

## Another Year

As another calendar year comes to a conclusion, the community of Central City has yet another year to be truly thankful for. Over the course of the past few years, Central City Public Schools and the community of Central City continue to set the standard in education and community development. Success has become an expectation.

Staff, parents, and students have been collaboratively working towards great progress and production. In the fall of 2024, the Nebraska Department of Education recognized Central City Public Schools as an "Excellent" school in their education profiles. After several years of ranking schools in the categories "Needs Improvement," "Good," "Great," and "Excellent," Central City Public Schools has reached the highest standard of "Excellent." This change in ranking can be attributed to the continued evolution of course offerings, student opportunities, the development of CTE courses, student performance, and test scores. Last year, the Central City District accomplished hitting their sub-category goal in all twenty-seven NWEA MAP sub-scores. In addition, the Class of 2025 scored remarkably on their Junior year ACT test.

As we approach the conclusion of 2024, we need to also take time to recognize the success of our activities and athletics for the fall season. The High School Football Team reached the State Championship Game at Memorial Stadium in Lincoln for the first time in school history. This group of young men was supported by an incredible community, and the pride of the community was truly remarkable. In addition, the Volleyball Team had one of their most successful seasons in a considerable amount of time, Cross Country qualified individuals for the State meet in Kearney, Girls Golf qualified an individual for the State meet, and the Softball Team had yet another successful season. The success within the district should not be taken for granted. There has been considerable work, dedication, and effort put in by many people to help flip the script and push this district to the top academically, athletically, and in offerings.

History and sacrifice are incredibly important to our District and community. In the High School commons, a new display TV has been installed to recognize Veterans that are alumni of Central City Public Schools. It is important that we recognize these individuals for the commitment and sacrifice they have made for the defense of our country. The history classes will be gathering additional information for this project. Please pay attention to future details. If you are a Central City Public Schools graduate that served, we want to recognize you and put your story on the display board for others to see.

In line with recognizing history, the presence of the alumni of Central City Public Schools is ever-growing. Each year, we provide multiple tours of our facilities to alumni, and their interest in this District is ever-increasing. This January, an alumni weekend will be taking place with several gatherings and opportunities to tour the school being available. We would like to extend a welcome and open hand to all of our alumni. We truly enjoy having graduates back on campus, seeing the great things that are being done. We also look forward to observing increased movement in establishing an Alumni Association to continue to organize

opportunities for events and support of this District and community. Much more will be happening with this development over the course of the next few months.

As the 2024 calendar year draws to a close, we hope that everyone enjoys the holiday season. So many amazing things are happening in our District and community, and we look forward to what 2025 will bring. Thank you to all of you that support our District and provide our students with the very best. Happy Holidays and Go BISON!!!