

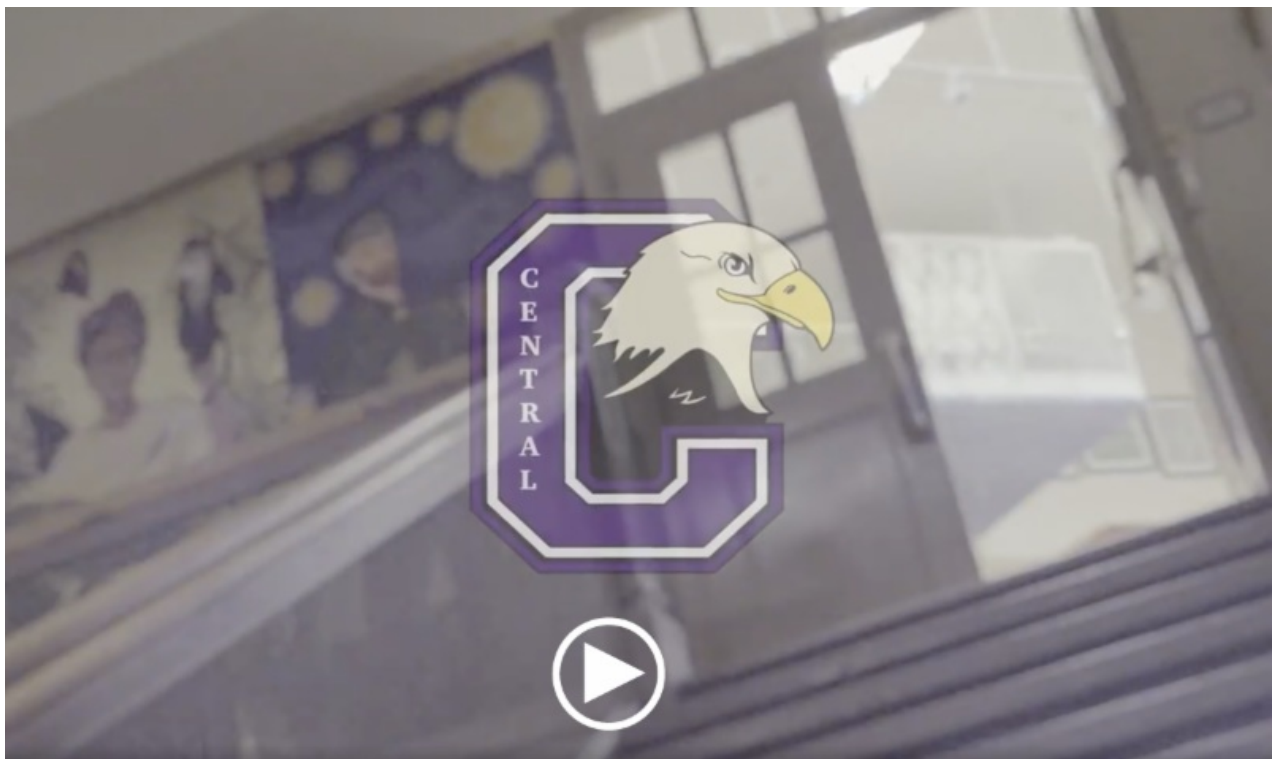
Eagle News

January 2018



CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL
FOUNDATION

Tradition of Excellence



FROM THE DESK OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Happy New Year!

The Central High School Foundation hopes your holiday was full of much needed relaxation and family time.

Why Central? Click on the video above to see why we're Old School and Proud of It! On Saturday, January 20th, Central will host its annual open house to incoming freshmen. It's a great opportunity for prospective students to come to the school and see what Central has to offer them! If you have an eighth grade student, or know of any incoming freshmen considering Central, encourage them to go to the open house this Saturday from 2-4 PM. We are looking forward to meeting the Class of 2022!



We are officially immersed in event-planning mode, and are looking forward to the first [Passing Periods](#) Alumni Luncheon of 2018 on March 6th and [Rock the Nest "Trivia Night"](#) on April 8th. Please mark your calendars to attend these great events to benefit Central High School. We would love to see all our Eagles there! Be sure to note that Rock the Nest "Trivia Night" will be held at a new location this year - Omaha Design Center at 1502 Cuming Street.

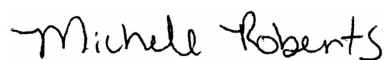
The Central High School Foundation has a [Facebook page](#), and with a click of the mouse, you can be connected to other Central alumni, staff, parents and supporters, all while receiving the latest news. Be a part of Central's growing online community! We are continuing to grow our social network. When we reach our 3,000 fan milestone, we will award a great prize from the Central High School Alumni Store. Winners will be pulled at random from our Facebook Fans.

We'd like to send a shout-out to head coach Eric Behrens and the Central boy's basketball team for their Metro Holiday Tournament championship! Our boys have won nine games in a row and are currently 13-3 on the season. Best of luck the rest of the way!

Finally, the results are in and we are pleased to announce the winners of the First Class Challenge for 2017. The Class of 1957 raised the most money, while the Class of 1967 had the most unique donors! Thank you to all classes and alumni who participated this year. Thank you for all you did to make it such a success!

Again, thank you for helping perpetuate 159 years - and counting - of tradition and excellence! Go Eagles!

Sincerely,



Michele Roberts
Executive Director

First Class Challenge Results



Class of 1957

2017 was a fantastic year for reunions, and the classes of 1957, 1962, 1967, 1972, 1977, 1987, 1997, and 2007 really impressed us with their dedication and motivation to aid Central High School with their donations to the First Class Challenge.

The results are in, and we are pleased to announce that the winner of the First Class Challenge for 2017 is the Class of 1957. Congratulations! We would also like to recognize the class with the most number of individual donors for the 2017 First Class Challenge. We are pleased to announce that the participation winner is the Class of 1967!

Thanks to the sustained gifts and donations from our Central family, the exceptional educational experience offered at Central continues to endure.

Landstrom Named Head Football Coach



Omaha Central High School has selected Jay Landstrom to become the next Head Football Coach. Jay has served as a Varsity Assistant Football Coach at Omaha Central since 2006. While in this position, he has served in many roles including Varsity Offensive Coordinator, Special Teams Coordinator, Head Junior Varsity Coach and serving as a lead position coach for over five positions. Central Athletic Director Luke Dillon stated, "Jay has been a key staffer at Central during his tenure making over 8 playoff appearances and winning a state title in 2007. During the interview process and watching Jay as a coach over the years, we truly

believe he has the character, integrity and leadership skills that we are looking for to lead our program." We look forward to rooting for the Eagles this upcoming fall!

Mark Your Calendars

Your favorite events are back! Plans are well underway for our spring events, and you won't want to miss out on all the fun! These are great opportunities to reconnect with your high school classmates, have fun, and raise money for your alma mater. We hope to see you there!



[Alumni Luncheon Series: 'Passing Periods'](#)

Tuesday, March 6, 2018

Field Club of Omaha

11:30 am - 1 pm

Guest Speakers: Roger Sayers ('60) and Jed Ortmeyer ('97)



[Rock the Nest Trivia Night!](#)

Sunday, April 8, 2018

NEW LOCATION: Omaha Design Center

5:30 - 9 pm



[Omaha Gives! 2018](#)

Wednesday, May 23, 2018

Stay tuned for more information on Omaha Gives! 2018!



[CHS Golf Fore Eagles](#)

Monday, June 4, 2018

Field Club of Omaha

Morning Flight: 7:30 am

Afternoon Flight: 12:30 pm

**SOAR IN THE
SANDHILLS**
With the Eagles



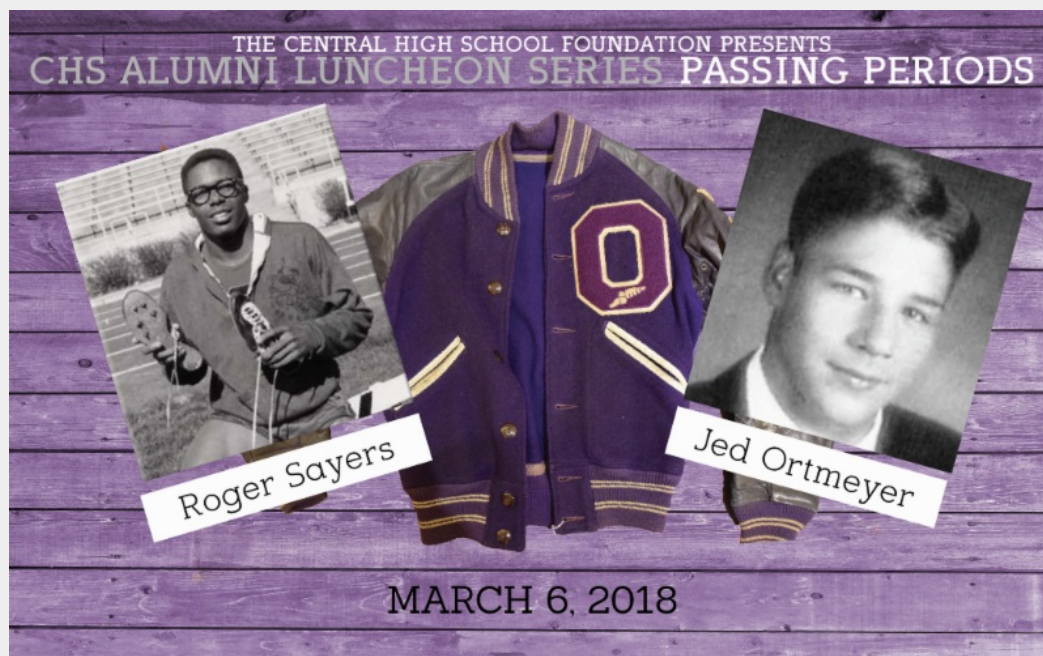
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Dismal River

Soar in the Sandhills with the Eagles at Dismal River Club

August 5-7, 2018

[Click here for more information](#)

Passing Periods is Back



The Bell has Rung!

Eagles all across Omaha are brushing shoulders for a quick hello during the Central High School Foundation's Alumni Luncheon Series: 'Passing Periods,' and we hope to bump into you there! For \$15, you can enjoy a great meal, catch up with friends you haven't seen since first period, talk with teachers that you haven't seen since homeroom, and listen to our exclusive lineup of guest speakers.

Our Next Luncheon Date is:

Tuesday, March 6, 2018
11:30 am - 1:00 pm
Field Club of Omaha
3615 Woolworth Avenue
Omaha, NE 68105

Guest Speakers: Roger Sayers, CHS 1960, and Jed Ortmeyer, CHS 1997

To register online, please register and pay using the online registration link below. You will receive a confirmation email upon completion of your online registration and payment.

To register by mail, please mail your check to:
Central High School Foundation
1823 Harney Street, Suite 203
Omaha, NE 68102-1913

Please register by Friday, March 2, 2018. If you have any questions please contact Sydney Davidson at 402-556-1996 or events@chsfomaha.org.

[Click here to register!](#)

104th Annual Road Show

Annually showcasing the varied talents of Central students since 1914, Road Show is one of Central's oldest and proudest traditions. The 104th Annual Road Show will be held in the Central High School Auditorium on:

Friday, February 9th at 7:00 PM
Saturday, February 10th at 2:00 & 7:00 PM

Tickets: Students: \$8 Adults: \$10 General Admission
Seating. Call for tickets: 402.557.3332



Also be sure to attend the annual chili feed put on by the CHS band parents! Red chili, vegetarian chili, and white chicken chili are being offered this year. Each meal will come with a cinnamon roll and apple cider.

Saturday, February 10 from 4-6 PM

Tickets are \$6 per person at the door.

Central Boys Win Metro Holiday Basketball Tournament



Over the winter break, the Central Boy's Basketball team won four games in a row to win the Metro Holiday Basketball Tournament. Led by Head Coach Eric Behrens, the Eagles defeated the Burke Bulldogs 64-55 to win the championship. Join us in congratulating Coach Behrens and his players on their championship! Go Eagles!

CHS Singers and Bel Canto Spread Holiday Cheer



Throughout December, the CHS Singers and Bel Canto choral groups spread holiday cheer at places around Omaha including the Joslyn Castle, the Omaha World-Herald newsroom, the First National Bank town hall meetings, and the Fred and Pamela Buffett Cancer Center. Thank you to Choral Directors Lyn Bouma and Sara Cowan for making this a fun tradition!

Honors World Religions Class Visits Hindu Temple



Photo Courtesy of Kent Sievers and the Omaha World-Herald

Every year, Central Social Studies department head Gary Groff takes his World Religions classes to visit places of worship around the Omaha metro. One of the places is the Hindu Temple near 132nd and West Center Road. This is one of the many experiential learning opportunities available to Central students made possible thanks to a classroom grant from the Central High School Foundation. [Click here](#) to read an Omaha World-Herald article about the experience.

2018 Class Reunions

Class of 1958

October 12-14, 2018

Contact: Jackie Jepsen McLellan

402-491-3692

Jmclellan8@cox.net

Class of 1963

September 21-22, 2018

Contact: Lyle Karre

l.karre@cox.net

Class of 1968

August 24-25, 2018

Contact: Joanne Wagner Givens

Cell: 402-515-0987 // Home: 402-571-5593

jgivens1950@gmail.com

www.facebook.com/groups/omahacentralhigh1968

Other Contacts:

Pam Weiss Friedlander - pfriedla@cox.net or 402-334-8773

Jim Costello - costellosteel@gmail.com or 402-670-9612

Class of 1973

July 27-28, 2018

Contact: David Finkle

Class of 1978

October 5-6, 2018

omahacentral1978@cox.net

Contact: Sally Vrbanac Rehmeier - 402-496-3407

Class of 1988

September 14-16, 2018

Contact: Bruce Lovgren - sofaman@cox.net

Kara Clark - redkara40@gmail.com

[Click here to join the Facebook Group](#)

Class of 1993

Date Pending

Contact: Dan Bagley - danbagley2010@gmail.com

Class of 1998

Date Pending

Contact: Sarah Price - centralhigh98reunion@gmail.com

Class of 2008

Date Pending

Contact: Chloe Greguska - dgreguska@gmail.com

Classes of 1953 and 1983 have not set dates yet

If you have not set up your class reunion for 2018, contact Sydney Davidson (402-556-1996) at the Central High School Foundation to get started. The Foundation has many resources to help make your class reunion the very best possible.

V.O.I.C.E. Craft Day

SAVE THE DATE

CRAFT & CONVERSATION

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27, 2018 | 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM
CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA

You and all of your friends are invited to attend a fun filled day to complete your hobby projects!

- Open to all crafters whether novice or seasoned
- Scrapbooking, quilting, beading, stamping, knitting, crocheting, needlepoint, etc. welcome
- Raffle drawings for theme baskets!

EACH PARTICIPANT RECEIVES:

- A large table
- Car-side carrying service
- Continental breakfast, lunch, snacks & beverages

For more information or to register contact:
Ana Wedergren
chsvoicevol@gmail.com

\$35
(\$20 tax deductible donation)
Proceeds benefit CHS choir student scholarships.

All proceeds from Craft & Conversation go to support V.O.I.C.E., a volunteer group supporting the vocal music program at Central High School.

Help raise money for scholarships for music students! The annual Craft & Conversation Day will be held on Saturday, January 27, 2018, from 9 AM - 6 PM in the Central High School cafeteria. The event cost is \$35 and will be hosted by the Central V.O.I.C.E. organization. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. This event is open to all crafters and their friends! To register, email chsvoicevol@gmail.com and get signed up today!

Central Thespians Star at Nebraska Thespian Festival



Central had a very strong showing at the 2018 ITS Nebraska Thespian Festival on January 4-6. In addition to placing first in the improv competition, several Eagles received individual recognitions:

Final Showcase Callback Auditions: Lilly Weak and Evelyn Hill

ITS Final Showcase Performance: Evelyn Hill (Solo Musical Theater)

Individual Events Superior Rankings:

Monologue: Riley Kessler and Romyn Petersen

Solo Musical Theater: Lilly Weak and Evelyn Hill

Group Musical Theater: Lauryn Niemants, Rachel Ross, and Henry Wisneski

College Audition Callbacks: Taylor Arnold, Riley Kessler & Lily Weak

Congratulations to these Eagles on their accomplishments!

Join Generation C Today!



[Photo by Laurie and Charles Photographs](#)

This year's Generation "C" Chairs are truly a family of Eagles. William Farrell Sr. '57, Cathy Farrell Proctor '88, William Farrell Jr. '91, and John Farrell '93 embody the spirit of commitment, caring, and generosity in their continuing dedication to helping improve the greater Omaha community and the lives of those who call it home. Even with their busy lives, they all boast impressive lists of community service and remain passionate about giving back to their alma mater: Central High School.

Four generations of the Farrell Family have graduated from Central High School, beginning with Lavina Shorter Cathers, CHS 1906, who was William Sr.'s grandmother. As one of four children of Margaret, CHS 1927, and her husband Chester, William F. 'Bill' Farrell graduated from Central High School and Parsons College. He has been married to Kay Farrell for 53 years. He retired in the early 90s as president and owner of Farrell Construction Company. Highlights for Bill and his company included taking telephone cable off Ak-Sar-Ben Bridge in the 60s (it had been deemed too dangerous), first to lay long distance cable in this 5 state area, first to install drip irrigation in area, first to hang water systems in packing plants to reduce shrinkage, and oversight of the irrigation system installation on Tainan Golf Course/Taiwan.

The oldest child of William Sr. and Kay, Cathy graduated from the University of Nebraska - Lincoln in 1992 with a Bachelor of Science in Speech Communications. She currently works as an Account Executive/Data Center Specialist for Dell EMC. Cathy is very involved in the Omaha community, including working with the Junior League of Omaha, ALS Keith Worthington Chapter, Central High School Foundation Golf Committee, Rose Children's Theater Guild, All Saints Ministry Guild, Omaha Chamber of Commerce Membership Campaign, and is a Omaha Symphony Guild member. She has 2 daughters - Lauren Kay, age 14 and Meredith Ann, age 11. In her free time Cathy enjoys golfing, traveling and cheering her daughters on in their sporting activities and theater productions.

William Jr. (Wiff) graduated from the University of Nebraska - Lincoln with a Bachelor of Arts in Communication Studies. Wiff is a Safe Patient Handling Specialist in the medical field and has worked for EZ Way Medical Equipment, Inc. for the past 13 years. Wiff is a resident of Dundee and serves on the Dundee Memorial Park Association Board. Wiff is an avid golfer and has worked with his sister Cathy on the Central High School Foundation Golf Committee for the past several years. Wiff has been married to Jane Farrell for over twenty years and enjoys hunting, fishing, golfing and travelling in his spare time.

John (Johnny) graduated from New Mexico State University in Las Cruces in 1998 with a Bachelor of Business Administration in Marketing, International Business, and option in Professional Golf Management. Johnny golfed professionally until 2002, then became Golf Professional at The Old Course at Broken Sound (2002-2004), Head Golf Professional at the Ocean Reef Club (2004-2009), and Director of Golf at Riviera Country Club (2008-2010). Johnny recently stepped down from his position as Sales Manager at EZ Way Medical Equipment to pursue a career in law. He is currently attending Creighton University School of Law.

The Farrell Family remains active in the community, helping to keep Omaha the best city to live, to raise children, and to enjoy. Their Eagle Spirit is not just a result of their time at Central - it is a family tradition.

To learn more about Generation "C" and to join today, [click here!](#)

Together a Greater Good - Support While You Shop



You can now TAGG your purchase by taking a picture of the receipt rather than taking a picture of a QR code! That way if you forget to TAGG your purchase before leaving the restaurant, you can take a picture of your receipt after getting home!

Omaha Central High School Foundation has partnered with TAGG (Together A Greater Good), an Omaha start-up, to provide an easy and free way to support the Foundation. TAGG offers a smartphone app that, when used at 120 participating local businesses, the business will donate 5% of your purchase, any day any time! The app, available on iPhone and Android devices, is free to download and easy to set up. Here's how to get started:

- 1) Go to the [App Store](#) or [Google Play](#) and download the free app 'Together a Greater Good' to your iPhone or Android device.
- 2) When it's time to pay at a participating business, click the orange 'TAGG My Purchase' button on the app and tell the cashier that you want to 'TAGG' your purchase.
- 3) On your phone, enter in the total pre-tax amount of your purchase and click 'Next.'
- 4) When you go to TAGG a purchase, you will now have the option to take a picture of your receipt (instead of asking a cashier for a QR code to scan). We ask that you do this within 7 days of purchase.
- 5) On your phone, select Central High School Foundation from the list of organizations.

To learn more about TAGG, check out their [website](#). Happy shopping!

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Are you on Facebook? [Like our Facebook page](#) to be connected to other Central alumni, staff, parents and supporters, all while receiving the latest news.



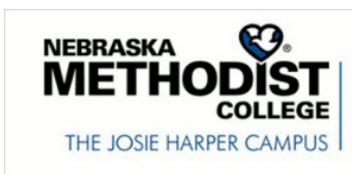
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Ring in the New Year by Updating Your Record!

Haven't received information from us in a while? It might be because we don't have your new mailing address or email! Look for your name on our ['Lost Alumni'](#) list, then [fill out the form](#) to update us on how to get in touch with you!

All alumni who have graduated in the past 10 years are strongly encouraged to visit our website to [update their record](#), especially if they have not received updates and mailing from the Central High School Foundation at their own address. For many of our younger alumni, we send mail to the home they lived in upon graduating from Central.

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