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Dance Showcase a winner!

The Dancers

A marvelous dance showcase on May 4th, was presented by Dr Karen Palmen and Emily Gill. All beginning, intermediate and IB dance students participated and showed their amazing skills.

Before the performance, some backstage dancers were nervous, some of them were experiencing their first stage performance and many were experiencing backstage jitters. It was a really good show. The choreography was excellent. The practices, paid off for this spectacular show.

Student Council selects Ex Board for 2017-2018

by Cassie DeVries

Central’s Student Council met up Thursday May 4th to elect the new Board of Executives that will be working together in the coming year on dances, fundraisers, and the well being of the school.

All seven positions on the board were filled with students ranging from freshmen to seniors. The General Council is to be initiated on May 25th, but there are still spots to be filled. Student Council welcomes students of all grades to participate and get involved with the coming year of events.

Congratulations to the new Board members on Student Council:

Emily Pech, as Student Council President, Birdy Xiong as Vice President, (not pictured) Cassie DeVries as Secretary, Amanda Son as Treasurer, Rachel Blesi with School Climate, Mai Soua Vang with Community Service, Mayra Moreno-Arias with Public Relations.

Be on the lookout for next year’s exciting events and fundraisers!

Central to be part of Grand Old Day Parade

Mackbee to be Grand Marshall

As a finale to its 150th Year celebration Central will march in the annual Grand Old Day Parade June 4th. Central groups and organizations can march with the Central band and float. See Mr. Schleichke to get your group registered in the parade.

Individuals can just show up to be included. Wear red & black. Parade line-up will be 8:15 AM at Grand Ave and Dale. Parade begins at 9:00 AM. A free shuttle bus will operate along Summit Ave. Principal Mary Mackbee will be the parade’s Grand Marshall.

Upcoming Senior Events

Senior Honors Night
May 25th
Immersion Day
May 26th
Sr. Hush Day
(no talking to underclassmen)
May 30th
Hug-a-Senior Day
May 31st
Passports
May 31st
Senior Picnic
June 1st
Sr. Walk Out
June 2nd
Grand Old Day Parade
June 4th
Graduation
June 7th 8:00 PM
(7:30 AM – rehearsal)

The Perfect Prom Roses & Glamour

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Lisa Heyman of Transforming Central introduces Chris Faust who talked about his photographs now on Central’s walls.

Principal Mackbee receives proclamation of May 18th “Mary Mackbee Day”
Top Ten Underclassmen honored at Awards Night

Freshmen Top Ten (+)
Riaz Kelly
Marybell Kim
William Blackwell Kinney
Hope McKnight
Lily Mitzef
Sophia Rabins
Cal Rivera
Hanna Saveraid
Max Walker
Martha Young
Ulysses Zigmund

Sophomore Top Ten
Zipporah Cohen
Kade Hagen
William Hintz
Rosalie Kortz
Audrey Le Meur
Sophie Le Meur
Eva Neira
Leah Rivera
Clara Schilder-Manning
Mikhalina Solakhava

Junior Top Ten
Emma Beans
Eleanor Casement
Frances Cerkvenik
Madeline Farber
Elise Hannum
Lillian Lampros
Helen Leach
Chats Lee
Alena Oxenham
Daniella Torres-Skendi

CONGRATULATIONS!

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Central musicians and singers named to All-State Music Ensemble

SATB CHOIR
Will Benjamin, tenor
SA CHOIR
Emma Beards, soprano
TB CHOIR
Soren Malin, tenor
JAZZ BAND
Nate Fleming, trumpet
Vctor Imbo, trombone
Sam Liukas, trumpet
ORCHESTRA
Elizabeth Bergmann, violin
Benjamin Dech, percussion
May Garvey, viola
Owen McCready, bass
Alena Oxenham, violin

Seniors awarded Seal of Bilingualism

Two Central Seniors - Niman Obysye and Ibrahim Abdulkadir - received the Seal of Bilingualism in Somali. Actually, Ibrahim Abdulkadir is receiving it in Somali, Spanish, and Portuguese.

French students win awards

2017 National French Exam State and National Winners from St. Paul Central are:

National Winners
Elise Hannum
Giovana Sarmiento
Lily Lampros
Zophia Dudlez
May Garvey
Sophie Le Meur
Simon Grow-Hanson
Audrey Le Meur
Norah Guitard
Peter Exely
Eva Neira
Cal Rivera
Caroline Norman
Carmen Crucifield
Hope McKnight
Frances Zigmund
Jasper Zarkower

State of Minnesota Winners
June Oldsted
Abigail Fritz
Helen Leach
Elena Newhouse
Nick Deukas
Sophie Gallandt
Marian Bana
Panos Delton
Zoltán Lohse
Molly Dudlez
Addison Keehy
Victoria Garvey
Megan Stephenson
Valerie Bates
Leo Remke-Rochard
Zipporah Cohen
Andrew Tisell
Oscar Fortosso

Tennessee Wacek
Katia Tesarceck
Peter Gavrylyuk
Ben Bushnell
Owen McCreary
Nathan Orts
Ulysses Zigmund
Mika Foslad
Henry Tieder
Thomas Jones
Sebastian Williamson
Dinah Lampros
John Oldsted
Helen Tieder
Olivia Zindren
Sophia Fried
Melissa Elmer
Lily Mitzef
Aline Saveraid
Marybelle Kim

On April 27, 67 of Central’s French students participated in A Vous laParole, Minnesota’s oral French competition. Of those, 51 received blue ribbons (top honors), 13 received red ribbons and three received white ribbons. Central was very well represented. It was a great year at A Vous la Parole.

Zoe Klass-Warch is Athena Award Winner

Sport: Tennis
5 varsity letters · 5 All-Conference Awards
2013 sectional Doubles Champion, 2016 Sectional Singles Champion, 2016 Team Captain
Undeleted to the MSHSL State Tourney- 2016
Ranked #1 in MN for graduating class 2017 by tennisrecruiting.net. Achieved National Ranking of 135 in 2017 by tennisrecruiting.net

Volunteer Community Participation:
Animal Humane Society, Tennis Instructor to children and adults, Neighborhood House
Raised & released over 100 monarch butterflies

Scholastic Achievements:
A Honor Roll all semester of high school
Ranked in top 5% of graduating class all 4 years of H.S.
Undergraduate Honors in English, Chemistry, and Math

Central’s 2017 Athena Award winner

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