



Christmas Under the Oaks



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Central High's Serenity Lanclos and Kelsey Cooke at Christmas Parade

Christmas Parade Highlights Activities of Central Students

CENTRAL - Central's 28th Annual Christmas Parade featured more than 60 floats, vehicles, and marching units on Saturday, Dec. 6, and Central High students and student organizations once again played a major role in the communitywide event.

The Central High band provided entertainment, while Central cheerleaders, Kittens, Silks, Jr. ROTC, and members of the Homecoming Court were all featured in the parade.

More than 3,000 area residents lined Joor Road for the show. See photos on Pages 6-8

Early Dismissal For Exams This Thursday-Friday

CENTRAL - Students in Central Community schools will have early dismissal on Thursday, Dec. 18 and Friday, Dec. 19 before leaving for Christmas holidays. Students at Central High and Central Middle School will be dismissed at about 12 noon on both days, while students at Central Intermediate, Tanglewood, and Bellingrath Hills will be dismissed at 1 p.m. Dismissal for the holidays coincides with the testing schedule. Both Thursday and Friday are exam days. Staff will return Jan. 5, and students Jan. 6.

Photo by Woody Jenkins



GREENWELL SPRINGS YOUTH RIDERS during 28th Annual Central Christmas Parade. See Pages 6-8.



Photo by Jolice Provost

A GOAL TO REMEMBER — Central Middle School basketball player LeDerrick Thomas remembers his three-point shot from 3/4th of the way down the court as the half-time buzzer sounded in a game against Live Oak Middle.

Light Show Concert on Sullivan Rd. On Monday

CENTRAL - Central's 1st Annual Christmas under the Oaks will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 22. The communitywide event will include a spectacular computerized light and music show featuring Judy Pancoast, as she sings to the lights.

Spectators will gather under the oak trees in front of the Central School Complex facing Sullivan Road. The road will be closed, and the show will originate from the Hohensee home across the street at 12625 Sullivan Road.

The Hohensee family is presenting its 5th year of doing animated Christmas Lights. James Hohensee said, "We hope you enjoy our show while spending time with your friends and family. Each year we add new lights and upgrade the show. This year we have a real special treat — the 1st Annual Christmas under the Oaks Concert. Please bring chairs and sit under the oaks to enjoy the show."

The Hohensee family spends countless hours preparing for the Christmas show each year, and every year they find a deserving group or family that could benefit from donations that are received. This year the Hohensee family selected Central Intermediate School's Special Education Department to be the recipient of all donations.

One need is for Glider Bikes or Balance Bikes, which are designed for use with Special Needs Children and Adults.

Judy Pancoast is an award-winning children's song-writer and performer. She is performing in 12 states this December.



Photo by Woody Jenkins

Hohensee family computerized light show on Sullivan

Central High Drum Major Has Clear Career Goals

Amanda Fontenot
Drum Major, Central HS Band

CENTRAL - The highlights of my high school life all have to do with band. I have been drum major of the Central High School Band for the past two years. I joined the high school band in 8th grade as one of three 8th graders.

It has been the most amazing time of my life! What made it so fantastic was that I became part of a family. That family has supported me and loved me all throughout my

high school life. My favorite moment was at the McNeese festival when they called me as the Best-in-Class 2A Drum Major.

Our band is going through a recovery, and there are a lot of really amazing bands in Class 2A, Erath High School being the best. We did not plan on winning any caption awards. Erath got the sweep of Best-in-Class caption awards except for Drum Major. Drum Major was the last caption called.

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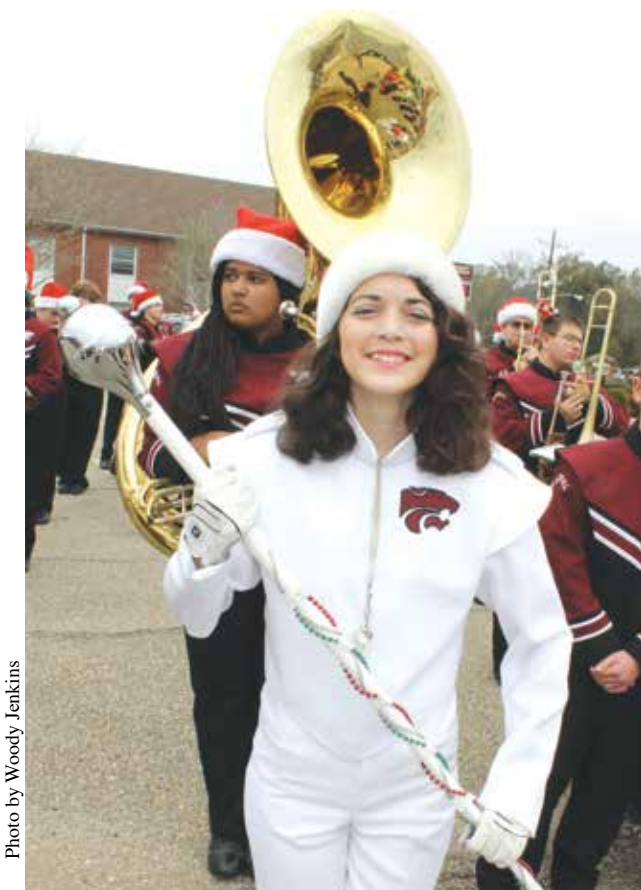


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Central High School Drum Major Amanda Fontenot

Christmas Under the Oaks
6:30 p.m. Dec. 22
12625 Sullivan Rd.
Under the Oaks in front of Central School Complex

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TANGLEWOOD ELEMENTARY TEACHER OF THE MONTH - Keturah Alvin with students Stephanie Blount, Kaitlyn Miller, Reagan Dickhute, and Jude Watts.

Central High Captures Spirit of Christmas

CHS Students Take Opportunity to Give Of Themselves by Helping Needy Kids

David Prescott
Principal, Central High School

Toy Drive. It's Christmas time again and for the students of Central High School, it is a wonderful opportunity to take the less fortunate in our local community under our paw. Special thanks to Dr. Janet Stevens of the School Board office for providing the wish lists of 89 families who are struggling to give their children a Merry Christmas this year. Each class was given the Christmas list of a boy or girl. In the response, students could go out and buy presents for them. The students of Central High School understand that Christmas is not just about the wonderful gifts, but more importantly it's about learning the gift of giving.

Band Semester in Review. The Wildcat Band saw many successes this semester on and off the field.

We are proud of the hard work the students have put in and are thankful for the tremendous support from parents, faculty, and the community at-large.

On the field, the Wildcat Band, led by James Henderson, competed at two marching band festivals. The band received Best-in-Class in all

categories at the Dutchtown Invitational in class single A. At the McNeese competition, the band entered in AA competition where they, once again received superior ratings along with Best-in-Class for Drum Major.

The CHS Jazz Band, led by Patrick Bordelon, continued to excel with lively performances around the community including the Central Christmas Tree lighting, CCSS events, and recruitment trips. Recently, the Jazz Band was moved to the final selection committee as one of seven schools in the nation to be considered to perform at the National School Board Convention.

Off the field, our band students continue to represent Central High School in honor ensembles including the Louisiana Youth Orchestra, Winter Guard International, and most recently with seven students making the All-Parish Honor Band.

We are proud of our students with all they have accomplished in such a short time. Next semester, we will strive to continue this tradition of excellence with performances at District Festival with the Jazz Band and Concert Band, Silks performances at MA competitions, continued dances from the Kittens at local sporting events and anywhere



David Prescott

we can go to enhance the spirit and pride of the community of Central.

Christmas Showcase. On Tuesday, Dec. 16, Central High School presented its Christmas Showcase, combining the talents of the Central High Piano & Choral Department and Traditional Theatre Department. The Piano program consisted of group piano numbers, as well as solo numbers. Many of these students are first-time piano players, and they did a great job. The Choral program featured the CHS Beginning and Concert Choirs performing a few classical pieces and favorite Christmas classics such as "Joy to the World," "Silent Night," "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree," and several others.

The CHS Piano & Choral Department is directed by first-year director Mary Ann Russell, a Central High alumnus. Mrs. Russell has done an outstanding job with our students this year, and we are excited that they will perform at the annual Choral Festival next semester. The CHS Traditional Theatre Department presented its Christmas Show entitled "Last Stop Till Christmas." The featured actors in this show were comprised of the Advanced Acting class.

"Last Stop Till Christmas" is set at a bus stop where each group of patrons is greeted by Angela, spreading a little good cheer. Each patron has his own agenda and wishes that the busyness of the holidays — shopping, family outings, and work — would pass. Angela provides each patron an opportunity for their wish to come true.

"Last Stop Till Christmas" provided the audience with an idea of the true meaning of Christmas.

Don't miss the next production of the Traditional Theatre Department — their spring musical in May.

Amanda Fontenot Hopes to Become A Band Director

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said "Best in Class 2A Drum Major: Central High School," I heard my band cheer louder than Erath did for any of their captions!

Then I heard them say "GO MANDA!" Later that night, when I walked onto the bus to leave, they all cheered again and hugged me. It was the most amazing end of my last marching show of high school that I could have ever asked for!

My accomplishments as a drum major are superior ratings and a caption award at the McNeese festival. Last year, I received a superior rating at the Morgan City Festival and another at this year's McNeese "Showdown at Sundown" Festival. Also at the festival, I received the caption award of Best-in-Class 2A Drum Major. There were 11 other bands in Class 2A at McNeese.

Advice that I would give to anyone interested in band is to just go for it. I found a family and a place that I could go to simply be myself and not have to worry about people judging me. Band has given me confidence and it also showed me what I want to do with my life. I want to be a high school band director. I will be going to LSU in the fall, and I plan on majoring in music education. I would also like to be in the LSU Tiger Band!

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TANGLEWOOD STUDENTS performed "Spaced Out" to enhance their appreciation of science and social studies.

Mrs. Brice's 1st Grade Adopts Soldier



FIRST GRADERS ADOPTED AN AMERICAN SOLDIER IN KOSOVO — The students prepared a gift box filled with Louisiana foods and treats to send to Staff Sgt. James McFatrige and his unit, now serving in Kosovo. Shown in photo at left are (top row) Charleigh Messer, Kelsey Bunch, Nathan Campbell, Mason Key, Kalob Turner, Daniel Alba, Brady Wiles, Grace Montoto, Peyton Nicholson, and Mrs. Brice. (Middle row) Ashton Bennett, Klayton Green, Carson Gonzales, Kamryn Guerin, Billy Edmonston, Keelee Montgomery, Ryleigh Christian, and Phoebe Zheng. (Bottom row) Gavin Benton, Darius Pondexter-Mott, Natalie Frame, Addison Vallet, and Kade Russell. Not in photo: Gaven Spurgeon

CENTRAL - Mrs. Brice's first grade class at Tanglewood Elementary adopted a soldier, Staff Sgt. James McFatrige and his unit for Thanksgiving. Students and parents came together and blessed these men and women with a box full of Louisiana goodies to enjoy.

Staff Sgt. McFatrige and his troops are serving in Kosovo.

Mrs. Brice said, "We just want to say a special THANK YOU to these brave men and women and to ALL the soldiers who selflessly give to allow us the freedoms we enjoy. God bless you! Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!"

CENTRAL - Five classes of second graders at Tanglewood Elementary reached for the stars on Oct. 21, as they performed the musical, "Spaced Out."

Through the rehearsal and production of this event, students learned about the planets, asteroids, meteoroids, comets, and the phases of the moon — all of which enhances the school's science curriculum.

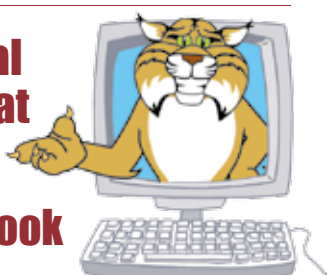
Principal Kitty Ainsworth said, "At Tanglewood we are constantly thinking of ways to stretch student learning. The goals are no different in Mrs. Bourgeois' Music program."

In the area of social studies, several historic characters who have had a connection with space exploration were identified in a creative way through music and role playing.

Parents were treated to an evening performance with lights and sparkling stars. Classes taught by Mrs. Allday, Mrs. Gremillion, Mrs. Huber, Mrs. Sartin, and Mrs. Starks participated in this "stellar" production.

Mrs. Ainsworth said, "Science comes alive through rigorous and engaging activities such as this. Each class at Tanglewood will have a chance to be involved in a unique production as the year unfolds. Each production will serve to further our district goal of providing quality instruction in a fun and effective way."

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BELLINGRATH HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL has received a surprise delivery of *Corduroy* books. The Supriya Jindal Foundation for Louisiana's Children supplied every kindergarten student on campus with a copy of the book to add to his home libraries. The students were overjoyed to receive this special gift!

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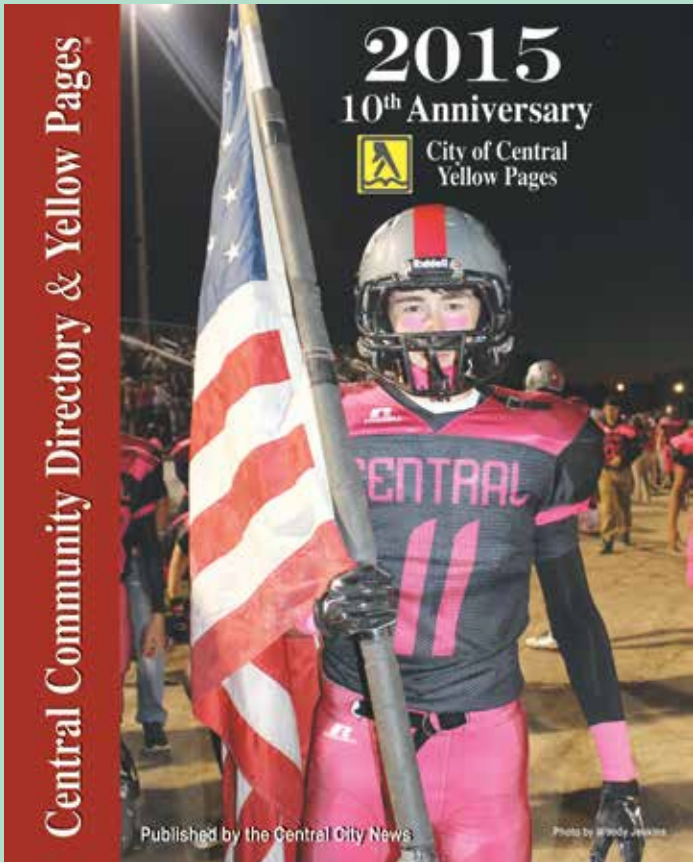
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CMS Students: More Than Just a Field Trip



UNUSUAL FIELD TRIP — Darbie Starns and Taylor Pino sorting toys; Jovonte Whiten, and Gabriel Meyer assembling bags, and (right) Erin Paternostro, Jordanne Murry, and Sunni Tidwell

CENTRAL - On Dec. 3 and 10, 7th grade students at Central Middle School went on a field trip. But this was no ordinary field trip, as when students might go to the Zoo.

This field trip required students to give back to their community.

- Students' first stop was the Bishop Ott Shelter for Women and Children. At this location, several student representatives were allowed to go inside and deliver products that the entire school had collected for the shelter over several weeks.

- The next stop was the old Mervyn's Store at Cortana Mall. This houses the Salvation Army's Toys for Tots location. All of the students participated in putting boxes together,

stuffing stockings, and sorting the toys into age and gender categories.

- From Mervyn's, the students went to the new Goodwood Library.

They were impressed with the size and especially the special room for teens. Most said they would be coming back with their parents. The stu-

dents went away from this experience surprised that they had a good time and with a feeling of pride for contributing to their community.



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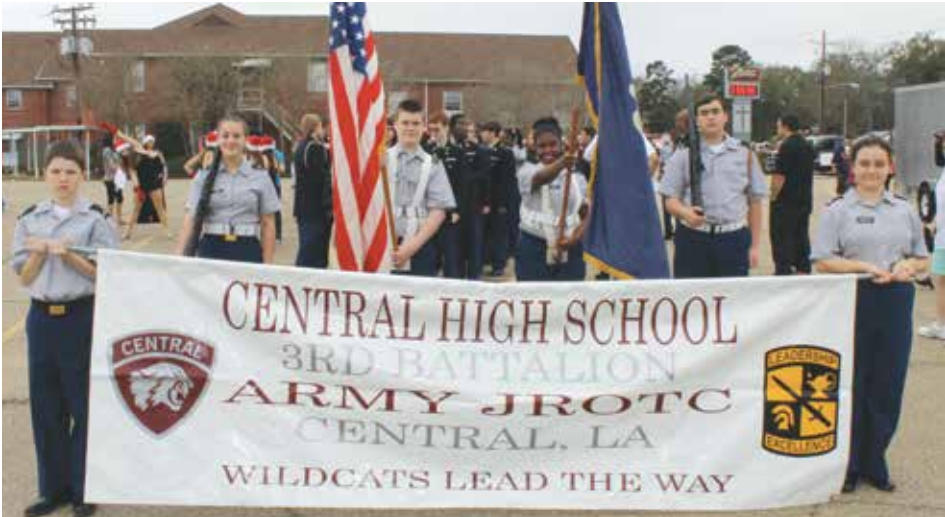
Santa Claus made his annual appearance at the Central Christmas Parade



Joan Lansing served as Grand Marshal



Christmas is Jesus' birthday



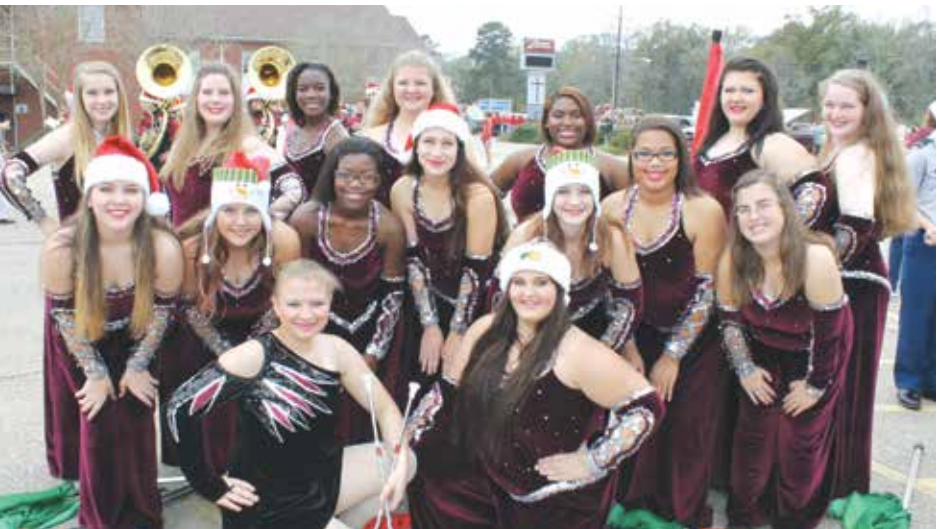
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Central High School Jr. ROTC marching in parade



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Santa's elves rode floats and threw beads



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Central Spirit Stick Travels Everywhere



THE SPIRIT STICK, which is in the possession of Central Intermediate School this year, is participating in a Junior Achievement lesson (left) with Mrs. Wise and Mrs. Brabham's classes along with Ms. Lorrie from LA Capitol Credit Union. The students are finding products that they need to build a computer. Those shown at left are Annalyse Greely, Dane Camus, Ms. Lorrie, Jayden Jones, Anthony Harris, Hunter Clethen, Devin Forbus, Alexa Markins, Braylon Mayeaux, and Kelsey Williams. Shown at right are Annalyse Greely, Dane Camus, Ms. Lorrie, Jayden Jones, Anthony Harris, Hunter Clethen, Devin Forbus, Alexa Markins, Braylon Mayeaux, and Kelsey Williams.

Can You Name the 8 Alligators in *Cajun Night Before Christmas*?



BELLINGRATH HILLS - Can you name the eight alligators found in the *Cajun Night Before Christmas*? Bellingrath Hills Elementary's students can! Each year Supt. Mike Faulk takes time out of his busy schedule to read the popular folktale to the students. Afterwards, the fun really begins when he quizzes students and teachers to see if they can answer trivia about the story. You better watch out! You better not cry! It's Christmas time at Bellingrath Hills Elementary. Students, faculty and families enjoyed their annual Christmas production. Can you spot Santa and Rudolph? Mr. Faulk and Anna Bordelon (left) with other students dressed for the occasion.

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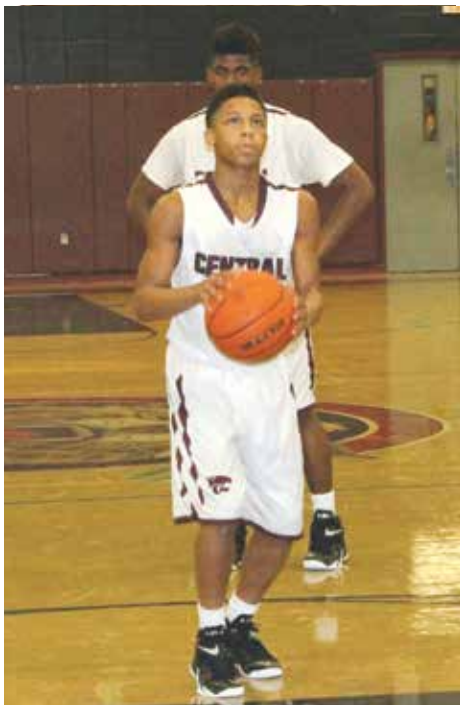
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Joshua Hebert brings ball down court.



Terrell Chatman guards Redemptorist on inbound.



Austin Stewart shoots free throw.



Central fans Morris Summers, Mayor Jr. Shelton, and Buddy Wicker



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Austin Stewart and Titus Woodfork scramble for ball



Austin Stewart goes in for a layup



Titus Woodfork and Jace Aubert



Central High Girls Basketball 2014-2015

Dec. 19-20	Walker**	A TBA
22	Plaquemine	A 6 p.m.
Jan. 5	Live Oak*	A 5:30
9	Scotlandville*	A 6 p.m.
13	Denhm Spgs*	A 6:30
16	Zachary*	H 5:30
19	Broadmoor*	A 6 p.m.
23	Walker*	H 5:30
26	Live Oak*	H 5:30
Feb. 3	Scotlandville*	H 5:30
6	Denhm Spgs*	H 5:30
10	Zachary*	A 6 p.m.
12	Broadmoor*	H 5:30

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Central High Basketball Schedule 2014-2015

Dec. 19	Catholic	A	F,JV,V	5,6,7:15 p.m
23	Belaire	A	F,JV,V	5,6,7:15 p.m
26-29	EBRP Tourney	A	V	TBA
Jan. 3	Capitol	A	JV	6 p.m.
7,8,10	Freshman Tourney	A	F	TBA
9	Scotlandville	A	F,JV,V	5,6,7:15 p.m
13	Denham Springs	H	F,JV,V	5,6,7:15 p.m
16	Zachary	A	F,JV,V	5,6,7:15 p.m
20	Broadmoor	H	F,JV,V	5,6,7:15 p.m
23	Walker	A	F,JV,V	5,6,7:15 p.m
27	Live Oak	A	F,JV,V	5,6,7:15 p.m
Feb. 3	Scotlandville	H	F,JV,V	5,6,7:15 p.m
6	Denham Springs	A	F,JV,V	5,6,7:15 p.m
10	Zachary	H	F,JV,V	5,6,7:15 p.m
12	Broadmoor	A	F,JV,V	5,6,7:15 p.m
17	Walker	H	F,JV,V	5,6,7:17 p.m
20	Live Oak	H	F,JV,V	5,6,7:15 p.m

Central Community School System	
December 2014	December
Su M Tu W Th F Sa 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	18-19 Early Dismissal For Exams 19 End of 3rd 6 Weeks & End of 2nd 9 Weeks (92 Instructional Days) 22-31 Christmas Break/New Year Holidays 22-23 12 Month & 250 Day Employees Scheduled To Work 29-31 250 Day Employees Scheduled To Work
January 2015	January
Su M Tu W Th F Sa 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	1-2 New Year Holiday 5 Teachers/Staff Only (No Students) 6 Students Return 19 MLK Holiday 19 12 Month & 250 Day Employees Scheduled To Work
February 2015	February
Su M Tu W Th F Sa 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28	6 Progress Reports Go Home (Elementary & Middle) 12-13 Teachers/Staff Only (No Students) 16-18 Mardi Gras Holiday 16-18 12 Month & 250 Day Employees Scheduled To Work 20 End of the 4th 6 Weeks (31 Instructional Days)
March 2015	March
Su M Tu W Th F Sa 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	11 End of 3rd 9 Weeks (45 Instructional Days) 16-20 LEAP Phase I Testing 17 ACT, Explore & Plan Testing
April 2015	April
Su M Tu W Th F Sa 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	2 Teachers/Staff Only (No Students) 3-6 Easter Break 10 End of 5th 6 Weeks (34 Instructional Days) 14-15 LEAP & ILEAP Phase II Testing 15 Progress Reports Go Home (Elementary & Middle) 20-24 Spring Break 20-24 250 Day Employees Scheduled To Work 22 End of Course Testing Begins
May 2015	May
Su M Tu W Th F Sa 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	1-22 End of Course Testing 6 Last Day for Seniors 18-20 Early Dismissal For Exams 20 Last Day for Students 20 End of 6th 6 Weeks (23 Instructional Days) 20 End of 4th 9 Weeks (44 Instructional Days) 21-22 Teachers/Staff Only 25-26 Contingency Days
June 2015	June
Su M Tu W Th F Sa 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	5 Last Day for 10 Month Employees 19 Last Day for 11 Month Employees 30 Last Day for 12 Month Employees and 250 Day Employees

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Matthew Arnold Paces Wildcat Swim Team

CENTRAL -What could senior Matthew Arnold do to top his 2nd and 4th place finishes as a junior at last year's State Swimming Meet? 1st and 3rd place of course!

In this year's State Meet, after the preliminaries, Matthew had the second best time in the 100 butterfly at 55.36 seconds. Matthew started the final race strong as he turned at the first wall tied for 1st. He was barely in 2nd at the second wall, half way through the race.

That is when he made his move. Matthew used his speed under the water to overtake 1st place and pulled well ahead in the last 25 yards to win the State Championship in the 100 butterfly in 53.86 seconds!

After only a 15-minute break, Matthew swam the 500 freestyle in a personal best of 5:10.26. While that time was 3rd in the state this year, it should be noted that his time was 24 seconds better than the best time in last year's State Meet.

Sophomore Matthew Usher also had a strong showing with two 10th

place finishes. Matthew swam his best time of the year in the 200 freestyle at 2:05.24. Matthew swam another season best time in the 100 backstroke at 1:06.66.

One year after finishing 4th in the state, the Central Boys swim team finished 9th with 90 points despite returning only two swimmers and having only five boys on the team. If the team had a sixth member, the team could have competed in all three relays and assuredly would have finished higher. Freshmen Jack Way and Jeremy Porch combined with junior Devin Avery to complete the relays that contributed to the strong showing.

The girls team also swam well at the meet. Coach Osborne said he is excited by the potential of the girls team, which had no seniors this year. Freshman Tejah Scott and sophomores Acacia Porch and Emily Hollier all swam times within a second of the state cut at one stage of the year. Juniors Lyndee Debetaz and Stephanie Pourciau overcame late season illnesses to swim considerably faster

than they did at the beginning of the year. Junior Brooke Demoulin also improved and stepped in anywhere she was needed.

As for Arnold's State Title, the entire team was rooting hard for Matthew and showed their excitement after the race. Coach Mary Hodges, whose family is friends with the Arnold family, said, "Matthew is humble, extremely hard working, and motivated. He has been the energizer bunny since he was five and he started swimming." As for his parents, "They are very supportive as they have gone to all those hot summer meets that last all day. Even with six kids, Ms. Karen would drive Matthew all over for swimming including across town to Crawfish Aquatics where Matthew trains year round."

The swim team concluded their season with their banquet on Dec. 2. Anyone interested in joining the swim team for next year should contact Coach Osborne by calling Central High School or emailing him at sosborne@centralcss.org.

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Central High School Girls Soccer

2014-2015 Schedule

Dec. 19	Denhm Spgs*	A	6 p.m.
26	Holiday Cup	A	2 p.m.
	V 2, 5:15, JV 4,		7:45 p.m.
27	Holiday Cub	A	9 a.m.
	JV 11:30 a.m.		
Jan. 3	Ascension Ep.	A	12n
6	Hammond	H	6 p.m.
9	Live Oak*	H	6 p.m.
13	Zachary*	A	6 p.m.
16	Walker*	A	6 p.m.
20	Denhm Spgs*	H	6 p.m.
23	Woodlawn	H	6 p.m.
26	Ascension Ep.	H	6 p.m.
29	W. Feliciana	A	6 p.m.

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Central High School Boys Soccer

2014-2015 Schedule

Dec. 19	Broadmoor*	H	6 p.m.
26	Holiday Cup**	A	TBA
27	Holiday Cup**	A	TBA
Jan. 5	St. Michael*	H	6 p.m.
7	Live Oak*	H	6 p.m.
9	Broadmoor*	A	6 p.m.
14	Walker*	A	6 p.m.
16	Zachary*	H	6 p.m.
21	Live Oak*	A	6 p.m.
23	Denham Spgs*	A	6 p.m.

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Central High Wrestling

2014-2015 Schedule

Dec. 20	Zachary*	A	9 p.m.
22-23	Camp at CHS	H	10 p.m.
26-27	Holiday Classic*	A	9 p.m.
	Evangel, Shreveport		
29	Camp at CHS	H	10 p.m.
30	Camp at CHS	H	12n
Jan. 7	East Ascension	A	6 p.m.
10	Parkway D2*	A	9 p.m.
14	Baton Rouge	H	6 p.m.
16	LA Classic*	A	3:30
17	LA Classic*	A	9 a.m.
24	Live Oak	A	9 p.m.
28	St. Amant	A	6 p.m.
30	Ken Cole*	A	12n
	Comeaux High		
31	Ken Cole*	A	9 a.m.
Feb. 6	City*	A	5 p.m.
	Brusly High		
7	City*	A	9 a.m.
14	JV City*	A	9 a.m.
20-21	State Tourney*	A	8 a.m.

Asterick (*) indicates tournament

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