

# The Central Issue

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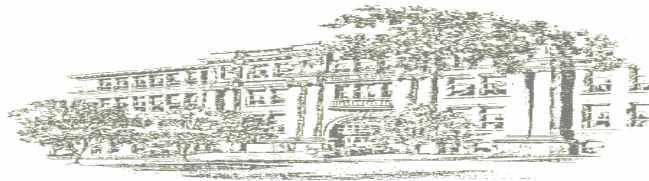
## From the Principal's Desk

Welcome to the 2005-06 school year! It has been a fantastic start to the school year as students get acclimated to the rigors of high school, life on the block schedule, and balancing many school activities. CHS is utilizing the new one hour early release Wednesdays to address the requirements of the No Child Left Behind legislation. As most of you are aware, CHS was placed on the School in Need of Assistance (SINA) list last year due to our participation rate on the Iowa Test of Educational Development falling below the required 95% in one sub group. We surpassed the 95% participation rate for all groups on the spring 2005 tests, but must maintain the rate for two consecutive years. All three Davenport high schools are listed as SINA buildings due to not meeting Iowa's Annual Yearly Progress mark for reading proficiency. Please know we are addressing these issues and fully intend on coming off the SINA list.

We have a new academic policy we want to share with parents of freshmen students. Any freshman (9th grader) that is failing two or more classes at midterm will be required to attend study sessions each Wednesday from 1:40-2:35. We hope this additional academic time will provide students the necessary structure and support to complete missing assignments and prepare for exams. Please understand that if a student "skips" a study session, it will be treated as truancy. Thank you in advance for your support in our efforts to meet the needs of struggling students.

Make sure to mark Wednesday, September 28 on your calendar as parent/teacher conferences are conducted from 4:30-7:30 in the cafeteria. 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.

Thank you to the many volunteers who assisted us at our Centennial Celebration on June 19! It was a perfect day for renewing old acquaintances, touring the facility, and celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Davenport Central High School!



Many new faculty members have joined the Blue Devil family!

Please join me in welcoming:

Julie Heller in Special Education  
Rebecca Walker in Special Education  
Michael Reese in Vocal Music  
Emily Wall in Vocal Music  
Troy Gerleman in Instrumental Music  
Karen Hosmer as Media Specialist  
Julie Buechel as Guidance Counselor  
Josh Hanna in Science  
Abby Mussman in Language Arts  
Kristin Schultz in Language Arts  
Don Wehr in Industrial Technology  
Christa Franks in Math  
Brian Ehlinger in Physical Education and  
Head Wrestling Coach  
Esther Anderson in Family and  
Consumer Sciences  
Robert Scott is Assistant Principal for  
Student Activities  
Deb Teague is the new Dean of Students  
Jenni Weipert moves to Associate Principal  
from Assistant Principal for Student Activities

Finally, we ask for your help when dropping off or picking up students. Please keep moving along 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

Tim Wernentin, Principal  
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## Language Arts Department

Central High School welcomes two new members to the Language Arts Department. Abby Mussmann is a third year teacher in the DCSD and, over the course of this year, will be teaching Writing Experiences, Guided Writing Projects, Communications Studio, English Strategies, Writing Today, Introduction to Literature, and Advanced Writing. Kristin Schultz is a first year teacher in the District and will be teaching American Readings, Writing Experiences, Senior High Reading, Writing Today, and Contemporary Ideas. Each brings with her an enthusiasm for learning and a willingness to help each student succeed.

Department member Lee Andersen is teaching Writing Today, Introduction to Literature, and English Strategies. He serves on a building reading cadre and is the head Girls' Volleyball Coach. Advanced Writing, Acting, Theatre Performance, Classical Literature and AP English classes are taught by Rebecca Buening, who is also directing the all school musical "The Music Man." Deb Buttleman's classes this year are Writing Today, Journalistic Writing, Advanced Writing, and Guided Writing Projects. She is the advisor for the student newspaper The Blackhawk. Fred Classon is teaching Introduction to Literature, English Strategies, and American Literature. He is the department's "go-to" guy for all things electronic. Lynnell Edwards is teaching American Authors, AP English, and Freshman Honors English. She is Student Council Advisor and serves as Department Chairperson. Brad Hartje, purveyor of Speech class knowledge and Public Speaking intricacies, is looking forward to a successful year. His Speech and Debate Team is practicing for its October 8 competition. Erin McConnell, Yearbook Advisor, is teaching English Strategies, Guiding Writing Projects, Writing Experiences, Contemporary Ideas, Advanced Writing, Communications Studio, and Contemporary Ideas. She's anticipating a winning season with the rugby team. Mike Tandy teaches American Literature, Speech, In the Spirit of Poetry, and Introduction to Literature courses. Mike is the head Boys' Cross Country coach. Holly Terry is teaching Guided Literature Projects, Contemporary Ideas, Advanced Writing, Writing Today, and Cultural Tapestry. Kate Thovson's classes this year are English Strategies, Freshman Honors English, American Literature, and Scott Community College English classes. She works with the St. Ambrose University Upward Bound Program.

We give a warm Blue Devil welcome to Lindsay Craig, a University of Northern Iowa student, who is student teaching with Kate Thovson. Completing her Clinical Experience and her student teaching with Lynnell Edwards is Mandy Lukasik, a student from Augustana College. In its' collaborative time, this Department has set some goals to help increase literacy. Members are going to incorporate SSR (Sustained Silent Reading) in their classes, prepare short "book sales" talks suitable for reading during announcements, and prepare a list of reading strategies that can be used by all teachers. YOU can help us reach our next goal. We hope to acquire in-room libraries of books that students can peruse and read. We have eleven rooms in need of in-room libraries. Please think of us when you have read a book and are ready to pass the book on. There will be collection boxes available at Parent Teacher Conferences on Wednesday, September 28.

*Bring your gently used books to Central High School Language Arts Department. We look forward to meeting you at Conferences.*

## YEARBOOK

### **YB Without High School Memories?**

The CHS Yearbook is hard at work to capture the memories of the 2005-2006 school year. This commitment to coverage means that the book will not be available until late July or early 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. We had an overwhelmingly positive response to this new format when the book arrived last month, and we are dedicated to making it even better this year.

Due to the rising cost of publishing, the price is \$60 for all books ordered before February 1<sup>st</sup>, with personalization available for a small fee. Order directly from **[www.jostens.com](http://www.jostens.com)** for payments by debit or credit. All orders by cash or check can be made at the table at conferences, or see Ms. McConnell in room 417. We will not order extra yearbooks for purchase when they arrive—they must be preordered!

**Note:** All preordered 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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## Student Council

An early Homecoming kept this year's Student Council members hustling from the first day of school. Capably handling a busy schedule are elected members Sarah Arp, Zach Becker, Christina Bettini, Briana Byrd, Kristin Carroll, Brittany Cortez, Courtney Curtis, Zach Curtis, Meryl Gahagan, Elena Haake, Grant Kilmer, Jordan King, Becky Lorentzen, Bailey Maberry, Erin McCluskey, Signe Porteshawver, Andrea Ryan, Paul Ryan, Michael Waterman, David Whalen, and officers Jenna Bieri, Hannah Campbell, and Lindsey Oney. Council planned a number of activities for Homecoming week. Spirit Week included cowboy day, super hero day, dress-like-your-favorite-animal-day, throwback day, and red/white/blue day. Wednesday, September 14, had an assortment of activities with a coed volleyball tournament, a band performance, crowning of the Queen, and fireworks. Friday, September 16 was decorated car and float judging prior to the parade from Central to the stadium. On Saturday, the dance "Shall We Dance?" was well attended.

Homecoming Queen candidates, nominated by the senior class, were Lu Arcenas, Ellen Archer, Amber Bruce, Hannah Campbell, Kristin Carroll, Allison Clark, Eileen Foley, Page Flansburg-Sivell, Renagh O'Leary, Lindsey Oney, Kim Pekios, and Jerika Rangel. Congratulations to these young ladies!

This year, our first all-school Blood Drive is Wednesday, October 5 from 7:15 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the gym. Please help us reach our goal by coming to Central that day and donating or by designating Central as the group receiving credit when you donate at the Regional Blood Center. Help us save lives!

The 20<sup>th</sup> Student Hunger Drive begins Monday, October 3. With twenty-two participating schools this year, the goal is to surpass the 936,395 pounds of food donated last year. Food collected services over 200 food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters, day care centers, and rehabilitation centers in 23 counties of Iowa and Illinois. Student Council coordinates the Blue Devil efforts. Monetary donations will be used to purchase canned goods; donations can be mailed to *Central Student Council, 1120 Main Street, Davenport 52803.*

## ***Congratulations to Lindsey Oney , our CHS 2005 Homecoming Queen!***

Donations of canned goods and non-perishable food items can be dropped off in the main office of Central High School. Together, we can BAG HUNGER in the Quad Cities.

Keep abreast of our activities by checking our section on the CHS web site.

## **Army Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC)**

The first week of August, 19 Cadets from Central attended the JROTC Cadet Leadership course (Summer Camp) in Des Moines (Camp Dodge). All four Army JROTC schools from Ottumwa, Des Moines, Waterloo, and of course Davenport Central came together for this great event to build confidence, self determination, and self esteem. Various events included problem solving activities, physical training, rappelling, Helicopter ride/ orientation, land navigation and many others. The Top cadet from Davenport Central was Keera Johansen. We look forward to adding a marksmanship team this year. Our cadets should number over 100 this year and we are looking for a parent to take over our proposed new parent support activity. Please look for the cadets in various parades and activities around the community this year.

## **TRIVIA NIGHT**

The North/Central After Prom Committee will be co-hosting a Trivia Night with CASI on Saturday, October 15th. The event will be held at CASI, 1035 W. Kimberly Road. The cost is \$10 per person for a team of six to eight players. Doors open at 6:30 pm and trivia starts at 7:00 pm. Door prizes and a 50/50 raffle will take place. Cash prizes will be given to the top three teams. You are encouraged to bring snacks and beverages. Walk in registrations will be accepted if space is available. For more information or to reserve a table, call CASI at 386-7477. All proceeds will support After Prom and CASI activities.

Thanks,  
Mary Ann Petruccelli  
Chairman, Fundraising/Prize After Prom Committee  
email: mommap24@qconline.com

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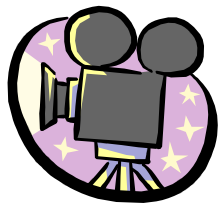
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## BON JOUR

**FRANCE 2006** planning is underway for June 2006! We are once again off to the mountains, castles, beaches, museums and cafes of France. As with previous trips, students will visit monuments and museums of Paris for a week (anyone up for a descent into the shadowy, macabre passageways of Les Catacombes?); stay with a French family for a week (ready to wake up far far away and finally get some pay off for those infinitives and indirect object pronouns?) and tour a beautiful, sunny region of somewhere (TBA) in the Southern France (the Mediterranean sounds about right to me!). Students who have studied French III or above (usually students who have studied French IV, Civilization, Literature and/or Advanced Placement are better prepared) will be practicing their language skills, obtaining passports, meeting with fellow travelers (8 mandatory pre-trip meetings begin in the Spring) and will be waiting impatiently for a letter from their French families. Then it is off on the language adventure of a lifetime. For those future travelers, stay tuned for France 2008! Any questions, please contact Susan Weir at Central High School: [weirs@mail.davenport.k12.ia.us](mailto:weirs@mail.davenport.k12.ia.us).

VIVE LES VOYAGES!



**Ciné Club**: Love subtitled foreign films? Love to see something different? Tired of the smash em' up Hollywood blockbusters? Check out the Ciné Club at CHS! Beginning in October, one film per month will be shown after school in room 339. Everyone is welcome to come. See Ms. Weir in room 339 to find out films and showing dates.

**French Conversation Group**: Students of French who are looking for a fun and relaxing evening of speaking French are encouraged to sign up for the French Conversation Group. Once monthly, we'll meet at a member's home (café?) and play Trivial Pursuit or Pictionary...in French! See Mdlr Weir in room 339 for Group dates. A bientôt pour une soirée de français!

## Central Talented and Gifted Programs

### Welcome Back!

#### Get involved with TAG this year!

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 options for participation in TAG at Central.

**Option I** – An elective class that can be taken for one term per year. 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/short stories, 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 activities, such as Scholastic Bowl, Mock Trial, Book Club, Environmental Club, 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 inspire and challenge them.

Gail Heninger  
[heninger@davenportschools.org](mailto:heninger@davenportschools.org)



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## GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

The annual Iowa Quad City College Fair will be held at St. Ambrose College, in Davenport, on Monday, October 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

September 20,	Illinois Wesleyan University, 9:00
September 26,	Central College, Pella, 1:00
September 27,	Bradley University, 9:00
October 6,	Capri College, 10:30
October 10,	Iowa State University, 9:30
October 11,	DePauw Univ, Greencastle, IN.9:00
October 11,	Loyola University, Chicago, IL., 1:00
October 12,	Earlham College, IN, 9:00
October 12,	Milikin University, IL., 10:00
October 17,	Monmouth College, IL., 10:45
October 24,	University of Dubuque, 11:00

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 – First Tuesday  
Army -- First Thursday  
IA National Guard – First Wednesday  
Marines -- Second Wednesday  
Navy -- Third Wednesday

## HAUNTED HOUSE

On the evenings of October 14 and 15 CHS becomes Central **Haunted** School when the band and orchestra rooms are transformed into a haunted house by our two show choirs, Blue Vibrations and Central Singers, Inc. The hours from 5 to 8 p.m. are reserved for those in fifth grade or younger, when the admission price is only \$2.50. Parents may accompany their children at no charge. At 8 p.m. the advanced lessons in fright begin for everyone in sixth grade and beyond. The admission charge is \$4.50 from 8 p.m. until 11 p.m. closing. There will be a discount feature for repeat customers, and concessions will be available. Enter Central Haunted School at the southwest corner of the building.

## IMPORTANT TEST DATES TO REMEMBER:

**MID-TERM FOR 1<sup>ST</sup> TERM, September 23, 2005**

**CONFERENCES, September 28, 4:30 - 7:30, CAFETERIA**

**NO SCHOOL OCTOBER 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>, INSERVICE**

**PSAT Test will be given Oct. 15, 2005.**

Registration deadline will be Oct. 14, 2005. You may sign up to take this test in the guidance office, room 439. You will be given a practice booklet and a ticket of admission to the test on Saturday, October 15, 8:00.

### ACT/SAT SCHEDULE:

TEST DATES	DATES GIVEN	DEADLINE
ACT	Oct. 22, 2005	Sept. 16, 2005
SAT I/SAT II	Oct. 8, 2005	Sept. 7, 2005
SAT I/SAT II	Nov. 5, 2005	Sept. 30, 2005
SAT I/SAT II	Dec. 3, 2005	Oct. 28, 2005

There will be a College Planning meeting on Wednesday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am for Seniors and their parents in the Auditorium at Central High School.

## CHS RUGBY CLUB



The Blue Devil Rugby club would like to welcome any boys or girls interested in the learning the sport of rugby. Practices are Mondays and Thursdays from 4:30 to 6:00 on the field behind the school through October 6<sup>th</sup>. While this is our short training season, our full regular season is in the spring. All players are welcome, or see Ms. McConnell in room 417 for info.

Also, our first fundraising event has begun. Red (Davenport Central) and blue (Blue Devils) silicone wristbands are available for \$3 each, or two for \$5. See the rugby table at home football games to buy one for every arm in your family.

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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 (Para Ed.)	0

### **ATTENDANCE OFFICE DIRECT DIAL 323-1980**

Deb Schmidt	Secretary	708
Teresa Hampton	Para-Ed.	707

### **CAFETERIA DIRECT DIAL 323-3096**

<b>CUSTODIAN</b>	Kevin Hodson	140
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### **DEAN OF STUDENTS DIRECT DIAL 323-1974**

Deb Teague	Dean	425
Dave Thede	Dean	423

<b>DEBATE</b>	Brad Hartje	306
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<b>AGATE</b>	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	736
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Marie Ptak	Secretary	541

### **HEALTH & SAFETY**

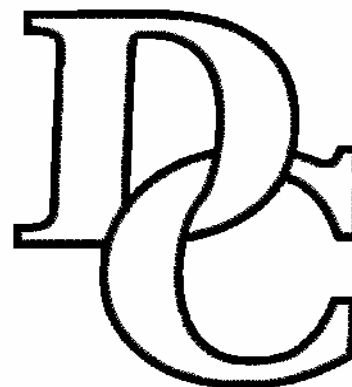
Dianne McClean	Nurse	710
Joyce Keller	Para-Ed.	710
Jill Malmer	Safe Schools Team	706
Jabari Woods	Social Worker	735
Jay Kyte	Juvenile Court Liaison	706
Anastasia Nikolopoulos	Safe Schools Team	706

### **MIT/QC SCHOLARS**

Christine Hester	Faciliator	403
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