



THE CHSAAP

CENTRALITE

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ALL RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS CLOSED DUE TO 'COVID 19' VIRUS

...The halls of Central High School, as well as all Rhode Island public schools were silenced in March due to the coronavirus known as 'Covid 19'. All students and faculty were directed by Governor Raimondo and the state and city governments to stay at home and limit personal contact. The CHSAAP canceled its first board of directors meeting of the season due to the virus. The meeting was originally scheduled for March 10th, but 'make up' dates of the 17th and 24th also had to be cancelled out.

The dates of future meetings of the CHSAAP, including our anticipated April elections meeting and Central Hall of Fame committee meetings will be made known to membership via e-mail messages from CHSAAP Secretary Sal Masiello and CAHOF Board Chair Steve Bianchi. Notices will also appear on the CHSAAP website...CHSAAP.org You can also follow us on Facebook-Central High School Alumni Association Providence, or on Twitter and Instagram@chsaapri

To keep everyone safe, the CHSAAP certainly encourages everyone to follow the directions of local officials during this highly unusual situation we all find ourselves in. Also keep in mind neighbors, friends and acquaintances that may be in need due to their being laid off from work or because of their advanced age.

CONSIDER YOUR NOMINEES FOR THE 2021 CAHOF INDUCTIONS!

...Over the next several months, the Central Athletics Hall of Fame board and the CHSAAP will be reviewing nominees sent by alumni association membership for the next round of individual and team inductions into the Hall! Send your nominee names as soon as you can! Remember that individual nominees have had to have graduated no less than five years ago. All 2021 nominee names have to be in by September 30, 2020. For 2021, we will be inducting five individuals and two teams from Central's magnificent athletics history. If you nominated someone for 2019 and they were not chosen for a 2019 induction, that nominee will still be listed as eligible for a period of ten years through 2029. The form can be printed out from the alumni association website, www.chsaap.org. look for it on the Hall of Fame page Send your Central Hall of Fame nominations to CAHOF Secretary Paul O'Brien at pob33@live.com

CENTRAL ALUMNI...PERSONAL ANECDOTES FROM THE PAST

...The Centralite would like to hear from you! Long before the current age of diversity, Central High School has had a diverse existence for decades! **Where have you gone after your Central days and what have you accomplished?** Perhaps you have a long ago Central classmate who should be recognized for his or her accomplishments down through the years. We are looking for interesting, positive and fascinating stories featuring your experiences after your Central years or the experiences of your Central classmates. It would be sort of a "where are they now?" feature for the Centralite Newsletter and may be added to the **Blast from the Past page on the website**. Just send your story to Steve Bianchi at sbianchi2@verizon.net

CENTRAL KNIGHTS DO VERY WELL IN WINTER SPORTS

...Congrats to the Central Knights Girls Basketball team for a fine season, sporting a 13-7 record! After big division wins over Mt. Pleasant, 51-45 and Toll Gate, 50-31, they ran up against a very tough Woonsocket Villanovan team in the quarterfinal playoffs and lost, 56-42. After a good start, including big wins over Cranston East, 78-50, and St. Rae's, 53-47 and thrilling one point wins over Smithfield and Cumberland, the Knights Boys hoopsters fell into a tough losing streak to finish the season. However, they did overwhelm rival Hope High by a score of 65-50.

Both the Central Knights Boys and Girls indoor track teams had solid 7-4 records in statewide meets. The boys' team won competitive meets over Mt. Pleasant, 50-46 and East Providence, 53-45. The girls were great against Ponagansett, 59-34, then won close meets with Tolman and Central Falls and a one pointer over Juanita Sanchez 35-34.

CHSAAP FOURTH ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP DRIVE!

...Our Fourth Annual Scholarship Drive had been scheduled through March 31st. However, Central alumni can contribute to this most worthy cause for deserving students at any time of year! The donation levels are:

\$100 or less	Sponsor
\$101-\$250	Black & Gold
\$251-\$500	Centralite
\$501-\$2,500....	Central Knight
\$2,501 or more...	Central Golden Knight

Please send your contribution to: Jayne O'Brien, CHSAAP Treasurer
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In the meantime, be hopeful, prayerful and wise during these difficult days.
