

The Central Issue

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From the Principal's Desk

As the fall season comes to a close and we anticipate the winter season of events here at Central High School, I reflect upon the wonderful partnership of our school community. At this point, our students are deeply immersed in school work and participating in co-curricular activities, and our parents have already worked countless hours to support them. It is greatly appreciated by all of us at CHS.

This year, the graduation requirements increased for the entering 9th grade class. The total number of credits needed for graduation has increased from 20 to 26 for the graduates of 2009. Since Summer School is no longer offered for the Davenport School District, it is critical that we help students stay focused on earning the credits they need to graduate on time. The CHS staff is helping all students stay committed to their education, by being proactive in the area of student behavior, hallway supervision, attendance, and parental contact.

In our efforts to support these changes and improve academic achievement for all students, we have implemented a new academic policy. The policy requires freshman who are failing two or more classes at mid-term to attend weekly Study Sessions. Study Sessions are from 1:40 to 2:35 p.m. on Wednesdays (early dismissal days), attendance is mandatory.

We have a new after-school study program to provide students with additional academic support. The Academic Drop In Center (Room 421) offers students academic help and a quiet place to do homework. There will be two to three students to one tutor; all getting help in the same subject, each tutor shall have made a B or better in the subject that he or she is tutoring. The center is sponsored by Ms. Teague, Dean of Students and the Student Academic Supervisor is Joel McCaleb.

I want to thank all the parents who attended parent-teacher conferences in September. We had a wonderful turnout and appreciate your interest in your child's education. Our next conference date is Wednesday, November 30th from 4:30 – 7:30 pm in the cafeteria.

Again, we appreciate your support of our students - in and out of the classroom. It is the strength of our partnership - parents and staff, that will make all the difference for many of our students. We should encourage students to take advantage of the learning opportunities and support systems in our high school. Together, our efforts will help ensure that our children are given every opportunity to be successful and prepared for life after Central High School.

Jenni Weipert, Associate Principal
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Key Club

On October 21st, Key Club sponsored Central's first HIV/AIDS Awareness Day. A few members visited each classroom during second block and gave a short presentation about UNICEF's HIV/AIDS Prevention Campaign. All students who donated money received a ribbon to wear for the rest of the day. In addition to the Awareness Day, Key Club had Root Beer Float Sales during lunches on two days this fall, and members went trick-or-treating for UNICEF in Davenport and Bettendorf. Key Club has raised over \$2,000 for UNICEF this fall!

Already this year, Key Club members have volunteered at Gilda's Club's Noogiefest, prepared a meal for John Lewis Coffee Shop, and put on a music performance at Ridgecrest. In November, members will be volunteering at the Festival of Trees and at an Optimist Club Basketball Tournament to raise money for Quad City youth programs. Key Club also provides free babysitting at all Central Parent/Teacher Conferences in room 251.

Students interested in joining Key Club should talk to an officer at one of our meetings on Tuesdays at 2:45 in the west end of the cafeteria.

YB Without High School Memories?

The CHS Yearbook is hard at work to capture the memories of the 2005-2006. 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 last year's book arrived, 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 1st, with personalization available for a small fee. Order directly from **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.

Parlez- vous francais?

HOST A FRENCH STUDENT! As you know, a group of students from Central are traveling to France in June. This Spring, our traveling company, Language and Friendship is bringing 42 French students to the Quad Cities area for a 12-day stay. We are looking for families who would like to host a French student! These students will be in the Quad Cities from April 23 - May 5th.

Those confirmed students who are already traveling in June of 2006 with the Language and Friendship group, may be eligible for a reduction on travel fees in exchange for hosting a student. If you think you might be interested in hosting a French student please contact Laura Kauffman at lkauffman@bettendorf.k12.ia.us Please write, "HOSTING" in the subject line of your email. Merci!

Language Arts Department

The Language Arts Department has eleven rooms in need of in-room libraries. We would like to acquire in-room libraries of books that students can peruse and read. After you have read a book and you're ready to pass it on, please consider donating it to us. Bring your gently used books to the office at Central or bring them to Parent Teacher Conferences on Wednesday, November 30th from 4:30 to 7:30 in the Cafeteria.

SSR (Sustained Silent Reading) had its debut in third block English classes on Wednesday, November 9. This will be an ongoing initiative to help increase literacy. On November 14, the Department started its word-of-the-day program. Each morning during announcements, the Central family hears the word of the day, its definition, and its use in a sentence. These words are posted on the CHS web site. Make vocabulary building a family affair!

Girls Track & Field

The Lady Blue Devils completed their most successful season in nearly 20 years last spring, placing 11th at the State meet and finishing within six points of a MAC championship! State champion Christina Airington (long jump) and medalists Jenna Bieri (5th – 3000 meters), Sahvanuh Campbell (6th – 400 hurdles) and Jerika Rangel (7th – 100 hurdles) return this year, along with State qualifiers TaShyia Calvert, Tarah Graham, Melanie Louis, Lauren Meanor, Sarah Peterson, Angela Schroeder, Renee Thomas, Jessi VandenBerg, Cassie Woods, and Cassie Young to lead the team this spring. Early-season training will begin in early December, and there will be a team meeting shortly before Thanksgiving. Any girl who plans on joining the team should see Coach Trujillo in room 627, even if she is currently participating in another sport at Central.

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“AFTER PROM 2006”

Dear Central Parents,

Plans for After-Prom 2006 are progressing rapidly. The PROM is planned for **May 6, 2006**. Entertainment will again feature a hypnotist, caricature artists and a variety of other great games and activities. Free popcorn, fruit, and nachos will be provided along with our always popular pizza. Committee members are already hard at work planning a fun evening for our sons and daughters.

The financial backing for After Prom depends entirely upon the good will of local merchants and parents. We do not receive funds from the school district for this event, nor do we charge admission for students. All entertainment and food at After Prom is **FREE** of charge to the students.

We are beginning the process of soliciting financial contributions and donations from our local business community. This announcement is a direct request to Central parents to also contribute. Your willingness to volunteer and participate in a fun-filled evening will also be appreciated.

We welcome any and all help you can provide. Remember, this party directly benefits your son or daughter! Your timely response will help us set a final budget.

Please fill in the tear-off portion below and mail to:

Mary Ann Petruccelli, 5960 Oakbrook Road, Davenport, IA 52806

_____ **YES!** I would like to make a financial contribution to After Prom.

Enclosed is my check. Please make checks payable to: **AFTER PROM 2006**

Name: _____

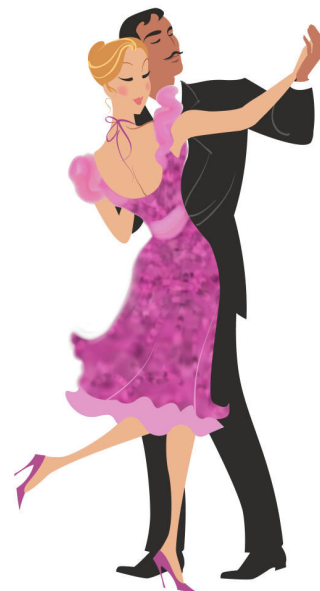
Student Name: _____

Please circle one: Central Parent North Parent

_____ **YES!** I would like to volunteer at the After Prom party.

Phone number: _____

E-mail: _____



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Central Talented and Gifted Programs

Scholastic Bowl

For the first time, Central High School *Talented and Gifted* program has both a Varsity and Frosh/Soph Scholastic Bowl team! Scholastic Bowl is an academic competition where high schools compete against each other on a variety of academic topics. These competitions give students an exciting opportunity to display their academic talents and match wits against other outstanding high school competitors. Our Scholastic Bowl teams practice on Tuesday (Varsity) and Thursday (F/S) mornings at 7:00 a.m.

Varsity Team Members include: Eric Anderson, Paul Baresel, Alysa Bradley, Brendan Chambers, Jason Davis, Tom Holliday, Kent Iglehart, Paul Kloppenborg, Ashley Olt and Ashley Petersen. The freshman and sophomore team consists of Audi Anderson, Aaron Askam, Karl Baresel, Ben Behrendt, Zack Bergman, Sam Cohen, Nick Eddy, Teresa Foster, Emma Grady, Brendan Iglehart, Julia Kiley, Sarah Larson, Austin Laugen, Chelsea Rink, Jonathan Welsler, P.J. Wiese and Keenan Wilson.

Varsity Schedule to Date

Orion Invitational	October 29, 2005
Peoria River City	December 3, 2005
Knowledge Master	December 7, 2005
Sterling Tourney	January 14, 2006

F/S Schedule to Date

Moline Invitational	November 12, 2005
Peoria (only 5 students)	December 3, 2005
Frosh Knowledge Master	December 5, 2005

Mock Trial Teams

We will begin soon! Central will try to field three or four excellent teams this year. Participants are given a hands-on opportunity to examine the legal process and develop leadership, critical thinking, and presentation skills. **If you are interested in participating, come to a meeting on Monday, November 21st at either 7:15 a.m. or 2:45 p.m. in room 501!** We will begin forming teams at that time. The case is due to be released during the first week of December. Dates to remember:

January 7, 2006 Mock Trial Clinic on the ICN, Central
February 25, 2006 or March 4 (not set yet)
Regional Competition, Scott County Courthouse
March 16, 17 and 18 State Competition, Des Moines

Environmental Club

Meets every Wednesday and Friday after school in room 501 for about an hour to recycle the cans and bottles. New members are always welcome!

Book Club

Has already begun again this year! Our next meeting is on **Thursday, November 17th** after school in room 501. We will be discussing ***Their Eyes Were Watching God*** by Zora Neale Hurston. New members are always welcome! Listen to announcements for the next book and date of discussion.

Student Council

Thank you to all who participated in our first all-school Blood Drive on Wednesday, October 5. We reached our goal of 100 donors, helping save 300 lives. The 20th Student Hunger Drive was very successful. Twenty-two participating area high schools donated 1,040,315 pounds of food to the River Bend Food bank. Coordinating fund-raising efforts at Central, Student Council organized a variety of events. Julian Vandervelde was crowned Mr. Blue Devil '05. His rippling muscles obviously impressed our own Lunch Lady judges! Central Idol '05 is the title captured by Tyler Higdon, after a very impressive performance for the student body. A Pie-Eating Contest, Tally B4U Teach, Can It, Finals Grams and Undo the Blue were other all-school activities. The Silent Auction, in conjunction with the all-school musical, was a tremendous success. Five Guys in Plaid entertained the shoppers at Schnuck's to earn donations for the Hunger Drive. Trunk or Treat on October 30 netted many donations of canned goods and money. Central High School donated 87,367 pounds (56.73 pounds per student) of much-needed food to help feed our area needy.

Support Your Local Rugby Player!

Our boys and girls on the Blue Devil Rugby teams had a great fall practice season, and can't wait to continue the good times this spring. So...how can you get in on the fun? Support our teams by wearing a t-shirt or jersey designed just for Central High School, or buy one for your favorite player. Hats, beanies and scarves are also available. Players just love showing off their ruggie pride and all proceeds from this fundraiser go right back in to buying team jerseys for the club. The flyer and order form are available from a rugby player, or on the school website, with all items delivered to CHS before Winter Break (except the jersey, which takes 9 weeks). If you have questions, email Coach Erin McConnell at mconnelle@davenportschool.org, or call the school at 323-9900 ext 417.

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GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

REGISTRATION: THERE WILL BE A PARENT INFORMATION MEETING FOR ALL OF OUR NEW 2006-2007 9TH GRADE STUDENTS PLANNING ON ATTENDING CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL, **JANUARY 18, 7:00** IN THE KAHLER AUDITORIUM.

OPEN ENROLLMENT: WE WILL HAVE THE OPEN ENROLLMENT INFORMATION AVAILABLE IN THE GUIDANCE OFFICE IN JANUARY AND THE FORMS MUST BE TURNED IN BY THE LAST FRIDAY IN FEBRUARY (FEBRUARY 25) TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE CENTER.

Change week will be December 12 – 16th

Students will not be able to change their schedules or drop a class after that week unless there are special circumstances.

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

TEST DATE	REGISTRATION DEADLINE
SAT I/SAT II January 28, 2006	December 22, 2005
ACT February 11, 2006	January 6, 2006
SAT I April 1, 2006	February 24, 2006
ACT April 8, 2006	March 3, 2006

College and university admission representatives have appointments this winter to visit CHS. Check the bulletin boards 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:

SCHOLARSHIP	APPLICATION DEADLINE
Simon Youth Foundation Scholarship	December 1 st
SAE Engineering Scholarship	December 1 st
First Freedom Student Competition	December 1 st
College of Natural Science	December 15 th
University Of Iowa Presidential	December 30 th
Iowa-Illinois Regional Auto Show	January 6 th
University of Northern Iowa College of Social & Behavioral Sciences & Alerrman Scholarship	January 9 th
Wal-Mart Community Scholarship	January 20 th
Quad City Engineering & Science	January 30 th



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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	736
Terri Hansen	Sp. Ed. Consult. AEA	736
Tom Leavell	Psychologist (AEA)	737

LIBRARY/LMC

Karen Hosmer	Media Specialist	543
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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