

The Central Issue

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From the Principal's Desk

As I write this first article for the Central Issue, it is difficult to believe that first term has recently passed and we are heading into the winter season of events here at Central High School. 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.

I also 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 29th from 4:30 – 7:30 pm in the cafeteria.

We have expanded our Professional Learning Community initiative within the CHS faculty and are examining a variety of issues. In order to continue the examining of increasing student achievement for all students, subcommittees have been developed that are addressing the following areas:

Interventions, school culture, activities and clubs, freshmen transition, privileges, instructional strategies, standardized testing, remediation, and scheduling. Through these committees, our mission is to expand the academic excellence already present at CHS to all students, address our School In Need of Assistance (SINA) status, and provide the climate and culture necessary for all students to succeed.

As always, we continue to maintain high attendance at our athletic, music, and other events. We do ask that while attending our events, please observe the no parking areas on Main Street. The no parking areas are posted and flagged with our hope being that no one receives a parking ticket while attending our events.

Please join us at conference time or contact me at 323-9900 or at wernentint@davenportschools.org with questions, concerns, or comments.

Tim Wernentin, Principal

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SECME

We have started the SECME engineering and science program again this year and are looking for students who are interested in pursuing a career in science, math or engineering to join us. We will be meeting during the early out times on Wednesday after school in room 106 in the Annex.

Again, this year we will be working on robotics, computer building and programming, web page design and engineering. We are looking forward to a great turnout this year and a chance to attend the national competition.

In addition to these programs, we will be hosting the Movie 101 program again this year for our budding filmmakers and actors. Last year our students produced, directed and starred in two short films that were shown at 8th grade orientation last year and at the National SECME Summer Institute to rave reviews.

If your child is interested in a career in film, make sure that they attend the meetings so that we can get them started on their way. Plans are underway to have actual working actors and screenwriters from Hollywood and Chicago come to the program and work with the students in November and March so don't miss out.

FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes meets every Friday morning at 7:00am in the auditorium. Our FCA President this year is senior Chris Fyfe. FCA is a 50 year organization that has a mission to present to athletes and coaches, and all whom they influence, the challenge and adventure of receiving Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, serving Him in their relationships and in the fellowship of the church. Our group has consistently grown to 30-35 active members every Friday morning with a total group membership of over 60 students. FCA recently attended the NBA game at the Mark between the Timberwolves and the Pacers. FCA has guest speakers throughout the year along with individual leaders from the groups' members. Our goal is to reach student athletes to inspire them to have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and understand the connection between their sport's life and their spiritual life.

YEARBOOK

The 2006-2007 Yearbook staff is already covering sports, performances, and any aspect of the high school life. Books will be distributed in late summer again this year to allow for the addition of Prom, Graduation, and summer sports. Prices are \$55 until February 1st, and then will rise to \$60 until the cut off date of April 1st. Any late orders will be put on a waiting list with the price raised to \$65 after April 1st, so order your book now! Extra books will not be available for purchase at distribution this year. Please contact the Activities Office to preorder your copy. Online orders are also welcome at www.jostens.com with a debit or credit card. In response to the outstanding feedback Yearbook has received from the 2005-2006 edition, the staff has planned to create an even better book for this year. The enthusiasm of both students and parents was very much appreciated as well as the ideas and comments given for the upcoming year.

QUILL & SCROLL

President Erin McCluskey presented a check for \$144.39 to IHSPA for the Student Press Law Center raised during pennies for press performances on constitution. The IHSPA Board of Directors voted to use the model statewide project to begin next year in all IHSPA schools. This is the third student driven model that has been created at Central. The others are ACAP which was designed in 1996 and the International Journalism Exchange that began in 1998.

INTERNATIONAL JOURNALISM PROJECT

Six students: Briana Byrd, Chris Cook, Guy laacarino, Kara Leabhart, Erin McCluskey and Jessica Seier spent three weeks in Brazil to produce an International Bilingual Publication in conjunction with our sister schools. Supervising were Nick Patterson and Deb Buttlerman Malcolm. Guy laacarino remained in Brazil for three months taking classes and working with the journalism students in SETREM. He returned with Rodrigo Bauermann Editor in chief of the Logemann paper who will remain in the United States until after our national conventions.

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STUDENT COUNCIL

Student Council 2006-07 has had a very busy fall schedule. Under the capable leadership of Executive Officers Sarah Arp, Zach Curtis, Meryl Gahagan and Signe Porteshawver, Student Council members Christina Bettina, Beth Clewell, Allie Corbin, Anna Cox, Courtney Curtis, Kelsey Davison, Jordan Dooley, Abby Graham, Elena Haake, Katlyn Hoeksema, Kaitlyn Hofeldt, Sam Jurgena, Grant Kilmer, Jordan King, Melanie Louis, Dan Martinez, Joel McCalebb, Sarah Peterson, Paul Ryan, Cody Tucker, Becca Wagschal, Mike Waterman, David Whalen, and Lindsay Whalen planned an outstanding Homecoming season. Spirit Week was a success, with dress-up days providing entertainment, coed volleyball student teams finally reclaiming the championship from the teacher-team, and a picture-perfect evening for the band performance and the crowning of 2006 Homecoming Queen Cassie Woods. A record-setting 950 tickets were sold to the September 22nd Homecoming dance "Moonlight and Roses."

The Student Hunger Drive kicked off on Monday, October 2nd. Student Council coordinated all-school events to raise funds to purchase canned goods for the RiverBend Food bank. This year, twenty-three area high schools participated in the Hunger Drive. Our sixth annual Silent Auction at River Music Experience raised \$4,600. Those in attendance enjoyed the ambiance of RME and the wonderful music of "Just Friends."

Auds at each of Central's feeder elementary schools informed the elementary students about the Hunger Drive and shared ways they could participate. Student Council distributed the Little Red Wagon campaign flyers for Eisenhower Elementary School. STUCO members volunteered at the Lincoln School Fall Festival on October 20, and Central was the recipient of all canned goods collected that evening.

Tuesday, October 24th, Mr. Blue Devil 2006 was crowned. Who had the most fun? Was it the male contestants, looking glamorous in the evening gown competition? Was it the audience, who hooted and hollered for its favorite contestant? Was it our own Central lunch ladies, who served as the panel of judges, dressed as pregnant nuns? A good time was had by all! All students were invited to participate in the classroom competition to collect the most pounds of food per student. Many Central teachers were very inventive in the ways they inspired their students to "go for the gold."

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Thursday, November 2nd, all students could buy \$1 tickets to attend the finals of the Central Idol contest. The ticket holders were treated to wonderful talent that afternoon and then had the opportunity to vote for their favorite.

Ooey, gooey, and gobs of fun was the spaghetti-eating contest held Tuesday, November 7th in the gym. Teams of brave souls donned their bibs and dug in to see which team could eat its plates of spaghetti the fastest. The crowd was enthusiastic and each person in attendance definitely received his/her \$1 worth of entertainment.

The fall all-school blood drive was a success. Our goal of 100 donors was met and surpassed, with 105 units collected the morning of October 4. Thanks to students, staff, parents, and community members for helping us exceed our goal.

With the holidays ahead, Student Council represents Central High School in various community activities. Members ring the Salvation Army bells, work at John Lewis Community Service Center, and participate in the Angel Tree project. These students are outstanding ambassadors for all that's good at Central High School!

DAVENPORT CENTRAL KEY CLUB

As part of an effort to revitalize the Central High School chapter of Key Club International, the club now goes by the appellation *dckey* – all lowercase, one word. Membership was 92 several weeks ago, and still rising steadily. It has been an extremely successful year so far: *dckey* has joined with Student Council to collect food for the hunger drive; the club has prepared and served a meal at John Lewis Coffee Shop, gathered materials to give poverty-stricken children birthday celebrations, hosted a room at Gilda's Club in their annual Halloween festival, NoogieFest, and much more. *dckey* is currently raising money for UNICEF. Meetings are Tuesdays after school on the west end of the cafeteria, they're always short, and always entertaining.

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ELIGIBILITY FOR STUDENT ATHLETES

No Pass, No Play

Eligibility – “Scholarship Rule” – 36.15

- Each student shall be **passing all coursework** for which credit is given and shall be making adequate progress toward graduation requirements at the end of each grading period.
- If a student has an F as a permanent grade at the end of an “official grading period” (term), the student will be ineligible for 20 school days of competition of the first **bona fide** sport s/he competes in.
- A **bona fide contestant** is a student who presently is or previously has competed in an interscholastic athletic activity. Absent injury, illness or similar circumstances outside of the student’s control, a student must be participating in the activity to be considered a bona fide contestant in that activity.
 1. Because 9th graders may not have had interscholastic athletic activities available to them, this definition does not apply to them.
 2. A student who participates in a sport for the first time as a 10th -12th grader **is not** a bona fide contestant in that sport.
 3. A student who drops out or is dismissed from a sport before the end of the season **is not** a bona fide contestant.
 4. 20 days begin at the **first competition date** (not first practice date) for the respective sport set by the IHSAA and the IGHSAU.
 5. A student with a disability who has an individual education program shall not be denied eligibility on the basis of scholarship if the student is making adequate progress, as determined by school officials, towards the goals and objectives on the student’s individualized education program. A student is academically eligible upon entering the ninth grade.



CENTRAL TALENTED and GIFTED PROGRAM

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 or National History Day projects. Students taking AP online courses usually try to fit Option 1 TAG into their schedule so that they have time during the school day to work on the course.

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, ReadnRap, or National History Day, 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.

SCHOLASTIC BOWL

Scholastic Bowl is off and running this year. I am proud to report that we now have a Freshman team, all Sophomore team, and a Varsity team. Our first Varsity tournament was at Orion High School on October 28th and we were very successful. Our first Freshman/Sophomore tournament will be November 11th, and we are looking forward to fielding two strong teams at the tournament - an all freshman team and an all sophomore team. Good luck to all of the participants!

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AJROTC

Army JROTC: We would like to welcome to the "Blue Devil Battalion" LTC Joseph Moralez. He comes to JROTC from the Rock Island Arsenal. He spent over 28 years in the service of our country in the U.S. Army. He is a great addition to our program and we welcome him to this exciting profession. Again, we are looking for some parents to take over our parent support group. Anyone interested, please call SGM Michael Matson at Central High School. The AJROTC program at Davenport Central continues to grow. We have approx. 120 cadets enrolled in AJROTC. The new group of freshman mixed with our outstanding veteran crew of cadets blends an enthusiasm we have never had before. The new student leadership for this year is an assortment of many backgrounds. They bring a great enthusiasm and work ethic. Our Battalion Commander is Cadet/ LTC Rebecca Smet. If you are not getting the JROTC newsletter at home, please let us know. All parents and guardians of a current cadet should be receiving our newsletter. We are looking forward to an exciting year in AJROTC. Thank you to all the adults who support the Cadets and we look forward to meeting all of you soon. Go Blue Devils

ENVIROMENTAL CLUB

Environmental Club has been collecting cans and bottles in the building for recycling. We meet every Wednesday and Friday after school for collection. Last year, we collected over 35,000 cans and bottles, and we are already off to a good start this year. We hope to educate our classmates on environmental issues this year by distributing pamphlets and posting information. Alysa Bradley and Ashley Petersen have spearheaded this ambitious project for three years.

READNRAP

ReadnRap is a mentoring reading program that pairs high school girls with 5-6 grade partners. They discuss four books throughout the year. The following students are participating in ReadnRap this year: Rebecca Briesmoore, Kelli Collins, Abby Davis, Ayla Favati, Emma Grady, Sarah Landsteiner, Abby Mark, Maggie Mielenhausen, Kenzie O'Hare, Kenzie Pacha, Ellen Schwarts, and Erin Sodawasser.

GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

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:

<u>SCHOLARSHIP</u>	<u>APPLICATION DEADLINE</u>
SAE Engineering Scholarship	Dec. 1, 2006
Better Business Bureau	Dec. 22, 2006
Iowa – Illinois Regional Auto Show	Jan. 5, 2007
Millennium Scholars	Jan. 12, 2007
Sam Walton Community	Jan. 12, 2007
Iowa State University's Multicultural Vision Program Award	Feb. 1, 2007
Bill and Hilda Maccomber & Alta Kahl Scholarship	Feb. 1, 2007

IMPORTANT TEST DATES TO REMEMBER:

REGISTRATION : There will be a parent information meeting for all of our new 2007-2008 9th grade students planning on attending Central High School, January 17th, 7:00 in the Kahler Auditorium.

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.

<u>TEST</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>REGISTRATION DEADLINE</u>
SATI/SAT II	Dec. 2, 2006	Nov. 1, 2006
ACT	Dec. 9, 2006	Nov. 3, 2006
SAT I /II	Jan. 27, 2007	Dec. 20, 2006
ACT	Feb. 10, 2007	Jan. 5, 2007

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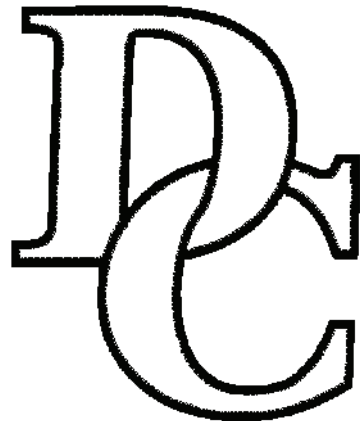
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BLACKHAWK

Principal Tim Wernentin received Iowa High School Press Association State Administrator of the at the State Fall Conference Wednesday, October 11th, at the University of Iowa in the Iowa Memorial Union. Mr. Wernentin began supporting journalism education as a student on renowned high school journalism educator Rod Vahl's staff at Central High School. Mr. Wernentin and three assistant administrators attended the Iowa High School Press Association retreat in February to learn about copyright laws and plagiarism, and how administrators can support scholastic journalism programs. Along with support along with Adviser Deb Buttleman Malcolm He presented a session at the IHSPA state convention on First Amendment Projects. He will accompany the journalism students to Nashville in November for the Journalism Education Association Convention and present a session with Buttleman Malcolm and the students on journalism programming with administrative support

Journalism teacher Deb Buttleman Malcolm was inducted into the Iowa High School Press Association Class of 2006 University of Iowa Hall of Fame as part of the 85th year Journalism Celebration. Deb Buttleman is IHSPA vice president for special projects and newspaper adviser at Davenport Central High School, where she has also served as the yearbook adviser and is the program director of the Summer Journalism Academy for elementary and junior high school students. This year she was also elected to the Board of Directors of the Illinois Journalism Education Association. Last year she served on the organizing committee for the JEA national convention in Chicago. She also was lead coordinator of the IHSPA Adviser Retreat in Davenport in 2005 and 2006. She has received the IHSPA Vahl Teacher of the Year Award and the Stratton Award in Iowa and nationally was named a Dow Jones Distinguished Adviser. November 11th, in Nashville, she will be one of five teachers from throughout the country to receive the Journalism Education Association 2006 National Medal of Merit for her contributions to journalism education.

The newspaper received a first rating with special merit from the National Scholastic Press Association and was named a Silver Medalist with a perfect score in business practices for its 2005-2006 publication.

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In 2006 sweepstakes based on individual merit to produce sweepstake awards the newspaper placed second in the state in web competition and received third in big school graphic competition. The yearbook received honorable mention.

In On the Spot State Competition October 11th at the University of Iowa, Deena Deleon placed 1st and Anthony placed 2nd in Editorial Cartoons. Tim Staab placed 1st in Wet Photography. Erin McCluskey placed 2nd Sports and in Opinion Writing Guy laacarino placed 3rd and Sarah Elgation received honorable mention.

In On the Spot Regional Competition held at Drake University Central students had a grand slam in Opinion Writing Grant Kilmer 1st place, Kate Foley 2nd place, Guy laacarino 3rd place, and Brenna Ross honorable mention Brenna. In Editorial Cartoons, Brianna Byrd received 1st place, Dan Martinez 3rd place, and Anthony Willis honorable Mention. In Sports Writing, Jessi VandenBerg received 2nd place and honorable mention went to Erin McCluskey. Bryan Pearson took 1st in Wet Photography.

There will be 26 students competing and taking classes in Nashville Nov. 9th-12th at the National Scholastic Press Association National Convention. Students are now preparing for Spring Competition in Denver. Parents who want to have more information are welcome to join the Parents of Publication group that meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in Kemper.

World Food Prize Youth Institute Participants:

Santi Sanchez Warner represented the school for International Writing Adjudication at the World Food Prize Youth Institute. Fluent in Spanish, Sanchez Warner's research topic concerned Bolivian food stability. Also attending was Rodrigo Bauermann whose topic was Brazilian food stability. Nick Patterson was chaperone.

Central High School Website

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