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Central Homecoming Spirit Builds for Pep Fest, Game, Coronation, and Dance

Some of Central's most wonderful traditions continue today and Saturday as the Mighty Minutemen host the Johnson Governors in the Homecoming football game tonight at 7:00 P.M. in Griffin Stadium (you better arrive EARLY). The 2014 Royalty is crowned during halftime. The Homecoming Dance is held Saturday night, from 7:00 to 10:00 P.M. at the Depot in downtown St. Paul. A 2:15 P.M. pep fest in the gymnasium this afternoon precedes the football clash.

The winner of tonight's football contest will end the evening atop the city conference, as Central and Johnson are each currently undefeated. The Minutemen are 1-0 in the conference and 3-2 overall and the Governors are 2-0 in conference play and 4-1 altogether.

Central Coach Scott Howell says that Johnson is "going to come in and want to play 'smash-mouth' football and control the ball." Our coach wants to see consistency in the Minutemen and is looking for his team "to play four full quarters."

Minuteman Co-Captain Ethan Levin (12) says that "We're always ready to beat Johnson. It should be a fun game to watch."

In the last three Homecoming games, the Class of 2015 seniors watched their Minutemen defeat Humboldt 51-23, Johnson 31-7,

and Highland Park, 35-27. A victory this year will take plenty of effort from the football team and will be hopefully helped by an abundance of support from Central students, staff, and other fans. Can YOU make noise?

Central's cheerleaders and band members will help get Central's fans fired up this afternoon with a pep fest in the gymnasium, the first one



Malik Curtis (12) and Terriona Banks (11) show school spirit on Pajama Day Monday.

that Central has had in recent years.

According to Central M-Team member Daisy Hoang (12), "We will have coaches talking about fall sports. The top three Royalty finalists will play games and cheerleaders will perform. Pep fest is a lot of fun! It's a good way to rally everyone before the game."

Will your favorite Royalty candidates be crowned at halftime? The freshmen vying for Lord and Lady are Asher Bernick, Reggie Hill, and Luke Woramoon and Amy Lee, Vivien Obee, and Jasmine McBride.

Sophomore candidates for Duke and Duchess are Andrew Chang, Will Pratt, and Joey Waite and Frankie Kukich, Alanna Venneman, and Ariana Venneman.

Juniors competing for Prince and Princess are Jabriel Lemon, Ethan Levin, and Aidan McVey and Maleta Moulsoff, Sophie Skilbred, and Paying Thao.

Your King and Queen will come from the likes of Devin Bloom, Poe Maw, and Sam Wright and Myrah Lee, Lela Nesheim, and Miri Taple.

Did you wear your Red and Black today? Make sure you show your colors at the game tonight!

If you didn't participate in any of the special spirit days this week, make sure you dress special for tomorrow's Twins Day. Who knows?



Jakobi Jackson and the other Minutemen are ready for tonight's Homecoming game.

You might even have a picture taken that ends up in the yearbook.

Will we see you at the Homecoming Dance Saturday night? Don't forget to don your neon!

We hope when this week is over, everyone will be able to look back at it with the fondest of memories.

Happy Homecoming, Central!

Researchers Go Rowing on the River



By Sebastian Alfonzo

Both of Mr. Ryan Backman's AP Statistics classes were given the exciting opportunity to gather data September 22nd on the Mississippi River. 46 students took to six voyager canoes, beginning their mathematical river adventure at Hidden Falls.

The canoes took the researchers down the Mississippi towards Harriet Island as the students collected water samples to test such things as water temperature, pH levels, conductivity, and dissolved oxygen.

According to Eric Boehme (12), "It was my first time canoeing and instructors did a good job of demonstrating how to properly do canoe stuff. We learned a lot about why the river is important to the overall ecosystem."

The students had to dip a sensor in the river and record data on one of the four measures of river quality.

The data collected during this trip will be used by the students to craft a

formal report. Students will have to make statistic graphs for all of their numeric findings. They will also be making recommendations on what some of the things are that nearby residents could do to help maintain water quality in the river.

Students To Receive I-Pads Next Month

Central students will begin receiving their I-Pads early next month, starting with seniors on the evening of November 3rd, at Central. Students will need to attend with parents. Among other things, everyone will receive an orientation to the device and a user agreement.

Juniors are slated to receive I-Pads on November 5th, sophomores November 6th, and freshmen November 7th. Tentatively, 5:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. is set for last names A-L and others for later in the evening.



Seniors Augusta Allen (left) and Daisy Hoang were recently selected to be Co-Editors-in-Chief of Central's 2015 yearbook.

Your 2015 Yearbook

Your yearbook might be the only book at Central that you keep for the rest of your life. Fortunately for you, your yearbook is also one of the best books in town. It has 176 pages of color and a spring supplement with 32 pages of color and a proven record of quality.

According to Co-Editor-in-Chief Daisy Hoang (12), the theme for this year's book is "We Are One." The theme incorporates all aspects of Central: school spirit, unity, individualism, and achievements."

Everybody should buy a yearbook because we are all a part of Central's history and it's something we should all be proud of. Having a yearbook will be a constant reminder of all the great times shared among friends.

Yearbooks are currently available for reservation at jostensyearbooks.com. The present price is \$68.00, an amount that eventually gets increased to \$80.00 for those who haven't ordered until late in the school year.

Seniors are reminded that their only opportunity for their senior picture to be in the yearbook is to have their photo taken at Central on October 29th or 30th.

Upcoming Events

MINNESOTA NATIONAL COLLEGE FAIR: October 7th (see Mr. Steve Olson, Mr. Mike Langenberg, or Coach Scott Howell by Friday to turn in \$5.00 and authorization form)

PARENT CONFERENCES: October 9th (3:30 P.M.-6:30 P.M.) and October 13th (5:30 P.M.-8:30 P.M.)

SENIOR BOWLING: October 15

NO SCHOOL, STATE TEACHER'S MEETINGS: October 16th and 17th

FINAL RETAKE PICTURE DAY FOR GRADES 9-11: October 22nd

SENIOR YEARBOOK PORTRAIT DAYS (The ONLY Opportunities for Senior Portraits to be in the Yearbook): October 29th and 30th

What Do YOU Like The Most About Homecoming?

Alicia Cruz (12): I like the unity that the school has during the game and the crowd's energy."

Alfon Lee (10): I like how people have the opportunity to hang out with their friends.

Ben Johnson (11): The dance.

Nasheed Jefferson (12): The spirit.

Jemiya Kennedy (12): I like that everybody is really excited and it brings a good vibe into our school.

Lilly Black (10): Spirit week because you have an excuse to dress up weird.

Frehiwot Ephrem (12): Our Homecoming Game is so fun!

Charles Smith (12): Everybody coming together.

Hassan Osman (11): The cheerleaders.



What's Up, Cedric?

Central Senior Cedric Roby had never scored a touchdown for any school team since becoming a "full-time" lineman in seventh grade. It's not that Cedric isn't talented, it's just that a lineman who makes a touchdown is relatively rare.

In last Friday's game against Waseca, the Central defense zeroed in on their Waseca opponent and Cedric (#55, above) had his chance. "I just located the ball and I caught it," he said, giving credit to Georme Logan (#54) for the chance.

Roby's scamper was brief. What did he think when he scored? "It was a once in a lifetime thing." Will he score again? "I hope so."

How Are Our Teams Doing?

As of Tuesday, boys' and girls' soccer and girls' swimming and diving led the conference and football was tied for first. For refreshed results and other teams, see sports.spps.org

The Central High Times' advisors are Mr. Dave Greener and Mr. Jack Schlukebier. The Editor of this issue is Aiden Yano and the Sports Editor is Marcy Dammann. Non-Byline Contributors to this issue include Sarah Lam and Rose Wimberly.



As of Tuesday, Central's female soccer players (like Anna Kazlauskas, #9) have managed to finish ahead of all but one of their opponents this year and are undefeated in conference.



Take That, Highland! Kaylee Dupay (#7) and teammates fought hard at home Sept. 22nd, but a loss to the Scots dropped Central out of a first place volleyball conference tie.

Ben Xenos' Concert Column

And we're back! Hello and welcome once again to this month's installment of my concert column, where I talk about the month's top concerts and their myriad of details. If you have any suggestions on something music-related to put in my column (or if you have a particular favorite I missed), contact me at school or however you wish to. Cheers!

Top of the Month: Grieves and K Flay, at 1st Ave, 10/11/14 at 5:00 PM. 4.75/5 stars.

Now I had a very difficult time picking Rhymesayers since Grieves over one of my personal favorites, The Pixies, who I enjoy quite a bit. But I think that the 2nd performance of his 2 day stand at 1st Avenue will truly be a great concert, accompanied by a very talented female rapper (K Flay) whose recent single together was very good, with two compatible flows and styles playing off each other expertly. Not one that fans of hip hop, or any genre, want to miss.

Flop of the Month: Pearl Jam, Xcel Energy Center, 10/19/14 at 6:00 PM. 2/5 stars.

They have been stagnating for a while now, and I think 90's rock quartet Pearl Jam has long been one of the more overrated bands in the country. Now coming to St. Paul's own Xcel Energy center, which happens to be one of the worst venues in the Midwest, I think the only thing that will fade more than their relevance will be their hollow sound drifting to the top levels of the arena. A hard and definite "no" to this one. Save your money, guys.

Top All Ages: Black Keys and Jake Bugg, Target Center, 10/24/14 at 8:00 PM. 4/5 stars

I think I might get some flak for this, because I know there are a lot of very vocal supporters of the Black Keys, but I'm just gonna say it: I'm not really a fan. I'm sorry! I know they are excellent musicians, but to me the heart isn't always there. Now that said, I still think this will be a good show, and for those of you who are Black Keys fans, it will be well worth it. Jake Bugg makes for a good compliment of styles in the show, and you would do well not to overlook his set either. Not a show I will be attending, but hey, what does one silly columnist know, right?

Writer's Pick: The Polish Ambassador and Mr.Lif, Regency Ballroom, 10/4/14 at 8:00 PM. 4.25/5 stars

Now this is a really interesting concert. An Ambient electronic artist (The Polish Ambassador) combines with socially conscious and technically proficient rapper (Mr.Lif) to put on what I think will be an odd, but somehow good show. The rhythms are going to be loud and crazy, but still deep and grooving as all of the Polish Ambassador's tend to be. Quintessential club atmosphere, and the hip hop set is only going to help that. I am very intrigued by this concert, especially considering it's at a great venue, whose Romanesque ceilings provide ideal acoustics. Try this one out if you can!

Other Notable:

Slowdive and Low: 4/5 stars, MN post-shoegaze music at its best.

Bastille: 3.25/5 stars, Pop indie for the masses. Rhythmic but empty.

Lower: 3/5 stars, Punk grunge setup. Trying too hard to be Nirvana, should instead let themselves explore. Technically gifted musicians.

Icage: 3.75/5 stars, My favorite proto-punkers. Danish foursome brings the heat, but not the precision quite yet. Watch out for them.

Die Antwoord: 3/5 stars, Just a group of very strange South African Boer rappers, that's all. (Ben Xenos is a Central sophomore)

What Do YOU Think About Central's Seven Period Day?

We asked several people what they think of Central's new seven period day. For balance, we decided to print an equal number of the positive and negative responses. We also printed some mixed reaction replies.

Like

Shayla Albrecht-Payton (10): I think that it's great. It's enough time to learn what we need to learn without a lot of extra time. Periods go by really fast. My days feel a lot shorter.

Ezekial Butler (10): It's cool. I think I can really learn from it.

Alena Oxenham (9): I like it because I can have an elective AND study hall so I can keep up with my homework.

Maddie Arch (11): I'm in both Orchestra and German which took up all my elective parts. Thanks to the seven period day, I can now get my other credits that I need to graduate.

Silas Malmon-Andrews (9): I like it because you get more done per day and the classes don't feel too short nor too long

Mr. Steve Jents (Teacher): I think it's great! It allows students to expand their education by taking additional classes and it gives teachers a chance to meet during each day.

Ricky Xiong (11): I think it's cool. It's short but it's a good way to release stress.

Eduardo Ruiz Trejo (10): I think it's great because students get a chance to do more activities or take more classes.

Pao Vang (12): I like it because it allows us to have an extra class that we want. There is a little more work, but it's worth it.

Sam Struthers (9): I believe it to be a great way for people to get extra electives. That is very important because people don't usually enjoy school. It's a way to get kids to have fun.

Dislike

Aliyah DeJonge (9): I think it would be better if it was six periods. My class is ready to go home. There is no need for the extra period.

Frances Eby (11): I think it decreases class time, rushes the teachers, and increases the workload for the students.

Ilhan Mohamed (12): I don't like it. Class goes by too fast and we have an abundant amount of homework.

Eiden Spilker (12): I really dislike the seven period day. We are rushed through classes and don't really have time to get much done in school so we have more homework.

Ceanglaj Xiong (11): It's too little time in class and can't really learn. Also, it should be a six period day, instead of seven, so there is a longer lunch period.

AbdaNebi (12): It has been tough, especially for math and physics class. There wasn't enough time for the teacher to teach his students all objectives.

Destiny Moua (10): I think that the last hour was very loud every day. I think that everyone during this hour is loud.

Lisa Farm (Teacher): I think the seven period day is a bit hectic. It seems to go by so fast each day.

Ja'Kelle Hardiman (12): I don't like the seven period day at all. I feel it does too much and with the classes being shorter, it makes it more difficult to learn.

Mubarek Sado (11): I don't like the seven period day because we have less time in our class and means that students are having a lot of study halls or being a T.A.

Mixed

Kennedy Gay (11): I like having seven hours because you can get all your classes that you need done to graduate, but it's just more homework I don't like.

Will Swenson (10): The new seven period day is annoying because it is less time to learn, but good to get more classes in.

May Garvey (9): There is a lot more work, but sometimes it's fun and interesting.

Cyndi Grundmeier (Office): Time is confusing. I need to get used to the seven periods. In the office we get more T.A.s and ninth grade T.A.s for the first time.

Manokao Yang (11): The seven period day makes it more difficult for a teacher to teach due to a shortage of time. It does enable students to have more choices.

Gaola Xiong (12): The seven period day is good,

but at the same time it's bad because of the shorter time period.

Obsa Omar (10): It's shorter and longer at the same time.

Heather Snow (Office): I'm still not confident about it. I think it will take a couple more years' tweaking before we've proven whether it's beneficial or not.

Central Student Spotlight



Eli Weinkauff

By Aiden Yano

Welcome to Central Student Spotlight, where we feature the interesting activities of students outside of Central! In this first edition we look at 14 year-old Eli Weinkauff, aka DJ Luxurious, and his experience making music. He usually spends about 2 hours per day on weekdays and 3-5 hours on weekends perfecting his craft. Eli generally works in his own room but he does occasionally go to a studio in North East Minneapolis and Walker West Music School to work as well.

How long have you been making music? About a year.

What kind of software do you use? Ableton Live with a bunch of Native Instruments.

Who are your top 5 Artists? Mac Demarco, Bomba de Luz, Bobby Raps, Young Thug & Bones.

Who's your idol artist?: Alejandro P Who has been your favorite artist to work with so far? Young L from the Pack.

What's been your favorite performance so far? When I was at Public Function Library in Minneapolis. I performed in front of about 100-150 people opening for Bobby Raps & Spooky Black.

Check out Eli's music at: www.soundcloud.com/eli-weinkauff Follow Eli on Twitter: @eliweinkauff

A New Club for You?

By Sheng Thao

Come join the Hispanic Club! All ages of students are welcome and you don't have to be Hispanic. The club meets on Fridays in Room 4107 from 2:15 P.M. to 3:00 P.M.

This year the club is planning to take field trips to Hispanic places like restaurants and museums. Club members are currently working for the Day of the Dead (*Dia De Los Muertes*), to honor the people who have died.

According to Jamiyra Kennedy (12), "I like this club because it is very diverse and informative on the Hispanic culture which brought in knowledge from the entire world."



A few of the Hispanic Club members pose with cut paper decorations for events. From left, seniors Anab Omar, President Cesar Gutierrez, Jemiyra Kennedy, and Cha Lor.