

# The Central Issue

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## From the Principal's Desk



Hello!

It is a pleasure to welcome you to the 2004-05 school year! As we embark on the adventures of this year, I feel very privileged to be the Principal at Central High School. It is our goal to continue Central High School's tradition of academic excellence while maintaining competitive athletics and providing outstanding extra-curricular activities. These endeavors have been the trademark of Central for the past 100 years.

In addition, we have one initiative that we must address within the next two years. As most of you are aware, CHS has been placed on the School in Need of Assistance list based on the regulations of the No Child Left Behind legislation. Specifically, our participation rate on the Iowa Test of Educational Development in one sub group fell below the required 95 percent. We are addressing this issue head on and plan on surpassing the participation rate for all students.

Many new faculty members have joined the Blue Devil family! Please join me in welcoming:  
Special Education Department - Terry Hildreth,  
Corrie Johnson, Peter Roudebush, and Lisa Whitfield

Instrumental Music Department - Brad Johnson and Fred Morden  
Junior ROTC - Carol St. John,  
Social Studies - Todd Heeter  
Language Arts - Megan Sharp  
Physical Education - Tom Smith and Kevin Petersen  
Industrial Technology - Randy Geerts  
Assistant Principal for Student Activities – Jenni Weipert  
Dean of Students. – Dave Thede  
Activities Secretary – Trish Matson

We also want to welcome back, three former staff members who are helping out as long-term guest teachers: Sally Riewerts in Vocal Music, Larry Scheurman, Industrial Technology, and Keith Riewerts in Mathematics.

Our roof is finally done! Thanks to everyone for showing great patience during this entire project. We have survived delays, water leaks, late deliveries, and "scaffolding amok" for the last five months. However, the final project looks fabulous

and completes another phase of our one-cent sales tax remodeling. Additionally, we have replaced most of the broken concrete throughout the campus. Many of the outdoor stairs are slated for repair or replacement yet this fall.

The School Board has approved a new district policy that allows each high school to utilize drug-sniffing dogs for unannounced sweeps during the school year. This initiative expands Davenport Community School's Substance Abuse Prevention Program.

We ask for your help when dropping off or picking up students. Please keep moving along 12th Street and do not block the entrances or exits to the parking lot. I certainly understand that it is a hectic and busy time, but it essential that traffic continues moving.

Finally, we invite you to join us in our Centennial year activities! The Centennial year was officially kicked off with Mayor Brooke's Proclamation on September 10th at halftime during the West football game. Ask your student(s) what Centennial activities are underway or call us at 323-9900 to "get the scoop!"

As always, if you have questions, comments, or concerns please call us! We need to work together to prepare the students for life after CHS.

Tim Wernentin, Principal  
Central High School

## **BLUE CREW**

Blue Crew is off to another exciting year. This year's group consisted of over 100 students who are taking the time to mentor this year's freshman class. Each Blue Crew member led a small group of freshmen and provided each group with an orientation of high school. The orientation included a small tour of the school as well as a discussion on a variety of topics such as attendance, dress code, clubs/athletics, cell phones and school spirit. Blue Crew topped the first week of school by putting on a welcoming dance to all freshman. Over 200 freshmen came to dance the night away. Blue Crew is very excited about the 2004-2005 school year and is hoping to make each and every freshman feel welcome at Central High School.

## **YEARBOOKS**

**Reason #28 to Buy a Yearbook... More Full-Color Pages, Same Great Price.**

In an effort to capture all of the 100 Year Celebration events, we have added pages to the 2005 Yearbook. This commitment to coverage means that the book will not be available until August, but it will offer exposure to events that have been forgotten in past publications-such as Prom, Senior Picnic, and Graduation, as well as spring sports and dances. All of this, and a free CD-Rom to boot! The price is still \$50.00 for all books ordered before March 15th. And personalization is available for a small fee. Order directly form [www.jostens.com](http://www.jostens.com) or stop by the table at conferences, or see Ms. McConnell in room 417.

**Note:** All pre-ordered yearbooks will include a free autograph insert that will be available just in time for Senior Picnic in May-so those personal messages and memories will still be captured before summer.

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## JROTC NEWS

The Davenport Central High School Army JROTC program took 17 Cadets to the JROTC Leadership Challenge (Summer Camp) at Camp Dodge Iowa from 2 to 6 August 2004. The top cadet for summer camp was Cadet Roosevelt Smith. The cadets participated in rappelling, rope bridges, leadership reaction course, drill, and marksmanship. Next year's Army JROTC summer camp will be the first week of August 2005. If you are not in JROTC and want to participate in summer camp next year, please talk to your counselor ASAP and JOIN JROTC.

**French Trip 2004** - Our three-week trip with 15 students was a huge success as we packed in pure culture (Louvre, United Nations in Geneva, Arc de Triomphe), pop culture (Hard Rock Cafe, The Catacombs) and some pure excitement (luge riding, fountain dancing and glacier tasting). The students lived with families outside the Loire Valley town of Chécy and took the opportunity to just hang out with friends, check out a few school days and witness and taste the complete bread making process in a local bakery – all in French. It was a great trip and Mrs. Knutsen and Ms. Weir have already marked their calendars for June 2006, as we will once again travel to Europe to put our French language skills to the test. Want more info? Contact either teacher at Sudlow and Central respectively .

**French Exchange in October** - While in Chécy, we met with some of the students who came to stay with our families in March of 2001! And now there are 20 some kids coming again to stay with Central and Sudlow families. The students will arrive in the United States in mid-October and visit New York and Chicago arriving in Davenport on the 19<sup>th</sup> of October. As in the first exchange, students are accompanied by their teachers and spend all day engaged in cultural activities in and around the Quad-Cities, as well as visiting our schools to learn about our system

which is quite different from theirs in many ways. Most of the students were placed with welcoming families last spring, but if interested, please contact either Mrs. Knutsen at Sudlow or Ms. Weir at Central for more information. Merci!

## Talented and Gifted is Alive and Well

Hello! My name is Gail Heninger, and I am the Talented and Gifted Teacher here at CHS. I am very excited about this year and am looking forward to many challenges and opportunities. There are two different ways to be involved with the TAG program.

Option I - A "for credit" class that can be taken one term or all terms. This class focuses on activities that personally engage the student in their own learning. ACT/SAT prep and college application/essay writing will be included. Option I TAG class gives students the opportunity to read classics, discuss books, write poetry/ plays, submit work to contests, work on service projects, and work on Mock Trial .

Option II - Designed for TAG students who wish to be included in the program but have a limited amount of time in their daily schedule. This is a non-credit course, though students' participation will be noted on their transcript. Option II is for students wishing to participate in competitions, such as Scholastic Bowl, Destination ImagiNation, Mock Trial, or Model UN, but are unable to fit the Option I class into their schedule.

Please consider getting involved in TAG this year. Students can see me in Room 501 to get more information about the activities.

I want to be an advocate for TAG students. It is my responsibility to ensure that all talented and gifted students are inspired to reach their full potential.

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## NEWS FROM THE GUIDANCE OFFICE

The annual Iowa Quad City College Fair will be held at The Lodge, in Bettendorf, on Monday, October 11 from 5:00 until 8:00 p.m. Numerous colleges and universities are represented so plan to attend, gather information and ask questions. One \$500.00 scholarship will be awarded to a Central Student!

The following colleges and universities have scheduled appointments to visit with students at Central Hall this fall. Times are noted in the weekly school bulletins and are posted in the Guidance Office.

Sept. 27 9:00	Monmouth College	Monmouth, IL
Oct. 5 9:45	LaJames College,	
Oct. 6 9:45	Buenna Vista ,	Storm Lake, IA
Oct. 12 11:00	St. Olaf,	Northfield, MN
Oct. 15 10:30	Creighton University	Omaha, NE
Oct. 18 10:00	Knox College	Galesburg, IL
Oct. 25 2:15	Grinnell College	Grinnell, IA
Nov. 3 9:00	Upper Iowa	Fayette, IA

The military recruiters also have scheduled appointments each month in the Career Center. Students should check the bulletin board outside the Guidance Office for dates and times.

Air Force - Third Thursday  
 Army -- First Thursday  
 IA National Guard - First Wednesday  
 Marines -- Second Wednesday  
 Navy--Third Wednesday



## MORE GUIDANCE OFFICE NEWS ACT/SAT SCHEDULE:

<u>DATES</u>	<u>DATES GIVEN</u>	<u>DEADLINE</u>
ACT	Oct. 23, 2004	Sept.. 18, 2004
SAT I/SAT II	Oct. 9, 2004	Sept. 11, 2004
SAT I/SAT II	Nov. 6, 2004	Oct. 13, 2004
SAT I/SAT II	Jan. 22, 2005	Dec. 29, 2004
ACT	Feb. 12, 2005	Jan. 7, 2005
SAT I/SAT II	March 12, 2005	Feb. 7, 2005
ACT	April 9, 2005	March 4, 2005
SAT I ONLY	May 7, 2005	April 6, 2005
ACT	June 11, 2005	May 6, 2005

The PSAT/NMSQT will be administered to sophomores (for practice) and juniors on Saturday Oct. 16, 2004. Students who score well in ITED will be individually notified of this test, but any and all freshman, sophomores and juniors can take it. Please check with the student's counselor if you have any questions. The registration deadline will be Oct. 15th and the fee is \$16.00.

## Centennial Cookbook

The Centennial Cookbooks are here. They are great! Full of delicious recipes, some history and alumni information. They are only \$15.00 each. Stop in the activity office, or ask any Central staff or students to pick one up for you. For an additional \$3.00, we will mail one to you.

If you missed out on the first Central Cookbook, we did a reprint. "What's Cooking at Davenport Central!" is available for only \$10.00. Add \$3.00 if you would like it mailed.

Proceeds from the sales of the cookbooks will be used for the Centennial events through the school year or used to benefit the students.

**Great gift idea!! Don't miss out gets yours now!!**

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## **GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD FINISH A GREAT SEASON**

Last spring, the Girls Track and Field team ended their season with outstanding performances at Mac and State! After placing 5th in the MAC Championships with 3 individual champions. This is two places higher than last year and only 12 points behind 3rd place. The Varsity placed 4th at Districts, scoring in 10 events and advancing eleven girls in eight events to the State championships in Des Moines.

At State, the team placed 17th – their highest finish in six years! The 4x100 relay of Christina Airington, Sheila Pettigrew, Kelsey Mims and Katy Detmer (with alternate Cassie Woods) placed 19th; the 4x400 relay of Jerika Rangel, Jenny Wehrley, Shivonne Foster, and Sahvanuh Campbell (with alternate Cassie Young) placed 14th. Toccara Ross placed 14th and Jerika Rangel placed 7th in the 100 hurdles. Toccara Ross placed 10th in the high jump; Sahvanuh Cambell placed 7th in the 400 hurdles; and Jenna Bieri earned all-State honors by placing 3rd in the 3000 and then broke her school record while placing 5th in the 1500.

Three-fourths of last years team were freshman and sophomores, so the girls are looking forward to an even better season in 2005! Conditioning will begin in December, and official practice opens in February. See Coach Trujillo in room 627 for more details.

## **ATTENTION DCHS GRADUATES**

Central's 100th Birthday is approaching! We are creating a new museum to celebrate our 2005 Centennial. Help us make it look great! We are looking for memorabilia, stories, etc. for our permanent exhibit. If you are willing to help please contact:

Gail Heninger 323-9900  
heninger@davenportschools.  
Joe Sheli 323-9900  
sheli@davenportschools.org

## **Newspaper**

Columbia Scholastic Press Association named the BlackhawkK newspaper a national Gold Medalist. The group received All Columbian Honors for last year's coverage and a perfect score in business for the fourth consecutive year.

National Scholastic Press Association gave the newspaper a First Rating and a mark of distinction for writing. They also received a first rating with merit from Quill & Scroll.

Current students from the school are named in the Best of the High School Press 10th Edition. They are: James Crossen, Alexandra Haake, Kelsey Mims, Hallie Kilmer, J.D. Hayes, David Gustafson, Antonio Iaccarino, Ariel Arbisser, and Andrew Steckel. Alexandra Haake was one of 42 student journalists from throughout country chosen to attend the Unity program in Washington D.C.

Parents of Publication Students meet the second Tuesday of each month at 7p.m. in Kemper. Students will be competing in National Competition in Atlanta November 18-21 and Seattle in April.

International Club is offering Portuguese Thursday after school to prepare for a three week Brazilian Exchange in 2005-2006. Students interested in participating in the exchange or hosting students should contact Ms Buttleman Malcolm. There is also the opportunity to go to Brazil for three to six months.

Hallie Kilmer has been named State President of Freedom's Answer a pro active teen group to get people out to vote.

## **TRIVIA**

The North/Central After Prom Fundraising Committee is planning on hosting several "Trivia" nights. proceeds will support the 2005 After Prom Party. Final details will be provided in future school newsletters/announcements and the Quad-City Times.

Point of contact is Mary Ann Petruccelli,  
Telephone 386-3075

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## CHS TELEPHONE NUMBERS 2004-2005

<b>ACTIVITIES OFFICE DIRECT DIAL</b>		<b>323-1757</b>
D'Anne Kroemer	Assistant Principal	730
Jenni Weipert	Assistant Principal	732
Linda Wilmes	Secretary	733
Trish Matson	Secretary	731
<b>ADMINISTRATION &amp; MAIN OFFICE</b>		
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
<b>ATTENDANCE OFFICE DIRECT DIAL 323-1980</b>		
Deb Schmidt	Secretary	708
Teresa Hampton	Para-Ed.	707
<b>CAFETERIA DIRECT DIAL</b>		<b>323-3096</b>
<b>CUSTODIAN</b>	Kevin Hodson	140
<b>DEAN OF STUDENTS DIRECT DIAL</b>		<b>323-1974</b>
Austine Ellis	Dean	423
Dave Thede	Dean	425
<b>DEBATE</b>	Brad Hartje	306
<b>AGATE</b>	Gail Heninger	501
<b>MUSIC</b>		
Instrumental -Reicher		169/167
Vocal - Patterson/Riewerts		257/255
<b>GUIDANCE OFFICE &amp; COUNSELORS DIRECT DIAL</b>		<b>323-1756</b>
Barb Riley	Head Counselor	727
Jean Rossmiller	Secretary	439
Carole Sissel	Counsel	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
<b>LIBRARY/LMC</b>		
Elna Williams	Media Specialist	543
Marie Ptak	Secretary	541
Joyce Keller	Para-Ed.	541
<b>HEALTH &amp; SAFETY</b>		
Dianne Lorentzen	Nurse	710
Joyce Keller	Para-Ed.	710
Jill Yates	Safe Schools Team	706
Loretta Gamble	Social Worker	735
Jay Kyte	Juvenile Court Liaison	706
Anastasia Nikolopoulos	Safe Schools Team	706
Jill Yates	Safe Schools Team	706
<b>MIT/QC SCHOLARS -</b>		
Christine Hester	Faciliator	403
<b>PUBLICATIONS</b>		
Deb Buttleman	Newspaper	215
Erin McConnell	Yearbook	417

## FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES

Child Development classes are studying child from birth to age 6 years of age. They will be holding a preschool for several hours during a 4-day period the middle of October, December, March and May. If you have a child ages 3, 4, or 5 years old, we would like to invite them to participate in the preschool. Please call Mrs. Akers at 323-9900 ext. 263 for more details.

Culinary/Hospitality ProStart started out by doing some very creative muffins. They were very delicious, plated and presented in a professional way. After the safety and sanitation study and a field trip, we will start foods preparations. Hope to serve the faculty several meals; and make, decorate, and sell sugar cookies and holiday items, which will help us in our fundraising efforts to prepare for National ProStart Culinary Competition in Florida. If anyone has food service experience and would like to share their career with the students, please let Mrs. Akers know at 323-9900

## CLOTHING TECHNOLOGY

Quilt craze going on at Central! This school year the Clothing Technology classes will be making quilts. The pattern is called the "Fat Quarter Shuffle". The pattern produces a patch worked quilts of different size patches. The students seem excited at making them and are anxious to see the end results. Math skills are heavily used in the making of this quilt. However, if a mistake is made, it will not effect the final outcome. The quilts will be displayed towards the end of the term in the showcase on the second floor.



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## Student Council

The Student Council at CHS is busy planning this year's activities. The members are Sarah Arp, Paul Baresel, Laura Beals, Zach Becker, Jenna Bieri, Kristin Carroll, Brittany Cortez, Courtney Curtis, Zach Curtis, Sarah Elgatian, Meryl Gahagan, Kelsey Guard, Elena Haake, Emily Hayes, Clayton Holst, Jordan King, Miranda Newman, Amy Oberbroeckling, Lindsey Oney, Jack Porter, Signe Porteshawver, and Michael Waterman. This year's Executive Officers are seniors Emily Lemburg, Heidi Pitzer, Sara Skinner, and David Waterman.

Homecoming '04 was the kick-off to the DHS/CHS Centennial. Our first of two all-school blood drives was held in the gymnasium Wednesday, September 22. (If anyone donates blood at the Regional Blood Center, please tell the Center you would like CHS to receive credit for your donation.) Our annual Homecoming parade was enhanced this year by the participation of returning alums. There was special seating at the football game for alumni and recognition of them at half-time. Saturday, September 25, was the 2-mile Fun Run/Walk at the Stadium. Participants included current students, parents, friends of CHS, and alumni. This year's Quad City Classic Car Club had a superb show of classic cars in the west Stadium parking lot

Hats off to the Club and a big thank you to Dale Baker of Moeller Auto Electric, who coordinated the car show. This year's Homecoming Dance theme was "Imagine." The members of the senior class nominated twelve lovely young ladies to represent them during the festivities: Sally Cordt, Cathy Du, Amy Harris, Jessica Hunter, Jenny Irey, Stephanie Jost, Hal-lie Kilmer, Sam Light, Kelly Mayfield, Kelsey Nagel, Amanda O'Leary, and Shelly Swanson.

The Student Hunger Drive is under way, and the students at Central are all invited to participate in various fund-raising activities. With everyone's assistance, we hope to not only help feed the hungry of the Quad Cities, but also to win the student competition for the most pounds of food collected by any one school. Our annual auction is Monday, October 11, at Executive Square (across from St. Anthony's Church), at 6:00 p.m. If you have an item (week's stay at a condo, gift certificates, tickets to an Iowa or Iowa State game or professional sports game, jewelry, handmade quilt, etc.) or a service (manicure, pedicure, dental exam, eye exam, hair cut, lawn mowing, snow removal) that you would be willing to donate for our Auction, please call 323-9900 ext. 343, to make arrangements. Please plan to join us at the Auction for an evening of appetizers, beverages, and an opportunity to bid on lots of items.