

The Central Issue

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From the Principal's Desk

As we approach the final weeks of the 2004-05 school year, we reflect on what makes Davenport Central High School *the best place to learn..*

We acknowledge the parents and families who have supported their students at competitions, performances and in the classroom. We know that you understand that the education of our youth is a partnership. This is evidenced by parent-teacher conferences, meetings and communications. You responded when asked to help prepare your children mentally and physically for the ITED tests, the measuring stick for *No Child Left Behind*. Preliminary data indicates that we had more students attend to take the tests this year. The 11th grade ITED scores show growth in the area of mathematics, while being consistent with last year in the area of reading comprehension.

The faculty at Central High School is the best. They are knowledgeable, caring teachers who challenge students to do their best. They continually look to improve best practices. The Monday late-starts this term, are allowing department teams the time to focus on student achievement and the impact of their curriculum and practices on student learning. Teacher teams are writing actions plans that include clarifying course outcomes, developing common assessments, establishing specific and measurable goals, and identifying improvement strategies. In addition, Central H.S. is very fortunate to have a large staff of classified personnel who serve families as secretaries, para-professionals in the classroom, safety monitors, and cafeteria workers. These people, through the relationships they build with students, become student advocates and are vital members of the support team.

On a daily basis, we see students at Central High School doing their personal best. We see it reflected in the number of students challenging themselves by taking high level and advanced placement classes. We see it in the students who overcome life's challenges to be here every day. It is evidenced by the number of students who receive scholastic



recognitions. It is evidenced by those who join clubs that give service to others. We consistently recognize those who have excelled in athletics and the performing arts. All of us are very proud of our students and for their accomplishments and how they represent Davenport Central.

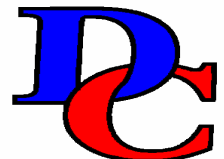
In this Centennial year, we are thankful for the alumni and staff who have made many contributions to the activities commemorating the *100 years of Excellence in Education* that Davenport Central High School represents. It is the hope that many families will attend the final celebration on the afternoon of Sunday, June 19, 2005.

As I write my last Central issue, I reflect upon and am thankful for the people I have met and for everything I have learned because of the experiences I have had as a member of the Central family.

On behalf of the staff, we look forward to seeing you at graduation at 5:30 P.M. on Sunday, June 5 at the MARK of the Quad Cities. This year, the final report cards will be mailed home in June. Later in the summer, you can expect registration materials for the 2005-06 school year. Please ensure that you receive these important communications by reporting changes of address to the attendance or guidance offices.

Sincerely,
Amy Campanile, Associate Principal

A community meeting will be held in room 251 (west end of the cafeteria) during parent-teacher conferences on May 4th at 6:00 p.m.



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Students Win National Journalism Awards

Gina Jarrell received first place for Sports Editorial Cartoon in the national Columbia Scholastic Press Gold Circle Competition.. Students from high schools and middle schools submitted 10,271 individual and staff entries for the competition. Judges cited a total of 556 winners for First, Second or Third Place and Certificates of Merit for those deemed worthy of honorable mention in a category. The complete listing of awards can be found under "Awards" at <http://www.columbia.edu/cu/cspa> . Please look for either "Scholastic" or "Collegiate" for appropriate results. Archive files of prior years' awards are also available on the website.

The Quill & Scroll International Writing Competition named Ari Iaccarino as a Gold Key recipient for his column, "Meet Pope George Bush". This is one of the 12 categories in the competition sponsored by the American Society of Newspaper Editors/Quill and Scroll.. The competition had over 3800 entries with only 279 awards given. Iaccarinos's division had 410 contestants . He is eligible to apply for one of the \$500 Edward J. Nell Memorial Scholarships in Journalism..

At the Journalism Education Association Write-Off Competition in Seattle Washington, Ariel Arbisser, Josh Kersten, and Jack Xu won awards for their performance. With over 4500 students at the convention Xu earned one of the 85 Superior ratings presented by judges for Academic Copy Captions. Arbisser and Kersten achieved excellent ratings for their work in Review and Feature Writing,. They were two of the 193 students of the 4500 in the competitions who received such a rating. Arbisser, Xu, Haake and Pearson joined Adviser Deb Buttlemann Malcolm and Executive Director of Iowa High School Press Association in presenting Central's journalism literacy projects, a partnership with the University of Iowa for the last seven years.

Sixteen (16) students were selected to the National Scholastic Press Association's Journalism Honor Roll: Ariel Arbisser, James Crossen, Annemarie Chambliss, Sandra Grzybowski, Alexandra Haake, John Hayes, Antonio Iaccarino, Hallie Kilmer, Kara Leabhart, Amber Loerzel, Jennifer Mannhardt, Erin McCluskey, Kelsey Mims, Renagh Oleary, Andrew Steckel, and Jack Xu. The NSPA Honor Roll recognizes student journalists who have excelled as journalists and scholars for a minimum of one year and have a minimum grade point average of 3.75.

NEWSPAPER

The BlackhawK Newspaper is accepting congratulations ads for the 2005 graduation issue through May 15, 2005. The graduation issue is given to seniors at graduation and then sold to the general public. For more information see any staff member or call 323-9900 ext 215.

The *BlackhawK Centennial Edition* is for sale for \$5.00. Contact any staff member for delivery.

INTERNATIONAL CLUB

Twenty Brazilian students will be here for three weeks in November 2005. If you are interested in hosting a student please contact Ariel Arbisser or Darryl Deleon.

Publications Banquet & Quill & Scroll Induction.

Central High School publications (Newspaper, Yearbook, Devil's Diary and BlackhawK) are having a potluck honoring "On-line" recognitions and Quill & Scroll Inductees. The potluck will be held in the Blue Devil Café on Wednesday, May 18, 2005. Seating begins at 4:30 p.m., with the ceremony starting sharply at 5p.m. Please bring a dish to share. Parents of inductees and those receiving recognitions are invited.

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JROTC NEWS

AJROTC MAJOR UPCOMING EVENTS:

1. Iron Cadet JROTC championship in Waterloo on 13 May. (We are the defending champions.)
2. Central graduation at the Mark
3. Central Centennial Celebration, 19 June 05
4. Summer Camp in Des Moines, IA 1-5 Aug. 2005

BLUE DEVIL FOOTBALL

The football program will be participating in their third annual team football camp at Wayne State College. The camp will be June 9th-11th in Wayne, Nebraska. There is a \$50 down payment due on May 13th to secure your seat on the charter bus and the final payment of \$135, for a total of \$185, must be turned in to Coach Verdon by June 3rd.

The football program will be holding it's annual Spring Parent/Athlete Cookout on Sunday May 22nd. You will be receiving updated information in the next few weeks on this issue.

The coaching staff has passed out the spring and summer calendar to your sons. If you did not receive this, ask your son to get one from Coach Verdon. This calendar will allow you to see the activities that are taking place.

The football staff wishes all the spring and summer athletics and activities the best of luck!

Go Blue Devils,
Coach Verdon



PROM

The Prom is May 7th from 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm. The Prom will be held on the Celebration Belle.



PROM IS MAY 7, 2005 - SO IS "AFTER PROM"

The After Prom Committee is underway with planning, fundraising, and organizing sub-committees for this great and **FREE** event. It will be held at North Park Mall from 11:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. There will be free food, fabulous entertainment, fun games, tons of fantastic prize baskets and give aways! All juniors and seniors are invited to attend the After Prom, whether the attend Prom or not. Students do need a school ID to get into After Prom.

PARENTS— we need your help! You have probably already received a letter about this event.. Please consider making a cash donation and/or volunteering to help at After Prom this year. To volunteer, call Liz Lazio at 359-5922. To make a cash or prize donation, contact Mary Ann Petruccelli at 386-3075; 5960 Oakbrook Road, Davenport, IA 52806.

GRADUATION

Commencement for Central High School will be at the Mark of the Quad Cities on June 5th, 2005 at 5:30 p.m..

REMINDER FOR SENIORS: Rehearsal for graduation is on Thursday, June 2nd at 9:30 am. The 2005 Senior class picture will be taken on Friday, June 3rd at 12:30 pm. Caps and gowns will be distributed on Friday after the senior class picture is taken. Seniors must attend both days to participate in the graduation ceremony!

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TEACHERS RECOGNIZED AT CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

Julie Amendt (Special Education) and Jill Lafrenz (Business Education) were recognized at the February 28, 2005 school board meeting as successful grant writers for the Fall 2004 cycle of the Scott County Regional Authority. There were ten grants funded throughout the district for a total of \$227,608 awarded.

Julie Amendt, Central High School Special Education Department Chair, wrote and received grant money to add four multi-media carts, one projector, and one printer to the Special Education Department. The multi-media carts include a Dell Computer, scanner, projector, speakers, wireless mouse and keyboard, and wheeled cart. The purpose of the carts will be to provide special education teachers with more opportunities to include technology into their curriculum and instruction as well as to give the students the opportunity to improve their skills and knowledge of technology.

Jill Lafrenz wrote a grant for Central, North, West, and the Alternative Education Center that allowed security software to be installed in all eleven business education labs. This security software allows for increased student time-on-task, increased classroom interactivity, engagement of students, multi-tasking efforts, and increased interaction.

The interaction between teacher and student this software provides will additionally benefit students who are either hearing or visually impaired, thus increasing the types of accommodations made for students with special needs.



CENTENNIAL HISTORY COMMITTEE

Purchase a first of its kind "Living History" DVD/Video that commemorates the school and those that have attended DHS/CHS. The DVD honors the school's rich traditions and records history for generations to come! The DVD is being produced by Media Work Productions and is expected to be available May 15th.

Over 45 alumni interviews! Lots of great history about DHS/CHS!

Cost is \$10.00 (\$2.00 for shipping and handling if you want it mailed) Pick up a form in the main office to order your copy today!

DHS/CHS History Museum

We are establishing a permanent exhibit/museum to honor the school's tradition of excellence. The museum will be located in the vestibule outside of the library. The alumni classes of 1950 and 1964 have funded the construction of two beautiful wood cabinets for the purpose of housing the artifacts. **We are looking for high school memorabilia from all decades to include in our museum.** This can include: photos, uniforms/jackets, buttons, pennants, yearbooks, newspaper articles, high school documents, pins or rings, etc. **If you have any high school artifacts to donate, please contact the school at 323-9900 or bring them to the CHS main office.**

Check our www.davenport.k12.ia.us/central for more information on the Centennial.

ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB

The Environmental Club, led by Alysa Bradley, Ashley Petersen, and Nicole Brokloff, has been collecting cans and bottles from various classrooms in the building for recycling. This has been an extremely successful endeavor. We hope to purchase some landscaping materials for the Centennial celebration with the funds that have been raised by the recycling collections.

Mrs. Heninger – heningerg@davenportschools.org

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DHS/CHS ALMA MATER CONTEST

(You write the words, we'll write the music.)

In celebration of its 100th anniversary, the Davenport Central High School Music Department is announcing plans to create something the school has never had, an Alma Mater. What is an "Alma Mater?" It is an anthem written as a tribute or in honor of the school one has attended. "Alma Mater" is Latin for "nourishing mother." It is a solemn song that captures the feelings of gratitude and honor one feels for the education and experiences that were shared at a specific school. It is sometimes sung at school events, such as games, concerts, and reunions.

Mr. Fred Morden, director of orchestras at CHS, is also a composer and arranger and will write the music for the new Alma Mater. He will work with the author (YOU?) of the selected text and write arrangements for the CHS choir, band, and orchestra. The new Alma Mater will be presented for the first time at the 100th Anniversary Gala Music Department concert scheduled on June 18, 2005, at 7pm and will be performed by music department DHS/CHS Alumni and current students.

Text submissions are due on or before May 1, 2005 and must conform to the guidelines which are posted on the Central website - http://www.davenportschools.org/central/alumni/centennial/alma_mater.asp

REFUNDS?

As the end of the school year approaches it is time to think of how much to deposit in your student's snap account. Under classmen can have their accounts transfer to next year. If you do not wish to have your money transfer or if your student is a senior, they need to request a refund. Requests will begin June 1st thru June 6th. Requests can be made to any cashier in the Blue Devil Café..

Central Talented and Gifted Programs

Scholastic Bowl has competed in several tournaments this year! Our latest tournament was at the 2005 NAQT State Championship on April 2 at the University of Iowa. Our next tournament will be on Monday, May 2 at North High School auditorium at 7:30 p.m. We will be having an exhibition with both West and North High School. This tournament has been established as a result of our team's efforts in promoting Scholastic Bowl! Come out and support us at this time! We have played very well this year and are looking forward to next year, as we continue to build our team with new members. Our team members are: Eric Anderson, Paul Baresel, Ben Behrendt, Alysa Bradley, Nicole Brokloff, Brendan Chambers, Tim Corlett, Jason Davis, Annie Harre, Kent Iglehart, Paul Kloppenborg, Ashley Olt, Ashley Petersen, and Stephen Quist

Mock Trial Central had four mock trial teams this year with 33 students participating! WOW! Congratulations to all of the teams for their hard work in preparing a difficult case. According the Iowa Bar Assoc., this year's case was perhaps the most challenging legal problem that has ever been presented in Mock Trial. The students should be commended for their ability to handle such complex legal issues. One of our teams qualified for the state tournament in Des Moines by placing second at the regional competition. A special congratulations to the members of that team: Eric Anderson, Caleb Arringdale, Heidi Arringdale, Mary Jo Boddorf, Alex Clewell, Brian Edwards, Ashley Olt, and Kevin Roberts.

BOOK CLUB

Book Club is alive and well. We meet once a month for book discussions. We try to read books that we might not otherwise read to "broaden our horizons." We are not reading a book for the month of May because of everyone's busy schedules. However, we will be up and running next year, so

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CHS TELEPHONE NUMBERS

2004-2005

GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

Junior students planning to attend college should take the ACT and/or the SAT this spring. Registration applications for both tests are available in the Guidance Office.

<u>TEST</u>	<u>TEST DATE</u>	<u>REGISTRATION</u>
ACT	June 11 th	May 6th
SAT I /SAT II	June 4 th	May 11th

College and university admission representatives have appointments this spring to visit CHS. Check the bulletin inside the Guidance Office for dates and times. It is not too early for juniors to talk with these individuals about the respective schools.

The following scholarships have applications available in the Guidance Office:

<u>SCHOLARSHIP</u>	<u>APPLICATION DEADLINE</u>
Beta Sigma PSI Merit Scholarship	May 6
Brian Pearson Scholarship	May 15
Omega PSI PHI Fraternity	May 29
Natl. Assoc. for Women in Const.	May 31
2005 Foster Child Grant	June 1
Indian Hill Comm. College Found.	June 2
Charlie Burkart Scholarship	June 17

Tickets for "Handicap" seating for graduation may be picked up in the guidance office anytime after May 13, 2005 .

AP Online Courses from the Iowa AP Academy

If you are a rising junior or senior that is interested in taking an AP course online next year, please come see Mrs. Heninger in room 501 to express your interest and get information.

ACTIVITIES OFFICE DIRECT DIAL		323-1757
D'Anne Kroemer	Assistant Principal	730
Jenni Weipert	Assistant Principal	732
Linda Wilmes	Secretary	733
Trish Matson	Secretary	731

ADMINISTRATION & MAIN OFFICE

Tim Wernentin	Principal	701
Amy Campanile	Assoc. Prin. (9-10)	706
Shelli O'Brien	Principal's Secretary	704
Jan Hank	Secretary	702
Kay Patterson	Para-Ed. (Switchboard)	0

Attendance Office DIRECT DIAL		323-9800
Deb Schmidt	Secretary	708
Teresa Hampton	Para-Ed.	707

CAFETERIA DIRECT DIAL

DEAN OF STUDENTS DIRECT DIAL		323-1974
Austine Ellis	Dean	423
Dave Thede	Dean	425

DEBATE	Brad Hartje	306
TAG	Gail Heninger	501
Instrumental Music-Reicher		169/167
Vocal - Morden/Riewerts		257/255

GUIDANCE OFFICE DIRECT DIAL		323-1756
Barb Riley	Head Counselor	727
Jean Rossmiller	Secretary	439
Carole Sissel	Counselor	720
Sally Sullivan	Counselor	726
John Eells	Counselor	724
Dr Carol Daniels	Counselor	725
Rick Sharp	Super. Work Study	736
Terri Hansen	Spec. Ed. Consult. AEA	736
Tom Leavell	Psychologist (AEA)	737

Dianne Lorentzen	Nurse	710
Loretta Gamble	Social Worker	735
Jay Kyte	Court Liaison	706
Anastasia Nikolopoulos	Safe Schools Team	706

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