

## COLUMBIA CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL



### The Gift of Life

The Leadership class at Columbia High School organized their second blood drive of the year. As a bonus, by having two blood drives a year, the Red Cross donated a one thousand dollar scholarship to the school. Leadership Students, who are always busily involved in such things as mentoring, food drives, and student forums, promoted the blood drive by making signs and by word of mouth. "The Leadership class, along with the National Honor Society, donated food items for the recovery table," said Senior Kristi Sauber. Sandwiches were also donated by SubWay. The whole process was taking up to an hour and a half by the afternoon as students waited patiently, some nervously, to go through the procedures. "One person can give blood in four minutes while another may take up to 45 minutes," explained instructor Mr. Kevin Miller. And even though the public turnout was a little light, the Juniors and Seniors



at Columbia Central High School turned out in full force. "It was absolutely a great turnout," said Mr. Miller.



*"Message from the Principal"*  
— Mr. Dave Slusher

We've closed the books on the Class of 2009; all at the Potter Center experienced a wonderful celebration of success on Friday, May 29th. Of the 124 students graduating, 71 (57%) graduated "with honors", we are extremely proud of this. We now turn our attention to the 2009-10 year, with a strong commitment to the academics. The new Michigan Merit Curriculum is now in full focus and will involve three of the four classes at the high school next year; only the senior class will be excluded from this. The mandates are challenging and leave few opportunities for failure. All students are now required to complete four years of math and language arts, three years of science (chemistry or physics is mandated), and three years of social studies. We have in place many strategies to foster success for all; after-school tutoring, weekend study groups, eighth hour class recovery, summer school recovery, core credit for career center classes, and on-line opportunities. Our commitment to "Failure Is Not An Option" is firmly entrenched. We ask that all families continue to monitor academics, attendance, and behavior reports on our EdLine System. Of great concern during this year has been attendance; we have experienced more absenteeism and tardiness than ever before. Many students have lost credit, not only because of absences, but the fact that they have missed out on so many daily lessons, lab exercises, and other educational experiences that can't be recovered. I'm asking that parents support us by ensuring that students are "in school" whenever possible. We continue to work on "Character Counts"; it is our firm belief that to balance our offerings, we need to educate the complete person. Mr. Kanaan has led the charge for character development; much effort is given to help students make healthy choices to benefit all. On a final note, Mr. Jeffreys' Industrial Tec Classes have spent much time this year refurbishing out "Memorial Garden" in the front of the high school. Please take time to view their work, and if you know of any former student, who has not been properly recognized there, please contact the high school office at 592-6634. I'm always available for comments or concerns; please contact me at the high school office.

### From the Bugs' Perspective

Students in Mr. Mike Dickens Advanced Placement Biology class are studying animal behavior (called "ethology"). In their lab lesson they used pill bugs (officially called "isopods") placed in a "choice-chamber" while observing their movements and identifying and graphing their actions. Lab partners would study the bugs' preference to a variety of options like light or dark, different kinds of music and even pictures of actress Jessica Alba and Megan Fox to determine the bug's first choice. Eleventh grade student, Will Zimmerman stated, "I'm not a bug, but I'd prefer the Jessica Alba photo." Most importantly, the students use the steps of the scientific method to design a controlled experiment, set it up, do the experiment, collect results and finally graph and analyze their results.



### Foundation for Modern Engineering

Ms. Jen VanWagnen teaches a new course offering at the high school where students learn problem-solving skills using a design development process. Models of product solutions are created, analyzed and communicated using solid modeling computer design software. Students recently constructed their own unique puzzle cube. Tenth grade student Andrew Andonian explained how they begin with small wood cubes and were challenged to form their puzzle design, make very specific notes on the complex measurements, draw the draft from all dimensions, color each separate component then transfer all this data to a computer software program, *Autodesk Inventor*, where they animated their design. Skills developed during this classroom exercise were the Design Process, the Design Exercises, Reverse Engineering and Open-Ended Design problem solving. High school students can progress into another course being offered called Mathematics of Engineering. This is an introductory engineering curriculum built upon a comprehensive set of computer-based exercises using the Infinity Technology Kit. Each experiment is based on graphical software that lets students interact with technology while learning. Through "Infinity", students learn how engineering plays a role in the subjects they use every day—music, the Internet, digital imaging, video and more.



### "...Ray, a Drop of Golden Sun..."



The Broadway hit, *The Sound of Music*, was the chosen number for this past year's spring musical. Students from the high school, middle school, and Brooklyn Elementary performed in an outstanding reproduction of the classic musical. Several adult members of the community showcased their talents in the orchestra as well making this show a district, as well as community, wide event. While this year's musical continued in the tradition of greatness, it did so without long-time artistic director Mr. Bill Bivins. Mr. Bivins resigned this year after 19 years ser-



vice to our school and community. Often using his vacation days to work on creating the beautiful sets on which our students were privileged to perform he also taught students everything he could about the performing arts. He founded the Columbia Performing Arts Club (CPAC) and wrote and directed students in the first one-act play competition where they won first place. While he will be missed, he will always be fondly remembered for his creative interpretations, his tenacity, and his ever-present, encouraging laughter.

### ARTificial Food

The Beginning Clay class, taught by Mr. Coley Johnson, delved into a project that could trick the senses if one was not careful. The students were to pick their favorite food and make a representation of it using a clay model. "It was our first project and it was really fun," said Senior Alex Riscelmavyn. Cakes, pies, ice cream, and donuts were only some of the tasty treats on exhibit. You might have even done a double take while walking by the Art showcase as the students produced, according to Mr. Johnson, fabulous artwork in their recreations.





## Valedictorian

**Lindsay Youngren**

Lindsay plans to attend University of Michigan to study chemical engineering



## Salutatorian

**Kevin Hardley**

Kevin plans to attend Jackson Community College and transfer to University of Michigan

## SENIOR SCHOLARSHIPS

### Local Scholarships

Red Cross - Kristi Sauber & Kristi Smith

Clarklake Lions Scholarship - Wesley Goodwin & Brooke Wheaton

Brooklyn-Irish Hills Chamber of Commerce - Nicole Lamp & Nicholas Kotsch

Brooklyn Tire - Kevin Hardley

Brooklyn Kiwanis - Logan Curtis, Ashley Damm, Emily Jenness, & Paige Lewandowski

Brooklyn Masonic Lodge - Ashley Damm & Emily Weaver

Carrols Burger King Community Scholarship - Ashley Damm

Columbia Education Association Scholarship - Ashley Damm & Kimberly Schaub

CP Federal Credit Union - Sarah Allen

Disbrow Memorial Scholarship - Lindsay Youngren, Kevin Hardley, & Brinae Bain

Eaton Corporation Scholarship - Paige Lewandowski

Jeff Marvin 4-H Scholarship - Emily Stewart

Kyle Mason Samson Memorial 4-H Scholarship - Kimberly Schaub

The Educational Foundation for Columbia Schools Foundation

Scholarship: Lindsay Youngren, Logan Curtis, Katie Eberly, Kylee Howland, Emily Jenness, Travis Miller, Kristi Sauber & Brooke Wheaton

The Steinhoff Scholarship - Paige Lewandowski

Judith K. Horning Scholarship - Travis Miller

Mary B. Neely Endowment - Angela Edwards

Kevin Kennedy Scholarship - Ashley Damm & Kyle Branda

The Jeremy Knickerbocker Scholarship - Nicholas Kotsch

James R. Swain Memorial Scholarship - Brinae Bain

Carl Linenfelder Memorial Scholarship:

Two-year College Scholarship - Wesley Goodwin & Emily Weaver

Four-year College Scholarships - Angela Edwards, Emily Jenness, Nicole Lamp, & Jacob Lewandowski

Irish Hills Eagles - Tarin Emberton, Amber Guenther.

Emily Weaver & Tyler Wisniewski

Thomas McCourtie Memorial Scholarship - Kylee Howland

Gleaner Life Insurance Society Scholarship - Emily Stewart

### College Scholarships

Jackson Community College

George and Barbara Raven Scholarship - Angela Edwards

YEAKEY Scholarship - Nicole Lamp

Adrian College, Trustee Scholarship - Kylee Witt

Adrian College, Presidential Scholarship - Kimberly Schaub

Adrian College, Art & Design Scholarship - Kimberly Schaub

Adrian College, Academic Departmental Scholarship - Kimberly Schaub

Adrian College, Dean Scholarship - Kimberly Schaub

Adrian College, Dean Scholarship - Paige Webb

Adrian College, Dean Scholarship - Brooke Wheaton

Central Michigan University, Elite Honor Scholarship - Kyle Branda

Central Michigan University, Board of Trustees Honors Award

- Amanda Collins

Eastern Michigan University, Regents Scholarship - Charles Connelly II

Eastern Michigan University, Eagle Scholarship - Logan Curtis

Eastern Michigan University, Eagle Scholarship - Grace Lemke

Eastern Michigan University, Recognition of Excellence Scholarship

- Travis Miller

Eastern Michigan University, Eagle Scholarship - Lacy Marchione

Eastern Michigan University, Eagle Scholarship - Samuel Rebbeck

Eastern Michigan University, Eagle Scholarship - Nicholas Young

Ferris State University, Residential Life Scholarship - Kyle Branda

Ferris State University, Residential Life Scholarship - Brooke Wheaton

Grand Valley State University, Award for Excellence Merit Scholarship

& the Award of Distinction-Faculty Scholarship - Kyle Varoskovic

Hope College, Alumni Honors Scholarship - Kylee Howland

Kettering University, Trustee Scholarship - Lindsay Youngren

Lincoln Technical Institute, High School Select Scholarship - Greg Bitner

Missouri University of Science & Technology, Excellence Scholarship & the Midwest Student Exchange Excellence II - Daniel Williams

Northern Michigan University, Scholars Award - Sarah Allen

Roosevelt University, Roosevelt University Award - Thomas Hamaker

# Honor Roll

### 6<sup>th</sup> GRADE

Burge, Colton J\*  
Heckaman, Kylie B\*  
Jacobs, Jordan J\*  
Lindeman, Grace E\*  
Lum, Julia M\*  
Miller, Ariel K\*  
Powell, Trevor C\*  
Rickert, Kaylie R\*  
Rudd, Lucas R\*  
Shelton, John M\*  
Smaga, Brett\*  
Snow, Cameron G\*

Baltrus, Stephanie J  
Brenner, Cheyenne M  
Breton, Cheyenne J  
Brooks, Michael J  
Brown, Cierra V  
Bundas, Matthew S  
Butler, Alexis R  
Byron, Jacqueline M  
Cherry, Allison K  
Chesney, Caleb J  
Childers, Tyler C  
Church, Olivia R  
Clemons, Megan E  
Conine, Brittany M  
Cook, Michael A  
Cooley, Melissa A  
Cratsenburg, Hannah M  
Dauter, Maxwell C  
Dickens, Andrew J  
Diefenthaler, Jordan S  
Eastman, Danielle M  
Elliott, Jessica A  
Fielding, Kailynn J  
Fisher, Matthew T  
Foust, Lucas N  
Friday, Madison L  
Gammon, Holly E  
Guernsey, Cara G  
Herzberg, Brandon M  
Hotchkiss, Garrit D  
Hutchison, Leighanna M  
Jewett, Shaylea A  
Klink, Taylor R  
Lavasseur, Koral L  
Lee, Veronica E  
Liogghio, Ty E  
Marquardt, William C  
Martin, Haley E  
Messerly, Zach M  
Moore, Brandon D  
Neves, Nathaniel A  
Palmer, Ashley N  
Perry, Triston A  
Poulson, Sydney T  
Prendel, Kyle M  
Quigley, Trenton M  
Salsbury, Nathaniel D  
Schaub, Cody C  
Schissler, Kendall G  
Schwyn, Racquel M  
Scouten, Jonathan D  
Shay, Ashleigh N  
Smith, Cheyenne K  
Snook, Collin W  
Spaulding, Genevieve  
Stacey, Alexandria J  
Townsend, Curtis A  
Walz, Heather L  
Williams, Dominique B  
Wingard, Elizabeth L  
Witt, Austin J  
Yafai, Travis M  
Yang, Brian

### 7<sup>th</sup> GRADE

Gammon, Erik D\*  
Hohlbein, Grantlee W\*  
Huddleston, Alexandria C\*  
Yonkers, Nicole J\*  
Yuan, Yue Angel\*

Adams, Ryan J  
Anderson, Alexis M  
Armstrong, Timothy J  
Bair, Gretchen M  
Barsdale, Bethany A  
Benjamin, Celestial K  
Berling, David E  
Bicanovsky, Bailey A  
Bowerman, Erik R  
Brighton, Morgan J  
Brown, Brianna C  
Chudzinski, Brooke S  
Clendennin, Kayla M  
Clouse, Joey E  
Connolly, Carlie M  
Crawford, Jacob A  
Creps, Chase M  
Currie, Alec B  
Currie, Madison M  
Dehart, Victoria M  
Doman, Emily R  
Eastman, Joseph A  
Fox, Madison M  
Gearheart, Donald A  
Grajek, Emily K  
Green, Rebeka R  
Gresham, Lexanne M  
Hafner Jr, Michael V  
Hagerty, Kaitlin S  
Hasseman, Madison M  
Hatt, Travis S  
Holdridge, Jesilyn M  
Holzapfel, Madalyn L  
Hubbell, Tori J

Jedele, Abbi G  
Johnson, Christopher E  
Kobish, Jennafer J  
Koch, Dylan M  
Lane, Westin A  
Leppert, Joshua D  
Lu, Cindy  
Marsh, Chase T  
Mcbean, Jensen J  
McCormick, Scott M  
Mclaury, Katherine M  
Messerly, Monica A  
Meyer, Jaime K  
Miller, Alicia L  
Miller, Regan D  
Miller, Sophie M  
Morea, Ashleigh N  
Myers, Evan B  
Ostrander, Madelynn G  
Pendley, Ashley M  
Petersen, Carly A  
Phenicie, Alexander A  
Plummer, Joseph D  
Puckett, Rachel M  
Reed, Payge M  
Richardson, Danielle N  
Rule, Joshua J  
Rumfelt, Tracey F  
Schatzle, Ryan A  
Schissler Jr, Mark A  
Schlegel, Paige M  
Scott, Ian A  
Shay, Brandon T  
Short, Katlynn M  
Skonieski, Collin M  
Small, Kevin M  
Smith, Ryan J  
Smith, Shelby A  
Smither, Michael T  
Stewart, Dustin E  
Stewart, William C  
Stratton, Morgan I  
Taylor, Cody M  
Taylor, James D  
Taylor, Zachary J  
Tracy, Alyssia A  
Van Zandt, Lucas J  
Vanderhill, Johnathin M  
Votzke, John S  
Walker, Zachary J  
Walz, Madeleine S  
Ward, Cassandra R  
Weatherwax, Scott J  
Wisniewski, Nicholas J  
Wright, Danielle E

### 8<sup>th</sup> GRADE

Angles, Joshua M\*  
Thomas, Amy R\*

Ahern, Breanna L  
Anderson, Arianna W  
Arce, Lorenzo A  
Bensch, Skylar F  
Bielskis, Justin I  
Blumhardt, Sarah M  
Boller, Emily M  
Burge, Jared A  
Callison, Joshua M  
Cherry, Andrew P  
Curtis, Kylie M  
Daglow, Shelby M  
Davenport, Daryn J  
Ebbert, Jeffery M  
Eltaher, Ramzy J  
Fish, Jacob M  
Ford, Connor J  
Gottschalk, Haleigh M  
Gresham, Angela L  
Hardt, Dustin J  
Huddleston, Zachary M  
Hulbert, Kimberly L  
Kaschalk, Katelyn  
Lacombe, Ezola M  
Lane, Matthew M  
Lawrence, Kamil C  
Lemke, Caroline R  
Mc Caig, Nicole S  
Mc Kenzie, Mariah C  
Mcbean, Mason D  
Mccomas, Rebecca A  
Mead, Samuel W  
Palmer, Eric M  
Pelphrey, Brandon A  
Reed, Christian D  
Rice, Alexander J  
Richard, Nathan T  
Richardson, Luke D  
Rigby, Shamus W  
Ryckman, Stephanie H  
Smith, Tyler D  
Snow, Alexander J  
Soulliere Iv, Robert R  
Sterling, Jennifer R  
Stowers Schneider, Patrick M  
Swarthout, Jessica N  
Symanski, Marina J  
Uhl, Leighton H  
White, Ashley S  
White, Christopher D  
Wielinski, Kenneth D  
Wilson, Philip J  
Wisniewski II, Martin J  
Witte, E Alexander  
Witten, Breanna M  
Wright, Rebecca S

### 9<sup>th</sup> GRADE

Boone, Zachary B  
Borck, Thomas J  
Bundas, Andrew T  
Bush, Bronson D  
Conley, Jeremy M  
Cuvelier, Seth M  
Dermyer, Matthew W  
Earley, Raechal D  
Erwin, Tara L  
Fox, Makenzie A  
Gilbert, Elenie J  
Gillespie, Holly L  
Graves, Brandy N  
Graves, Brooke N  
Greene, Tasha M  
Holzapfel, Bradley J  
Hoover, Abigail A  
Hotchkiss, Danyelle M  
Jones, Megan E  
Lamson, Kelsey L  
Lewandowski, Megan K  
Matthews, Logan B  
Mccloe, Lucas M  
Meiring, Alex T  
Mercer, Zachary T  
O Connor, Joseph J  
Petersen, Megan R  
Rizzo, Masato A  
Rogers, Alexandra K  
Rogers, Matthew R  
Sanborn, Morgan M  
Savage, Emily A  
Schaub, Jamie L  
Schlegel, Taylor R  
Smaga, Mackenzie R  
Stamper, Kenneth R  
Tackett, Gabriella M  
Towbin, Spencer Z  
Viera-Patron, Sarah E  
Votzke, Denton M  
Wagle, Leah J  
Wesche, Alexander E  
Wheaton, Tayler A

### 10<sup>th</sup> GRADE

Alli, Jassmyne D  
Andonian, Andrew M  
Bielskis, Audrie N  
Billadeaux, Matthew J  
Bondy, Samantha M  
Braman, Zachary J  
Campbell, Ryan J  
Coffey, Kaitlyn M  
Conley, Mark A  
Damato, Angela C  
Derr, Hannah S  
Emerson, Evelyn Starr S  
Fejes, Baylea E  
Folts, Haley J  
Folts, Kyle M  
Ford, Lauren J  
Gallinati, Karleigh J  
Garcia, Zacary T  
Goodwin, Sarah L  
Grandy, Jared P  
Graves, Jordy R  
Hardcastle, Lindsey C  
Hohlbein, Blakely W  
Howard, Jonathan R  
Jones, Meaghan E  
Jordan, Mackenzie K  
Jordan, Meghan A  
Kitchen, Camden J  
Koch, Melissa S  
Kuehn, Nekolai V  
Kulinski, Katelyn M  
Lafontaine, Jennifer L  
Lindeman, Jeffrey P  
Matthews, Marissa R  
Mcbean, Victoria D  
Messerly, Matthew J  
Miller, Hailey A  
Miller, Lauren J  
Miller, Maranda K  
Morea, Lynsey M  
Morris, Marissa N  
Morse, Taylor A  
Mosson, Taylor A  
Perry, Samantha P  
Quneibi, Tarrick S  
Ravert, Zachary T  
Rebbeck, Bridgette A  
Robinette, Celsey L  
Schiffer, Autumn E  
Schwyn, Heather I  
Scouten, David L  
Snook, Morgan E  
Stutzman, Daniel A  
Thompson, Ciara N  
Thompson, Tyler R  
Waldron, Hailey L  
White, Emily A  
Williams, Emily R  
Zaszczurynski, Jacob L  
Zaszczurynski, Taylor T  
Zeiger, Peter J

### 11<sup>th</sup> GRADE

Angles, Zachary J  
Archer, Jacob M  
Baldwin, Norman R  
Barbour, Grant P  
Barrett, Kinsey E

Bertke, Alyssa S  
Bialecki, Silas L  
Biggs, Glenn R  
Brzozowski III, Robert W  
Burks, Katie R  
Bush, Shelby E  
Chau, Manwai  
Collinsworth, Steven R  
Conley, Mareah S  
Cook, Tiffany C  
Cornell, Olivia M  
Cornwell, Sarah E  
Creech, Jeffery D  
Cunningham, Branden M  
Cunningham, Kristin J  
Cure, Layna E  
Dermyer, Kristopher P  
Doebel, Abby M  
Doering, Kimberly R  
Earley, Nathaniel T  
Fish, Kyle D  
Frost, Rebekah M  
Fulara, Christopher D  
Grajek, Christopher R  
Greene, Shelby N  
Head, Jeary L  
Hunter, Lindsay A  
Jumey, Chelsey J  
Karnaz, Tyler J  
Kelleher, Sarah J  
Kopplin, Allison E  
Kourtjian, Sarah R  
Labelle, Michael L  
Lamson, Casey L  
Marcum, Kortney K  
Martin, Brittany J  
Morea, Jessica L  
O Connor, Michael E  
O Hala, Reid H  
O Neil, Nicholas P  
Pfaffinger, Jason A  
Prendel, Kelsie K  
Rigby, Jamie I  
Riggle, Jacob A  
Van Camp, Kate L  
Wahr, Robert E  
Walter, Clay A  
Warren, James J  
Weck, Andrea L  
Wielinski, Melissa M  
Wyne, Jordan R  
Zimmerman, William T

### 12<sup>th</sup> GRADE

Allen, Sarah L  
Anderson, Christopher M  
Armstrong, Justin T  
Bain, Brinae N  
Bitner, Gregory D  
Branda, Kyle T  
Collins, Amanda M  
Connolly II, Charles M  
Curtis, Logan M  
Dankert, Jillian M  
Demay, Matthew T  
Eberly, Katie E  
Edwards, Angela C  
Emberton, Tarin L  
Fletcher, Alicia A  
Gallinati, Alexandra L  
Goodwin, Wesley R  
Goraj, Daniel J  
Grandy, Brooke E  
Grzesek, Kimberly A  
Guenther, Amber L  
Hardley, Kevin M  
Hartford, Wayne  
Hoover, Amelia M  
Howland, Kylee L  
Hudson, Jordan T  
Hutson, Janeana K  
Hyatt, Allie M  
Jenness, Emily E  
Jersey, Dustin F  
Kelleher, Allison M  
Kimball, Kami J  
Kimble, Ashley L  
Kotsch, Nicholas A  
Lamp, Nicole M  
Lewandowski, Paige E  
Lu, Gao Xiang  
Malson, Deanna M  
Marchione, Lacy K  
Mc Culloch, Drew D  
O Shea, Mckenzie A  
Parks, Jasmine L  
Parks, Michael L  
Raymond, Kara L  
Rebbeck, Samuel D  
Richardson, Jacob J  
Rittinger, Daniel W  
Roumell, Laura J  
Sauber, Kristi L  
Schaub, Kimberly A  
Schissler, Kathleen M  
Schwyn, Chelsea N  
Shackelford, Heather M  
Smith, Kristi A  
Stewart, Emily B  
Thompson, David J  
Vanbrandt, Kathrine M  
Varoskovic, Kyle A  
Weaver, Emily M  
Wheaton, Brooke N  
Willgus, Naoki L  
Williams, Daniel L  
Witt, Kylie D  
Wright, Chad M  
Youngren, Lindsay M

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