



THE CHSAAP

CENTRALITE

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...HOP ON THE BUS TO 'FOXWOODS CASINO' ON MARCH 24TH!

Don't forget our CHSAAP Bus Trip to Foxwoods Casino on Sat. March 24th! Our bus will leave the Central High School parking lot (70 Fricker St., Providence) at exactly 5 pm and return from Foxwoods at 11 pm. Tickets are \$45, which includes bus transportation, a buffet meal worth \$25 (or a \$10 voucher to be used at any other Foxwoods Restaurant) and a \$15 gambling voucher! The ticket price also includes a tip for our driver and a contribution to the CHSAAP general fund.

HURRY! Time is running out for the CHSAAP Bus Trip to Foxwoods event! The Sign Up form is on the CHSAAP website...CHSAAP.org. Don't miss out on this great fun event while helping the CHSAAP! Sign up today!

...IT'S ANOTHER CHSAAP 'GALA CELEBRATION' THIS MAY!

Just around the corner, it's The Second Annual CHSAAP Gala Celebration for 2018, taking place on Saturday, May 5th at the Imperial Room, 1 Rhodes Place in Cranston! As was the case last year, a splendid dinner is planned by the gracious Imperial Room staff. Our keynote speaker will be **State Senator Harold Metts, CHS '65**, followed by CHSAAP scholarship presentations to deserving Central students. There will also be a 50/50 raffle (50% to the winning ticket and 50% to the CHSAAP Scholarship Fund).

Fill out the mail order form that was mailed to membership for your Gala tickets and meal selection. A printable form and other Gala info is also available on the CHSAAP website at: www.chsaap.org

You can still donate to the Scholarship Annual Appeal up until March 31 for publication in our Gala Program Booklet. We're only a few hundred dollars shy of our \$12,000 goal for 2018! Become a Sponsor, a Black & Gold, a Centralite or Central Golden Knight member. Donations may be made by check or money order or by credit card. For check or money order make payable to: CHSAAP Scholarship Fund and mail to 70 Fricker Street, Providence, RI 02903 or for Credit Card go to the website DONATION page and fill out the form and hit the submit button. Thank you for any generosity!

...CHSAAP 'ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME' Approved!

An exploratory committee made up of CHSAAP members and Directors has had meetings in recent months to work on the formation of a CHSAAP 'Athletic Hall of Fame'. The Program was recommended to the CHSAAP Board of Directors and was approved as an amendment to the Bylaws. Plans to form an AHOF Board and to create a Hall of Fame nominee submission plan involving CHSAAP membership will be discussed at the next committee meeting in May. Nominees for the Hall will include great Central athletes, teams, coaches and other contributors to Central athletics down through the decades!

More details on the CHSAAP Athletic Hall of Fame Program are available on website at www.chsaap.org. Go to the Hall of Fame Program page. We'll have more info in the months to come on how you can help "get the ball rolling" on the CHSAAP Athletic Hall of Fame! If you have an interest in this Program let us know.

...THE MANY ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF CENTRAL Athletic Director & COACH PETER RIOS



The Centralite caught up with Peter Rios, the Central Athletic Director who is announcing his retirement this June after six years as AD and head football coach. Peter accomplished so much in recent years! The Central Knights football team had some exciting playoff games in recent years including a wild one against Chariho at Cranston Stadium in 2016. The Knights just missed out in Div. 1-B playoffs this year on a tie breaker. Next season, the Knights will move over to Div. 1-A and face Bishop Hendricken and other top teams.

"We started five new teams at Central in recent years", said Peter, "including wrestling, boy's tennis, soccer, girl's cross country and JV baseball. We are now in Div. 1 football, soccer, baseball and wrestling".

Peter says he is looking for a volunteer JV baseball coach this season. "It would be a great experience for a young man who wants to get into coaching". If interested in the baseball coaching position, contact Peter at his Central office, 456-9111.

In retirement, Peter says he and his wife Barbara will be visiting with all the kids in his large family and "...playing a lot of golf!" In the meantime, Peter will be helping with some research that would be needed for a proposed CHSAAP Central Athletic Hall of Fame. All the best to Peter Rios from the CHSAAP membership!

....A BUSY CENTRAL KNIGHTS BASKETBALL AND TRACK SCHEDULE

The Central Knights boys' basketball team had a tough loss to East Providence in the RIIL Div. 1 preliminary round playoffs by a 84-53 score. The Knights had good early season success, with solid wins over Woonsocket, 79-47, Smithfield, 72-57 and St. Raphael, 69-49. Two losses to Classical dampened things. The Central girls team picked up nice road wins over Hope and Mt. Pleasant in January and three more at home in February over North Smithfield, Block Island and Hope again!

....By mid season, the Knights boys' indoor track team had a fine record of 7-2, with dominating meet wins over Hope, 68-20 and Mt. Pleasant, 79-12! Central then gained a big meet victory over La Salle, 55-49 on the road before losing to the always tough Classical harriers, 74-34. Despite a disappointing season, the Central girls track team had very competitive meets in losses to Barrington, 58-50 and East Greenwich, 54-43.

Spring is near! We'll see you at our upcoming CHSAAP events!