

Eagle News

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Tradition of Excellence



The Boy's Basketball Team Meeting Roger Sayers, CHS 1960, and Jed Ortmeyer, CHS 1997, at the Passing Periods luncheon on March 6

FROM THE DESK OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Supporter,

I hope everyone had a nice spring break! We have a lot of fun things lined up to keep you busy, and we're hoping warmer weather is around the corner!

Construction is moving along with the Central High School Arts and Library Addition. We're excited to share with you that the 300 seat Black Box Theater has been enclosed and the structural masonry walls are being constructed on the second and third floors. The completion and student move-in date is scheduled for December of 2018. [Click here](#) to see the Addition's progress since the groundbreaking in June 2017. It's going to be an exciting



year!

The Central High School Foundation is fortunate to have the support of our fantastic alumni and community! Each gesture of giving has contributed so much to the success of Central High School. Continuing in the spirit of giving, please consider buying raffle tickets for our [Rock the Nest "Trivia Night."](#) Not only does your purchase qualify you for some fantastic prizes, but it also supports the school. [Check out our website](#) to buy lots of raffle tickets and increase your chances of winning, or to make a tax deductible gift and support your favorite high school!

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

Sincerely,

Michele Roberts

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Executive Director

Sayers and Ortmeyer Speak at Passing Periods Luncheon



Jed Ortmeyer, CHS 1997 (left) with Roger Sayers, CHS 1960 (middle) and emcee Mike DiGiacomo, CHS 1991 (right)

The first Passing Periods Alumni Luncheon of 2018 was a huge success. Despite the wind and snow, over 150 attendees came to listen to guest speakers Roger Sayers, CHS 1960, and Jed Ortmeyer, CHS 1997, on Tuesday, March 6, at the Field Club of Omaha.

Special thank you's to Mike DiGiacomo, CHS 1991, for emceeding the event and to Roger and

Jed for sharing their time with Central alumni as well as talking about their favorite Central memories! The Central Boy's basketball team was also recognized at the event before their state tournament appearance in Lincoln, and we were glad Head Coach Eric Behrens and his team were able to join us at the luncheon.

We hope to see even more of you at our next Passing Periods Luncheon during Hall of Fame week on Friday, October 5, 2018!

Eagles Attend Military Ball



On Friday, March 23, JROTC Eagle Battalion members attended the annual Military Ball at the Milo Bail Student Center on the campus of the University of Nebraska - Omaha. This event, which is open to all JROTC students in the Omaha Public Schools, is a celebration to recognize senior JROTC students for their four years of hard work and dedication.

Eagle Battalion Commander Dane Willenborg was promoted to Brigade S-2. Congratulations to Commander Willenborg and all of the Eagles who were recognized at the Ball! The CHS Military Science Department, which oversees the JROTC program, includes LTC Michael Melvin and SGM Dwaine Sutter.

Rock the Nest Tables Are Filling Up Quickly



Registration is now open for the 2018 Rock the Nest "Trivia Night." Mark your calendar to attend this fun interactive event on Sunday, April 8, 2018, at the Omaha Design Center (1502 Cuming Street.)

Start rounding up your team now: former classmates, neighbors, coworkers or really anyone who is just plain ole fun, add "watch Jeopardy!" to your to-do list, and get ready for an evening full of fun, prizes, dinner, and some "very special guests"...

[Click here to join the fun!](#)

Rock the Nest "Trivia Night" is an interactive trivia contest played in teams of eight. Teams will take part in six rounds of ten questions each, with fun categories ranging from movies to history and everything in between. There will be something for everyone. The fun doesn't stop there, however. There will be plenty of chances to win prizes, through a raffle and trivia winnings, and dinner will be provided.

Rock the Nest Raffle Prizes Announced

To purchase raffle tickets in advance, please call us at 402-556-1996 or fill out and mail in the attached form [here](#) to purchase tickets.

Raffle tickets are \$10 each or \$25 for three tickets.

Need not be present to win. All raffle tickets are automatically eligible for the Grand Prize Raffle.



Grand Prize: Trip to Florida

One Week at Surfside Resort in Destin, Florida and 2 round trip airline tickets

Donated by: Matt, CHS 1974, and Sherri Aden

Retail Value: \$4,000.00



A Tee-rific Time

ArborLinks Weekend Package includes an overnight stay at a four bedroom cottage, 2 rounds of golf for a foursome, dinner, and breakfast

Donated by: Mike & Susan Lebens ('70) and ArborLinks

Retail Value: \$2,800.00



Weekend in Kansas City

4 Sporting KC game tickets to your game of choice (based on availability) plus 4 tickets to Worlds of Fun

Donated by: Coca-Cola

Retail Value: \$400



An Eagle on the 18th

4 tickets to Pavilion #2 at the 18th Fairway on Thursday, July 18th at the 2018 Pinnacle Bank Championship at Indian Creek Golf Course

Donated by: Web.com Tour

Retail Value: \$1,000



Borsheims

14K White Gold Round Amethyst Diamond Earrings

Donated by: Borsheims

Retail Value: \$635



Driving To Excellence

Teen Driver Education Course and Central High School Reserved Parking Spot

Donated by: The National Safety Council, Nebraska and Central High School

Retail Value: \$365



International Omaha Grand Prix

4 VIP tickets, which includes VIP Lounge Access and 2 parking passes, to the International Omaha Grand Prix Jumping event on Sunday, April 15, 2018 at 3 p.m.

Donated by: Omaha Equestrian Foundation

Retail Value: \$600



Holiday Blooms

Beautiful holiday centerpieces for Mother's Day 2018, Thanksgiving 2018, Winter Holiday 2018, and Easter 2019 (Omaha Metro Area Delivery)

Donated by: Stems

Retail Value: \$500



Night Out on the Town

One night stay at the Magnolia Hotel, a \$150 gift card to the Flat Iron Café, and a bottle of wine

Donated by: Magnolia Hotel and Steven ('75) & Kathleen Jamrozy

Retail Value: \$349



Eagle Pride

A framed print of Central High School, number 33/250, by artist Susan Olson-Mandler, and a Central High School Letterman Jacket

Donated by: Central High School Foundation and Jostens School Traditions

Retail Value: Priceless



Better ACT Now!

There are two opportunities to win!

John Baylor Test Prep in person class for ACT or SAT in Omaha, Lincoln, or Kearney

Donated by: On To College with John Baylor

Retail Value: \$385

3MT Test Prep for ACT in Omaha

Donated by: 3MT Test Prep

Retail Value: \$390



The Perfect Watch

An Apple Watch Series 3, the ultimate device for a healthy life

Donated by: Nebraska Furniture Mart

Retail Value: \$360

Eagle Alum is Climbing Mount Everest



CHS alum Alex Harz, CHS 1991, is embarking on an exciting new adventure - he is making an adventure film that documents his climb to the top of Mount Everest. The project, called "The Quest - Everest," allows viewers from the warmth of their homes to experience Everest like never before by witnessing captivating footage & stories about Nepal. To learn more about Alex's journey, [visit his Facebook page](#). Best of luck, Alex! We're rooting for you!



Earlier this month, WOWT 6 News reporter Mike McKnight contacted the Central High School Foundation hoping to locate the owner of a CHS class ring. We're happy to report that the rightful owner has been found! This wouldn't have been possible without maintaining the Central High School Foundation database. [Click here](#) to read the story.

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!



[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*



AT

Dismal River

Soar in the Sandhills with the Eagles at Dismal River Club

August 5-7, 2018

Central High School Hall of Fame

Thursday, October 4, 2018

Passing Periods Alumni Luncheon Series

Friday, October 5, 2018
Field Club of Omaha
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM
Guest Speakers TBA



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

August 31 - September 1, 2018

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.

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!

Like Us on Facebook!

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.



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 from our Facebook Fans!

Not Receiving Mailings? Update 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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