

The Central Issue

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From the Principal's Desk

The last term of the year is a very busy time in the life of a high school student. Not only are students working to excel in the classroom, they have started the process of planning for next year – thinking about the end of year activities, planning for the summer break and considering their school schedule for next year. It is a hectic time of the year for students, teachers, and parents.

We have made some changes to our academic policies regarding class schedules and dropping courses that will effect all students next year. The Davenport Community School district has adopted a “no drop” policy: Student schedules are based upon course selections made by students during the registration period. Students may request a schedule change during “Schedule Change Week” for changes for the next term. Any request to drop a class requires a meeting with the counselor and permission of a parent/guardian. A dropped class must be replaced with another course. Schedules may be corrected or changed for the following reasons:

- Computer error
- Student failed prerequisite course or term 1 of a 2 term course
- Academic misplacement as determined by counselor
- Health/medical reasons documented by medical professional

The Davenport Community School district policy requires that all freshman, sophomores, and juniors are required to take 4 blocks of class each term. Please spend some time talking to your child about their schedule. If you have questions, call their counselor...it is not too late!

In a recently published article, admission officers from some of the most highly rated universities in the nation talked about what they look for in granting admission to prospective students. They stated they “. . . look at a student's high school grades, grades that apply to a student's intended major area of study, the rigor of a student's high school classes, class rank, grade point averages overall

and in core subjects and SAT or ACT scores.” This is the order in which admission officers look at these factors. Often times, a student may think they are doing themselves a favor by taking less challenging classes in order to earn a higher GPA only to find out that the student who took more rigorous courses with a lower GPA actually gained admittance to the college of their choice.

Our Counseling Department has embraced our vision of having the most sought after graduates by colleges, universities and the world of work. They are focusing on making sure our students are prepared by offering a rigorous four-year program. It is not about just getting our students to graduate from high school. Please encourage your student to take challenging classes and make the most of their high school experience!

We continue to have students succeed at the highest levels. At the time of this printing, admittance letters and scholarships are beginning to come in for our outstanding seniors! Congratulations and good luck to all our seniors! As the grand finale of the year, I look forward to seeing you at graduation at 3:00 P.M. on Sunday, June 11th at the MARK of the Quad Cities.

Our students will be honored for their outstanding academic achievement in May. The award ceremonies will be held in Kahler Auditorium; Freshmen and Sophomores will be May 15th at 7:00 p.m. and the ceremony for Juniors and Seniors will be held on May 22nd at 7:00 p.m. We hope you will join us in celebrating our student's success this year.

Finally, I want to thank all the parents and community members who attend the conferences, performances, and athletic events to keep our partnership strong. It is so vital that parents join with educators in making the most of our educational programs so all students can achieve at Central High School. Over many years, I have seen the gains and successes that happen when educators and parents work together as partners. Remember, together everyone accomplishes more! I look forward to seeing you at the Parent-Teacher Conferences on May 3rd in the Café from 4:30 to 7:30! This year, the final report cards will be mailed home in June. Later in the summer, you can expect registration materials for the 2006-07 school year. Please ensure that you receive these important communications by reporting changes of address to the attendance or guidance offices.

Sincerely,

Jenni Weipert
Associate Principal

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CENTRAL TALENTED AND GIFTED

Scholastic Bowl

The Freshman/Sophomore and Varsity Scholastic Bowl teams have competed in several tournaments this year and experienced success! Our latest tournament was at the 2006 NAQT High School State Championship on April 1st at the University of Iowa. Our Varsity team won 7 out of 9 matches in the morning, only to lose in the afternoon finals round. Our next event will be **Monday, May 1st** at the CHS auditorium at 7:00 p.m. This is an exhibition with both West and North High Schools and will be great fun. This tournament is in its second year and was established as a direct 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.

AP Online Courses from the Iowa AP Academy

If you are a rising junior or senior and are interested in taking an AP course online next year, please come see Mrs. Heninger in room 501 to express your interest and get information. ***You need to enroll in these courses by May 26th by seeing Mrs. Heninger!***

PSAT PREPARATION

The National Merit Scholarship Program is an academic competition for recognition and scholarships that began in 1955. High school students enter the National Merit Program by taking the Preliminary SAT/ National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/ NMSQT) - a test that serves as an initial screen of approximately 2.6 million entrants each year.

TEST DATE: October 18, 2006

The PSAT test provides:

The best practice for the SAT

The entry point to compete for National Merit Scholarship
(juniors only)

The option to receive information from colleges and scholarship services

Sophomores and talented Freshman are encouraged to take the PSAT exam for practice and the experience of taking a timed standardized college entrance exam.

For information about Central's Talented and Gifted Programs, please contact:

Mrs. Heninger – heninger@davenportschools.org

SENIOR CLASS GIFT

In an effort to give back to Davenport Central before our graduation, the senior class is currently working to raise funds for the Science and Math Departments. With these funds, we plan to fund the construction of display cases on the sixth floor. These cases will be used to preserve and display items found in the time capsule that pertain to the fields of math and science. Partial funds will be raised through Prom 2006, but additional funds are needed. Donations can be made in the main office directly or by mailing donations to the main office. Make checks payable to "Davenport Central High School" or "Davenport Central Foundation." Please be sure to indicate the senior class gift as the purpose of your donation in the memo of your check or in a small note accompanying your donation. DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE. Help preserve Central's history, culture, and heritage!

2006 Senior Class Officers: *Andrew Steckel, Reid Stamer, Zach Becker, Monica Mueller, Amelia Buzzell, Tyler Higdon, Lu Arcenas*

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. The Club has expanded this year to include the following new regular members: Rebecca Briesmoore, Abby Davis, Kalynn Doebel, Ayla Favati, Emma Grady, Karen Hawkinson, Paul Kloppenborg, Katy Paulsen, Brianna Soliz, Chris Wiseman, and Adam Wilkinson.

BLUE DEVILS LOBBY LAWMAKERS

On March 28th, 12 Central High students gave up a day of their spring vacation to join the Davenport School Board in its efforts to improve state funding for the Davenport Community School District. Students Hannah Campbell, Paul Baresel, Andrew Jones, Daphne Bateman, Keshia Rudd, Sally Strobbe, Jerry Harland, Rebecca Klueg, Felicia Gillespie, Emily Aronson, Audrey Neuhaus, and Ben Weinstein joined students from West High to meet with senators and representatives in Des Moines to demonstrate how state funding affects teaching and learning in Davenport classrooms. Several individual Blue Devils addressed a large group of legislators and discussed quality classroom experiences, the need for current text books and the importance of reading as well as math and science education programming. The students then met with individual lawmakers to make a personal case for improving state funding of our public schools. The trip was sponsored by the DCSD school board's legislative advocacy committee.

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“AFTER PROM 2006”

Dear Central Parents,

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 2:30 p.m. There will be free food, fabulous entertainment, games, tons of fantastic prize baskets and give-aways! All juniors and seniors are invited to the After Prom, whether they attend Prom. **Students do need to bring 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 Sue Leabhart at 326-9104. To make a cash or prize donation, contact Mary Ann Petruccelli at 386-3075; 5960 Oakbrook Road, Davenport, IA 52806.

QUAD CITY SCHOLARS

Quad City Scholars is open to all minority students who have a GPA of 2.5 or better, and/or teacher recommendation. If you have questions contact Mrs. Christine Hester at (563) 323-9900 after 3:00 p.m. daily.

- Ashley Allen received 1st place for an essay competition. Her topic was What Black History Mean to Me. Senior Recognition Night is Wednesday, May 24th.

SADD

SADD, in conjunction with the Davenport Fire Department, will be presenting Operation Prom to juniors and seniors on May 4th at 9:30 a.m. Operation Prom is a reenactment of the immediate aftermath of a head-on collision between two automobiles. The scene is based on actual calls that the police, medics, and fire departments must respond to many times during the year. The car full of students who have been drinking at a pre-prom party will be portrayed by Julian Vandervelde, Hannah Campbell, Amelia Buzzell, and Dan Newburn. Teachers, Patricia McClung and Michael Reese will portray the family whose car has been hit by the drunk driver. SADD hopes that this reenactment will remind students of the dangers of drinking and driving or riding in a car with someone who has been drinking and is driving.

SECME

Once again, this year Central students will turn into a bunch of space cadets as they compete for cash and bragging rights in the annual Water Bottle Rocket Challenge. This event gives all students of Central a chance to compete against other Central students in designing and flying of water bottle rockets.

Clinics and classes on construction, safety and flight will take place each Wednesday in May starting on the third at 1:40 in the Annex at Central. Students may choose to build their rockets at these classes or they may build them at home but they must attend at least one of the meetings for a safety briefing before they may compete.

The format is to use two person teams to construct a rocket that will stay in the air the longest amount of time. Cost to participate in the challenge is \$1.00 each person and you must furnish two of your own two-liter plastic pop bottles. The contest will be held at 2:00 pm on Friday May 26. Students who wish to watch the challenge will be able to buy their way out of their fourth block class on this day to watch the launchings. The winning team will receive a cash prize and trophy. For more details, see Ms. Capper, Ms. Marshall, Mr. Kresse, Ms. Terry or Mr. Thede.

GRADUATION

Commencement for Central High School will be at the Mark of the Quad Cities on Sunday, June 11th, 2006 at 3:00pm.

REMINDER FOR SENIORS: **Seniors must attend Rehearsal to participate in the Graduation ceremony!** Rehearsal for graduation is on Wednesday, June 7th at 12:00pm. The 2006 Senior Class picture will be taken Wednesday June 7th at 11:30am. Caps and Gowns will be distributed on Wednesday after rehearsal.

NOTE: ALL FEES AND FINES NEED TO BE PAID PRIOR TO GRADUATION!

Central High School website

<http://www.davenportschools.org/central>



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PROSTART CULINARY CLASS

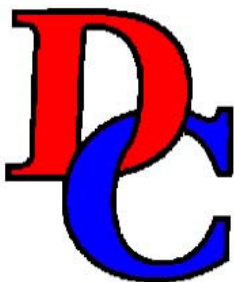
The ProStart class has been very busy practicing for national competition and raising money. Beside the treats they sell to students between classes, they held a Dollars for Dough with Papa John's giving us 20% of the sales. Their second project was fixing a luncheon for staff at Central and the Administrative Services Center. They served Chicken Parmesan on a bed on Spaghetti, Medley Vegetables, and either Carrot Cake with caramel sauce or Pound cakes with Chocolate Ganache sauce. We also sold raffle tickets for a Get-away at Des Moines Comfort Inn and Dinner tickets from the restaurants listed below.

A big thanks goes out to the following for their contribution: Reinhart Food Service, Heart of America, Farradays, Savitries, Famous Dave's, Texas Roadhouse, Bennigan's, Olive Garden, Red Lobster, Biaggi's, Applebee's, Carlos O'Kelly's, Riefe's Village Inn, and Ruby Tuesday.

A huge thanks goes out to Stampede Meat's, Inc and Bill Asleson, a Central graduate, for their very large contribution and support for the ProStart program. Thanks to all who have supported us with their purchases and well wishes. This is a wonderful opportunity for students who are interested in the food service industry. We are hoping to return with high placing at National competition and scholarships.

GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD

The Girls Track & Field team is off to a terrific start to the season! As of this writing, three Blue Devils are #1-ranked in state: Christina Airington in the long jump, Jenna Bieri in the 3000, and Sahvanuh Campbell in the 200. Several others are ranked among the top in 4A, including Jerika Rangel in the 100 hurdles, Jenna Bieri in the 1500 and 800, and the 4x100 and 1600 medley relay teams. The Varsity team recorded its first Jesse Day Relays championship since 1988, and its first-ever team title at the Linn-Mar Lion Relays! The JV team also took first-place honors at the Muscatine Quad and the Linn-Mar meet. The second week of May will find both teams in action at the MAC Championships in Burlington, and the District Championships (State-qualifying meet) at Pleasant Valley. The team is intent on a top-10 State finish!



AJROTC

The Army Junior Reserve Officer Training Corp won the Best School Group at the St. Patrick's Day Parade in the Quad Cities. The Drill Team competed in Des Moines on 22nd of April. The JROTC Formal Ball was held 23rd of April at Central Café. The Quad City JROTC Field Challenge between Central, North, and Rocky was held on 29th of April at Central. The Raider team travels to Waterloo for the Iron Cadet Championship on 12th of May. The Corp will also represent Central at the Armed forces day celebration at Brady street stadium on 20th of May. Summer camp on 1st of August. Chinook Helicopter transportation to Camp Dodge / Des Moines and back.

Mondays- Marksmanship training at Brady stadium.

AP FRENCH

After years of proposing and pleading to administration, our Advanced Placement Class is going to 3 terms. The many other AP classes offered by Central have been 3 terms since their introduction, and now French students will enjoy the same amount of preparatory time. By way of comparison, this year's AP class began in January, and the AP test will be administered on May 1st. This means the students have been more than rigorously preparing for the comprehensive exam, as the test date is more than a full month before the end of school. Next year's AP class will benefit from the extra term to prepare for the AP exam. This positive change is long over due, but not without it's challenges. Students and counselors will be seeking creative scheduling solutions so that Central students are able to take the advanced classes that they would like. In the World Languages department, we are conscious of scheduling concerns, but are very encouraged about the move that the District has made to make this course 3 terms. Another reason why Davenport is The Place to Learn.

FRANCE 2006

Our three week trip is closer than ever! 16 students (three from West) will be spending a week in the South of France touring Nice and Avignon, before heading to the Loire Valley for a week with a French family. Finally, we will round out our trip with a week in Paris. Students have been meeting on a regular basis learning more about French culture and what to expect during the trip. We are very happy to be traveling this year as the U.S. Senate has designated 2006 "The Year of Study Abroad." Travel is planned for June of 2008. Students are encouraged to take at least 3 years of French before traveling. Any questions, please contact Susan Weir at Central High School or Molly Knutsen at Sudlow.

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JOURNALISM NATIONAL AWARDS

Central has won one of the two National Cornerstone Awards for 2006. The Journalism Education Association and the Newspaper Association of America Foundation jointly sponsor this award recognizing two secondary schools that have shown their students, teachers and administration thoroughly understand the importance of the First Amendment and demonstrate this understanding by conducting activities that promote knowledge of the First Amendment school wide.

The Kansas City Star has named Ariel Arbisser one of the five national finalists in Commentary for the Hemingway High School journalist Award.

Jack Xu and Andrew Steckel have been named Gold Key recipients in the International Quill & Scroll Writing contest. There were 3,335 entries with 227 awards.

ACAP SUMMER ACADEMY

Central Publications in Conjunction with University of Iowa, Quill and Scroll and the Iowa High School Press Association will host the 8th annual ACAP Journalism Academy June 12th -21st. Students entering third grade through ninth grade are eligible to attend. For more information or applications contact Quill & Scroll Adviser Deb Buttleman-Malcolm or 2006 co chairs: T.J. Pearson & Ashley Allen.

Publication Banquet & Quill & Scroll Induction

Publication Banquet & Quill & Scroll Induction will take place Wednesday, May 17th from 5- 7:30 in the Blue Devil Café. Each family should bring a dish to share. Parents of those receiving cords and those being inducted are to be part of the ceremony.

The 2006 -2007 Publication Competitions Calendar is set. Students will be traveling for writing competitions to the University of Iowa October 6th and Drake University October 16th for state and regional on the spot competitions. November 9th -12th students will be in National competition in Nashville Tennessee. March 15, 2007 the group will be eligible to be in New York and also in April the group will compete in Denver.

INTERNATIONAL CLUB

Renagh O'Leary who represented Central at the World Food Prize Youth Institute in 2005 has been selected to be a summer intern in Peru. Santi Sanchez-Warner will represent the school presenting his paper at the Institute in 2006.

FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES

FCA has been busy over the last month with activities and events. A group went to the 1st annual FCA Rally held in Bettendorf in February where over 300 student athletes came to hear a message delivered by Tim Dodge, area representative for FCA. The message was asking athletes "Who Do They Play For?" Many athletes made a commitment for the 1st time to accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior, while many more recommitted their lives to following Him. It was an awesome night!

Another event brought the group together to watch the movie Passion of the Christ. The event was held locally and many students came to experience this dramatic event.

The last event attended was the Steamwheelers football game on April 22nd at the Mark. For a small price the group attended an FCA tailgate party before the game, received a t-shirt and a ticket. It was a fantastic time and an opportunity to see our own Tim Dodge play some football.

I want to thank the students and parents that have helped to support FCA this year with their time and resources. Our meetings are held every Friday morning at 7:00 in the auditorium.

ELIGIBILITY FOR STUDENT ATHLETES

The Iowa Department of Education has approved the "No Pass, No Play" rule. Additional information will follow.

Athletic Physicals will be offered on Wednesday, May 10th from 6:00-8:00pm in the Central Cafeteria. Cost is \$10. All students must have a current physical on file in the Activities Office to participate in athletics.

SCHOOL PICTURES

Lifetouch will be taking school pictures during registration on August 15th, 16th and 17th. They will be available during registration hours. Pictures can be purchased at the time of photography. Order forms will be available at registration. For questions, please call Lifetouch at 355-0060.

<p>Contact Central Issue Call 323-1757 or fax 323-3110 Email scottr@davenportschools.org</p>

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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 DEADLINE</u>
Sat I/Sat II	June 3, 2006	April 28, 2006
ACT	June 10, 2006	May 5, 2006

College and university admission representatives have appointments this spring to visit HS. Check the bulletin boards outside 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>
Johnson School Scholarship	April 28, 2006
Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.	April 30, 2006
Ivory /Optimist Scholarship	May 1, 2006
Great Clips Cosmetology Scholarship	May 1, 2006
Project 21 Scott County Poster	May 5, 2006
Robert D. Blue Scholarship	May 10, 2006
Alpha Kappa Alpha Scholarship	May 15, 2006
Burkhart Scholarship	June 7, 2006



- * Conferences will be held May 3rd in the Cafeteria from 4:30 - 7:30.
- * Senior Picnic will be May 10, 2006.
- * Honors Program for 9th and 10th Grades: May 15th, 7:00pm Kahler Auditorium
- * Honors Program for 11th and 12th Grades: May 22nd, 7:00pm Kahler Auditorium
- * Final report cards will be mailed home in June.
- * Graduation will be June 11th at 3:00 at the Mark for our seniors. Tickets for handicap seating will be available after May 15th in the Guidance Office.

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CHS TELEPHONE NUMBERS

2005-2006

ACTIVITIES OFFICE DIRECT DIAL 323-1757

D'Anne Kroemer	Assistant Principal	730
Robert Scott	Assistant Principal	732
Linda Wilmes	Secretary	733
Trish Matson	Secretary	731

ADMINISTRATION & MAIN OFFICE 323-9900

Tim Wernentin	Principal	701
Jenni Weipert	Associate Principal	705
Shelli O'Brien	Principal's Secretary	704
Jan Hank	Registrar	702
Kay Patterson	Switchboard	0

ATTENDANCE OFFICE DIRECT DIAL 323-1980

Deb Schmidt	Secretary	708
Teresa Hampton	Para-Ed.	707

CAFETERIA DIRECT DIAL 323-3096

CUSTODIAN	Kevin Hodson	140
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DEAN OF STUDENTS DIRECT DIAL 323-1974

Deb Teague	Dean	425
Dave Thede	Dean	423

DEBATE

Brad Hartje	306
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AGATE

Gail Heninger	501
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MUSIC

Reicher	Instrumental	169/167
Morden	Orchestra	165/167
Reese/Wall	Vocal	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
Julie Buechel	Counselor	724
Dr. Carol Daniels	Counselor	725
Rick Sharp	Super. Work Study	739
Terri Hansen	Sp. Ed. Consult. AEA	729
Tom Leavell	Psychologist (AEA)	737

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Karen Hosmer	Media Specialist	543
Marie Ptak	Secretary	541

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Dianne McClean	Nurse	710
Joyce Keller	Para-Ed.	710
Jill Malmer	Safe Schools Team	706
Jabari Woods	Social Worker	735
Jay Kyte	Juvenile Court Liaison	706
Anastasia Nikolopoulos	Safe Schools Team	706

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Christine Hester	Faciliator	403
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