

COLUMBIA CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

JV/VARSITY VOLLEYBALL TRYOUT INFORMATION

August 10th, 11th and 12th 3:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Attributes we look for are:

- **The attitude of the player** (towards self, coach, team, family, school)
- **The heart of the player** (passion, compassion, enthusiasm, loyalty, cooperation)
- **The drive of the player** (assertiveness, intentness, alertness, confidence)
- **The communication of the player** (with self, coach, team, family)
- **The condition of the player** (physically and mentally)



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Coaches Comments - Winter / Spring Season

Boys Basketball

The 2010-11 boys basketball team was very competitive this past season posting a respectable 7-5 record in SMAA play with 13 wins overall. This was good enough for a third place finish in their conference and was the most wins by any team since 1998. Captain Zach Braman who was a three-time All-Conference player led the Golden Eagles. With only three seniors the team utilized a deep bench and was one of the most versatile and dangerous teams in the SMAA.

Girls Basketball

The 2010-11 girls basketball team had a dream season that ended with a heartbreaking loss to Olivet in district play. After a slow start by their standards, the girls rattled off 11 victories in a row, were unbeaten in SMAA play, and finished with a 17-4 record. Victoria McBean and Emily White were named **First Team All-Conference**. McBean also earned **First Team All-Area** by the Jackson Citizen Patriot as well as **special mention All-State** and **Academic All-State**. This team worked extremely hard and helped raise the standard for future teams.

Wrestling

With inexperience and injuries plaguing the 2010-11 wrestling program the cards were stacked against this year's squad. Unwilling to accept excuses though, the Golden Eagle wrestlers relied on relentless determination, hard work, and belief in each other to achieve their goals. Led by Captains Jared Grandy, Zach Boone, and Ken Stamper, the teams finished well in several invitational meets and had 7 champions at the SMAA Tournament giving the Golden Eagles a share of the conference title. Grandy earned his second All-State title.

Competitive Cheer

This year's Competitive Cheer team showed the ability to constantly improve and work harder every day towards their goals. The Lady Eagles finished the season with a school record 736.1580. The girls finished as SMAA conference champions, district runner-ups, and placed fifth in regional competition. **First Team All-Conference** and **First Team All-District** members include Celsey Robinette, Morgan Snook, Tasha Green, and Emily Savage. Savage earned **First Team All-Region** honors.

Track

Senior David Scouten (at right) defended his Division 3 State Championship in both the discus and the shot put, tying a record along the way. Columbia Central finished eighth with 22 points.

Girls Soccer

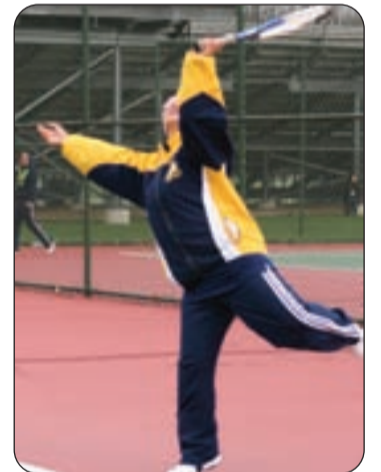
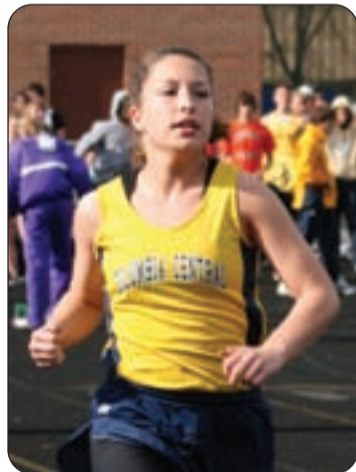
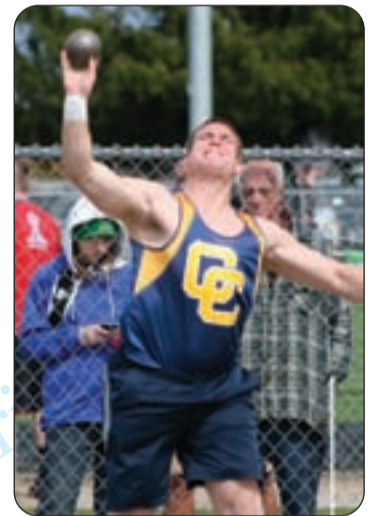
Lauren Ford scored the last of four goals in a shootout to give the Golden Eagles a 2-1 victory in the Division 3 district final, winning its first district championship since 2004.

Boys Golf

This season's boy's golf team has accomplished several of the goals it set out to do. With an experienced team consisting of 5 seniors and 1 sophomore, they set lofty goals. First and foremost was winning the conference championship which was accomplished for the first time since 1999. Secondly, was advancing through the District tourney and playing for the Regional tourney. We came second in the Western Invitational (18 team field). Three **first team all-conference** players: Lucas Elrod, Matt Messerly, Pete Zeiger and two **second team all-conference** players: Connor Ford, Tyler Callahan.

Softball

Conference Champs again. 66 games in a row. We won the Hanover Horton Tourney and finished 2nd in the Cit Pat. Lost in the Semi's in the districts to Christi. **All Conference:** Lauren Miller, Celsey Robinette, Heather Schwyn, Kate Hinkle, Sophie Miller & Payge Reed, **2nd Team All Conference:** Haley Folts & Kamil Lawrence, **All District:** Lauren Miller, Sophie Miller & Heather Schwyn



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New York, New York

Article By Senior Student Lindsey Hardcastle

On Wednesday the 12th of January, 14 outstanding students, 11 caring chaperones, and one remarkable anatomy teacher boarded flight 316 to the Big Apple for a trip of a lifetime. With the help of the great community that surrounds us, the Independent Anatomy Class of Columbia Central High School had the incredible opportunity to take a class trip to New York City. With the student's hard work and dedication they raised enough money to make the trip affordable for all. As soon as they landed in New York's La Guardia Airport they wasted no time. Hitching a ride with the "Six Stars of New York" transportation service the students got to experience the extreme driving of NYC. After being checked into their beautiful hotel they headed to Ground Zero. They walked through the Tribute WTC Visitor Center where they read personal stories and authentic experiences of members of the World Trade Center community who recounted the events of February 26, 1993 and September 11, 2001. Lastly they visited the 9/11 memorial preview site where they got to view the real time images of the construction progress, site plans, and architectural models. Throughout the day everyone was hit with the reality of this tragic event, and it became difficult to fight back the tears. After exploring the lights of Times Square the class came together for a trip up to the top of the empire state building where they got to view the Big Apple on the 86th floor observatory. The 1,050 feet high view was breathtaking and unforgettable ending their night perfectly. The focal point of this trip was the American Museum of Natural History where the class was enriched with American culture and history. Their new brain exhibit put the icing on the cake as the class got to read a roomful of information about the human brain and its thoughts, senses, and feelings. In the end the students got a deeper look on how the brain functions. For example amygdale is a chemical that makes sure that highly emotional moments are burned into the memory forever. This kind of unique information will definitely benefit them in their future anatomy classes. As a reward the class got dressed in their finest attire and went to the restaurant Thalia where they experienced a scrumptious gourmet meal. The class ended their night with the musical *Wicked*. It was amazing and mind blowing. "At the end of the musical my mom saw that I was crying and handed me a tissue. I looked down the row to see four more students doing the same thing, that's how good it was," Lindsey Hardcastle said. The last day in New York the students woke up bright and early and dressed in their lime green I ♥ New York shirts and strolled down to the NBC studio with hopes of making an appearance on the Today Show. After hours of waiting in the freezing cold they all finally made it on TV jumping for joy behind the famous Meredith Vieira, Ann Curry, and Al Roker. It was absolutely a once in a life time experience and it surely wouldn't have been possible without the wonderful sponsors that helped them get there. Teacher, and Chaperone Jennifer VanWagnen also agrees that this trip could not have been beat. "Throughout my whole teaching career I've been able to experience a lot of amazing things but this trip, with this group of people, was by far the most memorable experience I have ever had, and I'll never forget it," she said. The Independent Anatomy Class hopes this amazing trip is a motivation to other classes and schools to reach out and make their dreams come true just like they did; it's something you will never regret. Ms. Jennifer VanWagnen and the fourteen students who went to New York would like to thank the following sponsors for their generous support: Yes Sir E Bob, Town & Country, Taylor Marie Fisher Memorial Fund, CSD, Dr. Lynn and Bonnie VanWagnen, Irish Hills Eagles, Applegate, Inc., The Buffalo Ranch, Brooklyn Barber, Muse Photography, Extreme Dodge, Modern Waste Systems, Curves, Hawkeyes, Gentle Dental, Extreme Tan, Dr. Matthew Logan, D.D.S., Dr. Jeffrey Stickney, D.O., Modern Machine Tool Co., Cutting Concepts



Over Engineered

Several students from Ms. Kim Samson's engineering class took the task of watering a plant and made it more complex. The team spent literally thousands of man-hours to build a machine that performs a very simple task in a complex fashion often working after school and some Saturdays. The giant machine, that had a medieval theme, was then loaded onto a trailer and taken to the Rube Goldberg contest at Ferris State University to show off the contraption of pulleys, ball bearings, hammers, and several other implements. Their hard work paid off as the team finished in second place, much to the delight of the students. Rube Goldberg was a cartoonist whose work often pictured gadgets that were complex or confusing in nature yet performed very simple tasks. An example would be the popular children's game Mouse Trap.



Meet Me in St. Louis

The Columbia Performing Arts theatre company showcased the musical *Meet Me in St. Louis* this past spring to a delighted crowd. Based on the movie starring Judy Garland, the story revolves around the Smith family and their anticipation of the wonders the 1904 World's Fair will bring. Often called the best musical of all time, the story uses love and respect, often curbed by humor, to bring the audiences back to a special time. "I loved the storyline because the family was very happy," said senior student Lauren Miller who played Mrs. Smith. Hard work and dedication from the cast paid off with excellent performances during the show's run. "We practiced every night for at least two hours for two months," stated Lauren, "When it's finally over it's really rewarding because you get a sense it was a success," she said.



"Message from the Principal" - Mr. Dave Slusher

We're about to close the books on the 2010-11 school year, and bid farewell to one of the most successful graduating classes Columbia Central High School has ever known. It's been a fine year for all; students, athletes, coaches, staff, and administration have enjoyed positive, meaningful growth. **Advanced Placement:** Our high school curriculum is second to none; advanced placement classes offer students opportunities to gain many college credits while still in high school; A.P. world history, A.P. chemistry, and advanced anatomy will be added for the 2011-12 school year. More than half our students graduate with honors. A "weighted grading" system encourages students to approach the stronger demands of the curriculum; this has lifted our scores on state mandated tests. We've maintained a strong commitment to "Failure Is Not an Option"; after school recovery classes and summer school are always available. The "Character Counts" program is supported by staff and administration; bullying and harassment are simply not allowed to exist. Students are encouraged to move forward with positive character traits and engage in community service. **Special assemblies** are offered to encourage students to resist negative enticements. The annual "student forum," presented by the leadership class, provided professionals to address many contemporary adolescent concerns. **Communications' Camp:** Ten students from each grade attend a three day retreat to create strategies for improved relations at school. This program is supervised by a licensed psychologist and Columbia staff. **Safety:** We take the greatest pride in making our building a "safe haven" for all; students and staff wear lanyards and identification, we have a "closed campus" (visitation is limited), and a full time liaison officer. Sixteen cameras monitor student activities, both inside and outside the building. We take a strong approach toward discrimination and harassment. **Music/Drama:** We have great participation by our students; band, choir, percussion, and spring musicals are great sources of pride. **Athletics:** An exemplary athletic department mandates good sportsmanship, teamwork, and healthy competitive spirit; more than half our students are involved, some in three sports. We move toward the new school year with much enthusiasm; 2011-12 will offer many fine academic, athletics, and personal growth opportunities for all our students, CCHS remains a great place to learn and grow.

Columbia's Art Gallery



featuring
Seniors
Zach
Ravert
and
Ben
Edwards

CLASS OF 2011 TOP STUDENTS



Valedictorian
Meghan Jordan

Plans to attend Grand Valley State University
Parents: Mike and Lisa Jordan



Salutatorian
Mackenzie Jordan

Plans to attend Michigan Technological University
Parents: Mike and Lisa Jordan

- Marissa Matthews**
Plans to attend the University of Michigan
- Lauren Ford**
Plans to attend Michigan State University
- Audrie Bielskis**
Plans to attend Michigan State University
- David Scouten**
Plans to attend Liberty University
- Angela Damato**
Plans to attend the University of Michigan
- Jacob Zaszcurynski**
Plans to attend the University of Michigan
- Maranda Miller**
Plans to attend the University of Michigan
- Melissa Koch**
Plans to attend Lake Superior State University
- Jeffrey Lindeman**
Plans to attend University of Michigan

SENIOR SCHOLARSHIPS

- Male Sportsmanship Award and Scholarship** - Zachary Braman
- Female Sportsmanship Award and Scholarship** - Meghan Jordon, Victoria McBean
- Johnson Memorial Scholarship for Male Athlete of the Year** - David Scouten
- Bailey Memorial Scholarship for Female Athletes of the Year** - Mackenzie Jordon, Emily White
- Tripp's Auto Shop & JTV's Female Athlete of the Year** - Victoria McBean
- Columbia Athletic Boosters Club Grant**: Ryan Campbell, Lindsey Hardcastle, Victoria McBean, Lucas Elrod, Mackenzie Jordon, Heather Schwyn, Meghan Jordon, Morgan Snook
- Greg Hill Memorial Scholarship** - Zachary Ravert
- Local Scholarships**
 - American Red Cross** - Lauren Ford, Lauren Miller, & Victoria McBean
 - Brooklyn-Irish Hills Chamber of Commerce** - Hannah Derr
 - Brooklyn Kiwanis** - Ryan Campbell, Angela Damato, & Andrew Pursley
 - Brooklyn Masonic Lodge** - Ryan Campbell, Jeff Lindeman, & Maranda Miller
 - Carl Linenfelser Memorial Scholarship** - Andrew Andonian, Ryan Campbell, Austin Elrod, Lauren Ford, Sarah Goodwin, Victoria McBean, Damon Messer, Lauren Miller, Andrew Purlsey, Bridgett Rebbeck, Emily Williams, & Peter Zeiger
 - Carrols Burger King Community Scholarship** - Lindsey Hardcastle
 - Clarklake Lions Scholarship** - Lauren Ford, Lauren Miller
 - Columbia Education Association Scholarship** - Lindsey Hardcastle, Marissa Matthews, & Heather Schwyn
 - Disbrow Memorial Scholarship** - Meghan Jordon, Mackenzie Jordon, & Marissa Matthews
- The Educational Foundation for Columbia Schools - Foundation Scholarship**: Audrey Bielskis, Angela Damato, Lindsey Hardcastle, Meghan Jordon, Marissa Matthews, Bridgett Rebbeck, Heather Schwyn, & David Scouten
- The Steinhoff Scholarship** - Maranda Miller
- Judy Horning Memorial Scholarship** - Lindsey Hardcastle
- Mary B. Neely Endowment** - Bridgett Rebbeck
- Kevin Kennedy Scholarship** - Austin Cascarelli, Taylor Morse
- The Jeremy Knickerbocker Scholarship** - Bridgett Rebbeck
- Vesta Rothfuss Memorial Scholarship** - Celsey Robinette
- James R. Swain Memorial Scholarship** - Marissa Matthews
- Irish Hills Eagles 3689** - Andrew Andonian, Ryan Campbell, Matthew Messerly, Damon Messer, Zachary Wagoner, & Jacob Zaszcurynski
- Jackson County Association of Retired School Personnel** - Lindsey Hardcastle
- Mark David Omo Memorial Scholarship Award** - Emily Williams
- Mark Edwards Memorial Scholarships** - Lindsey Hardcastle, Jeff Lindeman, & Andrew Purlsey
- Thomas McCourtie Memorial Scholarship** - Sarah Goodwin, Jeff Lindeman, Taylor Morse, & Bridgett Rebbeck
- College Scholarships**
 - Alma College - Dean's Scholarship** - Lindsey Hardcastle
 - Calvin College - Heart & Hand Scholarship Award** - Lindsey Hardcastle
 - Central Michigan University - Board of Trustees Honors Scholarship** - Zacary Garcia
 - Central Michigan University - Board of Trustees Honors Award** - Samantha Perry & Andrew Pursley
 - Grand Valley State University - Award for Excellence** - Angela Damato & Hannah Derr
 - Grand Valley State University - Laker Scholarship** - Lauren Ford & Meaghan Jones
 - Grand Valley State University - Award for Excellence** - Meghan Jordon, Jeffrey Lindeman, Marissa Matthews & Hailey Miller
 - Award of Distinctive Faculty Scholarship** - Meghan Jordon
 - Ferris State University - President's Scholarship** - Jonathan Howard
 - Ferris State University - Ferris Achievement Scholarship** - Matthew Messerly
 - Ferris State University - Ferris Achievement Resident Hall Bonus - 4** - Matthew Messerly
 - Hope College** - Alumni Honors Scholarship - Lauren Ford
 - Jackson Community College - Academic Scholarship** - Lauren Miller
 - Northern Michigan University - Certificate of Merit** - Hailey Miller
 - Siena Heights University - Academic scholarship** - Victoria McBean
 - University of Findlay - Dean's Scholarship** - Heather Schwyn

Honor Roll

- 6TH GRADE**
 - Dayton Ashby
 - Hailey Beyer*
 - Emily Bickel
 - Joshua Brighton
 - Paige Cann
 - Victoria Canter
 - Rebekah Carlisle
 - Jeffrey Chau
 - Mackenzi Collins*
 - Maria Cook*
 - Tydeus Crouse
 - Carson Crowell
 - Sean Curtis
 - Cameron Daniels*
 - Emma DeBaeke
 - Emily DeBolt
 - Hailey Dickens*
 - Dakota Diefenthaler
 - Hayley Diefenthaler
 - Colton Duvall
 - Cole Ellison
 - Cami Emerson
 - Austyn Good
 - Cody Gragg
 - Zachary Hissong
 - James Holcombe
 - Mikayla Hulbert
 - Alysha Johnson
 - Tyler Johnson
 - Emily Kelleher
 - Ryleigh Lena
 - Sean Leppert
 - Michael Low
 - Seth Maloney
 - Hunter Martin
 - Justin Midena
 - Janay Miller
 - Courtney Montague*
 - Michael Mosson
 - Alyssa Pluta*
 - Dameon Rhoads
 - Blaik Ronders
 - Emily Salsbury
 - Tara Schatzle*
 - Jacobzen Stahl
 - Sophia Stahl
 - Alexa Tackett
 - Alexis Torres
 - Bryce Vandenburg
 - Alexander Wallace
 - Mackenzzy Wenzlick
 - Justin Yost
- 7TH GRADE**
 - Gavin Baker
 - Alexis Barlow
 - Ashlee Bartlett
 - Julius Bass
 - Cody Benfant
 - Regan Bernstein
 - Nathan Bielskis
 - Thomas Bull
 - Brennan Burk
 - Jessica Burke
 - Caitlin Center
 - Andrew Church
 - Kylee Cochrane
 - My'Lynn Conner
 - Samantha Daglow
 - Jeremiah Dixon
 - Zachary Dowd
 - Ian Elliott
 - Blake Erwin
 - Emily Felsner
 - Ethan Folts
 - Alexis Freed
 - Dylan Gray
 - Donald Hagar
 - Jared Hagerty
 - Austin Hall
 - Isaak Hamann
 - Michael Harden
 - Alexandria Harwood
 - Brooklyn Hawkins
 - Mackenzie Hogle*
 - Gabriel Howland
 - Heavenly James
 - Samantha Jedele
 - Hunter Jeffreys
 - Madison Jones
 - Cole Kelly
 - Millicent Kemp
 - Scott Knaup
 - Kennedy Koebbe
 - Rynae Mahoney
 - Jordan Marcero
 - Tyler Marquardt
 - Hunter Marsh
 - Elizabeth McCabe
 - Madalyn McEldowney
 - Meghan Mellinger
 - Sarah Miles
- 8TH GRADE**
 - Jacquylyne Ali
 - Stephanie Baltrus
 - Cheyenne Brenner
 - Cheyenne Breton
 - Matthew Bundas
 - Jacqueline Byron
 - Allison Cherry
 - Tyler Childers
 - Olivia Church
 - Megan Clemons
 - Brittany Conine
 - Maurice Conner
 - Michael Cook
 - Melissa Cooley
 - Hannah Cratsenburg
 - Hannah Creech
 - Alex Debeer
 - Andrew Dickens
 - Jordan Diefenthaler
 - Danielle Eastman
 - Jessica Elliott
 - Kailynn Fielding
 - Anthony Fierro
 - Matthew Fisher
 - Lucas Foust
 - Madison Friday
 - Holly Gammon
 - Madeline Gazarek
 - Cara Guernsey
 - Brett Hamilton
 - Kylie Heckaman*
 - Levi Herbig
 - Brandon,Herzberg
 - Garrit Hotchkiss
 - Leighanna Hutchison
 - Taylor Klink
 - Samantha Knox
 - Koral Lavasseur
 - Grace Lindeman*
 - Ty Liogghio
 - Julia Lum
 - Nicholas Malacinski
 - William Marquardt
 - Haley Martin
 - Shaylea McCabe
 - Connor McGuire
 - Zach Messerly
 - Ariel Miller*
 - Nicholas Monge
 - Brandon Moore
 - Nathaniel Neves
 - Ashley Palmer
 - Krystopher Peterson
 - Sydney Poulson
 - Trevor Powell*
 - Kyle Prendel
 - Trenton Quigley
 - Kaylie Rickert*
 - Lucas Rudd*
 - Nathaniel Salsbury
 - Todd Sanfilippo
 - Cody Schaub
 - Kendall Schissler*
 - Racquel Schwyn
 - Jonathan Scouten
 - Dylan Shaw*
 - Ashleigh Shay
 - John Shelton
 - Aerielle Simmons
 - Brett Smaga*
 - Miya Small
 - Cheyenne Smith
 - Cameron Snow*
- 9TH GRADE**
 - Gretchen Bair
 - Erik Bowerman
 - Dustin Commet
 - Jacob Crawford
 - Chase Creps
 - Madison Currie
 - Joseph Eastman
 - Erik Gammon
 - Rebeka Green
 - Kaitlin Hagerty
 - Madison Hasseman
 - Jesilyn Holdridge*
 - Madalyn Holzapfel
 - Kristina Howland
 - Alexandria Huddleston
 - Autumn Jenness
 - Tucker Kik
 - Dylan Koch
 - Westin Lane
 - Joshua Leppert
 - Cindy Lu
 - Scott McCormick*
 - Katherine McLaury
 - Monica Messerly
 - Alicia Miller
 - Sophie Miller
 - Ashleigh Morea
 - Madelynn Ostrander
 - Carly Petersen
 - Payge Reed
 - Joshua Rule
 - Tracey Rumpfelt
 - Ryan Schatzle
 - Mark Schissler Jr*
 - Dayne Shaw
 - Katlynn Short
 - Collin Skonieski
 - Ryan Smith
 - Shelbey Smith
 - Michael Smither
 - Cody Taylor
 - Zachary Taylor
 - John Votzke
 - Keith Warner
 - Scott Weatherwax
 - Nicholas Wisniewski
 - Nicole Yonkers
 - Yue Angel Yuan*
- 10TH GRADE**
 - Breanna Ahern
 - Arianna Anderson
 - Joshua Angles
 - Lorenzo Arce
 - Tre'bion Bembry
 - Dwight Blucher
 - Sarah Blumhardt*
 - Riley Boyers
 - Hannah Butler
 - David Byron Jr
 - Joshua Callison
 - Andrew Cherry
 - Shelby Daglow
 - Daryn Davenport
 - Hailey Debeer
 - Jeffery Ebbert
 - Connor Ford
 - KayLee Geistel
 - Annie Gray
 - Krystopher Peterson
 - Katharyn Hogle
 - Jared Jarvis
 - Matthew Lane
 - Kamil Lawrence
 - Bradley Marshall
 - Nicole McCaig
 - Rebecca McComas
 - Ashley Pendley
 - Christian Reed
 - Shamus Rigby
 - Stephanie Smedley
 - Tyler Smith*
 - Alexander Snow
 - Jennifer Sterling
 - Patrick Stowers Schneider
 - Taylor Teeples
 - Amy Thomas
 - Ashley White
 - Kenneth Wielinski
 - E Alexander Witte
- 11TH GRADE**
 - Zachary Alger
 - Richard Bartlett II
 - Zachary Boone
 - Thomas Borck
 - Andrew Bundas
 - Bronson Bush
 - Jeremy Conley
 - Matthew Dermeyer
 - Raechal Earley
 - Tara Erwin
 - Karissa Gibson
 - Elenie Gilbert
 - Holly Gillespie
 - Brandy Graves*
 - Brooke Graves
 - Tasha Greene
 - Catherine Hinkle
 - Bradley Holzapfel
 - Abigail Hoover
 - Danyelle Hotchkiss
 - Autumn Johnson
 - Megan Jones
 - Autumn Lee
 - Meagan Lewandowski
 - Logan Matthews
 - Lucas McCloe*
 - Brianna Newton
 - Duyanh Nguyen
 - Joseph O'Connor
 - Megan Petersen
 - Matthew Plummer
 - Alexandra Rogers
 - Morgan Sanborn
 - Emily Savage
 - Jamie Schaub
 - Taylor Schlegel
 - Mackenzie Smaga
 - Hunter Stewart
 - Denton Votzke
 - Leah Wagle
 - Alexander Wesche
 - Lucas White
- 12TH GRADE**
 - Jassmyne Ali
 - Andrew Andonian
 - Audrie Bielskis
 - Janette Blucher
 - Samantha Bondy
 - Zachary Braman
 - Savannah Buchner
 - Austin Cascarelli
 - Matthew Cerveneck
 - Angela Damato
 - Hannah Derr
 - Austin Elrod
 - Lucas Elrod
 - Haley Folts
 - Kyle Folts
 - Lauren Ford
 - Zacary Garcia
 - Sarah Goodwin
 - Jared Grandy
 - Lindsey Hardcastle
 - Jonathan Howard*
 - Meaghan Jones
 - Mackenzie Jordon
 - Meghan Jordon*
 - Melissa Koch
 - Cassie Kreps
 - Nikolai Kuehn
 - Katelyn Kulinski
 - Jeffrey Lindeman
 - Darian Liogghio
 - Marissa Matthews
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 - Heather Schwyn
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 - Morgan Snook
 - Hailey Waldron
 - William Wheeler
 - Samuel White Jr.
 - Emily White*
 - Emily Williams
 - Krystal Yost
 - Jacob Zaszcurynski
 - Taylor Zaszcurynski
 - Peter Zeiger

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Eagle Athletes Soaring to Higher Education



Two Columbia Central graduates have signed a national letter of intent to play sports at the college level. Victoria McBean will play basketball at Sienna Heights University. The two-time All-Conference First-Team player in the SMAA is the current holder of several records at Columbia including assists in a game, season, and career. She also set the mark for three point baskets made in a season and career.

David Scouten signed a national letter of intent with Liberty University. Earlier this month, David successfully defended his Division 3 State Championship title in both discus and the shot put. Turning down offers from several other schools, David will use his athletic and academic scholarship to participate in track and field and pursue studies in criminal justice. He one day aspires to becoming an F.B.I. agent.

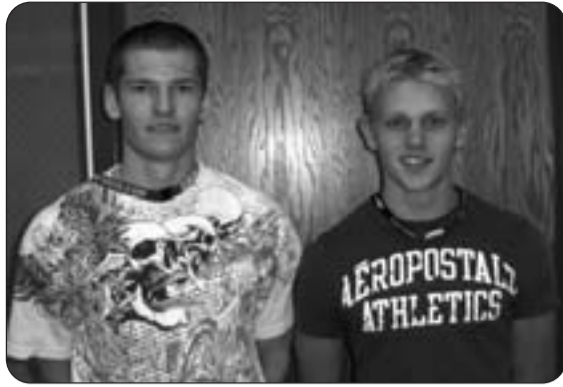


Somber Clarity

In January students from Ms. Julie Slusher's AP English class visited the Holocaust Memorial Center Zekelman Family Campus in Farmington Hills, Michigan. Executive Director, Stephen Goldman said, "This exhibit is an opportunity to get a glimpse of the life that went on under the most deplorable conditions in the Warsaw ghetto. Amidst starvation, degradation and death, the Jewish people tried to keep a semblance of daily normalcy and human dignity." Senior Pete Zeiger offered this assessment, "During this terrible time in history our tour guide showed us how Nazis treated the people and how unbearable their lives were. We were given a tour and shown many things about WWII. At one point we were able to go inside a cattle car and see how small they were, how unbearable travel was for the Jewish people." Jassmyne Till stated she "felt this was one of the most grounding experiences I have ever had the opportunity to be a part of...it helped me realize how grateful I am for my life and the gift of seeing my family every day." Bridgett Rebeck declared, "...reading an account of death camps is one thing, but hearing a survivor speak and seeing the pictures of his family was extremely powerful." The general consensus from the students was appreciation for the opportunity to see the exhibits and hear first hand from a survivor all that had been endured so they would remember to do their part so to ensure that this dreadful history never repeats itself.



CCHS MARCHING BAND CAMP
July 25th through July 29th
CMS Campus from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
 • PRE-BAND CAMP July 21 & 22 •
from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.



Honing Leadership Skills

Michigan Youth Leadership, or MYLead for short, is a non-profit organization for the purpose of developing leadership potential in the youth of Michigan. Columbia Central High School was proud to send as our school's representatives this year Alex Wesche, 11th grade student, and Leighton Uhl, 10th grade student. Sophomores from high schools throughout Michigan are invited to participate in this unique experience. Alex attended last year as an ambassador and was chosen to return this year as an alumni serving as a student mentor and to continue building his leadership skills. This year's conference was hosted by MSU and, as participants in this high-spirited, motivating conference, students had the opportunity to interact with community, business, and civic leaders from throughout Michigan. "This was such a great experience...the leadership skills were woven into the daily routine in such a way, you were not always aware they were being implemented," stated Leighton. Alex agreed and further explained, "After attending last year as an ambassador and now having the opportunity to return as alumni, I was able to see the process from both sides and how together they strengthen leadership." This opportunity is provided by the district for students to develop the ability necessary to become understanding and effective leaders of tomorrow.



Percussion Group Serves Up Breakfast

The Columbia Percussion members satisfied a hungry crowd at Columbia Middle School this past spring. The event was held to coincide with the annual Easter Egg Hunt and this year's chilly weather brought in numerous patrons inside to eat. "We had more people come in before the egg hunt this year than last year," said



Secretary for Columbia Percussion Ms. Dina Peek. Would-be egg hunters gobbled down pancakes and sausage and helped a good cause. "This small fundraiser helps the band with transportation and keeps us going," said eleventh grade student Jamie Schaub, "It makes me feel good that I can help out."



"Suggested Elementary Summer Reading"



Lisa Petersen - Director of Curriculum and Instruction

Lower Elementary:

Chrysanthemum by Kevin Henkes

Chrysanthemum loved her name...until she went to school. "I'm named after my grandmother," said Victoria. "You're named after a flower." Chrysanthemum wilted. Nothing got any better - until the students met their music teacher, Mrs. Delphinium Twinkle.

The Lion and the Mouse and Other Aesop Fables by Doris Orgel

Getting there is half the fun with this pair, and along the way Minnie and Moo pick up a busload of equally adventurous animal friends from nearby Africa World, career through a carwash they believe is China, and find themselves trading stories under a night sky in what they hope is America.

Swimmy Leo Lionni

A little fish, the lone survivor of a school of fish swallowed by a tuna, devises a plan to camouflage himself and his new companions.

Miss Rumphius by Barbara Cooney

As a child Great-aunt Alice Rumphius resolved that when she grew up she would go to faraway places, live by the sea in her old age, and do something to make the world more beautiful—and she does all those things, the last being the most difficult of all.

Freckle Juice by Judy Blume

Andrew wants freckles so badly that he buys Sharon's freckle recipe for fifty cents. At home he carefully mixes the strange combination of ingredients. Then the unexpected happens.

Upper Elementary:

Callahan Cousins: Summer Begins by Elizabeth Doyle Carey

This exciting, new book introduces four engaging Callahan cousins. The girls find plenty of lessons and adventures while spending the summer with their grandmother on Gull Island.

Where the Sidewalk Ends by Shel Silverstein

Irreverent, hilarious and wildly popular, this collection of Silverstein's verse is hard to put down.

James and the Giant Peach by Roald Dahl

For young James Henry Trotter, life with the exceedingly nasty Aunt Sponge and Aunt Spiker is pure misery. James dreams of a better life, but he's totally unprepared for the wild adventures ahead of him when he drops the magic crystals he receives from a strange old man. Before long James is off on a weird, wonderful journey inside a giant peach with a bizarre group of companions.

COLUMBIA MIDDLE SCHOOL



"Message from the Principal" — Mr. Greg Meschke

I usually begin this year-end passage by sharing a thought about how quickly our school year passed and how proud I am of the students, teachers and staff. Even though this is true, I need to expand this thought a little further; being this is my last year end message. I am truly grateful for having had the opportunity to spend the last seven years as principal of CMS. It is difficult to express my sincere gratitude to all the people who contribute to a wonderful educational environment. To all the students, parents, teachers and staff members that have been a part of the CMS family I say thank you. You have made my tenure a positive, rewarding and fun experience that I will forever appreciate. Once again, CMS has led the county in many ways. To all the teachers, staff, coaches and support team members, please take pride in all you have accomplished in serving our district and making this the true school of choice. To all our students, present and past, thank you for placing academics as your priority. To all parents, thank you for sending us such wonderful young adults to work with. It's been fun. As I look to the future of CMS, be assured our goal is to continue to prosper, grow and continue to provide our students with the best educational opportunity possible. Finally, to our CMS family; thanks for your professionalism, humor, your dedication to kids and your friendship. I will miss you all.



No Labels Please!

Columbia Middle School welcomed a special visitor recently who spoke about obstacles she had to overcome to "fit" into society. Ms. Jessica Sayre, who has been diagnosed with Aspergers Syndrome, a form of Autism, spent an hour with each grade level telling students what it was like growing up and raising a family with her condition. "As I stand before you today I'm making a milestone," said Ms. Sayre referring to her public speaking. The students listened intently as she told stories of misdiagnosis and being rejected by her mother while spending years in an orphanage and then foster care. It was at age eleven that she read her first book and now carries a dictionary, "her favorite book," with her wherever she goes. Ms. Sayre wanted the students to know that it was okay to be different. The self-proclaimed "class clown" in school became a bully in order to fit in with the popular crowd. This, she says, was a mistake but something she could not control. "Autism kids conform to what the standards are of their classmates. They know no other way," she said. Ms. Sayre thought that being normal meant being popular, a message she wanted the students to know was not true. "Normal is what you say it is," she said, "Be different and be normal at the same time." That advice rings true in her own life as she runs a successful business as a professional entertainer. While Jessica is not busy being a wife and mother, she is for hire as a clown named Lollipop. Even though she says every day must be planned out to a "T" or her whole day could be messed up, this is her normality. "I don't want to be labeled as a person with a disability," she said. "I want to be labeled as a person."

SUBsational!

The Transition's class at Columbia Middle School welcomed guests to their "SUBWAY Bunker" recently for a free lunch. Honoring the armed forces the class used a military theme to set up a mock SUBWAY store complete with all the fixings. "We had to get all the paper signs out and figure out what kind of room design we were going to use," said student Shylea McCabe. Beforehand, students visited the Brooklyn SUBWAY store to see how things operated. What they learned there was brought back to school and put into practice as the students opened up their own sub shop. "We have a group of young individuals here and this helps develop individual skills as well as teamwork skill," noted SUBWAY repre-



sentative Mr. Steve Mangas. Participating in this program never gets old for Mr. Mangas as he has been doing it for several years. "We want to stay involved and active in the community," he said. Each worker dressed in camouflage and sported their motto on the back of their shirt, "SUBWAY Salutes Our Armed Forces." Asked about their attire, Bradley Guild noted, "That was a great idea." Bradley's sub of choice, "I like the meatball marinara" he said. "I like meatballs and it has a good flavor to it."



Aspiring Authors

Article By Teacher Ms. Barb Dagenais

In January, Ms. Barb Dagenais had her 7th grade English classes create their own children's books. Each book had to teach a lesson or a concept, such as using good manners or Thanksgiving traditions. Since the students were also learning how to use 'paint' on the computer in their Technology classes taught by Ms. Karen Liebau and Mr. William Cryderman, the assignment became a joint project. Students worked on writing and illustrating their books in both of their classes. The students also created their own book covers and made a 'critter' that went along with the subject matter of their books. After the books were bound, they took them over to Brooklyn Elementary and read them to the early elementary and preschool students, leaving their 'critters' behind for the students to enjoy. It was a wonderful experience for everyone involved and don't be surprised if, in the future, you find books written by these young authors in bookstores everywhere!



Food from the Homeland

Everybody has a legacy and the sixth grade at Columbia Middle School celebrates theirs each year in what they call Heritage Day. Each student or a parent or grandparent brings in a passing dish relating to their heritage to be shared with other sixth graders. "You bring in food that represents you," said Skylar Lewis. This year's event was the biggest ever and extra tables were brought in to accommodate the potluck style luncheon. "When I went to Lebanon they had my dish," stated Victoria Canter, "I brought in Humus." The students were to make his or her dish from scratch as much as possible. Help from family members was allowed if not encouraged. "I brought in German Danishes," said Jesse Jordan, "It was a recipe that my grandma uses and she helped me," he said. Volunteer family members and friends were also on hand to help dish out the spread with a buffet table that had too many items to list. The students researched their passing dish and wrote its history on a card and placed them next to their food item. Before the feast some cards were read aloud and gave the hungry crowd an idea of the diversity represented among their classmates.



Difficult Decisions

Groups of students representing different countries came together recently in the classroom of Ms. Krista Shatzle and held an Environmental Summit. Leaders from each country, supported by several council members, had a frank discussion about the impact forestry had on that particular nation. "Each student was assigned a specific job," said Ms. Shatzle. The students spent almost two weeks researching a particular country in preparation for the summit. As topics were discussed and solutions were proposed even more tribulations seemed to arise as the summit members worked through the issues. "What happens when you cut down all the big trees and only have little trees left," asked sixth grader Alexa Tackett referring to replanting. Mock regulations and laws were hammered out and students decided who were the winners and losers or if their proposals were a good compromise. Some of the resolutions were quite imaginative such as putting cameras on each tree to catch would be tree poachers and others were very practical like regulating how much lumber could be cut down during a certain time period. In the end, Ms. Shatzle asked, "How many of you think we have found the clear cut answer?" None of the students raised their hand showing they understood just how difficult real life issues might be. "It's sad because you are losing animals and the climates are changing," said sixth grade student Ryleigh Lena.



COLUMBIA COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Congratulations Class of 2011!



COLUMBIA ADULT EDUCATION

Cheri Lynn Bowser
Jillane Elizabeth Dahms
Douglas L. Davis
Amber Lynn Hammerle
Gina May Kimble

Christopher C. Linabury
Joshua Ross Oakley
Shiloe Sheffer
Scott Christopher Vago
Joseph Allen Weaver



COLUMBIA OPTIONS HIGH SCHOOL

Taralee Michele Bable
Kyle Alexander Basile
Madison Lynn Betts
Tyler Andrew Bush
Ashley Lynn Caler

Carissa Marie Clemons
Mark Leon Dufek
Nathan Matthew Edwards
Brooke Lynn Finch
Robert Daniel Hatt

Hannah Marie Johnson
Christopher Micheal Knight
Anna Marie Kroske
Thomas Lawrence Lemke
Amber Lynn Sears

Corey Michael Shircliff
David Patrick Soutar Jr.
Steven Tyler-McDonald

OPTIONS HIGH SCHOOL

This program is available to youth, ages 14 through 20 who have had problems with their high school and need a positive change to obtain their high school diploma. Individual instruction is available within an encouraging atmosphere. Emphasis is on the students to motivate themselves to achieve positive educational objectives. Call Ralph Piepkow to get more information on this unique high school program @ 529-9400.

**Don't be a dropout.
Go to Columbia Options!**

Are you short on credits?

Columbia Community Education will be offering a summer online credit recovery option via E2020. While the majority of coursework can be completed at home, students will be required to attend class on Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. to complete assessments. Over 30 different courses will be available including:

- English (9, 10, 11, 12)
- Science (Chemistry, Physics, Biology, Earth Science)
- Math (Consumer math, Pre-algebra, Geometry, Algebra I and II)
- Spanish
- Electives (ex. Psychology, Career Planning)

Courses will run for 5 weeks beginning on June 15 and concluding on July 13. Each E2020 credit recovery course costs \$62.50 per .25 credit or \$125.00 per .50 credit. For more information, please call 529-9400.

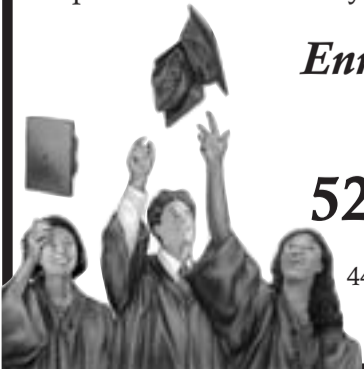
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Open to students grades 9 through 12.
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Seat Time Waivers

Columbia Community Education Options High School (CCE) now participates in a program called Seat Time Waiver (STW), which allows a student to take up to 100 % of their high school classes online. This innovative program can serve students who have attendance issues, work-related responsibilities, students with medical problems, teen parents with child care responsibilities, expelled/suspended students, as well as students who are accelerated learners. Although space is limited, CCE is currently looking for students to fill the remaining STW slots for the second semester. To be considered for the STW program, students must have the initiative and the ability to work on their own with minimal guidance from a mentor who will be supervising the learning experience. Exams will be taken under the mentor's supervision and credits earned will be tabulated according to the graduation requirements of Columbia Options High School. For more information regarding the STW program, please contact CCE Teacher Ms. Lisa Klink at (517) 529-9400.



"Message from the Director"
- Mr. Ralph Piepkow

Columbia School District has created many educational opportunities for the residents to finish their high school diplomas. In reviewing these opportunities we have the traditional high school at Columbia Central, we have an alternative high school at Clark Lake Option High School, we have the only adult education program in the county, and we have on-line classes called Seat Time Waivers where students can earn their diplomas on line. We have also provided credit recovery for students needing extra credit for graduation. This can be provided through on line classes called E2020 or obtained in the evening classes through the adult education program. My message to you is, make sure you have a high school diploma. It will only benefit you in these hard economic times. If you or anybody you know can benefit from any of the above educational opportunities, please feel free to call me at your convenience at 529-9400.

PICKLE BALL NOW BEING OFFERED

What is Pickle ball? A simple game of paddle ball, playing a special perforated slow-moving ball over a tennis type net on a badminton-sized court. Lots of fun! Come join us!

Columbia Middle School
Tuesday and Thursday 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
More information contact instructors,
Fred and Donna Marsh at 592-6806

Columbia Youth Football Camp

When: August 1st - 3rd
Time: 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.
For: Upcoming 3rd - 8th Graders
Cost: \$20.00 includes T-shirt
Where: Columbia High School Football Field



Participants will learn the fundamentals of football stances, footwork, positions work-passing, catching, running, and form tackling. This will be a high energy camp where they will learn football and have lots of fun. This is an excellent time to meet the Columbia Football Staff. All the Campers will get a Columbia football t-shirt.

For additional forms or information please visit our web site at
www.myeagles.org/District/Sports/SportsHS/SportsHS_Football.htm

FORM MUST BE RETURNED BY JULY 18th TO RESERVE A SPOT AT CAMP!

*Any questions please call
Coach Nate Moore at 812-3084 or e-mail
Nathan.Moore@myeagles.org*

Please send this bottom portion in as the official registration.

Please make checks payable to Columbia Football Club.

**Send to: Columbia Youth Football Camp
12865 Kelley Road
Brooklyn, MI 49230**

Participants Name: _____

Shirt Size: _____ Youth - Adult (Circle One)

Grade (Upcoming): _____

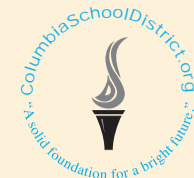
I give permission for my son/daughter to participate in the camp and release Columbia School District from liability of an injury or medical incident during the football camp.

Parent Signature: _____

Emergency Contact #: _____

Columbia School District

Alumni Scrapbook



In the January 2011 issue of the Torchbearer our front page highlighted students enrolled at our schools from other countries. We thought it might be interesting in this issue to seek alumni that have been able to see other countries through the career path they have chosen. We highlight a few, but recognize there are many "stories" to tell about our alumni. For all alumni (or family members) please contact our office at any time with information, wherever your path has lead, and we will be delighted to include in future issues. You can reach us by email at: torch@myeagles.org or call the administration office at 592-6641. Enjoy these updates!



Wrestling Squad 2008

Band of Brothers both on the mat and in combat theater

Pictured are (front row) Steve Faust, Ryan Lake, Ryan Benn and Marcus Beal (back row) Justin Wilkins, Travis Tyson and Josh Brooks

At one time fighting for Columbia Central High School, many of these wrestlers now are fighting for their country overseas. Justin Wilkins is now a member of the Army National Guard serving in Iraq; Travis Tyson joined the Army and is now serving in Kuwait. Not shown are Blake Bibbins and Tim Brighton serving in the U.S. armed forces. Thanks to technology, while sprinkled across the globe these friends and former teammates keep in contact. We celebrated their wrestling success and now appreciate their service. Thanks guys!



Steve Sirola

Class of 1995

Steve graduated with a degree in Business Administration from Western Michigan University and put his skills to work in the Admissions Office at Baker College. While attending a wedding in England for a fellow classmate, Brian Stortors, he met his wife Liz. The couple now lives in London, England where Steve works for the U.S. State Department.



Jessica Jenness

Class of 2005

After graduation from Columbia School District, Jessica received her degree from Indiana Wesleyan University in Elementary Education in 2009. Jessica is teaching overseas in South Korea as a multiage teacher. She teaches all subjects in English to her Korean students.



Lindsay Kourtjian

Class of 2007

After graduation Lindsay attended Grand Valley State University enrolled in their teaching program. In March of this year she left to spend some time in Stellenbosch, South Africa doing some teaching assisting in their classrooms. She will be spending much of her time in Kindergarten through third grade classes. Lindsay has never been to another country and is looking forward to the cultural experience this opportunity provides for her.



Mandy Lawson

Class of 1996

Mandy attended Arizona State University, graduating with Supply Chain Management & Finance degrees. She has lived in Scotland, China and currently resides in the Netherlands. Most of her career has been in the Supply Chain Management field, working in global procurement and supplier development which allows her to travel quite frequently not only to her own company's factories but also to suppliers. She has traveled to over 75 countries: China, Japan, Zimbabwe, India, Egypt, Indonesia, Ecuador and Greece to name a few. Some of her trips have been for business but she always takes advantage of opportunities to see the world on her own as well. We will dub her "CSD's Alumni World Traveler".



Joelle Fundaro

Class of 2006

Joelle attends Western Michigan University pursuing a career in teaching. She recently returned from Heidelberg, Germany (Southern part of Germany) where she completed her student teaching in the 6th and 7th grade level. Her assignment was on an army base where her students were a diverse mix of not only German and American but from several other countries. This experience allowed her to gain knowledge of the varied cultures and she looks forward to applying this understanding into her own classroom.



Cody Bahlau and Colter Bahlau

Class of 1997 and 2001

After two years at Jackson Community College, Cody transferred to the University of Michigan graduating with a degree in geology. He then



signed on with a French based oil field support company and moved to Aberdeen, Scotland where he worked on oil rigs in the Northern Sea. After 2 ½ years Cody transferred to Kazakhstan, a country south of Russia. There he worked on land based oil rigs for a year. He continued working with the land based oil rigs in Canada and the U.S.A. Cody then signed on with WesternGeco which locates oil under the sea bed affording him the opportunity to work in the Gulf of Mexico and Norway. He currently is in Brazil.

Colter also spent the first two years at Jackson Community College transferring to Michigan State University. He graduated in 2005 receiving a degree in fishery and wildlife. In June of that same year he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corp and has been sent to Iraq twice and also to Afghanistan as a Trained Combat Engineer responsible for discovering and dismantling I.E.D.'s and assembling bridges and buildings.



Lowry Family

Sarah Wynn, Wesley & Kelly

Class of 1997, 1998 & 2001

Sarah enlisted in the U.S. Navy and for eight years was a Spanish & Korean interpreter traveling all over the Caribbean, South America and Asia. She spent two years in Puerto Rico and also served in Singapore and Hong Kong as well as Venezuela. She and her husband William now live in Hawaii with their three children and Sarah is a government contractor working for a prominent consulting firm. Her brother Wesley also joined the navy trained as a Navy Airedale. He was in the navy for eight years much of the time as an Aviation Mechanic on an aircraft carrier navigating the seas and visiting several countries. Wesley is an Aerospace Engineer for Northrop Grumman, a global security corporation. He and his wife Rebecca are expecting their first child. Kelly took a year off after high school to experience the culture in the Virgin Islands, primarily in St. Johns. She then enlisted in the U.S. Navy where she was a Crew Rescue Swimmer and then an Aviation Mechanic. Kelly is now a full time student at Kennesaw State University in Atlanta, Georgia studying International Affairs and Political Science. She has visited several countries including Tanzania, Africa where she completed an abroad study internship.



Amy Wiebe (Cherry)

Class of 2002

After graduation Amy attended Huntington University in Indiana receiving a degree in 2006 in Education Ministries with an interest in cross/cultural communications. While at school she met her husband, Andy who was here from Germany doing research on his graduate work. They married and moved to Bornheim, Germany located between Bonn and Cologne on the Rhein River. Amy assists her husband at his seminary where they train German young people to serve others around the world. Amy helps with the translation on the seminary website as well as other communications. They have two boys and just welcomed their new baby.



Raymond Chesney

Class of 1993

Raymond attended Michigan State University receiving a degree in Chemical Engineering. He then joined the U.S. Navy through the nuclear power officer candidate program. After attending officer candidate school, he went through the Navy's Nuclear Power school, Nuclear Prototype, and Submarine Officer Basic Course prior to assignment to his first submarine (USS Nebraska) in 1999. On 9/11/2001, Raymond was in the Pentagon when the airplane crashed and exploded into the building. Fortunately he, and most of his wardrobe from the USS Nebraska, was on the opposite end of the Pentagon that morning. The original itinerary of events had a meeting scheduled in that very area that morning, but was later changed to accommodate other schedules. Raymond remained an active duty submarine officer for over nine years before he transitioned to the Navy reserves and became employed with the federal government as a nuclear engineer/emergency planner, but still working for the Submarine Force. In 2007, Raymond and his family moved to Italy after being appointed as the Commander, Navy Region Europe, Africa, and Southwest Asia Regional Emergency Manager and Program Director. Raymond was responsible for managing a multi-million dollar emergency management program for the Navy and ensuring the preparedness for six U.S. Navy bases. In 2009, Raymond and his wife Amy and their three daughters and one son moved back to Virginia where he continues to work for the Submarine Force as a nuclear engineer/emergency planner.



Matt and Kate (Manville) Schwartz

Class of 2003 and 2004

Kate received her teaching degree from Spring Arbor University. Matt went to Jackson Community College and then to Sienna Heights University obtaining his Bachelor of Applied Science degree and then began working as an electrician apprentice for Eagle Electric owned by a CSD alumnus, Todd McBean. Matt and Amy married in 2008 and after attending a job fair at Michigan State University, they accepted a position to teach in Beijing, China. Amy is an art teacher at a 3e International school and Matt is temporarily assigned as a classroom kindergarten aide awaiting a teaching position. There are as many as 22 nationalities at the school. Besides teaching they have been able to travel in the area and take in the vista as well as culture.



Grace and Silas Bialecki

Class of 2002 and 2010

Grace graduated from Lyola University in Chicago with a degree in Psychology. She has taught English overseas in Korea, South America, Thailand as well as a summer school program in China. Her brother Silas just returned from Nepal where he was enrolled in a volunteer program *Hope and Home*. Silas worked within schools and orphanages. Silas will be enrolling in college this fall.