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Class of 2009

The 94th Annual Commencement Exercises for Wartburg Central will be held Saturday, May 16, beginning at 10:30 a.m. in the Dallas R. Davis Gymnasium. A record number of graduates—123—will walk across the stage and receive their diplomas.

Leading the class academically are 12 valedictorians and 1 salutatorian. Named as valedictorians are: Lauren Byrd, Philip Daugherty, Anna Freels, Adam Griffith, Renee Hopper, Josh Kidd, Shawn Langley, Lindsay Nichols, Joe Norris, Sarah Spence, Jake Teague, and Daniel Thomas. Graduating as salutatorian is Dustin Hardwick.

Several students in this graduating class took advantage of the recent opening of the Morgan County branch of Roane State that opened recently by enrolling in college courses. Approximately 25% of the students in this class will graduate from high school having already earned college credit. Over 60 courses were taken by these seniors. Courses taken include: English Comp I and II, sociology, psychology, art appreciation, public speaking, chemistry, technology essentials, and Intro to Education,

Congratulations to these seniors and their families!

Environmental Science Class Visits Heraeus

Coach Shoemaker's Environmental Science Class took a short field trip to the Heraeus Metal Processing Plant in Wartburg. The focus of the trip was to observe the environmental practices and safeguards used in industry to prevent pollution from reaching the environment.

Twenty-seven students departed Central High School and made the short bus ride to the Heraeus plant. First, they went into the employee training center and were given an overview of plant operations and the environmental safeguards that are in place. Then the students were divided into two groups and taken on plant tours to see firsthand the environmental systems and plant operations. The tour was then concluded with a short question and answer session.

The students came away from the field trip with a greater appreciation of the steps businesses need to take to become good stewards of the environment. Coach Shoemaker would like to thank Dan West and his staff for hosting his students and sharing their environmental practices. It was a great experience for our students.



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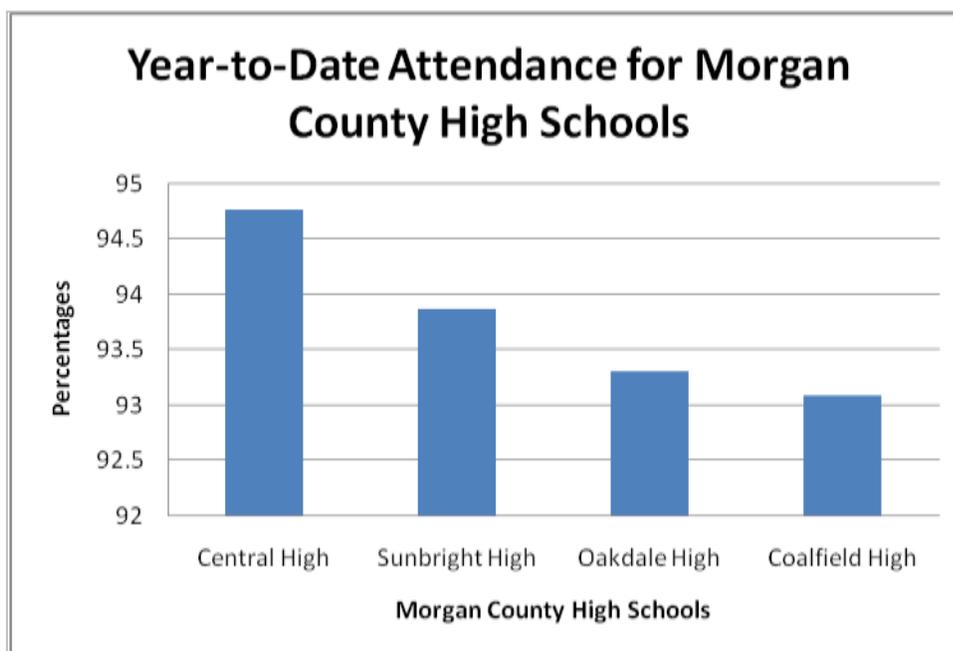
Attendance Figures

Joe Layne, Attendance/Graduation Coach

Statistics have shown that attendance in school is the number one determining factor in student success rates. The student who is frequently absent is much more likely to be retained a grade in school and/or become a dropout. Conversely, the student who has a good attendance rate increases his or her odds of graduation immensely. Simply put: those who show up at school are more likely to have successful educational careers.

Consequently, there is good news in Morgan County Schools regarding attendance. Wartburg Central High School is currently in the lead of all other Morgan County high schools regarding attendance rate. The year-to-date total for attendance at Central High is 94.76%. The attendance rates for the other high schools in the county are as follows: Sunbright—93.86%; Oakdale—93.3%; and Coalfield—93.08%. Also, Central High's year-to-date total is up from last year's rate at this time of year to 94.07%.

All of these figures are very good, and the students, parents, teachers, and administrators should be commended for their hard work toward good school attendance.



Attention Students!

If you will need a driver's permit form for the summer of 2009, you need to sign up in the office by Wednesday, May 13. Permit forms will be good until we return to school in August. No permit forms can be obtained after May 20, 2009. These dates are set by the State of Tennessee Department of Transportation.



Bulldog Football News

Spring Practice

Spring practice began for the 2009 Wartburg Central Bulldog Football team on April 30. During that time, the squad worked on their fundamentals as well as made improvements to their offensive and defensive system. Head coach Dan Shoemaker said the team had some good, tough scrimmage sessions with some very productive practices. Spring practice will finish with a scrimmage at John R. Dillon field against Sequoyah High School on May 14 at 6 p.m. Come out and support the Bulldogs!!!

Spring Lift-a-Thon

On April 24 and 25, football players competed in the Spring Lift-a-Thon. Over 30 players competed in Bench Press, the Squat, the Power Clean, and the Incline Bench Press. Players got pledges per pound for the total number of pounds lifted. All funds raised will be used to make improvements to the strength and conditioning program.

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Four from CHS Attend 4-H Congress



Four CHS students attended 4-H Congress in Nashville this past March. Pictured with Representative John Mark Windle are Isaac Blakney, Brad Richardson, Marshall Lammel, and Wayne Smith.



Calendar of Events

Date	Event	
May	04-05 Cheerleading Clinic – See Mrs. Hudgins	
	05 8 th grade Parents' Meeting	
	05 Algebra Gateway Exam & English I End of Course Test	
	06 Cheerleading Try-outs	
	06 English II Gateway Exam	
	07 Biology Gateway Exam & U.S. History End of Course Test	
	07 MC21stCCLC Grant Extravaganza at CMS	
	07 Honor graduates practice for the Honors Assembly (10 a.m.)	
	08 Senior Honors Assembly – 8:35 a.m.	
	08 Last day to register for the June ACT	
	11 Locker Clean-out	
	11 Senior Exams – 3 rd & 4 th block	
	12 Senior Exams – 1 st & 2 nd block	
	12 Last day for Seniors	
	12 Academic Banquet	
	13 Last day to request a driver's permit form for the summer	
	14 Spring Football Scrimmage against Sequoyah – 6 p.m.	
	14 CHS Band Concert – 7 p.m.	
	14-16 Gateway Exams (given to students re-taking the exams only)	
	15 Baccalaureate – 7 p.m.	
	16 CHS Graduation – 10:30 a.m.	
	19 1 st & 3 rd Exams	
	20 2 nd & 4 th Exams	
	22 Last day of school – dismiss at 11 a.m.	
	June	12 Pick up DVD orders of Baccalaureate & Graduation
		13 ACT test given at ORHS or RSCC in Harriman
	August	10 School begins for the 2009-2010 school year (1/2 day)
12 First full day of school		

New website design to be unveiled!

Students in Mrs. Cross's **Web Design** class are putting the finishing touches on the new design for the school's website. Utilizing the latest in design techniques, the new website controls the formatting using Cascading Stylesheet commands. The new look will be unveiled the last week of school. Keep watching the website: <http://wchs.k12tn.net>



CHS Students Attend Academic Festival

Fifty-four CHS students went to Roane State Community College in Harriman to compete with students from 32 area schools in a variety of academic competitions on April 2 and 3. They walked away with five first-place medals, three seconds, and two thirds.

First place finishers were: Kellie Kidd – spreadsheet design, Leah Jenkins – word processing, Bryson Scruggs – chemistry essay/demonstration, the team of Raven Cross and Courtney Bolinger – qualitative analysis, and the team of Josh Uribe, Kadie Rose, Daniel Thomas, and Billy Burrell – WWW Programming. Second place finishers were: Matilda Lane – word processing, Chris Hellman – realistic fiction, and the team of Bethany Harlan, Jennifer Bush, Mikey McCormick, and Dustin Hardwick – WWW Programming. Third place finishers were the team of Chelsea Stewart and Alyssa Adkisson – Web Quest and the team of Lauren Bunch and Savannah Hines – pop dancing group.

Each student who placed in the top three was awarded points for his or her school. Sweepstakes trophies were awarded to the schools who earned the most points in Division AAA (70 or more participants) and Division AA (69 or fewer participants). Of the 32 schools participating, six were in Division AAA and 26 were in Division AA. First place in Division AA went to Cumberland County High. Second went to West High School in Knoxville, and third went to Central High of Morgan County! Congratulations to all of the students and teachers who were involved in this competition.



These CHS students placed first, second, or third in their respective competitions at the Roane State Academic Festival held April 3 in Harriman. Overall, CHS placed third in their division. Good job!!



French Students Write & Perform Skits

Students in Mrs. East's **French** classes have been presenting skits all in French that they wrote themselves . . . some very dramatic and others absolutely hilarious!

Shown below are students in 4th block having a birthday party while 3rd block students perform their *Wheel of Fortune* skit.



Academic Banquet Planned

The 2009 Academic Banquet will be held in the Central High Cafeteria on Tuesday, May 12, at 6:00. Seventy-two students will be recognized for outstanding achievement in the classroom. Recipients of the awards eat for free; but to help defray the expenses of the banquet, guests are asked to contribute \$5.00 at the door. The banquet is sponsored by the Renaissance Board.

Michelle Adkisson will speak about the partnership between Central High and the Morgan County Campus of Roane State Community College. Mr. Zandy Knox will be recognized as the CHS Teacher of the Year.



Tennessee Regional Envirothon

Four students from Central High recently traveled to Oneida and competed in the Tennessee Regional Envirothon. The competition is held every spring and is sponsored by the Cumberland Mountain Resource Conservation and Development Council. Winners of the regional event go on to participate at the national level.

This year, the event was held at Oneida City Park on April 9. A total of 13 groups from Scott, Morgan, and Anderson counties participated. The teams were tested in five natural resources areas including forestry, wildlife, soils, aquatics, and biodiversity. The CHS team did well in the aquatics and biodiversity sections and placed 7th overall.

Team members from CHS were Zachery Heidle, Jennifer Adams, Joe Campbell, and Travis May. Envirothon coaches were Jennifer Sexton and Duane Yeary.

This is the first time since 2005 that a team from CHS has competed. Now that we have some experienced team members and coaches, we hope to improve our score for next year!



Envirothon team members Travis May, Joe Campbell, Zach Heidle, and Jennifer Adams confer during one area of the competition.

Attention Seniors & Senior Parents!

The CHS Videography Department will be producing a 2 DVD set of Baccalaureate and Graduation for you to purchase. The set will also include senior pictures, youth pictures, and favorite memories of the Class of 2009.

The cost of the 2 DVD set is \$30. The DVD's may be purchased individually for \$20 each. Anyone wishing to purchase a DVD needs to fill out an order form (available in school office) and bring the form along with your payment to the CHS office.

Orders may also be placed the day of graduation in the gym lobby. Make checks payable to *CHS*. The completed DVD's will be available for you to pick up at Central High School on Friday, June 12, in the school office.



New Graduation Requirements for the Class of 2013

Graduation requirements are changing for students in the upcoming freshman class, the Class of 2013! State-mandated changes include additional courses in math, social studies, and physical education plus revised state tests.

Starting with the Class of 2013, all students graduating from Tennessee high schools will have passed 4 courses in math beginning with Algebra I. Students must have 3 credits of science including Biology, Chemistry, and Physics. Students must pass 3.5 credits in Social Studies: U.S. History, World History or Geography, Economics/U.S. Government, and Personal Finance. In addition, students must have 4 credits of English and 1.5 credits in Wellness/P.E. College bound students must continue to have 2 credits in the same foreign language and 1 credit in fine arts. Students may take electives that include Career & Technical courses or additional science, math, humanities, or fine arts courses.

During their four years at CHS, students in the Class of 2013 will take End of Course (EOC) Exams in 10 subjects. These EOC exams replace the current Gateway Exams.

Interested students may strive to be recognized as a Tennessee Scholar at graduation. To achieve this recognition, students must maintain a “C” average, have 95% or higher attendance, pass all exit exams, receive no “out of school” suspensions” and spend 40 hours in community service outside of school hours.



Contemporary Issues' Students Conduct Survey

How sharp are your social studies' skills? Do you remember when the Bill of Rights was ratified? Which Amendment gives us the right to bear arms? Mrs. Hudgin's **Contemporary Issues** students conducted a survey of high school students and adults asking some of these same questions. While only 12% of those surveyed knew when the Bill of Rights was ratified, 65% correctly answered the 2nd Amendment gives us the right to bear arms. Check your social studies skills by taking survey below: (*answers are on page 10*)

1. When was the Bill of Rights ratified?
 2. Which Amendment gives us the right to bear arms?
 3. According to the 3rd Amendment are you required to allow soldiers to stay in your house?
 4. Does the 4th Amendment allow police to search your house without a warrant?
 5. In what year was the 3rd Amendment ratified?
 6. Are all of our rights actually written out in the Constitution?
 7. How many Amendments are in the Bill of Rights?
 8. Does everyone have the right to bear arms?
 9. Is Freedom of Expression mentioned in the 1st Amendment?
 10. Which Amendment gives us the right to a speedy trial?
 11. When were the Bill of Rights passed?
 12. Which Amendment allows the right of privacy?
 13. Are the freedoms in the Bill of Rights absolute?
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CHS Court Players Present *Just Another High School Play*



The Central High Court Players presented *Just Another High School Play* by Bryan Starchman on Thursday night, April 30, and Friday, May 1, for students and faculty. The play told the story of a high school drama class who was deserted by their teacher on the night of the performance because none of them had been to rehearsals. Left on their own to run the show, the stage manager (Dustin Bonham) and the assistant director (Shawn Langley) led their class through a series of theatrical performances, taking the audience on a wild journey of the history of theatre.

Other cast members included second-year students: Taleah Armes, Kadie Rose, and Matthew Stevens. First-year students were: Elizabeth Barnes, Lauren Bunch, Sarah Chilton, Rayne Henshaw, Tabitha Howard, Heather Hunter, Josh Jackson, Drew Jenkins, Miranda Jenkins, Megan Jones, Miranda Longmire, Courtney Melhorn, Brandon Rice, Bryson Scruggs, Ben Shoemaker, Chelsea Spurling, Leah Stevens, Ashton Taylor, Erika Trail, Josh Uribe, and Alisha Winegar. *Just Another High School Play* was presented by permission of Eldridge Publishing.

Parents . . .

If your student is in the 9th grade and you are interested in information about body mass index (bmi's), please call the school nurse, Nancy Hamby, at 346.6616.



CHS Renaissance Board Seeks Additional Members

The Central High School Renaissance Foundation was established in 1990 to raise funds and promote educational programs for Central High School and is seeking interested parents to become involved with Board activities.

At Renaissance Assemblies each semester, students are recognized based on academic achievements, attendance, and disciplinary records. A Gold card is awarded for a 4.0 GPA, a Silver card for a 3.75 to 3.99 GPA, and a Bronze card for a 3.5 to 3.74 GPA. Renaissance cards provide students with free admission to athletic events, discounts at area merchants, and early dismissal to lunch!

In the Fall, area businesses are invited to attend a Business Luncheon at Central High School prepared by Mrs. Howard's Foods & Nutrition class. Students and faculty members make presentations to familiarize community businesses with the current events of CHS and the Renaissance Foundation objectives.

In the Spring, the Renaissance Foundation hosts the Academic Banquet to recognize the brightest among the student body for their achievements. Students and parents enjoy dinner and fellowship, followed by awards presentations to students for exemplary work in the classroom.

The Renaissance Foundation sponsors college visits, student competition at Roane State Academic Festival, and trips to college fairs each fall. The Foundation promotes the partnership with Roane State Community College for dual credit and distance learning opportunities for CHS students. In the 2008-09 school year, CHS Seniors earned over 60 college credits!

The Foundation has partnered with the Imagination Library to put a Book-a-Month into the hands of Morgan County children under five years old. The Renaissance Foundation is operating as the fiscal agent, and thus far over 1000 children have been placed on the mailing list at no cost to their families.

The Renaissance Foundation is overseen by a Board of Directors made up of interested parents and community leaders who volunteer their time and expertise because they care. The CHS Renaissance Foundation is a tax-exempt entity and is operated solely by tax deductible contributions.

Meetings are held quarterly in the CHS Library. Watch the CHS Calendar for specific dates and times. All interested parents are encouraged to attend .

Contemporary Issues' Survey Results & Answers:

Correct Answers:

(1) December 15, 1791; (2) 2nd; (3) No; (4) No; (5) 1791; (6) No; (7) 10; (8) No; (9) No; (10) 6th; (11) September 25, 1789; (12) 4th; (13) No

Percentage of adults answering the question correctly:

(1) 13%; (2) 65%; (3) 87%; (4) 97%; (5) 12%; (6) 84%; (7) 81%; (8) 44%; (9) 40%; (10) 28%; (11) 12%; (12) 22%; (13) 64%





CHS Senior Earning College Credit *by*

*Owen Driskill, RSCC Coordinator of News **



Jerrica Green sometimes wonders what her senior year could have been like. "Everyone else is having fun, going to games," said Green, a senior at Central High School. "I'm at home doing my homework."

Green shelved a take-it-easy senior year for a regimen of dual studies courses through Roane State Community College. Dual studies courses allow high school students to earn college credit and high school credit at the same time.

When she graduates from high school, Green will have finished 23 hours of college credit, almost a full freshman year of classes. Except for a few subjects, she has taken the courses at Roane State's Morgan County campus.

"I have my goals, and I wanted to go ahead and start," said Green, who began taking dual studies classes last summer. "I plan on becoming an anesthesiologist." About 30 high school students are taking dual studies classes at the Morgan County campus, and interest in dual studies is growing.

"The close proximity of the Roane State Morgan County campus has provided new opportunities for Central High School students," said Assistant Principal Carol Engebretson. "We are very proud of the 2009 graduates who have taken advantage of the dual credit program, and we plan to promote Roane State's fall course offerings in the spring registration process for our upcoming juniors and seniors."

Green's courses have included chemistry, sociology, anthropology, English and college algebra. She loves the chemistry classes taught by Dr. Ron Sternfels. "He always tells us about the lessons he's learned in his chemistry career," she said.

English is not Green's strongest subject, and she's glad to have the opportunity to complete college English requirements while she's still close to home. She's also getting a strong foundation in the subject she loves – chemistry – without having to navigate the hundred-student classes common at big universities. "It's a lot of responsibility, which makes me excited," Green said.

Green plans to enroll at Roane State in the fall, stay for one year, and then go to the University of Tennessee. She estimates that becoming an anesthesiologist will take about six years at UT. Thanks to her dual studies courses, though, she's reduced the amount of time she'll be in college. "It's been great to have this here," she said of the Morgan County campus. "It's so close to home."

For more information, call the Morgan County campus at (423) 346-8700 or toll free at 1-866-GO2-RSCC (1-866-462-7722), ext. 4664.

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Summer Reading Requirements for Advanced English

Students who signed up for Advanced English I, II, and III next school year are reminded about the summer reading assignments. Detailed information about the books and the assignments will be on the CHS website during the summer.

If you do NOT complete the reading or the assignments, please notify the school office so you can be placed in regular English. Waiting until school begins to do this may result in your taking some unwanted courses!