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Construction

Work on the renovations of the school is well under way, but there is still much to come.



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A VIRTUAL COMMUNITY

FULL REMOTE

Only a few days before the anticipated start of the year, a full remote learning schedule was announced on **Aug. 7, 2020**.

This meant that students would not be returning to the building until at least the end of the first quarter. After the last day of in-person classes on **March 6, 2020**, everyone had learned to become flexible with new kinds of learning. The new "normal" for Central students became an online block schedule with the new 1 to 1 program the district initiated with the distribution of iPads.

"Our goal through it all was to keep everyone as safe as possible, and I'm very proud of all efforts in that regard."

- **Dr. Edward Bennett**, Principal

"I didn't remotely like it."

- **Rod Mullen**, History Teacher

"Although virtual school kept me safe at home, I missed human interaction."

- **Alexis Radke-Chism**, Senior



Getting Back

to it back to school rundown
By Jamie Reiff



June 22

Governor Pete Ricketts announces Nebraska will be loosening up Covid restrictions. This meant that sports practices and games could resume.



June 26

Superintendent Cheryl Logan announces a 3/2 plan for OPS. Students with last names beginning with A-K will go in person Monday and Tuesday, L-Z will go Thursday and Friday, Wednesdays will alternate weekly.



August 6

Cheryl Logan says "We can have school or sports, not both." This halted fall sport practices. The next day OPS announces full remote learning at least through first quarter.



September 16

OPS announces a return for the 3/2 model in October. Students were allowed to choose whether they stayed home or were returning in person and teachers will undergo regular covid testing.



What YOUTH Can Do

summer
protests

The summer of 2020 brought many challenges to the table. After multiple black people were killed by police, protests became a prominent occurrence across the U.S. This prompted many students to join in local protests, which were sometimes met with tear gas and pepper balls from authorities. Omaha saw multiple protests throughout the summer. One held at Central was used to allow former students to speak on changes they believe OPS should make to help end racist educational practices.



1. **Noemi Gilbert** (10) shows her support for all people during these challenging times. "It was very powerful to see students from all across the city standing together and demanding change," she said.

2. A protester shows his support of black lives and the LGBT community. Many protesters made their own signs for the event.

3. Former Central student **Mekhi Mitchell** reflects on his experience as a student in OPS. During his speech Mitchell said, "If we want change we must speak out against all injustices."

4. Teachers **Martha Omar** and **Kelsey Baldrige** show their support of the students demands. "I was so impressed with the organization and the unity of OPS students and their courage in speaking about their experiences in Omaha," Omar said.

5. Senior **Aleah Welton** holds a sign saying "#BlackLivesMatter isn't an agenda, it's a reminder."

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6. **Greta Bullerdick** (12) and **Joshua Pfertsh** (12) stop amid the chaos of the protests to take in the scene. "The first step in change is holding racists accountable," Pfertsh said.

7. Senior **Jamie Reiff** holds a fist up in solidarity with the protests. "We have to begin to hold police accountable for killing people. Police are not a judge and should not be choosing someone's fate," Reiff said.



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By Ella Larsen and Jamie Reiff

Empty Desks, Open Minds

remote teaching

By Jamie Reiff

As OPS students began the year at home, teachers had to come work in the building. They were allowed to teach in their classrooms. With students absent, teachers taught mainly from their desks.



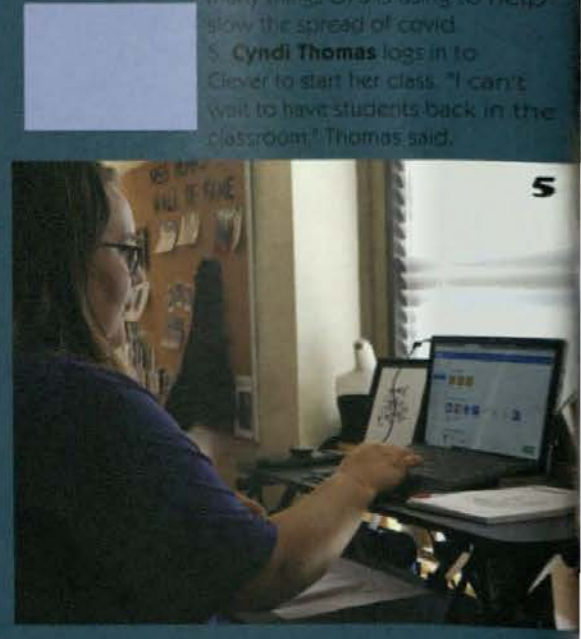
1. Coach **Matthew Storm** guides students through what online weightlifting will be like. "It is a little weird not having students in the building," Storm said.

2. Teacher **Sara Evans** marks which students are able to change backgrounds on Teams. The first couple of weeks of school is spent lots of time helping students navigate Teams meetings.

3. Chalk is left on weights from summer conditioning. Teaching gym online was a new challenge for teachers in 2020.

4. Empty tables and unused sewing machines sit in an orderly fashion. A large jug of hand sanitizer is seen, this is one of the many things OPS is using to help slow the spread of covid.

5. **Cyndi Thomas** logs in to Clever to start her class. "I can't wait to have students back in the classroom," Thomas said.





Curin Larrick (9) purchased a key pad to make her work easier to complete. "The keypad makes everything easier to type and it also lets there be more screen space," Larrick said.



Kate Vokal (11) purchased both a stylus and a case with an attachable keyboard. "Having a keyboard makes writing themes and essays extremely easier," Vokal said.



Jon Savoie (12) purchased an apple pen for his Ipad. "I got my apple pencil because Ms. Beitel suggested the pen. It makes getting work done very efficient," Savoie said.



Inventive Ipad

customized student ipads

By Claire Linnell

With the introduction of Ipad to Central students for hybrid learning, many students customized their Ipad setups. Students added keyboards, stylus and stickers.

A Taste of Summer

summer activities

By Sara Ocampo



This Summer, **Rlyee Liermann** (10) visited her cousin's farm and rode their horses. "I love horseback riding. It started when I was 10 and my dad worked with someone whose daughter taught horseback riding lessons and I decided to take lessons," Liermann said.

Ella Larsen (11) and **Mia Birch** (11) were finally able to see each other and spend time making memories. "We had a picnic at the park near us then played on the playground. We hadn't seen each other in four months so I really missed them," the girls said.



Comet Smith (10) traveled to California with some of his family for some bonding time. "I was hanging out and hiking in Yosemite National Park, and that's my Brother Sam who's 20 and a student at Metro," Smith said.

Ava Burk(11) said "I went to a Minnesota waterfall. My family and I hiked up a trail to see this waterfall. We were able to get very close to the edge and we loved this experience."



COVID-19 Predictions

corona vaccine/views on masks

By Dahly Long



"I believe that they will come out with a vaccine within the next year or two depending whether or not the cases continue to rise or fall," freshman **Fran Carlson** said. "I think everyone should have to wear a mask to help keep everyone you interact with safe whether those people are at high risk or not," she said.



Piper Demman (11) believes that vaccine will be available in the next four months. "Everyone should be wearing a mask and social distancing," Demman claimed. She thinks that a vaccine is the key to everything getting better.



"I think that scientists will find a cure before 2022 and everyone should be wearing a mask if you are in public. When a vaccine comes out I'm getting it," **Elijah Castillo** (10) said.



"I hope there is a vaccine by the summer of 2021. Everyone should be wearing a mask no matter what. Corona is not a joke," **Devlyn Pithan** (12) said.

8 Back 2 School

textbook distribution By Dahly Long

A week before OPS was supposed to return back to school Cheryl Logan decided to cancel fall sports and start the school year remotely. Due to this quick switch of plans many teachers, staff, and members of the student body volunteered their time to make sure every student was prepared to start the 2020-2021 school year by handing out supplies needed to learn from home.

1. **Deborah Corell** hands out packets filled with information about the start of 2020 school year. These packets helped to get students oriented to how the new online school year would be.
2. **Jaren Marshall** (12) taking a good look at his schedule. "Hey, looks like I have an early out.. wonder how that'll work online," he said.
3. **Jordan Boyer** and **Molly McVay** pose quickly for a photo before returning to distributing supplies. Many departments had to pass out textbooks as well as printed materials so that students had access to all of the materials needed for first quarter.
4. One student brought their dog to pick up supplies. This event showed how the Central community worked together in order for the school year to work out as well as possible.



REMIKX



Left: **Makenna Anderson** (11), top center, had workouts given to her from her club soccer coach. "He assigned a new set to us every week and we had to send videos of us doing them so he knew we were staying in shape," Anderson said. She is a part of the Revolution soccer team in the Infinite Sports World club. Over quarantine Anderson assured her coach that she was constantly keeping her body in shape by practicing all types of soccer drills, along with working out.



Emerson Badje (12) lost the opportunity to play softball this school year due to OPS not offering fall sports. "I just work out on my own in order to maintain a healthy lifestyle, even though I'm not playing," Badje stated, showing her initiative during the difficult circumstances. "They preach that staying active and eating healthy makes you stronger mentally and physically," Badje shared, talking about her coaches' opinions.



Beatrix Jackson (10) is a varsity swimmer. To stay in shape during the break, she had to "Run every day, swim laps at Field Club in the morning, do the assigned workouts from my club coach and eat healthy of course." Jackson's biggest concern was getting out of swim shape, which can be "the worst thing in the world."



Jackson's hoping she can have her sophomore year of swim season after all of her hard work. "I am really excited to go to state again," she said.

Eagles Keeping Fit

Ways student athletes stayed in shape during the pandemic

By Elliot Brown and Daniella Hernandez

Quarantine has made the lives of athletes very complicated. Instead of normally practicing with their team, they had to rely on themselves to practice on their own time. Eagle athletes are driven by their passion and dedication to their sport. Here are some ways student athletes continued to follow this passion at home.



Gia Stang (10) is one of Central's cross country runners and had to find a way to stay fit during quarantine. "I had to run a few miles on my own every day in the beginning, but then some of the girls reached out and we started to run and condition together every day," Stang said.

"I'm Sorry, Brad Mondo"

hair changes

By Norah Mishue and Maura Durfee O'Brien



Karsen Ewald (11) was inspired by his sister to dye his hair, claiming "My sister wanted to bleach her hair and my mom said that's the one thing she wouldn't let her do. So, when I wanted to bleach my hair my sister and I begged and convinced our mom to let us do it."



Grace Austin (11) has been dyeing her hair on and off throughout her time at Central. She uses her hair to express herself. "I dyed my hair simply because I wanted a change. I needed to do something to mix it up," Austin said.



Abby Shrum (12) chose to shave her head, claiming "One day I was just like... 'I'm going to shave my head.' And it turned out to be one of the best decisions I've ever made."



Daisy Friedman (12) decided to change up her look over the long break. "I changed my hair because I felt like it was something I was able to have control over. This has been a crazy year with a lot of change and I wanted to change an aspect of my appearance to go along with it."



Madeline DeMare (11) chose to dye her hair blue over quarantine. "I dyed my hair because I wanted a change and I have always liked the color blue. I thought it would be a fun hair color to have," DeMare said.



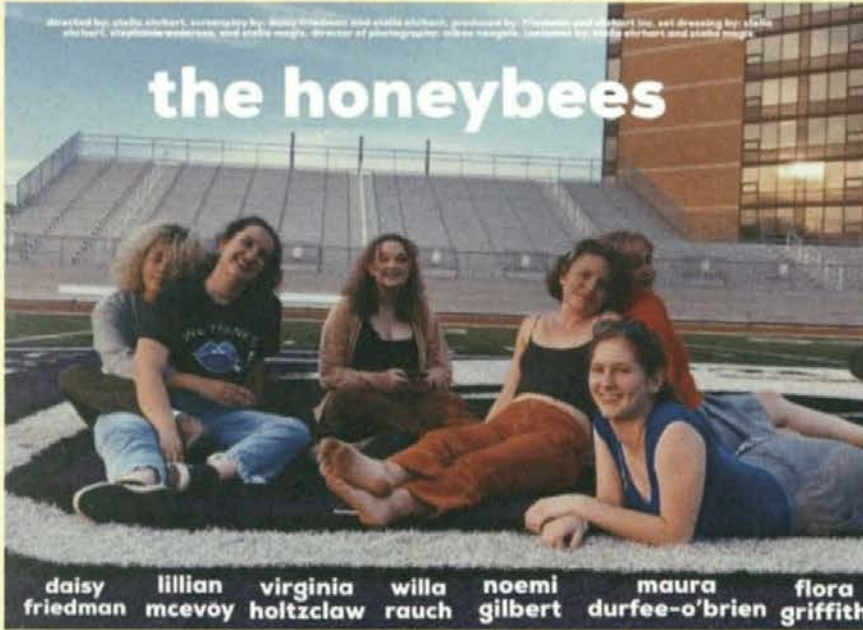
Maia David (11) gave herself a home haircut over quarantine, adding bangs to her look. "I cut it because I was bored. It's the best time to try new things since you're at home most of the time. It grows back anyways," David said.

A Quarantine Coming of Age

student-made movie

By Maura Durfee O'Brien

"The Honeybees" is the title of the film senior Daisy Friedman, and former Central student Stella Ehrhart wrote and directed over quarantine. With a tagline, "Quinn, an Omaha born-and-raised, sensible teen, struggles with her love for her hometown and leaving friends while she desperately tries to make it out before summer ends, and they go their separate ways." The cast/crew's teamwork and collaboration made for an insanely good end result. "The Honeybees" is planned to be entered into a few film festivals, and Daisy and Stella both are quite proud of their hard work.



behind-the-scenes:



The cast prepares to shoot a scene. "It was really amazing to get to work on a creative project with all my friends. They each brought new elements to the characters that I didn't even think of while writing them," **Daisy Friedman** (12) explained.



Stella Erhart, screenwriter and director directs a scene shot on the legacy walk. From screenwriter to director, she was involved in every step of the film making process.



1. **Noemi Gilbert** (10) and **Willa Rauch** (12) film one of their duet scenes. Their characters were very close throughout the film.

2. The cast walks back from a shoot at Metcalfe park. "I loved acting, and telling a story of growing up in Omaha. It was an amazing creative experience," **Noemi Gilbert** (10) said about her experience.

3. **Willa Rauch** (12) and Papillion-La Vista Junior Mikee Naegele film a shot on the Central High Legacy Walk. Central was an integral filming location for the movie.

4. **Willa Rauch** (12), **Daisy Friedman** (12), **Lillian McEvoy** (12), **Maura Durfee O'Brien** (11), **Flora Griffith** (11), **Stella Mogis** (11), **Joseph Warren-Pasley** (11) and North junior **Virginia Holtzclaw** played the characters within the film. "There's a line I love, 'We're like a beehive, going off to get our own pollen, but in the end we make the same honey. Our home is the same hive,'" Rauch said.



Behind-the-scenes photo from between takes. Videographer Mikee said, "I'm so excited that I was able to bring Daisy and Stella's vision to life. Working around complications was challenging in the best way possible, and I am stoked for everyone to see the final product."

So fresh, So clean

dance team carwash

By Olivia Mangiameli

1. **Norah Hicks** (9) and **Sophia Detisch** (9) smile at the camera while working hard.



2. After hours of sign waving and car washing, the team had a second to sit and have lunch before another car came.



3. The team took turns spraying, scrubbing, and drying. "It was really fun and a great experience while bonding with the team. The hard work also really paid off because we raised a good amount of money in the end," **Bryanna Olsen** (10) said.



4. **Kelsie McLaughlin** (12), **Mackenzie Coughlin** (12) and **Olivia Mangiameli** (11) dry a car. "I am actually very bad at washing cars it turns out," Mangiameli said.

5. McLaughlin is on hose duty during her last team car wash.

6. The car wash took a couple of hours, but the cars that came helped the team raise enough money for competitions and possible performances.



7. **Allie Sitton** (11) and **Eva Cassidy** (9) are on scrubbing duty.



8. Sitton planned the car wash because she is the fundraising chair for the leadership team. "It took a lot of hard work but we raised a lot of money," Sitton said.





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While going through her attic, **Neva Allgood** (19) found her mother's 1988 Central yearbook. "I knew I had to recreate the photo. Now I get to wear the infamous boat shirt all the time," Allgood said.

Pedro Perez-Villado (10) poses with his not-so-little dog and younger brother. "Time is like the harsh waves to the ocean, but we have to have a strong boat to keep riding on," Perez-Villado said.



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With their dog Clive at the ready, sisters **Josephine Salzman** (9) and **Paulina Salzman** (12) recreate this moment from their childhood. "Many years later and the dog looks the same," Paulina said.

Katalyn Weilage (11) holds her cat, Penny, close with a smiling face. Weilage and her cat pose 11 years after the original photo was taken when they originally brought Penny home.



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Spot the Difference?

recreating old photos

By Naomi Weak

Victims of Fashion

By Claire Linnell

comeback trends



1. **Hannah Callaghan** (12) poses in front of a tennis court. "I think fashion trends come and go, but certain trends come back. The 90s street fashion is back in and definitely my ideal style and what I go for," Callaghan said.



2. **Mia Griffith** (11) poses in her 90s inspired crew neck and mom jeans. "My style tends to rep trends from late 80 and early 90s such as the big shirt-little pants era or mom jeans and a crew neck. I know what I like and with that I shoot for comfy, stylish, nostalgic fits," Griffith said.



3. **Ziya Gaskin** (11) poses in her personally designed patch work jeans. "I'm in love with 90s fashion, so I'm always inspired to recreate looks while also incorporating other elements to the pieces as well. I'd say I'm not afraid to wear something people aren't used to seeing, whether it's a trend or not."



happy home screens

ios 14

By Olivia Mangiameli

Grace Ridgley (11) showcases **Jack Drobny** (11) in her fall inspired screen. "Mine is plain but Halloween-ish."



Mary Mayberger (11) made this her homescreen using widgets. She said she finds it funny.



Abigail Pelowski (12) decorated her homescreen with green being the inspiration. "I have too much time on my hands clearly," Pelowski jokes.



All in a Day's Work

working during the pandemic

By Emma Miller



4. **Sophia Amato** (10) poses in her 2000s inspired outfit for a picture. "I think my style represents the early 2000s. I like that period of fashion a lot and reference my clothing to that, to get that retro-indie vibe. My personality is out-there, which I express through my outfits," she said.



5. **Janaiza Lawson** (11) takes a mirror picture in her 90s styled outfit. "I've always loved 2000s and 90s style because my mom always dressed in 90s clothes when I was growing up. I watched a lot of Aaliyah, J-Lo, Beyonce, and Alicia Keys music videos all the time so that plays a part as to why I dress the way I do," Lawson said.



Emily Tran (11) works at a restaurant called Red Lantern where they make bahn mi, boba and traditional Vietnamese food. "Since Covid, we've had to wear masks, gloves, and sanitize the work place more frequently. It can get scary sometimes since there's an apartment above the food hall, and residents there get Covid, so it's been a whole bunch of uncertainty," Tran said.

Sierra Jesus (12) works at Hillcrest Silver Ridge Retirement home as a chef and server to the residents. "Because I work at a place with high-risk individuals, we had to do room trays for the residents. When we did go back to normal services we're constantly cleaning, wearing masks, goggles, gloves, and keeping up with hygiene to make them as safe as possible," she said.



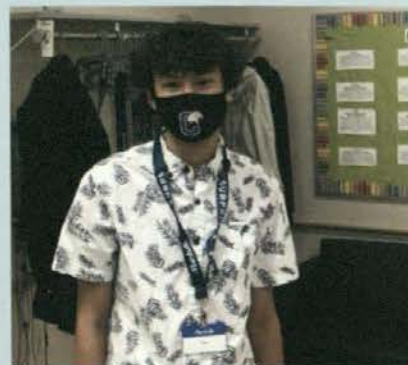
Bryan Jimenez-Adan (12), a worker at Qdoba said, "It's changed because when everything first happened, about half of our staff was cut temporarily. I was one of the teenagers that didn't get cut. We were only allowing people to order online and we'd take it out to their car or they could come in and order, but then leave afterwards. Now we have just about all of our staff back and are constantly cleaning to make sure we can make things as safe as possible."

"This took me so long," **Madeline Demare** (11) said. She personalized her home screen with a picture of her and a friend.

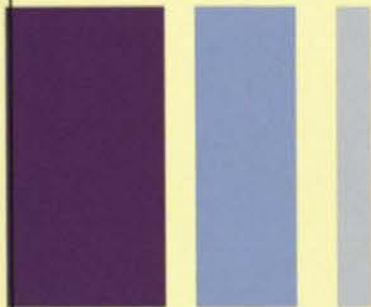
A screen featuring friends was created by **Eli Knopp** (11). "It's precious. My lock screen has always been pics of my friends, but now I can make them the app icons, which is fun."



Junior **Samuel Lavander** works as a cashier and stocker at Marshall's. "It has changed since quarantine started because we have to take an online survey before each shift and we have to be checked in by a manager when we get there. We have to wear masks, we have to wear gloves, and we have to constantly wipe everything we touch down," Lavander said.



Wear a Mask, Please



student's mask opinions

By Avery Schlote

"My cousin made me this mask with an old pair of jeans and a bedazzling gun! You can't see it that well but it has my name," **Lillian McEvoy** (12) said.

Juniors **Yvette Incontro**, **Eliana Beacom**, **Allyson Radke** and **Paige Skarnulis** pose together to show off their favorite masks.

"This is my favorite mask because my friend made it for me and goes well with a lot of outfits I wear," **Daisy Freidman** (12) said.



Bon Appétit

By Valeria Welk

1. Junior **Emily Tran** made homemade gnocchi. "I saw it on TikTok and wanted to try it out. Rolling the dough and making the shapes took like an hour and a half so it was a lot of work, but it tasted pretty good," Tran said.

2. Senior **Shay Macafee** learned how to bake bread from her grandma during quarantine. "She's the one who taught us how to feed the yeast starter and bake the bread so it wasn't too hard. She went through all the trial and error," Macafee said. "Now we bake it every other week and we don't need to buy bread from the store anymore, so that's pretty cool."

3. **Jocie Novak** (11) made cloud bread. "It turned out really pretty, but it kind of tasted like sugary eggs," Novak said. "It was really easy to make but in the end it kind of deflated and looked like a giant macaroon," she continued.





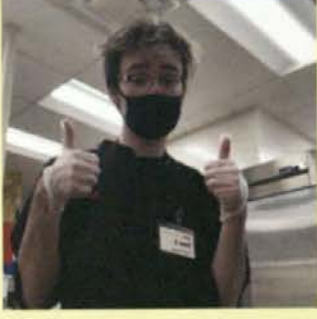
Vanessa Cerone (11) poses with her favorite mask. "I don't mind wearing a mask at all! If it means it will keep me/others safe then I will totally wear one," Cerone said.



"This is my favorite mask because I was born and raised in Nebraska and I am a big Huskers fan," **Harrison George** (12) said.



"I don't mind wearing a mask. I'd rather wear a cloth on my face than watch myself be responsible for increased case numbers. Wash your mask and your face often, slow the spread," **Willia Rauch** (12) said.



"Wearing a mask in a hot kitchen is difficult, but keeping people and their families safe is important to me," **Samuel Eckler** (12) said.

Continuing the Legacy

alumni and current students By Rita Herrera Villado, Avery Schlote and Ella Larsen



Mandy '94

Wyatt '21



Wyatt Raith (12) rocks his mother's hoops as he recreates her class photo. "I enjoyed math at the time. The teachers I met were very kind and I wanted to be close with middle school friends," Raith said about his choice to attend Central.

Camryn '23



Camryn Rank (10) smiles as she recreates her mothers school photo. "I am very proud to be at Central and she was most excited about the athletics," Rank said.



Kelly '98

Christine '90



Evan '21



Evan Stevens (12) is excited to be able to graduate from the same school as his mother. "Central was the best option for me. You can succeed if you want to and the diversity is unmatched," Stevens said.



Alison '01

Maia '22



Maia David (11) poses just as her mom did her senior year, 19 years ago. "I chose Central because of the diversity and academics. There wasn't really another option in my head," David said.

Berenice '88



Sam '22



Sam Robles (11) proves her uncanny resemblance to her mother as she poses to recreate the photo. "What made me come to Central were the academics and inclusive community," Robles said.

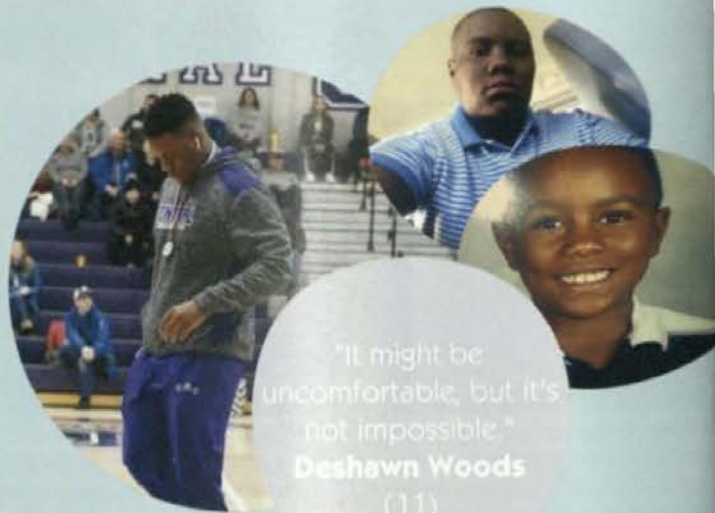
"I glowed up, then down, then back up again, and now we're sitting at a solid glow."

Claire Bouma
(12)



"It might be uncomfortable, but it's not impossible."

Deshawn Woods
(11)



bibbidi-bobbidi-boo

ultimate glow
By Olivia Caldwell

"It's better to apologize later than to ask permission first."

Bradley Berman (11)



"Smoke and mirrors are my best friend."

Stella Mogis (11)



Active Eagles

student exercise over the summer

By Claire Linnell

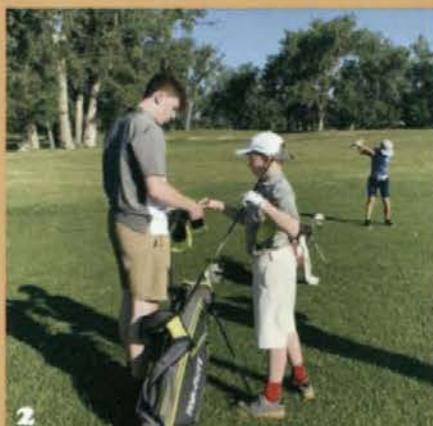
1. During the summer **Bella Dinnel** (10) continued her sport through training and modified practice games. "I did lacrosse focused workouts with @d_one_lacrosse and I played 4 v 4 with Omaha Central lacrosse club during the summer," Dinnel said.

2. **Aidan Tedesco** (11) helped on the golf course this summer. "During the summer I stayed active going to golf with my younger brother as his caddy," Tedesco said.

3. **Avery Schlote** (12) stayed active with her friends with competitive dance over the summer. "It was a great way to get out of the house during Covid," Schlote said.



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Cover Girls

fall omaha fashion week

By Avery Schlote

Vokal poses along side Maang's entire line. Her collection was inspired by current events affecting the world around us.



Kate Vokal (11) models for Maang Designs. "OFW was one of the best experiences to be a part of. Walking on the runway is very special to me and one of the coolest opportunities I've ever been able to do," Vokal said.



Avery Schlote (12) stands with Malia Fortunes' collection of vibrant pinks and oranges. The collection was inspired by her childhood.



Schlote was one of two Central students to walk the runway at fall OFW. "Fashion week is my favorite week of the year. Working with different designers and models is such a fun experience," Schlote said.

Birthday Blues

By Olivia Mangiameli birthdays during quarantine



1. **Christian Dump** (12) was able to "go out to eat right before everything got shut down." Time passed and Dump was finally able to hang with friends.
2. **Justin Davis** (11) turned 16 during the quarantine, and was able to still celebrate it with friends and family.
3. **Jacinda Vidlak** (11) had a birthday, without the party. "I couldn't go out anywhere and do the things I'd normally do with family and friends. I could only see one close friend".
4. **Zoe Streeter** (11) celebrated her 16th by going out to dinner with family while restaurants were still open, and taking photos to commemorate her birthday.



What goes around, Comes around.

favorite thrift finds during quarantine By Olivia Mangiameli

1. **Abraham Hinson** (10) often thrifts with his friends.
2. **Chloe Johnson** (10) shows off her purse she found.
3. **Grace Ridgley** (11) often thrifts to find new looks. "Personally, I thrift because I try not to support fast fashion if I don't have to. I'm also pretty frugal with money so thrift stores are a great way to find cute clothes and save money," Ridgley said.
4. **Mia Griffith** (10) joins Johnson and Hinson to show off their thrift finds. "Thrift is just fun to do with friends," Griffith said.



Many students are finding alternatives to fast fashion, with global temperatures fluctuating so much, the trend of being more globally conscious hopefully will not go out of style anytime soon.

5. **Abigail Pelowski** (12) shows off her thrifted outfit in her room. "I go pretty often," Pelowski said.
6. **Nyanna Frezell** (11), who "loves thrifting," shows off her jeans and top, all found at a thrift store.

Academic All-Stars

virtual purple feather day By Elliot Brown

Due to the Covid-19 outbreak in 2020, Central had to start doing things in a new way. Purple Feather Day is a tradition Central has to celebrate students with a grade point average of 3.5 or higher. The celebration is usually held at Central in the springtime. This year, students celebrated at a home. Central staff made a video to recognize all the students who met the requirements and sent flags and feathers to students at home to recognize their achievements.

Madelyn Kreber (10) and **Cole Kreber** (12) pose for a photo at home. "I was really excited for this year because I heard all about the past Purple Feather Days from the upperclassmen, but this works too," Madelyn said.



Kenya Winston (10) poses with her Purple Feather Day flag. "I am really looking forward to this year, if they have the parade," Winston says.

Texas State University



"I am very glad I got to tour a campus before everything went remote. I really liked TSU because all the students seemed really involved, especially the sororities and fraternities. I personally know I'm not ready for college, or the ACT."



Bethany Irvine (12)

Colorado State University



Olivia Gilbreath (12)

"I feel lucky having been able to tour a couple schools, I got to feel what college campuses might be like. I want to go to a school where I can stay active. However, I don't feel prepared for college yet, but I know I have time; so I'm not worried."

University of Washington



Laila Klare (12)

"I was able to tour a campus before all in person visits shut down. I am thankful for that, since being there made college feel closer. I believe that I am ready for college, and to move on to the next phase of my life, and be able to see new things."

Pre-Covid-19 College Visits

By Rita Herrera Villado

Due to the abrupt closing of campuses, many seniors missed out on physical college tours. Instead they had to settle for virtual visits. However, some seniors were able to get some real tours in before the madness set in.



Anna Festersen (12) earned her third purple feather last year. Festersen says, "Ever since freshman year, I could tell this would be one of my favorite memories."



A Second Chance At Bat

legion baseball

By Daniella Hernandez

Although COVID-19 canceled the spring season of baseball for Central eagle players, they were given the opportunity to play during the summer. In the eyes of health officials, baseball was seen as one of the safest sports due to being outdoors and fairly socially distanced. Teams across the state were allowed to play, as long as they followed specific rules given by health officials. The rules and guidelines given complied with the pandemic, making the season possible.



After a victory, Central's varsity team came together to celebrate. After winning various games and growing from defeats, the team became more united during the season.

Abram Kirchhevel (10) was on the reserve team during the 2020 summer season. "This season was different. We couldn't shake hands after the games, only our immediate family could attend, no concession stands were open, and we had to follow many other safety rules. But COVID-19 never defeated us from playing legion in 2020," Kirchhevel said.



Parker Lakin (11) is welcomed by teammates, Caleb St. Cyr (11) and Max Coughlin (10) after scoring a run. "It was a bit weird at the start, but restrictions got lifted and everything felt normal again. It was just us guys playing as usual," St. Cyr said.

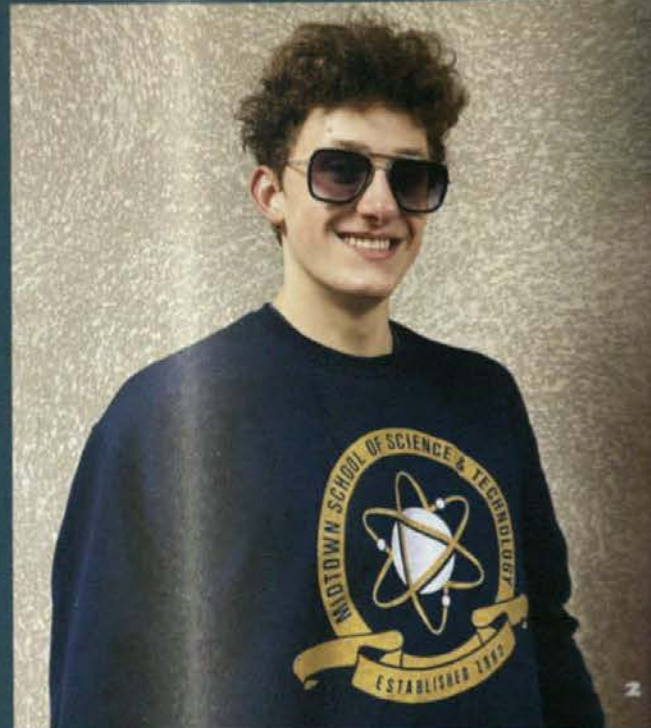
Watch Until You Drop

surge in streams over quarantine

By Daniella Hernandez

Supernatural and Marvel Cinematic Universe Movies

1. **Ainsley Green** (10) shared that from the beginning of the extended spring break to the start of the new school year, she spent time rewatching seasons five through 15 of *Supernatural*. "I wanted to rewatch *Supernatural* because I've loved the show for four years, and I love the characters," Green also rewatched some of the MCU movies over breaks, claiming she loves the plots. "I constantly watch *Captain America: The Winter Soldier*," Green shared. "It's my favorite movie, and despite the fact that I can basically quote the entire movie, I still love watching it." Green stated that even though she knows how both *Supernatural* and the MCU movies end, she finds happiness and comfort in seeing how it all falls into place. "I would recommend the MCU movies the most. They're very complex, and still growing. Their character arcs, acting, CGI, and effects are phenomenal."



Wandavision, Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D., Community, and New Girl

2. Over the summer quarantine break, **Andrew DeMare** (10) watched many shows on Netflix. DeMare had a broad selection of shows, saying that his watch list spanned from Marvel's *Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.* to *New Girl* and *Community*. Enjoying action and adventure themes, DeMare also binge watched many entertaining comedies. "I wanted to watch the shows, because I had interest in other shows in the superhero and sitcom genre. I highly recommend Marvel's *Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.*," DeMare shared. "It is a great show filled with action, while still having seven seasons of content." DeMare's favorite show he streamed was *Wandavision* on Disney+. "*Wandavision* is my favorite because not only is it Marvel, but it something entirely different from the movies." His newfound love for the *Wandavision* even led him to purchase Funko Pops from the episode titled, "All-New Halloween Spooktacular!"



Eye Opening covid in omaha

By Sara Ocampo

1. Sophomores **Ashley Antunez** and **Arianna Gasca** said they think that they are all doing good wearing masks. "We are obeying the rules of wearing masks and hopefully we can find a vaccine so we can get back to normal," Gasca said.

2. **Jack Adrian** (10) said masking and social distancing shouldn't be something that political figures argue. "Omaha was one of the LAST cities to make mandate," Adrian said.

3. Freshmen **Jaden Cheloha** and **Valur Jaksha** said they notice Covid's affects whenever they go somewhere in public. "Although some of the restrictions may be frustrating, we believe they are necessary," Cheloha said.



With long breaks throughout the school year due to the pandemic, students were able to devote their time binge watching their favorite shows and movies. Some took the time to enjoy their screens to relax and de-stress while they had the time.



All American Outer Banks

3. **Kate Vokal** (11) spent time watching many TV shows. "I watched All American and Outer Banks on Netflix," Vokal shared. All American is her favorite TV show out of the two. "I still rewatch some of my favorite episodes of All American," Vokal said. She shared that she heard about both of the TV shows from friends and social media platforms. After seeing the shows around her, Vokal shared that, "I just decided to watch them." Enjoying the shows very much, Vokal ended up completely watching the entirety of both of the shows in the span of a couple of days. Vokal watched all of the seasons that were available on Netflix when she binged them, one season for Outer Banks and two for All American, and is awaiting the arrival of the newer seasons.



Point Your Toes

Dancers and gymnasts

By Ella Larsen



1. **Jocie Novak** (11) is a dancer at On Pointe and she has a love for what she does. "I love the dance community because they are true friends and its exciting to pull a muscle every once in a while," Novak said.



2. **Mackenzie Coughlin** (12) puts her emotions into dance and loves to show each style of dance differently. "I love the connections of dance that can really bring people together," Coughlin said.

3. **Maevé Dineen** (12) has been dancing since she was 3 and it was her whole life until she was forced to stop her freshman year. "Learning I had to quit was devastating but knowing I could make a comeback later in my career cheered me up," Dineen said.

4. **Paige Holland** (10) is a gymnast and she has spent half her life doing gymnastics. "The sense of accomplishment I get when I finally land a new skill is very gratifying," Holland said.

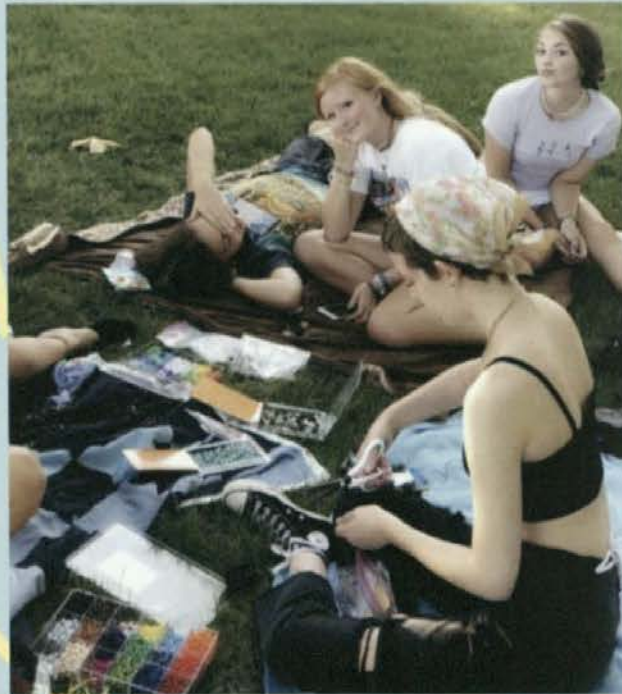
5. **Ayrion Goodwin** (12) is a gymnast at Premier Gymnastics and she spends most of her time outside of school there. "The support that each gymnast has for each other is amazing," Goodwin said.



19 Things to stay busy during Covid-19

By Rita Herrera Villado and Dahly Long

1. Educate yourself on the social injustices in our country
2. Get to know yourself, find your interests and become your own best friend
3. Spend quality time with family
4. Study for the ACT
5. Read a new book
6. Make friendship bracelets or have a picnic with others while staying socially distant
7. Exercise daily to stay in shape and keep your mind clear
8. Mediate and focus on mindfulness
9. Take a bath to relax
10. Tour colleges online
11. Tour a museum you have never been to
12. Schedule a video call with friends and family
13. Clean your room
14. Watch a sunrise or sunset
15. Journal and document your experience
16. Learn a new hobby
17. Learn how to change a tire
18. Make a new art project
19. Donate blood



Hannah Callaghan (12) and **Devlyn Pithan (12)** get together with a group of friends to do arts and crafts at Memorial Park.



Sierra Jesus (12) poses with her sisters as they take advantage of the newfound time and decorate Easter eggs.

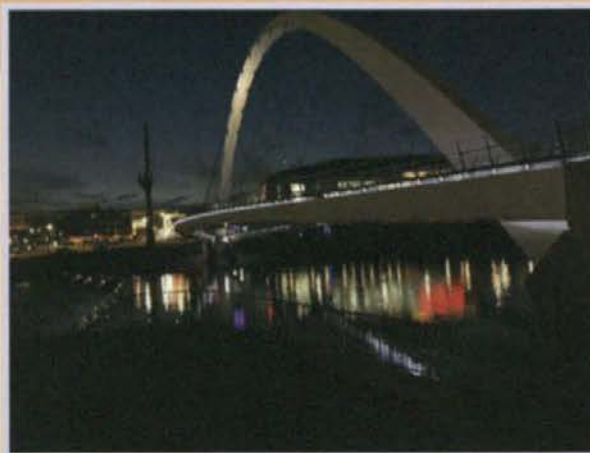
Claire Linnell (11) and **Abigail Pelowski (12)** enjoy a picnic at Memorial Park. "I love picnics with my friends. We love to get together and eat sushi and damage, then take cute photos on Abbey's film camera," Linnell said.



JaNaizsa Lawson (11) was able to attend her friend's sweet 16 birthday party on the first day of spring break before Covid hit. "It was fun to be able to go to parties and see my friends. I miss being able to make memories," Lawson said. Covid has prevented large parties and that was a major shift in people's daily lives and is something people miss.

Charles Yale (9) traveled to Switzerland for two weeks to participate in a program where he did not have access to a phone or any news going on in the world around him until he was sent home early due to the travel ban. "I didn't even know how bad the virus really was and it was just a super weird experience being thrown back into the real world without knowing anything about the disease," Yale said.

Over Spring Break, **Caleb Cyr (11)** and his family took a trip to Florida. He was able to see dolphins swimming and jumping through the waves on a boat ride in Clearwater. His family had heard the news about the closing districts and was shocked at what they came back to. "When we got home everything was closed and it seemed as though it would never go back to normal," Cyr said.



On March 10, 2020, **Frances Gray** (12) drove to Des Moines, beginning her college tours with Drake University. She was able to explore downtown, sightsee and interact worry free before finding out how bad the virus really was.



Casey Sanden (9) went to Grand Marais, Minnesota over Spring Break with her family as a get away before anyone knew what was to come. She got to spend lots of time outside and on the beaches of Lake Superior. She misses playing soccer, seeing her friends and the rest of her family.



As a gymnast, **Ayrion Goodwin** (12) took a trip to Salt Lake City, Utah over Spring Break. In the midst of competing, Goodwin and her teammates went to visit the sight of the movie High School Musical, which was one of her favorite parts. "I miss traveling back from meets with my teammates after a weekend of trying new foods while exploring a new city," Goodwin said.



A Look Back

memories from before COVID-19 By Christina Spomer

Mo' time, mo' money

new jobs in quarantine By Maura Durfee O'Brien

During the global pandemic of COVID19, people have been changing it up. Whether that be style-wise, views-wise, fashion-wise, or job-wise, it has been happening everywhere. At Central, a few students volunteered to talk about their own employment changes during quarantine.



Towards the start of quarantine, **Liberty Wlaschin** (11) also started working at Hy-Vee. "I got my job to help everyone during this stressful time. The pandemic has caused us to sell certain amounts of items, need more employees, and deal with angry customers who don't like following our rules," she said when asked about her job.



Isabella Lonchill (12) started a new job at Hy-Vee during the pandemic. "I mainly stayed home and didn't focus on myself. When I got my job during quarantine, I started getting paid and working on myself, and my acne even started to get better," she said.



"I chose to get my job because I was so bored at home and needed something to do. I love my new job because I've learned a lot and met some cool people," **Jessica Mollak** (12) said. She recently started a new job at Genesis Health club during the pandemic and is having a blast.

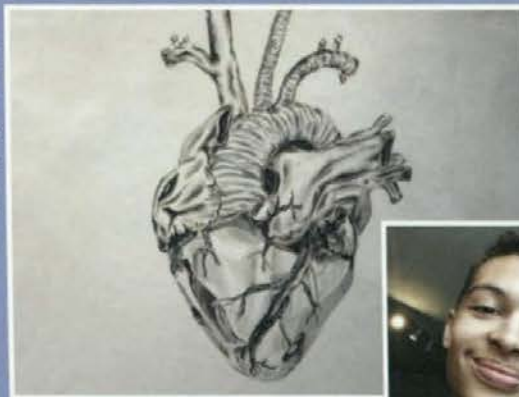
ART IS THE WORD

quarantine art

By Emma Miller

"I remember creating this piece at a time in my life where life seemed hard. I remember always conforming myself to fit the needs of others rather than my own. Thus, I titled this piece, 'The World' as to show how the world can pump all the blood out of you," Clute said. The lyric, "Heart made of glass, mind of stone" from Billie Eilish's song 'Lovely' inspired this piece.

dylan clute (12)



Sydney Richt & Crosby

After the passing of Sydney Richt's (10) 13 year-old lab, her family missed the presence of a dog in the house. "We have loved having a puppy in quarantine, he gives us something to do, and brings so much joy to our family," Richt said. "He's a big energetic goofball, who loves all the attention."



Covid Companions

By Grace Hodges

Kieran Hill & Dax

Kieran Hill (10) sits with Dax, a golden retriever who keeps spirits up while stuck at home. "Having Dax while in quarantine has been awesome because it gave me something to do instead of sit around all day," Hill said.



Grace Rock & George

Over quarantine, George has made his personality known to Grace Rock (10). "George has a bit of an ego," she said. "He definitely voices his opinion when he thinks there is too much energy in the room." Lock down has provided a great opportunity to raise her Dad's dream dog. "George entertains me when things get boring or keeps me company when things get lonely," Rock said.



Lillian Turner & Tortuga

Lillian Turner's (10) rescue turtle, Tortuga, keeps her on her toes in quarantine. "I was cleaning his tank and he got out and I lost him for like 10 minutes," Turner said. Tortuga has been a great companion for Lily while stuck at home.



"I created the landscape paintings during the summer of 2019 after watching way too many Bob Ross videos. The mural is a conglomeration of pieces done by the New York graffiti/pop artist, Keith Haring. I was inspired by him due to his ability to turn art into a form of social activism during the 1980s," Neva responded when asked what art she has done during quarantine.



kristen livingston (11)

Kristen's love for art started before she could even walk and during school she found herself constantly sketching in her notebooks with any writing utensil. "My inspiration for this piece was primarily my love for his music and how he revealed all types of discrimination, no matter the race, sex or religious origins," Livingston said.

neva allgood (12)



Muffled Instructions

teacher masks

By Norah Misshue



"Most of the ones I like to wear all day at school, I bought online from Etsy. The cloth is not too thick."

Erica Meyer



"I prefer a homemade mask."

Karen Brown



"I love my mask from the CHS foundation. I have four and they are all my go-tos."

Casey Denton



"I prefer to wear the homemade masks. My mother-in-law made a lot of them last spring, and I like that they are custom and have headbands instead of ear bands."

Jordan Boyer

Janis Elliott



Janis Elliott and her husband dedicated their quarantine to taking the goggle cabinets from the science rooms to donate to hospitals in the Omaha area when PPE was in short demand.



Molly Davies



Molly Davies worked with her fellow teachers at the food bank, preparing and packing boxes of food for families in need. It was difficult to make sure that families knew the food was there for them to pick up.



Providing in a Pandemic

giving back

By Alexis Walker

Olivia Gilbreath

During quarantine, **Olivia Gilbreath** (12) created mask adapters for essential workers in hospitals and food services. She also raised \$500 dollars for many organizations including What Youth Can Do.



Jaden Tchalassi

Jaden Tchalassi (12) was very eager to help his community. He attended a neighborhood clean up at Omaha North and helped prepare teachers for online learning.



"Kids nowadays..."

screen time
By Valeria Welk



Junior **Anne Carpenter's** screen time went from a manageable two hours to six hours per day. "High screen time during a pandemic is understandable, and none of us should beat ourselves up for it," she said. "I mostly went on TikTok and FaceTimed friends."



"I used a lot of apps, but the main ones were TikTok, YouTube, Snapchat, Instagram, Messages, and Discord," junior **Samuel Walocha** said. His screentime doubled during the quarantine.



Mia Wicken's (11) screen time actually went down during the pandemic. She started with around 12 hours per day, but cut it down to nine hours per day. "It could have been lower," Wicken said. "I blame it on TikTok."



Samantha Robles (11) had a screen time of about four hours before quarantine started, but it rose to seven hours and 45 minutes. "You may think mine is a lot but I've seen someone with a screen time of 24 hours," Robles said.

...always on those phones"

It's All About the Selfie

Selfies remain extremely popular. But what's the key to a good selfie? Try these tips:

- **Natural light is best** – just after sunrise or just before sunset.
- **Keep your arm out of the shot** – try downloading a free self-timer app.
- **Use your good side** – position the camera slightly above your eye line.

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Mystery Image

Scroll to the 15th image on your phone right now. What is it?



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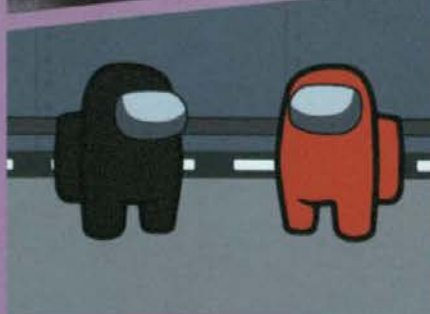
What's on Your PHONE?

What Are You Playing?

If you've got a smartphone, you likely play games on it. Games provided an entertaining distraction and a competitive outlet. These games were some of the most popular this year:

- Among Us
- Minecraft
- Clash of Clans

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Accessorize It!

Gadgets and extras for your mobile phone are trendy gift items. They served a variety of purposes, but all helped enhance the user experience. Common ones included:

- Pop Sockets
- Mobile Tripods
- Gamepads
- Pocket Photo Printers
- Smart Speakers

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Check Out That Case

Phone cases have many uses. They protected expensive devices, and many were water-resistant, flexible and fashionable. These were some of the best sellers:

- Otterbox Symmetry
- LifeProof FRE
- Spigen Liquid Air
- Sonix Crossbody Case

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Apps Are Where It's At

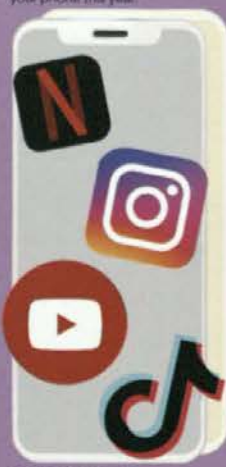
If you are on a mobile device, you are probably using an app. The trend toward using apps and away from surfing the mobile web continued. Total time spent on phones also rose.

Source: netoflows.com



Most Popular Apps This Year

Chances are, at least one of these best-selling apps was on your phone this year:



Source: netoflows.com

What Other Apps Did You Use This Year?



1. **Paige Terry** (12) poses for a picture in Dripped and Draped, a local coffee shop and clothing boutique in Benson. Dripped and Draped has become a popular destination, especially for Instagram photoshoots.

2. **Chris Saraka** (12) and **Kris Ramirez** (12) have been working at Top Golf since it first opened in the beginning of the year. "While I've worked there, I've met new people I didn't even know I went to school with, like Kris, and we've become really good friends," Saraka said.



3. **Lyndsey Veach** (12) takes her stance on the green and gets ready for her attempt to hit a target at Top Golf. "It was a super fun place to go have fun and laugh with friends especially because of how bad we were," Veach said.



Easy Money

earning and spending in a pandemic

By Caroline Festersen and Jonathan Savoie



4. **Scarlett Hughes** (11) works for Develop Model Management. "I love modeling because it gives me an opportunity to meet all kinds of new people of all ages and backgrounds," Hughes said. She has been modeling for three years.

5. **Jacinda Vidlak** (11) works at Hurts Donuts in at the 120th and Blondo location. "Hurts Donuts isn't your typical job, you look forward to the days you work because everyone's your friend, and it's always a party," Vidlak said.

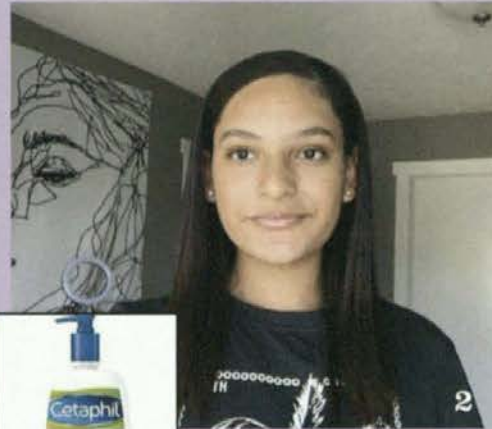
Crystal Clear

skin care routines

By Grace Hodges



2. **Chloe Reese** (10) wanted to change her routine after watching a few TikToks about skin care. That's where she found her favorite product. "Cetaphil has changed my lifestyle because now my skincare routine takes about 5 minutes, whereas before it took about 15," she said. Reese believes it doesn't take an extreme routine to achieve perfect skin. She also adds, "It is definitely a good idea to invest in skin care. Regardless of whether or not your skin is clear, you are still beautiful."



1. **Gabrielle Garrett** (10) saw the popularity of facial products grow over her time at home. "I kept seeing a lot about skincare on TikTok and YouTube," she said. Though the products can be pricey, Gabrielle thinks it is worth it, "I don't like to spend a lot of money on skin care because it runs out fast but it's good to invest in quality products," she said.

3. **Bailey Peters** (10) got into skin care while in quarantine. Peters wanted to work on the health of her skin instead of the popularity of the product. "I used to just buy what was considered cool not actually looking at what I was putting on my skin," she said. "Having better skin can give someone more confidence. It's an easy step to add to your morning and night routine that will have great benefits," Peters added.

Got Game?

family game nights

By Caroline Festersen



1. **Justin Davis** (11) contemplates his next move against his brother **Deodre Davis** (12) in a game of cards. "It is always a competitive game between us two. We may not be twins, but we pretty much do everything together," Justin said.



2. **Joseph Bushey** (10) sits contently around a table with his family on game night. Scrabble is not Joseph's favorite, however he puts up with it once in a while to please his family.

3. **Ian Petrick** (9) plays his favorite game with his family. "Blokus is a favorite of mine because I enjoy the strategy involved and the challenge of blocking my mom," Bushey said.

Tuning In

Online music classes

By Alexis Walker

Dylan Clute (12) focuses on the positive side when it comes to change. "Our teachers always mentions instrument jokes and has done an incredible job making sure everyone feels included in these hard times," Clute said.



Noah McPherson (11) wants what's best for his fellow classmates. "The actual playing is really cool since we aren't together, but I suggest a mentor program with the juniors and seniors take underclassmen under their wing," McPherson said.



Alexandria Schmidt (12) is dedicated to being a part of a team. "We do scales and send them in for assignments, but orchestra itself is a team thing defined by playing and learning alongside others," Schmidt said.



Jack Adrian (10) was excited to see what ideas his teachers had. "Our teachers have become very creative with assignments and are doing everything in their power to make this learning environment work. My favorite thing that happened this year was the first day we returned to the 3/2 model, and we made music together, for the first time in over seven months," Adrian said.



Kate Vokal (11)

"My friend and I wanted to have a photoshoot downtown and drive around until we found a spot that had the best lighting. A building in the middle of the parking lot had a wall with the best lighting and matched with our outfits. Overall, we got some of the best pictures from finding a random place!"



Norah Mishue (11)

"I was just sitting on the couch one day and my mom said she wanted to take pictures of me. She said it was because I'm pretty, but I think it was because the dog was there!"

COVID Camerawork

at home photoshoots By Sophie Cullum



Lillian McEvoy (12)

"I am actually super passionate about photography, but I rarely have people to take photos of me. Spring is my favorite season, and the crabapple trees blooming in my front yard in these pictures give great springtime vibes."



Mikaela Estelle (10)

"I love how the pictures turned out, but it was tough getting good ones. It takes a lot of time to get pictures I'm satisfied with because I always find something off about them."



Presley Urwin (10)

"It's really hard for me to take pictures that I like, I'm really picky. I always want my photos to seem fun and unique. I do fun poses and edit them to so they look natural. I try to keep it as real as possible so I look like myself."

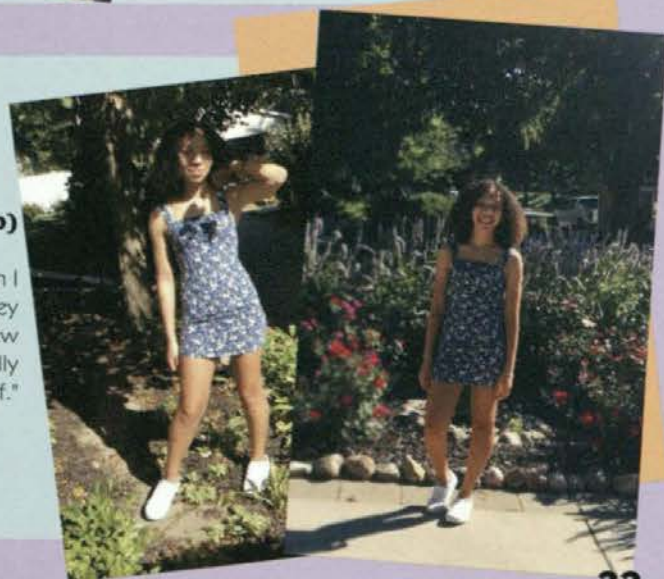
Lucile Leighter (9)

"I set up my shoot in good, natural light so that my face wasn't shadowy. I'm happy with the way the pictures turned out, but sometimes they don't come out as I'd hoped."



Kimberly Borgstahl (10)

"It makes me really happy when I take pictures of myself and they turn out well. There were a few pretty good ones that I was really proud of."





The 1918 yearbook was a paper cover, bounded with a string. It was filled with a large regimental staff and lots of chapters within. The football team held the title of Missouri Valley Champions. They had uniforms consisting of sweaters and knee high socks. Finally, Roadshow was an important aspect that had various kinds of performances.



1918



1905

1905 was one of the oldest yearbooks in Central's possession. There was a thin paper cover and thick inside pages. There were different clubs such as The Cadet Officers Club and the Demosthenian Debating Society. One of the sports Central had was the girls and boys basketball teams. The uniforms were striped, included knee-high socks and tank top jerseys. The 1905 yearbook also had ads that related to the times such as Expert Watch Makers and a Dime Pantalorium Pressing Co.



1930

The 1930 yearbook was also paperback but featured artwork on colored paper for dividers. One of the most interesting things about this yearbook was the different clubs that were offered. Some of them include the Stamp Club, Dog Fanciers, Central Colleens and Mathematics Society.



1967 was a hardcover yearbook that featured lots of hand painted and watercolor artwork of trees. One of the main spreads was Road Show. To advertise they had a large sign hanging with 300 Central students and 23 acts participating. There was dancing, singing and instrumental music.

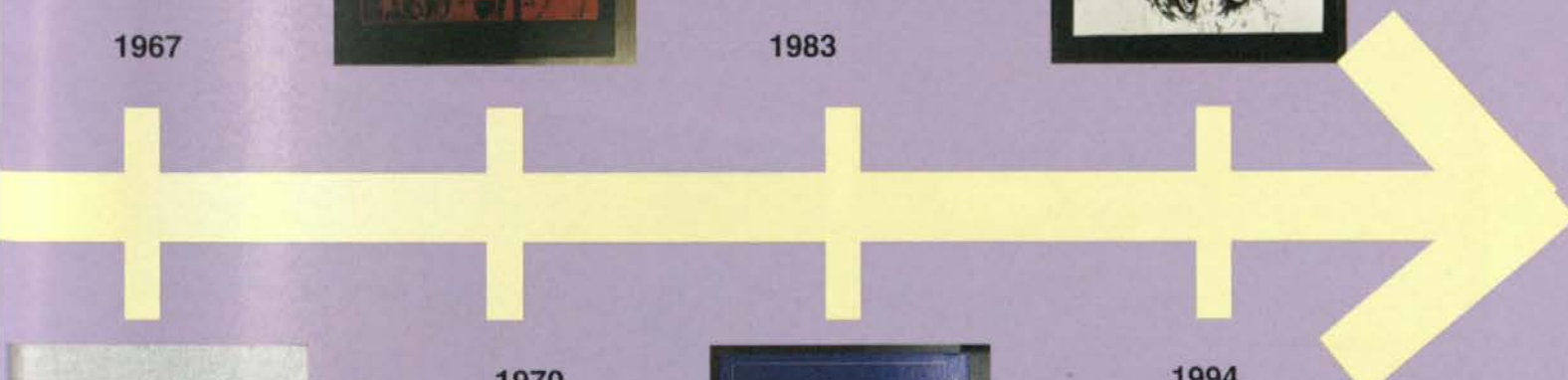


1967

In 1983, one of the things featured was senior head shots in color. Most of the others were black and white except for a select few. The yearbook also featured a varsity cheer team that performed stunts such as pyramids and jumps. There were 11 members on the team and they performed at pep rallies, games and even in Central's hall.

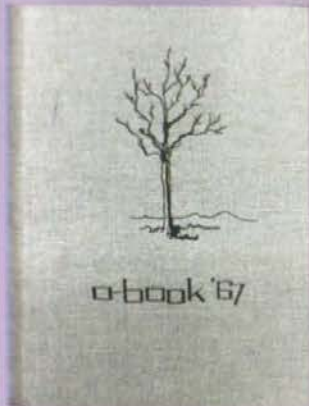


1983



1970

The O-Book of 1970 featured a senior class that was described as a "melting pot." It also had a list of all the activities each student participated in. There was also a men's gymnastics team that competed, winning 6th place in the metro.



1994

In 1994, sports became an important aspect of student life. There were sports such as boys volleyball and womens gymnastics, which Central does not have today. There was also a womens softball team that made it to state and a football team that had a great season record. One of the other student life aspects was the cars the students drove. The spread featured all the best cars around school and fit the time they were in.



A Blast from the Past

a look back on old yearbooks By Christina Spomer

Top 10 Food Items Ordered on DoorDash in 2020

- 1 **Chicken Fingers and French Fries** 
- 2 **Fried Chicken Sandwich** 
- 3 **Mac & Cheese** 
- 4 **Chips & Guacamole** 
- 5 **Apple Pie** 
- 6 **Pad Thai** 
- 7 **Chicken Quesadillas** 
- 8 **Iced Coffee** 
- 9 **California Roll** 
- 10 **Chicken Tikka Masala** 

Source: DoorDash State of Flavor Report, Photo credits: Shutterstock



Ding-dong Delivery

If you want to stay inside, it's no problem. As people stayed home, delivery boomed. Amazon reported record profits, other retailers expanded delivery options and even restaurant and grocery delivery became more common. *Photo credit: Shutterstock*

My favorite foods to order are



One Way

One-way lanes aren't just for the roads. To improve traffic flow and reduce crowding, brick-and-mortar stores used one-way aisles. They taped arrows to the floor and used "Do Not Enter" signs to inform consumers. *Photo credits: Shutterstock*



Buying Habits



I ran out of

Can't Get Enough

Stocking up or stockpiling? Retailers throughout the nation faced shortages of essentials. Everything from toilet paper to sanitizer to Thanksgiving turkeys were difficult to find.

Photo credit: Shutterstock

Kick it to the Curb

The use of curbside pickup increases so consumers can purchase items without having to step inside the building. After ordering online, customers parked in a designated spot, and store personnel delivered their items to their car. This option was used at grocery stores, restaurants, department stores, clothing boutiques and more.

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Ch-ch-changes



Don't toss that penny. The U.S. Mint worked at limited capacity, and Americans opted for contactless or card payments, leading to a coin shortage. Many businesses responded by requiring exact change for purchases or even refusing cash payments. *Photo credit: Shutterstock*

Walsworth yearbooks



She had family graduate in '89, '85, '99, '57, '61, '55, '31

Anna Festersen (12) and her sister **Caroline Festersen (10)** are 4th generation Central students. "Having family history at Central is important to me because I value the tradition of good education," Anna said.



She had family graduate in '85, '86, '21, '82 and '81 (all pictured graduated from Central)



Ann Carlson's (9) family is really showing their history by having nine family members who all attended Central. "I am a third generation Carlson to attend Central, so I have been excited to go to Central for as long as I can remember," Carlson said.

Past and Present

family history throughout central

By Ella Larsen

Janis Friedman ('66)



Charles Yale '24



Charles Yale (9) has multiple family members who have been Central students and he is carrying on the tradition. "To me this shows how Central has been a part of the Omaha community for so long and that it is an excellent school," Yale said.



Adam Yale ('93)

Smarty Pants Central

national merit semi-finalists

By Emma Miller

Killian Green (12)

Green felt a weight lift off his shoulders when he found out he was one of the semifinalists. "My biggest strategy was skipping questions that I couldn't answer quickly. When you have timed assessments, you have to come back to questions that don't click with you later, as you can't afford to waste time," Green said.



Mila Herszbaum-Harding (12)

Herszbaum-Harding recommends moving quickly through the test to make sure all of the questions are answered. "I didn't realize it was such a notable honor until I had teachers and adults I hadn't spoken to in years reaching out to congratulate me," she said.



See You in Court

volleyball season alternative By Caroline Festersen and Jonathan Savoie



Although Covid-19 took away the school volleyball season, that didn't stop the team from stepping on the court together. Participating in a homeschool league among other Omaha Public School teams, the (unofficial) Central freshman, JV and varsity teams put out some fierce competition.

1. Central's Varsity team stands in a huddle as **Kenya Winston's** (11) mom, the team representative, lays out a game plan. "It was exciting to having my mom coach our school season, but even though we cooperated as a team, we didn't have any expectations to push us on the court as if our school coach was there," Winston said.



2. Varsity (pictured)

Back: **Quinn Kay** (11), **Bianca Martinez** (11), **Ital Lopuyo** (11), **Kenya Winston** (11), **Zaria Dunbar** (12), **Aniah Wayne** (11)
Front: **Haley Brutsche-LaBreck** (11), **Lyndsey Veach** (12), **Paige Terry** (12), **Caroline Festersen** (10), **Anna Festersen** (12)

Junior Varsity: **Morgan Melvin** (10), **Bethany Thimjon** (10), **Esperanza Martinez** (10), **Lily Kuzelka** (10), **Alea Kaan** (10), **Amelia Larson** (10), **Chaunessy Plater** (10), **Jaylin Sims** (10), **Isabel Hoiberg** (9)

Freshman Team: **Fran Brennan**, **Keijha Hadley**, **Ava Wessling**, **Madalynne George**

Anna Festersen (12)

"Receiving the email about my semi-finalist status was like a sigh of relief. The practice tests had paid off," Festersen said. Her main goal was timing and making sure all of the questions were answered.



Emily Engel (12)

Engel was pleasantly surprised when getting the email that she was one of the semi-finalists. "Mostly it's important to answer every question without spending too much time on one," Engel said.



Edward Easton (12)

"I was pretty confident I would be a semifinalist based off the score cutoffs from previous years, but it was satisfying to see it in writing" Easton said. He recommends taking practice tests before taking the actual test.



Carolyn Dillman (12)

"I got bored and was able to do the math section twice to check over my work which is what really helped me. I mostly walked in blind and hoped for the best," Dillman said. She was really excited when she got the email and it opened a lot more opportunities.



FOCO 2020

Homecoming season during COVID-19

By Dahly Long and Caroline Festersen

Homecoming was canceled this year due to COVID-19 but that didn't stop some students from dressing up and throwing their own socially distanced homecoming. Many students calling this homecoming "foco" to represent fake hoco.



1. Seniors **Abigail Pelowski**, **Brynn Nelson** and **Dahly Long** snap a quick photo at Memorial Park. "I wish we could have gotten a normal dance for our senior year, but dressing up with my friends was fun and helped us have the most normal senior year as possible," Pelowski said.

2. Seniors **Paige Terry**, **Sophia Sgourakis**, and **Abby Huff** pose for a photo. "Having the opportunity to have a safe and socially distanced homecoming for our senior year gave us the chance to make the most out of this weird year," Sgourakis said.

3. A group of swimmers and their dates from all grades all pose for a photo at their socially distanced homecoming. "We wanted to have a homecoming to be able to spend time together outside of swim. It was really nice getting to have something that resembled homecoming during my senior year to bring back some normalcy," **Christina Spomer** (12) said.

4. Juniors **Maia David**, **Livia Ziskey**, and **Madeline DeMare** pose for their fake homecoming. "We had a lot of fun dancing in my backyard. It was better than real homecoming," DeMare said.

not so mainstream

favorite underground artists By Elliot Brown



Madeline DeMare's (11) favorite artist is a band called Emotional Oranges. "They are a very cool band that include many genres I like," DeMare said.



Shyla Youngs (10) enjoys listening to "SMINO" in her free time. "He has a few songs that have been my favorites forever," Youngs said.



Harrison Brownrigg's (10) go-to artist is the band "Joy Again". "I really like their vibe," Brownrigg said.



Seniors **Anna Festersen** and **Mario Pettis** dress up for their Homecoming. "I think that it was really fun and refreshing, it just felt like real homecoming seeing everyone dressed up together and having a good time," Pettis said.

The Chosen Ones

Senior Class Officers

By Dahly Long



President: Willa Rauch

"I decided to run for this position because I have seen my years at Central become good ones because of the influence of upperclassmen. My friend group was comprised entirely of seniors and they helped me grow. Also, I want to be a friendly face! I would have loved to know that I am not alone- and never will be."

Vice President: Jaden Tchalassi

"I wanted to run for Vice President because I wanted to provide new perspectives and diverse ideas for the eagle community. I plan on advocating on behalf of our marginalized communities and pushing for more inclusive learning environments."



Secretary: Olivia Gilbreath

"I decided to run for secretary because most extracurriculars I am involved in normally weren't going on and I missed the feeling of being in a club with school. Also, I love voicing my opinion and I feel like I have a lot of good ideas that could benefit class of 2021 and the underclassmen."

Treasurer: Maev Dineen

"I decided to run because I enjoy being a leader and including everyone. I felt that being a class officer could help me become closer with the people in our class."

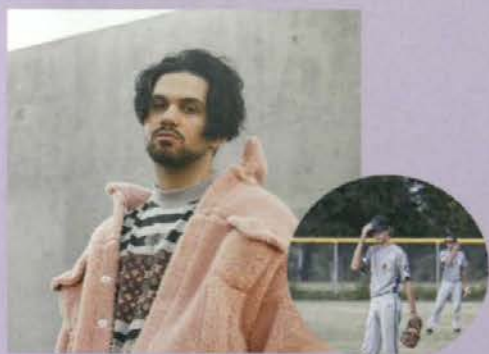


Activities Coordinator: Bryan Jimenez-Adan

"I decided to run for the position because I really enjoy planning events and other things that can bring people together to have fun and get to know each other which are two strengths I believe are very useful with being an activities coordinator because I want to make sure everyone feels heard."

Historian: Britney Angeles-Ayala

"I decided to run for senior class historian because I love the environment at Central and wanted a way to create closer connections and engage with my peers in a positive way."



Christian Bartlett's (10) favorite artist is "Aries". "Aries is a unique artist who got me into different genres of music," Bartlett stated.

IN-FOUL-IBLE virtual gym By Colin Leslie



Maxwell Spizman (10) is in a gym class this year. "The class is pretty smooth and easy if you do your work," Spizman said.



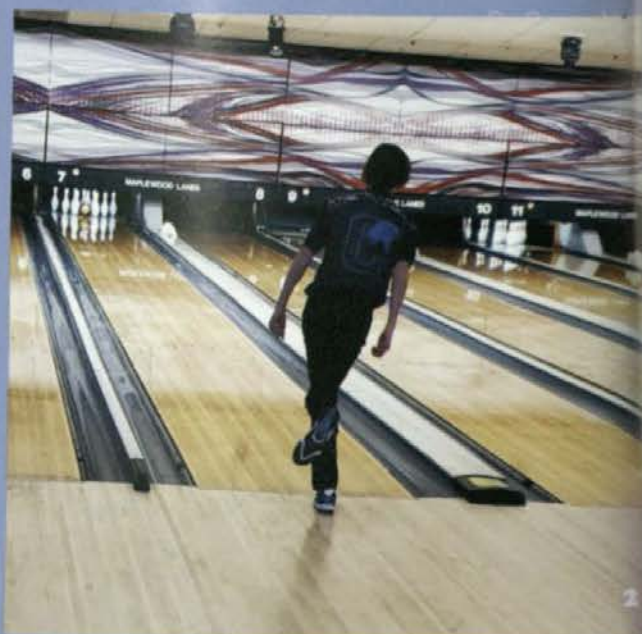
Claire Linnell (11) has resumed in-person gym half the week with the 3/2 model. "It's good and fun, but it's hard not to have a gym locker," Linnell said.



With health measures in place, gym must be socially distanced, including all of the demonstrations. "I like the half classes with some students online, but it is difficult to show some things, like how to properly do a dead lift," teacher **Ryan Neel** said.

Who Gives a Split?

unified bowling



- Avenlea White** (12), **Samuel Nodes** (12), **Gordy Nuno** (11), **Paige Terry** (12), **David Bolton** (12) and **Mason Wickstrom** (12) wait for their match to begin. "Being on the bowling team was such a fun experience and I got to meet a lot of people. Everyone on the team was so supportive and at the matches we all cheered for each other," Terry said.
- Alex Deane** (9) had the best scores of the season for the eagles. He consistently was able to roll them down the middle.
- Dylan Graves** (12) focuses on where he wants the ball to go. He has the same routine before every throw.
- Wickstrom, Bolton, White, Deane and **Cole Kreber** (12) made up the district team at the end of the season. The group of seniors represented Central by having the top scores throughout the season. "Bowling is the only reason I did not go remote. Also, why do I look disheveled?" Kreber said.



We've Got Spirit, Yes We Do!

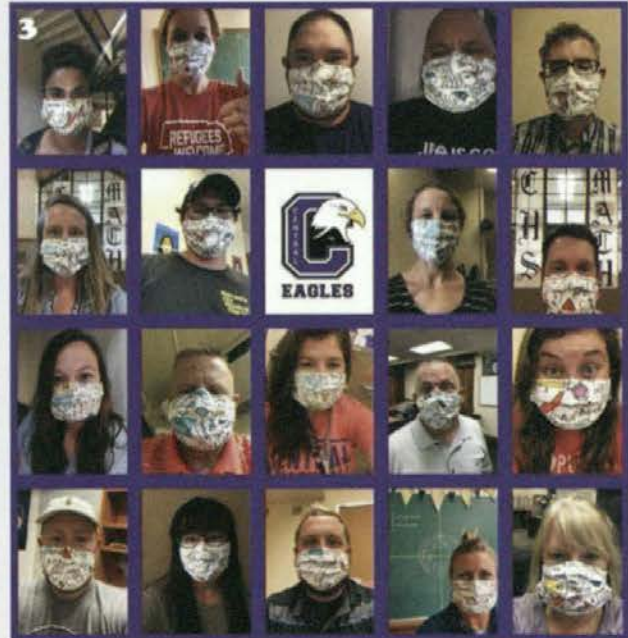
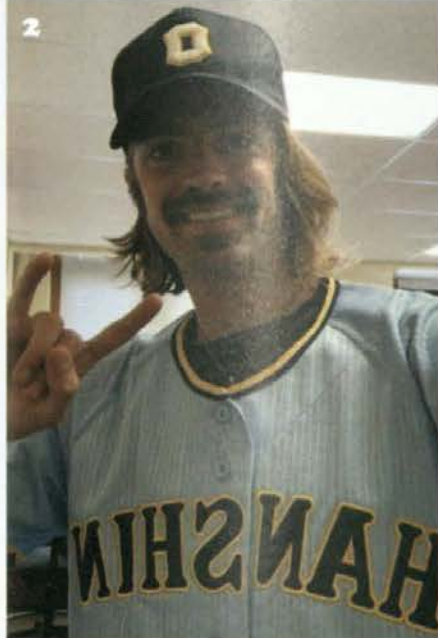
wacky wednesdays

By Daniella Hernandez

During remote learning in the first quarter of the year, staff and students missed one another. To keep spirits up, the counseling department sponsored weekly "Wacky Wednesday" spirit day challenges. Various themes built smiles and bonds between staff and students.



1. Taking part in their creation, on crazy hat day counselors **Leslie Hill** and **Thomas Reilly** wore matching eagle hats.
2. History teacher **Brendon Smith** took part in Super Fan Day by representing the Osaka Tigers, a Japanese professional baseball team.
3. Creative face mask day united the entire math department. The masks contained designs related to the subject as well.
4. Librarian **Beth Eilers** brought a tropical vibe to school on the Hawaiian Day.
5. Math teacher **John DeBoer** wore his father's Elvis costume, homemade and sewn by DeBoer's mother, for Decade Day.



Einsteins At Home

virtual science labs

By Elliot Brown

During remote learning, science classes became more complicated. Students had to do experiments and labs at home. This could be a simple task or building something of your own or completing normal in class labs online. Central student took things into their own hands.



Will Parker (10) is in AP Physics 1 this year. For this lab, he had to build a ramp at home.



Jack Baker (10) is in Honors Biology this year. He had to study the properties of water in this lab.



Ella Easton (9) takes Honors Biology. She also did the water properties lab.

Falling into the Season

autumn activities

By Daniella Hernandez

Central eagles soared their wings during the fall season and got involved! Many places across Nebraska were open to the public while complying the pandemic rules. These autumn activities put eagles into the fall spirit.



1. **Scarlet Losole** (9) and **Sophia Tiritilli** (9) visit Vala's Pumpkin Patch, enjoying the sunset in the sunflower field. "The delicious root beer is what makes me come back every fall," Losole said.



2. Central students **Joseph Warren-Pasley** (11) **Mason Glasser** (11) **Ruby Jorgensen** (10) **Katie Klem** (10) **Jack Foell** (11) **Michael Abboud** (11) and **Millicent Young** (11) went to the Bellevue Berry Farm in the month of October with an Omaha South friend, Carmela Gazy. They all tried new drinks at the farm. Root beer and butter beer were kindly offered by a worker, which they all enjoyed. The group of friends also experienced the haunted house at the farm and had a fun time together.

3. Juniors **Kate Vokal** and **Daniella Hernandez** went to Vala's and visited the pumpkin patch with some friends. Going down the slides with friends was Vokal's favorite part when visiting on an autumn afternoon. "Vala's is a perfect fall hangout for friends," Vokal said.



4. **Haylee Linn** (11) brought her young sister, Ava, and friend, Hannah, to Scary Acres. Loving haunted houses, Linn wanted to take Ava to Scary Acres for the first time to experience the thrills. "I was terrified, because they changed some things up this year," Linn said. "But I would still go back again, we all had a blast."



Who Run The World?

Rock the Street, Wall Street

By Ella Larsen



Audrey Ngamelue (9)



Beatrix Jackson (10)



Mia Heald (10)



Emily Tran (11)



Ella Larsen (11)



Elana Elder (11)



Aniyah Wayne (11)



Kyra Britt (11)



Sierra Jesus (12)



Estefani Garcia-Ozuna (12)

Rock the Street, Wall Street is an organization that encourages girls to learn more about the field of finance. Their goals include getting more diversity in business and closing the wealth gap between women and men. "It's a great way to meet more students as well as make connections with female financial professionals in the business world. The bonus is I learn a few things for my own finances as well," sponsor **Jodi Dierks** said.

Raquel Philbin (11) also known as @lilpeepswife on TikTok, participated in a trend in which she shared what she would cast a live action version of the animated film "Monster House".

About her video, Philbin stated, "In my TikTok I casted a real-life version of the movie "Monster House" because I love it so much! I feel like the actors I chose would suit the roles really well and I also love movies!"



Edajah Aden (12) brought up his favorite trend to see. "Mocking the guy who said 'I ain't never seen two pretty bestfriends, it's always one of them gotta be ugly' even though it's not a lie. I like it because it's funny and it starts to make you second guess if you're the ugly one," Aden stated.



What the Kids are TikToking About

TikTok trends

By Maura Durfee O'Brien

Erin Bennett (12) participated in a clothing trend referred to as what I would wear in what decade. "It was easy for me to do because I have so many clothes that go with the 60s and 70s. It also spoke to me since the 1970s is my favorite decade fashion and music wise," Bennett stated.



Back From Break

first in person day
By Jamie Reiff



Multiple signs were hung on the lockers welcoming students back. Students left the building in March for spring break and hadn't been back in the building since.



1. **Makenna Anderson** (11) throws up a peace sign. "It was kind of surreal coming back seven months after spring break," Anderson said.
2. Tape marks desks where students are not allowed to sit in a classroom. Students were required to wear masks and try to maintain a six-foot distance.
3. Teacher **Casey Denton** interacts with students online as well as in person. Having students in two groups has been a new challenge for teachers this year.



Zakheya Johnson (9) is a learner using the 3/2 model. Johnson is a physical learner and likes to be in class because it allows her to stay on track and focus on getting the good grades she was always used to. "I was struggling to adapt fully remote when I only had a class 2-3 times a week. I felt like I was missing so much," Johnson expressed.



Senior **Daniel Denenberg** misses the people of Central most as well as the diversity that lines the halls. Denenberg chose to go remote because his family is being very cautious with everything going on and follows closely for daily updates and news. "I am glad to be staying safe, but with four other siblings running around the house, I miss the drive away from home," Danny exclaimed.



This year has been one students will never forget. The first quarter of the year was fully remote before students were given the option to attend school in-person part time. With the district putting safety precautions and guidelines in place, students were able to come back into the building if they chose to do so half of the week depending on their last name.

A Year Divided

virtual vs. 3/2

By Christina Spomer

Sophomore **Augustine Palzer** is back in the building during the second half of the semester. While he was overwhelmed from cabin fever from being at home, he does wish some things were different while he is at school. "I wish the system was more planned out and there was more done to keep everyone distanced," Palzer stated.



Jonas Moore (10) is one of the virtual learners this year at Central this year. Moore chose to do virtual this year to keep his family safe and be able to do things on his own time. "Although I like having my own time to do things, I learn better when I am in a classroom and can talk to people, face to face," Moore expressed.



Olivia Theophilus (12) attends school for the 3/2 model because it allows her to make the most of her senior year. "I learn best when I can interact with other students and teachers. I feel like I can participate more in class when I am in person. I also wanted to be able to play sports my senior year and going full remote did not allow that," Theophilus said.



Daniela Hernandez (11) and her family decided the best decision at time of such uncertainty was to learn virtually this year. "Even though the school was taking the best precautions without a vaccine out yet, my family and I don't feel fully secure," Hernandez stated.



Home Run

Softball at Home
By Grace Hodges



1. **Avenlea White** (12) was prepared for her final season at Central until it was cut short. It was hard on the seniors that didn't know which game would be their last, "I faced my last 'Championship Sunday' of summer ball without knowing if I would play a senior season, which led to many moments of nostalgia and simply hoping for the chance to play as an Eagle one more time," White stated. She did make the best of the circumstances. "My (club) team went on to playing about 50 games in a span of eight weeks with many trophies and no COVID-19 related issues," White said.

2. **Claire Besancon** (10) is taking this time to work on her skills, "I hit for an hour every other day. On the days I'm not hitting I would be doing basic fielding and throwing drills," Besancon said. Despite all the time she has on her hands to train, she still wishes it could all be back to normal. "It was really hard not being able to play the sport I love every day and see my friends," Besancon stated.

3. **Elizabeth Pavelka** (10) is missing her school season. "Playing for my school gives me a sense of pride and more of a community," she said. "Although I do enjoy club softball, it is a completely different atmosphere." Even though she misses her teammates at Central, Elizabeth thinks it is best to wait until next year.

4. Softball senior night featured three players on the team. Pictured from left to right are seniors **Avenlea White**, **Ryley Sanden**, and **Emerson Badje**.

Make Your Mark

students of the week
By Sara Ocampo



Vel Par (10) was nominated to be student of the week. "I was very shocked in the moment. I was not confident that I would get it because there are a lot of other students in Central High school," Par stated.



"I felt good, like my the hard work I was putting in was paying off," **Aubrey Victor** (9) stated.



"I was very excited when receiving the news that I had won student of the week. I was thankful because I work so hard in school," **Joshua King** (10) explained.



"I was surprised to say the least. I have worked hard and I'm glad that has paid off," **Emilia Dona-Munoz** (10) said.



Total Objection. President Trump's legal team files numerous cases in six swing states while Trump refuses to concede the election, despite state certifications. They alleged illegal votes were included in Biden's totals, but most cases were dismissed for lack of evidence. The General Services Administration (GSA) ascertained Biden's win in late November, which allowed for a formal transition of power. Photo credit Newscom

Postal Tides. A record 65 million voters choose the convenience and safety of mail-in voting offered during the pandemic. Between mail-in and early voting, 73% of the total 2020 vote was cast before Election Day 2020. Some states even took the controversial initiative to mail ballots to all registered voters. Photo credits: Newscom and Stephanie Streicher



First and Second Firsts. The new first and second families represent the changing political landscape. First Lady Dr. Jill Biden became the first First Lady to work in a non-government job as she continued her teaching career, while President Joe Biden was the oldest person ever elected president. They brought with them Major, the White House's first dog adopted from a shelter. Vice President Kamala Harris was the first woman and the first South Asian and Black vice president, and Second Gentleman Doug Emhoff was the first person to ever hold the title, as well as the first Jewish person in the role. He and Harris were also the first biracial couple elected to the office. Photo credits: Newscom

rock the *vote*



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Biden

Former Vice President during the Obama Administration

Running Mate: Kamala Harris, Senator from California

306 Electoral Votes

51.1% of Popular Vote

Trump

45th President of the United States and businessman

Running Mate: Mike Pence, Vice President and former Governor of Indiana

232 Electoral Votes

47.1% of Popular Vote

Devoted to Democracy

Democrat Joe Biden elected
as the nation's 46th president

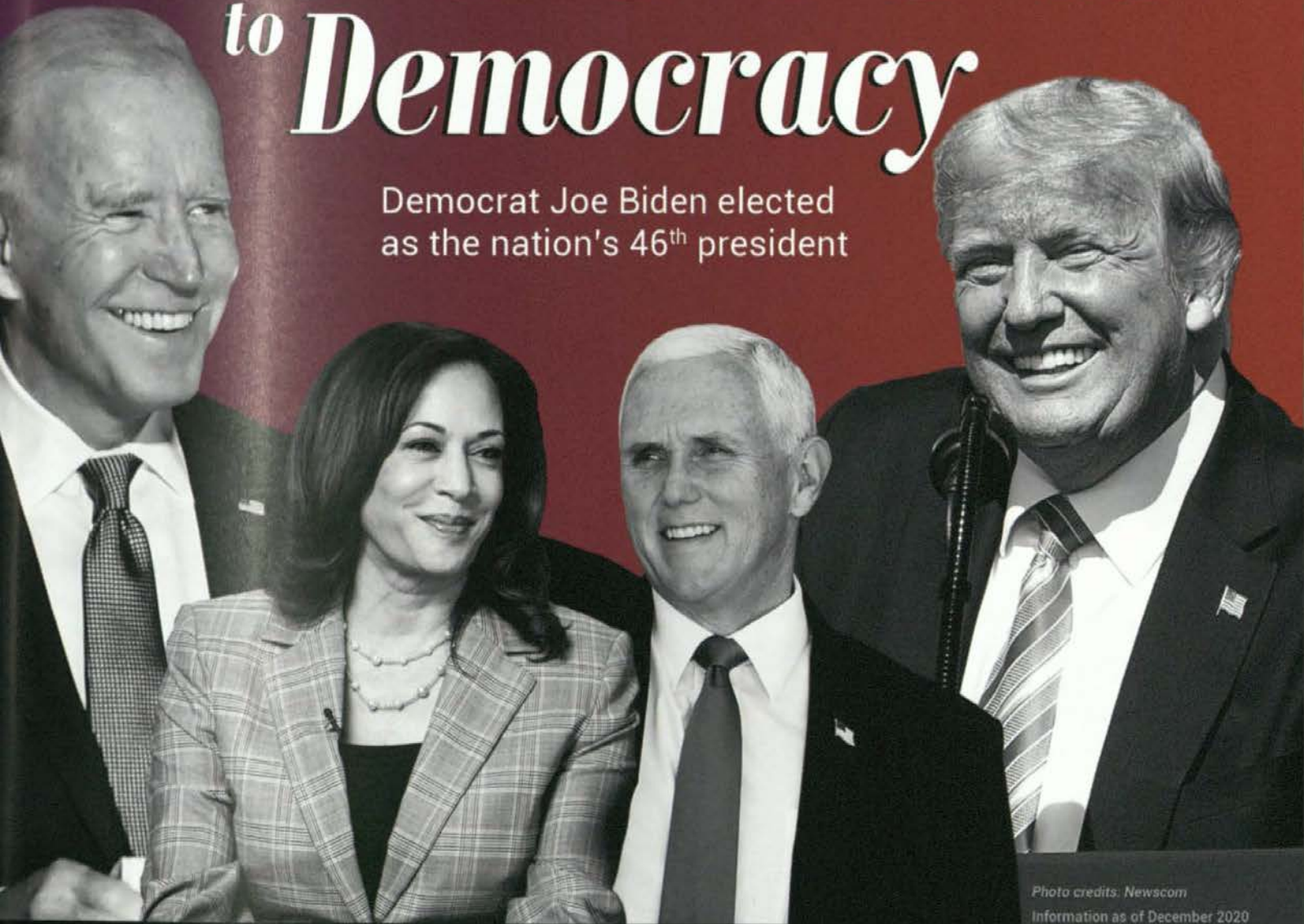


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Taking Control. With none of the candidates receiving more than 50% of the vote in the Georgia Senate races, the top two candidates for each seat move forward to a special run-off election in January. Political donations poured in from all over the country as these two races determined which party controlled the Senate. If Republicans won one, it would push them over the 50-seat majority, but if Democrats won both, it would be a 50-50 tie in the Senate, with Democratic Vice President Harris serving as the tie breaker.

270
electoral votes

Are needed from the
Electoral College to win
the presidential election

160
million

Americans voted in the
election – the highest
turnout rate since 1900

60
percent

Of votes cast were
mail-in or early
in-person ballots

81
million

Votes were cast for Joe
Biden – the most ever cast
for a presidential candidate

A Delicious Story

newspaper picnic
By Rita Herrera Villado

1. **Cecilia Zahm** (10) and **Livia Ziskey** (11) enjoy some Goldfish together. "I enjoyed having the picnic because, I was able to see my friends and teacher after a long hiatus," Ziskey said.

2. **Callan Maher** (11) chats with her editors, seniors **Daisy Friedman** and **Olivia Gilbreath**. "It was nice to see and meet every one on staff. We got to bond, something we did not believe we'd get to experience this year," Friedman said.



3. Sophomores **Noemi Gilbert** and **Lily Lab** relax. Both girls are first year writers on staff.

4. Sharing a hug behind some homemade dessert pops are sophomores **Shyla Young** and **Elena Correa**.

5. Seniors **Anna Festersen** and **Sophia Sgourakis** are excited to start their senior year. "The newspaper picnic was a fun and safe way to get to know fellow staffers beyond their writing skills," copy editor Festersen said. Sgourakis added, "It was really special to get together with the staff in order to celebrate the first issue. Especially since it was harder to get the paper going this year, compared to the past."



1. **Bethany Irvine** (12) thought the Career Center would be the best way for her to decide if she wanted to be a nurse because she has always been drawn to it.

2. **Karen Estrada** (11) is a student in the CNA program at the Career Center. She believes that there should be more bilingual women in Omaha. "CNA makes me feel so much closer to my goals of becoming someone in the medical field," Estrada said.

3. **Faith Buller** (11) went to the Career Center to help her get ahead in the medical field. "I did CNA to be a caregiver and get some experience," Buller said.

4. **Jocie Novak** (11) has dreams of working in an assisted living facility before she is even out of high school and the Career Center is helping her achieve that goal. "We learn how to be kind and considerate while also giving care that meets state requirements," Novak said.

A Helping Hand

Certified Nursing Assistants

By Ella Larsen



Elizabeth Carrillo-Ibanez (11) is a collection fanatic. "I collect Harry Potter items because I really like the movies and books. Though, due to unacceptable behavior, I have decided to purchase merchandise made by fans. I find rocks absolutely mesmerizing and am blown away by how the Earth can produce something so unique, which is why I collect them. I also collect eos because I think that they're very pretty and enjoy the colors and variety of smells they have."

"I've been collecting cards for about three years for really no reason other than that they're pretty. Kind of like seagulls collecting shiny stuff. I aspire to one day have a gigantic wall of color-coded Starbucks cards. Who knows, maybe collectors in the future might want them?" **Emily Tran** (11) mused.



I GOTTA Have it

By Maura Durfee O'Brien

Some of Central's students collect things for specific reasons, and some just for fun! Here are a few of those people and their collections:



"I collect Monster cans solely because I'm addicted to caffeine. The array of colors happens to be an added bonus," **Lalla Gaa** (11) said. Gaa also collects crystals and plants, and her collections are ever growing!



"I've always thought plants were cool but my collection began recently over quarantine. I enjoy collecting them because they're pretty and fun to watch grow," **Daisy Ramirez-Rodriguez** (10) said.

Creature In A Jar

By Rita Herrera Villado Online Pottery

"Having to do my work online has been something unusual. Our teacher had to give us something small to do, which is not that demanding. I am looking forward to returning to an in person studio."

"We made little monsters in pottery, this is squid with a little guy next to him. I really enjoy pottery because I get to zone out and focus on my work. I especially enjoy the carving. However, doing it virtually hasn't been the same."



Jason Warner (12)



Gracelyn Collins (12)



Ella Cleaver (12)



Anne Carpenter (11)



"Doing pottery at home has been challenging. Most kids don't have a permanent space to build and create, they have to clean up, and pack up their projects every time they chose to work, which can be a lot."

"Pottery online was a weird experience. I was confused on how we were going to make things work. Having to make things in my own home wasn't hard, just something to get used to. I am glad to be able to do pottery back in the classroom."

Setting the Bar

Junior Goals

By Emma Miller



Mary Mayberger (11) wants to go to Rockhurst University because it's a small university with a strong community and great education. "My sister went there so I'm familiarized with the campus and I love Kansas City," Mayberger said.

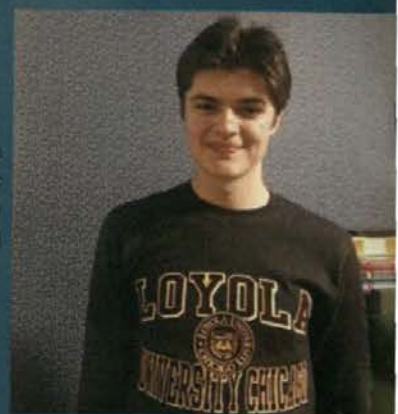


"After high school I hope to achieve my goal of being a crime scene investigator. Forensic science is something I am very passionate about because this specific field of science has the ability to impact families lives and I would like to be a part of that," **Emma Mitchell (11)** stated.

"My dream is to attend UCLA for their marine biology program. I want to explore the world's oceans because we know more about outerspace than the largest part of our biosphere. I chose UCLA because it has one of the best programs for marine biology and it is on one of the most beautiful coasts in the world," **Jack Drobny (11)** said.



Daniel Graham (11) wants to go to Loyola Chicago. "I want to go there because it has a good English department and creative writing program," Graham said.



Quirky Croquis

textile construction and design projects

By Avery Schlote

Mallory Mohr's Textile Design 1-2 class has been working with unique textures on fashion design. Taking their croquis, students were asked to find random objects around the house to design a piece of clothing. Here are some of the results:



1. **Norah Hicks** (9)
2. **Curin Larrick** (9)
3. **Lucille Mason** (11)
4. **Saw Mo** (10)
5. **Olivia Smith** (11)
6. **Diana Pedro-Juarez** (12)

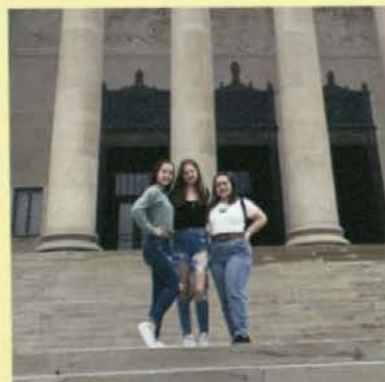


Coronacation

vacations over quarantine By Avery Schlote



Juniors **Anna Tiritilli** and **Ada White** traveled to Oregon for three weeks. "Corona definitely affected our trip in terms of traveling as safely as possible, but more than anything it really showed me how much better Oregon has been handling the virus than Nebraska. They had a mask mandate long before Omaha and had kept their cases down for a majority of the summer, so it felt a lot safer to be there than back home," White said.



From left to right, seniors **Avery Jesus**, **Teagan Borelli** and **Sierra Jesus** went for a day trip to Kansas City right before corona got bad. "Everything was chill - no masks, no social distancing, etc. Then we came back to Omaha that night and the nation was going downhill and we had to stay home," Jesus said.



Photo Frenzy

wall collages

leah olson (11)



"It took me about two days to get all the pictures up. I picked them all from Pinterest and tried to use ones that revolved around glamor and fashion," Olson said. "Putting up the newspaper behind it took a few days too, but I love how it turned out!" Olson was inspired by pictures she saw on Pinterest.

raquel philbin (11)



Raquel's wall features several of her favorite artists, aesthetics, and positive quotes. "I tried to go for a 90's inspired photo wall because I think they're so cute," Philbin said, "It took me a while because I started out with about 20 pictures but I kept adding more."

bianca martinez (11)



"A good amount of my photos are celebrities, basketball players, and artists that I love and look up to, others are goals I want to accomplish or places I want to go someday," Martinez said. "It didn't take that long, the hardest part was picking out photos!" She got the idea from TikTok and started it during quarantine, but plans on adding more photos.

sarah spomer (9)



Spomer covered her wall with a combination of pictures from Europe, her dream destination for her future life, as well as pictures of the members of her favorite band, One Direction. "Putting up the photos originally started because I was bored, but now my entire room is covered in One Direction stuff," Spomer said.



Junior **Vanessa Cerone** watched her childhood favorite movies on loop for months. "I've been watching Coraline and Paranorman nonstop," she said, "I always thought they were creepy in a good way, so I started watching them again because they never seem to get old."



Sophomore **Andrew DeMare** was mindlessly browsing Netflix when he came across Total Drama Island. "I remembered it from when I was younger and I decided it was better than watching nothing," Demare said. "My favorite season was season 3."

Junior **Faith Buller** started listening to Harry Styles again after rediscovering him from her childhood music habits. "I always loved Harry the most when he was in One Direction, but I was listening to mashups of his new songs on TikTok one night and it made me tear up and smile. Now I'm obsessed."



Grace Weberg (11) also rediscovered One Direction, but can't just pick one member. Weberg says she and her friends started listening to them during their 10 year anniversary on July 23, and haven't stopped since. "They're all such amazing people, inside and out. Their talent, beauty and kindness draws me in," she said.



Quarantine Time Machine

Generations to Gen-Z

Family History

By Sophie Cullum



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1. On my mom's side, my great-grandma's grandparents come from Czechoslovakia. They both came to America when they were about 18, but they were on different ships and didn't know each other. Her grandmother came with her family while her grandfather left his family behind and came as a hand to another family. They both came to towns in Iowa and were farmers. They raised a family later in Spillville, Iowa. I don't know much about my Latina side or African American side. **Kimberly Borgstahl** (10)



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2. "I'm a first generation American. My parents both moved here from Iraq, and we have family all across the world, although we have barely any in America. The first picture is my grandparents on my mom's side, and the second are my grandparents on my dad's side. **Rayya Haider** (10)

3. On my dad's side, my family migrated to America in the mid-1860's. They were Welsh, but migrated from Prussia. The picture on top was taken shortly after they arrived in America, where they became farmers in Wisconsin. The picture on the bottom is of my grandma on my dad's side, on one of the Welk farms.

Valeria Welk (11)

"I like 'The Perks of Being a Wallflower' because of the variety of different narratives they show. The music for the movie was fantastic too."

Madeline Galloway (10)

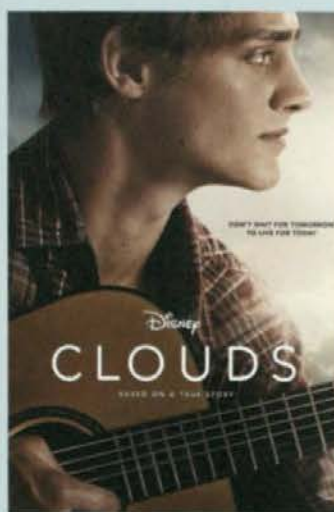


STANLEY KUBRICK'S

A CLOCKWORK ORANGE

"I really liked 'A Clockwork Orange.' I thought it was a good commentary on juvenile rehabilitation and the state."

Adrian Smith (10)



"This movie had one of my favorite actors, Sabrina Carpenter, in the lead role. It also had a storyline that I personally can relate to."

Elizabeth Mergens (9)

"Hubie Halloween was not very good. However, it did have a lot of well known actors and actresses in it, which made it interesting to watch."

Isabel Losole (10)



Favorite Flix

By Sophie Cullum

What Did I Just Buy?

Quarantine Purchases
By Alexis Walker

Zaria Dunbar (12) couldn't resist the idea of karaoke in her car. "I saw it on TikTok and impulsively bought it. I love driving around and singing Harry Styles songs terribly," Dunbar said.



Aniah Wayne (11) decided to hop on the airpods trend. "My other headphones stopped working and I wanted to try them out because I heard the sound was really good," Wayne said.



Isabel Reutzel (12) decided to make a big purchase. "I bought the car to have my own transportation. Best experience was taking it to Tennessee, but each trip to Target is a close second," Reutzel said.



Neva Allgood (12) made a unique purchase in quarantine. "I bought it as a joke for a friend, but I loved it so much that I bought one for myself. I keep it in my car so I get to use it for a few impromptu picnics with friends."



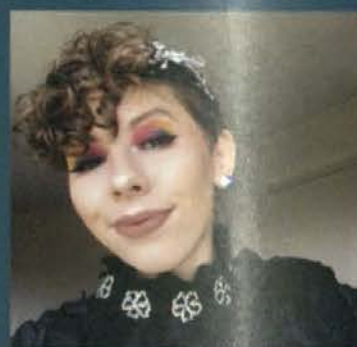
teacher appreciation

By Alexis Walker and Naomi Weak

Britney Angeles (12) appreciates Mr. **Anthony Almeida** for how caring he is. "He told us to put our mental health before anything, and prioritized us staying healthy and relaxed during these crazy times."



Josephine Salzman (9) really enjoys Mr. **Kristoff Berzins** as a teacher. "He is able to create an environment in which students can act like themselves. It is easy to have casual conversations with him."



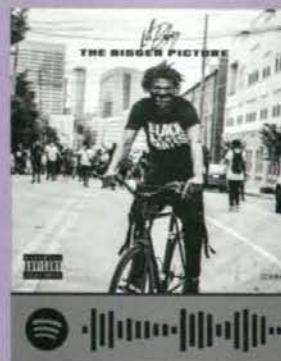
Sam Morrison (11) listens to Sun Daes as he drives. "My favorite time to play this song is when I'm in the car driving because it is peaceful," Morrison said.



Natalia Shradar (11) listens to Labrinth's Euphoria soundtrack with friends. "This is a song to listen to when you are driving at night, windows down with your friends," Shradar said.



Aniah Wayne (11) listens to The Bigger Picture as she reflects on equality. "This is my favorite song because it relates to the BLM movement, and equality is important in the world today," Wayne said.



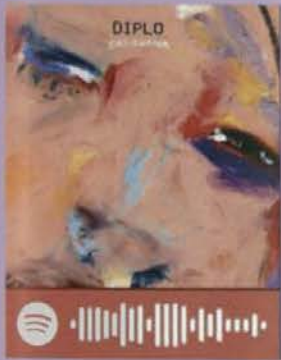
You deserve an award



Valeria Miranda (12) is very fond of Ms. **Tara Obner**. "She handles online school very well, and is the only one of my teachers that makes me feel like I know what I'm doing."



Flora Griffith (11) raves about Mr. **Joseph Mickeliunas**. "I couldn't ask for a better role model for the type of adult I want to be. One who treats us not as subordinates but as people."



Brody Brown (11) listens to DIPLO as he drives to feel nostalgic. "I listen to this song everywhere, but mostly in my car. It has that summer feeling that makes it even better," Brown said.



Piper Demman (11) listens to Under Wraps by Her's while she drives around town. "This song is relaxing and easy to listen to," Demman said.

Eagle Tunes

Student's Spotify Favorites

By Claire Linnell

When searching for your next new tune on Spotify, scan the QR code in the search bar for a new tune.



Jacinda Vidlak (11) listens to Pink Skies as she vibes. "I listen to this song because it's just a whole vibe," Vidlak said.



Chris Mccants (11) enjoys listening to NBA YoungBoy as a pregame hype song. "I like this song because NBA YoungBoy just gets me turnt and he gets me in a good mood when I listen to him," Mccants stated.



Nicolette Perdunn (11) listens to F2020 as she drives with friends. "I listen to this in the car with my friends driving at night" Perdunn said.



Maura Durfee O'Brien (11) enjoys to listen to the artist Sliver Sphere. "I found Sliver Sphere through my Discover Weekly on Spotify so it feels fitting. All her music is really cool and she makes unique stylistic choices," Durfee O'Brien said.

One Last Play

Senior Fall Sports

By Brynn Nelson



Samuel Levy, varsity kicker for Centrals football team, says he feels "awful". "Football was something I fell in love with and to have that all taken away from me was the worst feeling in the world. I will miss running out onto the field with my teammates on Friday nights. I will miss the roar of the crowd when I made a field goal. I'll miss it all, nothing compares to playing football for Central," Levy shared.

Megan Moy said she was "very disappointed" that her senior season was canceled. "I will reflect on the memories and accomplishments but I wish I had one more season with these girls and coaches before college," Moy reflected.



Ravioli, Ravioli, Give Me My Diplomioli

senior college decisions
By Avery Schlote



Christina Spomer (12) is planning to continue her education in South Dakota. "I am going to the University of South Dakota to double major in elementary education and special education while also competing in their D1 swim program. They have a great campus, atmosphere, and education department which are some of the reasons I chose it," Spomer stated.



Teagan Borelli (12) is planning on heading to New York City. "I'm choosing NYU because I want to move to a big city. New York is the place to be for fashion, journalism, and music. I want to go there because it will give me the best opportunities to get internships, writing prompts, and hopefully interviews," Borelli said.



Sierra Jesus (12) recently committed to UNL. "I chose Lincoln because it was far enough away from my parents to where it felt like I was on my own, but it was also the most affordable for me and my future. I'm going to be in school for another 14+ years, I gotta save some money," Jesus said.



Emerson Badje stated that she feels "it was unfair that all of her work the past three years were for nothing." "I will miss the team aspect of the game and the rush of getting a good hit or making a good catch," Badje stated.



Abraham Hoskins ran cross country all four years at Central. Hoskins says what he'll miss most is "being able to run to places we're not supposed to go while the coaches are not watching."



Anna Festersen says what she'll miss most about volleyball is the feeling of working as a team to make plays and celebrate each other's successes. "I was really looking forward to experiencing my lasts as a Central volleyball player with my teammates," Festersen said.

More to learn about... By Sara Ocampo

Students culture



1. **Saw Mo** (10) explains her culture "I am Karenni, Our people are called red Karen. In our culture our parents don't get to pick our names. It is done by ritual. An elderly person has to come first the day you are born and read a chicken bone. During September we celebrate Eh Doe Paw Mee, and every Karenni comes together to one place they celebrate and eat Dee Ku."

2. **Warda Ibrahim** (10), "Somali culture teaches a lot of respect for the older generation. We have small rules like serving the oldest in the family first and the young eat last. We also have a lot of national pride and we try to teach other generations more about our culture."

3. **Amy Fischer** (9), "I have an international culture, I have family in England and Spain. Having this international culture means that British Slang comes out when I speak. It also means that I try many different foods. One food that is my favorite holiday treat is Mince pies."

4. **Harley Lawton** (9) says, "My culture is my religion, which is Wicca, a modern form of paganism, whose followers may practice witch and nature worship. It's a completely open religion and isn't barred from anyone. I was raised in a Christian household, but found something that spoke to me, that something happened to be Wicca."

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A SPLIT COMMUNITY

3/2 MODEL

The end of first quarter also meant the end of the full remote learning model. On **Sept. 16, 2020** the change in learning was announced and Central would be returning to the 9-period bell schedule. The new model began on **Oct. 9, 2020** and lasted throughout the rest of the first semester and into the beginning of second semester. With the new model, sports and clubs could begin again, just in time for the winter season.

"I am so thankful for the flexibility of Central students and staff through all the changes in learning programs this year."

- **Dr. Edward Bennett**, Principal

"Teaching in the 3-2 model is exhausting. I've been forced to develop 3 lesson plans for one day of learning and I don't want to ever have to do it again."

- **Mallory Mohr**, FCS Teacher

"I liked 3/2 a lot more than full remote because I found it easier to learn in-person, but the days I was at home it was hard to focus."

- **Frances Carlson**, Freshman





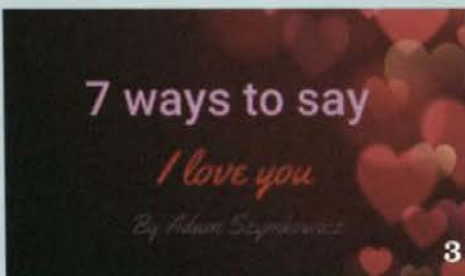
1. **Jordan Jackson** (9) starred as Jamie and **Jasmin Fonseca-Torres** (9) was Trina. They acted out the Smashing Eyes and Little Folded Hands scene in a virtual coffee shop.



2. **Edajah Aden** (12) was Dick and **Maura Durfee O'Brien** (11) played Jessica. They are seen arguing while Jessica points a gun (that is not real) at Dick. "Although completely remote rehearsal and performance was difficult, I'm incredibly proud of what we

all accomplished. We put on an entire production over Teams. That is pretty remarkable," Durfee O'Brien gushed.

3. "7 Ways to say I Love You" by Adam Szymkowicz aired for the last time on Nov. 21 at 7 p.m.



4. Pizza Ambiance and John & April: **Brighton Kolc** (10) as John, **Carmen Cunningham** (9) as April.



Fresh Start

class of 2024's first in person day



Harrison Hoiekvam

Harrison Hoiekvam (9) is so far surprised by Central. "School has been pretty good. I am surprised by how well the school is adjusting to the online schedule, and the teachers are always trying their best. I am looking forward to the next few years here at Central," Hoiekvam said.

Miroslava Sredl (9), was very excited to come to Central. "School is not as scary as I thought it would be, but I was super surprised at how big and confusing the school was. Everyone here is really nice and friendly though, and it is super easy to make friends," Sredl stated.

Miroslava Sredl



"High school is fun, but I was not expecting how much homework the honors classes give out. I really like how nice everyone is though, between the students and teachers," **Scarlet Losole** (9) said. Losole came from a small school, so Central is a major change of scenery.

Scarlet Losole



Camera Ready

By Grace Hodges

Central aired its very first virtual play, "7 Ways to Say I Love You," on Nov. 20 and 21. The scenes that were broadcast on Microsoft Teams consisted of the actors edited on to the same screen even though it was recorded separately. Although it was different circumstances the Central cast and crew made it work. The comedic-drama of this production consistently follows the theme of love.

'Bucks Baristas

Starbucks Orders

By Caroline Festersen

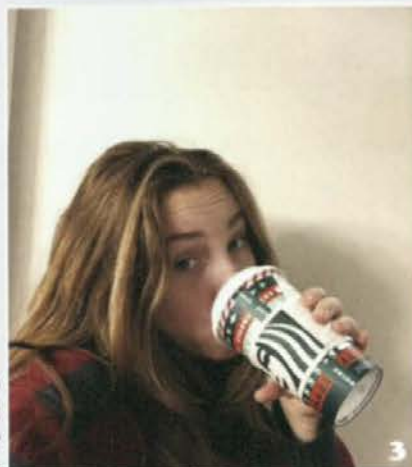
1. **Alea Kaan** (10) is a Starbucks regular. "My favorite is the Venti guava passionfruit drink with coconut milk," Kaan said.



2. **Emma Mitchell** (11) orders a caramel frappuccino with whip and extra caramel drizzle in the cup. "Coffee is good all year around," Mitchell said.



3. **Ruby Titus** (9) sips her seasonal hot cocoa. "It's my favorite because it is not coffee," Titus said. She does not like the bitter taste of coffee.



4. **Morgan Melvin** (10) poses with her Iced Vanilla Chai Latte, her all time favorite no matter the time of year. "I first got it because I was trying to drink less coffee but ended up really liking it," Melvin said.



Spook-tacular

By Daniella Hernandez

trick or treat during a full moon?



1. **Camila Munoz** (12) played in the state championship for her soccer select team. The girls won the championship and took the victory home on the holiday. Winning the state cup made the team eligible to play in regionals during the summer of 2021. To support Breast Cancer Awareness Month in October, the team spray painted their hair pink prior to the game at Morrison stadium. Munoz shares over her exciting game on Halloween, "it was such an intense game because the team that we were against were our biggest rivals and we ended up winning in overtime."

2. **Shay Macafee** (12) smashed pumpkins with her family. The Macafee household used baseball bats to smash them near the cabin they own on the Platte River. "The deer that live in the area eat the pumpkins, we thought it was an eco-friendly way to get rid of our pumpkins," Macafee shared. The family began the tradition in 2014. The Macafees also

have corn stalks, which they will pitch like baseballs, after breaking off dried corn cobs, and hit them with the bats. "When you hit them, corn goes flying everywhere, those are really fun," Macafee said.

3. **Elizabeth Carrillo-Ibanez** (11) had an eventful Halloween with her best friend Maria Degante. Along with creating a mini hot cocoa bar, they watched movies, ate pizza, and had a small bonfire where they made s'mores. "The hot cocoa bar had marshmallows, chocolate chips, whipped cream and crushed peppermints," Carrillo-Ibanez said. To end the night, the best friends carved pumpkins and took pictures.

A Bite to Eat

Lunch Opinions

By Dahly Long



Freshman **Lillian Whittinghill** says she "enjoys sitting in the cafeteria, but wishes that there was open seating so that she can change her seat, and not sit in the same spot all year due to contact tracing"

Due to COVID-19 there have been many restrictions put in place to keep students and staff safe during lunch. In person, students have the option to either sit in the courtyard or cafeteria. This year a mandatory seating chart was put in place for tracing purposes students have to remain the whole semester.



Sophomore **Morgan Melvin** says "I like the courtyard more than the cafeteria because of the natural lighting. And honestly I don't mind the seating guidelines, because they are to keep us safe."



Sophomore **Gia Stang** says she chose to sit in the courtyard because her friend Morgan did, and because it is very spacious.



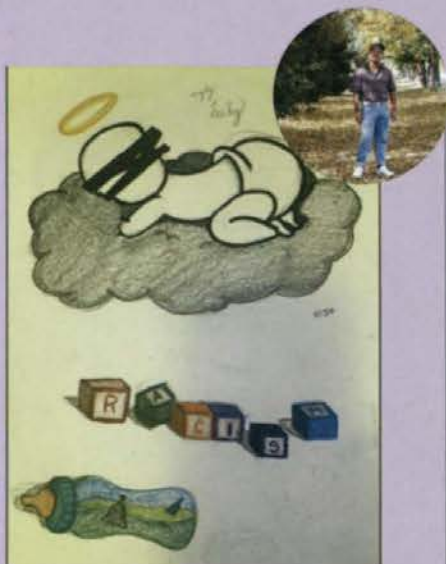
Freshman **Scarlet Losole** says that she "enjoys eating in the courtyard more than the cafeteria because I feel more safe in here. It is more open"

Grab the Monet, and Let's Gogh

Art Students Weekly Sketches

By Avery Schlote

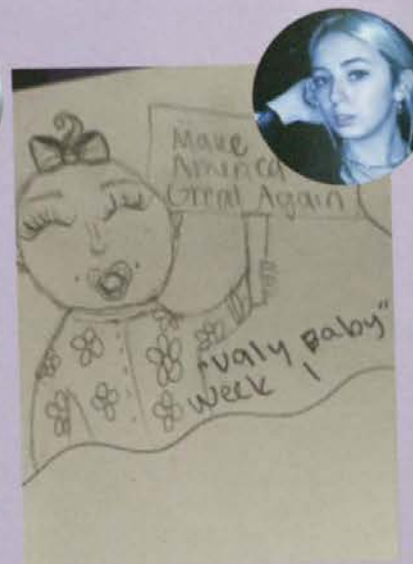
Art classes lead by **Lindsay** and **Jeremy Cisco** worked on sketches. Every week the class was given a new prompt, in hope of sparking new creativity within each student. The prompts ranged from "ugly baby" to "a gum ball machine that doesn't dispense gum balls". Each student had a blast taking their own spin on each new prompt. These are just a few examples of the creativity given by each student.



Bryan Jimenez-Adan (12)



Nyanna Frezell (11)



Olivia Mangiameli (11)

"Wish I Were Heather"

"it" girls By Maura Durfee O'Brien

Popularized by TikTok, the song "Heather" by Conan Gray has brought many trends to the platform. One of them, being the "it" girl trend. Members of a friend group would choose friends who fit the aesthetic as a girl from a popular song. Similarly, at Central students were nominated anonymously by peers to represent "it" girls themselves.

michelle



"I'm often told I'm a monster from Hell, so I guess it's fitting." - **Jane Gawecki (11)**



"Jane Gawecki as anyone, her existence is just... mwah"
"Jane Gawecki as Michelle because she's a baddie."
- Anonymous

heather



"The real 'Heather' is Elizabeth Gillies."
- **Ava Sikyta (12)**



"It's been an ongoing joke since the trend started, but Ava's really talented and beautiful."
- Anonymous

ophelia



"I think I radiate a warm, kind presence that accepts all kinds of things" - **Kenya Winston (11)**



"Kenya's vibe fits the whole song so well with her energy, sweet attitude, sparkly eyes, and the brightest smile"
- Anonymous

jolene



"Tessa fits Jolene perfectly! She's pretty, ginger, and very cool."
- Anonymous



"I think that I give off the vibe of Jolene because I'm pretty happy and fun to be around. I'm also like Jolene because I will steal your man." - **Tessa Reumann (11)**

jessie's girl



"I only think I match the aesthetic, not the personality." - **Adrianna Turner (12)**



"I think Adrianna fits the soft, pastel aesthetic of Jessie's girl."
- Anonymous

'Tis the Season

christmas wish list

By Sara Ocampo



"The only thing that I really want for Christmas is that my son is healthy and to have fun," **Ashley Whited** (12) said.

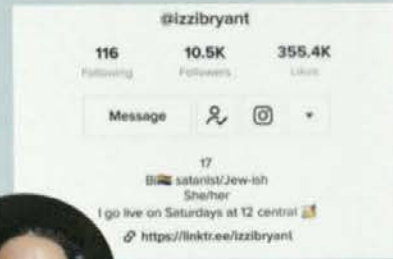
"I want boots because the only pair of boots I have that are fit for winter are wearing out. I also want a comforter for my own room since I do not currently have one," **Alyssa Carlson** (11) said.



"A new Apple laptop because I would really like to get a new computer that goes with me to college and hopefully stays with me beyond college. I also would like Target gift cards because Target is the best store and I always like when I get a gift card to there," **Emma Huettner** (12) said.



"What I want for Christmas is New England Patriots gear, a new phone, a PS5, new shoes and a pet," **Sam Palfini** (9) said.



Israel Bryant (11) wants to inform on TikTok. "I talk about women's rights, race issues and LGBTQ+ rights. I know more about those topics and I can speak from experience," Bryant said.



Olivia Theophilus (12) has almost 3,000 followers. "I started posting to keep me entertained. I would love to get more following, but becoming an influencer isn't my goal," Theophilus said.



Zaria Dunbar (12) makes posts for her friends. "It's a fun way to interact with your friends. My most popular video is when I painted my face like a girl from Veggie Tales and showed my dad who was very disappointed," Dunbar said.



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tiktok creators
By Alexis Walker

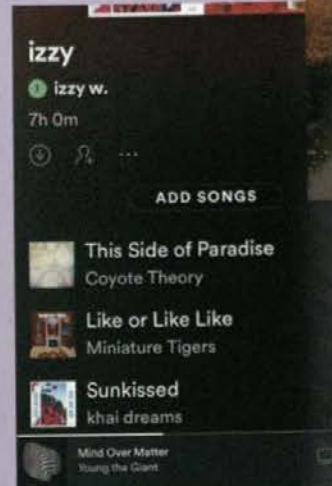
What's Popping?

student playlists

By Sara Ocampo



"If I had to choose one song it would be 'Nellie' by Dr. Dog because it always puts me in a good mood," **Laila Klare** (12) said.



Serving Up Success

favorite thanksgiving foods

By Daniella Hernandez



Sophia Mason (11) likes to have the stuffed mushrooms her mom prepares every year for the holiday dinner. The stuffed mushrooms are baked mushroom caps stuffed with cream cheese and green onions. "I always just want to fill my plate with them," Mason shares. Besides having the stuffed mushrooms for Thanksgiving Mason also had a unique ice cream cake served, that was in the shape of a turkey. The cake came from a Baskin-Robbins ad. It was an uncommon purchase for the family Mason shares, "Any other year we wouldn't have even considered buying it, but hey it's 2020, so why not?" Mason shared the cake with her family, including her aunt, Mele Mason, who lives right next to them so they could all safely spend the holiday together.

Natalia Shradar (11) enjoys eating "pie-cake" with her family on Thanksgiving. The unique dish is a composure of pecan pie inside of a chocolate cake. Shradar shares that her family began to eat it about four years ago, "My mom found it in a Good Network magazine." Shradar also says that the "pie-cake" is homemade, and "super good."



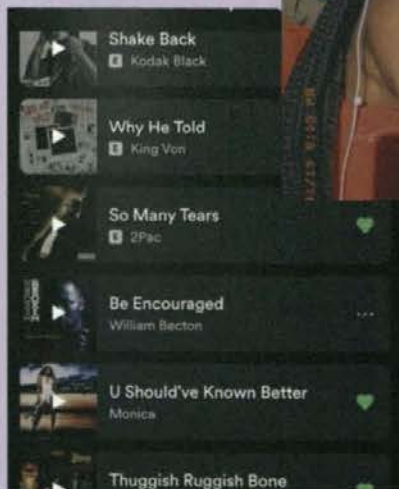
Alexandra Adame (11) follows a family tradition of wrapping the turkey with bacon for Thanksgiving. "My dad likes to try new things with food and be creative with different dishes," Adame shared. The family began the tradition of having a bacon wrapped turkey in 2017. Adame says that the most consuming part of preparing the turkey is the bacon wrap.



Robert Canion (11) likes to eat Stove Top stuffing. The turkey stuffing is one of his favorite things on the Thanksgiving menu. "The Stove Top stuffing is bomb," Canion said. The stuffing is not the only food that stands out to Canion on the holiday. "You can't go wrong with custard pie either," he shared.



"Pineapple Skies" by Miguel is my my favorite song because the vocals are fantastic & the song is filled with good vibes," **Isabel Woodworth** (9) said.



"If I had to choose one song I would choose "God's Grace" by Trin-i-Tee 5:7 because it always encourages me during a hard time," **Alandra Brewer** (12) said.



"I don't think I could pick a favorite song from my playlist. My favorite song depends on my mood," **Lily Labs** (10) said.

A Cup of Inspiration

coffee shops around omaha

By Emma Miller



"I love going to local shops because the atmosphere is really peaceful and the food and drinks are always so much tastier. Supporting local business is amazing and everything is so much more genuine. Also, Hardy makes the best hot chocolate," **Piper Sacco** (12) said.



"Coffee has really gotten me through this hectic year. Also being able to support local businesses such as Stories while getting good coffee is such a win," said **Isabel Reutzel** (12).



Madeline DeMare (11) heard about the coffee shop Dripped and Draped through Instagram. "It looked like a cute place to get a coffee and take pictures," DeMare said.

There's An Impostor

Among Us

Student video game avatars

By Avery Schlote



Jonathan Savoie (12) based his character off of his lawn mower. "It's meant to look like the grass, but I guess I could be the lime to Aidan's lemon," Savoie said.



Shrutl Garapati's (9) favorite color is red. "It's hard to be red because everyone assumes that you're sus," Garapati said.



Aidan Cellilli (11) plays Among Us everyday. "My avatar looks like a lemon because I'm looking for my lime," Cellilli said. "When life gives you lemons, make it your astronaut."



Teagan Borelli (12) likes to play Among Us with her coworkers. "I enjoy seeing everyone's creativity with their characters and how it represents their personality," Borelli said.





Riley Overshire

Riley Overshire is familiar with the atmosphere at Central. He student taught with two teachers this past school year, and now he has gained the opportunity to teach at Central full time. Overshire is impressed with Central and the adaptations to this year. "There is a strong sense of community in this building that never ceases to surprise me." He enjoys his everyday interactions with students. "Even while dealing with remote learning, students have been willing to participate to establish a community." Fun fact, Overshire has broken all ten of his toes, twice!



Elizabeth Zurfluh

Elizabeth Zurfluh started her student teaching at Benson, but knew Central was the right school for her. Zurfluh greatly enjoys being at Central and is amazed how the teachers and students are so welcoming. Her best experience was when she collaborated with other teachers to make a pop rocket lab. "I couldn't do it without the supportive community of expert teachers and the brave students willing to conduct science experiments in the lab and at home!" Fun fact, Zurfluh can recreate a sparrow bird whistling!



Madison Verschoor

This is Madison Verschoor's first year as a teacher and she has loved every second of it. She is ecstatic that she picked Central as her first school. "Where else in Omaha do you get a downtown skyline view from your classroom window?" Fun fact, she prides herself on her singing skills!



Thomas Forke

Thomas Forke taught English through the Peace Corps at a vocational high school in West Java, Indonesia. He says the staff and students at Central have been so welcoming and supportive. His best experience so far has been engaging in meaningful discussions with his students. Fun fact, he can shred on the guitar!



Julie Kent

Julie Kent can't get enough of Central and its welcoming atmosphere. She student taught and also graduated from Central in 2016. During her time at Central, she was a part of orchestra, art, French, and math club. Kent says Central is unbeatable. "Every teacher is here offering me support as I'm learning the new ropes as a new hire and teacher. They help me feel prepared walking into every class period."



Dylan Folkens

Dylan Folkens has really enjoyed building relationships with his new coworkers and students in person and online. They have made his experience during the pandemic incredible. Folkens said he doesn't have any unique talents, but he is a cancer survivor! He beat Ewings Sarcoma, a type of bone cancer, when he was 16 years old.

Welcome to the Nest!

New Teachers

By Alexis Walker

A **amazon shopping**

B **oard games**
Board games surge in popularity as family members play together at home and friends play together online through sites like Board Game Arena.

C **rossword puzzles**

H **ow-to videos**



J **ournaling**

I **ce cream making**

Home Entertainment

How to stay busy when you can't leave the house. Fill in your own favorite activities for each letter.

N **etflix binge party**
There has never been a better time to catch up on your favorite shows, and a Google Chrome extension even allows friends to watch together from their own homes.

R **eadng**
All those books you've been wanting to read can come off the shelves, creating an escape for the mind to new adventures.



S **cavenger hunts**

M **akeovers**



T **ouring virtually - museums, countries, parks, etc.**

Y **oga**
Many find the meditative aspects of yoga to be soothing for the mind and body during a year of uncertainty.

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Jigsaw puzzles sell out at many stores as customers look for activities to do at home.

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Music offers a fun, creative outlet, and the ukulele is an especially popular instrument to learn right now.



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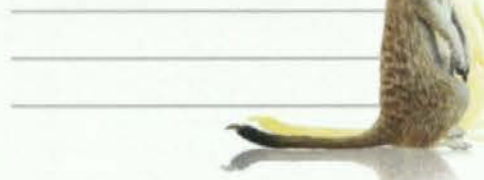
ardening

Horticultural amateurs and pros approach gardening with renewed enthusiasm thanks to extra time at home to dedicate to the art.

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Zoos and wildlife habitats set up continual livestreams of some of their animals so fans could check in at any time.



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One Final Pass

club volleyball senior night

By Emma Miller



1. This senior night would be one to remember for all four of these ladies. Unable to have a season due to COVID, they looked outside of the district for a club group that would allow them to play. They found one which allowed them to play against other schools in a safe environment for everyone. When the season was coming to an end, they held a senior night for all the seniors on the team. The four recognized were Anna Festersen, Zaria Dunbar, Paige Terry and Lyndsey Veach.

2. Festersen poses for a photo with her family during the recognition. "Even though it wasn't the senior night we had imagined, I'm so thankful for my teammates and our parents who made the night special," she said.

3. The four seniors pose with posters their parents made for the night. Even during the pandemic, they tried to uphold traditions of a normal year.

4. Dunbar shows off her poster. "It definitely wasn't what I imagined my senior year would be like, but I'm glad we got to do something," Dunbar said.

5. Lyndsey Veach and Paige Terry take a picture together. "It was super special for the seniors on the volleyball team to be recognized but very sad that we were unable to have a season and play in our own gym. I will miss all of the girls on the team because they were like sisters to me," Terry said.

6. Lyndsey Veach takes a picture with her older sister, a Central volleyball alum. "It was a weird senior year experience compared to what I imagined it looking like. The senior night we had was still really special I felt so many emotions, happy and sad. They made it a great night for us," Veach said.



Anna Tiritilli (11) and Sophia Tiritilli (9) supporting the Huskers.



Madeline Demare (11) and Andrew Demare (10) love the Chicago Cubs.

Olivia Mangiameli (11) loves the Gonzaga basketball team. "I sometimes cuddle with a Spike stuffed animal."





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Joseph Warren-Palsey (11) reporting his favorite team, the San Francisco 49ers.

RAH RAH!

favorite teams
By Olivia Mangiameli

Inspiration

Favorite quotes
By Sara Ocampo

Adna Abdi (10) explained, "I chose this quote because we've all had at least one person that was rude or mean for absolutely no reason and I think it's good to be the better person and just walk away and to never stoop down to their level."

No matter how badly someone treats you, never drop down to their level. Remain calm, stay strong and walk away.



"Everybody is a genius. But if you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree, it will live its whole life believing that it is stupid."

Olivia Brown (9) explained, "The reason why the quote is important to me people have been called stupid because they aren't good at something, but others can't see that they're so great at so many other things."

Peyton Kellin (10) explained, "It is my favorite quote because, if you never take any risks then you'll be behind, and if you never take a risk everyone else will always be better cause you're too scared to take the risk."

"The biggest risk is not taking any risk... in a world that's constantly changing really quickly, the only strategy that is guaranteed to fail is not taking risks."
Mark Zuckerberg

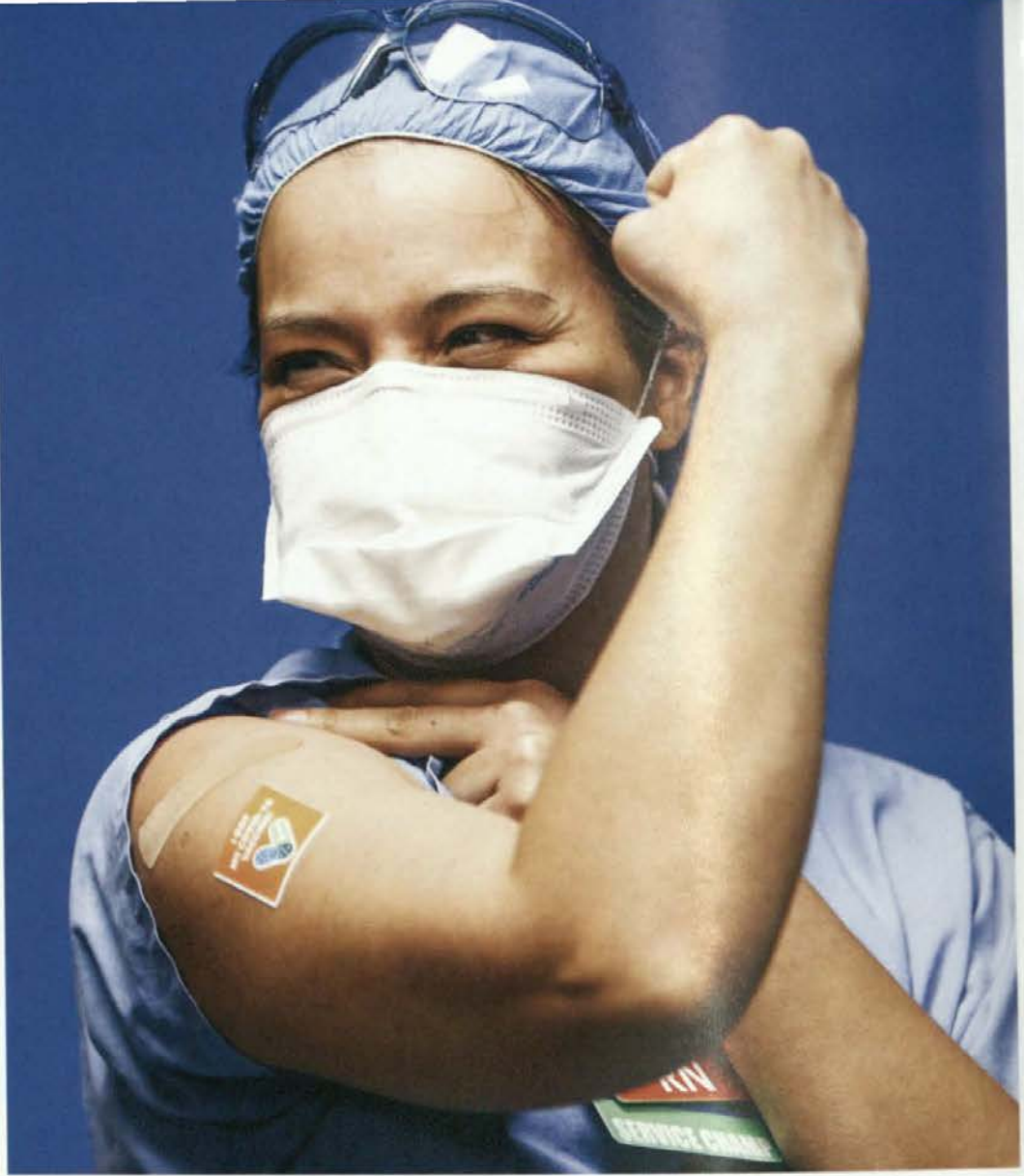


GOOD IS NOT GOOD ENOUGH WHEN BETTER IS EXPECTED
VIN CAMONIELLO
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Ella Hill (11) explained, "The reason I love this quote so much is because Ms. SGM says it when we are working on assignments or things outside of school and it always pushes me to work harder."

modern(a) medicine

Registered Nurse Rosalinda Lopez proudly poses after receiving one of the nation's first COVID-19 vaccines. The Food and Drug Administration granted emergency approval to the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine on Dec. 11, and the Moderna vaccine received approval one week later. Healthcare workers and long-term care residents were among the first to receive inoculation as the vaccine was immediately sent to hospitals across the country. Photo credit: Newscom



Happy Days Ahead. The world's loneliest elephant, Kaavan, moves from Margazhar Zoo in Islamabad, Pakistan, to a new home with more social interaction and better living conditions. Singer Cher garnered support on social media for Kaavan's safety by creating a viral campaign. Four Paws, an international animal welfare organization, transported Kaavan to a conservation park in Cambodia where other elephants reside. Photo credit: Newscom



Sister Act. Taylor Swift releases her ninth studio album and second of the year on Dec. 11, *Evermore*, a sister album to July's *Folklore*. It was the first time Swift released two albums in one year. All 15 songs made it onto the Hot 100 list. Photo credit: Chynna Flock

A Challenging Suit. Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton files a Supreme Court lawsuit alleging election fraud. Backed by 17 states and President Donald Trump's support, he argued four battleground states should have their votes invalidated. The Supreme Court declined to hear the case.



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timeline of events

Cultural Experience

Cultured meat, a lab-grown meat product made from live animal cells in a controlled environment, gets regulatory approval in Singapore, paving the path for the U.S.

Ho-Ho-Holiday Travel

Pre-Christmas travel breaks records as TSA reports over 1 million air travelers three days in a row, the highest numbers seen in 2020.



Mutant Virus

The U.K. reports an even more infectious mutation of the coronavirus, B-117, and the first U.S. reported case is found in Colorado.

Sleigh Cheese

Pictures with Santa are socially distanced behind Plexiglass to keep Santa and those wanting to see him safe. *Photo credit: Newscom*

A Holiday Bonus. Congress passes a \$900 billion stimulus package in December. The package included \$600 direct payments to Americans, extended unemployment benefits and added a range of assistance measures for businesses, schools and vaccine distribution. President Trump and Democrats rallied together to increase the direct payments to \$2,000, but they were unable to get the measure through the Republican-controlled Senate. *Photo credit: Newscom*



TIME to Celebrate. K-Pop sensation BTS is recognized by *TIME* magazine as Entertainer of the Year. With 7,777,800 they had the most Spotify streams of any debut song and shattered other records. *TIME* went on to announce Zoom CEO Eric Yuan as Businessperson of the Year as well as President-elect Joe Biden and Vice President-elect Kamala Harris as Person of the Year. *Photo credit: Newscom*



Forever Included. The Pittsburgh Crawfords are among the teams from seven Negro Leagues that will now fall under the umbrella of Major League Baseball. MLB Commissioner Rob Manfred announced on Dec. 16 that the roughly 3,400 Negro League professionals from 1920-1948 are now recognized as Major League Baseball players. This enhanced status came during the 100th anniversary of the Negro Leagues. *Photo credit: Newscom*

CEMBER

Good Morning Eagles

morning announcements By Ella Larsen

Dad Joke Wednesday



Secretary **Elicia Brown** loves chiming in on the dad jokes. She will often try to guess the answer and says they always make her laugh.

On Wednesdays Dr. **Edward Bennett** tells some dad jokes on the announcements. They often add some smiles to the mornings.



Willa Rauch (12) is in charge of reading the announcements on the L-Z school days, with **Mila Herszbaum-Harding** (12) helping out on A-K days. "I love being able to make people smile even though what I say can be silly sometimes," Rauch said.

I used to be addicted to hokey pokey...but I turned myself around

What do you call a fake noodle? An Impasta

5/4 people admit they are bad with fractions

What's Forrest Gump's password? 1forrest!

A Little Holiday Cheer

choir recording carols
By Naomi Weak

1. **Presley Urwin** (10) sings loud and proud in the choir room. "In choir, mistakes are encouraged and progress is praised, choir is one of the only places I feel comfortable to be myself and not be judged," Urwin said.



2. Sophomores **Arionna Murrel** and **Alice Larson** stand to record carols for loved ones to watch and enjoy. These were in place of a winter concert this year.



3. **Nyamat Panom** (10) and **Shauntel Thomas-Powers** (11) sing through their masks to spread holiday cheer though out the halls.



4. **Nyamat Panom** (10), **Ella Novak** (10) and **Natalie McConkey** (10) wear their matching Bel Canto shirts as a uniform to show those watching what school and choir is represented. "During this pandemic, everyone was affected in many ways. We wanted to brighten up all the people stuck at home," McConkey said.

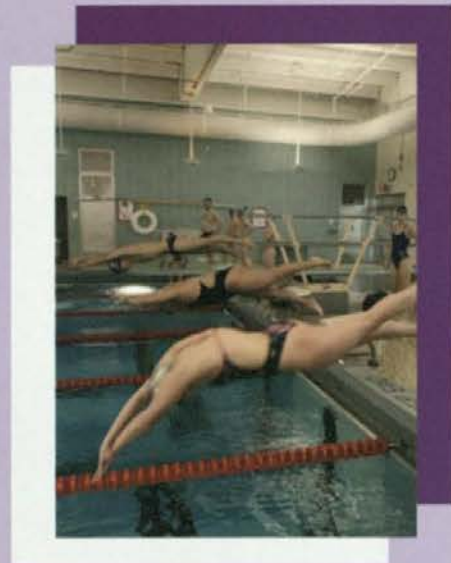


Rise and Splash

club swimming morning practices

by Valeria Welk

Several members of the swim team keep in shape for high school season by going to club swimming practices year round. To stay with the same teammates for both seasons, most of the club participants are on the same team, Omaha Swim Federation. "I feel very athletic. It's a refreshing start to the day," **Yuridia Lopez** (9) said. "I felt tired after, but also really productive!"



With limited pools open due to the pandemic, some practice times were limited to early mornings before school. "It's always really exhausting, our coach never goes easy on us, but I'm glad we at least get to practice. I always feel great after finishing a hard practice, and it's super nice to have some free afternoons after school," senior **Shay Macafee** said.

This is **Kelsey Pratt's** first year teaching Honors Introduction to Education and she has had many struggles trying to adapt to the restrictions this year has brought. "I had to drop a class of students who were going to get field experience in education because they weren't allowed to visit other buildings," Pratt said.



Tara Obner is teaching English at Central after spending many years at Omaha South. This year is unlike anything she has experienced. "The hardest thing about teaching online is that I always feel like I am cheating one group of students," Obner said.



Taylor Sorenson is a first year Info Tech and Personal Finance teacher. "Being able to have students in person has been great and it helps me see a light at the end of this crazy year," Sorenson said.



Dylan Folkens is a first year PE teacher and has had to adapt to many new normals. "Trying to teach an activity online has been really challenging as well as not getting to meet every student personally," Folkens stated.

New Roles

teachers first year
By Ella Larsen

Left-Handed Candid

left handed students By Grace Hodges

Being left handed does not come easy.

Mackenzie Mabus

(10) grew up surrounded with challenges. "When I was younger and learning how to play sports and write, people would try and force me to be right handed." Even with the frustrations of constantly having to adapt, being left handed is important to Mabus. "It would be a lot easier to be right handed, but I still wouldn't trade it," Mabus said.



Sophie Youngs (10) believes there should be more accommodations that cater to left handed students. "If I could change one thing about school it would be not sitting by walls on my left side because it makes it really hard to write," Youngs said. "I think the biggest inconvenience is opening doors, being left handed makes that really difficult," Youngs said.



Bryanna Olson (10) had many instances when she had go opposite of her norm. "There has been a few instances where I had to adapt to items that are meant for right-handed people, but I don't think being left handed has ever affected my ability to learn," Olson said. Even though being left handed isn't very common, she hopes there are more left-hand friendly items in the future. "Though I know being left handed is rarer, I wish items meant for others like me were more available."



Shrutti Garapati (9), **Avery Schlote** (12) and **Teagan Borelli** (12), are all swim instructors at Swimtastic Swim School. "I love working with other Central students. Since Shrutti is a freshman, we get to give her advice on how the next three years of high school will go for her," Borelli said.

Seniors **Maxwell Carter** and **Evan Stevens** have been working together at HyVee for a little over a year. "I love working with Max. It makes a horrible job a lot better," Stevens said. They both work as cashiers for the store and enjoy getting to go to work.



Evan Newhouse (12), **Sierra Jesus** (12) and **Ava Sikyta** (12) are all dietary aides at Hillcrest Silveridge in Gretna. "My favorite part about working with other CHS students is that we all have something in common all the time. Most of my coworkers go to Gretna High School or are in college. It's awesome to get paid to hang out with your friends," Jesus said.

Working Eagles

students who work together By Avery Schlote

1. **Alexia Gomez Landa** (10) walks around the gym, jumping in and out of groups while they play basketball. Alexia loves being in the gym and getting to see her mentors each and every day.



2. **Kuol Door** (12) dances around the gym showing her awesome moves to the class. "Watching Kuol dance always brings a smile to my face. She has so much energy and it's always contagious," mentor **Megan Moy** (12) said.

3. Senior **Dylan Graves** shoots the ball in a game of knockout against some of his fellow classmates. "My favorite sport to play is hockey because I love getting to run around and play goalie," Graves said.





1. Senior **Kylie Westphal** poses before her time trial in the 100 freestyle. "Swimming for my four years at Central has allowed me to be a part of such an amazing team, while making so many great memories with my coaches and teammates. I am very happy I get one last season with my team," Westphal expressed.

A New Season

swim team tryouts

By Christina Spomer



2. **Elliot Brown** (10) swims her time trial 100 fly in hopes of making varsity for the second year in a row. "I chose to tryout in the beginning because I wanted to do a sport and I enjoy swimming. Now I love the team and have made so many friends," Brown said.

3. **Sarah Spomer** (9) and **Yuridia Lopez** (9) step onto the blocks and complete the handshake they have had for years before swimming their first time trial for Central. Spomer and Lopez swim together year round and have become great friends.

4. Freshman **Kyle St. Cyr** sprints down the pool for his 100 breaststroke time trial. "I chose to tryout for Central's swim team because I love the sport. I also wanted to meet new people and compete against others," St. Cyr explains.

5. Swimmers take their mark, preparing to swim their time trial 100 back. Each swimmer who wants to be on the team has to compete in six time trials over the course of three days, before finding out if they have made JV or varsity.



A Helping Hand

pe mentors

By Christina Spomer

4. **Jose Mejia-Ruiz** (10) dribbles the ball down the court towards the basket, hoping to score points for his team. Jose is a super competitive person, but is also very caring towards his fellow classmates, trying to include them in different activities.

5. Senior **Patience Hinman** works on passing with her fellow classmates as they complete their basketball unit in class. "I love getting to see all my friends everyday and especially love when we get to play volleyball," Hinman said excitedly.

6. **Salvador Ramirez Cruz** (11) loves playing basketball with his teammates as he shoots the ball trying to win a game for his team. "I love playing hockey and getting to be in teams and playing head-to-head is my favorite part because I am a very competitive person," Salvador said.

7. **Gregory Tomety-Blake** (12) takes his turn dribbling down the court. Gregory's favorite thing to do is to ask the mentors, students and teachers to chase him around the gym to get in exercise and outrun all of them with his speed.



Oh, Snap!

photojournalism

By Elliot Brown and Caroline Festersen

Photojournalism is one of the elective classes offered here at Central. From writing captions, learning about the parts of a camera and taking pictures, students are introduced to the world of writing and capturing life around them.



Alex Adame (11) started photojournalism in the fall semester class. "I chose this class because I've always loved taking pictures, especially of my friends. I just think photography is so beautiful and thought I'd love this class, and I do," Adame said.

Love Easterling (10) said the class helped her become more creative. "I love doing anything creative, taking pictures, and being able to tell a story to get my voice and thoughts out in the world," Easterling said.



Amy Fischer (9) took photojournalism because she was interested in photography. "I really enjoyed the level of independence and creative liberty that we had," Fischer said.

Frances Brennan (9), takes photos of the environment surrounding Central. "I loved how we had a lot of free reign with what we photographed," Brennan said.



Taking a shot

Basketball Tryouts

By Emma Miller and Naomi Weak

1. Seniors **Jaren Marshall**, **Shangag Shangag** and **A'Mari'yan Lathan** play a game of 5 on 5 for tryouts. Tryouts last three days and by the last day players are notified if they made a team or not.

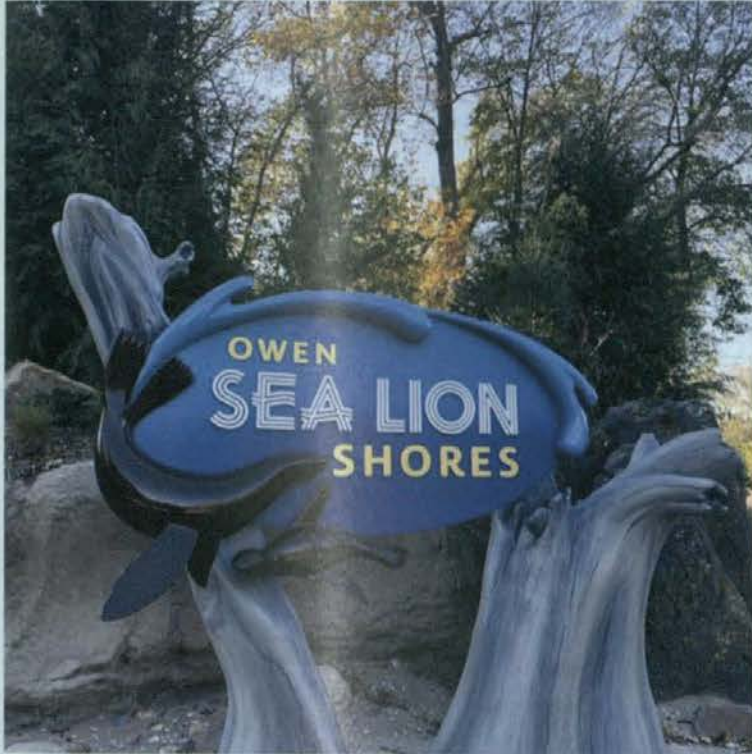


New At the Zoo

New Exhibits at the Henry Doorly Zoo By Claire Linnell

In Fall 2020, the zoo planned on opening new exhibits to expand upon what is already there, and students of the zoo academy gained early access to see what these looked like. "The new exhibits make visitors feel like they are really seeing the animals in their natural environment," Baker said.

Olivia Baker (12) is a participant of the zoo academy. "The zoo academy has helped me figure out which careers are the best fit for my interests and also what I need to do to get there," she said.



Being a part of the zoo academy allows the students to see new exhibits early and learn more about the small details. "There are a lot of small details that wrap the whole exhibit together, whether its the hanging tree roots or moss on the rocks" Newhouse said.

Evan Newhouse (12) was able to see the new exhibit firsthand. "The new sea lion exhibit blew me away at the opening. The whole thing looks so realistic and is by far the best looking work the zoo has done," Newhouse said.



2. **Chris McCants (11)** tries to make a basket and tie the game, but **Quinton Butts (11)** is there to try and stop him. The game continues with all the players running up and down the court to make as many points as possible.

3. **Jaylen Davis (10)** and **A'Mari'yan Lathan (12)** try and prevent the other team from making a point. Davis lives by the saying, "Don't stop playing until the clock hits zero."

4. **Jaren Marshall (12)** jumps to take a shot, but **Denim Johnson (12)** is there to block him. Tryouts are filled with making sure to show how hard one works to be apart of the Central basketball team.

5. **Jayden Dawson (11)** gets his head in the game and prepares to go back in and play against **J'Dyn Bullion (10)**. A back and forth game will continue until the buzzer sounds.

6. Warming up before tryouts, **Quinton Butts (11)** takes a three point shot. The first 10 minutes of tryouts are given to warm up before they do stretches as a whole team.



We've Got Spirit, How 'Bout You?

spirit week

By Maura Durfee O'Brien

The week before winter break, students both virtual and in person had a spirit week. Participants sent in their photos to the Omaha Central Nest social medias, for a chance to be featured. Senior class president **Willa Rauch** said, "It was sort of an attempt to keep school spirit online and in person. Posting the pictures on social media allowed online students to show off their out fits from home, and some kids got to show off in person! It was a lot of fun." It was really a way to lift students' spirits and celebrate the end of the first semester.

Sweater Weather
Wednesday



Maeve Dineen (12)

Monochrome Monday



Bryan Jimenez (12)

Tie-dye Tuesday



Abe Hoskins (12)

Throwback Thursday



Willa Rauch (12)

Flannel Friday



Lillian McEvoy (12)



1. **Deon Davis** (12) and **Justin Davis** (11) face off against one another for the start of practice. Both are waiting for the other to strike first for the match to begin.

2. **Chris Kueny** (12) practices the move shown by coach Foster to make sure he is doing it correctly. Wrestling does not have official tryouts and everyone is encouraged to be a part of Central's wrestling program in one way or another.

3. Coach **Jimmie Foster** explains to the team how to do a certain move the correct way. "This year was unique in that our numbers were down. We normally have around 40 kids, this year we had around 20" Foster said.

4. **Alex Trevino** (11) and **Isaiah Stennis** (11) focus on learning and doing the new wrestling move they learned. "Our goal as coaches in the Central Wrestling program is to provide an environment where boys and girls can leave the program a better person than when they first arrived," coach **Matthew Storm** said.

5. Both Deon Davis and Justin Davis wrestle to gain the upper hand and win the match. "Wrestling has such a high demand both mentally and physically that we use it as a tool to prepare these young kids for real life situations. If you can fight through the physical and mental battles of this sport, you will be able to hold your own in the real world! OOOSSSI!" Storm said.

6. **Cam Thorpe** (9) and **Messiah Strong** (10) try the new move learned against one another with pointers on how to do it right from Foster. Both are trying to make sure they do the move correctly so they do not injure themselves or their opponent.



First to the Mat

wrestling first practice

By Emma Miller and Naomi Weak

Back to the Court

first boys basketball game

By Jamie Reiff



After losing the fall sports season due to COVID, OPS allowed sports to begin in the winter. Central saw multiple new players at their first game of the season on Dec. 3. Each player was allowed two guests from their household. Students could not attend any games and guests had to remain six feet apart. "The first game we were really seeing how we were coming together as a team. When we found out we were playing basketball we were really excited," coach Eric Behrens said.



1. Senior **Faisaun Germany** celebrates as the Eagles score a point. "It felt good to play again, especially since it is my senior year," he said.
2. **PJ Davis** attempts to steal the basketball in the first quarter. "The first game was a good start because we came up with the win and I got to play with a new team," Davis said.
3. Senior **Denim Johnson** thinks of his next play as he protects the ball. "Playing my first game at Central was fun, I felt like I fit right in with the team."
4. Junior **DeOmbre Brodie** takes the ball to the key. "This year was our comeback year, last year we fell short, but this year we are coming for that state championship," he said.
5. Junior **Quinton Butts** warms up before the game. "After losing my football season, it felt really nice to be able to actually play a game for Central. Especially since it is my first year playing varsity basketball," he said.
6. Coach **Eric Behrens** reviews the plays in the second quarter. "We got off to a good, we had couple transfers who were starters. We were lucky nothing was canceled because of COVID."

A Cappella members took many photos this year to document their growth as a group. Being divided and learning songs has been difficult as a group. As time has gone on, students have grown used to working in this strange way, moving from the choir room to the auditorium for social distancing and safety. Because of that, the students have really learned to appreciate the wholeness that has been lacking since the start of the school year. With half of their choir online, the Central High Singers have struggled with adjusting to a new style of singing. However, they have worked really hard on singing and getting better, and growing as an ensemble. Junior **Liberty Waschin**, whose first year it is in this ensemble said, "It definitely has been hard to engage with the online learners, but **Lyn Bouma** makes singers much easier to create an environment where we can all happily sing together while still remaining in social distancing guidelines."



tenor/bass



soprano/alto

Makin' A Splash

ju and varsity swimming

By Christina Spomer

1. **Braden Carne** (10) sprints down the pool in his 100 backstroke at the Lewis Central Invite. After resting for a few days, Carne was able to drop time in one of his best events.



2. **Madeline DeMare** (11), **Isabel Maca** (10) and **Scarlet Losole** (9) pose for a photo in between their races and cheering for their teammates. "I love being a part Central's team because we are a big group of super supportive and upbeat individuals who push each other to do our best," DeMare said.



3. Senior **Mac Depriest** races down the pool in his 100 breaststroke. Breaststroke is Depriest's specialty as he also swims the breaststroke leg in the medley relay each week.



4. **Kylie Westphal** (12) and **Elliot Brown** (10) race in lanes right next to each other in their 500 freestyle. "Competing against my team pushes me in a race because I know how hard everyone works to be the best they can be. That pushes me to be even better to beat them," Westphal expresses.



5. **Melissa Lopez** (10) competes in her 50 freestyle. This is one of the most competitive and crowded events at each meet as every swimmer wants a chance to go fast in the shortest race.



6. Sophomore **Gia Stang** counts for a fellow swimmers 500. The 500 is the longest race in high school swimming so swimmers are asked to provide their own counters to keep track of each lap.





Online learners CHS singers

remote

Separated Singing

chs singers/a cappella

By Maura Durfee O'Brien



Despite the season being off to a rough start **Charles Yale** (9) played like any other season, "Since OPS didn't have school this fall, it was a little harder to start the season," Yale said. "Other teams had a little more time to prepare, install playbooks, build chemistry and get in shape. I really enjoyed playing this year, and pandemic or not, it was a great experience," Yale added.



Freshman **Colin Simmons** made the best of his season. "I met a lot of cool people and had fun with them on the court. The best part of my high school experience so far," Simmons said. "It was an unforgettable experience."



The Baby Ballers

freshman boys basketball

By Grace Hodges

Hoops, They Did It Again

varsity girls basketball against papillion south

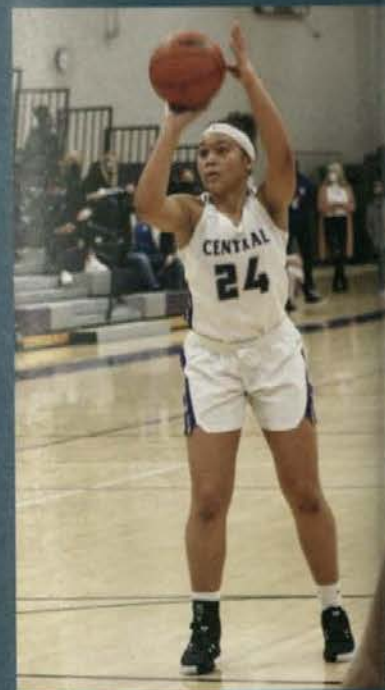
By Brynn Nelson and Dahly Long

1. **Aaniya Webb** (11) uses her body in an attempt to block the pass from her opponent. Webb hopes for a turnover as her eyes lock on the ball.



2. Webb scrambles to get the ball back for the Eagles. She reacts quickly to gain possession of the ball.

3. **Nyapal Gatkek** (12) waits for the ball to come down to get a rebound. She uses her body to gain leverage over her opponent.



Quarantine Blues

Favorite album

By Brynn Nelson



Abigail Huff (12) says her favorite album was "Cleopatra" by The Lumineers. "It a vibe and reminds me of good memories," Huff said.



Mario Pettis (12) listened to Machine Gun Kelly's "Tickets to My Downfall" album during his quarantine. "I like it because it made me like the pop and punk music genre," he said.



Kenya Winston (11) says her favorite was "Heaven or Hell" by Don Toliver. "I chose this album because I like the artist and whenever I hear a song from the album, I think about crazy times," she said.

Since You've Been Gone

missing about Central

By Naomi Weak



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4. Webb and **Nyanuar Pal** (12) attempt to retrieve the ball from the Titans' offense. The Eagles defense must do their jobs in order for their offense to perform accordingly.

5. **Aniah Wayne** (11) shoots one of her two free throws from the line. The West Texas A&M commit has had a great offensive and defensive junior season for the Eagles. "As a junior, I believe this season has been the most fun. The way we play together and for one another is what makes our team special," Wayne said. "I am so happy that we continued to compete every game and get better as a whole this year."

6. **Inia Jones** (9) works her way down the court with no pressure from the other team. Jones has plenty of time to decide how she wants the play to turn out.

Faith Buller (10) recounts her favorite passing period moments. "I miss running up to friends for hugs. I miss tripping on doorsteps and having people I know and don't know laughing at me. Most of all I miss the supportive environment of Central," Buller said.



With all our classes online for first quarter, some of us, like **Edajah Aden** (12) miss the random small things about the place we spend so much of our time. "I'm missing the the smell of the sour pineapple hallways the most," he said.

With a only a year under her belt, **Sophie Youngs** (10) recalls her favorite freshman year passtime. "What I miss most about Central is being able to walk around the halls with my friends between classes," Youngs said.



With a senior year he will never forget, **Harrison George** misses his friends and their own spirit days. "The thing I miss most is cruising the halls with my pals and dressing up for Hawaiian shirt Wednesdays," George said.

Caden Leach (11) passed the time by listening to "Eternal Atake" by Lil Uzi Vert. "Uzi was really spitting that heat. He's the goat," he said.

Claire Williams (11) says her favorite album was also "Eternal Atake" by Lil Uzi Vert. "It has so many good songs that I can listen to on repeat," she said.

Unfinished Business

boys basketball

By Dahly Long and Brynn Nelson

1. Senior **Jaren Marshall**, playing his first year for Central, dribbles up the court in a game against Papillion South. Marshall, a transfer from Burke, shows continuous hard work on the court and off it.



Grace Hodges (10)
Chaotic, Learning, Acceptance



Olivia Kiefer (10)
New, Hectic, Adventurous



Lily Kuzelka (10)
Stressful, Adventurous, Different



2. Junior **PJ Davis** quickly shoots a 3-pointer after receiving a quick pass. While left wide open and not losing sight of the basket, Davis sinks a basket. "What can I say, they always leave me open," Davis said.

3. Marshall aggressively drives to the rim. With pressure from the other team, he drives up into the paint towards the basket. "I transferred from Burke last year, but I am very blessed to have the opportunity to have a starting position playing for such a good team," Marshall said.

4. Seniors **Denim Johnson, Faisaun Germany** and Marshall all team together to trap an opposing player and catch him off guard.

5. **Jaxon Fullerton** (12) warms up by doing lay ups with his fellow teammates. "I believe I dropped 32 that game... 32 minutes on the bench," Fullerton joked.

6. **Denim Johnson** (12) desperately attempts to swat the ball from his opponent's hand. Johnson's aggressiveness has proven useful for the defense.



Ben Nodes (10)

Chaotic, Relentless, Eye opening

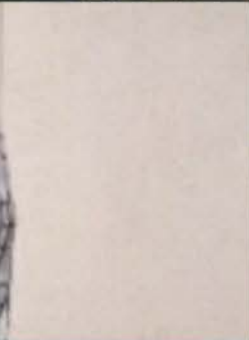
Say that 3 Times!

describing 2020 in 3 words

By Caroline Festersen

THE COMMUNITY

PEOPLE



Unity C.

Christian O.

Violet T.

Allah D.

Oriana J.

Jane M.

Lerdong O.



FRESHMEN

CLASS OF 2024

Ayub Abdi
Hawo Abdi
Jesus Acosta
Victor Adame
Ryan Adams
Abdi Aden



Wherede Aden
Dilan Aguirre-Valdes
Sara Ahmed
Nickolas Ahmed-Boldt
Arel
Ahumada-Bustamante
Abdulrahman
Al-Mansob



Mahmood Al-Mansob
Ali Alfatin
Hajar Alhusni
Ali Ali Noor
Almarwa Alkhalil
Alsafa Alkhalil



Piper Allen
Katherine Almgren
Kimberley Alonzo
Ixcoy
Greta Althaus
Julio Alvarado
Rodriguez
Avery Anderson



WHAT DO YOU WANT
your future self
TO KNOW AND LEARN?



I want to remember that persistence is key. Being consistent is a skill I want to continue to grow on. I want to be successful in the future while continuing to have fun.

to remember that PERSISTENCE is key

Bismark Borelli



I want my future self to know to always have faith in yourself and your capabilities. Strive beyond and keep going because you might be surprised with yourself, and something I'd like my future self to learn is how to be flexible with goals.

always have FAITH in yourself

Sara Ahmed



I really want to work in a morgue or hospital. The human body is fascinating and I want to know and learn more about it. Ten years from now, I picture myself still in college, cramming work in, holding a 9-5 job and eating noodies every night. Another thing I want to do is be a musician. I've been playing for roughly seven years and it's something I can see myself getting back into. I imagine myself playing at an orchestra for fancy souls and harmonizing with the other musicians.

the HUMAN BODY is fascinating

Adriana Lile



Braeden Anderson
W/ut Antony
Vivien Appleby
Stephanie Araujo Rayo
Ximena Arevalo
Plascencia
Alexis Arriaga



Ali Assiree
November Aung
Matthew Austin
Perla Avila
Ibrahim Badal
Hamdi Bakhit



Kiara Baptiste
Juan Barajas Arcos
Jaydon Barton
Ragih Bashir
Keyaira Bates
Mekhii Bauldwin



Luke Beck
Patrick Beemer
Kenneth Bellairs
Jordan Benis
Jaiden Bernal
Ana Bernal-Jacob



Jillian Bertino
Rodrick Beverly
Maria Biesanz
Henry Billig
Deandrea Blackmore
Isabella Blazeovich



Isabella Bohnert
Bismark Borelli
Jackson Brandenburg
Frances Brannen
Kimberly Bravo-Marin
Madeline Bright



Andrew Brown
Jordan Brown
Michelle Brown
Olivia Brown
Mallory Bultsma
Nameia Byrd

Nastazia Byrd
 Katy Cabrera
 Valeria Cabrera
 Cardenas
 Silvia Cajiga-Fernando
 Cassidy Caldwell
 Aagiana Calloway



Gabriel Cantu
 Paola
 Carapia-Elizondo
 Jurinny
 Carazo-Martinez
 Eliana Carlisle
 Ann Carlson
 Frances Carlson



Ivan Carmona
 Desteni Carmona
 Lorenzo
 Angel Carmona-Cruz
 Emma Carney
 Elijah Cartwright
 Alekza Castellon



Jamie Castillo
 Oscar Castro
 Dioselin Ceballos-Piza
 Camille Chambers
 Cy'iana Chandler
 Jaden Cheloha



Kailey Chinn
 Cole Chobot
 Seanelle Clark
 Nasir Clemons
 Arnez Coleman
 Trinity Coleman



Christian Colima
 Cate Connor
 Adan Contreras-Ortiz
 Charlotte Corcoran
 Burnett
 Diego Cortes-Martinez
 Brooklynne Costello



Emma Covey
 Irais Cruz-Garcia
 Daniel Cuellar
 Kya Davis
 Me'khai Davis
 Ta'nae Day





“
 In 7th grade, I made a deal to trade my old key chain with someone else's. I gave it, but they told me they would only give me their new key chain once they showed it to their parents. The next day, I asked for their key chain, but they said they "lost it." I never got their key chain or even my original key chain back. I learned to always plan ahead and do my research before making a serious transaction.

always
PLAN
 ahead

Jaden
 Cheloha



“
 When I was little, I would sneak candy whenever I could. I did it so often that I became insanely good and could do it without getting caught or even seen. But one day I wasn't careful enough about sneaking candy and I accidentally stained my bed sheets. My mom found out and I tried to lie my way out of it. However, that was when I found out I couldn't lie. My mom knew right away. So all in all, never lie to your mom. She knows, and if she doesn't, she'll find out.

tried to
LIE MY WAY
 out of it

Ailah
 Dorner



“
 A life lesson I have learned is that you have to love yourself first.

Trinity
 Coleman

WHAT
 IS ONE
 life lesson
 you learned
 FROM A PAST
 MISTAKE?



- Alex Deane
- Gabriela Degante
- Brayan Degante Reyna
- Sophia Detisch
- Paris Devers
- Samuel Diaz

- Finn Dineen
- Clarissa Dominguez-Alvarado
- Adia Doody
- Ailah Dorner
- Kendall Duncan
- Nakiyah Dunn

- Ella Easton
- Maxwell Ebers
- Emma Eklund
- Pamela Espinoza
- Axel Esquivel
- Aiyda Esteban Pedro

- Jennifer Estrada
- Jesus Estrada
- Ava Ewing
- Audrey Fangman
- Mia Faulkner
- Bowen Ferguson

WHAT WERE YOU
obsessed
with as a
child

AND WHAT
DO YOU
THINK ABOUT
IT NOW?



“ “

When I was a child, I was obsessed with banjos. My dad played and I used to go to his concerts every weekend, and I wanted to be like him. Now, I think it was a waste of money and time because my parents bought me one and I learned to play, but I've totally given up.

i was
**OBSESSED
WITH
banjos**

Isabel
Hoiberg



“ “

When I was a child, I was obsessed with "Magic Tree House" books. These books are what started my love for reading and I think it was a great series to start when I was young. Even though these books do not mean as much to me as they once did, I still go back to them from time to time. Whenever I need a wave of nostalgia, I read them to the kids I babysit!

**started my
LOVE
for reading**

Isabel
Walocha



“ “

As a child, my dream job and my main obsession was being a fireman. For about two years, that was my goal in life, and I even had a fireman come to my birthday party one year. Looking back on now, I appreciate the work done by fire departments, and it is definitely needed, but I don't think I would like to be a fireman. There are many other careers now that interest me more.

**that was my
ONLY
goal in life**

Charles
Yale

Kathryn Ferguson
Isaac Ferraguti
Jayna Ferrell
Christian Ferron
Amy Fischer
Kaylee Fisher



Laniya Flemons
Yahir Flores-Aguinaga
Natalie Flores-Castro
Jasmin Fonseca-Torres
Hadley Forsen
Braylon Fox



Sah'miyah Franklin
Aiyana Freemont
Chance Gaillard
Bratania Gaines
Veda Gallagher
Norturi
Camble-Bennett



Shruti Garapati
Alexis Garcia
Carlos Garcia
Christian Garcia
Gabriel Garcia
Juan Garcia





Judith Garcia-Jose
Osmarandy Caribo-Chino
Sasha Gates
Hazel Gatson
Langnyaw Cawmaw
Tre'shon Gay



Alia Cedo
Adrian Genchi-Mejia
Geovanni
Genchis-Marin
Noah Gentle
Atticus Gentleman
Madalynne George



Lena Crystal Gier
Avery Gilbreath
Amla Gomez
Emily Gonzalez
Gabriel Gonzalez
Jennifer Gonzalez
Munoz



Alvaro Gonzalez-Cruz
Ashton Goodwin
Adam Gordillo
Vasquez
Calvin Gould
Rondell Graham
Katherine Gray



Jeremiah Green
Brayan
Guerrero-Bonilla
Banita Gurung
Neha Gurung
Magnus Gutierrez
Ke'ijha Hadley



Mercedes Hall
Elijah Hamblen
Jackson Harbour
Janae Harlan
Ronald Harlan
Jose Haros Monrroy



Marasia Harris
Emma Hart
Madeline Hartley
James Harvey
Mohamed Hasan
Nathan Hasch

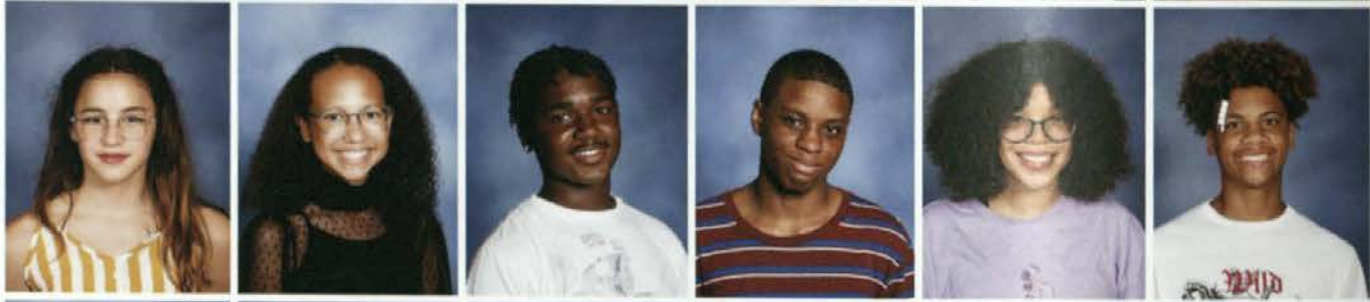
Adna Hassan
Uriah Hatten
Nafiso Haye
Nickolaus Haynie
Gisele Henderson
Molly Heng



Dakota Henkel-Stastny
Janelyn Hernandez
Jonas Hernandez
Delgado
Raymond Hernandez
Wiley
Juan Hernandez-Cortes
Adamaris Herrera
Monarrez



Delsie Hesselthaler
Norah Hicks
Brian Hill
Elijah Hill
Mya Hill
Travis Hines



Miroslava
Hipolito-Gonzalez
I'avia Hodge-Shavers
Kanani Hodges
Finegan Hogan
Isabel Hoiberg
Harrison Hoiekvam



Carmelo Holford
Jordyn Holmes
Alita
Holmstrom-Hutton
David Horne
Lwe Kbaw Hser
Jeremiah Hten



Haley Hughes
Jaxon Huibregtse
Abigail Hurst
Xavier Hurst
Dega Ibrahim
Abdullahi Ismail



Jeremiah Jackson
Jordan Jackson
Ella Jaksha
Valur Jaksha
Kaswyn James
Kaiden Jeffrey





Benjamin Jenkins
Peter Jensen
Juan Jesus
Aaviana Johnson
Ce'vaughan Johnson
Chris Johnson

Inayah Johnson
Isabelle Johnson
Jade Lyn Johnson
Lilly Johnson
Shalise Johnson
Tayzhon Johnson

Walter Johnson
Zakheya Johnson
Dominique Jones
Inia Jones
Ronald Jones
Tyshawn Jones

Harrison Jordan
Samuel Joyce
Hailey Kaasch
Re Bae Kar
Elena Kelly
Daniel Kerrigan



“ I would want to go back into the past to WWII times. There was so much going on and I would want to interview all the people, specifically minorities. I also want to hear what they honestly went through and the hardships they faced.

i would want to INTERVIEW all the people



“ I would go forward to the future in 2050 to see and meet my descendant, as well as explore the world 500 years from now.

explore the world 200 YEARS from now



“ If I could travel back in time I would save my best friend's mom from the friend's mom driver that took her from us.

i would SAVE my best friend's mom

IF YOU COULD
time travel anywhere
WHERE WOULD YOU GO?

Isabelle Johnson

Daniel Kerrigan

Delsie Hessenthaler

Hunter Kershaw
Eva Keslar
Bryce King
Sean King
Malik Knobbe
Matthew Kohlscheen



Milan Kohrell
Alex Krasnoslobodtsev
Daniel Kund
Keely Kurcz
Carlie Lacroix
Velicia Landers



Cynthia Larios Xiquin
Curin Larrick
Trinity Larry
Mackenzie Larson
Michael Lathrop
Nacyer Laushman



Harley Lawton
Anna Ledgerwood
Aiden Lee
Michaela Lee
Rai'sean Lee
Lucile Leighter



WHAT
WILL BE THE
*next big life
changing
event*
TO AFFECT US
ALL?



I think that the next big event will be when we have the Coronavirus more under control in America and are able to once again leave our houses without masks.

more UNDER CONTROL in America



I would say the next life changing event will have to do with climate change, if we do not make real changes to the way we live. Without changes in our consumption then climate change will only get worse.

make real CHANGES to the way we live



I think that the next big life changing event to affect us all will either be thermonuclear war, environmental catastrophe, global financial collapse, an international refugee crisis, the rising tide of white supremacy and ethno-centric ultranationalism, or the death of American democracy. Yeah guys if 2020 was any indication, we're in for a pretty rough decade.

a pretty ROUGH decade

Curin
Larrick

Ella
Levy

Jane
McGill



Ella Levy
 Jack Liddell
 Adriana Lile
 Lily Liljestrand
 Mekhi
 Littlejohn-Moore
 Renita Livingston



Juan Loarca-Garcia
 Jemimah Lobo
 Cooper Long
 Kloe Lopez
 Yuridia Lopez
 Kimberly Lopez Chajon



Maria Lopez-Lopez
 Yaremi
 Lorenzo-Peralta
 Brody Losole
 Scarlet Losole
 Felipe Lucas Ramirez
 Mateo Lucas Tercero



Daniel Luna-Garza
 Rose Lwesso
 Dina Mabu
 Jorge
 Machuca-Maravilla
 Dominique Mack
 Elmer
 Maldonado-Hernandez



Hero Man
 Abdias Marroquin
 Emellie Martha Bello
 Rashad Martin
 Noah Mason
 Sydnie Mason-Brye



Eva Mass
 Ta'niyah Matthews
 Henry Mattox
 Emily Mattson
 Manuel Mayo
 Bracamonte
 Aaliyah McAfee



Mason McCallan
 Taniya McClinton
 Gabriel McDowell
 Thomas Mcgaingan
 Kevin Mcgee
 Jane McGill

Joseph McKines
Trentin McLaughlin
Boe Meh
Britney Mejia
Anyi Mejia-Mendez
Jehicer Mendoza
Jacinto



Karla Mendoza-Garcia
Elizabeth Mergens
Lauren Meyer
Gianna Miedl
Mischa Mikityuk
Alex Miller



Matthew Mills
Juan Miranda Arevalo
Meh Mo
Erick Molina-Villalva
Brayan Monje
Itzel Montanez



Eh Moo
Brooke Moore
Hime Moore
Emma Moran
Rihonna Morast
Sam Morris



Grace Morrison
Jermaine Mountain
Abubakar Mousa
Mathew Munoz
Brooklyn
Murray-Kellogg
Sen Myar



Max Nemec
Audrey Ngamelue
Jasmine
Nieves-German
Claire Nipper
Isabella Nivongsa
Kendyl Norton



Isabella Nuno
Anab Nur
Xuxa O'brien
Olivia O'donnell
Sophie O'hara
Lachlan O'keefe





WHAT WOULD
you change about the world
 IF YOU HAD THE CHANCE?

If I could change one thing about the world besides the pandemic, I would change closed mindedness. I would change when it comes to race, ethnicity, gender and religion. So many situations would have been prevented if people took a little more time to put other people's opinions and decisions into consideration. It saddens me to see our world be torn apart by non-sensory prejudice and hate.

would change
CLOSED MINDEDNESS
 and ignorance

If I had to change one thing about the world I would change deforestation. Deforestation is killing millions of animals and the environment around us. If it were to go away we may be able to stop animals from going extinct. This, in return, would strengthen our forests and the trees would produce more and a better quality of oxygen for humans.

deforestation
IS KILLING
 millions

I would make it run on renewable energy. I think that renewable energy is one thing that the everybody on earth would benefit from because it not only helps people in the short term by reducing air pollution, but also in the long term by slowing or stopping global warming. It is hard to create such a lasting impact as changing the future climate of the whole planet, but renewable energy would have a massive lasting effect.

massive
LASTING
 effect

Audrey
 Ngamele

Skylar
 Paroda-Dillman

Lachlan
 O'Keefe



Alen Octavio
 Lerdong Odol
 Skylar Oldenburg
 Christian Olsen
 Genevieve Ormond
 Isaac Ortiz



Hafsa Osman
 William Osorio Arevalo
 Bryce Otto
 Claudia Owens
 Christopher
 Ozuna Villegas
 Beverly Pacheco-Juan



Daniel Padilla
 Mary Pal
 Sam Palfini
 Charles Palmer
 Mariah Panteau
 Geovanni
 Paramo-Arizona



Skylar Paroda-Dillman
 Meghan
 Paulino-Alejandro
 Maria Cristina Pedro Lopez
 Yohanna
 Pena-Gutierrez
 Cadence Pendleton
 Kevin Peralta Cabrera

WHAT DOES YOUR

ideal life look like

TEN YEARS FROM NOW?



I'll be 22-years-old. I will have graduated high school with scholarships to help pay my further education. In ten years, I will hopefully be attending law school. I will also have a job that allows me to travel and see new places.

see
NEW
places



I don't really know where I'll be. Hopefully I will have gone to college, and gotten a masters or a doctorate in Marine Biology. I really hope I'm happy when I'm older. I am now, and I want to stay like that.

i really hope
I'M HAPPY
when i'm older



10 years from now I imagine myself graduated from UCLA. I've moved into a small apartment with an important person in my life. I want to have an important person in my life. I want a job working with research and to be financially stable.

an
IMPORTANT
PERSON
in my life

Yesenia
Ramirez

Jimmy
Reay

Ariana
Miniard

Lilyan Perez
Sarañi Perez Cisneros
Emily Perez Moreles
Jennifer
Perez-Archundia
Coryion Perry
Lilliana Petersen



Vincenzo Petersen
Zane Petersen
Ian Petrick
Mason Pierce
Nathan Pierce
Zoe Pinkelman



Juan Platero-Jacinto
Lesli Platro
Eh Khu Poe
Brooklyn Poindexter
Kheri Posey
Ruby Pospisil



L'shaun Prince
Norah Purcell
Nyamal Put
Caleb Pyfrom
Nation Queal
Nayeli Quezada





Lamyah Rahn-Scott
 Yesenia Ramirez
 Brenda
 Ramirez-Avelino
 Betsy
 Ramirez-Dominguez
 Esteban
 Ramirez-Gallardo
 Eduardo
 Ramirez-Hernandez



Briana Ramos
 Michelle Ramos
 Josselin Ramos Montes
 Ethan Rand
 Wilson Rath
 Lucy Rawlinson



Reath Reath
 James Reay
 Delaney Reiss
 Natalie Remington
 Leah Retelsdorf
 Eduardo Reyes-Zuniga



Oscar Rios-Sosa
 Tobias Rischling
 Elleina Robins
 Eva Robinson
 Finis Rockwood
 Alivia Rodriguez



Eric Rodriguez
 Oscar Rodriguez
 Randy Rodriguez
 Sofia Rodriguez
 Arzaga
 Julieta
 Rodriguez-Castro
 Fernando
 Rodriguez-Serrano



Angela Rose
 Gregory Rumbaugh
 Josephine Salzman
 Angel Sanchez-Pineda
 Casey Sanden
 Joanna Sandquist



Ella Sater
 Ashley Schell
 Cosmo Schoell-Schafer
 Wes Scott
 M'kayla Scott-Myles
 Aaron Seger

Anthony Segovia
Miles Severe
Ikra Seyhnoor
Riley Shaal
Claire Shafer
Artie Shaw



Chloe Sheehan
Akira Shorter
Andrew Shorter
Crayson
Shuler-Morgan
Henry Silva
Colin Simmons



Rachel Simmons-Pope
Ava Simpson
Brayden Simpson
Osborn Simpson
Reagan Simpson
Elliana Sitting Eagle



Ava Smith
Carter Smith
Finnian Smith
Jayla Smith
Destiny
Solano-Rodriguez
Madeline Solorio



WHAT IS ONE
life lesson
you
learned
FROM A PAST
MISTAKE?



“ I have learned to never give up and always try my best. In general, I have chosen to persevere through everything to get the results I desire by working as hard as I can.

**never
GIVE
up**

Kyle
St. Cyr



“ A life lesson I have learned from a past mistake is that you should not stress over the future. Instead, you should appreciate what is happening at that moment. My grandmother recently died and I now wish I would have spent more time with her instead of focusing on the other worries I had.

**you should not
STRESS OVER
the future**

Elliana
Sitting Eagle



“ Always be brave and have heart when facing competition.

Messiah
Strong



Montana Solorio
Sarah Spomer
Miroslava Sredl
Fira St John
Kyle St. Cyr
Zerica Stechenfinger-
McWilliams



Christian Steinbaugh
Julisa Stewart
Hunter Stoffel
Messiah Strong
Aiden Sturek
Fernando
Suastegui-Mejia



Austin Summers
Amish Tamang
Kaylee Taylor
Teriana Taylor
Scephen Taylor Jr.
Broderick Tedesco



Betsy
Tenorio-Hernandez
Jakai Terrell
Maddisen Theisen
Malyah Thompson
Zayne Thompson
Camren Thorpe



Sophia Tiritilli
Audriana Toney Smith
Isidro Torres Alvarez
Kayla Torres-Salvador
Violet Tran
Amara Trevillion



Santiago Trujillo
Natalie Tse
Alyrica Tuel
Annessa Uriel
Nation Valdez
Katlyn Valencia



Valente Valencia
Dayana Valois Cabrera
Joel Vargas
Mateo Velasquez
Lopez
Aubrey Victor
Ciela Walker

J'zeon Walker
Te'jon Walker
Isabel Walocha
Lily Wanzenried
Aminasahra Warsame
Andrew Waste



Jade Watson
Zakylan Watson
Giuliana Weber
Solomon Wehbe
Rai' Ana Wesley-Lee
Ava Wessling



Aiden Whalen
Amiyah Wheeler
Treveion Whitmon
Lillian Whittinghill
Marissa Wiese
Khiara Williams



Payton Williams
Talaya Williams
Tyrone Williams
Brielle Wilson
Jamal Wilson
Sebastian Wilson



Frank Winger
Robert Winton
Ermias Wolde
Alexander Wolfrom
Neviah Woods
Isabel Woodworth

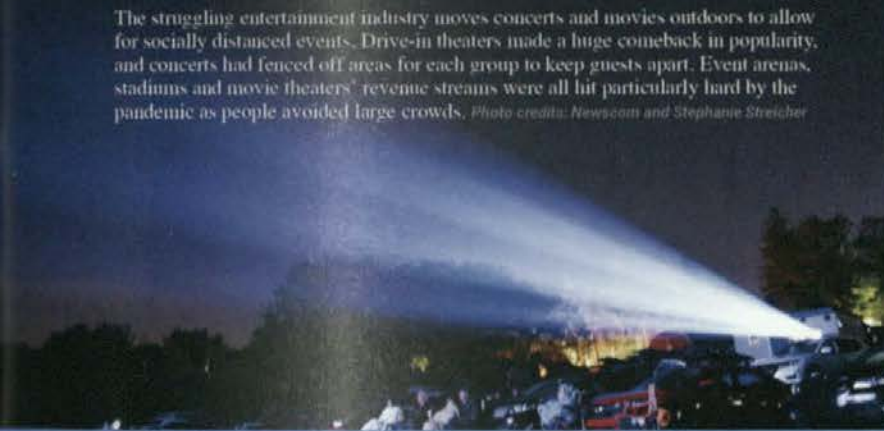


Lavonda Worthington
Charles Yale
Obsan Yusuf
Jose Zarza-Escamilla
Josue Ronei Zuniga
Cooper



take it outside

The struggling entertainment industry moves concerts and movies outdoors to allow for socially distanced events. Drive-in theaters made a huge comeback in popularity, and concerts had fenced off areas for each group to keep guests apart. Event arenas, stadiums and movie theaters' revenue streams were all hit particularly hard by the pandemic as people avoided large crowds. Photo credits: Newscom and Stephanie Streicher



Winning Stream. Streaming hits an all-time high as people look for home entertainment, and shows like "The Crown" and "The Mandalorian" are crowd pleasers. Season four of "The Crown" introduced Emma Corrin as Princess Diana. Other hits included "Schitt's Creek," "The Great British Baking Show" and "Cobra Kai." Photo credits: Newscom



Silver Screen Triumphs. *Wonder Woman 1984*, *Mulan*, *Hamilton* and *Soul* are among the most popular movies of the year. *Wonder Woman 1984* opened in theaters and on HBO Max, making the unopposed pandemic box office record breaker, and boasted 2020's biggest streaming debut of any subscription video on demand. *Mulan*, *Hamilton* and *Soul* went straight to Disney+, and the mobile app had 2.3 million new downloads on *Soul*'s opening weekend. Photo credits: Newscom



BINGE watch

The cost of streaming adds up.



- Discovery+ \$6.99
- Disney+ \$6.99
- HBO Max \$14.99
- Hulu \$11.99
- Netflix \$8.99
- Peacock \$9.99
- Prime Video \$12.99

“alexa play...”

8.3 BILLION
streams for Bad Bunny,
the most in 2020

1,400%+
increase in work-from-home
theme playlists on Spotify

6-9 AM
the most popular time to
listen to podcasts

78.7 MILLION
listeners for Ariana Grande

BLINDING LIGHTS
by The Weeknd was the most
played song of 2020

2 ALBUMS
by Taylor Swift, the most she
has released in one year

music TO MY EARS

Apple AirPods reach #1 on Amazon's Best Sellers list for audio headphones, with users loving the convenience of the portable earbuds. Others preferred chunky, over-ear wireless headphones with extra features like noise cancellation and AI assist. The cost of wireless headphones ranged from \$20 to several hundred dollars.

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SOPHOMORES

CLASS OF 2023



82%



Lauren J.



Isabella J.



Jimmie F.



Mackenzie O.



Xaida M.



Ashley C.



Sylvia B.



Sydni N.



Camille H.



Ellis B.



Casey de wita
1:13

Adna Abdi
Jacob Abele
Yusro Abukar
Elliott Addington
Nurto Aden
Jack Adrian



Betel Aga
Atong Agau
Ashley Agosta
Woot Akot
Maria Alejo-Sanchez
Alyshiah Alexander



Laura Alexander
Kadija Ali
Ta'niyah Allen
Victoria Allen
Irene Allgire
Elsa Althaus



Indica Alvarez
Sophia Amato
Rey Ambrocio Garcia
Nashiya Ammons
Omar Antunez
Brandon Armando



WHAT WAS
YOUR

*biggest
change*

THIS YEAR?



I have become more open minded to new ideas, cultures and beliefs. I feel that I have been transformed into a more compassionate person because of the events that occurred in 2020.

**transformed into
A MORE
COMPASSIONATE
person**

*Jack
Adrian*



My biggest change was moving in with my dad. I completely switched households and it is a whole new lifestyle. It was difficult to get used to, but I do not regret it at all.

**I do not
regret it
AT ALL**

*Sylvia
Barnes*



The biggest change I had was probably switching schools. When I came to Central, I tried to become more involved in school and push myself to do better.

**become more
involved in school
and
PUSH MYSELF
to do better**

*Harrison
Brownrigg*



Mario Armstead
Raegen Armstead
Jayce Armstrong
Revka Arno
Erwin Aviles-Garcia
Marlen Ayala Chaidez



Eh Ler Aye
Cara Bacome
Zakariye Badal
Cassandra Badura
Jack Baker
Jonathan Ballard



Zahar Bari
Xavier Barlow
Sylvia Barnes
Christian Bartlett
Maria Bautista
Francisco
Oh Yoh Paw Baw



Vincent
Beaudoin-Favela
Abbigale Beaver
Gwendelynn Bender
Kylee Bennette
Jaelyn Bentzinger
Claire Besancon



Dev Biswa
Nisha Biswa
Sumina Biswa
Veda Blackman
Josephine Bohn
Bryce Bojanski



Nicholas Bolter
Darrelle Bonam
Maria Bonilla Martinez
Hailey Borchers
Kimberly Borgstahl
Jack Bradley



Amaurion Brooks
Christina Brown
Elliot Brown
Karma Brown
Reneque Brown
Harrison Brownrigg

J'dyn Bullion
Nyakek Buop
Elijah Burbach
Rianna Burris
Keniya Burton
Joseph Bushey



Malachi Butler
Lizeth Cabrera-Aguilar
Justin Calderon
Ashley Calderon
Palacios
Lilly Callon
Alysha Calloway



Alexa Camacho
Braden Carne
Robert Carney
Matthew Carrera
Diego Carrillo
Carrell Carter



Kenntrezz
Carter-Jackson
Eva Casady
Alexa Castillo
Elijah Castillo
Katherine Castro
Edwin Castro Bonilla



Pablo Catalan Lorenzo
Aidan Cellilli
Alec Chapman
Amari Chunn
Amaya Chunn
Bol Chuol



Kather Chuol
Nyamal Chuol
Glendy Cobo Lopez
Tristan Coffman
Camiya Collier
Eamomn Conway



Elliott Conway
Daniel Cook
Elena Correa
Clarissa Cortes-Lopez
Jahir Cortes-Lopez
Max Coughlin





I was obsessed with Pokemon cards when I was younger. I would trade them with my friends and argue over who had the better cards. Looking back at it now, I think it was kind of nerdy, but I'm not going to lie it was fun at the time. I know people still do it, but over the years I've grown to not like it anymore.

who had
THE BETTER
cards

Nyakek
Buop



I remember I had every Tinkerbell movie and I would watch them almost everyday. I even dressed up as her for Halloween.

I would watch them
ALMOST
everyday

Mackenzie
Denny



My obsession with pugs started when I was in second grade and I started asking for pug related paraphernalia whenever I got a chance. Throughout elementary school and sometimes even today I am known as the pug guy because I love pugs so much. Nowadays I am not nearly as obsessed as I was, but they are still my favorite dog breed and would love to have one as a pet when I get older.

I am known as
THE PUG GUY

Andrew
DeMare

WHAT WERE YOU
obsessed
with as a
child
WHAT DO
YOU THINK OF
IT NOW?



Amirra Cox
Ignatius Cox
Liberty Craddock
Benjamin Craig
Keyvo Craver Jr.
Cassius Cribbs



Saetia Crow
Isaiiah Cruz
Marissa Cruz
Roselyn Cruz
Vergel Cruz-Ecute
Jennifer Cruz-Garcia



Sophie Cullum
Dakarai Davis
Jaylen Davis
Mark Davis
Tajah Davis
Victoria Davis



Andrew DeMare
Audra Dempsey
Mackenzie Denny
Sofia Di Lorenzo
Luis Diaz Rodas
Bella Dinnel

WHAT DO YOU WANT
your future self
 TO KNOW AND LEARN?



In the future, I'd like myself to learn and know how to develop meaningful relationships. I think having relationships like this will not only help in my future social life and interactions with others, but also improve my communication skills and help me foster good relationships with bosses and coworkers. I'm excited to see how Central will help me get here and I can help Central after graduating.

Holden Fershee



I would like my future self to know that not everything is worth stressing over. As long as you do what makes you happy, everything will play out!

Caroline Festersen



I want my future self to know where I am going in life and learn what I need to get there. All in all, I hope that high-school and hopefully college is worth it.

Artemis Gerlt

Messiah Dixon
 Emilia Dona-Munoz
 Guillermo Doroteo-Manuel
 Jamarion Dortch
 Juliette Eckler
 Fabiola Elias Gonzalez



Scot Elliott
 Brooks Ellis
 Camarion Elmore
 Paige Eriksen
 Margaret Ernst
 Maynor Escobar-Sosa



Karely Estrella
 Roger Evans
 Talon Everhart
 Coen Faust
 Maria Fernando
 Alexander Ferrin



Holden Fershee
 Caroline Festersen
 Xander Fisher
 Lorena Flores
 Irvin Flores Vazquez
 Fernando Flores-Santiago





Alina Font
 Christian Forscheiser
 Tyvelle Foster
 Hannah Free
 Seth Froscheiser
 Laron Fulton



Julian Gabel
 Sandoval Gaetono
 Leslie Gallardo
 Madeline Galloway
 Ashley Garbio
 Angel Garcia



Amaya Garrett
 Gabrielle Garrett
 Rew Catluak
 Stephany Genchi
 Yatziri Genchi Cisneros
 Artemis Gerlt



Carlos German
 Amaya Gish
 Gustavo Gomez Batres
 Alexia Gomez Landa
 Jefferson
 Gomez-Caceres
 Abel Gonzalez Castillo



Lizetteh
 Gordillo-Vasquez
 Shayden Gotto
 Tate Grabher
 Jaden Graham
 Elliott Gray
 Ainsley Green



Daniel Green
 Ashlyn Griffin
 Mayra Grima-Topete
 Eduardo
 Guerrero-Miranda
 Najmo Gure
 Ashika Gurung



Gaurab Gurung
 Mayesh Gurung
 Tristan Gutierrez
 Ramos
 Manuel
 Gutierrez-Bernal
 Rayya Haider
 Blake Hain

Malorie Hall
Ethan Hamby
Trinh Hang
Haley Harbison
Conor Harley
Evan Harper



Jayton Harris
Arafat Hassan
Sophia Hayko
Mia Heald
Josephine Heilig
Bryce Hendrickson



Maria Hernandez
Jose Hernandez-Guerrero
Samara Hervey
Kieran Hill
Abe Hinsley
Maurice Hoffman



Paige Holland
Halsey Hooper
Frances Hoover
Ahmed Hore
Camille Horner
Gay Lay Ber Htoo



Taeh Htoo
Jeremiah Humbles
Paul Hurtado
Warda Ibrahim
Ali Ismail
Beatrix Jackson



Marianna Jackson
Ava Jacobsen
Joseph James
Creedance Jankowski
Isabella Jeck
Ja'niya Jeffries



Kimberly Jimenez-Adan
Andrew Johnson
Chloe Johnson
Darnell Johnson
Patrick Johnson
Quinnten Johnson





Tra'velle Johnson
Destiny Johnson
Colvin
Josilynn Jordan
Ruby Jorgensen
Alea Kaan
Christine Kadaw

Katherine Kadaw
Dipika Karki
Peyton Kellin
Jamison Kemp
Nathalie Kent
Emma Kiel

Johnny King
Joshua King
Kaitlin Kinsey
Abram Kirchhevel
Katie Klem
Brighton Kolc

Elijah Kommer
Ruari Kozisek
Abby Krainak
Madelyn Kreber
Paw Ku
Lily Kuzelka



“
I think the pandemic will have effects lasting for years to come. Personally, I will find it hard to look at the world **find it hard look to at the world THE SAME ever again.** The COVID-19 vaccine will definitely help us return back to "normal," but I don't expect us to go fully back to how we lived before the virus.



“
I think the next life changing event to affect us all will be getting the vaccine out worldwide and adjusting to the new normal. **CHAOS will ensue.** Chaos will ensue over cost, who should get the vaccine first, and how it is distributed.



“
The next life changing event will be accepting our new normal. Many people talk about this pandemic as a temporary event, as if our lives will rewind. **as if OUR LIVES will rewind** But in reality it's changed the way we view every aspect of our lives. For better or worse, this is the new normal. Embrace it.

WHAT DO YOU THINK IS
the next big life changing event
THAT WILL AFFECT US?

Ruby
Jorgensen

Frances
Hoover

Harley
Harbison

Ka Moo La
Lily Labs
Sut Mai Awng Lahtaw
Lea Langner
Amelia Larson
Jaeden Lee



Destiny Lee-Parquet
Erin Lemar
Aalok Lepcha
Colin Leslie
Dwight Lewis
Tessa Lidgett



Rylee Liermann
Jaylen Lloyd
Maria Loarca Garcia
Aleksandra Long
Amy Lopez
Danae Lopez



Javier Lopez
Melissa Lopez
Juana Lopez-Lopez
Kevin Lopez-Ventura
Isabel Losole
Joereonna Love



WHAT DO YOU WANT
your future self
TO KNOW AND LEARN?



I want my future self to learn more about the world by traveling and meeting new people. I would also like to learn how to speak Spanish fluently, as well as improve my baking and cooking skills. I hope my future self will know how to make the best out of bad situations and work hard no matter what. Lastly, I want my future self to know what true happiness is and live a good, long life.

make the BEST out of bad situations

Rylee Liermann



I want my future self to know that procrastination is not a good thing, and I want to understand that I can get help and support. Procrastination is a hard habit to break out of, but I believe things will start to get easier if I get into a routine and start doing my work on a regular basis.

I believe things will START TO get easier

Isabel Losole



I would like my future self to know that life moves so fast. So you have to make the best out of every situation, you do not want to look back at your younger years and be disappointed because you did not have as much fun as you could have. All of the memories you make throughout high school will be some of the best of your lifetime. I also want my future self to learn more about what others go through on a daily basis because sometimes I do not realize how good I have it in life.

make the THE BEST out of every situation

Esperanza Martinez



Juliana Loza
Domingo Lucas
Ramirez
Frank Luceri
Alejandro
Luengas-Hernandez
Briana Luna
Isayana Luna



Miguel
Luna-Hernandez
Coreyana Lytle
Mackenzie Mabus
Isabel Maca
Abdihlim Madobe
Anathy Makoumbou
Brice



Awit Mamer
Eloy Marcial
Janitzia
Marcial-Carmona
Edwin Marcial-Flores
Makhi Marion
Shalee Marion



Willie Markmann
Ludwika Georgina
Marroquin Morales
Esperanza Martinez
Margarita Martinez
Juan Martinez-Ramirez
Nicholas Mason



Natalie Mcconkey
Mathew Mcelligott
Connor Mcguire
Katerina McMahon
Jaheem Medley
Elizabeth Mejia
Gallardo



Jose Mejia-Ruiz
Morgan Melvin
Jovani
Mendoza-Salgado
Jasmin Mercado
Jayleigh Merritt
Sheldon Meyer



Domenica Mhiribidi
Alexander Miller
Isabella Mitchell
Saw Mo
Owen Moeller
Alejandro Molina
Dominguez

Xaida Momii
 Jocelyn Montalvo
 Dwan Moore
 Heaven Moore
 Jonas Moore
 Victor Morales
 Orellana



Monica Moran
 Payton Morgan
 Jaida Mountain
 Al Fatimah Muhammad
 Zoey Mullins
 Donell Murray



Maleyna Navarrette
 Nevah Navarro
 Noah Nevels
 Sydri Newsome
 Heaven Newson
 Oraina Nicolosi



Luis Nieves
 Matthew Nivongsa
 Benjamin Nodes
 Chloe Nordbye
 Ella Novak
 Ikran Nur



Riley O'Connor
 Hunter Oakley
 Sara Ocampo
 Robert Oiler
 Bryanne Olson
 Mary Omar



Yusuf Omar
 Tyra Onyango
 Daniel Ortega
 Emiliano Ortiz Morales
 Mackenzie Owens
 Criss Ozuna-Martha Jr



Mia Page
 Miranda Palacios Avila
 Diego Palma-Blanco
 Augustine Palzer
 Nyamat Panom
 William Parker





I think everyone had to cope how school was going to be. We had to understand that not everything was going to be the same after the lock down we would have to learn how to socialize again and learn how to communicate with one another once again. Having the opportunity to go back to school in November was unsafe, but having the opportunity to go back now, we can see if it is a good choice.

NOT EVERYTHING was going to be the same

Sara
Ocampo



The biggest difference between the time before COVID-19 and now is seeing and interacting with people. With being all-virtual, the lack of human interaction manifested immediately. After you finish your work there's no one to talk to and it's the same situation during lunch. 100% of the time it's just you and the screen. Without your classmates school is significantly less stimulating.

lack of **HUMAN INTERACTION** manifested

Zakaria
Rab



Before lock down I didn't spend much time talking to my friends online and instead, I spent a lot more time hanging out with them in person. But now, I only socialize with my friends online or at school so that everyone stays safe and healthy. I have also picked up hobbies like knitting, embroidery and painting because of all the extra free time I got while stuck inside.

have also PICKED UP hobbies

Ella
Novak

WHAT IS ONE
difference from before lock down
AND NOW?



M'kenna Patterson
Ross Paule
Kysha Paulson
Elizabeth Pavelka
Evelyn Perez Ramirez
Pedro Perez Villado



Bailey Peters
Kelsey Pettis
Samuel Pieper
Jeremiah Pierro
Fredys Pineda Varela
Jizzella Plascencia



Chaunessy Plater
Rhozlynn Pollock
Jocelynn Prater
Cody Predmore
Marina Prieto
Zakaria Rab



Ruby Rabuck
Lesli Ramirez Reyna
David Ramirez-Aceves
Daisy Ramirez-Rodriguez
Saul Ramos
Alexa Rank

WHAT IS
your
favorite
Central
tradition
FROM PRIOR
YEARS?



Roadshow! With Central being such a talented school, Roadshow has never let anyone down. With last year being my first Roadshow, I was really nervous! All the shows that I had seen before hand were really impressive. I performed with the Jazz Band and Brass Band and both acts went really well! I'm so proud of the people I performed with and people from other acts as well! Whether that was singing, dancing or even a puppet show, it has given me memories I'll never forget.

I'll
NEVER
forget



I miss the the nights at the black box theater where you got to watch people perform for a little bit. There were performers and they would perform little excerpts from shows or read dramatically. Going there with a few friends is a huge thing I miss. It was really fun to do last year, so I hope we can be able to do something similar sometime soon.

is a
HUGE THING
i miss



My favorite tradition at Omaha Central High School is Purple Feather Day. The academic honoring ends with a big balloon launch on the front lawn of the historic downtown high school. The balloons act as departures for adequate grades, so sending them into the air is fulfilling. Purple Feather Day encourages students to exceed last year's grade, and behavior throughout Central High School.

a big
BALLOON
launch

Grace
Rock

Neveah
Rodgers

Jaylin
Sims

Camryn Rank
August Rauch
Lillian Reed
Chloe Reese
Christian Reiss
Sydney Richt



Lachlan Ritchie
Yajaira Rivas
David Rivas Lopez
Emili Rivera
Jacqueline Rivera
Estrada
Galilea Rivero



Kristopher Robertson
Grace Rock
Owen Rock
Neveah Rodgers
Rogelio Rodriguez
Coleridge Rouch



Elena Rubio
Armando
Ruiz-Hernandez
Keef Said
Emily Salazar
Johnah Sampson
Kieran Samson





Brenda Sanchez Ruiz
Enoc
Sarmiento-Herrera
Simon Sass
Ethan Saxton
Draven Schrase
Brooke Scott



Devon Scott
Matibay Seldera
Estefani
Sermeno-Pacheco
Sophia Shaneyfelt
William Shaneyfelt
Marcus Sherrod



Isaac Shopov
Christian Short
Maleah Shradar
Jayne Sikyta
Jesus Silva-Martinez
Maria Guadalupe
Silverio Cabrera



Ronnie Simmons
Aidan Simpson
Cyanaj Sims
Jaylin Sims
Amritasha Singh
Sierra Skiles



Adrian Smith
Comet Smith
Nicklas Smith
Quinell Smith
Noelia Solis-Mendez
Marlaine Sombo



Hanna Sortino
Angel Soto
Anna Spiels
Alexander Spiess
Maxwell Spizman
Gia Stang



Ajalon Station
Joslyn Stavneak
Allison Stisi
Murdoc Stokes
Brooklyn Strazdas
Tavionna Sullivan

Mckenna Sykes
Riju Tamang
Delaney Tatum
Myana Taylor
Isabella Tharp
Braydon Theisen



Audrey Theophilus
Bethany Thimjon
Jaden Todd
Samuel Tollinger
Cristian Tornez-Jacinto
Chantal Torres



Indigo Torres
Xander Torres
Luis Trejo
Zander Trevillion
Ty Troxel
Jeremiah Truitt



Austin Tubbs
Lillian Turner
Travis Turner
Nathan Uriel
Brodie Urwin
Presley Urwin



Fernanda Valente
Barrios
Miranda Valentin
Freemont
Jaydence Van
Laningham
Madison
Vanlaningham
Andy Vargas Rivera
Elias Varguez



Sarahi
Vasquez-Rodriguez
Cory Vaughan
Eduardo Vega
Bustamante
Anne Vickery
Maxim
Victorino-Bernal
Ashton Vincent



Paw Eh Wah
Jaelen Ward
Fardo Warsame
Fathi Warsame
Maymun Warsame
Mustaf Warsame





Delani Watson
A'ron Watt
Rachel Wayne
Milana Webb
Meeya Webster
Veronica Weide



Newell Welk
Hailey Whitbeck
Jacob Wichert
Jackson Wiese
Alexander Wiig
Ahyonna Williams



Andrea Williams
Darin Williams
Iana Williams
Jacquan Wilson
Elle Winder
Ian Wise



Julian Witkowski
Jessa Witte-Townsend
Aarin Woods
Mejia-Gallardo Yairi
Farouk Yaseen
Ian Young



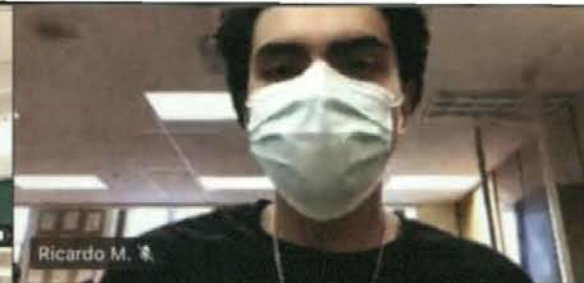
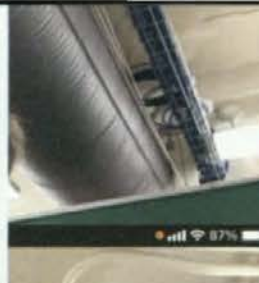
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Sophie Youngs
Faisal Yousuf
Lade Yusuf
Cecilia Zahm
Alvin Zarza



Natalie Zeitner
Ella Zook

JUNIORS

CLASS OF 2022



Esteban
Abarca-Martinez
Michael Abboud
Sadam Abdi
Ubah Abdi
Ramla Abdullahi
Domingo Acevedo



Alexandra Adame
Isabella Adame
Ayden Adams
Claire Adams
Agoth Agoth
Ashley
Aguilar-Lumbrano



Joey Ahlf
Tariq Al Mansoob
Diego Alejandro
Hussein Alfatin
Mohamed Ali
Layla Allen



Elizabeth
Alvarez-Banderas
Layla Anchondo
Jerey Anderson
Makenna Anderson
Lindi Andrade
Rodriguez
Jahnae
Andrews-Hogan



WHAT
WILL BE THE
*next big life
changing
event*
TO AFFECT US
ALL?



Multiple public health offices have decided that individuals may receive COVID vaccination cards, they will be given to **who has gotten THE VACCINE and who has not** keep track of who has gotten the vaccine and who has not received it. Reports say these cards may be needed to travel to other countries. Some say these cards and the vaccine may be needed to stay on a college campus or attend college classes.

Jaidyn
Bogard



I believe the next big life changing event that will affect us all will be the inauguration of president elect Joe Biden. **he has the ideas WE STRIVE FOR** This will upset a lot of people, but he has ideas that we strive for. I truly think he is capable of helping us reach our goal of where we want to be. America is great in many ways but it also has its issues, as all countries do. For example, rights of the LGBTQ+ community are denied the right to marry who they love.

Grace
Austin



Ever since quarantine started towards the beginning of summer, people started developing habits trying to **change IS NOT easy** comfort themselves. I think a whole year of staring at the same walls every day really makes us reflect on our past. It could simply be habits that need to be broken or past decisions we've made that make us consider if that is truly who we are. You're strong because change is not easy.

Mia
Birch



Kathryn Antunez
Kenia Arguijo
Olivia Armendariz
Angelica Arrieta Sierra
Grace Austin
Josefina Avila Paul



Gerardo Ayala Chaidez
Gayler Aye
Gibriel Babikir
Justin Bacome
Alexander Bahawasi
Jarvin Basden



Pedro Bautista Pedro
Santiago Domingo
Bautista Pedro
Eliana Beacom
Drew Beals
Cameron Bearden
Elena Beaudoin



Salvador Becerra
Mary Becker
Ben Beiermann
Precious
Belew-Williams
Raeshell Bell
Daniel Beltran Lorenzo



John Ber
Bradley Berman
Ramona Betucci
Henry Biesanz
Calvin Billig
Mia Birch



Amaya Bisco
Izabella Black
Jessie Blankenfeld
Be Be Blue
Jaidyn Bogard
Reis Bonafilia



Colin Boynton
Quinesha Bradley
Iris Bravo Garrido
Achilles Bridgford
Kyra Britt
Deombre Brodie

Marie-Claire Yovana Broohm
 Jordyn Brookins
 Brett Brown
 Brody Brown
 Brooke Brown
 Di'mone Brown



Evelyn Brown
 Mar'reasha Brown
 Zort Brown
 Haley Brutsche-Labreck
 Israel Bryant
 Faith Buller



Ava Burk
 Amir Butler
 Quinton Butts
 George Byrd
 Diandra Cabrera-Mejia
 Isabel Cady-Orso



Olivia Caldwell
 Robert Canion
 Juan Carbajal-Martinez
 Meiley Cardenas
 Alyssa Carlson
 Anne Carpenter



Aidan Carrillo
 Michael Carrillo
 Elizabeth Carrillo-Ibanez
 Daisy Castillo
 Sofia Castro
 Jesus Cazares-Rascon



Vanessa Cerone
 Beckhan Chamberlain
 Lillian Chambers
 Lucia Chavez
 Mario Chavez-Elizalde
 Ameeya Christian



Alazha Chunn
 James Coffey
 Nevaeh Cogbill
 Darnell Coles
 Amelia Collins
 Christina Compton





I was obsessed with Husker cheerleaders. I loved watching them cheer at football games and I always wanted to do that. I am now on the Central cheer team and I love it!

I ALWAYS WANTED to do that



I was obsessed with rocks and moss as a kid. I would collect them and put them on my porch for my parents and neighbors to see. I always liked how soft it was and still do. Every time I see moss it makes me think about being a kid again! Rocks are cool too.

think about BEING A KID again



I was obsessed with American Girl Dolls as a kid. Very basic, very thing to say. I would make furniture, clothes and accessories for them. Now, I think dolls are creepy but it inspired the creative Faith I am today!

very GENERATION Z thing to say

WHAT WERE YOU
obsessed
with as a
child
WHAT DO YOU THINK OF
IT NOW?

Tristin
Davis

Emma
Cooper

Faith
Buller



David Cook
Emma Cooper
Jetli Cornelio-Ornelas
Giselle Coronado
Michel Cortes Ramirez
Jordan Cristobal Juarez

Mireya
Cuevas-Mancinas
Troy Daniels
Van Dao
Maia David
Alahna Davis
Devan Davis

Justin Davis
Patrick Davis
Tristin Davis
Jayden Dawson
Noelia Degante
Madeline DeMare

Piper Demman
Michael Denenberg
Jose Desantiago
Luca Di Ruocco
Marcos Diaz
Olivia Diaz

WHAT DOES YOUR
your ideal life look like
 IN TEN YEARS?



“ In the future, I hope to have graduated from the University of Chicago, Stanford University or the California Institute of Technology, as those are my top colleges right now. I see myself working for NASA as an aerospace engineer, however, I hope to live in Spain and travel across Europe one day. I also plan to continue playing soccer throughout my life. More than anything, I want to see where my education and career take me.

Marley
Dodenhof



“ I hope to have an Agricultural degree from either Buena Vista University or Northwest Iowa Community College. I hope to be working in the field of Agriculture somewhere. Whether that's farming, or working for an Ag. Company. I would like to be living in Carroll, Iowa or one of the surrounding towns as that's where my family farm is located. I would also like continue swimming and maybe even find a coaching job some day and help kids the way my coaches helped me. But really I just want to see where life takes me and I'm looking forward to what's going to happen in the future.

Paul
Ernst



“ In the next 10 years, I plan on going to college, but I want to a gap year at some point for traveling or studying abroad. I'm not sure where I want to go to school, but definitely a private university. After graduating, I want to travel the world. When I do decide to settle down, I'll choose a place that doesn't have winter. I hope to work as an artist and own a gallery someday.

Nyaleak
Eske

Eduardo Diaz-Garcia
 Cristian Dimayuga-Alvarado
 Marley Dodenhof
 Wilhelmina Dodenhof
 Vijahnay Donald
 Jack Drobny



Ashton Dubbeld
 Jose Dubon Calderon
 Sterling Duncan-Frampton
 Maura Durfee O'Brien
 Linus Dyer
 Chineme Ekeh



Aidan Eklund
 Elana Elder
 Selena Enriquez-Reyna
 Paul Ernst
 Nyaleak Eske
 Selena Esteban-Pedro



Mikaela Estelle
 Karen Estrada Gutierrez
 Robert Evans
 Karsen Ewald
 Arial Faulkner
 Elijah Figueroa-Lopez





Emmanuel
 Figueroa-Lopez
 Nolan Firley
 Jackson Fischer
 Sydney Flight
 Joerdy Flores-Garcia



Cleryce Flyinghawk
 Jack Foell
 Nyanna Frezell
 Laila Gaa
 Montrey Gabriel
 Elise Gaines



Julissa
 Gallegos-Castillo
 Luishma Galvez
 Noriyah
 Gamble-Bennett
 Srujan Garapati
 Isaiah Garcia
 Lorenzo Garcia



Luis Garcia Tercero
 Ivan Garrido-Enriquez
 Nicolette
 Garry-Perdunn
 Ziya Gaskin
 Jane Gawrecki
 Nicholas George



Adah Gibson
 Jonathan Gilmore
 Mason Glasser
 Sabas Gomez
 Natalie
 Gomez-Ojodeagua
 Tamera Goodwin



Adrian Graham
 Daniel Graham
 Jack Gray
 Nolan Gray
 Mariela
 Gregorio-Rueda
 Trenton Grover



Mohan Gurung
 Sanjaya Gurung
 Shabnam Gurung
 Andy Gutierrez
 Marshal Habrich
 Sean Harley

Xzavier Harris
Ebony Harrison
Sabriana Harrod
Michelle Hart
Kylie Hartso
Abdelaziz Hasan



Taylor Haynes
Demille Hearn
Liam Helt
Kevon Hendricks
Daniela Hernandez
Daniella Hernandez



Joshua Hernandez
Henry Hernandez
Guevara
Stephanie
Hernandez-Escobar
Ashley
Hernandez-Najera
Andrea Herrera
Grace Hessenthaler



Ella Hill
Keshawn Hill
Harith Himdan
Ethan Hogge
Shawn Hojnacke
Camden Holderness



Gage Hooper
Celia Horobik
Max Hospodka
Heh Hteh
Eh The Moo Htoo
Jasmine Htoo



Scarlett Hughes
Jacob Huibregtse
Alaysia Hunter
Eli Hurst
Jocelyn Hurst
Damarias Hurtabo



Romyn Hutton
Yvette Incontro
Kodie Jackson
Oriana Jackson
Amari James
Jack Jenowe





Daniel Jeronimo
Lorenzo
Ancelmo
Jeronimo-Pascual
Joel Jimenez
Jose Jimenez Reza
D'andre Johnson
Joseph Johnson

Samuel Johnson
Victoria Johnson
Zyairre Johnson
Aiden Jones
Anthony Jones
Colin Jones

Destini Jones
Niasha Jordan
Mariana Juarez
Lorenzo
Quinn Kay
Jhaya Kemp
Wal Khot

Benjamin Kimball
Charles King
Travell King
Braxton Kirksey
Champ Kirschbaum
Jaylon Kitchens



“ I'd time travel to the future and make an invention my own so I could make millions. That way I wouldn't have to worry about money later on.

I could
MAKE
millions

Celia
Horobik



“ If I could time travel anywhere it would be 1892. Susan B. Anthony was a pioneer crusader for womens suffrage in the United States. She was president (1892-1900) of the National Women Suffrage Association and I would want to be able to meet her.

a
PIONEER
crusader

Oriana
Jackson



“ If I could time travel anywhere it would be to Japan before all this corona stuff happened.

Victoria
Johnson

IF YOU
COULD
time travel
anywhere
WHERE
WOULD YOU
GO?

Chastin Klabunde
Natalie Klement
Samantha Kluthe
Nina Knapp
Caleb Knave
Elias Kopp



Eli Kuskie
Haylie Lacroix
Kaprese Lacy
Parker Lakin
Eric Langley
Kyle Lankford



Andrea Lara Carrillo
Ella Larsen
Lanaya Latimer
Samuel Lavender
Janaizsa Lawson
Caden Leach



Sha'nya Lee
Sarah Lemi
Nickolas Leonard
Isaiah Lewis
Cyleah Lile
Haylee Linn



“ I want my future self to learn that if I want something **have to put** I have to put in the time and the work. **in the TIME** ”



“ Is the past tense verison of Swiss cheese, Swass cheese? **SWASS cheese?** Once my future self figures out the answer I shall feel accomplished. ”



“ I want my future self to understand that it is okay to fail. I get very upset by my failures. ”

WHAT DO YOU WANT
your future self
TO KNOW AND LEARN?

Lucy
Mason

Sebastian
Melick

Ella
Larsen



Claire Linnell
Alvin Littlejohn
Kirsten Livingston
Noah Livingston
Victor Loarca Garcia
Andres Loarca Rafael



Kaliyah Long
Keely Lopez
Maria Lopez Domingo
Faviola Lopez-Caloca
Jose Lopez-Canizalez
Crystal Lopez-Chacon



Gaspar Lopez-Garcia
Ital Lopuyo
Yarizeth
Lorenzo-Pacheco
Ruth Loza-Jacinto
Corey Lytle
Miftahul Mahadi



Callan Maher
Liam Maher
Olivia Mangjamel
Isabella Marhart
Daniel Martinez
Antonio Martinez



Bianca Martinez
David Martinez
Lizette Martinez
Lucille Mason
Sophia Mason
Halle Mathis



Tyliajah Mattan
Iyana Matthews
Sara Matthiessen
Mary Mayberger
Devlin Mccann
Christian Mccants



Tashiya McClinton
Aiden Mccurry
Shawn Mcmanis
Jada Mcnair
Noah Mcpheon
Sebastian Mellick

Huthaifa Mesfin
 Ryan Meyer
 Myeisha Middlebrooks
 George Miedl III
 Houston Miller
 Reigna Miller



Norah Mishue
 Emma Mitchell
 John Mitchell
 Ti Mo
 Stella Mogis
 Marcelo Molina



Nicolas Molina
 Dominguez
 Zaul Moniz-Deleon
 Janei Moore
 Micha Moore
 Larry Moreland
 Daniel Moreno



Samuel Morrison
 D'ajunIQUE Morton
 Ryan Motl
 Miraaj Muhumed
 Annora Muller
 Mauriaque Musombwa



Roman Myers
 Vivienne Nealey
 Kyjhanæ Nelson
 Le'trevin
 Nelson-Beasley
 Marissa Neri
 Tamra Nickels



Luke Nieland
 Kadynce Norman
 Jocelyn Novak
 Zane Novak
 April Nunez
 Miguel Nuno



Ayan Nur
 Joannis Obner
 Rachel Oiler
 Charlette Oldenburg
 Yeily Olivar
 Erick Olivar-Vargas





I'd say the biggest lesson was teaching myself that it was okay to reach out to people if I need help and to not go through things alone if I can't handle it.

teaching myself that IT WAS OKAY to reach out to people



Probably that I need to stay true to myself because changing for people won't make you happy. I stay true by wearing clothes that I like and listening to music I like. I try to not listen to other people's judgment.

changing for people WONT make you happy



A lesson I have learned it is okay to forgive yourself. Shame doesn't serve you. Let go of that stuff and just move the hell on!

forgive YOURSELF

WHAT IS ONE
one life lesson you learned
FROM A PAST MISTAKE?

Tamara Nickels

Leah Olsen

Stella Mogis



Corinne Olsen
Blayke Olson
Leah Olson
Brian Onyango
Christopher Orozco
Perez
Vincent Orsi



David Ortega
Ethan Ortiz Vega
Alicia Ortiz-Mendoza
Dru Oxenrider
Jose Ozuna-Garcia
Angelique Padilla



Jakson Page
Isias Palacios
Ila Paladino
Sebastian Palma
Alejandra Palma-Gutierrez
Emilio Parra-Garcia



Eh Paw
Amarri Peak
Juan Pena-Ortega
Nevach Penix
Edson Eduardo
Peralta-Quiroz
Breanna Perez

WHAT DOES YOUR

ideal life look like

TEN YEARS IN THE FUTURE?



“ I plan to work as a forensic investigator after graduating college. I hope to live in the country, alongside animal rescues. My family and I have a healthy relationship. By now, I would've already traveled to Fiji.

have a **HEALTHY** relationship



“ I see myself living in Canada, working as a tattoo artist. However, there is a chance I will travel the country living out of a van. Regardless of how I live, I plan on surrounding myself with cats and dogs.

plan on **SURROUNDING MYSELF** with cats and dogs



“ I've never imagined myself as anything other than a pediatric surgeon, in ten years I plan on being a surgical resident at a large hospital. After working 12 hour shifts I want to be able to come home to an apartment full of plants. Hopefully by then we'll stop living through historical events.

we'll stop **LIVING THROUGH** historical events

Starr
Rodgers

Jessa
Reumann

Samantha
Robles Orellana

Edgar Perez
Abel Perez Batres
Calista Perkins
Alayla Perry
Mackenzie Petersen
Taylor Peterson



Michaela Pettiford
Raquel Philbin
Dante Pierce
Sophia Pinkelman
Arianna Plascencia
Charles Poitras



Jamia Pollard
Katie Pope
Mar'quwon Pope
Juelle Potter
Nyajima Put
Allyson Radke



Juan Rafael Nolasco
Shania Rainer
Cameron Ramey
Jesus Ramirez
Keily Ramirez
Sonia Ramirez





Nely Isabel Ramirez
Aldave
Kariely Ramirez
Cabrera
Salvador Ramirez Cruz
Jared Ramirez-Avelino
Joanna
Ramirez-Dominquez
Monica Ramos



Sabrina Ramos
Traviere Randle
Guillermo Rayo
Nyawec Reath
Thomas Recker
Emma Redding



Tessa Reumann
Miguel Reynoso
Aguilar
Mancilla Ricardo
Grace Ridgley
Thorin Ring
Anna Ripp



Gabriel Rivero
Mauranda Roberts
Samantha Robles
Orellana
Rocio Rodrigues
Ivan
Rodriguez-Hernandez
Starr Rogers



Skylar Rouch
Sophia Rudd
Jaida Russ
Valerie Saavedra
Piper Sacco
Caedan Sain



Dina Saltzman
Faith Sampson
Kiara Sampson
Corey Sanchez Ortiz
Jenny Sandoval
Graciela Santos-Teliz



Isaiah Saunders
Zanayah Sayers-Pargo
Zachary Sechser
Cecilia Seger
Harrison Seitzer
Rosine Selemani

Brianna Serrano-Pasillas
Cody Shanahan
Ava Sherman
Anthony Sherrod
Natalia Shradar
Madelyn Sidzyk-Prososki



Lauren Siebler
Will Siglin
Jeanie Silva
Ke'ron Simmons
Logan Simmons
Allison Sitton



Madelin Sitton
Nathan Siy
Paige Skarnulis
Javeyonna Smith
Taryn Smith
Caleb St. Cyr



Faith Starks
Isaiah Stennis
Vernon Stennis
Marianna Stevenson
Mercedes Stewart
Jaylon Story



WHAT WILL BE THE
next big life changing event
TO AFFECT US ALL?



I think the next big life changing event that would affect us all would be the cure for the Coronavirus. There would be millions of blessings that will come along with the cure for a deadly virus like Corona, including fewer deaths. I would personally love to see all the people I miss seeing, such as friends and family, without having to wear a mask and stay 6 feet from them. Doctors and nurses would be able to see their families again after keeping a lot of distance from them and be able to get a break after always working.

Aaliyah
Towne-Montalvo



The next big thing that will impact us all will be when Covid starts to have fewer and fewer cases to the point it is gone and people can start to get back to normal lives. With Covid, 2020 has brought upon hardships for people that everyone wants to be over with. Getting back to "normal" is something everyone wants and will bring joy when that day does occur.

Kate
Vokal



Covid has completely changed the way many people look at how they are living. I believe that the aftermath of Covid-19 will be the next biggest affect on us all. Even after we get through this as a civilization, people will still continue to wear mask and social distance. Covid-19 has already had a impact on us, but getting through it will lead us having a new normal. We as a whole have adapted many new "normal" habits.

Shauntel
Thomas-Powers



Tyjae' Stovall
Zoe Streeter
Peter Sullivan
Jhaeda Taylor
Timothy Taylor
Aidan Tedesco



Oliberio Tercero
Figueroa
Chieng Thach
Ci'leayah Thomas
Travis Thomas-Peak
Shauntel
Thomas-Powers
Fontri Tiller



Anna Tiritilli
Grace Titus
Marissa Toledo
Malcolm Tonje
Jonathan
Tornez-Ozuna
Fernando Torres Ortiz



Aaliyah
Towne-Montalvo
Emily Tran
Jose Tristan
Ivy Tucker
Scotlyn Tuft
Nour Uman



Sierra Upah
Rodolfo Vargas Lopez
K'ziah Vaughn
Angelica Ventura Cana
Nelly Vera-Esquivel
Jennifer Verdin



Christopher Victor
Jacinda Vidlak
Miguelanjel Villalobos
Marlene Villegas
Kate Vokal
Samuel Walocha



Ashaia Ware
Kenadee Warren
Joseph Warren-Pasley
Ja'von Watson
Aniah Wayne
Grace Weberg

Anna Weekley
 Katelyn Weilage
 Valeria Welk
 Dayton Wenz
 Jace Westphal
 Jett Weyerman



Ada White
 Dejayla White
 Kyria White
 Mia Wicken
 Mason Wickstrom
 Alexander Wiczorek



Timothy Wiese
 Vincent Willard
 Kylan William
 Claire Williams
 Aaliyah Wilson
 Alona Wilson



Dane Wilson
 Kenya Winston
 Josh Witte-Townsend
 Liberty Waschin
 Lathan Wolfe
 Deshawn Woods



Donell Wright
 Jonathon Yeager
 Daisha Young
 Millicent Young
 Jason Youngs
 Hailey Younker



Bonsen Yusuf
 Alejandro Zacarias
 Alejandra
 Zacarias-Esquivel
 Livia Ziskey
 Gage Zuhke



champs of the “bubble”

LeBron James of the Los Angeles Lakers draws a crowd of Miami Heat defenders during Game 2 of the NBA Finals. While their season was in progress, the 22 NBA teams' players and coaches were required to stay inside the protective “bubble” zone at Disney World to prevent infection, and they played without fans present. James and the Lakers eventually emerged as champs of the resumed season, defeating Miami in six games in the Finals, which set off a wild celebration for their fans back home in L.A. Photo credits: Newscom



Steven Stamkos, Nikita Kucherov and Victor Hedman of the Tampa Bay Lightning hit the interview circuit after leading their team through the NHL playoffs and winning the Stanley Cup. The win was only their second in the team's history. The NHL season resumed play in August inside its own “bubble” – two hub arenas in Toronto and Edmonton with no fans present. Photo credit: Newscom



major sport moments

These stories made headlines in the world of sports:

June – UFC President Dana White reveals the company will hold events for the rest of the year in Abu Dhabi on a private island they promote as “Fight Island.”

August – The U.S. Open tennis tournament goes forward without fans in attendance, and 23-year-old Japanese-American rising star Naomi Osaka wins her second U.S. Open title in three years. Photo credit: Newscom

August – For the first time in the Indianapolis 500's 104-year history, the race pushes back from its traditional Memorial Day weekend to Aug. 23 due to the pandemic; Japan's Takuma Sato wins the race.

September – The NFL starts its season on time, but many players opt out for safety, and schedule disruptions are common as teams cope with infections.

December – Premier League Soccer fans return to stadiums for the first time since March (271 days later) at a maximum capacity of 2,000.



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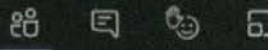
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Hailey Edwards ✖

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Tara Obner ✖

Lauryn Houston ✖

Isabella Lone Hill ✖

Jamie Reiff ✖

Shaadira Morones ✖

Jayden Herweg ✖

Zahara Mohamud ✖

Krystal Rauterkus ✖

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Amal A Abdi



Mohamed Abdullah



Fatuma Abdullahi



Josue Acosta



Benjamin Addington



Edajah Aden



Rianna Ah Sam



Taylor Ahmed-Baker



Anwar Al Mansoob



Jose' Alcazar



Octavio Alejo-Sanchez



Omar Ali



Neva Allgood



Emia Allison



Emiya Allison



Michael Alston-Moss



Liam Althaus



Ethan Ammons



Rejonet Anderson



Britney Angeles-Ayala



Jennifer Antunez



Mathew Antunez



Yadira Arellanes-Solis



Emmanuel Auma



Emerson Badje



Samaria Baines



Kallie Baker



Myles Baker



Olivia Baker



Dnaja Ball



Cassidy Bank



Marcus Baptiste



Solomon Barber-Holmes



Amal Bari



Sophia Barrios



Leilani Beaudoin



Thomas Beemer



Devin Bell



Samuel Bell



Erin Bennett

MOST LIKELY TO...



Anna Festersen

"Can I just skip to that part of my life?"

...travel the world

MOST LIKELY TO...



Jackson Collins

"Don't let it end like this, tell them I said something" - Pancho Villa."

...leave their mic on

MOST LIKELY TO...



Owen Strazdas

"Nobody cared who I was until I put on the mask."

...be a superhero

MOST LIKELY TO...



Dahly Long

"I guess my sun in Aries, moon in Scorpio, and rising in Libra gave me natural lovable star qualities with a pinch of drama queen."

...be on a reality tv show



Sandra Bernabe Lucas



Elma Fabiana Bernabe Ramirez



Stephanie Bernal



Analidia Bernal-Calleja



Rain Big Fire



Salina Black



Zion Blackmen



Paul Blazeovich



Colton Bockman



Nicolas Bolanos-Rangel



David Bolden



Arryanna Bonacci-Johnson



Teagan Borelli



James Borer



Claire Bouma



David Boyer



Alandra Brewer



Elizabeth Brooks



Amy Brown



Liam Brown



Vernon Brown



Victoria Brown



Webb Brown



Gracie Brownhall



Leilani Bryson



Jacob Buckingham



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Mary Kate Burke



Nathan Burnside



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Henry Carlson



Luz Maria Carmona



Alexander Castillo



Fernando Castillo-Escamilla



Sabrina Castro



Mitzi Castro Pelaez



Rowan Caswell



Alisa Cawthon



Re'anna Chandler



Adriel Chica



Maia Chism



Arianna Chism-Coleman



Carter Christiansen



Rachel Cimino



Dylan Cisney



James Class



Ella Cleaver



Dylan Clute



Kerrington Coleman



Corian Collier



Gracelyn Collins



Jackson Collins



Maria Constancio



Kevin Cook



Miranda Cook



Ashley Cordes



Mackenzie Coughlin



Alicia Covarrubias



Devin Craig



Joseph Craig



Emma Croson



Gustavo Cuevas-Antunez



Jeremiah Dalen



Clare Davidson-Sherman



Deon Davis



Miracle Davis



Jairo De Leon Ixcallao



Tommie Deleon



Daniel Denenberg



Ayana Denny



Mac Depriest



Gerardo Diaz



Jordan Diaz



Dulce Diaz Rodas



Carolyn Dillman



Maeve Dineen



Audrey Dixon



Liam Dollen-Oliveto



Hannia Duarte-Camacho

MOST...



Christina Spomer

"The best part of being an athlete is the comfy clothes."

...athletic girl

MOST...



Joseph Craig

"The key to my game is to adapt and adjust on a daily basis.
#downtownhigh"

...athletic boy

BIGGEST...



Bryan Jimenez-Adan

"I've come to understand that despite all the pain, a genuine heart is what provides beauty and safety in the world."

...heart

BEST...



Alexis Walker

"It matters not what you've done but what you do with what you've done for others. - Noah Centipede"

...smile



Christian Dump



Zaria Dunbar



Leikevia Durden-Chism



Aniyah Durham



Edward Easton



Zachary Ebers



Samuel Eckler



Hailey Edwards



Thomas Eilers



Emily Engel



Emmanuel Esquivel



Gabriel Esteban Jesus



Finnigan Etzrodt



Tianna Evans



Orentheian Everett II



Jacob Ewing



Abdimalik Farhan



Jackson Farho



Manuel Alejandro Fernandez Molina



Anna Festersen



Meylin Flores



Mason Flores-Minor



Monet Flowers-Bradshaw



Robynnae Fountain



Tre'von Francis



Layla Franklin



Daisy Friedman



Shay Frost



Benjamin Fuerstenau



Jaxon Fullerton



Leslie Gamboa-Chairez



Nicolas Garcia Eusevio



Maria Caribo-Oliver



Kaih Garvey



Nwawargak Gatkek



Luz Genchi Gallardo



Harrison George



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Olivia Gilbreath



Devon Gill



Markalyn Gill



Kiley Gillam



Maura Gillespie



Scott Gillespie



Sophia Gillespie



Jennifer Giron



Christopher Gomez



Evelyn Gonzalez-Arredondo



Ayrion Goodwin



Frances Gray



Jaden Green



Killian Green



Angel Green-Muse



Gabriel Grice



Sullivan Griggs



Gabriela Grima Topete



Joshua Gryzen



Jillian Guinn



Lluvia Gutierrez Contreras



Keyra Guzman



Sierra Hagedorn



Jawad Haider



Jaielyn Haros Monrroy



D'antae Harris



Isaac Harris



Cole Hartley



Ahmed Hassan



Andrew Hauschildt



Laylo Haye



Jenna Heald



Tyson Heimes



Emma Helt



Remiah Henderson



Nancy Henriquez



Cade Herbert



Lyssa Hernandez



Jasmine Hernandez



Brandon Hernandez Cruz



Adrian Hernandez Rodriguez



Gabriel Hernandez-Yanez

BIGGEST...



Jaden Tchalassi

"Human rights should not be a white man's politics."

...class activist

MOST LIKELY TO...



Daniel Denenberg

"I want to be played by Daniel Day-Lewis in the movie."

...cure covid

MOST...



Carolyn Dillman

"My nickname is Carolimp for a reason."

...accident prone

MOST LIKELY TO...



Paulina Salzman

"The saddest thing is I can't even disagree."

...win the lottery and lose the ticket



Rita Herrera Villado



Mila Herszbaum-Harding



Chaz Hervey



Jayden Herweg



Evelyn Hill



Noor Himdan



Eligio Holguin Sanchez



Danaisa Holmes



Darbie Holmes



Jamila Hore



Abraham Hoskins



Hannah Hough



Lauryn Houston



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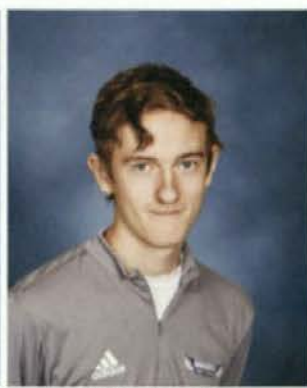
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Abigail Huff



Aniyah Hughes



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Ashley Hutfless



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Anisa Ismail



Kai James



Alexandre Jeanpierre



Sierra Jesus



Benjamin Jezewski



Bryan Jimenez



Sarahi Guadalupe Jimenez



Beatriz Jimenez-Morataya



Denim Johnson



Fred Johnson



Victoria Johnson



Liam Jones



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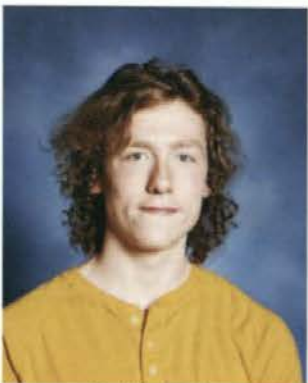
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Marley Kuhl



Latrell Landrum-Copeland



Dash Lansdale



Jack Lansdale



Christopher Larsen



Cameron Lawrence



Benjamin Ledgerwood



Erik Lessley



Samuel Levy



Bryana Lewis



Genevieve Lewis



Mary Lieb



Ebonie Lindsey



Jessica Loarca Tercero



Isabella Lone Hill



Dahly Long



Miguel Lopez



Brando Lopez Bibiano



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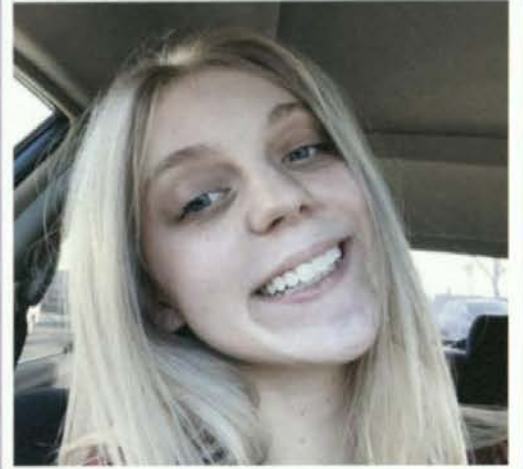


Andres Loza



Gaspar Lucas Ramirez

WORST...



Avery Schlote

"I'm not the worst driver I- vroom vroom."

...driver

BIGGEST...



Lillain McEvoy

"It's not my fault that Central employs the coolest, most lovable, most interesting teachers and staff!!"

...teachers pet

MOST LIKELY TO ...



Jamie Reiff

"I just have a legacy to keep up"

...be a farmer

MOST ...



Frances Gray

"Literally, who let me leave the house like that"



*...changed since
9th grade*



Rogeilo Luengas



Reagan Mabus



Shay Macafee



Abdirizak Madobe



Autumn Magathan



Connor Mahoney



Wejuic Majok



Aidan Major



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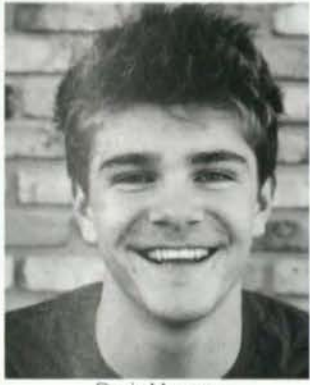
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Aspen Mccollister



Ian Mcdermott



Lillian Mcevoy



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Liliana McMahan



Nyasia Mcnair



Leora Mcnamara



Alaya Meeks



Osmeri Mejia Gallardo



Litzy Mejia Genchi



Manuel Mejia-Ramirez



Ronaldo Mejia-Santos



Eva Mendez-Escobar



Adjele Mensah



Oyuki Mercado-Gallegos



Benjamin Messbarger



Abigail Meyers
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Michela Mhiribidi



Emma Miller



Gaberiel Miller



Jason Miller



Kenzie Miller



Connor Mininni-Herndon



Amelia Moerke



Fatuma Mohamed



Halimo Mohamed



Sabrin Mohamud



Yuliana Molina Hernandez



Jessica Mollak



Brandon Mora-Amaral



Dora Morales



Ronaldo Moran-Cisneros



Ivan Morelos-Pasillas



Joshua Morgado-Garcia



Shaadira Morones



Zachary Morris



Megan Moy



Brody Negrón



Cara Nelsen



August Nelson



Brynn Nelson



Kieyonnie Nelson



Naomi Nevels



Evan Newhouse



Tamaya Newsome



Joselin Nieto Montes



Samuel Nodes



Mohamed Nur



Wyatt O'loughlin Rath



Kylie O'malley



Isaac O'neal



Maria Olivar-Gallardo



Rahima Omar



Grace Oreste



Koraleena Osborne



Jacob Osher



Fathi Osman

MOST LIKELY TO...



Neva Allgood

"We are all experts in our own little niches." - Alex Trebek"

...win jeopardy

MOST LIKELY TO...



Olivia Theophilus

"Just a few followers away from being the most famous person on TikTok."

...become tiktok famous

MOST LIKELY TO...



Francisco Ramirez-Reyna

"Blessed by this bald eagle, a hamburger I had like 2 months ago, and vast voter fraud, I will be your president."

...be president

BEST...



Leo Ray

"Why did I win this?"

*...candidate for the
cia*



Samantha Otto



Maqueily Pacheco



Nyamvar Pal



Nyajuok Panom



Jeremiah Patterson



Kashawn Patton



Lashawn Patton



Hser Hser Paw



Jerad Peck



Abigail Pelowski



Daniela Perez



Brianna Perez-Thompson



Na'kishay Perry



Elenora Petersen



Logan Petersen



Jonathan Peterson



Mario Pettis



Nicholas Pfeffer



Joshua Pfertsh



Joseph Philips



Brendan Pierce



Devlyn Pithan



Jacob Pitzl



Ingris Platero-Jacinto



Johnathan Pleuler



Gerson Ponce Hernandez



Asa Pospisil



Kieron Prieto



Nevaeh Prince



Isairis Quintero



Safiyah Rab



Victoria Rabuck



Kevin Radilla



Alexis Radke-Chism



Abishek Rai



Susmita Rai



Swastika Rai



Kristofer Ramirez



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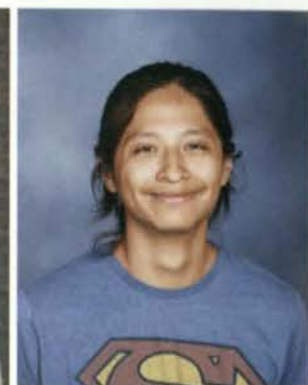
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Soe Reh



Jamie Reiff



Francisco Ramirez



Isabel Reutzel



Michael Reynolds



Simone Rhine



Epiphany Ribeiro-Murray



Jamari Richards



Eva Richter



Adrian Rivera



Norman Robinson



Belen Robledo



Eva Rodas



Aaliyah Rose



Jacob Rose



Christina Ross



Derek Rothe



Rosalind Rouch



Haylee Rubio



Andrea Ruvalcaba



Muse Said



Cesar Saloma-Mejia



Paulina Salzman



Patience Sampson



Francisco Sanchez



Ryley Sanden



Jonatan Sandoval



Christopher Saraka



Isaac Sarmiento-Herrera



Samuel Sartori



Anthony Saunsoi



Jonathan Savoie



Jordan Saxton

BIGGEST...



Connor Mahoney

"A dream of mine is to be the bachelor, looks like I'm already on the right track."

...boy flirt

BIGGEST...



Olivia Baker

"Here I am, what are your other two wishes?"

...girl flirt

MOST...



Darbie Holmes

"High school goes by so fast. Spend your time falling in love with the school, the community and most of all, Friday nights. Go Eagles!"

...school spirit

MOST LIKELY TO...



Daisy Friedman

"I frequently purchase food off the kids menu with no questions asked."

...be carded at 30



Audrey Schell



Avery Schlote



Alexandria Schmidt



Jack Scholl



Sebastian Schueth



Sabrina Schumacher



Katie Schuman



Desirae Schuster



Joel Scott



Sherry Scott



Sophia Sgourakis



Drew Shafer



Shangag Shangag



Samantha Shaw



Glynise-Michelle Sheffield



David Shopov



Cole Short



Abigail Shrum



Grant Shuster



Ava Sikyta



John Silva



Jaylin Simpson



De'trielle Smith



Ja'nesha Smith



Ka'niya Smith



Olivia Smith



Eden Snell



Samuel Snoza



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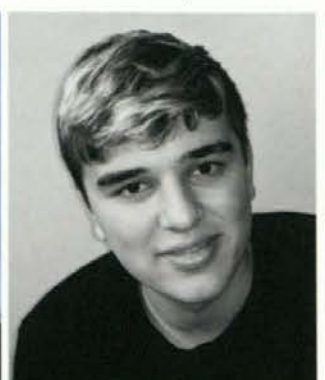
Vernetta Stennis



Evan Stevens



Linsey Stisi



Owen Strazdas



Juncly Subba



Octavia Sullivan



Lizbeth Sustaita Lopez



Gage Sutherland



Kelly Sweigard



Amrit Tamang



Milan Tamang



Gustavo Tapia



Hanaa Tatby



Bryn Hansen



Nicolas Tavares Silva



Jaden Tchalassi



Seiyonna Terrell



Paige Terry



Mohamed Thant Zin



Olivia Theophilus



Nyadhol Thichiot



Emily Thomas



Amaya Thompson



Connor Tiedtke



Cooper Tilley



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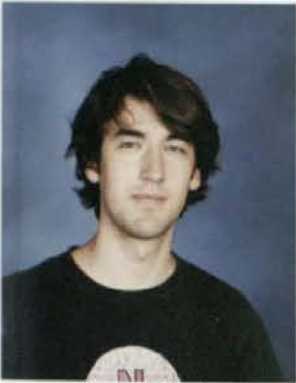
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Ryan Turner



Caitlyn Ulferts



Matthew Ulrich



Briana Valadez-Davalos



Andrea Valladares



Tegan Vanderveen



Jose Vargas-Orbe



Justin Vazquez



Lyndsey Veach



Jaquelin Vega-Bustamante



Celestina Velasquez Francisco

BEST...



**Aleah Welton
and Britney Angeles- Ayala**

"I'll do it if you do it."

...gal pals

BEST...



**Sam Nodes
and Sam Levy**

"Brother from another mother."

...bromance



Silvia Velasquez Francisco



Xavier Vogt



Xavier Wade



Shane Waits



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Jason Warner



Naomi Weak



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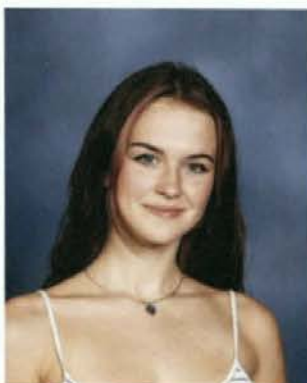
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Claire White



Ashley Whited



Isabel Whittinghill



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Vanessa Wise



Xzavier Worlds



Benjamin Young



Bryce Youngs



Evan Youngs



Maria Zacarias Raymundo



Nawal Zahid



Morouj Zenbaara



Aje Adams



Gregory Blake



Clayton Craig



Maylan Caribo



Brendan Janowiak



Cole Kreber



Anthony Lind



Jamia Mapp



Mason Miner



Valeria Miranda-Prado



Mulki Osman



Sam Worshek

the class of

started from the bottom...



Emerson Badje



Thomas Beemer



Teagan Borelli



Alandra Brewer



Victoria Brown



Rowan Caswell



Ella Cleaver



Dylan Clute



Jeremiah Dalen



Jordan Diaz



Zaria Dunbar



Tianna Evans



Devon Gill



Kiley Jean Gillam



Sophia Gillespie



Bryn Hansen



Mila Herszbaum-Harding



Andrew Hauschild



Sierra Jesus



Fred Johnson

...now we're here.

twenty twenty - one



Gabriel Kelly



Dahly Long



Davis McCann



Emma Miller



Connor Mininni



Sam Nodes



Brianna Perez-Thompson



Mario Pettis



Devlyn Pithan



Jacob Pitzl



Simone Rhine



Avery Schlote



Alexandria Schmidt



Cassandra Sorenson



Owen Strazdas



Caitlyn Ulferts



Naomi Weak



Aleah Welton



Kylie Westphal



Claire White

OH, baby



1. Isa
2. Vanessa
3. Emily
4. Leo
5. Jaden
6. Chloe
7. Aleah
8. Jaden
9. Casey
10. Bryn
11. Kelly
12. Alexandria
13. Francisco
14. Paulina
15. Alexis
16. Milla
17. Shay
18. Noor
19. Joshua
20. Lexi
21. Olivia
22. Anna
23. Adham
24. Ayri
25. Tommy
26. Dylan
27. Britney
28. Neva

LOOK at you now



Leo



Lexi



Noor



Milla



Francisco



Kelly



Casey



Anna

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Isa



Jaden



Tommy



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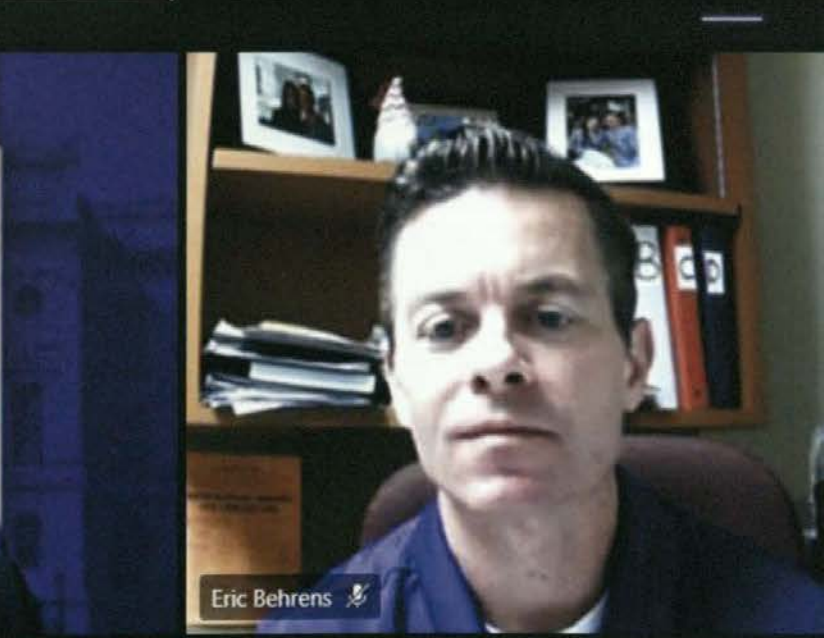
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WHAT WILL BE THE
next big life changing event
TO AFFECT US ALL?



I don't know if it's just recent history or what, but I can't help but to automatically go pessimistic with my answer. Because of COVID-19 forcing more of our lives to go virtual, I think that some sort of cyber-attack (bank accounts, stock market, government information, attempts to influence elections, etc) is an inevitable "life changing event" that could be the next big threat to life as we know it.

the next
BIG THREAT
to life

Jordan
Boyer



I believe that the next big thing that will affect us all of us will be air pollution and global warming. When we went into quarantine, we were able to see how much air pollution was occurring around the world and how much it improved once everyone went into quarantine. I believe that was the experiment that scientists and the world needed to see so we can make changes for the better and longevity of our planet.

make
CHANGES
for the better

Sara
Evans



The next big change (which has probably already happened) is the sharing of DNA data about us. It will be a marketing phenomenon! We saw how medicine sequenced the virus and shared information quickly. The data about each of us will be shared in the future and used by medicine, pharmaceuticals, life insurance, crediting and things we can only imagine.

Janis
Elliott



Joshua Bullock
Bryan Calder
William Canney
Teresa Carlie
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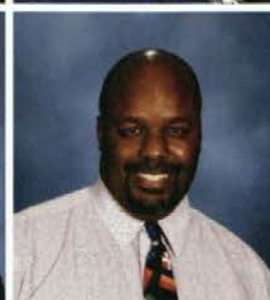
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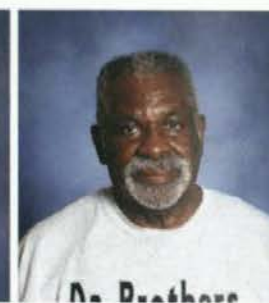


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IF YOU
COULD
time travel
anywhere
WHERE
WOULD YOU
GO?

I would go back to the time of the
ancient empire
because they were
civilized, their
culture was rich,
I want to see how
they built their
empire to the
sun and moon. Seeing the civilization
in their prime would be an amazing
experience.

**the civilization
IN THEIR PRIME
would be an
amazing experience**

If I would choose to travel anywhere in
time it would
be to ancient Rome.
I would love to
better understand
the early origins of the republic that we
know today.

**to
BETTER
understand**

I would want to travel forward 150
years to see
how well we
have done with
colonizing the solar system.

**SOLAR
system**

Francisco
Juarez Palomo

Molly
Mcvay

John
DeBoer



Andante Lloyd
Robert Locken
Trent Lodge
Alexis Madsen
Molly Mahannah

Marcy Mahoney
Ann Manford
Elizabeth Martinez
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Ashley Mccarville
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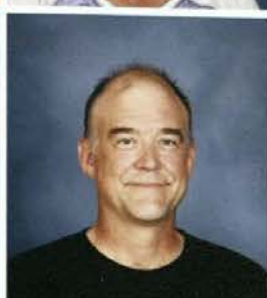
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 Katherine Rude
 Tracy Rumbaugh
 Gregory Sand
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Brian Tyrey
Madison Verschoor
Sarah Weaver



Cassie West
Lisa Wheeler
Anna Wiksell
Scott Wilson
Elizabeth Zurfluh

A FULL(ISH) COMMUNITY

100% IN PERSON

After the announcement on **Jan. 12, 2021** of the return to in-person learning, students and teachers alike prepared for what was next. Students at this point had the option to remain at home full time or make the return to school, creating the full-ish community that had been gone for almost a full year. Following a long weekend to prepare for the transition, a majority of students returned to the building full time on **Feb. 17, 2021**.

"There's really no substitute for an in-person learning experience, but our students and staff made the absolute best of all the challenging and changing situations they faced this year."

- **Dr. Edward Bennett**, Principal

"It was so exciting to see the kids gather for the first time in over a year. The classroom is more vibrant, and the kids seem all around happier now that we are back."

- **Brianna Pinguoch**, Math Teacher

"It is better than fully remote and easier to get work done. However, I am not a fan of the stairs."

- **Kane Ballard**, Sophomore



EAGLES

JMC
CENTER
HIGH
SCHOOL



1. **Benjamin Messbarger** (12) uses all his strength to pull the deadlift up for their last meet before state.
2. The boys powerlifting team placed second at the Papillion-LaVista South meet, moving them forward to state. The coaches are excited to be able to include both a girls and boys team.
3. **James Coffey** (11) is excited to get his chance at state this year. "This will be my first ever state competition, but I hope I do well. I'm very excited to compete," Coffey said.

WE'VE GOT THE POWER!

powerlifting meet

By Sophie Cullum and Avery Schlote



4. **Omar Jackson** (11) deadlifted 590 pounds in the 242 weight class. Omar was very happy with how he did, saying, "state champ" Jackson.
5. **Jordan Diaz** (12) deadlifts for his weight class. "It's going to be really fun, we're expecting two of our students to break records this year," Coach **Dennis Baker** said.
6. The girls Powerlifting team placed second at the Papillion-LaVista South meet, which earned them a place at state alongside the boys.
7. **Re'Anna Chandler** (12) walks to her platform to lift. "We've worked really hard for this and we're ready for this," Baker said.



New Year, New Me!

new year's resolutions

By Elliot Brown



Grace Ridgley (11)

"My goal is to be able to look back on my life. I realized one day that I was forgetting almost everything that happened in my life. It would be cool to write it down, so I can see my thoughts and feelings in a journal."

Ashley Calderon-Palacios (10)

"In 2021, I want to adopt a new hobby. I would like to look into some sort of dance style or a musical instrument. Learning about other cultures and customs is very interesting and I want to know more about what makes the world special."



Sarah Spomer (9)

"My New Year's Resolution for 2021 is to be nicer to my sister. I just want to finally be a nice sister I guess. She is leaving this year to go to college, so my kindness is better late than never!"

Joshua King (10)

"My New Year's Resolution is to grow and to have an impact on my school and my community. I am going to do this by giving to those in need and being more of a help to the people around me, like teachers who are in a lot of stress."



James Reay (9) doesn't know exactly what he wants to do. "Seeing that senior year is only about three years away scares me a little. I hope to keep my good grades and honor roll status. Maybe pursue my passion of cars or something," Reay said.

Olivia Kiefer (10) wants to be able to see new places. "After high school I hope to attend the University of Minnesota. I'm thinking somewhere in the biology realm. After getting my undergrad, I hope to take a year to work and travel," Kiefer said.



Reagan Mabus (12) understands that college will be a large undertaking but also knows that it is worth her goals. "I am planning on going to UNO and majoring in psychology with concentrations in neuroscience and behavior. Unfortunately, this means a lot of college," Mabus said.

Sophia Pinkelman (11) will let her affinity for reading take the reins of her future. "I plan on going to college, likely UNO, and getting an undergraduate degree in Library Science, then going to grad school for the same thing because a masters is required to become a librarian. I want to get a job at an Omaha Public Library or the UNO library," Pinkelman said.



I Can See My Future

goals after high school

By Sara Ocampo



Shay Macafee



Thomas Beemer



Olivia Theophilus



Mac DePriest



Kylie Westphal



Christina Spomer



Gabriel Spiess



Sisters **Christina Spomer** (12) and **Sarah Spomer** (9) emotionally embrace at the conclusion of the meet. "Getting to bring my sister into the team and take her under my wing has been an incredible experience," Christina shared.

The Final Splash

swim senior night

By Daniella Hernandez

On Feb. 2 the Central varsity swim team competed against Omaha Marian and Creighton Prep. That specific triangular between the teams was the senior night for Central. During a break from the meet, each senior was recognized and talked about by the coaches: **Kristoff Berzins** and **Brendon Smith**. Senior swimmers shared their favorite parts of the season and of the night. "The best part of my senior season was watching other people. I felt like a proud dad or uncle watching everybody improve, win or lose, and more," **Mac DePriest** (12) shared. "It was an emotional night I'll remember for a long time," **Olivia Theophilus** (12) said. Memories and bonds were also parts of the swimmers' experiences. "My favorite part was when all the girls got together in a big circle to sing One Direction," Theophilus said. "My senior poster is the best gift I've received. The people on this team are the kindest, funniest, most genuinely amazing people I've ever known," DePriest commented.

During the meet, Coach Berzins was inducted into the Coaches Hall of Fame, after being nominated by other coaches. Scarlet Wilson, an official at the meet, gave Berzins the plaque acknowledging his accomplishment. Wilson shared how Berzins always had a passion for swimming, which she noticed early on when she officiated for him at his high school meets.



It's Snow Joke

winter favorites

By Elliot Brown



Andrew DeMare (10) and **Isabel Maca (10)** share a favorite winter activity, which is the swim season at Central.



Rayya Haider (10), looks forward to "drinking hot chocolate in absolutely freezing weather, out of her favorite mug."



Grace Weberg (11) loves to go skiing with her family in the winter. She looks forward to her winter vacations in the mountains.



"On snow days, I am always outside with friends in the snow," **Samuel Nodes (10)** said. Nodes poses with his best friend after spending the day outside during a snow day.

"When I was roughly 18 months old I had casts covering the lower half of my body because of medical things I went through and I would pull myself around the house like I was army crawling. I got really strong for an infant and one day I really wanted something from the refrigerator I guess. I crawled up and pulled the handle really hard I guess and the door swing back, hit the counters, and it fell off. My family never lets me live that down."

Naomi Weak (12)



"Prior to my third birthday party party, I decided I no longer wanted to eat the tuna sandwich that my mom had made for me. Rather than simply throwing it away, I decided to shove it under the couch cushions in my living room. The party was mermaid and under the sea themed so the tuna smell coming from the couch added to the ambiance."

Grace Ridgley (11)



"When my dad was stationed in Japan we got to see a lot of tourist attractions and people would often stop my parents to take turns taking pictures with me. I guess it was really weird for them to see a ginger baby in Japan. My parents always joke that I am still in random people's photo books."

Carolyn Dillman (12)



CAROLYN



"When I was in fourth grade, there was dry wall chipping in the older building. There were so many kids who would eat the dry wall on dares that they finally had to patch it up."

Kane Ballard (10)

Well, Back In My Day...

funny childhood memories

By Alexis Walker

1. **Aniah Wayne** (11) dribbles past a Mustang. "I love playing basketball because it allows me to escape from things outside of the sport. I bring out my competitive side and I love to push myself and not give up. Also it's a game where where I have so much have fun with my friends," Wayne said.
2. **Nyapal Both** (12) is about to graduate, but she plays hard to finish out her career. "I don't want to leave the team," Both said.
3. Freshman **Inia Jones** has played hard her first year, dribbling right past defense. "I have always loved basketball and always knew I wanted to play during high school," Jones said.



Yay or Neigh

varsity basketball vs. millard north

By Olivia Mangiameli

4. **Jayden Dawson** (11) starts his warm ups with layups along with the rest of the team. "Duke is pretty bad right now," Dawson admitted.
5. Shooting a free throw, **Quinton Butts** (11) is "very excited to be able to play during this time during the pandemic as a distraction."



6. Senior **Denim Johnson** made a slam dunk. "Being a senior is sad because I will only get to play for Central for a year, but I'm excited for what's next," Johnson said.
7. As a senior, **Jaren Marshall** is trying to score as much as possible. "Playing basketball has always been a way to destress. I get to focus on the game and just have fun since it's senior year," Marshall stated.

Cool Letter, Man

letterman jackets
By Daniella Hernandez



Quinn Kay (11) believes that letterman jackets are very traditional and great. "I decided to get one because it was a goal of mine to letter in high school," Kay said. "I also like how mine has lacrosse on the back, since it's not a very common sport in Nebraska," she added. Kay displays her achievements in lettering on the back of her jacket, lettering in lacrosse, volleyball and academics.



Gabriel Spiess (12) lettered in swimming and academics. "I got a jacket because I've always wanted one," Spiess shares. "They look cool and they're warm, which I like."



"I decided to get a letterman jacket because I wanted to be a part of the culture and wanted to express my love for Central and its athletics," **Nolan Gray** (10) shared. Liking the design of the jacket itself, Gray also enjoys the fact that it is heavy. "It keeps you nice and warm when it is cold out." Gray also lettered in swimming and academics.

YOU BETTA WERKKKK

teacher virtual workspaces

By Avery Schlote



Jeremy Cisco has adapted to teaching his art classes both online and in person. "It has given us the opportunity to learn new approaches to teaching in ways we might have never considered before. As challenging as it's been, I think in the end we'll all be better for it," Cisco said.



Jennifer Emanuel loves being able to make connection and conversations with her students. "For my fully virtual students, I don't even have a clue what they might look like. That's crazy upsetting to me. Part of the joy is to touch base in the hallways after you've been my student. That doesn't happen if I don't know what you even look like," Emanuel said.



Matthew Hamill is not very fond of remote learning. "The biggest impact having virtual learners is that it becomes much more difficult to have hands-on learning. Teaching a lab science, that makes a significant difference in what students can experience. Technology has helped replace some learning experiences, but there are some that can't be replicated in a simulation or a video," Hamill said.



Anna Wiksell has adapted very well to teaching remotely. "I think that our first obligation as educators is to ensure safety of the students and staff. In a global pandemic, I prefer remote teaching," Wiksell said.



Scott Wilson is known for making learning fun with his upbeat personality and funny stories. "It's like having a TV show for an audience of 30," Wilson said.



Janis Elliott has completely changed the way she teaches her students. "Students need more support than ever from their educators," Elliott said.

We're Breaking Free

student musicians By Maura Durfee O'Brien



"I enjoy making music because it's extremely fun to put lyrics and melodies together. It's also my favorite way to deal with my own personal feelings or problems going on in my life."

- **Mario Pettis** (12)



"Making music with my brother was never just a hobby, it's us connecting with each other, it's us communicating and learning together. I can't wait to see what the future holds for us."

- **Ava Burk** (11)



"Making and performing music is so important to me because of the freedom, expression and emotion that can be communicated."

- **Jonathan Gilmore** (11)



"I play all sorts of music, but recently I've been experimenting with a folk sound in both my songwriting and covers. I've always enjoyed performing and creating music as I love that it can be both a passion and a stress reliever."

- **Grace Titus** (11)



1. Students pick up recycling on Friday in the basement as a part of their daily route. "A big part of the ACP program is working on life skills. Our recycling program not only gives the students work experience, but it benefits staff as well!" ACP teacher **Lindsay Rosenthal** said.

2. **Mathew Bose** (11) and **Dylan Graves** (12) participate in the ACP recycling project. "During Covid, ACP Recycling has been going so far so good," Bose said.

3. **Salvador Ramirez Cruz** (11) is gloved up and ready to go for their recycling project every ninth period.



Going Green

acp recycling

By Colin Leslie and Naomi Weak

One Last OOOSSS

wrestling senior night By Jamie Reiff, Sara Ocampo, and Naomi Weak



"Being a wrestling manager has been lots of fun over the years. I've gotten to see the wrestlers grow and go to matches and duels."
- Ella Cleaver (12)



"It was amazing, the environment was something special, all of the wrestlers got after it everyday, we all pushed each other each day. The coaches are amazing." - Xavier Wade (12)



"I'm just glad that I was able to be a role model for the younger guys on the team. I hope they continue to live up to the OOOSSS! way."
- Ray Hubbard (12)



"My favorite memory is qualifying for state for the 3rd time." - Chris Kueny (12)



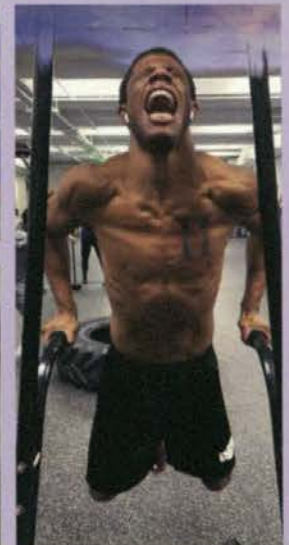
"I did everything the coaches asked me to do. I will miss being on the same team as my brother."
- Hel Doh Soe Htoo (12)



"I've been with Central Wrestling since I was 7 years old. I have enjoyed representing the OOOSSS! way." - Deon Davis (12)



Chris Kueny (12) also known as "Luda" earned his 100th win weeks before State Wrestling. He ended his high school career with 102 wins, 72 falls, and 88 career takedowns for his time in the Central Wrestling family.



Hard work, determination, and celebration filled the wrestling room as the seniors' final season wound down. Smiles filled the room as seniors enjoyed their last day full of reminiscing on practices, meets, and relationships they've made.

Ballin' Out

basketball senior night *By Jamie Reiff*



Niyal Both

"Niyal brings great energy and intensity to every game. She does the little things that most don't notice. Niyal has been a great team player."
- Coach Kroupa



Nyanuar Pal

"Nyanuar has been the backbone of our defense. She brings it every game! She will have a great career at Florida A&M." - Coach Kroupa



Jaxson Fullerton

"They said senior year goes by in a flash... not a zoom."



Denim Johnson

"Central basketball taught me to play every basketball like it's a playoff game."



Anthony Lind

"I'll always be grateful to have been able to wear Central across my chest."



Jaren Marshall

"Jaren is an outstanding young man, a gifted student and a very talented basketball player." - Coach Berhens.

You're One Smart Cookie

valentine's day bags for the staff *By Ella Larsen*



Student council was able to meet in February to create bags of candy for teachers to enjoy during conferences. "It was really nice to do something for the staff and see the excitement in their eyes," **Naomi Weak** (12) stated.



All staff members received a mixed bag of candy and a thank you note. "Doing these Valentine grams is a way of giving back to teachers for how hard they work and shows them how much we appreciate them," **Mia Wicken** (11) said.



Maggie Heuerman enjoys her bag of candy and thought it was a sweet surprise. "My favorite candy I got was the Valentine hearts because I think they are perfect for Valentine's day," Heuerman said.



Claire White

"It was fun and easy to be the team manager. The boys were so nice and I am happy I got the opportunity to be a part of this team."



Faisaun Germany

"Playing at Central made me a better player and I'm forever grateful."



Shangag Shangag

"At least I wasn't the water boy."



Mindy Morgan is a counselor and she also got to enjoy a bag of candy during conferences. "The candy bags were such a nice pick me up and I definitely ate all the chocolate first," Morgan said.



Hillary Blayney enjoys her bag of candy throughout the week. "My favorite kind of candy is M&Ms and I was happy to get some," Blayney said.

It's worth a shot

students getting the vaccine

By Brynn Nelson and Dahly Long



1. **Brynn Nelson** (12) works at Heritage Pointe which is an assisted living home. "Make sure to get vaccinated," Nelson recommended.

2. **Dahly Long** (12) also worked and received her vaccine at Heritage Pointe. "I decided to get vaccinated because I believe in science and I want to do my part to help slow the spread of Covid-19 and keep those around me safe," Long stated



3. **Caitlyn Ulferts** (12) is an employee at Brookstone Village. The senior shows off her new shirt she received after getting her shot.



4. **Sierra Jesus** (12) and **Evan Newhouse** (12) capture a photo after receiving their vaccines. The pair work and received their shot at Hillcrest Silver Ridge.



Springville Elementary
Lewis and Clark Middle School
Central High School

"The best part of OPS was the jello in elementary school."



Caitlyn Ulferts



Ella Cleaver

Kellom Elementary
Lewis and Clark Middle School
Central High School

"My favorite memories are from Kellom field day when we got to go to the Creighton soccer field and run around in our color coordinated shirts."



Avenlea White

Standing Bear Elementary
Buffett Middle School
Central High School

"My favorite memories were created during recess. My world revolved around intense four-square matches, netter ball tournaments, and competitive games of kickball that occasionally ended with the enjoyment of popsicles on a hot afternoon."

Miller Park Elementary
King Magnet Middle School
Central High School

"Thanks OPS for my goldfish addiction."



Abraham Hoskins

Harrison Elementary
Wilson Focus School
Lewis and Clark Middle School
Central High School

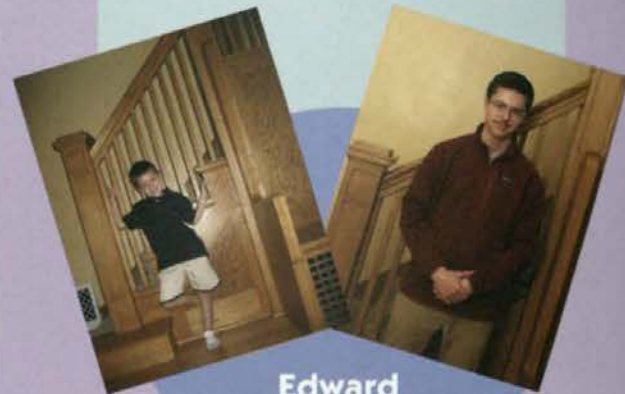
"I really miss all of the field trips we got to go on in elementary school."



Nawal Zahid

Washington Elementary
Lewis and Clark Middle School
Central High School

"My favorite memories are from elementary school field days when we got to go to Elmwood Park for a picnic after doing activities at our schools. I loved getting to meet kids from other schools to create bonds that would last through high school."



Edward Easton

Poanca Elementary
Buffett Middle School
Central High School

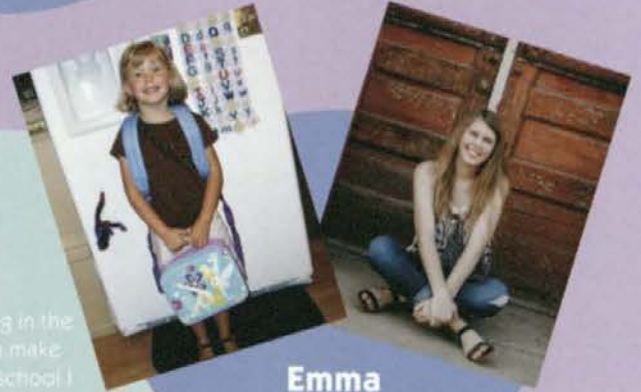
"One of my favorite memories of my years in OPS is having my mom as my third grade teacher and seeing how teachers make an impact on students' lives."



Mackenzie Coughlin

Central Park Elementary
Fullerton Elementary
Saddlebrook Elementary
Davis Middle School
Central High School

"In my 13 years of being in the district I have learned to make new friends at each new school I went to. I learned that friends are like ice cream toppings; each one makes the other sweeter!"



Emma Miller

Liberty Elementary
King Magnet Middle School
Central High School

"The partnerships that OPS has with the Omaha community are truly unique. From the Children's Museum to the UNMC High School Alliance, I have been given countless memories and have had valuable experiences!"



Safiyyah Rab

THE OGs of OPS

13 years in the district

By Carolyn Dillman

Naomi Weak

Fullerton Elementary
Buffett Middle School
Central High School

"It's crazy and a little scary to think that some of these people have known me through all of the awkward phases I've gone through..."



Sophia Sgourakis

Crestridge Elementary
Buffett Middle School
Central High School

"I am proud to be an OPS student of 13 years and am grateful for every aspect of my public school education!"



Central High School

varsity swimming

Third Row: Coach Kristoff Berzins, Braden Carne, Payton Kelln, Andrew DeMare, Caleb St Cyr, Malcolm Torije, Nolan Gray, Mac DePriest, Paul Ernst, Zort Brown

Second Row: Sarah Spomer, Elliot Brown, Grace Weberg, Christina Spomer, Gla Stang, Kylie Westphal, Valeria Welk, Bea Jackson, Coach Brendon Smith

First Row: Madeline DeMare, Chloe Johnson, Isabel Maca, Daniella Hernandez, Yuridia Lopez, Shay Macafee



junior varsity swimming

Second Row: Jackson Brandenburg, Thomas Beemer, Cooper Long, Dayton Wenz, Kyle St. Cyr

First row: Coach Cassie Jahn, Melissa Lopez, Olivia Theophilus, Scarlet Losole, Margaret Ernst, Coach Mallory Mohr

wrestling

Third Row: Coach Keygan Foster, Coach Gates, Camren Thorpe, Jamison Kemp, Xander Fischer, Tre Nelson, Coach Kendall, Xavier Wade, Ethan Saxton, Coach Riley Overshire, Coach Jimmie Foster

Second Row: Coach Mulligan, Coach Matthew Storm, Coach Kottich, Kamoo La, Justin Davis, Deon Davis, Kevin Boston, Chris Kueny, Coach Cleaver

First Row: Isaiah Stennis, Hei Do So Htoo, Darell Bonam, Angel Soto, Angie Rose, Ella Cleaver



girls varsity basketball

Third Row: Coach Joseph DeMilt, Ital Lopuyo, Aaniya Webb, Lilliana Petersen, Nyanuar Pal, Coach Dylan Folkens, Coach Cherylle Leffall

Second Row: Coach Jenna Sarakò, TaShiya McClinton, Calista Perkins, K'Ziah Vaughn, Klara Baptise, Aniah Wayne, Nyapal Gatkek, Coach Paige Muhammad

First Row: Coach Mario Henderson, Paris Devers, Dominique Mack, Camiya Collier, Alahna Davis, Inia Jones, Claire Williams, Coach Michael Kroupa

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boys varsity basketball

Third Row: Assistant Coach Chris Eckrich, Shangag Shangag, Quinton Butts, Awit Mamer, PJ Davis, Jayden Dawson, Assistant Coach Jay Landstrom

Second Row: Assistant Coach Chris Griffin, Jaylen Lloyd, Jaren Marshall, Fai Germany, J'Dyn Bullion, Denim Johnson, Head Coach Eric Behrens

First Row: Jackson Page, Jaxson Fullerton, Chris McCants, Anthony Lind, Team Manager Claire White

boys reserve basketball

Third Row: Coach Jermaine Blackson

Second Row: Joshua King, Mark Davis, Daniel Green, Matthew Carrera, Ahmednur Hassan

First Row: Cory Vaughan, Jamarion Dortch, Dakarai Davis, Dwan Moore, Tyzhaun Valentine



boys freshman basketball

Third Row: Coach Jared Hyland, Coach Josh Bullock

Second Row: Jordan Brown, Ryan Adams, Coryion Perry, Caleb Pyfrom, David Horne, Charles Yale, Braeden Anderson

First Row: Sean King, Tayzhon Johnson, Colin Simmons, Andrew Brown, Lennon Kiefer, James Harvey

girls reserve basketball

Second Row: Coach Jerina Saraka, Elliana Sitting Eagle, Nyakek Buop, Hailey Borchers, Gianna Miedl, Brooklyn Strazdas, Coach Dylan Folkens

First Row: Shyla Youngs, Ella Easton, Team Manager Damarion Davis, Frances Brannen, Brooklynne Costello



A BLOOMING COMMUNITY

FOURTH QUARTER

One year after the coronavirus shut down the country and schools across the nation, Central returned with the most students it had present. Sports started in full swing and students remained either fully at home or fully in person on **March 15, 2021**. Blooming back to a state of normalcy, events such as prom and graduation planned to continue as ordinarily as possible.

Every time we are able to hold a school event safely but in a manner that resembles our pre-Covid reality, I am thrilled.

- **Dr. Edward Bennett**, Principal

This was my favorite part of the year. We finally saw semi-crowded halls again, sports being played and students were back to talking to each other in the classroom.

- **Hillary Blayney**, Journalism Advisor

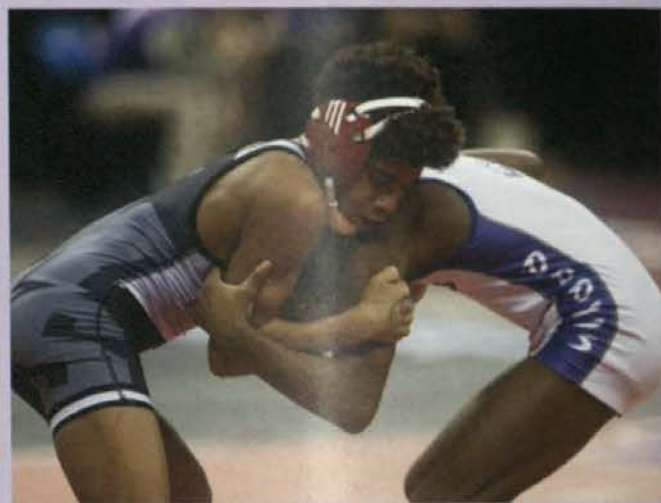
"I like being back at school full time and being able to run track. The spring weather also makes it really enjoyable."

- **Jack Drobny**, Junior

1. **Darelle Bonam** (10) takes down his opponent on his way to earning a 6th place medal.



2. **Justin Davis** (11) attempts to pin his competitor. After several arduous matches, Davis placed 6th in his weight class. "A lot of competitions were canceled at the beginning of the season," explained assistant wrestling coach Matthew Storm. "The time our wrestlers had to qualify was cut close this year, but we kept the same focus of improving throughout the season steadily and making state the best performance of the year."



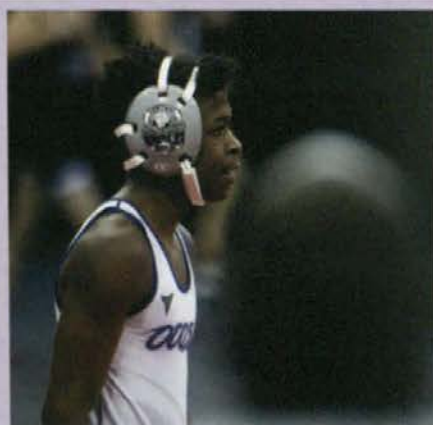
3. **Deon Davis** (12) competed to earn his fourth state medal this year. "Besides the fact that we got a season at all," Storm said, "Deon earning his fourth medal to finish off his career was one of the highlights of the season." With these victories, Davis took the school's record for the second-most wins in Central wrestling history.



The Final Match

state wrestling

By Valeria Welk



4. **Ray Hubbard** (12), who was one of four Central wrestlers that medaled at state this year and one of five who qualified, placed 6th at the competition. "Our focus for the year was to stay healthy and finish the season on a high note. We wanted to continue the tradition of always having state medalists and state qualifiers," coach Jimmie Foster said. This year's state qualifiers were **Darelle Bonam** (10), **Christopher Kueny** (12), **Deon Davis** (12), **Ray Hubbard** (12) and **Justin Davis** (11).

I'm Just Stat(e)ing

girls state basketball

By Olivia Mangiameli and Jamie Reiff



4. The school's student section made an appearance during state, showing their support for the girls and to make the arena loud. "It was a great opportunity and a great time being able to be in the student section for a game this year, everyone was having a blast," **Kate Vokal** (11) said.

5. **Aaniya Webb** (11) follows through with a shot. "It felt good to make it this far my last year," Webb said after the game.

6. Freshman **Inia Jones** played at state for the first time. "There was a lot of pressure but we played our hardest," Jones said after the loss to Pius X.

7. The team anxiously watches the score. "It was a tough game to watch, but we were playing as a team," **Dominique Mack** (9) said.



1. **Claire Williams** (11) celebrates her 17th birthday by playing her hardest in the state game. "It was a super fun experience," she said. "I loved being able to play my favorite sport while celebrating my birthday. I just hope I get to do it again next year."

2. **Ital Lopuyo** (11) charges past defense while warming up for the game. "I just think it was an unbelievable experience and no court I have ever played on could match the big stage," she said. "And then being able to get that far with my teammates makes it that much more memorable."

3. Junior **Aniah Wayne** was in her zone while waiting for a teammate to shoot a free throw. "I'm really proud of the team and how far we got together and I'm excited to keep playing for as long as I can," Wayne commented.

1. **Isabella Blazeovich** (9) squats 170 pounds in the second round of the girls equipped division.
2. **DeShawn Woods** (11) poses for a picture after winning first place in his category for boys' equipped.
3. **Omar Jackson** (11) lifts 634 pounds in round three of the deadlifting event. The lift was counted good by all three judges.



The Power Behind the Throne



state powerlifting
By Sophie Cullum



4. **Amelia Larson** (10) squats 193 pounds in the second round in the girls equipped division. The girl's powerlifting team earns second at the state powerlifting meet.
5. **Ann Carlson** (9), **Charlotte Turner**, **Re'Anna Chandler** (12), **Lillian Turner** (10), **Ahyonna Williams** (10), **Ke'Ijha Hadley** (9), **Cy'lana Chandler** (9), **Isabella Blazeovich** (9), **Sydney Richt** (10), **Amelia Larson** (10), and **Ella Hill** (11) celebrate their win as a team. "It's been a crazy season, but I'm glad I was able to finish off strong," said Richt.



6. **DeShawn Woods** (11) squats 368 pounds in the first round of the boys equipped division. His lifting earned him a spot in first at the state meet.

7. **Ke'ljha Hadley** (9) squats 385 pounds in round two of the girls' raw division. Ke'ljha is only a freshman, but has already proven herself to be a valuable member of the team, earning first place at state.

8. **Jordan Díaz** (12) deadlifts 452 pounds in the third round of the boy's equipped division. Díaz helped carry his team to victory during his last year at Central. "The team worked hard all year, and we were back to back champions before heading to state. I'm very proud of the kids and what they've done this year. I've got very high expectations coming into next year and I'm looking forward to lots of improvements," coach **Dennis Baker** said.



9. **Larry Moreland III** (11) prepares to deadlift 513 pounds in the first round of the boys equipped division. Moreland took home the second place title for his division.

10. The boys powerlifting team celebrates their place at state. **James Coffey** (11), **Omar Jackson** (11), **Vincent Orsi** (11), **Ian Young** (10), **Larry Moreland III** (11), **Jordan Díaz** (12), **Christian Dump** (12), **Ke'Ron Simmons** (11), **Reis Bonafilia** (11), and **DeShawn Woods** (11) are among those celebrating.

Love for LAX

girls lacrosse



1. Goalie **Kenya Winston** (11) guards the cage, as **Quinn Kay** (11) plays defense against Millard West. "I started Central lacrosse the first year it was established because it's such a fun and fast paced sport," Kay said.

2. The team meets up for encouraging halftime talk. "Lacrosse has allowed me to use more communication, teamwork, and leadership skills that I now use on and off the field," Winston said.



3. **Adah Gibson** (11) darts to the goal to score against Millard West.

4. **Claire Linnell** (11) shoots at the goal, as she takes her penalty shot. "My favorite part of season has been getting to play. We're so thankful to play this year, since we missed out last spring," Linnell said.



5. Seniors **Sophia Gilesple** and **Emerson Badje** celebrate senior night with coaches Elise Choquette, Charlie Dinnel and Jenna Saraka.

"I wanted to go out for something after not getting my senior season of softball and lacrosse seemed fun. It was one of my best decisions I've ever made," Badje said.



Drip or Drown

state swimming

By Daniella Hernandez



1. After the girls finals meet and prior to the boys, the team meets up to celebrate victories. "Although it was different this year it was as competitive as ever," Coach **Brendon Smith** shared.

2. **Caleb St. Cyr** (11) shows his joy for his friend **Gabriel Spiess** (12) after Spiess placed in the 50 yard freestyle finals. He earned a medal while getting a personal best time of 21.84 seconds.

3. Swimmers **Grace Weberg** (11) and **Kylie Westphal** (12) cheer with glee as their girls 200 yard freestyle relay accomplishes a best time.

4. **Christina Spomer** (12) dives in, exchanging with **Valeria Welk** (11) in the 400 freestyle relay. C. Spomer won four medals at the championships. Two out of the four were from individual events. She got 3rd in the 50 yard freestyle and 7th in the 100 yard freestyle.

5. **Malcolm Tonje** (11) dove into the pool after his teammate **Zort Brown** (11) touched the wall during a relay.

6. Two girls relays medaled at the state finals. The 200 medley got 7th with swimmers **Sarah Spomer** (9), **Daniella Hernandez** (11), Welk, and C. Spomer. Then the 400 freestyle relay got 7th with Hernandez, **Bea Jackson** (10), Welk, and C. Spomer.



7. Multiple boys pose with their medals. "The boys always start out right where we left off, it doesn't matter where we ended last season or how long it's been since we've all hung out, as soon as we see each other we are brothers," Spiess said.





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After serving Central as assistant principal for 5 years and as principal for 8 years, Dr. Bennett announced he was moving to Minnesota. Bennett was loved by many and showed true eagle spirit.

"He was great at giving credit to teachers and students for Central's success. He didn't seek the spotlight; his primary goal was for Central to shine," teacher **Scott Wilson** said.

"Throughout his years at Central Dr. Bennett showed how much he actually cared for his students, often engaging in conversations with us in the hallways," senior **Jamie Reiff** said.

"Working with Dr. Bennett has always been enlightening, a pleasure, and an honor. I will miss him dearly," teacher **Rod Mullen** said..

At the end of what has been a year of unknowns, Central says goodbye to a funny, intelligent and caring principal.

Leaving the Nest

farewell Dr. Bennett

By Carolyn Dillman

Royals

senior purple crowns

By Rita Herrera Villado

"I was more than happy to uphold this tradition because I had been looking forward to it since freshman year." **Audrey Schell**

"Being able to participate in small things like this really help make our senior year feel a bit more normal since this year was crazy." **Maev Dineen**



"It was an honor to uphold this tradition since it was our duty to keep it going. We showed our pride through difficult times." **Taylor Ahmed-Baker**

"I felt so happy, it's something you see the upperclassmen do for years and we were finally able to experience it." **Caitlyn Ulferts**

"I'm glad we we could still do some traditions, like this one, during my last year. It's amazing how resilient we are and how our school spirit has upheld through these challenging times." **Sherry Scott**



"It's really weird but I think we all just need this year to be over so we can have a moment to breathe." **Naomi Weak**

"It was nice for us to hold on to a sense of normalcy through this tradition after having lost most of our senior year." **Jamie Reiff**

"I am sad that high school is coming to an end. I was torn apart from school for a long time and that was hard. I am glad that we're back and taking advantage of the days we have left like continuing an ongoing tradition." **Jerusalem Dessie**





1. Senior **Greta Bullerdick** prepares to toss the ball up for her first serve in the fifth game. She encourages underclassmen to go out for the sport. "We have awesome coaches and a really fun environment that makes the sport feel fun and competitive," Bullerdick said.
2. **Alice Larson** (10) and **Rayya Haider** (10) defend the court by volleying the ball back to Papillion.
3. **Shruti Garapati** (9) sets up to drive the ball to her opponent. "I am looking forward to my next three years playing for Central Tennis," Garapati said.
4. Bullerdick tosses the ball up for a serve in a match against Millard West. As a senior this will be her last year playing tennis as a Central Eagle. "Tennis is an awesome sport especially at Central," Bullerdick said.
5. Sophomores and doubles partners Larson (left) and Haider (right) duel against Papillion LaVista.
6. **Ella Levy** (9) puts up a fight during her singles match against Papillion LaVista. As a first year tennis player "it's a different atmosphere than any other team I've been a part of," Levy said.



Aced It

girls tennis

By Grace Hodges



7. Freshman Garapati is a firecracker on the court delivering a flawless backhand shot to Millard West in number one singles.



1. **Jonathan Savoie** (12) spends his first year playing on both the varsity and junior varsity golf teams.
2. **Samuel Levy** (12) hits the ball off of the tee during a tournament. "It was fun to spend my last year playing a new sport other than soccer," Levy said.
3. Savoie strikes a pose while walking to his ball on the fairway. "Blessed to be on both teams. I like golf because you play it in the grass. I love grass," Savoie said.

Let's Par-Tee

boys golf

By Olivia Mangiameli and Jonathan Savoie



4. **Will Parker** (10) takes his drive off the tee box. This was Parker's first year playing for the golf team. "Golf is very fun and chill," Parker said.
5. This is the first golf season for **Aidan Tedesco** (11). "It's different than baseball," Tedesco commented on about his first year on the team.



6. **Reis Bonafilia** (11) hits the ball to begin a new hole. "It's a fun experience that gets you hooked and then eager to do better," Bonafilia said.
7. **Jaxson Fullerton** (12) puts the ball to the hole. "The white pants weren't so white after that day," Fullerton said. Fullerton has been golfing for 10 years and is a varsity player committed to Concordia University.



1. Freshman **Jordan Brown** soars over all obstacles in his way with tunnel vision on the finish line during a hurdling event.

2. **Isabella Blazeovich** (9) uses all her power to throw the shot put. "It's really fun meeting new people and throwing discs and shot put my freshman year," Blazeovich said.

3. Senior **Jamie Reiff** winds back to throw the discus. "It was really nice being able to have track season, especially since we only got one week of practice last year," Reiff said.



4. **Ashad Williams** (12) shows dedication in his face while sprinting towards the finish line in the 100 meter yard dash. "I have been on track since freshman year and I am so grateful that we were able to have a spring season since corona is still going on," Williams said.





5. **Cate Connor** (9) takes long strides to the finish line. Connor runs the 100 meter dash. As a freshman she showed great promise for Central's track team.

6. Senior **Abraham Hoskins** jumps over the hurdle that is 3.5 ft high. "I have been running since freshman year and I also do 300 meter hurdles and sometimes the 400, but the hurdles event is definitely my favorite," Hoskins said.

Stay on Track

boys and girls track

by Dahly Long and Jamie Reiff



7. **Ashton Dubbled** (11) leaps over the hurdles in the girls 100 meter hurdle event. "I have been on the track team since freshman year and I run the hurdle events. There aren't too many hurdlers so we spend a lot of time together and really value each others friendships," Dubbled said.

8. Junior **Alahna Davis** shows focus in her face and perfects her form with every stride. Davis is one of the top scoring athletes on the girls team and has been to state to run in the 100 meter dash and 4x1 relay.





1. "Soccer at Central is a great opportunity to make new friends and get involved. Being a part of the team has taught me so much on and off the field," **Hanna Sortino** (12) stated.
2. "It's great to be back representing Central my senior year. I'm so grateful for the incredible coaching staff and each and every teammate that I've had the opportunity to play with during my time at Central," **Olivia Baker** (12) said.
3. "I have learned and grown in this program and I couldn't have done that without the support from my teammates and coaches. I know the past four years that I have spent with the team will stay with me for the rest of my life," **Camila Munoz** (12) commented.
4. "This season has been one of the best seasons in Central history and we even won our own Central invite. The girls on the team are always super positive and want to get better everyday. This definitely could be the year we make it to state," **Natalia Shradar** (11) said.
5. "Being a part of the girls soccer program throughout my years at Central has given me a chance to meet so many new people and build bonds with them," **Anna Tirtilli** (11) said. The team aspect has helped her to develop her skills as a leader.

Let the Feet Do the Talking

girls soccer
By Emma Miller



1. **Ahmed Hassan** (12) pushes the ball up the field to score a point for the team while looking for another teammate to pass the ball to.

2. Trying to keep the ball away from the Millard West Wildcats, **Gerardo Diaz** (12) looks for an open teammate. Diaz lives by the motto "One team, one heart."

3. **Sam Morrison** (11) looks for an open spot to kick the ball to in order to score and gain the lead against the Wildcats. The crowd full of parents cheered after they won the game.





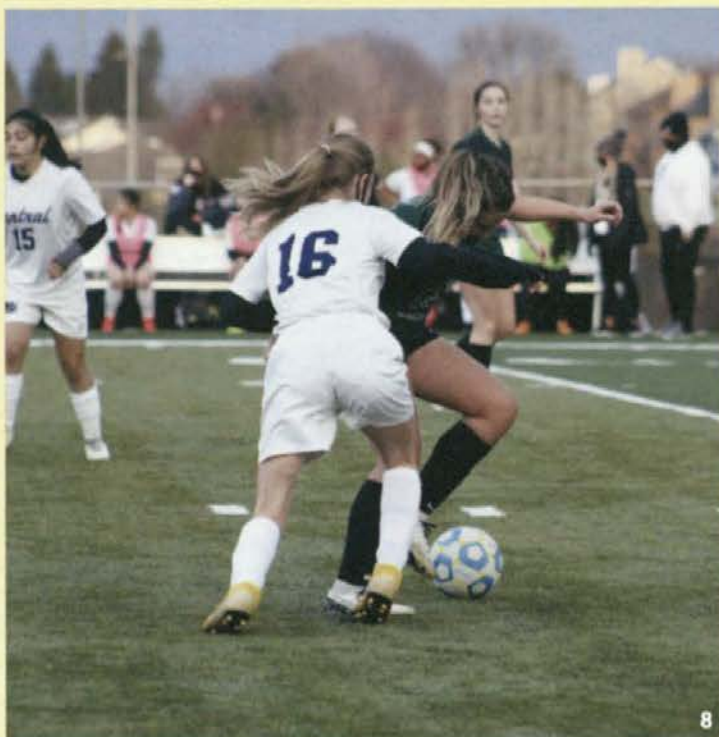
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6. "Without soccer, I wouldn't have memories with a team that becomes my family and a field that becomes like a second home. Ever since I celebrated for an auto goal that my dad scored, soccer became the sport I love. It helps me clear my mind," goalie **Samantha Lopez-Vasquez** (10) said.

7. Stopping the Wildcat player from passing the ball down the field **Hailey Borchers** (10) does her job and steals the ball back. After taking the ball, Borchers runs down the field to try for a goal.

8. Borchers tries to steal the ball from a Millard West player, passing it to a teammate. "Soccer is a team sport, and being there supporting your team for the exhilaration of a goal or win is an amazing feeling," Borchers said.



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4. Lining up for a shot at a goal **Jeremiah Hteh** (9) is blocked by Millard West's goalie. Never one to give up, Hteh tries again to make a goal.

5. Trying to keeping the ball in bounds **Ahmed Hassan** (12) kicks the ball up the field. The encouragement from coaches helped the team keep their head in the game.



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Kickin' It

boys soccer

By Jamie Reiff and Emma Miller



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6. **Gerardo Diaz** (12) tries to keep it away from the opponent and pass the ball up the field. A move worked on in practice helped the team succeed in preventing Millard West from getting the ball.

7. Trying to prevent the Wildcats from scoring, **Taeh Htoo** (12) steals the ball and runs down the field. "Losing doesn't mean we fail. We have to get better and rewrite our mistakes. We are a family, one team, one heart," Htoo said.

By Maura Durfee O'Brien and Lucy Mason

Due to the numerous COVID-19 restrictions this year, almost every theatrical event was halted. But nothing can stop Central's Annual Roadshow! Having run for over a century, not even war could cancel it. This year, for the 107th annual run, the show was streamed live from the school's auditorium with no live, in-person audience.

And We're Live (Streamed)!



1. New faces to Roadshow this year, **August Rauch** (10), **Matthew Nivongsa** (10), and **Tate Grabher** (10) performed as the 'Deaf Elephants,' with the song "Drunk Drivers" by Car Seat Headrest. As a new band, these people surely make a splash.



2. "It's dangerous work, but it's my favorite work. I'm just glad I got out alive," **Owen Strazdas** (12) said. Instead of only being crew this year, he and **Mason Glasseur** (11) teamed up to perform a Red Hot Chili Peppers song, "Soul to Squeeze" together, with Strazdas on bass and Glasseur on guitar and vocals.



3. "A new Roadshow experience with cameras has been exciting to manage for my first time. I'm very proud of the cast and crew for working in a completely different way this year," **Samuel Eckler** (12) said. As his first year as the Head Stage Manager, Eckler has been working incredibly hard.

4. "I've always loved performing and Roadshow is a place for me to showcase my talents," **Claire Bouma** (12) said.



5. The multitude of band classes in Roadshow is traditional, and that is not different in this odd year. One student, **Michael Abboud** (11), took his band talent to the stage at Roadshow this year. "Michael and I have performed together many times, and he is a wonderful performer. I know how excited he is to perform for the 107th Roadshow!" **Joseph Warren-Pasley** (11) said about the experience.

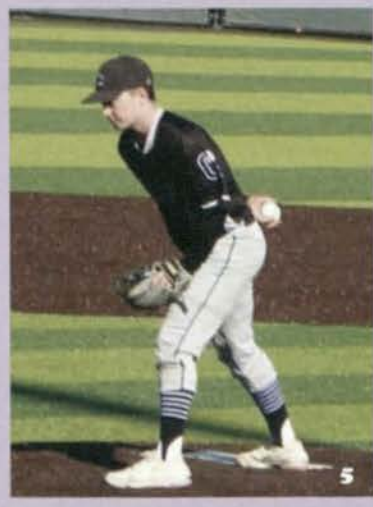
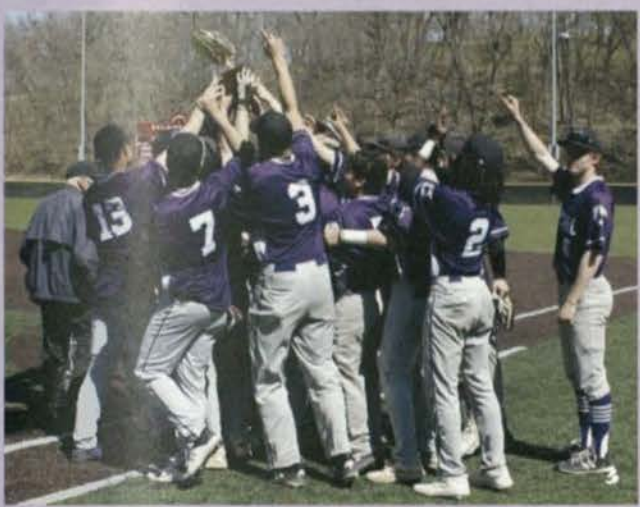
6. Like years past, Bouma, **Willa Rauch** (12), and **Mila Herszbaum-Harding** (12), performed in a skit together. "Performing in Roadshow has always been such an incredible opportunity to showcase a variety of creative and sometimes very strange abilities. I am grateful to have worked with so many talented people and am glad that Claire, Willa, and I are laughing our way out of senior year," Herszbaum-Harding commented about the experience.

7. The Roadshow included a multitude of drummers this year, making music constantly. Music also is increasingly prevalent and important in each year's Roadshow.





1. The Eagles finish every game with sprints from the foul line to the second base line. While they finish this drill, varsity head coach **Gerald Kreber** flaunts the golden glove after the eagles' championship victory.
 2. Third baseman **Anthony Lind** (12) catches his opponent off the base recording another eagle out. The senior works the hot corner with ease making him a valuable asset to the team.
 3. The varsity boys gather together and rejoice in a victory celebration. The boys were victorious in their three games to become the Van Metre Invitational Champions.



4. The varsity boys prep and patiently wait in the dugout eager to begin their game. The team takes the time to converse and shake the nerves while getting ready to take the field.
 5. Pitcher **Cole Kreber** (12) braces himself for the next pitch. The Whitman College commit places the ball at hand behind his back to disguise the pitch from the batter.
 6. Senior first baseman **Alec Weedman** patiently waits for the pick back to first from his pitcher. "Baseball is much more than what is on the surface. When you respect the game and have fun as a team, that's when all the hard work pays off," Weedman said.
 7. **Benjamin Messbarger** (12) steps up to bat during the Van Metre Invitational. Messbarger has been on the baseball team all 4 years, improving his skills each time he plays.

Going, Going, Gone

varsity baseball
 By Brynn Nelson

Central High School

boys golf

Second Row: Coach Brent Larson, Coach Meyer, Ty Trokel, Cooper Tilley, Aiden Tedesco, Jon Savoie, Sam Levy, Matt Ulrich, Jared Peck, Coach Jackson Shafer

First Row: Trentin McLaughlin, Jai'en Prince, Reis Bonafilia, Lennon Kiefer, Axson Fullerton, Will Parker



girls track

Third Row: Grace Rock, Myana Taylor, Claire Williams, Ariana Festersen, Jamie Reiff, Klara Baptiste, Anyonna Williams, Lucy Leichter, Jada McNair, Nyawec Reath, Audrey Ngamelus, Amy Fischer, Nyadhrol Thichiot, Bianca Martinez, Itai Lopuyo, Lillian Turner

Second Row: Teriana Taylor, Cate Connor, Paris Devers, Ashton Dubbeld, Maria Lopez Lopez, Saliyah Davis, Aubrey Victor, Ketyha Hadley, Ella Sater, Elliana Sitting Eagle, Sara Ahmed, Maia David, Almarwa Alkahlil, Alsafa Alkahlil

First Row: Lillian Whittinghill, Bella Blazewich, Julieta Rodriguez-Castro, Romyn Hutton, Taeh Htoo, Meggie Ernst, Ni'Asia Jordan, Claire Shafer, Juliette Eckler, Artimis Gerli, Jordyn Brewer, Erinna Covey



baseball

Second Row: Assistant Coach Mike Herman, John Stella, Brody Brown, Ben Messbarger, Alec Weedman, Aidan Ecklund, Scott Gillespie, Joseph Craig, James Glass, Drew Shafer, Colin Boynton, Caleb St. Cyr, Sam Nades, Head Coach Jerry Kreber

First Row: Coach Ryan Heel, Peter Sullivan, Anthony Lind, Gordy Nuno, Ben Fuerstenau, Ian McDermott, Parker Lakin, Cole Kreber, Jazhan Amill, Max Coughlin, Vince Orsi



girls tennis

Third Row: Coach Melissa Kuskie, Coach Stanley Shaw, Coach Bob Tucker

Second Row: Audrey Theophilus, Sara Matthiessen, Eliana Beacom, Greta Bullerdick, Grace Hodges, Alice Larson

First Row: Ella Levy, Shruti Garapati, Nelly Vera-Esquivel, Brooklynnie Costello, Rayya Halder



boys track

First Row: Jackson Fisher, Alex Castillo, Matthew Mills, Michael Baum, Ahmed Maje, Jacob Osher

Second Row: Da Shawn Ashley, Andrew Brown, Ryan Adams, Shayden Gatto, Jaden Clemons, Eli Castillo

Third Row: Jayden Page, Mesiah Strong, Gabo McDowell, Jayden Barron, Joshua King, Caden Leach, Ashraf Willis, Malcolm Torje

Fourth Row: Qumel Smith, Camren Thoms, George Miedl III, Noah McPherson, Jaylen Davis, Jaylen Lloyd, Jeromab Truitt, Raedyn Reynolds, Christian Dump

Fifth Row: Tayzhan Johnson, Coryon Perry, Travis Hibes II, Kevin McGez, David Horne, Jamarion Dantch, Corey Vaughn, Yusuf Omar, Deshawn Woods, Larry Moreland, Montray Gabriel

Sixth Row: Andrew DeMare, Preston Slayman, Achilles Bridgford, Matthew McKinnick, Mason Pierce, Drayton Schmass, Darni Williams Jr, Jamison Kemp, Caleb Pylton

Seventh Row: Chazim Klabunde, Ke'wan Simmons, Jody Bullock, Anthony Jones, Hour Umari, Aiden Sturek, Christopher Victor, La'Trevis Nelson, Basileo, Bryar Shemia

Eighth Row: Coaches John Morley, Jared Gegzna, Kevin Drwal, Andante Lloyd, Fred Falkner, Wayne Reynolds



Spring Athletics 2021

boys varsity soccer

Second Row: Abdikadir Abdullahi, Ben Craig, Kergan Leythiam, Travis Hines, Braeden Anderson, Miraj Muhumed, Liam Dolan-Oliveto, Sam Morrison, Conner Mahoney, Ronaldo Mejia-Santos, Isaac O'Neal, Ahmed Hassan

First Row: Abdurzak Maddobe, Cristian Dimayuga-Alvarado, Finnian Smith, Gerardo Diaz, Brandon Hernandez-Cruz, Taeh Htoo, William Ramirez-Abelino, Htoo Ka Pru Soe, Miguel Lopez, Nathan Siv, Etdjah Adan, Jeremiah Hten, Marco Diaz



boys junior varsity soccer

Second Row: Kevin Lopez-Ventura, Juan Martinez, Eli Burbach, Christian Ferron, Ka Moo Le, Sam Piepér, Sean Harley, Alex Bahwawi, Jack Baker, Travis Hines, Braeden Anderson, Finnian Smith

First Row: Faisal Yousof, Nicholas Mason, Maynor Escobar, Abdi Abdi, Komi Olympio, Oscar Castro, Connor Herley, Logan Simmons, Sam Lavender, Adam Bates, Marco Diaz, Colin Leslie

boys reserve soccer

Second Row: Arafat Hassan, Mohamed Hasan, Faisal Yousof, Ayuba Abdi, Abdiaziz Hasan

First Row: Coach Timothy Craig, Kevin Peralta-Cabrera, Ragih Bashir, Sut Mai, Aung Lantaw, Colin Simmons, Brayan Cruz-Genchi, Komi Olympio, Christian Tomas Jacinto, Charlie Palmer, Kevin Lopez-Ventura, Angel Carmona Cruz, Coach Martha Omsar



girls varsity soccer

Fourth Row: Assistant Coach Jen Gillespie, Assistant Coach Jason Moore, Head Coach Jose Vargas, Jordan Sexton, Assistant Coach Casey Denton, Madison Verschoor

Third Row: Makenna Anderson, Casey Sander, Indigo Torres, Payton Morgan, Ainsley Green, Hannah Sortino, Olivia Baker, Olivia Theophilus

Second Row: Marley Dodenhoff, Isabel Maca, Katie Schuman, Skyler Oldenburg, Kaylee Fisher, Brooklyn Strazdas, Amaya Garrett, Ella Easton

First Row: Olivia Ziskey, Natalie Shvador, Charlotte Oldenburg, Camila Munoz, Stephanie Hernandez-Escobar, Gabrielle Garrett, Madeline Hartley, Frances Brannen



junior varsity girls soccer

Fourth Row: Assistant Coach Madison Verschoor, Head Coach Jason Moore

Third Row: Hailey Borchers, Nicolette Garry-Perdunn, Anna Tirilli, Sydney Newsome, Nevaeh Navarro, Esperanza Martinez

Second Row: Zoey Mullins, Sasha Gates, Ann Carlson, Samantha Lopez-Vazquez, Chloe Johnson, Elizabeth Pavelka, Jocelyn Montalvo

First Row: Alivia Rodriguez, Juana Lopez Lopez, Isabel Losole, Paw Eh Wah, Natalia Berceñil-Sanchez, Fernanda Valente-Barrios, Katherine Castro, Frances Carlson



Central High School

freshman academic JLAB team

Second Row: Cooper Long, Alex Krasnoslobodtsev, Fernando Rodriguez Serano

First Row: Tobias Rischling, Chance Galliard



varsity academic JLAB team

Second Row: Jason Youngs, Draven Schmale

First Row: Ava Sherman



color guard

Fifth Row: Myles Baker, Alex Krasnoslobodtsev, Connor Mininni, Cooper Long, Achilles Bridgford, Ali Asiree, Hajar Alhusni, Augustino Patzner, Nathan Burnside

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Team Commander (first row): Jack Adrian



JLAB leadership freshman team

Second Row: Valur Jaksha, Vincenzo Peterson, Hajar Alhusni

First Row: Kendyl Norton, Elnia Carlisle, Lily Johnson



drill team

Fourth Row: Myles Baker, Connor Mininni, Hajar Alhusni, Achilles Bridgford

Third Row: Brendan Janowiak, Haylee Rubio, David Boyer, Alahina Carlisle

Second Row: Cole Short, Lah Soe, Jack Adrian, Ava Sherman

First Row: Jason Youngs, Draven Schmale, Vincent Beudoin, Gianna Miedl

Drill Team Commander (not pictured): Ella Hill

Clubs 2020 - 2021

varsity leadership JLAB team

First Row: Dev Biswa, Augustine Palzer, Jack Adrian, Achilles Bridgford



rifle team

Second Row: Achilles Bridgford, HayLee Rubio, Myles Baker
First Row: Ava Sherman, Nathan Burnside, Brendan Janowski, Cole Short

eagle battalion staff

Battalion Commander: Myles Baker
Battalion Executive Officer: Ava Sherman
Battalion S-1: Anisa Cawthon
Battalion S-2: Lah Soe
Battalion S-3: Connor Mininni
Battalion MS-4: David Boyer
Battalion PS-4 (not pictured): Ella Hill
Battalion S-5: Jack Adrian



dance team

Second Row: Charlotte Corcoran Burnett, Bryanna Olson, Sophia Derisch, Eva Casady, Norah Hicks
First Row: Olivia Mangiameli, Shay Frost, Mackenzie Coughlin, Kaprese Lacy, Allison Sitton
Not pictured: Kelsey McLaughlin

lacrosse

Third Row: Eise Choquette, Bernice Hiker, Chloe Reese, Charles Dinnel, Sophia Gillespie, Emerson Badje, Kenya Winston, Maliah Young, Jenna Saraka, Quinn Kay, Robynnae Fountain
Second Row: Carl Gutie, Xanyia McGill, Isabelle Johnson, Mackenzie Mabius, Adah Gibson, Evelyn Brillz
First Row: Connor Gutie, Genevieve Ormond, Bella Dinnel, Claire Linnell, Lucia Marvin, Paige Bowman
Not Pictured: Ella Jaksha



Choir 2020 - 2021

A Capella (remote)

Fifth Row: Lilliana McMahon, Octavian Manhart, Lyni Bouma, Ava Burk
Fourth Row: Ja'Nesha Smith, Grace Titus, Marlene Villages
Third Row: Isabel Cody Orso, Hannah Hough
Second Row: Aaliyah Wilson, Juellie Potter, Teagan Borelli
First Row: Jaida Russ, Will Siglin, Flora Griffith



A Capella

Fifth Row: A'Ron Watt, Isaac Harris, Matt McKittrick, Colin Brown, Drew Beals, Hunter Oakley-Hornbacher
Fourth Row: Jose Alcazar, Joseph Warren-Pasley, Ava Sikyta, Miracle Davis, K'Ziah Vaughn, Nyawec Reath
Third Row: Heh Hteh, Willa Rouch, Erin Bennett, Genny Lewis, Maura Duffee-O'Brien, Brooke Brown
Second Row: Kenny Johnson, Jon Tornez-Ozuna, Blake Hain, Claire Bouma, Ada White, Anna Tiritilli, Liberty Wlaschin, Dina Salzman
First Row: Jacob Wichert, Patrick Johnson, Jon Gilmore, Mila Herszbaum-Harding, Shane Waits, Claire White, Re'Anna Chandler, Keyra Guzman



Bel Canto

Third Row: Shauntel Thomas-Powers, Nyansat Panom, Love Easterling, Natalie McConkey, Monet Flowers-Bradshaw, McKenna Sykes, Ajalo Station
Second Row: Presley Urwin, Mayra Grima-Topete, Arionna Murrell, Ella Novak, Brodie Urwin
First Row: Annie Vickery, Josie Bohn, Alice Larson, Erin Lemar, Samara Hervey
Not Pictured: Isabella Adame, Emma Kiel, Amy Lopez, Corrina Maynes, Sophia Rudd, Sophia Shaneyfelt, Chantal Torres, Star Trejo



CHS Singers

Fourth Row: Jose Alcazar, Drew Beals, Liberty Wlaschin, Ada White, Claire Bouma, Colin Jones, Willa Rouch, Keyra Guzman
Third Row: Joseph Warren-Pasley, Ava Sikyta, Isaac Harris
Second Row: Killian Green, Mila Herszbaum-Harding, Genny Lewis, Re'Anna Chandler
First Row: Shane Waits, Jon Gilmore, Dina Salzman



Too Legit to Quit

college signings

By Jamie Reiff



Amaryian Lathan
Football - Peru State



Ashad Wills
Football - Peru State



Christian Dump
Football - Midland



Camila Munoz
Soccer - Nebraska Wesleyan



Olivia Baker
Soccer - Palm Beach Atlantic



Connor Mahoney
Soccer - Buena Vista



Joseph Craig
Baseball - Glendale CC



Jaxson Fullerton
Golf - Concordia



Christina Spomer
Swimming - South Dakota



Denim Johnson
Basketball - Central Arizona CC



Nyapal Both
Basketball - Southern Arkansas Tech



Nyanuar Pal
Basketball - Florida A&M



jamie reiff

"My dream is to grow up and be a goat farmer."



naomi weak

"Jamie's goldfish supplier."



carolyn dillman

"I just want to eat pasta and do math."



emma miller

"A blank passport and a world to see."



christina spomer

"Why didn't I do high school on a cruise ship?"



brynn nelson

"Wizards of Waverly Place, Season 3, Episode 22, 0:19"



avery schlote

"Jamie won't stop bothering me so this is my quote."



jonathan savoie

"I may or may not be controlled by ants."



rita herrera villado

"I'm either gonna sue or riot... you pick."



alexis walker

"Grey's Anatomy, Season 2, Episode 2, 1:40"



dahly long

"Please go like Jon's Tik Tok and get your lawn mowed by him."



valeria welk

"Harry Styles defense squad."



ella larsen

"I do flips and thats it."



maura durfee o'brien

"Bye. I'm moving to Canada."



daniella hernandez

"Running on caffeinated water and oreos."



olivia caldwell

"Happiness is a direction, not a place... and 2020 wasn't it."



norah mishue

"Where there's life, there's hope."



claire linnell

"Iced coffee in my veins."



olivia mangiameli

"You've gotta dream like you've never seen obstacles." - J Cole



sara ocampo

"You make the year, we make the book."



grace hodges

"If you're going to be annoying at least be funny."



caroline festersen

"Shoutout to the people who actually respond with quotes."



elliott brown

"Thank you to the kids who always emailed me back."



sophie cullum

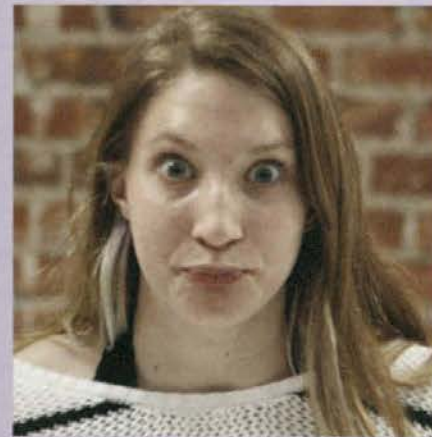
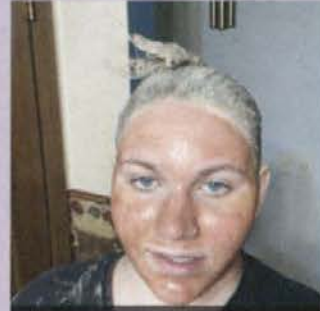
"Pull your mask up babes."



colin leslie

"Thats what." -she

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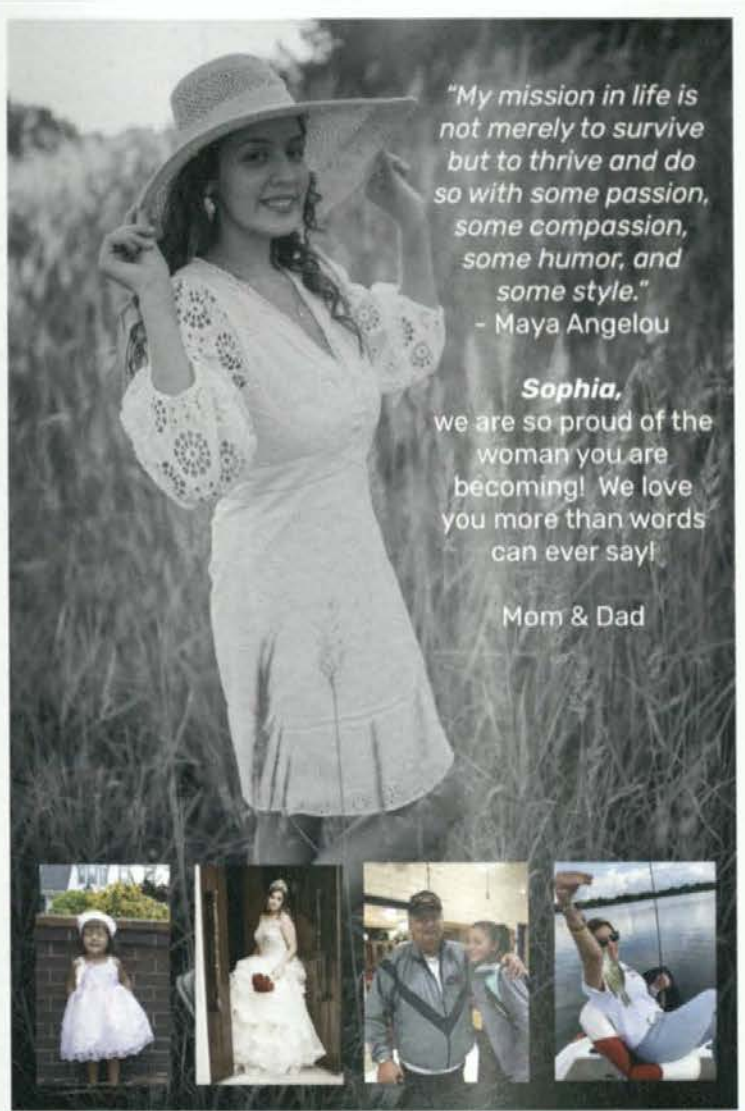


Congratulations on
your graduation!

We are so proud
of you!

Our love,
Mom, Dad,
Audrey & Ingrid

Olivia Theophilus



*"My mission in life is
not merely to survive
but to thrive and do
so with some passion,
some compassion,
some humor, and
some style."
- Maya Angelou*

Sophia,
we are so proud of the
woman you are
becoming! We love
you more than words
can ever say!

Mom & Dad



Class of 2021

Avertia



*You make us proud be-
yond words. Your com-
mitment, dedication, and
passion for all that you do
is inspiring. From the be-
ginning your smile has lit
up every room. This jour-
ney is only beginning.
Take time to enjoy all the
adventures, experiences,
and relationships along
the way. You are a true
beauty with brains.
Reach for the stars and
never stop dreaming.*

We Love You!!



Congratulations AMY BROWN - 2021!

Life: Chapter One is Complete

**The most challenging and rewarding chapters
remain to be written.**

Through it all remember your family loves you!

Sierra Jesus



Sie Sie,
What an amazing blessing
to watch you grow from a
giggly, creative child to a
beautiful intelligent
young lady.
We know you will
accomplish any
goal you set, so choose
happiness, fun & the most
love-filled journey!
We love you & will
always be here
encouraging every
adventure you take.
Love, Dad & Mom



"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams"
~Eleanor Roosevelt



Sam Snoza, we are so insanely proud of the young man you have become. You have nothing to stop you from all of the great things you can and will do.

We love you most.



Manny Auma

Congratulations!
The future is yours,
make it great!

Love,
Mom, Dad, and Hannah

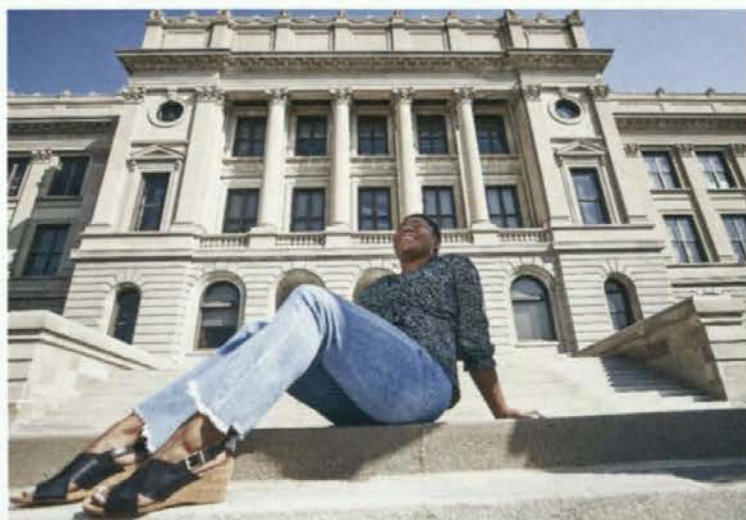


Promise me you'll always remember:

You are BRAVER than you believe, and STRONGER than you seem, and SMARTER than you think - *Christopher Robin*

We're so incredibly proud of you Lexi. Reach beyond the stars, change lives, do good, stay faithful, and it will all come back to you tenfold.

We love you baby girl, Mommy & Daddy





Congratulations, Remiah

You did it, baby girl. Continue making us proud and flying high! We all promise to support you wherever your dreams may take you.

Love your mom and dad, your brothers and sisters, nephews and niece, cousins, aunts and uncles, grandparents, friends, and so many others.

*We desire to bequest two things to our children.
The first one is roots; the other one is wings.*

African Proverb

2021

Congratulations,

Alexandria Gabrielle Schmidt!

*We love you and are so proud of you!
Mom, Lilly, Grammy & Pappa*





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To our beautiful Zaria. You are such a blessing to our life. We are so amazed at the young lady you have become. We've watched you maneuver these years with such grace, dignigty, fortitude, strength and humor. Always being true to yourself and who you want to be.

There are just not enough words to express how proud of you we are and all the accomplishments you've achieved. We look forward to seeing the impact you make in this world. There are just no limits to what you can accomplish. Always stay true to you!

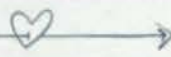
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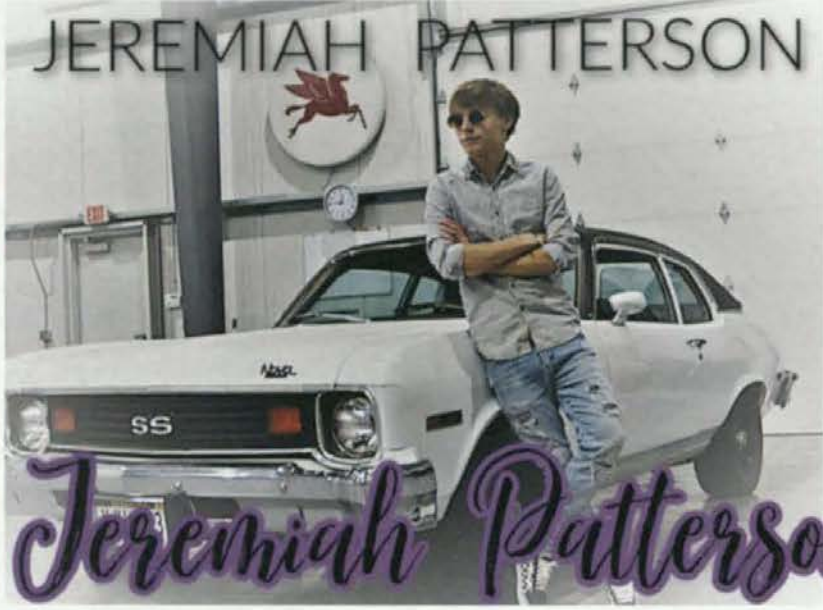
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I GOT YOU



We've watched in amazement as you've grown into the young man you are today. We continue to watch with anticipation of who you will become. You are thoughtful & kind. Smart & creative. The child that made us parents. Continue to grow & mold into your perfect self. We love you & are so proud of you!

-XOXO Mom & Mike, Dad & Steph, Brothers & Sisters, Aunts & Uncles, Grandmas Shelly & Cathy, Grandpas Wayne & Dave



BE KIND



"Be the change you wish to see in the world."
-Mahatma Gandhi
"If you want something you've never had, you must be willing to do something you've never done."
-Thomas Jefferson

Congratulations Chloe!

I am unbelievably proud of you and all you have accomplished in your life so far. I know that there are so many amazing things in your future and I can't wait to see what you do.

Believe in yourself and your possibilities. The options are endless for you!

Love you to the moon and back always and forever, Mom.
(And Helen, Nana, Uncle D, Auntie A, George, Sophie, Zoe, Shelby and Jesse)



Congratulations Bryn!

We are so proud of you. As you make the move to adulthood, we remember the loving little girl you were and celebrate the tenacious young woman you have become.



We love you!

Mom, Pop, Dad,
Mary, Riley, John,
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Tianna,

We are so proud of you and we know that you are going to do good on your next chapter of your life.

We love you!
Mom and LaKeisha,
Grandma and Uncle
Chris





Emma,

We are so proud of the young lady you've become. It is hard to believe you have reached your Senior year. You have always remained true to yourself and have accomplished so many things in just 17 years. As you prepare to leave the nest, remember your past, be present with your eyes open and prepare for your future. Your story doesn't end here, it is just the beginning and the pages in your book are blank. You were born to fly, FLY HIGH!

Love, Dad, Mom, and Zander



Drew Shafer (*'Drewy', 'Dr. Ew'*)

We are so proud of you and your accomplishments so far in life. We look forward to you starting a new chapter going forward!

We love you!!
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Shay Frost

May your strength, confidence and wisdom guide you through your next journey. You are loved and we are very proud of you.

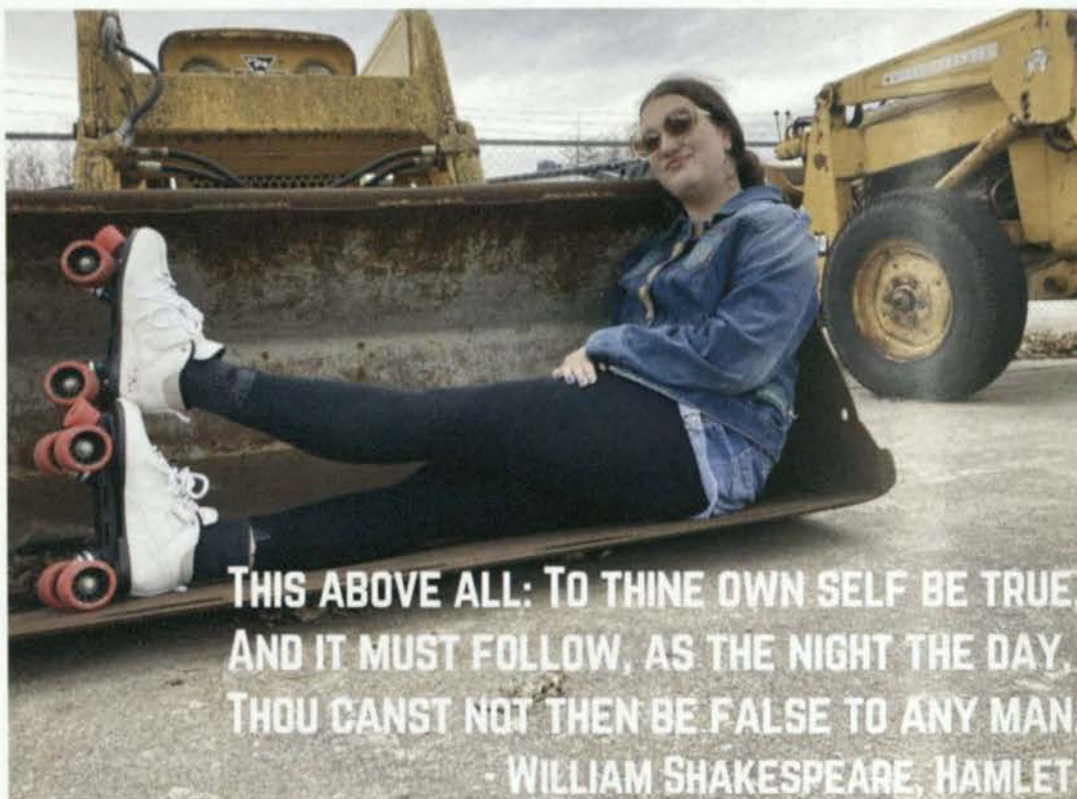


NAOMI—
LET YOUR DREAMS BE BIGGER
THAN YOUR FEARS AND YOUR ACTIONS
LOUDER THAN YOUR WORDS.

WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU.
♥ MOM AND DAD, LILLY, RUDY, CHARLIE AND LOUIE

CONGRATULATIONS Lillian McEvoy

“ALRIGHT,
ALRIGHT,
ALRIGHT”
- DAVID
WOODERSON



THIS ABOVE ALL: TO THINE OWN SELF BE TRUE,
AND IT MUST FOLLOW, AS THE NIGHT THE DAY,
THOU CANST NOT THEN BE FALSE TO ANY MAN.
- WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE, HAMLET

Love from Mom and Dad, Buddy and May, Taffeta and Everyone



Connor Mininni

"You are strong, resilient, and a force to be reckoned with. We couldn't be prouder of you and your accomplishments. You're going to do great things in this world, as long as you put your mind to it and never give up. We love you to the moon & back!!!
Love Mom, Grandma and Grandpa."



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You did it!
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Your heart, your strength, your boldness, your determination, these values fuel your light. Be proud of your accomplishments, the lessons learned and all you've been able to achieve! Congratulations Dabby!

*We love you, W's W's!
Mason & Dylan*

*AND a very special thanks to Central for being the right school
for our family!*



Congratulations Gracie!



Behind you, all your precious memories
In front of you, all your hopes and dreams
Surrounding you, all those who love you
Inside of you, all you will ever need

I love you, and I'm so proud of you!
Nanny xx



CONGRATULATIONS EMERSON BADGE!



We are so proud of you and can't wait for what the next chapter brings. "Dare to live life you have dreamed for yourself. Go forward and make your dreams come true."

Love Mom, Dad, Maddie, and Jamison

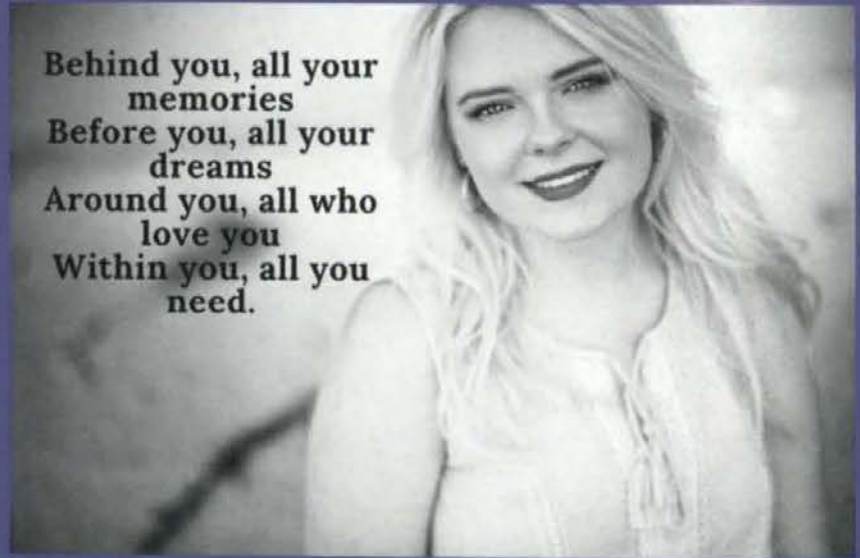


RACHEL MANLANGIT

SAMMY OTTO



Behind you, all your memories
Before you, all your dreams
Around you, all who love you
Within you, all you need.



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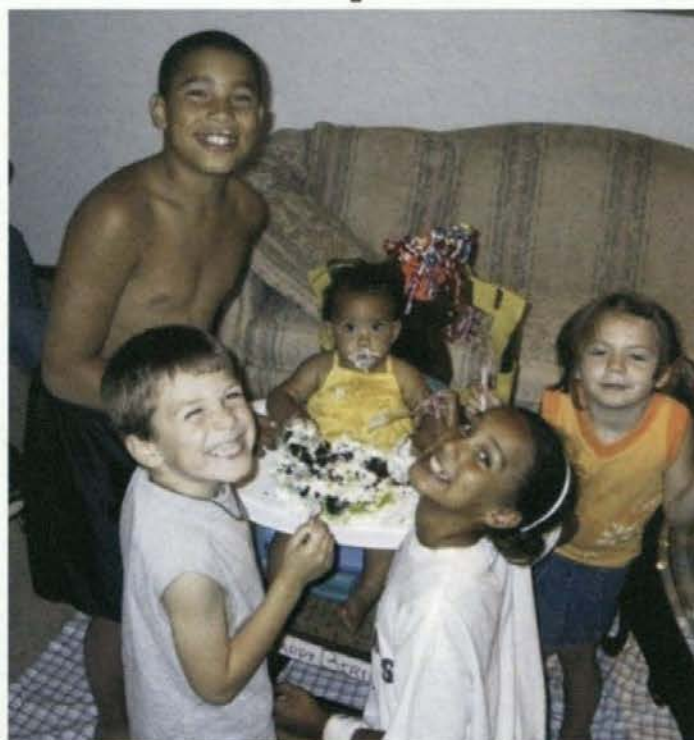




Congratulations Aleah

WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU AND

YOU ARE SO LOVED!
Love Mom, Spencer and Avrie



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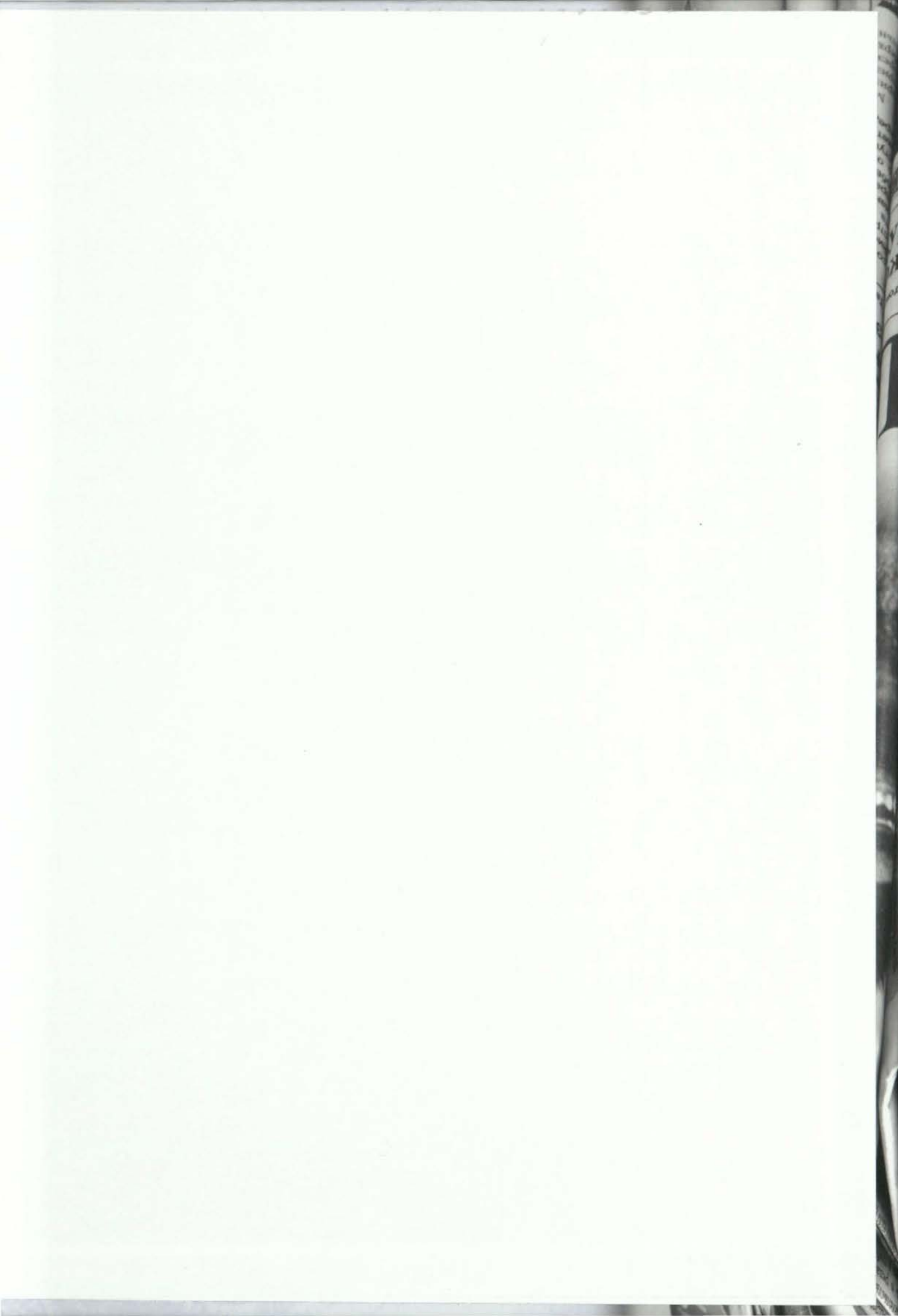
In a year of uncertainty and changes, the production of a yearbook proved to be a challenging task especially for our first time taking the reigns as editors. It is no secret that this entire year has been uprooted by the pandemic and that meant that students lost their sense of normalcy as well. We lost sports, clubs, and a normal schooling environment with the transfer to online education for some or all of the year. But with this year of weirdness, there was the opportunity given to us as editors to create something what shows the small moments and hilarity of that chaos we've been living in for so long. So we took it all and ran with it to create a year not marked by seasons but by how full the building is, because it was truly the only thing separating the blurriness of this entire school year. This yearbook will look different from years past and just as we are sure that we used every mask and pandemic pun available, we are sure that there will not be another one like it. So, we hope that you like what we've been able to create and celebrate that this year is finally over and that it can stay on the pages of this book.



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