

PANTHER PAWS

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Congrats to Individual Wrestlers

Congratulations to the individual Varsity Wrestlers, especially Logan Gilbert, who took 1st in the state, and Cole Reitz, who took 4th in the state. We've asked them a few questions and here are their responses.

How do you feel the season went for you?

Logan: "I feel the wrestling season went pretty well. I reached both of my goals that I set at the start of the season which was to make it back to Wings Stadium for team state, and be back on top of that podium as State Champion."

Cole: "Season was good overall. We made it back to team state and as an individual I did well but not as well as I was hoping."

What was the hardest part of the season you had to overcome?

Logan: "Probably the biggest thing I had to overcome was the cutting. But knowing if I got down to that weight gave my team the best chance to make it back to team state was the best motivator I could have had to keep pushing."

Cole: "Hardest part I overcame this season was definitely either being sick a lot of the season or having to overcome mentally the possibility of being injured again."

How do you feel winning champion/1st (Logan) and 4th (Cole) place?

Logan: "It feels really special knowing that I am State Champion, especially after last year. It feels even more special that I did it twice and that no one at our school has accomplished that feat before."

Cole: "I mean it's definitely an accomplishment to take 4th place. I feel I definitely should have taken my 3rd and 4th place match more seriously as I had already beat my opponent and I did not believe he was capable of beating me, which wasn't the case."



Left: Cole Reitz is honored on the podium.

(Photo credit: Paula Reitz)

Right: Logan Gilbert celebrates his state championship.

(Photo credit: Paula Reitz)



Powerlifting



Above: The Powerlifting team poses for a photo.

(Photo Credit: CS Powerlifting on Facebook)

Right: Cole Curtis is honored as 1st in the State."

(Photo Credit: CS Powerlifting on Facebook)



Congratulations go out to our Powerlifters, especially Cole Curtis, who took 1st in his weight class, and Ryan Pejakovich, who took 2nd in his weight class. We've interviewed them to talk about their seasons.

How do you think the season went for you overall?

Cole: "Pretty good overall I had some help from some friends of mine. Ryan Pejakovich has really helped me out with my form when sometimes my coaches couldn't really find out what was wrong."

Ryan: "The season went great. I accomplished my goals of setting two new state records one in the squat at 525 pounds and the other in the bench at 320 pounds. I would've like to place first at States though."

What was the toughest part?

Cole: "The toughest part was probably.. Accepting that I had problems in my form and that I didn't want to change them because I thought it would affect me overall."

Ryan: "The hardest part of this season was staying focused and not getting into my head. I fixed that though and bet on myself and it worked."

How do you feel that you got 1st (Cole Curtis) and 2nd (Ryan Pejakovich)?

Cole: "It felt pretty good. I'm hoping now that I can do better next year in a higher weight classes instead of holding weight cause if I had gone up a weight class I would have not done as well. I kept my weight low in order to do better, but now I want to take on that challenge and get into higher classes."

Ryan: "It feels bittersweet because I wanted to get 1st at States but I'm also 2nd in the state which is still really good,"

Team Wrestling



Above: Team Hybrid poses with their Regional Championship trophy.

(Photo Credit: Paula Reitz)

The wrestling season has concluded and we would like to congratulate them on winning Districts, Regionals, and qualifying for State. We asked Kristian Heighton, a senior wrestler, a few questions of how it went for them.

How do you think the season went for you?

"I think that the season went pretty well, considering that we lost some of the previous seniors from last year and still made team state, and had a team record of 26-6. And had many wrestlers go and place at Individual States."

What was the toughest part of the season?

The toughest or hardest part of the season was losing the 1st round of Team State.

Boys' District Championship

We would like to congratulate the Varsity Boys' basketball team on their successful season, resulting in their district championship. We've interviewed one of their players, Ivan Abad, to see how they feel.

How do you feel the basketball season went for the team?

"The season started off a little bit slow, things picked up in between. I feel like it went pretty well when we obviously started getting to the end games and unfortunately, we didn't have the most wins but we did come out happy with the district battle."

What was the toughest part you and the team faced?

"I feel like we did have a lot of communication problems on the court. It was really tough but luckily we figured it out."

How does it feel to be district champions?

"It feels great to break that 10 year streak and it's amazing, we love it."



Above: The boys hoist their District Championship trophy!

(Photo Credit: Heather Wechsler)

Girls' Basketball Season



Above: The girls huddle up with their coach before the championship game)

(Photo Credit: Heather Wechsler)

We would like to congratulate the girls' basketball team on their great season. We've asked Jaise Lane, one of the senior players, to answer a few questions.

How do you think the season went for you?

The season went very well, we all improved since the beginning and ended our season with a 15-7 record.

What was the hardest part of the season?

Losing in the district championship. We fought hard all season so it was hard having it end the way it did.

What is something you learned on your journey?

I learned that the journey is a climb and might not always end in success. The way you react and build upon the failures is what matters most to improve.

Congrats Miles Shannon

We would like to congratulate Miles Shannon for signing a letter of intent to play football at Central Michigan University. We've asked a few questions and here is what he has to say.

How do you feel about being signed with CMU?

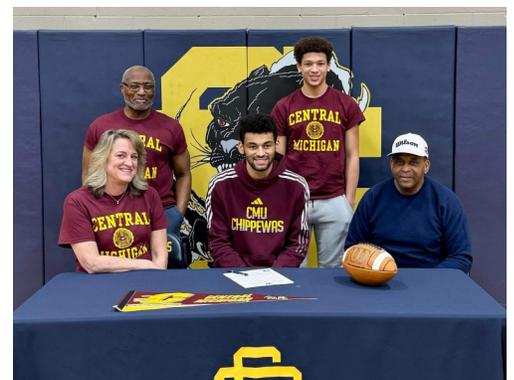
I am excited about signing with CMU, and I think it is a great opportunity.

What do you think is next for you in the future?

What I think is next in my future is that I can hopefully graduate college with a degree or go to a school with a better football program.

What do you think was the most influential point of high school that led up to this point?

The most influential point of high school was probably when I realized my athletic ability was comparable to college athletes.



Above: Miles poses with his family on signing day

(Photo Credit: Heather Wechsler)

Chicago Shakespeare



The wait is over. After 5 long year, Cli-max Scotts students were able to visit Navy Pier to see a live matinee of William Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet at Chicago Shakespeare Theatre. We wish to take future class to do the same. We could tell that this year's classes enjoyed seeing the a new 80's style take on the story.

Left: CS students and their chaperones pose together in front of Navy Pier.

(Photo Credit: CS Publications Staff)

NHS Inductions

Congratulations to the newly inducted NHS members: Amy Lynn, Jane Carillo, Ryan Pejakovich, Holly Talbert, Hailey Talbert, Ryan Ledbetter, Ben Crocker, Addy Reeves, Johnny Colver and Christian Kirkham.

Right: The National Honor Society poses with their newest members.

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