpiece. When in competition, the judges score on a 1-5 scale. 1 means that they were outstanding and 4 means that they need some work. There is no doubt that Central’s Orchestra will get a 1 for their hard work and talent.

Symphonic Orchestra


Concert Orchestra

1. Sophomore Quintyn Miller and freshman Andrea Urbina bowing their instruments. They are playing one of their many songs they preformed during their winter performance.

2. Second violins are concentrating on their piece as they preform. This was one of several songs that they performed at their Christmas concert.

3. The Orchestra is preparing for the winter concert to begin. They have practiced for this night since the beginning of school.

4. Junior Abby Caldwell is bowing her violin during the Orchestra Christmas performance. She is completely focused on the music she is creating.

5. First Violins are playing in unison during their winter performance. They have been practicing for this performance all year.

6. Sophomore Caleb Strathman and freshman Seth Holmes are reviewing their sheet music. They are preparing for the next song to begin.
1. Senior Sydney VanDyke belting out her part of the song "Anything Goes." She used her powerful voice to captivate the entire audience.

2. Sophomore Carson Gaddie reading off the passengers names of who should be on the ship.

3. Senior Sydney VanDyke and senior Joey Myers kissing after their duet. Sydney and Joey both gave very strong performances to make this musical the best it could be.

4. The whole cast cheering with the ship's captain during the song "Anything Goes." This song had the audience singing and dancing in their seats.

5. Sophomore Morgan Quillin kissing junior Colton Connors on the cheek. Colton's reaction put a smile upon the crowds the faces.

6. Senior William Gentry proposing to senior Lexie Bryson at the end of the musical. Lexie's character, Evangeline Harcourt, said 'yes' and they got married in the last scene.
Anything Goes

Friendship is the Perfect Blendship

Story by Alexis Starks

Central’s production of “Anything Goes” was an astonishing performance. Through song, dance, and comedy, the cast tells the story of Billy Crocker and his desire to win the heart of the lovely Hope Harcourt; with the help of the wonderful Reno Sweeney. Billy, played by Joey Myers, gives an outstanding performance alongside his partner in crime Moonface Martin played by Colton Connors.

“I enjoy being able to do something with friends as a collective group,” stated Joey Myers. The cast spent many hours of hard work and dedication to put this production together.

“One of the best things about being a part of a musical is getting to know everyone in the cast while also growing in my acting abilities. I have enjoyed watching each individual grow in their own ways and working together to put on a stellar performance,” expresses Sydney VanDyke.

This year’s cast made a memorable performance that set the bar for the musicals to come.

7. Senior Maddie Dryer being carried by senior Noah Johnson, senior Zach Scamurra, junior Skyler Duncan, and senior John George during the song Buddy Beware. The audience couldn’t take their eyes off the actors with their amazing performance and stellar choreography.
8. Senior Tanner Duin proposing to sophomore Caleb Keling. This scene brought laughter to the whole audience.
9. Senior Zach Reinert singing his solo “The Gypsy in Me.” His acting and singing abilities worked tremendously together to give the crowd a good show.
10. Junior Cylence Gould and Senior Joey Myers singing and dancing to the song “De-Lovely.” Cylence and Joey acted great together, the crowd couldn’t get enough of them.
Color Guard

Show your true colors

Story by Cameron Gilmore

The Central High School Color Guard is one of many aspects that bring life to the Central Band program. This group of seven members twirl flags and add a unique flavor to the halftime show. The flags create interesting visuals, like the visual in “The Circle of Life”, where the Color Guard raises one of their members high in the air, like Simba from the movie. These visuals take lots of work, as the guard has after school practices every week during marching band season.

“I think there’s been lots of memorable and fun experiences I’ve been able to have with the guard, like suffering through the hot days of band camp and facing the cold temperatures during competitions. I think the thing that really brought us together was the football games. Knowing we put so much effort and time into the routine and being able to perform during halftime was just a very fun and wholesome scene to be a part of. Meeting the different personalities of the band members and being able to share the moment we all took first place at Trenton,” explained Rebecca Evans.
1. Freshman Izabelle Roland and Freshman Rebecca Evans dancing to the band as they play “Hey Baby”.
2. Senior Kainon Caw twirling his flag during the halftime show.
3. Freshmen Andrea Urbina and Leighanna Reinert doing their routine with the band playing behind them.
4. Freshman Andrea Urbina spinning her flag to the music of the band.
5. Freshman Izabelle Roland standing in her ending pose after her performance.
6. Freshman Leighanna Reinert in her pose to start the flags performance during the production to the “Lion King”.
7. Freshman Rebecca Evans twirling her flag with the music played by the band.
8. Freshman Kali Justice spins her flag to the beat of the music.
Clubs & Organizations

Clubs are a vital part of life at CHS. There is a spot for each and every student to make them feel at home within these walls. From FCCLA, Coloring Club, Diversity Student Union, and RC Club students find a way to make friends and pursue outside interests. And say you can’t find a club that suits you...create one. Anyone can be the founding member of a club. All you need is a sponsor and interest. Be True. Be Blue.
Art Club

Let’s Get Creative

Story by Zandra Mejia

Art Club is hosted by art teachers Mindy Christofferson and Jill Kirkendoll on Thursdays after school in room 142. Throughout the year in art club the students involved have the opportunity to participate in a variety of workshops including batiking t-shirts, paper marbling, encaustic painting and resin pours. Each workshop is designed to offer students artmaking experiences that cannot be offered in the larger art classroom. “It expands my artistic abilities by introducing me to new and exciting mediums,” said Mackenzie Grantham, member of Art Club. Art Club is a positive and accepting environment for any and all young artists who are interested in more than just what is offered during school.
1. Art Club members use melted wax to create encaustic paintings. Ms. Kirkendoll and Mrs. Chistofferson research different types of art to give their students a new experience.

2. Kyleigh French posing with her skeleton drawing. Art work that is beautiful gets hung in the display case in the lower Freshman lobby.

3. The finished encaustic pieces ready for show.
Ceramics Club

Glazed, Fired and Ready to Go

Story by Elise Gelman

Ceramics club is a great place for aspiring potters to come together and practice the art they love. "If you're not good and you want to be good, this is the place to come," encourages junior Miguel Johnson.

As the sponsor and teacher, Mr. Simmons works hard to ensure that the atmosphere is positive so that the members enjoy it as much as possible. Each year the club participates in an annual Christmas sale to raise money for field trips to museums and art conventions. This year they were able to raise $400 from the hand painted ornaments they sold.

"We go on a field trip at the end of the year to the Nelson-Atkins," exclaims junior Corryn Darnell, "It's really fun." Their yearly trip to the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art in Kansas City is a highlight for all of the students. Even the upper classmen, who have been a part of the club in years prior, are excited to go because each visit yields new experiences and ideas.

Every Wednesday after school the club meets to work on their latest projects and catch up with each other. They spend up to an hour and a half practicing and creating before they clean up and go home for the day. This club is welcoming to all and Mr. Simmons hopes that even more people will join next year.
3. Junior Corryn Darnell focuses on her ornament so that she can meet the deadline for the sale. She is a very talented artist and enjoys expressing herself in this club.
4. Junior Brianna McDaniels paints one of the angels she has been working on for the day. These angels were some of the most detailed ornaments in their collection.
5. Juniors Heaven Lamorie, Bailey Rich, and Corryn Darnell doing their shift at the Christmas ornament sale. All of the members had a great time and they were able to sell a lot of ornaments.
Chess Club
Playing for the Endgame

Story by Logan Burns,

The Chess Club here at Central High is one of the most exciting things to be involved in! Thanks to this club you can be involved in a game that's been around since the 6th Century A.D. Despite small changes and rule adjustments over the course of time, the goal has remained mostly the same, checkmate. Even with all these small changes over the years, Chess still remains a world wide classic game loved by millions, including the avid fans at Central.

If you ever were curious, yes the Chess Club is always looking for new members, every other Wednesday from 3 to 4 after school. And that my friends is a Checkmate.

1. Chess Club members pose for a picture before their matches begin.
2. Sophomores Ashleigh Cochran, Cameron Hanson, and Lauren Bloodgood smile for the camera after a successful win.
3. Chess club members ham it up for the camera before they focus in on their match.
First Row: Shemia Irvin, Elijah Negozio, Austin Clark, Tariq Henderson, William Burkert, Nelson Maxey, Anakin Thornton
Second Row: Nathan Files, Ryan Dale, William Blazer, Nathan Crum, Jacob Shorba, Griffin Fisher
Third Row: Mrs. Blazer, Cameron Hanson, LeeAnn Nordstrom, Emma Schieber, Ashleigh Cochran, Lauren Bloodgood

4. Seniors Jacob Shorba, Griffin Fisher, and Anakin Thornton take turns honing their strategy against each other.
1. A big group of girls shows off their coloring job for a photo op to show how much they love coloring.
2. Junior Taylor Bristol is very focused on coloring this pumpkin.
3. Junior Sydney Wetlaufer is proud to show her very thought out choices of color for her pumpkin.
4. Juniors Annabelle Gascoigne, Taylor Bristol, and Ellie Larson show off their nice coloring skills.
Mindfulness is all the rage in 2018; adult coloring books began popping up in bookstores, online and now even on your phone. Hayley Kruse made her mark and proposed a coloring club for CHS students and staff to escape the real world. The club meets twice a month in the West Cafe’ after school to unwind and relax from a tense day of learning. As President of the Coloring Club, Hayley Kruse states, “I love the great environment and great people who come with even better conversations. Coloring Club is very relaxing to me.”

Coloring, although usually for little kids, can be a very relaxing activity at any age. Try downloading coloring pages from the internet and get started. Crayons, markers or colored pencils will work.

“My favorite part of coloring club is that all the girls get to catch up on everything. We talk and laugh and genuinely have a good time. I do find coloring both stressful and relaxing,” Mrs. VanBelkum is the sponsor for Coloring Club. “Meeting twice a month to color is relaxing! It’s very calming and allows me to focus on something else besides daily stresses,” she explained.
Creative Writing

All Write

Story by Cameron Hanson

The creative writing club is for Central’s growing authors. The club meets once a month at a member’s house to embrace their shared passion. At each meeting, members get to pick from a variety of prompts to write about. Then, they have the option to share what they have written.

Ms. Meyer began sponsoring the club in 2006 and, five years later, Mrs. Ward joined her. Ms. Meyer says, "I love seeing students passionate about writing outside of the classroom. And I love the shenanigans and tomfoolery that occasionally occur at our meetings." Both sponsors strongly encourage any student to join the club. Ms. Meyer adds, "It’s a place for students to find themselves through writing and work with others who write!"

Mrs. Ward describes the club as "one where we celebrate the words on the page."
1. Junior Kinsey Keller writes fanfiction about her ideal historical couple. Fanfiction is one of her favorite things to write.
2. The creative writing club poses by the Christmas tree for a group picture. This meeting spread Christmas cheer!
3. Junior Claudia Kammerer writes about a party penguin named Pablo. She loves sprinkling humor into her works.
4. Junior Rachel Ghataasheh smiles as she reads Kinsey Keller's story. Her favorite part of writing club is getting to know what people have to say in their writing.
5. Ms. Meyer strikes a goofy pose. Her excitement inspires students to get creative!
DECA

Taking Care of Business

Story by Madison McRea

DECA is an international organization at Central for students that are in business classes and are wishing to further their education and pursue business as a career. The club is sponsored by Mrs. Beavers, and it prepares students as entrepreneurs for careers in business, finance, and marketing. Junior Ruby Jenco explained, "DECA allows me to apply my leadership skills in a practical setting."

The students involved have had several exciting trips planned over this year like visiting Royals Stadium and traveling to New York City. Throughout the year they compete in competitions whether it’s Districts to State and even Nationals. Senior Jessica Schenk states, "It’s an opportunity to learn about the business world, enhance my resume for scholarships, and travel places." She also concludes, "Traveling to places like California and New York for competition is my favorite thing about being apart of DECA!"

This year, the organization is being led by President Devon Shewell. "My favorite thing about DECA is the real life connection to the business world through educational programs and opportunities," he stated.

1st Row: Alycia Hill, Sarayah Wiedmaier, Devon Shewell, Osama Hanif, Shawn Boss, Andres Machado, Mateo Anderson
2nd Row: Kelsey Albertson, Jessica Schenk, Olivia Duke, Caroline Hausman, Emily Lower, Gabriel Machado, Samuel R. Judah III, Noah Young, Aubree Morriss
3rd Row: Aum Mohammad, Lexi George, Calvin DuVall, Elaine Jones, Delanie Shores, Jayda Cunning, Boston Small, Ronnie Burr, Philip Wu, Trey Sigrist, Zion Brodus, Isak Werner, Dylin Ashburn, Skyler Kent
4th Row: Patrick Nguyen, Zach Hanlan, Hayley Kruse, Brittney Haynes, Joanna Reita, Tyler Orth, Michael Tieman, Sam Moore, Makayla Kerns, Hailley Kukuc, Mehreen Taii, Ruby Jenco
5th Row: Alex Steward, Cole Hopkins, Lucas Anderson, Fielding Trevino III, Jack Corcoran IV, Madisen Curnin, Claire Richardson, Hannah Garland, Claire Lenz, Kamy Sample, Allison Root, Ashley Kanatzar, Taylor Hutcherson, Keerat Athwal
6th Row: Mrs. Lisa Beavers, Quentin Lenz, Braxton Hardy, Will McCarthy, Taylor Bristol, Tristan Pritchett, Cameron Gilmore, Ansh Gupta, Mr. Zach Johnson.
2. DECA students Olivia Duke, Caroline Hausman, Andres Machado, Elaina Jones, Lexi George, Boston Small, Delanie Shores, Jessica Schenk, and Hannah Garland in New York City for the DECA trip.

3. DECA students in the airport waiting to board their plan for a trip to New York City.


5. Ruby Jenco and Mr. Johnson taking a photo for DECA week. Ruby won most spirited for Central DECA week and won the big candy bar.

6. Senior DECA members Jessica Schenk, Olivia Duke, and Caroline Hausman holding up DECA balloons at a competition.
Drama Team

It’s Showtime

The CHS Drama Club has been breaking a leg since the year it began. Its extraordinary spring musical and play it puts on each year coupled with the work ethic of the students makes this club one to check off the bucket list.

Ryan Vandyke, voted Teacher of the Year for the 2016-2017 school year, is the head (or more appropriately, the director) of the organization. He sees it as a creative outlet and a way for students to exercise their theatrical skills outside of the famous fall musical.

“My favorite thing about drama club is the profound sense of community and family within the program,” says Carson Gaddie, a sophomore in the club. He has participated in both all school musicals available to him and one spring play. “The club has helped me strengthen my ability to collaborate with others and my confidence as a public speaker.”

Though the club is to meant to lengthen the students’ time in the spotlight, senior Sydney Vandyke sees it as a personal participation in her future. “It is these experiences that will stay with me for the rest of my life,” she says. Vandyke has been in the club all of her four years. It can be assumed that the friends and memories she made will certainly be missed.

1st Row: Zachary Reinert, Noah Johnson, Zachary Scamurra, William Gentry, Maddie Dryer, Sydney VanDyke, Emily Lower, Joey Myers, Coolaid Daryll
2nd Row: Madison Hovenga, Skyler Duncan, Colton Connors, Claudia Kammerer, Madlyn Sprague, Alison Ledford, Karlee Seek, Emma Donaldson
3rd Row: Melissa Gibbs, Rylie Bacon, Carlos Gomez, Bryson Crum, John George, Aubree Morris, Collin Gentry
4th Row: Carson Gaddie, Morgan Quillin, Sage Bouchard, Alanna Bryson, Emma Schieber, Lexie Bryson, Shemia Iwun
1. Lexie Bryson and Saige Bouchard exchange an “interview.” Linda the secretary wishes to be considered for a raise.
2. Carson Gaddie and Lexie Bryson converse. Bryson plays the stern colonel’s daughter.
3. The cast takes a bow after a great performance. They had the audience in stitches.
4. Director Zachary Reinhart gives a few words at the end of the show before asking Mr. VanDyke to “take it away.”

**What is the most embarrassing thing that has ever happened to you on stage?**

“In a practice performance the week before opening “Anything Goes,” I’m delivering my lines in the opening scene as usual when I look at Joey Meyers’s dopey face and started laughing uncontrollably, struggling the get out my words. So he starts laughing too, and our entire dialogue in the scene is ruined! The entire night he and I were unable to speak together onstage without losing control and breaking character. It was hilarious (not to Mr. Vandyke, of course). Thank goodness it was only a rehearsal though.” - William Gentry

“The most embarrassing thing that has happened would probably be the time that one of our cast members had their mic on when they weren’t on stage and started singing. So while the scene was going on, you could just hear some random person humming in the background!” - Sydney VanDyke
1. Club members eating at Missouri Western for an invitation only event.
2. The club performs a short speech and pledge against racism. They were very inspiring to everyone around them.
3. DSU members celebrate Chinese New Year, which was on February 16th.
4. The club posing for a picture at Missouri Western.
First Row: Shemia Irwin, Brittney Haynes, Esther Par, Madison Weets-Sanz, Jaina Lucas-Mendez, Emilee Marlowe, Mrs. Robbs.
Second Row: Leah Lane (Dance Team), Josalyn Alvarado, Ca Lian, Reina Foster, Teresa Gilpin.
Third Row: Jacqueline Thomas (Dance Team), Caleb Figueroa (Dance Team), Jayda Russell, (Dance Team), Dametria Hughes (Dance Team), Zailley Chambers.

DSU

Breaking the Boundaries

This pro-diversity group meets every Wednesday to help equalize different people along with their cultures not only at Central, but in St. Joseph. At each meeting the group gets together, decides on a culture, and learn all they can about it. They talk about their daily routines, why they eat what they eat, and what kind of music they sing and dance too.

Senior Son Aung stated, "It's good to be diverse and have a variety of connections with different cultures across the globe. Accepting diversity is a good way to be a well rounded human being."

This club is an awesome attribute to Central and the community. It teaches students to look through others' eyes and, despite their differences, treat them respectfully and fairly. To join in on making a difference, go to room 133 and talk to Mrs. Robbs.
1. Having fun while loving the environment.
2. Sophomores Ryan Dale and Fred Flores try on some fancy Prom dresses.
3. The group poses for a picture after a long day of shopping for fun and cool clothes.
4. This group takes a pretty cool picture while they were on their hike.
5. The group decided to go on a hike and snap a couple pictures along the way.
Eco Club

Environmentally Friendly

Recycle, reuse, renew could be the motto for the CHS Eco Club. Sponsored by Amanda Moyers, the Eco Club meets throughout the year to discuss the preservation of the environment and participate in activities to help our local community.

President Ruby Jenco is proud of the Eco club. “My favorite thing about Eco club is being able to hang out with people who care about our environment and preserving it in the simplest of ways. Another benefit of Eco Club is definitely being aware of just how much we impact our ecosystem.”

Recently, Eco club has taken hikes and trips to our local thrift stores. Anna Blacher is very proud to have Ruby as president. “The dedication of our president, Ruby Jenco, she is absolutely dedicated to the club and makes loving and taking care of the environment so fun.”

Corryn Darnell says, “It has helped me learn different ways to help the environment.” Knowing what you can do around the city to help the environment so much by doing the simplest things.
FBLA

We Mean Business

Story by Brodi Becerra

Future Business Leaders of America is an organization that gives students the opportunity to explore the business world, learning about the many facets they could become involved in. They compete at districts and state with projects based on their interest in different aspects of business.

This year the students took a field trip to the Royals Stadium. "Here students were able to listen to different speakers, composed of different jobs from business to marketing that spoke about their job responsibilities and what education was required to obtain their job," said Cassie Halling, FBLA sponsor.

This year the students have donated to the Wigwam’s cupboard through their Trick or Treat For Cans Service Act. While doing this they are in the process of launching their service project for Camp Quality.
1. FBLA & DECA students visit Million Cups in Kansas City.
2. Students participate in teacher appreciation week. They offered refreshments to all of our hard-working teachers.
3. Members of FBLA count all the cans they have collected for trick or treat cans.
Fellowship of Christian Athletes

God in the Game

Story by Courtney Hazelwood

If you’re an athlete who wants to strengthen your faith in the Lord, you could probably find a place to call home in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, otherwise known as FCA. Since 2010, these students have been meeting to worship, play games, and just share their love for Christ. They meet every Tuesday at 7:30pm.

"We try to provide a place for students to come, focus on God, fellowship with their peers, and play some fun games," said senior Gwen Bachman. Some students took on leadership roles in the club and are really proud to be a part of this spirited group.

"I decided to be a leader for FCA because it creates a good environment for people and to encourage others in their walk," senior Emily Klundt said. The club is perfect for fellowship, games, and finding a place to invest in your personal faith.

"This club gives any student the opportunity to grow as a friend and leader in Christ, giving hope to his or her life," senior Boston Small said.
1. The club met at Renovation Church to worship and listen to one of the leaders speak.
2. Senior Hailey Hopkins winds up to throw the ball in their annual dodgeball tournament.
3. Leader Gwen Bachman gets ready to lead the club in prayer at the end of the meeting.
4. This year’s leaders meet to plan their upcoming meetings and events.
5. The club organized a meeting called See You At The Pole. They met before school at the flag pole and prayed for the National Day of Prayer.
6. Two of the teams in the dodgeball tournament face off and race to get to the balls first.
F.C.C.L.A stands for Family Career Community Leaders of America. This organization is focused on bettering the community through acts of service and kindness. Though young, the students in this program exhibit extreme maturity in their ability to lend a helping hand around their school and town.

“F.C.C.L.A is important not only to the Central students, but the F.A.C.S teachers as a whole. It gives students somewhere to promote compassion to others and a way to come together not only as friends, but as a community,” states Mrs. Haenni, the leader of the club.

“I love F.C.C.L.A. It’s great to have that feeling of helping others, especially with my friends. Last year, we made dog treats for the Animal Shelter and got to deliver them as well. This year, we are currently making blankets for the Linus Project,” says junior Zailley Chambers. She has been in the club for 2 years.

Not only is F.C.C.L.A a fun, exciting way to help the community, but by helping outside of school, students can receive 10 hours of community service hours!

The members of this club work on many projects throughout the year to help out everyone in their community, even the animals! There is so much to gain from being a member of this organization, such as the great feeling from helping those in need, making lasting friendships, and becoming a better leader by improving their community!
Events Accomplished:

November: Project Linus Blankets
December: Adopt-A-Family for Christmas
January: Animal Shelter
February: Chocolate Bar Sale
March: Food Kitchen
April: Volunteer Work
May: Mother's Day Crafts
FFA

*Inspiring Leadership*

Future Farmers of America is an organization created for students interested in leadership and agriculture. Although the club has students who are actively involved in agriculture, the club extends to students aspiring for a career in the medical field, as educators, or even scientists. The club paves the way for the next generation to develop talents and interests to help them achieve their aspirations in their career.

Students in this club meet once a month at Hillyard Technical Center. Every spring, students involved in the club travel around Northwest Missouri and compete in different competitions. Each competition tests a different agricultural topic.

The club also attends the National Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana. At the National Convention, students are able to meet members of FFA from around the nation. FFA helps students expand their agricultural knowledge and leadership qualities in a fun environment.
1. The students pose for a picture in Indianapolis at the National Convention. Students were waiting for the Rascal Flatts concert to begin.

2. FFA students went to Camp Rising Sun where students participated in activities on the Lake of the Ozarks. Some students also received their leadership medal after hours of work.

3. Officers setting up for their first meeting of the year. Jake Roderick, Summer Swope, Dominick Reed, Rylie Bacon, Kylie Farrow, and Kindall Wisdom.
Freshmen Mentor Program
Helpin' the Newbies

Story by Madison McCrea

The Freshmen Mentor Program is a club at Central that gives the opportunity for the upperclassmen to help freshmen adjust to their first year of high school. The club consists of junior and senior mentors that help guide the freshmen through Central’s halls and to provide them with any kind of help they need to make their high school transition easier. During Flex, the mentors help the freshmen with their homework or by playing games, depending on the day. “My favorite thing about being a mentor is getting to know the flex kids and helping them with their transition to their first year of high school!” concluded Mallory Gertner.

This year, the President of the Freshmen Mentor Program is Darius Wallis, while Mallory Gertner is the Vice-President. Tabitha Ritter, the sponsor of the program, and the girls work together to make sure that the freshman feel welcomed to Central and are able to get the help that they need. President Darius Wallis stated, “My favorite thing is being able to be a face to other mentors and helping them out with their freshman year. I'm by no means an expert, but it's always nice to have someone other than the people you see everyday give you a different view!”

The Freshmen Mentor Program allows for the freshmen to find an older peer that can give them feedback, be a friend when needed, and overall positively influence their high school experience. To any current freshmen, take the advice from junior Jenna Cripe, “High school is definitely what you make of it! A good attitude goes a long way and definitely helps make these next three years enjoyable. The best way to make high school fun, in my opinion, is to immerse yourself in extra curricular activities. When you get involved, school becomes less of a chore and more of something you can really enjoy.”

1. Mrs. Richie’s flex poses for a picture with their freshman mentors.
2. The mentors helping the freshmen with their homework and getting their schoolwork done.
3. Mrs. Wood's flex having a pizza party after celebrating the Senior Faculty games.
1st Row: Jadyn Haynes, Alexis Stockwell, Jade Kass, Alyssa Till, Bailey Ulrich, Sydney VanDyke, Madison Dryer, Abbey Grooms
2nd Row: Kylee Kent, Jennice Myers, Julia Fangman, Hayley Kruse, Madelyn Sprague, Mallory Gertner, Baylor Owens
3rd Row: Christine Hilliard, Joanna Reital, Tennyson Clary, Lauren Moe, Colton Conners, Kinsey Keller, Jessica Miller, Sarah Burr, Taylor Tauai, Tommi Stanton, Noah Young
4th Row: Jessica Lord, Cierra Farrow, Paulina Regalado, Harmani Cruse-Bernard, Jaden Stanton, Skylee Duncan, Emma Donaldson, Rylee Bacon, Dominick Reed Jr., Seth Brown, Benjamin Willoughby
5th Row: Colton Wilson, Christina Whalen, Jennifer Lochhead, Alison Ledford, Collin Gentry, Calvin Duvall, Braxton Hardy, Lucas Anderson, Luke Zweerink, Will McCarthy
6th Row: Kyleigh French, Katie Dotson, Ashlynn Bardo, Faith Vandel, Danielle Pulido, Fred Flores, Zack Hayes, Darius Wallis, Keerat Athwal, Kenzie Miller
Not Pictured: Claudia Kammerer
1. First row: Madlyn Sprague, Ruby Jenco, Corryn Darnell, Julia Fangman, Joanna Reital, Josalyn Alverado
Second row: John George, Carson Haberyan, Marissa Foster, Cowles Anderson, Katherine Hubbuch
Third row: Corinne Russell, Alanna Phoenix, Ian Patterson

2. Freshman Carson Harbeyran scoops filling for his boîche. He loves baking!
3. Senior Josalyn Alverado and senior Ryder DuFrain share a laugh. They’re excited to taste French food!
4. Marissa Foster found the hidden trinket in her boîche. She became the queen and Carson Harbeyran is her king.
French Club

Touche

Story by Cameron Hanson

For anyone curious about French Culture, French Club is the way to go! The club meets twice a month and there are no requirements to join. Members get to participate in various activities that center around French cuisine. Sponsor Madame Russell says, “Cooking, baking, and eating is what has made the French Club so popular over the past ten years!” Additionally, they watch French movies and make traditional art.

Club president and member of four years, Josalyn Alvarado explains, “I decided to join because of my passion for the language.” French club is the perfect opportunity to explore a new language. She adds, “Madame Russell also pushed my choice because she thought I would enjoy the extra exposure to the culture, which I could not be more thankful for.”

5. Madame Russell explains to freshman Marissa Foster to separate egg yolks from the egg. They made a bûche, which is a popular French dessert.
6. Sophomore Alejandra Castillo Bravo prepares to make waffles. This is Bravo’s first year of participating in French Club.
RC Club
Fly Me to the Moon

Story by Cameron Gilmore

RC Club meets every Monday in room 301, or Mr. Beauchamp’s room. The club plans hosting races, events, and showcases of their drones and other remote control vehicles. While most members are interested in flying the drones, others are more interested in the mechanics and the building of drones.

“Most of it you can find online, it’s sort of like a Lego set, you just use your resources,” explained Nathan Crum.

The club, founded by senior Jacob Shorba, hopes the club and hopes it continues for many years, due to the increase in interest of drones. He has this belief because three million drones were sold in 2015, and have been surging ever since. “Our friends Nelson Maxey and Nathan Crum talked about it, and during break I got into it because I got a drone for Christmas, then we wrote the constitution and founded the club,” beamed Jacob.

1. Senior Nelson Maxey tries to land his drone on senior Bryson Crum’s head. Bryson closes his eyes for the surprise of the drone landing.
2. Senior Griffin Fisher works diligently on a remote control tank. He was interested in the robotics and circuitry, so he took the tank apart.

1st Row: Bryson Crum, Nelson Maxey, Evan Maxey, Jacob Shorba, Griffin Fisher, Jordan Hill, Nathan Crum, Cameron Gilmore
Magic the Gathering Club
The Heart of the Cards

By Cameron Gilmore

“Magic the Gathering Club is an idea fresh off the chopping block of the student body’s interests. How about the basics of the game? Magic the Gathering is a card game in which players place creatures on the field to beat the other opponent, who is doing the same thing. To use these creatures, you must “tap” a land card, which produces magic. This allows the creatures to attack other creatures or the opponent. “The idea started last year in February when one of my friends from Rubik’s Cube Club told me that they were into Magic. I challenged them to a game that Friday during the club, and from there, people started playing Magic during Rubik’s Club,” Co-founder of the club, Xander Perpich-Harvey remarked. Xander and the other Magic the Gathering Club members are very serious about the game, playing each other weekly and setting up tournaments inside the club. “You’re always attempting to outsmart the opponent every turn and make the best play you can,” freshman Vladimir Dunn replied. The club is hoping for new members next year and want to watch the club prosper and grow.”
1. Math club members gather for a group picture. They get hyped about math!
2. Freshman James Jura takes his time to solve each problem. He remembers to show all of his work.
3. Senior William Gentry catches a mistake in his answer. He changes his answer in the nick of time.
4. Senior Nathan Crum carefully works through each question. Crum got a perfect score on this test!
5. Freshman Isabella Wiebelt-Smith reads over her next problem. She enjoys being challenged.
6. Freshman Cowles Anderson types his function into his calculator. He uses guess and check method for this problem.
7. Math club members work on practice problems. This will help prepare them for the ASMA and MCM.
Math Club

$Y=mx+b$ What a line!

Story by Cameron Hanson

Math enthusiast? There’s a club for that! The math club meets twice a month to prepare for the MOML and ASMA tests. Members answer a series of six to seven challenging math problems in the time allotted. Once every member has completed these practice tests, the answers are revealed and students have the opportunity to learn from their mistakes. First year sponsor Mr. Kunz says, “This is all about trying a challenging problem.”

Mr. Kunz encourages any student to join the club, even if they’re not math fanatics. He believes, “It can build confidence!” He doesn’t want students to feel stressed or pressured to get every answer right. He assures, “Even if you don’t get something correct, you’ve made an attempt. And that’s what’s important!”
National Honor Society
Leadership, Character, Scholarship, and Service

Story by Madisyn McCrea

The National Honor Society recognizes students that demonstrate strong characteristics in leadership, character, community, and scholarship skills. Every spring juniors and seniors are chosen that excel in these qualities that they have personified. This year NHS had a new sponsor to take the lead. “For my first year, NHS was a huge task to take on. I was in charge of an assembly for the first time ever, and a blood drive for the first time. Everything we did was great! It has been fun all year. For next year, or in the future, it would be great to continue to make the assemblies great, raise more money, and donate more blood for our community. With each new kid that comes, there are new ideas and creativity. NHS students are amazing with great leadership and character personalities, so each year is different in its own way,” says Mrs. Johnson.

Throughout the year NHS participates provide their service for Central and the community as well. Senior member Hafza Khan states, “Picking pumpkins was my favorite project because we got to build team working skills with all of the members, and we got to help the community in a fun and entertaining way.”

While senior member Aumna Mohammad states, “The Penny Drive games were my favorite project because we raised money for a good cause and the school participated in the games together.”

If you’re interested in joining NHS then you need to start at the beginning of your high school career. “For anyone new wanting to apply, start keeping track of all your service hours, leadership hours, and be an active participant in your classroom. You will need to maintain a 4.0 GPA or higher to be invited to apply. Being in leadership, having great character, and serving the community are all qualities of an NHS member. Applying to NHS is competitive, keep things organized and be ready for when you get an invitation to apply,” sponsor Mrs. Johnson concludes.
1st Row: Lauren Moyer, Devon Shewell, William Gentry, Jared Gutzmor, Aum Mohammad, Sydney VanDyke, Kaitlyn Davidson  
2nd Row: Tennyson Clary, Esther Par, Bryson Crum, Alexis Stockwell, London Loveless, Megan Parmer, Ronnie Burr, Emily Klundt  
3rd Row: John George, Nathan Crum, Jacob Shorba, Kiley Albertson, Jailine Delgado, Caroline Hausman, Jessica Schenk, Olivia Duke, Gwen Bachman, Hailey Hopkins  
4th Row: Shawn Boss, Hafza Khan, Delanie Shores, Boston Small, Osama Hanif, Christina Whalen, Colton Wilson, Gabriel Machado  
5th Row: Zachary Scamurra, Lexie Bryson, Kiley Kent, Hailee Brushwood, Tori Tolen, Andres Machado, Emily Lower, Joey Myers

1. NHS members Devon Shewell and William Gentry holding up the check raised for the Penny Drive Games.  
2. Jessica Schenk, Delanie Shores, Hafza Khan, and Olivia Duke helping pick pumpkins for community work for NHS.  
3. Shawn Boss being a referee for the Penny Drive Games.  
4. Junior participants in the Penny Drive Games playing the Tug-o-War game.
Quesadilla Club

What’s Cookin’?

Story by Abby Horn

Who doesn’t love quesadillas? The members of quesadilla club sure do! It is one of the most popular clubs at Central High School. The meetings are in FACS teacher Mrs. Haenni’s classroom on the second Wednesday of each month after school from 3:00-4:00. This is a fairly new club at Central. It was founded only 2 years ago by then-sophomore Andy Le but has continued to grow ever since the start. It is a club for everyone wanting to have a good time, make new friends, and make quesadillas. Most students can agree, though, that the best part is eating what you make after!

“We decided to start quesadilla club because we wanted to share our love of quesadillas with Central,” explains founder Andy Le. He shares what he enjoys most about starting a new club. “It’s pretty cool starting our own club, because I get to see how happy people are once they’re fed and how they spread the happiness with one another.” Quesadilla club is definitely about spreading joy to one another, because everyone always has a smile on their face during club meetings.

Senior Hailee Brushwood is definitely an advocate for this club. She gives many reasons why everyone should give quesadilla club a try. She says, “I definitely recommend this club to others. It is a really fun and inviting atmosphere, and plus you get to eat for a club! Not to mention you will meet new people and form new friendships. Quesadilla club is very special. There are not many clubs that give you an opportunity to just have a good time with your friends, while eating really good food!”

“My favorite thing about being in quesadilla club is the fact that the whole club is based on eating and hanging out with people,” explains junior Alyssa Till. Everyone that is in this club always has a great time! If you like eating good food and having a good time, then quesadilla club is definitely the one for you, as it is for many students at Central!

1. Junior Will Hummer poses for the camera with his fresh hot quesadilla. The ingredients for the day were rice, ground beef and cheese.
2. Sophomore Leah Lane prepares to dig in to her delicious quesadilla. She was one of the last to get one so she was getting really hungry watching everyone else eat theirs first.
3. Sophomore Senyo Kpenu and junior Loi Le prepare the quesadillas for the day. They had a great time making the food and serving it to everyone else.
1st Row: Isaak Werner, Andy Le, Kartyr Bigham, Alyssa Till, Hailee Brushwood, Harmani Cruse-Bernard, Alexa Brown
2nd Row: Felix Wang, Jas Sohal, Scott Le, Julia Fangman, Sadi Shrieves, Seanna Lightle, Leah Lane, Mrs. Haenni
3rd Row: Jailine Delgado, Melissa Gibbs, Rylie Bacon, LeeAnn Nordstrom, Cruz Becerra, Julianna Heard, Zailey Chambers, Jaden Stanton
4th Row: Alexis Stockwell, Ryan Dale, Truman Blizzard, Samuel Judah, Nathan Barry, Cameron Gilmore, Ruby Jenco
5th Row: Spencer Ebling, Nicholas Ebling, Elijah Negozio

4. Senior Andy Adkins reaches for the quesadilla that he has been waiting for. Andy is a regular attender of the club and enjoys making and eating the food with his friends.
5. Junior Julia Fangman gives all of the quesadillas a thumbs up. She is always excited to hang out with her friends and eat really good food.
Rubik’s Cube Club

The Block that Binds a Club

Story by Courtney Hazelwood

Six sides, six colors, endless combinations. For 4 years, the Rubik’s Cube Club has been meeting every Friday after school in Mr. Ritter’s room to try to crack the ultimate code.

“School is a stressful environment for some people and they might want to come relax,” said Bryson Crum. Relaxation can be found through the calming, stress relieving act of trying to solve a cube. Believe it or not, the Rubik’s Cube can actually be solved in 20 moves or less, no matter how jumbled up it may have been to start. It’s all about finding the exact algorithm that’ll line each of its faces up perfectly.

“I joined the club because I wanted to meet people that shared the same hobby as me,” Connor McElwee said. The fun of being a member of this club lies in testing one’s abilities and attempting to do something that some may say is impossible.

“Joining the club allows students to challenge themselves to do something they thought they weren’t capable of,” Mr. Ritter said, “and it provides an all new group of friends to interact with.”
1. Elijah Negozio teaches fellow Rubik’s Cube enthusiast the secrets to solving a cube.
2. Nathan Crum demonstrates how fast he can solve his six-sided cube.
3. Jordan Hill works to improve his time solving his cube.
4. The club poses for a picture with their cubes.
Scholar Bowl

The Art of Smart

Story by Cameron Gilmore

After school, plenty of people go home, go out with friends, and do homework. Some students, although have a much different routine. In the Central Scholar Bowl, students practice four days a week until four or later. And that’s not the end of it. Plenty of the Scholar Bowl students go home and practice after school, for hours on end. The team started very small, a few years ago with only about five or six students. Amazingly, the team has been growing at an astounding rate, with new students joining every year, bringing young talent to the team.

"I practice for about an hour a day, typically. Many days I fall too far behind in homework or am otherwise too busy to give it the time it deserves, but I try to make it up by studying like crazy on weekends," explained senior William Gentry, a varsity player. By putting in enough effort, any player could make varsity on the team.

"It takes a lot of dedication to have a good team, we practice from September to May, and spend two to three Saturdays a month for tournaments," stated Coach Carter.
Row 1: LeeAnn Nordstrom, Scott Le, Collin Gentry, William Gentry, Zach Scamurra, Felix Wang, Ansh Gupta, Cameron Gilmore, Devon Shewell
Row 3: Ashleigh Cochran, Grace Tang, Isabella Wiebelt-Smith, Amandamikkel Nabors, Elise Meyer, James Jura, Jason Bultzer, Parker Hasiak, Ryan Dale

1. Seniors William Gentry and Andy Adkins play a four player match of Pac-Man against two of their teammates. The team bonds during tournaments when they have lunch.
2. The varsity A team poses with their awards after taking first place. The varsity A team consists of sophomores Felix Wang and Collin Gentry, along with seniors Devon Shewell and William Gentry.
3. Coach Kunz and Coach Carter pose during lunch after a day of competing. After lunch, the team goes back to the tournament and continue competing.
4. All of the scholar bowl teams pose after a long tournament. They worked hard and after a long day of competing, were on their way home.
5. The Scholar Bowl has its second annual celebration. The students enjoy themselves and chat with friends.
Row 1: Shawn Boss, Ronnie Burr, Gwen Bachman, Kloey Albertson, Jon Walker, and Zion Broadus

1. Jon Walker had to wax his chest on a dare.
2. Gwen and Kloey are not too impressed.
3. The first episode of video announcements.
4. The crew gets spooky in the Halloween episode.
Six Figures

See Ya Friday...

By Brodi Becerra and Abby Horn

Six Figures Productions bring excitement to Central High School with their weekly video announcements. The video announcement crew keeps us informed about what’s going on around Central with segments such as: This Day in History with Mr.Kimble, Passing Period, Sports Center, and CHS spotlight. They also make us laugh with skits such as: “What’s Cooking with Caramel Delight”, “The Crazy Count”, “Expectation VS Reality”, and “Holiday Specials”.

The Six Figure Crew consists of Zion Broadus, Kloey Albertson, Ronnie Burr, Jon Walker, Gwen Bachman, and Shawn Boss. This group works hard throughout the week, putting in at least five to ten hours to bring us a new episode every Friday. “Of course coming off of the crew last year we had a big task at hand. I feel as if many very different personalities on the crew gives it the spark it needs,” Jon Walker explains what makes video announcements come together.

Together as a whole, the group has a strong bond which helps them to make the videos to the best of their abilities. They all believe that it is fulfilling to see their goal come together at the end of every week.
Sophomore Tutors
Lending a Helping Hand

Story by Abby Horn

The Sophomore Tutors at Central are made up of a group of juniors and seniors who are willing to tutor sophomores during their FLEX time. They spend their time helping these underclassmen out with homework and projects that they might be struggling with. These tutors were recently sophomores, so they remember what it was like! They are a great help because of their past experiences. They don’t only get to tutor the students, but they get to build relationships with them as well.

“It challenged what I remembered from my sophomore year, and gave me the opportunity to become friends with sophomores that I never would’ve been able to be friends with,” junior Ian McCarthy explains why he enjoys being a tutor and how it has impacted him. He wanted to try something different this year, so he decided that becoming a Sophomore Tutor was the way to go! It has been a great choice!

Tutoring is definitely beneficial in helping students of different grades come together. Junior Corrine Darnell explains, “Being a Sophomore Tutor has given me a chance to help others and make new friends.” They get to spend a whole school year in the same FLEX, so that is a lot of time to get to know each other and build new friendships!

“Being a Sophomore Tutor has greatly impacted my high school life. I get to interact with sophomores on a daily basis as well as my own classmates. I’ve made many new friends by being a Sophomore Tutor and they make FLEX fun and exciting instead of just being a place to do homework,” Sadi Shriever recalls all of the reasons she loves being a tutor. It always feels good to help someone out, and that is exactly what these tutors do, and lasting friendships are made in the process!

1st Row: Liza Heeler, Taylor Miller, Corryn Darnell, Sadi Shriever, Madison Roderick, Kamy Sample, Allison Root
2nd Row: Gabby Ramsey, Anna Blanchar, Madisen Curtin, Claire Richardson, Karissa Brown, Lili Par
3rd Row: Mr. Vulgamott, Bobby Lawrence
1. Karissa Brown helps Nathan Alvarado with his homework. She is a very good addition to this sophomore FLEX.
2. Ashley Kanatzar is tutoring Brodi Becerra with her chemistry. It is a common subject that many sophomores may need a little extra help with.
3. Taylor Miller helps Maddy Lopez with her history homework. Taylor is offering her advice to help her understand this difficult subject.
4. Caden McCauley helps Lyndsey Lickhart with a homework problem she was struggling with. He helps the sophomores in his FLEX with many different subjects.
1. Spectrum Pride Club having fun at their monthly meeting.
2. Jordyn Gibson, Dylan Fuller, Kierra Barr, and Miguel Johnson posing during a club meeting.
3. Anna Hallman, Dylan Fuller, Miguel Johnson, Rocky Diaz, and Jordyn Gibson all gathering together for a Valentine’s day picture.
Spectrum Pride Club
All Inclusive

Story by Zandra Mejia

LGBTQ+ is a community of people who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transexual, and queer. Students at Central High School have come together to make a club to support and enhance the knowledge of the LGBTQ+ people. "It’s for anyone who wants to be educated on the community," says senior Harmani Cruise-Bernard.

"It’s honestly not what everyone automatically thinks. It’s a club that was made to help others feel comfortable in their own skin and know that it’s alright to be who they are," said Jordyn Gibson, Spectrum Pride Club member. Jordyn emphasizes that the club is not only for members of the community, but for anyone who wants to show support. Spectrum Pride Club meets on the first and third Wednesday of every month, in room 139.

1st Row: Miguel Johnson, Rocky Diaz, Katie Mason, Dylan Fuller, Aliyah Starr, Jordan Hunter, Zoey Montgomery
2nd Row: Ruby Doyle, Kierra Barr, Kinsey Keller, Rachel Ghatasheh, Creeden Foreman, Jordyn Gibson
Speech and Debate
The Argument is Conclusive

Story by Sydney Dixon

In Central High School Speech and Debate, students have the ability to become more aware of the events that are occurring around the globe. Students find themselves learning about new cultures, political significance, and communicating their opinions about current events. They are able to discuss their ideas and their opinions, which gives them the confidence they need in other areas of their life, including their studies and jobs.

Every class, students discuss the events in the news since their last time meeting to keep in touch with daily occurrences in other countries. The connection they form with the world around them helps them to gain perspective and place themselves in one another's shoes. Junior Keerat Athwal understands how important these connections are. "Without understanding what is going on around us, we are completely disconnected from the world... that doesn't help us progress as individuals or as a society. Being able to communicate with others is the most important skill that will be used throughout our lives, so building it now is nothing but beneficial."

Because Speech and Debate is so interactive, students like senior Devon Shewell find that the way they approach challenges and goals has changed. "Speech and Debate stands for academic discourse, communication, and diversity. The activity as a whole has given me the foundation of future occupations, interactions, and learning as a whole." Shewell became the first student ever from CHS to qualify for the Tournament of Champions in Congressional Debate this school year.

Katy Schwartz, in her 10th year of coaching speech and debate, finds that she loves helping students find their voice and watching them grow as individuals. Schwartz believes that Speech and Debate allows students to see themselves from an outside perspective and find confidence in their abilities and their classmates. Katy Schwartz explains her appreciation for student growth, "My favorite thing about teaching speech and debate is seeing students find their voice. Students grow so much in those four years as people, students and competitors and it’s fun to see their hard work pay off." Schwartz hopes for the Debate team to continue their success.
1. Sophomore Olivia Smith and junior Hannah Garland celebrate with their trophies after a win. They were at a Debate tournament in Savannah, Missouri.

2. Juniors Alexandra Nabors and Keerat Athwal smile after a victory. They both placed in the tournament.

3. Junior Alexandra Nabors speaks in front of her classmate while her classmates take notes. Students often debate and discuss worldly events.

4. Sophomore Ansh Gupta and junior Jason Baltzer prepare before making their case. Students sometimes work in teams of two in order to support each other’s arguments.

5. Central Speech and Debate students celebrate after the tournament. Central placed second overall in the Savannah tournament.

Group Photo:
1st Row: Jon Walker, Ruth Katchen, Jordyn Gibson, Julianna Heard, Devon Shevell, Keerat Athwal, Taylor Williams, Alexanaka Nabors

2nd Row: Jordan Bratton, Noah Johnson, Trace Walters, Isaiah Johnson, Hannah Garland, Jas Sohal, Olivia Smith, Bobby Lawrence

3rd Row: Madilynn Maretoli, Amandamikkel Nabors, Makayla Gerther, Alli Jones, Dee Lawrence, Carlos Gomez, Alyssa Goolsby, Tucker Deming, Tyler Mann, Jackson Sarver, Ashlyn George, Emrie Graves


5th Row: Carter Clark, Aubree Morris, Mason Klauschn, Nolan O’Callaghan, Sam Willoughby, Shyla Cohen, Emma Woody, Ian Patterson, Ryan McGarry, Teddy Hubbuch, Augustus May, Aaron Sadler, Morgan Quillin

6th Row: Olivia Gill, Seth Brown, Ryan Dale, Michael Tieman, Olivia Wood-Schmidt, Maya Shaw, Isaac Rivera, Ansh Gupta, Brodie DeSchepper, Noah Burnett, Yatiran Tangiyaphant

Row 1: Emily Lower, Kloey Albertson, Caroline Hausman, Jon Walker
Row 2: Hailey Hopkins, Lexie Bryson, Emily Klundt, Gwen Bachman, Braden Nigos, Zion Broadus, Ronnie Barr
Row 3: Jailine Delgado, London Loveless, Sarayah Wiedmaier, Jayda Cuning, Shaven Boss, Andres Machado, Philip Wu
Row 4: Lauren McCartney, Noah Cameron, Ami Dias, Boston Small, Sam Judah, Osama Hanif, Turner Parsons, Brooke Blizzard
Row 5: Jas Sohal, Abbie Adkins, Avery McCarthy, Ellie Larson, Annabelle Gascoigne, Sara Delgado, Taylor Bristol, Taylor Hutcherson, Tina Nguyen, Ruby Jenco, Alexanaka Nabor
Row 6: Cole Hopkins, Graham Stagner, Adam Johnston, Cruz Becerra, Shannon Casey, Ashlyn Claycamp, Anne Garvey, Colten Joseph, Max Conard, Jake Judah, Scott Le, Zach Hanlan

Student Body Officers and Cabinet

Senior Class Officers
Many Central students love all of the extra events that go on. Student Body Vice President Caroline Hausman explains, "Student Government puts together many of the big events throughout the year like pep-assemblies and Cancoming."

At Central each class has their own government consisting of four officers and seven senators, along with four student body officers and their cabinet. Their jobs include homecoming decorations, T-shirt sales, Chick-fil-A Friday and so much more!

"Student Government is such an exciting experience to be apart of here at Central High," Hausman concludes.

Senior Class Officers: President: Osama Hanif, Vice-President: Megan Parmer, Secretary: Lauren McCartney, Treasurer: Andrew Le; Not Pictured

Junior Class Officers: President: Taylor Bristol, Vice-President: Zachry Hanlan, Secretary: Ellie Larson, Treasurer: Tina Nguyen

Sophomore Class Officers: President: Adam Johnston, Vice-President: Jas Sohal, Secretary: Ashlyn Claycamp, Treasurer: Max Conard

Freshman Class Officers: President: Rebecca Evans; Not Pictured, Vice-President: Brady McAnally, Secretary: Luke Ensign, Treasurer: Butch Walters
Thrive Christian Youth Group

Bible Studies With Your Buddies

Story by Claudia Kammerer

Thrive Christian Youth Group is a Christian club that was initiated by Jacob Shorba in the 2016-2017 school year and is sponsored by Mr. Daniel Ritter. They meet in room 132 every 2 weeks. The youth group is a nondiscriminatory organization that welcomes all denominations and those that are interested or want to learn more about the Bible and Jesus Christ. Its peaceful atmosphere harbors a refuge for students and teachers to freely worship God with the one Book that all denominations can agree on. Through interactive Bible studies that engage the students and allow them to take part in their faith, relationships with God and friends truly thrive.

Jacob Shorba settles the group and begins with prayer. Each student has a turn to say anything they need prayed for for them or anyone around them. The person to the left of them then has the responsibility and joy of praying for that person and staying connected to their lives.

"Jesus can take something that should be broken (and turn it) into something beautiful," Jacob starts, smiling. He then looks to senior Jordan and politely waits for him to say his reason for believing in Christ.

"I’m a creature of logic," says senior Bryson. "The only thing that makes sense to me is Jesus Christ. In our world there is so much corruption (that) the only thing that solves it is when a community believes in Jesus."

"I got into my faith freshman year. My friends were going through bad times and rubbing off on me. I started praying and believing when He saved me from a lot of things," senior Ania says.

After the introduction of the members of the club, Jacob shares the book that the group will be reviewing this year: The Case for Christ, by Lee Strobel. Talks about favorite Christian stations and songs fill the room, along with plenty of laughter. The club is truly a family striving to live their lives in Jesus’ name... and thriving while doing it.

1st Row: Nathan Crum, Bryson Crum, Jacob Shorba, Nelson Maxey
2nd Row: William Gentry, Claudia Kammerer, Madlyn Sprague

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1. Madlyn Sprague reads from the club’s first project of the year, called *The Case for Christ* by Lee Strobel. Sprague has just joined the club this year.

2. The group listens to Ania read the introduction of the book and laughs afterwards as they wrap up the meeting.

3. Bryson Crumb interprets and mulls over the club’s book choice. The multitude of pages will be discussed over the course of the year.

4. Ania’s Walker reads from the book and prepares to pass it to Jacob Shorba, the club’s leader.

What is your favorite Bible verse?

Jordan: Genesis 1:1
Madlyn: Isaiah 41:10
Jacob: Isaiah 42:16
Bryson: 2nd Corinthians 5:13

**Overall Favorite Christian Song of the Group**

Old Church Choir - Zach Williams
Letter from the Editor

Central has always been known as the best high school west of the Mississippi. This year we faced some unfortunate cancellations like Mr. CHS and the legendary Festivus event, however, this opened a brand new door for opportunities such as Homegoing. Homecomings around the Big Blue Nation have always been top notch, but this year, they were immaculate. Extreme hallway decorations is now the new standard, thanks to the Class of 2018. We sold a record breaking number of homecoming shirts and dance tickets with a whopping 700 students at our Fall Semi-formal dance. We lit up The Coliseum during our Fall Homecoming pep assembly light show that made the news. These big events are so enjoyable, but nothing is better than hearing your lunch bell ding. As editor of the yearbook, I hope the facts are recorded accurately. I hope you don’t @ us on Twitter for typos, because 264 pages is a lot. I hope you look good in your school portrait. But all of those little details aside, I truly hope that through this book that you can look back and reminisce these memories of your high school career. Each and every one of you are capable of amazing things. And always remember, Strive for 5 Central!

Be True. Be Blue
Your Editor,
London Loveless

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Colophon

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Senior Ads

William Gentry

William: We celebrate not only your achievements but who you have become. You always make us proud and we are excited to see what the future has in store for you.

Love, Mom, Dad, Collin and Allison

Selena Coil

We are so proud of you, and all the hard work throughout school. You have become a beautiful young lady who is kind, generous with a big heart. We are looking forward to your accomplishments in the future. Congrats!

Love, Mom & Dad

Baylor Owens

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9

Love you, Mom, Dad, Jacob, Keely, Addi

Ami Dias

Ami-

Behind you all your memories.
Before you all your dreams.
Around you all who love you.
Within you all you need. - unknown
Let life surprise you and always remember that we are proud of you!

Proverbs 31:25 She is clothed in strength and dignity and she laughs without fear of the future!

Play big! Love, Mom & Dad
Josalyn Alvarado

We are all so proud of you and all that you have accomplished.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Nathan and Maria

Haley Green

May your strength allow you to face challenges with confidence, along with wisdom to choose your battles carefully. May your journey be adventurous and always help someone along the way. Listen to your heart and take risks delicately. Remember how much you are loved. We are so proud of you!

Love,
Mom, Jeff, Matthew, Gaige, and Oli

Tommi Stanton

Your family wishes you unlimited happiness. Be true to yourself and follow your dreams no matter what obstacles you may face. Surround yourself with family & friends & always remember you are loved.
Lexi Fujinami
“Be who you are and say what you feel, because those who mind don’t matter and those who matter don’t mind.”
Dr. Seuss
Love, Mom, Dad, and Kali

Jake Roderick
Jake, we are so proud of your accomplishments and the man you have become. Your future is bright. Remember “this is the beginning of anything you want.” We love you!
Mom and Dad

Kyle Wichern
You fill our hearts with love and words cannot express how proud we are of you.
Congratulations!
Love, Dad & Mom

London Loveless
You are one of the greatest things that’s happened to our family. We love to see you smile, and there’s nothing we’d rather hear than your laugh!
You’re a beautiful young lady that is not only intelligent and kind, but is also an outstanding athlete and role model.
Congratulations on your many achievements and this new milestone. May God bless you and the important decisions in your future.
Our Love Always,
Mom, Dad, and Boston

Courtney Newman
Courtney Marie,
We have always wondered what we did to deserve you! Your “Courtneyisms” keep us laughing! Your sweet nature, your love for sports and your beautiful spirit has been a joy to be a part of! We believe in you and are beyond excited to see what your bright future holds! We will be here for you every step of the way!
We love you,
Mom, Jason, Dad, Kyla, Rylie, and Liam
Zandra Mejia
Zandra G- You are amazing and we are so proud of you!!!
Love- Mom and Dad

Turner Parsons
Your mother and I have watched you grow through the years. We have been blessed to see your dedication, your perseverance through difficult times has proven extraordinary.
"Stay the course, your dreams will be reality."
We love you so much, Mom and Dad.

Lauren McCartney
Congratulations Lauren! We could not be more proud of you. Good luck at TAPS and can’t wait to see where it takes you!
Love you always, Mom, Dad, and Tyler.

Caroline Hausman
Caroline,
We cherish your compassionate and joyful heart. You are a true delight! We know God has a mighty plan for your life. Trust Him.
All our love,
Mom, Dad, Claire & William

"For you will go out with joy and be led forth with peace; The mountains and hills will break forth into shouts of joy before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands."
(Isaiah 55:12)
Ashley Stoll

Dreams for our Daughter
Live with purpose
Love without fear
Dream with passion
Live a life without regret
We are so proud of you, Ashley and love you more than you will ever know.
Mom, Dad, Thad, Jake, Max, & Lily

Sydney VanDyke

Sydney- The world has always been your stage!
Thank you for the laughs, and tears over the years, and we are so excited for you to take on new roles ahead!
Love, Mom & Dad

Lexie Bryson

You are our "Shining Star"! We are so proud of the young lady that you have changed into right before our eyes. We can't wait to see where your talents lead you! Love, Mom, Dad, Allyson & Alanna

Brooke Blizzard

The greatest daughter, ever... I'm so proud of you achieving this milestone in your life, but I'm even more proud of you growing up to be such an amazing person. Congratulations to the sweetest girl I know. Keep making me proud.
Love, Mom

Dylan Newcomb

Dylan, we are so proud of the young man you have become. We are excited to see what the future holds for you! We know you will do great things!
Love, Mom, Dad, & Sarah
Libbie Bird

"You’re off to great places! Today is your day! Your mountain is waiting. So... get on your way!"
Dr. Seuss
Libbie, we just love you so and can’t wait to see all the places you’ll go!

Emily Haugh

Emily,
Words cannot express the pride that I have when I look at the beautiful, responsible and amazing young woman you’ve become. I was in awe of you the minute you stormed into this world and you haven’t stopped amazing me since. You are my greatest accomplishment. Daddy and I are so very proud of you and love you more than you will ever know. Congrats Mimmy, I can’t wait to see the wonderful and amazing things you will do next.
Your biggest fans,
Mom, Dad & Jordan

Jared Gutzmer

Jared,
We are so proud of you, you are strong, determined and so funny. We are so excited for your future. Remember to dream big, work hard and keep God as your center. Love, Mom,
Dad & Nick
Romans 15:13

Jason Kusilek

Jason, we are so proud of you! You can do ALL things through Christ who strengthens you. Work hard, play hard, and keep him first- your potential is unlimited! Love you, Mom and Dad

Remington Paul Roderick

We are so proud of the young man you have become. As you start this new chapter of your life we know you will be successful in all that you do. You will always be our little sunshine.
Love, Dad, Mom & Keith
Jacob Shorba

Jacob, graduation from high school is just the beginning of the bright path that's filled with your dreams and hopes. We are beaming with pride to call you our son! May the Lord bless you with courage and endurance to thrive towards your dreams.

Alyssa Davis

You were so cute and shy, now so beautiful and sassy. We don’t know where the current will take you, but “Just Keep Swimming”. We could not be more proud of the person you have become. We love you so much!

Dad & Mandy
Colton, Grayson & Emmy

Tennyson Clary

Tennyson, our hope and prayer is that no matter where life takes you, you will always follow God and his will, trusting and believing that he is leading into something great.

Love, Your Family

Kindall Wisdom

We are so very proud of the young lady you have became. We love you very much and are excited to see what the next chapter in life has for you!

Love you very much,
Mom & Dad

Kanon Stewart

Kanon, You are one of our greatest joys in life! We are proud of the impressive young man you have become and what you have achieved. May life be all you want it to be, let the adventure begin! We love you!

Mom, Dad, Nathan, Lauren, Ryan & Kristin
Kassie Sears

Kassie - We are so proud of the beautiful young woman that we have watched you grow up to be. Stay true to yourself and continue to follow your dreams. We pray that God blesses you every step of the way.
Love,
Mom, Dad, and Katie

Caitlyn McDonell

Caitlyn - We are so proud of you and the young woman you have become. As we watch this wonderful chapter of your life close and open into another, know that you are ready for those new challenges and we support you in every new endeavor you embrace. Follow your dreams - you can do anything!!
Love,
Mom, Dad, Austin & Dalton

Rebekah Novak

Rebekah, we are very proud of you. We love you very much.
Love, Mom, Dad, Samantha, Cody, & Clayton

Jordan Hill

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.
Genesis 1:1
Jordan,
You have always beat to your own drum. Never wavering from who you are. Keep Christ in everything you do, and he will guide your path. We are so very proud of the young man you have become.
Love,
Dad, Mom and Courtney

Gaige Wilson

No matter what path your shoes take you - Always know how proud we are of you!
Bryson 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 special to all of us!
Love always,
Mom, KC, Randie Jr., Gabriel, Grandma, Grandpa, Uncle Mike, and the rest of the family!!!

Miranda Humbert

Miranda-You are amazing! You have the best personality, and such a kind heart, you’re smart and always willing to help. We are so proud of you and can’t wait to see what the future holds for you.
Follow all your dreams and know that we love you!
Mom, Dad, Trenton & Colby

Zachary Kanatzar

Zach,
Congratulations Zach! We are so proud of you and everything you have accomplished. Never forget how much we love you!
Love,
Mom, Dad, Ashley and Rylee

Rachel Brunner

Rachel, these last 4 years have flown by. From watching you play softball to being crowned homecoming queen, we are so proud of you! God has blessed you. Even though life may throw some curve balls, stay focused on the crown above.
Love, Dad, Mom, Andrew & Elizabeth

Jacob Ryan Danner

My how time flies! It seems like yesterday you were playing with your Thomas trains. At age 4, you would sit on the front porch with Grandpa Roy and name the different types of clouds. He swore you would grow up to be a meteorologist. Now you are grown and graduating from high school. We are so proud of the young man you have become. We will always be here to support you in all of your endeavors. We cannot wait to see how you better the world with all of your talents. We love you.
Mom, Dad and Ashtyn
Noah, our wish for you is that this life becomes all that you want it to, your dreams stay big, your worries stay small. God has blessed you well, and there's a lot that awaits you. Go do great things! We love you very much!
Mom and Dad

You made it! Congrats to a beautiful and wonderful daughter. We're so proud of you and all of the great things you have accomplished. Now it's time to open a new chapter and you get to be the author.
Love always, Mom, Dad, Aubrey, and Andrea

To my pretty mommies:
You are so amazing, beautiful and smart. We are all so proud of you. I couldn't have asked for a better kid. You are a magnificent young lady. Always be you and remember "Love many, trust few, but always paddle your own canoe"
XOXO

Cade, we are all proud of you. We have watched you grow to a fine young man. Keep true to your values for you have a bright future.
Love, Dad, Reese, Seth, Mom & Martin and Rachel
Courtney Hazelwood

Court-
We are very proud of you. You are the last of our Hazelwood kids at Central. We know you will go far with your heart and attitude about life and others around you. We love you so much.
Dad, Mom, Caleb, Carter

Bryson Crum

Bryson, Congratulations! We are so proud of you. May all your dreams come true! Love you always Dad & Mom

Seanna Lightle

"As soon as I saw you I knew a grand adventure was about to happen." Pooh
We've watched in amazement as you've grown up into a strong, intelligent, kind & caring person. You truly are beautiful inside and out! We now wait with anticipation in where your future will take you and the difference you will continue to make in the world. We are so proud of you & love you tremendously!
Peace & Love-
Mom & Dad
**Emily Camacho**

We are so proud of you, Emily. You have brought laughter & Joy in our lives. Please follow your dreams & what makes you happy. We will always love you for the wonderful person you are & will be.

Mom & Dad

XO

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**Madison McCrea**

Madison, it doesn’t seem possible that you are now a Senior. We are so proud of you and what you have accomplished through the years in school. As you begin your next chapter in life, set high goals and keep your faith.

We Love you,

Mom, Dad, Dylan

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**Nick Harris**

Nick- you will always be the joy of my life and one of the greatest things that has ever happened to me. I know with your drive and determination you can do anything you put your mind to accomplish!

I love you!

Mom

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**Patrick Bracciano**

Patrick, you sure make us proud! Your kind heart, wit and talents will lead you in the right direction. Smile and follow your dreams~

We believe in you!

Love, Mom & Dad

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**Nathan Crum**

Nathan, Congratulations Senior! May your next journey be filled with amazing things!

Love you always Dad & Mom
Gwen Bachman

"You are the light of the world... so let your light shine before all, that they may see your good deeds & praises your Father in heaven."

Jesus (Mt 5:14 & 16)

You were meant to shine, Gwennie!
We love you and JLYEMTWDI!
Dad, Mom, John, Brianna, Jeff & Brett

Lexi George

We are so proud of the smart, independent, beautiful young lady you've become. Continue to follow God, chase your dreams and do big things. We can't wait to see what your future holds.
Love, Dad, Mom & Jacob

Justin Hicks

Justin,
From the day you were born- you have kept us on our toes, challenging us, and keeping us busy with your endless youthful adventures. Soon you will be off exploring, finding your own way, and forging new trails. Chase your dreams.
Always be true to yourself. Be somebody who makes everybody feel like somebody. You have an infectious smile, sarcastic sense of humor, and a kind soul. Don’t wait for things to happen, go out and make them happen.
Don’t be afraid to fail, learn from mistakes, and keep moving forward.
Never lose sight of faith, family, and friends. We are very proud of you and the man you are becoming. We will always be your biggest fans and here to help tow you out of the mud.
Love you always,
Mom, Dad, and Hailey

Colton M. Wilson

Colton,
Congratulations. We are proud of all you have achieved. Follow your dreams toward accomplishing the goals you have set for your future, may God continue to bless you and direct your path. You are amazing.
Love Mom & Dad
Tristan Keith

We are so proud of you, always remember you are BRAVER than you believe STRONGER than you seem & SMARTER than you think!

Love Mom & John

John George

Congratulations John! We are so proud of everything you have achieved. Your future is bright. Love, Mom, Dad, and Grandma and Grandpa George

Caleb Ayala

Congratulations Caleb, We love you more than anything in this world. You have made us so proud of the young man you have become. We cannot wait to see what lies ahead of you as you enter into a new chapter of your life. Remember we will be here for you and will love you always!

Love you, Mom and Dad

Isaiah Johnson

We are so proud of the smart, handsome and often sarcastic man you have become. Now a new adventure begins and off you go to change the world. (Just remember that college won’t accept tardy notes from your mom anymore). We love you forever!

Olivia Duke

“I constantly go between wanting you to be my baby forever, and being excited about all the amazing things you’ll do in this life”

You are the light in our lives

Love you always,

Mom, Dad, Alex & Bella
Kaitlyn Davidson

We are so proud to have you as our daughter. You are smart, beautiful, talented, and kind. No matter where life leads you keep God first and you can accomplish anything. Never be afraid to dream big.

Your Biggest Fans
Mom & Dad

Anakin Thornton

We are so proud of you, you are a wonderful young man! We love you!
Mom, Seth and Tage,
Dad and Uncle Danny

Kylee Kent

To our daughter: We are continually amazed by you and incredibly proud. Know you are forever loved wherever your next journey takes you.

Michael Evans

Congratulations Buddy! We are so proud of you and excited to see what your future holds! Best of luck as you begin the next chapter of your life! Love you always and forever.
Dad, Mom, and the Sister Crew

Emily Lower

You’ve come a long way Emily... from chubby cheeks and a bad lid to Crocs and a canteen. You are a beautiful dancer and actress. We’ve loved every minute of your journey through life and are very PROUD of everything you have accomplished! Go get your dreams!

Love- Mom and Dad
Remington Loyd

Our strong willed child has become a strong willed woman. From a freshman to a senior in the blink of an eye. "Dare to live the life you have dreamed for yourself. Go forward and make your dreams come true." Ralph Waldo Emerson
We Love you, Dad, Mom and Kannon

Chole M. Jones

Be bold enough to use your voice, brave enough to listen to your heart, and strong enough to follow your dreams.
Love Mom & Dad

Audrey Lindsteadt

We are so proud of you and excited to see what journey your dreams take you on! "I am the one thing in life I can control. I am inimitable. I am an original." - Lin-Manuel Miranda, Hamilton
We love you! Mom & Dad, Maisie and Chica

Christine Hillyard

Christine we are so proud of you. You have grown up so fast. Hope you achieve all your goals.
We love you!
Mom, Dad, Kyle, Ashton and Logan

Tieria Fish

In Loving Memory of Billy (Bud) Batson
Jake Mikesch

Don’t let anyone set your limits, persevere to reach your goals and live your dream. We love you and believe in you.
Love, Mom, Dad, Clay, and Emily

Jayda Cunning

Behind you, All of your memories
Before you, All of your dreams
Around you, All who love you
Within you, All you need
Congratulations! We love you!
Mom, Dad & Jacob

Austin Solomon

Always remember you are Braver than you believe stronger than you seem smarter than you think and loved more than you know.
Love, Mom

Caitlyn O’Neal

Caitlyn-
We are so proud of you! Since you were young, you’ve been going places! Don’t stop now!
Guard your heart above all else; for it determines the course of your life. Proverbs 4:23
Love,
Dad, Mom, Aaron, Bub, Kaidyn, Isaac, MaMa, PaPa, MoMo and PoPo
Megan Parmer

Megan, you have grown into an amazing young woman. Your love for Jesus radiates from the inside out. Continue to share your kind heart and beautiful smile wherever he may send you! Trust him always! You are loved sweet one! What a blessing you are!
Dad, Mom and Zach

Jacob Cranfield

Our son, as we watch you grow and leave your childhood behind, we have so many wishes for you. We wish you confidence to face challenges, wisdom to choose your path, adventure and joy to greet you. We wish you contentment born of simple things, lots of friends and cherished moments. Most of all, we wish you love!! WE ARE SO VERY PROUD OF YOU!
Love, Mom & Dad

Peyton Bartlett

We are so proud of the young man you have became! On to the next adventure!
Love always
Mom, Hannah & Beau

Alexis Stockwell

Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take. Proverbs 3:6
We are so proud of the young woman you have become. We love you more than you can imagine.
Love- Mom & Dad, Jason & Gracie
**Hadley Joyce**

Hadley, it has been a joy watching you grow up into the beautiful person that you are. We are so very proud of you. Excited to see what the future holds for you.

Love, Mom, Dad, Miranda, Nolan and Lynde

“We love you more than the stars in the sky”

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**Mateo Anderson**

Mateo, congratulations! We couldn’t be any prouder of the young man you have become and all your accomplishments. We look forward to your bright future! Watching you grow up has been a journey filled with many blessings and joys.

Love, Dad and Mom

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**Ronald Burr**

Ronnie, we are so proud of the man you have become. Your heart, integrity, faith, and love are truly gifts from God. May you continue to trust in God and live a life that glorifies Him.

Deut. 31:6

Love,

Mom, Dad, Abigail, and Sarah

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**Sarayah Wiedmaier**

We are so proud of you on all the things you have done in the last 4 years. Your sweet nature will carry you into the future. Reach for the stars.

Love, Mom and Dad

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**Hailey Hopkins**

Hailey,

You are such a beautiful soul who has accomplished so much. You care about your priorities & make it a priority to care about others. Keep trusting God’s great plan & holding onto your faith, character, wisdom, positive outlook & that laugh! So proud of you & love you loads!

Mom, Dad, Van & Cole
Saige Warner

Saige, you surprised us by showing up a month before your due date and you've had us on our toes ever since! We are so proud of you and love you beyond measure!
Love, Mom, Dad, Taibor, Khai

Logan Burns

CONGRATULATIONS!!! You are going to go on to great things. Follow your dreams and work hard to get there! We wish you the best!
Student Body Officers

Making Central Great

Story by Claudia Kammerer

During the week of preliminary voting for student body officers, Central High School’s walls are plastered in posters varying in content, but all with one universal message: Vote. Candidates pass out popsicle sticks embroidered in slogans and anything else they think will help their cause. This excitement inside school walls is only furthered by spring weather beginning to appear outside.

On the day of the final election, an all-school assembly is held in the auditorium. The existing SBOs sit in a corner onstage, clothed in crisp shirts with stitched plays on their names. As the debates begin, Sarah Burr and Alexanaka Naboros both express their ideas of how they will make the biggest difference in next year’s chapter as treasurers. Ellie Larson and Claire Richardson follow up with exciting speeches for secretary that made the school chuckle. Next, Abbey Grooms and Zach Hanlan battle it out in the debate for Vice President. Lastly, Colton Connors and Taylor Hutcherson wow the crowd in their campaigns for the presidency with promises for the coming year and... singing? Connors gave Central High School a talent show by belting out some sweet Sinatra.

Following the tremendous voter turnout, students stuck to their screens in wait of a tweet from the current president, Jon Walker. Not only were voters excited, but the prospective officers were just as nervous. Finally, a notification arrived: Taylor Hutcherson, Zach Hanlan, Claire Richardson, and Alexanaka Naboros won the spots of president, vice president, secretary and treasurer. Due to politics, posters, and a small push from our current officers, Central High School shared its voice and took the incentive to vote.

President-Elect Taylor Hutcherson, VP-Elect Zach Hanlan, Secretary-Elect Claire Richardson, and Treasurer-Elect Alexanaka Naboros stand at the podium to deliver their winning speeches. We look forward to the coming year and the implementation of some exciting ideas that were presented during the debates.
On the Path to Success

Scholarship, Leadership, Service, and Character

Story by Haley Green

The National Honor Society program at Central introduces their new yearly inductees through an assembly so parents, students, and faculty can all celebrate their achievements throughout the community, as well as academically throughout their high school career.

Each year new inductees are tapped on Tap Day after a lengthy application process, and formally introduced to their peers during the ceremony held shortly after. New inductees wear white dresses and tuxes with black ties to signify their entry into the program. Members who were inducted last year, wear formal gowns and blue bow ties to signify their seniority in the program. As the previous inductees await their new companions upon stage, each new inductee lights a single candle to represent their new position in the Central High School chapter of National Honor Society.

"It really is a great honor," exclaimed Senior Osama Hanif, inducted in 2017. "I worked hard to become a part of the program, and I remember what it was like anticipating if I was going to get accepted or not. When I was watching all of the new inductees getting introduced, I could just tell how much it meant to all of them. It is an accomplishment for everyone involved, even though others view the assembly to be lengthy."

The induction ceremony also includes a presentation of new members introduced into the Academic Hall of Fame. This year, Dr. Camille Crittenden, Frank Heath, and Dr. Gary V. Heller were introduced to the Academic Hall of Fame based off of their accomplishments following their completion of their education at Central. The successes and accomplishments range from fields of art and film, math, science, and technology. Hafza Khan, who presented the thought of the day at the ceremony, expressed, "As a part of National Honor Society, it’s exciting to hear about the accomplishments that past Central students have achieved. I personally think of it as encouragement to show not only the NHS members, but also all of the students attending the ceremony that we all have potential to do great things as long as we have the motivation and drive to do so."

Jared Gutzmer, the 2017-2018 Vice President of National Honor Society, encourages everyone to explore National Honor Society. "It’s empowering to be a part of, especially being an officer. This year’s inductees will surely do great things, and I am excited for the future of NHS, as well as all of the past, present, and future members."

In Remembrance of Parkland

Students participate in a nationwide protest against school violence.

On March 14, 2018 Central students were given the opportunity to take part in a nationwide walk-out in support of student safety in schools. Seniors Emily Lower and Devon Shewell stood up for what they believed in by alternating in giving speeches in front of those who decided to come out and participate in the event. “The meaning of the walk out was to promote school safety, honor those who have been affected by school shootings, and urge our legislators to take action,” says Emily.

Junior Anna Blachar also feels strongly about the subject. “The walk out was an incredibly important opportunity to use our voices as the next generation and speak out in honor of the 17 students who lost their lives in the Parkland, Florida school shooting. The right to dissent is the foundation of the U.S. and I am so glad that the students of CHS exercised that right today,” Anna continued by crediting Emily and Devon for their “amazing, inspiring” speeches that showed the power the student body can wield.

Senior Darius Wallis states, “It was a great way for the student body to be able come together to stand up for what we believe is right. The safety of students is valuable and should always come first.”
1. & 2. Central students gather at the football stadium to listen to the speeches and observe a moment of silence for those students who lost their lives in Parkland, Florida on February 14, 2018.
3. Dylan Kline and Thomas Mann hold up the United States Flag. JROTC students wanted to observe 17 minutes of silence, one for each student killed; They gathered around the flagpole to silently express their views.
4. & 5. Students wore red shirts with various sayings to express their point of view.

A Different Point of View

On March 14th students who felt strongly about the school shooting in Parkland, Florida walked out of school at 10:00 am and stayed outside for seventeen minutes. Tensions were high at Big Blue Nation. Nationally, the walkout was a protest against guns. A group of Central students "repped red" to express their right and belief of the second amendment. Students who chose not to participate in the walkout felt like this was a violation of our second amendment. Most students at Central kept their opinions to themselves.

A group of seniors felt very strongly about this topic. "Keep your opinion and we'll keep our guns," Trace Walters stated.

Central Indians who did not agree did not voice their opinion as loudly. Kloey Albertson explains that, "School should not be involved in politics."

Senior Zion Broadus added, "I didn't participate in the walkout because I disagree with its agenda, and because gun laws don't stop bad people."

Central High School accepted everyone's beliefs and supported all students whether they stayed in their classroom, or not. We are one school, and we as students have the right to our own opinions.
Hitting it Out of the Park!

In his 5th year at Central, Coach Brett Seifert knows that, although Central won the City Championship, the 3 game round-robin held between city schools does not make or break their team. For Seifert, the ultimate goal for Central is to become the best possible team they can be, all while possessing the skills to be successful players on and off the field.

Nonetheless, Senior Brent Thee is thankful for the opportunity to play in the Championship and is proud of his team's success, "It got our feet in the water. It gave us an opportunity to see some live pitching and see what we need to work on to be the best team we can be." He is excited for the upcoming season and for the opportunity to work with his teammates towards a similar goal of a district championship. Thee is planning on continuing his baseball career at Central Methodist University.

Thee and Coach Seifert both share a common goal- becoming a dominant team that can propel themselves deep into the playoffs. Seifert intends for his players to practice their hardest to be good teammates and strong individuals who can perform under pressure and can put a triumphant product out on the field. He wants his team to be aware of their attitudes and work-ethnic to make their team great. The lessons the team gets from the diamond can directly affect their life off the field, "Baseball resembles a lot of aspects of life. There is a lot of adversity in baseball but it's not about the adversity that makes you who you are as a player, it's about how you respond to the adversity that makes you who you are as a player." Seifert's ideal goal for the team is to be players who can adapt to circumstance and achieve their highest aspirations.

One of Central's seniors, Zachary Kanatzar, is excited for the upcoming season and for the friendships he's made throughout his four years at Central, "[It's nice] just being with the guys, this is the closest team I've ever been with so it's really nice to hangout with the guys and maybe get a district championship." He hopes that the confidence they earned from winning the City Championship propels them towards a successful season.
1. Zach Kanatzar works hard for an out. He sacrifices his knees, hoping to beat the stealing runner from the opposing team to the base. This is Kanatzar’s fourth year playing baseball for Central.
2. Graham Hill and Parker Berry have a conference at the mound to decide on a plan of attack.
3. Jake Mikesch winds up and prepares to send the ball flying across the field. Mikesch is an all-around athlete and has participated in four different sports during his time at Central.
4. Graham Hill sits ready behind home plate, doing his part to strike out whoever he can. He has caught for the Central Indians all three years.
5. Alex Caudill takes a flying leap into the air, glove outstretched awaiting an oncoming ball. He’s become a big asset to the Varsity team.

C-Team
First Row: Jordan Kerns, Kade Harris, Parker Daniels, Brayden Piatti, Keegan Lewis, Second Row: Joshua Eivins, Quentin Berry, Trey Eggleston, Damian Mujica, Alex Duke, Cody Sollars, Third Row: Gerard Barnes, Connor Bell, Coach Fisher, La’var Felder, Zachary Williamson, not pictured: Skylar Jones


Varsity Team:
First Row: Jake Mikesch, Noah Cameron, Zach Kanatzer, Brent Thee, Second Row: Parker Berry, Alex Caudill, Samson Holcomb, Zach Hanlan, Peyton Smith, Third Row: Graham Hill, Mason Carr, Hunter Madison, Roy Holcomb
1. Senior Ronnie Burr drives the ball to the fairway.
2. Sophomore Koby Hoffman puts the ball.
3. Senior Jake Mikasch drives the ball with a powerful swing.
4. Senior Calvin DuVall drives the ball down the fairway.
5. Junior Kristian DuVall sets the ball on the tee before he drives it.
6. Freshman Cooper Hayes reads the green before he puts the ball.
Boys Golf

Par-tee Time!

Story by Cameron Hanson

Imagine: birds chirping, gentle breezes, and the warm sun. There are no worries on the golf course. This is a game that takes a lot of time and dedication, but according to assistant coach Kimble, “Things are looking good for our team. Everyone has a great attitude and they are all willing to work on their golf game.”

In order for the players succeed, they need to be calm. Senior Jake Mikesch explains, “You can’t let emotions get the best of you throughout the round, you have to stay within yourself.”

With such great performances, the players have set some high goals. Mikesch says, “We want to go to state this year as a team. The last 3 years, we’ve been really close and now we feel we’re all well rounded and we have a chance.” As the season progresses, the team is guaranteed to continue to improve and meet their goal!
1. Senior Karissa Brown kicks the ball for a penalty shot. She is one of the strongest kickers on the team and she never lets them down.

2. Freshman Ivory Howat blocks a shot made by the opposite team. She played very well and was able to help her team make a goal later on in the game.

JV: 1st Row: Madison Lopez, Satine Valencia-Graham, Hailey Fox, Jenice Myers, Alexia Adams
2nd Row: Jazmin Sosa, Andrea Brown, Ivory Howat, Marissa Drag
3rd Row: Jacqueline Thomas, Ariana Bailey, Grace Tang, Alexis Starks, Molly Carlson, Vanessa Tobar, Emma Woody
4th Row: Luis Rivera, Sung Khun

C-Team: 1st Row: Kailey Pond, Sung Khun, Ryann Adkins, Julie Tovar
2nd Row: Jasmin Baltzer, Gwendolyn Noland, Clareece Taylor, Tangle Schraufek-Forshee, Ashton Hartscben
3rd Row: Gracie Schraufek, Zoe Haddock, Olivia Horn, Bailey Uldrich, Brittney Haynes, Emmy Thrasher, Coach Kristin Ebberts
Girls Soccer

Kickin’ It

The 2018 Central Indians Lady Soccer Team has kicked their season off to a great start with having 4 wins and 3 losses. They have started off their season with being the city champs and were later awarded the Hy Vee team of the week. The Lady Indians have been practicing hard and have had some amazing leadership throughout their team. Junior Captain Ashlynn Bardo states, “As team co-captain, our main responsibility is to set an example for the rest of our teammates and constantly have a good attitude, whether the game is going the way we want it to or not. Being co-captain with Hayley, Lu, and Liza, we are able to spread our positive influence throughout the team because we all play different positions and we can better lead the team like this.”

This year the Lady Indians expanded into a C-team to act as a building program. This allows the team to increase in their numbers and not have any cuts during tryouts. With this new program it has the girls prepare for the future when they play on the JV and Varsity teams. Senior Megan Parmer says, “I think it is an awesome thing to try to build up the program and try to expand our numbers and hopefully see a positive impact in the future.”

The Lady Indians have formed a strong bond throughout their season so far. “The fact that we are like a big family. Of course there is fighting, but in the end we have the same goal, to win. We all play as hard as we can to get there. It’s really awesome to be a part of,” states Senior Tori Tolen. With hardwork and dedication they will have a successful season.
Boys Tennis

Baby Got Backhand

Story by Cameron Gilmore

Tennis is a sport of placement, not just strength or speed. Assistant Coach Scott Blakely further explained, “It’s a very active sport, there’s a lot of running involved, and it’s a mental game, so it develops mental toughness.” When the ball is hit, forces such as spin, friction, and the player’s force are put onto it, which can lead to the ball going to places the opponent is not ready for. Once these are perfected by the player, they can have full control of the court and put the ball anywhere they want.

Although, being able to perfect these skills will not happen overnight, hours of practice and dedication to the game are required to push toward some of these skills. Junior Varsity player Chance Deckard explains, “I practice with my personal coach 2 times a week and 5 times a week with Central.” Other players also have personal coaches or lessons, to further work on the weak points they cannot work on during normal practice time.

Tennis is not just about the individual players, as each match won contributes to the team’s running total for the varsity and JV squads. Therefore, each player must put their best foot forward, as one match could make or break the team’s record. Teammates cheer passionately and watch intently for each match, including games that will not affect the outcome of which school wins. Sophomore Matt Davis, a varsity player remarked, “We have a good relationship with each other to where no matter what happens, whether we win or lose, we do it as a team.” Central Tennis is looking strong, winning their first match of the season against Blue Springs.
1. Senior Cade Alden stays on his toes while he waits for his opponent to serve the ball. Returning the serve is important, as it sets the pace for the rest of the game.
2. Sophomore James Reid tells his opponent his serve was out. James acts respectful during the match and returns the ball to his opponent.
4. Freshman Clayton Mikesh runs to hit a backhand. Backhands generally require more power due to the awkwardness of the hit.
5. Sophomore Lake Campbell awaits his opponent’s return. Lake keeps his eyes on the ball as it flies through the air and plans his next hit.
6. Sophomore Joseph Robb follows through with his powerful forehand. Joseph saved the ball from going out of bounds and recuperated shortly afterwards.
7. Junior Joseph Bui powerfully serves the ball. Joseph won the match while his friends cheered him on.
8. Sophomore Nicolas Steele follows through towards the back of the court. Nicolas later won the game while playing against a higher rank.

Track and Field
Runners Take Your Marks...

Story by Abby Horn

The 2018 Central Boys' and Girls' Track Teams have had an exceptional season! They've spent countless hours perfecting their crafts, whether running long distances, short sprints, far jumps, high jumps, distance throwing, or hurdles. Everybody played their own part and was a great addition to the team. Many afternoons were spent on school buses where they traveled to compete in a variety of meets against numerous schools. They performed very well and always gave it their all. Members of the track team were faced with many obstacles whether it was frigid temperatures at meets, sore muscles, or injuries, they pushed through whatever was thrown at them and never gave up!

The season kicked off at an indoor track at University of Central Missouri on March 19th. It was a great first meet for all of the athletes to try out their new events for the year, while having some healthy competition against the other schools that attended. The season came to a close with the state track meet. Athletes from Central worked very hard for a chance to qualify and go up against the best of the best in the State of Missouri. Central Track had a very memorable and successful season, and they hope to continue to improve even more next year!

Senior Gwen Bachman has advice for anyone wanting to try track, “I would say they should try track, because there is always a spot for everyone and it is a good way to stay involved through the end of the school year.” Gwen has been a distance runner on the team for four years.

The team is welcoming to everyone. Senior Trey Segrist was a newcomer to the team, but he quickly found his place. “My favorite part is definitely the workouts because our teams pushes each other through the hard workouts and the easy ones. This is what makes our team so close.”

They always support all of their fellow teammates and they always cheer each other on during their tough races. It is a sport that creates lasting memories that no one will forget. Senior Anika Newbold recalls her favorite part of being on the track team these past years, “It is fun forming new relationships with all the girls, and just the overall memories that are created at the meets, you’ll always remember.” Anika has been on the team for three years.
What thoughts go through your mind right before you race?

Jessica Wegenka- "Honestly my mind goes blank and I just think about how I'm the only one on the track. It's just me, the track, and the timer."

Kacey DuVall- "I think about how I need to stay calm, and the race will be over before I know it."

Will Hall- "My thoughts are to always run hard, never look back, do my absolute best, and having to go to the bathroom."

Grace Schwoppe- "Only 8 more laps to go!"

Cruz Becerra- "I think about the race before me and what I need to do to do better than I have in previous races. I'll think about splits, who I want to beat in my race, and I think about how much guts it will take to push it in the race as much as I need to."
Boys Track

1st Row: Boston Small, Ryan Dale, Jason Fuller, Nathan Barry, Andrew Obermier, Tyler McCarthy, Mason Orscheln, Trey Segrist, Jonathan Fletcher
3rd Row: Cruz Llanas, Chase McCravy, Ricky Cox, Ethan Klino, Hayden Mase, Chris Pierpoint, Clay Teschner
4th Row: Cruz Becerra, Thomas Mann, Dylan Klino, Ethan Ross-Taylor, James Jura, Parker Haisack, Drew Reed, Will Small, Dawson Jones
5th Row: Christopher Mosoti, Jalyne McDougal, Malachi Johnson, Roman Becerra, Celeb Zweierink, Brody Jackson, Malik May, Jose Perez
6th Row: Braden Bigham, Joseph Barbosa, Chris Chamberlain, Izzy Chatfield, Madison Hamm, Maddie Kibler, Samantha Heckel

Girls Track

1st Row: Anika Newbold, Kassandra Sears, Rachel Brunner, Gwen Bachman, Ami Dias
2nd Row: Mackenzie Miller, Taylor Bristol, Jessica Wegenka, Genesis Gonzales, Abigail Sterms
3rd Row: Kacey DuVall, Abigial Horn, Riley Nichols, Lauren DuVall, Grace Schwepe, Madalyn Page
4th Row: Rebecca Evans, Amandamikkal Nabor, Alanna Phoenix, Lydia Grier, Lauren Eisman, Natalie Keller, Jaclyn McCleod, Allison Jones, Shyla Cohen, Shannon Holmes
5th Row: Coach Kelley, Coach Taylor, and Coach Hunter

1. Senior Rachel Brunner pushes to the finish line. This is Brunner's first year running.
2. Brody Jackson hands off the baton to Nathan Barry to finish the race.