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Noelle Mashburn in our communications office is putting this in the MNPS format and sending it out as a media release to all the local news/media stations and newspapers. You should pick up a little press on it. It will also go in our MNPS publications that come out weekly and go out to a large distribution list.  
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## CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI

The Central High School Alumni Association has been a very active group for many years.

In May of each year the alumni meet for a banquet at which time we honor the teachers who helped guide us into becoming the adults we are today. We also give scholarships to deserving young people who are the children and grand children of our alumni which has amounted to more than a half million dollars. Central High School was in existence from the year of 1917 to 1971.

When our school was no longer being used all the buildings with the exception of the music building was destroyed. After many years the Metro School Board allowed us the use of this building for our Alumni. Much hard work and many financial donations have gone into preserving this part of our past. Many of the alumni have worked continually in the restoration of the building for which we are thankful. Each class was asked to contact their class members and ask if they would like to contribute \$30.00 to have a gold plaque with their name engraved to be displayed on a wall at the alumni building. This helped greatly in financing the materials needed. If you are an alumnus and have not had the opportunity to have a plaque put on the wall think seriously about doing so.

Today we have a beautiful meeting place where the classes can come together and socialize and just enjoy a bit of their past. We have two meeting rooms, a fully equipped kitchen, and a sports memorabilia room. We have located most of the graduating pictures that hung in our halls at the old Central High and they are on display in our building.

If you have not had a chance to view the building it will be open on Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> beginning at 12 noon. The classes of 1952, 1955, 1956, 1958, 1965 will be celebrating with a chili cook-off that day since these classes have furnished the most plaques for our wall. All our alumni who have not been to the building are invited to come by on that day and see what a great place our Alumni Building has become.

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