



Stay in Touch

Are you a Central High School graduate or former employee? Do you love the Central Lions and want to stay connected to the school you call home? The Central High School Alumni Network is in Phase I of an exciting endeavor. Joining is easy and staying in touch is the goal. Share updates, photos and find friends from the good 'ole days!

If you'd like to share pictures from a Central Lions event for the next Connections issue, email photos to chs.alumninetwork@carrollcountyschools.com and please include the names of the individuals pictured with each photo.



A Night to Remember in Lion Valley

It was an exciting night in Lion Valley as the Central Lions faced 6A Houston County in a hard-fought battle that came down to overtime!

The Lions battled until the very end, earning an exciting 73–66 overtime victory Friday night! The Lions were led by three outstanding performances. Senior quarterback JR Harris threw 16 passes for 315 yards and three touchdowns. In addition, JR had 13 carries for 118 yards rushing and two touchdowns. Senior wide receiver Jake Ivester rushed for an incredible 253 yards and recorded 10

receptions and two touchdowns. Junior running back Jacez Walton carried the ball 25 times for 212 yards and four touchdowns, helping power the Lions to the thrilling victory.



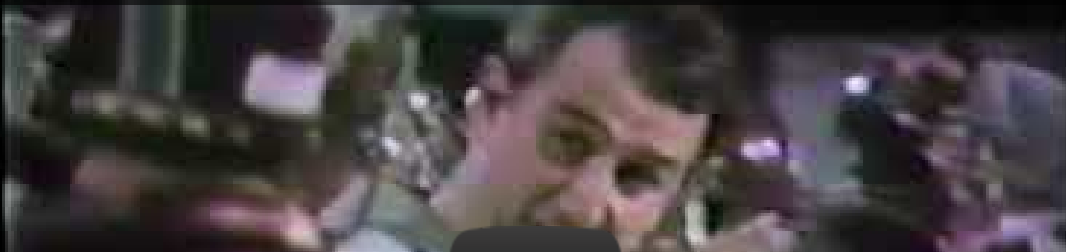
Celebrating 40 Years of Central Lion History

Before kickoff, Central proudly celebrated the 40th anniversary of the 1986–87 AA State Champion Football Teams. The former players gathered in the Champions Suite, where Head Coach Ronnie Burchfield spoke to the group. Several members proudly wore the state championship rings they earned 40 years ago—a special reminder of the legacy they created for generations of Central Lions. Following food, fellowship, and a time of reminiscing, the championship teams headed to the 50-yard line for a formal recognition. The celebration included the presentation of a special 40th Anniversary Reunion Tribute Video, honoring the players, coaches, and memories of that unforgettable championship season.

It was a night that connected Central's past, present, and future—a perfect reminder that the Lion family is forever.

Once a Lion. Always a Lion.

'86 & '87 State Championship Tribute MiNDSET Media 2 1





1987-88 Head Football Coach Ronnie Burchfield and his family

Give families the feel of your classroom and put new students at ease.



1987-88 State AA Championship Coaching Staff

Engage parents and caregivers and help them look forward to your newsletter.

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Share Your Friday Night Memories!

We would love to see your photos from this special night! Please email photos to chs.alumninetwork@carrollcountyschools.com and include the names of the individuals pictured with each photo.

Thank you for helping us capture and preserve these special Central Lion memories!

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**CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL
CLASS OF 2026**

Graduation Rate



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Central High School named the "Best" by U.S. News & World

Reports

For numerous years, the U.S. News Best High Schools rankings has named Central High School one of the “BEST”; rankings include data from nearly 25,000 public high schools across all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Nearly 18,000 schools received rankings based on six key factors, including student performance on state assessments and how effectively schools prepare students for college.



Central High School Principal Mr. Kelly Edwards credits the outstanding recognition to the dedication of Central’s teachers and students.

“I credit our teachers and students for giving our school this tremendous recognition. What we do in the classroom counts, each and every day. We build relationships with students to more closely align instruction with their individual needs. This is what makes our school great.”

Congratulations, Central Lions! This recognition reflects the hard work, commitment, and dedication of our entire school community.

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Upcoming Events of Interest

Friday, October 9 ~ Hall of Fame 2026 Induction Ceremony, pregame on the field

Thursday, October 29 ~ Homecoming Parade, 9:45 a.m. beginning at CES

Friday, October 30 ~ Homecoming Game and King & Queen presentation, pregame and halftime

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