



HINSDALE CENTRAL

High School District 86

Good News Report to the BOE

Upcoming Events:

Thanksgiving Break

All Hinsdale Central students will be on Thanksgiving break next week. We are excited to have some time away from school that we can use to spend with family and friends.

Events

Spooky Spirit Week

Central had a Spooky Spirit Week the week before Halloween. There was a monster “cash” fundraiser and costume contest on Friday. There was also a pumpkin gutting contest, with the winner receiving caramel apples! A freshman said she loved participating in that. She also said it was definitely the “first time [she’d] ever gutted a pumpkin at school,” but that she would “happily do it again.”

State Dominance

The Red Devils were dominant at state! Central showed its #GRIT and character with a second place finish by boys cross country; a third place finish by girls cross country thanks to amazing races by Catie McCabe (14th) and Erin Milligan (42th); a second place finish for girls swimming and diving; and the 19th state championship for girls tennis.



National Honor Society

National Honor Society will have its next meeting on December 3 at 7:15 a.m. in the auditorium.

The members of the group will reflect on and discuss their Stuff the Truck event. They will also begin talking about their next initiative, which is a toy drive.

Club & Activities Yearbook Pictures

El Diablo, which is Central's yearbook, took all the club and activities photos in the auditorium November 1-2. Clubs from Microfinance to Business Professionals of America came down at different times during the day to say "cheese" (under a mask, of course) and represent their respective activity.



Day of Service

On November 30, students from various clubs and sports teams participated in Central's annual day of service! There were a variety of activities on this day, including opportunities to volunteer at the Hanson Center. A sophomore said she appreciated being able to help the community and support her club at the same time.

Sports

Girls Tennis

As mentioned earlier in the report, girls tennis continued its dominance at the state tournament by taking home the championship for the 19th time.

Questions?

*Feel free to reach
out to me if you
have any
questions about
events at
Hinsdale Central!*

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GO RED DEVILS!

Boys Bowling

The Red Devils were the Bronze division team runner-up at the 8th Annual Baker Kick-off in Lisle on November 6. Senior Luke Speziale was the team's MVP.

Girls Cheerleading and Poms

The cheerleaders and pommers provided some pep and spirit during the playoff football game on Saturday, October 30.

Cross Country

The boys and girls cross country teams had incredibly successful state tournaments. The boys took second place at the event behind another strong performance by Daniel Watcke, who won the championship at sectionals. The girls finished in third and two runners placed in the top 50. This was the first time in school history that both teams won hardware at state.



Boys Football

The boys football team won its playoff game on October 30 by a score of 41-15! The game ended with a great touchdown by William Cernugel.

Girls Swim and Dive

In addition to its impressive showing at state referenced above, the girls swimming and diving team won its sectional championship on November 6. Kayla Teuscher, Kit Schneider, Sydney Akers, Burley Bokos, Caroline Kramer, Lauren Biegel, Phoebe Paarlberg and Haley Dynis were among those who qualified for state.



Clubs/Activities

Devils' Advocate

Devils' Advocate dropped its 100th issue on October 31! It covered September through October, and was packed with information about events such as homecoming and stories about how students from Central are dealing with their stressors. It was celebrated with a 'drop day' and a senior said it was a great team bonding experience.

National Honor Society

NHS had its big "Stuff the Truck" event on November 5! All the items collected (e.g., canned food, personal care items, diapers, etc.) were donated to the People's Resource Center. An NHS senior said the event was "super successful" and provided a great opportunity to give back.

Business Professionals of America

BPA also participated in the "Stuff the Truck" initiative on November 5. The event lasted from 3:20-5:30 p.m., and many students from BPA stopped by to make donations and show their support.

Peer Buddies

Peer Buddies went trick or treating on Halloween! They met in front of the Hinsdale Public Library and then walked around Hinsdale. There were ice monsters, fairies, and two people even dressed up as a peanut butter and jelly sandwich!

Student Council

The members of Student Council are planning activities for the months of November and December that include hot chocolate Fridays! They had students fill out paper “leaves” with things they are grateful for that were displayed in the cafeteria! They also planned a successful fundraiser at MOD pizza on November 11 from 10:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.

**Hinsdale Central Drama**

HC Drama performed its new play All Together Now! This was the group's third live musical production since spring of 2019! It featured songs from sixteen different Broadway musicals. The show times were Friday, November 12, at 7 p.m. and Saturday, November 13, at 5 p.m. Tickets were available at the box office, but were free with activities pass.

Forensics

Forensics had its first tournament on November 6 at York High School. Central ended up getting first place at the event! There were also a number of great individual performances, including Tess McCardle's first place finish in Original Comedy. What a great start to the season!

Microfinance

Microfinance has continued donating to various under-resourced entrepreneurs around the world using the platform Kiva, which is a nonprofit organization. The group participated in the Day of Service on November 30.

Student Concerns

Finals

This unprecedented time has raised questions among students about finals, including if/how they will be conducted this year. I talked with a senior who said finals have only brought her grade down, something she doesn't expect to be any different this year. A freshman said he feels very scared and unprepared for dealing with finals, and hopes they are made optional or at least modified. On the other hand, another senior said finals have helped her move a grade that was on the border. In any case, finals are currently slated to take place after winter break and are mandatory for all classes and grades.

Devilish Deals

Hinsdale Central's New Devilish Deals seem to be very popular! I talked to a freshman who said he gets it every day and has started looking forward to it every lunch period. His favorite item so far has been the hamburgers. A sophomore said she really appreciates being able to choose what she wants to eat because it allows her to make sure she likes what she's getting. Personally, I really like the Devilish Deal. I've gotten it a couple times and have enjoyed it every time. The corn dog is a 10/10 in my books!

