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THE SHOOTING DEATH OF CENTRAL STUDENT WILLIAM 'EDDY' PARSONS



In Loving Memory

William E.

Parsons, Jr.

"Eddy"

December 10, 2002

September 5, 2018

....The Central High School Alumni Association as well as the entire Central community was overwhelmed and greatly saddened to hear of the shooting death of 15 year old Central student William Parsons, Jr. on Sept. 5th. William was a bystander in front of the Providence Career & Technical Academy during an argument involving four other people. One of them fired a gun and William was accidentally shot.

The day after William's death, Central students, teachers and administrators gathered in front of the school to help each other cope with the tragedy. Principal Jonathan Mendelsohn stated that "William loved Central High School and we loved him. He represented the best of Central and was a 'Golden Knight' in every respect." Teacher Tracy Boothman had been teaching William literary arts, as he enjoyed writing. She said that William was "hardworking and respectful to everyone".

In the midst of this tragic time for William Parsons' family, friends, and classmates and for Central High School, the members and directors of the Central High School Alumni Association extend our outgoing thoughts and deepest condolences.

OUR UPCOMING CHSAAP FALL EVENTS

....Our 'Funny 4 Funds' Comedy Fundraiser to benefit the CHSAAP Grant Fund is Thursday September 20th at the Imperial Room, One Rhodes Place in Cranston.

Doors open at 6:30 pm, show starts at 7:30 pm. Desserts, coffee, tea provided and a cash bar. There will be Raffles and a 50/50 Drawing. The show is for adults 18 and over. Tickets are only \$20! Have some great laughs with some of New England's funniest comedians and help raise funds for the CHSAAP Grant Fund! Go to www.funny4funds.com/events click on September 20th date or even buy tickets at the door.

FOXWOODS BUS TRIP TO BENEFIT NEW CENTRAL ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

....Our Second Annual Foxwoods Bus Trip on Saturday October 20 will be a Fantastic Fall Fun Time and will benefit the new CHSAAP Central Athletic Hall of Fame! Tickets are \$45, which includes bus transportation and driver tip, a free buffet (\$25 value) or a \$10 voucher to any Foxwoods restaurant, and \$15 for slot play.

Bus leaves the Central parking lot at 4 pm and also picks up at the Park & Ride on Rte. 117 just off exit 10 on Rte. 95 at 4:15 pm. Bus leaves Foxwoods at 10 pm for return by 11 pm.

Don't miss this great event and help with the 'start up' of the new Central Athletic Hall of Fame!

CENTRAL FOOTBALL SEASON UNDERWAY...HOMECOMING GAME ON OCTOBER 19!

....After the big Central Knights Pep Rally at the school, the football team will be playing its Homecoming game in Conley Stadium at Mt. Pleasant on Friday night October 19th vs. the South Kingstown Rebels! The CHSAAP will be giving out 100 FREE TICKETS TO STUDENTS FOR THE GAME at the gate! Students just have to show their I.D. *We're looking for a big ALUMNI turnout for Homecoming to support the Knights!*

The Knights are 'off and running' for their second season in RIIL Division 1-B. If the Knights finish on top, they could face a Division 1-A opponent like La Salle, Hendricken or North Kingstown for the State Title! Coach Peter Rios says: "Even if we play in the lower tiered Super Bowl (for teams finishing two through five in the division) I think our kids would be extremely happy!"

FIRST CENTRAL HALL OF FAME MEMBERS TO BE CHOSEN SOON!

....Board members of the CHSAAP/Central Athletic Hall of Fame are on the verge of selecting the first class of Hall of Fame inductees. The names will be released by the end of the year and a Hall of Fame banquet is now being planned for next spring. More details in our next Centralite Newsletter!

CONGRATULATIONS TO CENTRAL GRAD, WING CHAU, FOR U.S. MARSHALL NOMINATION

....Rhode Island's U.S. Senators Jack Reed and Sheldon Whitehouse recently announced the nomination of Central alumnus Wing Chau to be U.S. Marshall for the District of Rhode Island. Mr. Chau is currently a Special Agent with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. The White House first announced Mr. Chau's nomination in mid August. Since the 1990's, he's worked in Federal law enforcement with the U.S. Border Patrol and with the BATF. The U.S. Senate Judiciary committee has had his nomination moved to the floor for confirmation. *Hearty congratulations to Central alumnus Wing Chau on his nomination!*

....See you all at our big CHSAAP Events this Fall!