120 attend Halem Renaissance
by Cassie DeVries and Areeba Aslam

The annual SnoDaze Dance was held February 10th at Mid-Point Event Center in St. Paul’s Midway area. The Student Council event featured decorations that gave the feeling of the theme, Harlem Renaissance, and many students dressed to match the theme. Music was provided by DJs Jake Kassner and Jamyra Burton of the Advanced Audio Tech class. The dance started at about 5, with the fun lasting until about 8:30, when the SnoDaze Royalty were announced. The dancing then continued until the night was over.

Tickets were 15 dollars, like other dances hosted throughout the year. Students enjoyed the night; however, some had a few notes to give. One senior said that, “They should have had a little more decoration, with food provided. Other then that, it was so much fun, and a night to remember.” A sophomore suggested, “That they can put some slow music on, so everyone could have slow danced.”

The dance was an eventful one, and sure to be remembered for months to come by any student that attended.

150 Seniors Go Snow Tubing
by Leilani Andrews

On Thursday, February 16th, over 150 Central Seniors went to the Buckhill. Senior Snow Tubing is the event of the snowy season. Whether people went for the snow, food or for their friends, people always leave with a smile!

Their day began with a senior meeting where they learned about upcoming events for the Seniors, including the day called “Senior Hush Day,” where seniors aren’t supposed to talk to any underclassmen for a school day in reward of a candy bar. They also learned about their cap and gown distributions, senior picnic and how there will no longer be a boat dance for any students.

After the Senior Meeting, the Seniors lined into busses by alphabetical order of their last name and sat for a 30 minute ride full of songs, laughter and a burst of discussions. When the busses finally arrived, the students began to grow more excited and when they finally got back onto their feet, they were spread across the hill and climbing to the top in minutes. Seniors were flying down the hill with squeals of excitement and happiness. Smiles warming the air around their red cheeks and cold faces. Before you knew it, the students were running around with such an energy build up, that they were taking off layers on cool off. When students needed a break, they had smores, hot chocolate and a fire pit waiting for them. They would set down their blue and red tubes and relax with their friends and if they were hungry enough, they would go to the Mexican restaurant where most students had warm food and a chance to sit back and take a break from all of the fun.

However, all fun must come to an end. After 3 hours of pure excitement and joy, the tired Seniors gathered for an unfocused group photo and began to line onto the sleepy busses. The Seniors were quiet, with heavy breaths of exhaustion escaping their tired faces. As the bus came to a halt, the Seniors sighed and stood up. Were they wishing they were still flying through the air at high speeds going downhill with the crisp winds tugging at them? Or were they now wishing they were in their warm beds and dry clothes? One way or another, they enjoyed their journey only waiting for the next one, and hoping the future generations of seniors have just as much fun as they did.

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Cabaret — a terrific show
Always Starting Over
by Cassie DeVries and Areeba Aslam

The weekend of the 3rd and 4th of Feb., 23 students at Central High School came together to put on a fundraising show like no other, to raise funds for the drama department. With only 2 months of work before hand, 23 students came together at Central to put on the Winter Cabaret, a singing fundraiser for our drama department.

Two students at Central worked together to direct and work on the cabaret, Via Logan and Elise Hanem. We got to talk to Logan about what she thought about the cabaret, and she let us know that “Me and Elise were assistant directors last year and were asked for the directions of Cabaret this year. That’s how we started our journey on the successful Cabaret." She commented that, “This directory was kind of a challenge for me at first but with all the hidden talent and support of our co workers and actors, it made it way more possible than I thought." even with their first time, Logan was glad to say that, “I am really happy to be a part of this show." At Central it’s known that our students have the ability to stand together, and if they work hard they can make something great. There was no better way to show that than the cabaret this year on the 3rd and 4th of February. With the help of every student, and every helpful volunteer teacher, the cabaret fundraised 5,000 dollars for Central’s theatre department.

That’s exactly what the cabaret is meant to do, fundraise to help out the theatre department. The money to spend on the fall musical and the spring play comes from what the Cabaret fundraisers and ticket sales to plays and musicals.

All of this is possible because students noticed how badly the department was going downhill, and that something needed to happen. Working together to create the first cabaret, it’s been going on since then, to show students what can do to get what’s needed done.

This year’s theme was Always Starting Over, with tons of songs that were themed around beginning and ending. It all had a very strong feel that it was about High School and the students perspective. Songs were individually chosen to wrap around the theme and explain it all.

Central World Quest team is second in state
The Central World Quest global team students (part of the Central International Affairs club) attended the state WorldQuest competition on Feb. 1st at Ecolab. The "A" team finished second in a field of over fifty teams.

Molly Dudzij, Sophia Lipsztet-Dean, Ellie Newhouse, and Jone Ofstedal answered questions on a range of topics, from general current events and geography to "Combating Infectious Diseases," "Global Megacities," and "Women in Technology."

Especially frustrating for them is that this is the third Time they've come with a hair's breadth of winning. The Central team won the competition (which carries with it a trip to Washington, DC to compete in nationals) in 2013, but has come in second or third for the past four years. Three of this year’s team (Molly, Ellie, and June) have been on the team since they were sophomores and have had to endure losing close contests to St Paul Academy, Edina, and Breck the past three years.

The team engaged in learning about huge issues and problems of the day, putting in countless hours studying. Congratulations!

Freshmen
Royalty
Ellie Lin & Sonja Larsen
Sophomore
Royalty
Alice Lesch & Simon Grow-Hanson
Junior
Royalty
Fevon Tujii & Robert Dean
Senior
Royalty
Ellie Newhouse & Brandon Flowers
Career Seminar Class
by Brittany Lushy & Latrice Butts

Career seminar is a class that helps students in building a resume, applying, interviewing, keeping a trademark job. A trademark job being on where you do not need a college education and is more hands on. Such as an engineer or electrician or contractor. While you would need some schooling it is mostly hands on learning which is what this class preps you for. They help walk you through how they got the job and what to expect.

When I was told about this class I thought it was going to be more about getting a job and maintaining it. I also believed that it was more about internships. However a student in the class has informed me that the while the class touches on those subjects, it also helps with filling out job applications and how to conduct yourself in an interview.

They also touch on how students do not necessarily need to go to college and how to find good paying jobs that do not require a college education. This gives students opportunities to see how the world works and how they themselves fit into it.

The instructor of the class, Mr. Kunze, stated that while the class is brand new, it has so far met expectations of him and the partnerships. The class aims to help twenty five kids in the actual class. The teacher has said that he will however help any student who needs it. This class is offered to those in 10th-12th grade, next year however they will try to make it just for 11th-12th graders as more job opportunities are offered to them. A student in the class talked on how she hopes this class will help her with her current job and future ones.

This class helps 10th-12th graders looking for trademark jobs and helps them through apprenticeship and class speakers. Because of this hands on learning this is a very helpful prep class to those looking to start a job as soon as possible.

Undefeated Mock Trial team to State Tournament

The undefeated Central Mock Trial team heads to the State Tournament at the Sterno County Courthouse in St. Cloud on March 3rd and 4th after sweeping conference and region competition. The team consists of:
- Abby Fritz
- Abdurahman Yusuf
- Asher Bernick-Roehr
- Isac Ash
- Katie Reynolds
- Nicholas Seifel
- Pa Nia Yang
- Phoebe Olanebrewu
- Sylvia Doerr

Blood Drive
March 8th

Central Team Records
as of Feb. 23rd

Boys’ Basketball
Conf. 9-1 OA 12-10
Girls’ Basketball
Conf. 11-3 OA 16-10
Wrestling
Conf. 5-1 OA 10-8
Swimming & Diving
Conf. 4-1 OA 8-5
Gymnastics
Conf. 3-2 OA 5-3
Girls’ Hockey
OA 6-12
Boys’ Hockey
Conf. 3-4 OA 11-6

Drama Club 1927

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Hopefully, there will be better opportunities in the near future for those who may not be able to afford it to still have the opportunity to attend.

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Purple Out Day
Cartoon Character Day
GroutFit Day
70’s Day
Band Tee Day

Central Lakes Girls Basketball as of Feb. 23

Sasha Vang 3
Emmanuel Ahegnu 8
Nora Butts 1
Taylor Christian 3
Michael soap 3
Mary Emmeny 1
Tara Opp 3
Benjamin Davis 3
Dillon Jacob 1

Trial 11 - OA 16
Conf. 5 - OA 10
3 - OA 5 - 16
Central Lakes 1 - OA 12

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6 Central singers in Allstate Choir
Will Benjamin        Ben Bushnell
Daniel Caseament    Zophia Dadlez
Ahlo Moseman        Brian Whelan

Congratulations

Signing Day for seniors football players

Christian Taylor
Central Lakes
Emmanuel Smith
Central Lakes
Ahegnu Opp
Conejera
Davis Xavier
Noramara
Asher Jacob
Central Lakes
Central Lakes