



Castle High School Accomplishments

Profile 2014 – 2015

2015 – 2016

February 2016

1. Piano & Vocal Music Students

Congratulations to Our Piano and Vocal Music Students for earning 14 gold and 4 silver ratings at Saturday's I.S.S.M.A. district solo and ensemble contest. 12 events qualified to advance to state contest

2. Band News:

Congratulations to the band students who competed at the ISSMA Solo and Ensemble Festival Saturday. 68 of 82 events earned a Gold Division Rating and 52 events qualified for the State Competition on Feb. 27th in Indianapolis.

3. The Castle Archery Team

won the Tell City Tournament this weekend with the highest score in the history of the program - 3430 points. Congratulations to all Archers.

Top male archers were:

2nd place: Adam Cron - 291

3rd place: Bresden Laughton - 291

Top female archers were:

2nd place: Deanna Woodburn - 287

3rd place: Courtney Ashley – 285

4. SkillsUSA: Last Saturday, February 6th, students from the Southern Indiana Career and Technical Center participated in the regional SkillsUSA conference and contests. Students had the opportunity to demonstrate their skills and compete against others in our region of the state. Vincennes University provided scholarships to the top finalists. Students who finished in the top 5 will have the opportunity to attend and compete in the state conference and contests on April 15th and 16th. See results below of the SKillsUSA Regional competition at Vincennes University. Scholarships were \$2500 for first, \$1000 for second, and \$500 for third, fourth, and fifth. Please congratulate your students as you see them. You should be very proud of their accomplishments. They represented your school and SICTC very well.

Congratulations to:

Austin Fest 1st place, Carpentry

Ethan Hurst 1st place, Masonry

Tyler Knott 2nd place, Automotive Service

Scott Dayton 2nd place, CNC Milling

5. The Castle Speech Team

Speech Team competed at Reitz High School on Saturday with great success. Sophomore David Brooks placed third in original oratory, junior Vrajesh Patel placed third in impromptu and second in declamation, and sophomore Landon Owens placed first in prose reading. Great job, Castle speakers!

6. Band News: Congratulations to the Castle Winter Percussion Ensemble that won first place at the Plainfield High School Contest on Saturday. Congratulations also to the JV Winter Guard for placing third in their group and the Varsity Winter Guard for winning first place at Brownsburg High School on Saturday.
7. Show Choir News: Congratulations to both show choirs for advancing to night finals at Saturday's Franklin Community competition. The Knightingales finished as 2nd runners-up in the women's division with Maria Fruit winning best soloist and the Knight Sensations finished as 4th runners-up in the mixed division with Austin Marchino winning best male soloist.
8. Band News: Congratulations to the JV and Varsity Winter Guards that competed in the WGI Regional in Indianapolis on Saturday and Sunday. Both groups qualified for the Finals with the JV finishing 2nd in their class and the Varsity finishing 4th in their class. Congratulations also to the Wednesday Jazz Band that performed at the Indiana State University Jazz Festival on Saturday. Alex Whitehead earned an Outstanding Soloist Award.
9. Show Choir News: Congratulations to Maddie DePriest and Megan Jackson for winning outstanding performer awards at the Franklin Community show choir competition. Congratulations also to our vocal music students for earning four gold ratings at the I.S.S.M.A. state solo and ensemble contest Saturday, with Deanna Woodburn earning a perfect score.

10. Inclusion at CHS

Castle High School has been recognized by the Indiana IEP Resource Center for our outstanding inclusionary practices. Inclusionary practices occur in a variety of environments at Castle High School including our classrooms, clubs, and athletic events. The Indiana Resource Center is conducting a Media Project across the state and has invited us to participate. They visited our school on Monday, February 1st and Tuesday, February 2nd with their team of videographers and project coordinators. When they have completed their project, the video will be offered free of charge to all schools in Indiana.

It is an honor to be recognized for the hard work of our students and staff at CHS. We are also excited that we can make a positive impact on students beyond CHS. If the project is a success, many students from other schools will get opportunities for an education like our students receive through exceptional inclusionary practices.

11. Japanese National Honor Society

Congratulations to the Japanese National Honor Society, class of 2015, members. There were 45 students from Castle, making it the largest group in Indiana, and the 5th largest group in the United States. Students much have an overall GPA of 3.0 and a Japanese GPA o 3.5 to qualify.

12. Riley Dance Marathon

Castle raised \$37,430.05 for Riley Children's Hospital during this year's annual dance marathon fundraiser. Thank you to all who supported this great cause! Well done, Knights!

January 2016

1. Congratulations to the outstanding Castle alums selected to the inaugural class of Legends of Castle High School, those alums being as follows:
 - [Ryan Buck](#), M.D. (CHS class of 1999) Hospitalist, Northwestern Memorial Hospital/Clinical Instructor Feinberg School of Medicine Northwestern University, Chicago, IL

 - David Diaz, M.D. (CHS class of 1977) Professor of Clinical Psychiatry, Indiana University School of Medicine, Indianapolis, IN

 - [Justin Gash](#), PhD (CHS class of 1997) Assistant Professor of Mathematics, Franklin College, Franklin, IN

 - [Ernie Haase](#) (CHS class of 1983) Southern Gospel Singer with Ernie Haase & Signature Sound/Co-Founder Stow Town Records, Stow, OH
 - Michael Herf (CHS class of 1993) President f.lux Software LLC, Los Angeles, CA

 - [Erin Lewis](#) (CHS class of 1997) Institute for Global Enterprise, University of Evansville, Evansville, IN

 - Bryce Sadtler (CHS class of 1998) Assistant Professor of Chemistry, Washington University, St. Louis, MO

 - David Samson, PhD (CHS class of 2001) Postdoctoral Associate, Department of Evolutionary Anthropology, Duke University, Durham, NC

 - Michael Schrader (CHS class of 2000) CEO of Vaxess Technologies, Watertown, MA
2. The Archery Team placed 2nd to Boonville in the tournament over the weekend. Team scores were Castle 3342 (170 tens) and Boonville 3382 (195 tens).
 - Females
 - Courtney Ashley/5th - 283
 - Gabby Pape/6th - 282
 - Males
 - Kyle Probus /4th - 287
 - Tyler Johnson/6th – 285
3. Archery: The Archery Team won the New Tech Tournament over the weekend edging out Boonville by 20 points, Castle shot a 3362 with 179 tens. Congratulations to all the archers!

Top two places for Castle in the Men's division were:

Jackson O'Bryan - 2nd - 293

Kyle Probus - 4th - 288

Women's division:

Adeline Folger - 4th - 278

Deanna Woodburn - 5th - 277

4. Castle High School Club Service Projects for 2015 – 2016
 - a. Language Club
 - i. Collect non-perishables for Backpack Ministry
 - ii. Raise money for Backpack Ministry through "Give Back Night" at Jalisco
 - iii. Collect non-perishables for students at Chandler Elementary
 - iv. Raise money for students at Chandler Elementary through "Give Back Night" at Jalisco
 - b. Writers' Club
 - i. Sponsor Poetry Night for students and public; Donate funds to local charity
 - c. Quill and Scroll
 - i. Donate money to Holly's House
 - ii. Deliver Easter Baskets to Albion Fellows Bacon Center
 - d. Fellowship of Christian Athletes
 - i. Volunteer at the Gobbler Gathering at the Rescue Mission
 - e. Castle Crusaders
 - i. Volunteer at Relay for Life
 - ii. Raise money for Shriner's Hospital
 - f. Student Council
 - i. Canned Food Drive and Dance Marathon for Riley Hospital
 - ii. Collect gifts and clothing for 2 families for Christmas
 - g. National Honor Society
 - i. Sponsor Scholastic C banquet and ceremony
 - h. Art Club
 - i. Spring campus clean up
 - ii. Valentine's Day flower sale; Money used to fund scholarship for senior student
 - iii. Cook meal at local homeless shelter
 - i. Drama Club
 - i. Perform free plays for students
 - j. Student Athletic Council
 - i. Visit elementary schools for the Knight Reading program
 - ii. Raise money for Special Olympics through Champions Together
 - k. Math Club
 - i. Tutor students during supervised study
 - ii. Sponsor math competition for 5th - 8th graders
 - l. Academic Team
 - i. Raise money for a scholarship for a senior student
 - m. Peer Tutor
 - i. Donate items to Holly's House
 - ii. Donate money to Teen Power to give to nursing homes
 - iii. Donate money to FCCLA to help Castle students at Christmas time
 - iv. Clothing and Hygiene Drive
 - v. Special Cup; Donate funds to Special Olympics
 - vi. Donates money and participates in Down's Syndrome Walk and Autism Walk

- n. Business Professionals of America
 - i. Collect clothes and shoes for the Angels for a Knight Closet
 - ii. Serve Turooni's pizza at the Rescue Mission
 - iii. Sent a Christmas card to a child whose last wish was to fill her walls with Christmas cards
 - iv. Host two Red Cross blood drives
- o. Young Life
 - i. Volunteer at Camp Brosend
- p. Japanese Club
 - i. Donate money to the Susan G. Komen Foundation, Warrick Humane Society, Red Cross,
 - ii. Youth Resources, and Angels for a Knight
- q. Glamour Gals
 - i. Volunteer at a local nursing home to connect with the elderly
 - ii. Plan events at a local nursing home
- r. Knight Climbers
 - i. Clean at local parks
- s. Future Farmers of America
 - i. Help with Warrick County Ag. Days
 - ii. Volunteer at Humane Society
- t. Club Equal
 - i. Diversity Art Show; Donates money to Angels for a Knight
- u. Teen Power
 - i. Sponsors Red Ribbon Week
 - ii. Sings Christmas Carols at retirement communities
 - iii. Raise money for Warrick Humane Society
 - iv. Easter egg hunt/dinner at Albion Fellows Bacon Center
- v. Musician's Coalition
 - i. Presents Coalition Concert; Donates money to the Castle Stage Fund
- w. Child Development
 - i. Raise money and shop for Christmas presents for Tri-Cap Head Start
 - ii. Easter egg hunt for Tri-Cap Head Start

December 2015

1. Football: We have three CHS football players nominated for MVP of the year through the Tristate Homepage!
2. BPA: The following students competed and placed at the BPA District Leadership Conference on Saturday. They will be competing at the State Leadership Conference March 6-8! All of you that have had these students in class have contributed to their skills needed to compete. The amount of students that will represent our District shows the level of education that CHS students receive. Some students took written tests, some took production tests, and some did presentations. If you have any of the students in class let them know how proud we are of their accomplishments!

- a. Brandon Ames: Graphic Design Promotion, 1st place; Global Marketing Team, 1st place
- b. Anish Bedi: Video Production Team, 2nd place
- c. Mary Blanke: Administrative Support Team, 1st place; Personal Financial Management, 2nd place; Financial Math and Analysis Concepts, 1st place
- d. David Brooks: Video Production Team, 2nd place; Financial Math and Analysis, 2nd place; Information Technology Concepts, 3rd place
- e. Alec Corum: Fundamentals of Web Design, 3rd place
- f. Nick Donley: Fundamentals of Web Design, 5th place
- g. Aaron Dowell: Global Marketing Team, 1st place
- h. Christian Elfreich: Visual Basic C# Programming, 1st
- i. Richard Gerst: Visual Basic/C# Programming, 2nd; Financial Math and Analysis Concepts, 10th place; Computer Programming 1st place
- j. Lindsey Gilkey: Administrative Support Team, 1st place
- k. Riley Kinsella: Fundamentals of Web Design, 1st place; Computer Programming Concepts, 4th place
- l. Kirsten Mehling: Video Production Team, 2nd place
- m. Zach Messinger: Personal Financial Management, 4th place
- n. Brooke Miles: Banking & Finance, 9th place; Fundamental Accounting, 8th place
- o. Adam Myers: Legal Office Procedures, 6th place
- p. Nathan Nuffer: Visual Basic/C# Programming, 4th place; Computer Programming Concepts, 9th place
- q. Vrajesh Patel: Extemporaneous Speech, 1st place, Economic Research Team, 3rd place
- r. Paige Probus: Economic Research Individual, 2nd place
- s. Camden Ratcliff: Visual Basic/C# Programming, 3rd place
- t. Ethan Roberts: Advanced Interview Skills, 3rd place
- u. Tanner Simoneaux: Fundamentals of Web Design, 6th place
- v. Katie Stephens: Administrative Support Team, 1st place; Medical Office Procedures, 1st place
- w. Austyn Stierwalt: Global Marketing Team, 1st place; Interview Skills, 4th place
- x. Marcus Taylor: Java Programming, 1st place
- y. Zach Wagner: Visual Basic/C# Programming, 6th place; Computer Programming Concepts, 10th place
- z. Madison Warnock: Fundamentals of Web Design, 4th place
- aa. Hans Webber: Economic Research Team, 3rd place
- bb. Projected to advance in Web Site Design Team: Alec Corum, Riley Kinsella, Marcus Taylor, Madison Warnock
- cc. Projected to advance in Computer Modeling: Evan Dowell, Jake Heideker, Conner Kozlecar

3. Math Competition

On Saturday November 14th, 450 students from Indiana and Illinois competed at the 50th Annual Rose-Hulman Math Competition. Castle High School placed 2nd as a team. The following students placed individually: Emily Lothamer placed 10th among all freshmen; Meghana Bhaskara placed 12th, Jessica Kempe placed 11th, and August Katz placed 10th among all sophomores; Sue Prasad and Vaishnavi Ravipati placed 11th and Sophie Fanok placed 10th among all juniors; Ruple Jairath placed 12th and Mitchell Cron placed 9th among all seniors. The Castle Freshman team also placed 4th. Congratulations to all 46 Castle participants... We are very proud of all of you!

November 2015

1. Band News: Congratulations to the 225 members of the Castle Marching Knights who competed at the Indiana State Finals Saturday at Lucas Oil Stadium. The band finished 4th in the State. This marks the third highest placement in school history and the best finish since 2005.
2. National Merit: Castle High School is proud to announce seven senior National Merit Semifinalists. To qualify, a student must score in the top 1% of all students taking the PSAT/NMSQT in 2014. There were sixteen total semifinalists in Southern Indiana and Castle garnered seven of those! Congratulations Justin Banks, Trey Brasseale, Mitchell Cron, Richard Gerst, Samantha Ilagan, Jeremy Server, and Laura Titzer!
3. Castle Soccer: On Sunday, September 27, over 50 boys and girls soccer players and family members ran in the Race for the Cure. They did this in conjunction with the Pink Out Night game honoring breast cancer fighters and survivors. Ben Fouts placed 6th overall with a time of 18:43.6. Castle soccer was one of the largest school groups represented at the race!
4. Food Drive: During the week of October 5-9, Castle participated in the 14 WFIE Sunrise School Spirit can food drive for the tri-state food pantry. In one week, our students, staff, and community donated 24,802 pounds of canned foods!!
5. Child Development: Castle High School child development students are partnering with WEC to help out with field trips. One group of six students went with the WEC Developmental Preschool to Mesker Park Zoo on October 23rd, and a second group of four students accompanied them to the WCSC central office in Boonville for the preschoolers to Trick-or-Treat on October 30th. Also, eight child development students volunteered to provide child care for Tri-Cap Head Start preschool children and siblings while their parents had a meeting with the director and instructors. This took place on Tuesday, October 27th.

October 2015

1. Band News: Congratulations to the 225 members of the Castle Marching Knights that competed Saturday at Lucas Oil Stadium. The band competed in the Bands of America Super Regional contest with 63 other bands. The marching knights finished FIRST in their class and sixth overall. This is the fourth regional title in school history and the first at a Super Regional. The band will compete at the Indiana Semi State competition this weekend for a right to perform at the Indiana State Finals the following week.
2. The "Knight" Thing to Do: As of Sept. 16th, 21 CHS students have demonstrated to the faculty and staff the "KNIGHT" thing to do. Each of these students have gone above and beyond the call of duty by helping students and staff during the school day. These CHS ladies and gentlemen were each given a

small token of thanks from the Administration. We want to once again thank each of these students for what they have done for other CHS students!!

3. Special Cup: Special Cup is taking a portion of the proceeds for the month of September to donate to S.M.I.L.E. on Downs Walk. The Peer Tutor Club along with the Life Skills Classes will be participating in the Walk on October 3rd at the Vanderburgh Co. Fair Grounds.
4. For the Kids: The Castle FT(3)K for Riley Hospital for Children raised \$2718.50. The event was hosted by the Riley Dance Marathon Committee from the Student Council. There were close to 200 participants.
5. Mary Blanke, Cassondra Coll, Paige King, and Hannah Minasian were awarded 2015 US Lacrosse Academic All American honors... Congratulations!

September 2015

1. ICTM Math Competition: Over the summer, Sam Sheth placed 3rd in Indiana for Algebra 2 in the ICTM Math Competition. He was recognized at the Indiana capitol building in June.

On Saturday 8/15, at Purdue University, the Castle High School Math Team earned State Runner-Up. They finished with the second highest score in the large school class, and had the second highest score of all state finalists, who represented the top 24 schools of the 274 schools who participated. Congratulations to JT Laune, Scott Dauer, Richard Gerst, and Sam Sheth!

The Castle Math Club has been named the Regional Champions for the Indiana Math League competition for the 2014-2015 school year. Congrats to all of the students who competed.

May 2015 –

1. State of Indiana Math Competition: The Castle Math Team earned State Runner-Up. They finished not only with the second highest score in the large school class, but they finished with the second highest score of all state finalists, who represented the top 24 schools of the 274 schools who participated. Congratulations to JT Laune, Scott Dauer, Richard Gerst, and Sam Sheth for their accomplishments.
2. Band: 4th period Band performed at the ISSMA State Concert Band Finals in Indianapolis. They placed 8th in the state.
3. Indiana Council of Mathematics Teachers Competition-The Council has identified Sam Sheth an “Outstand Scholar in Indiana for Algebra 2.” His score is in the top 5 in the State of Indiana.
4. Indiana Council of Mathematics Teachers Competition- Sam Sheth scored second in the State of Indiana.

5. Valedictorians: Casey Richardson, Joshua Heidecker, Rachel Burke, Lisa Knust, Mathias Kolleck, Erin Wolf, Punit Vyas, Eric Davidson, Kaysie Collins, Richard Yang, Jordan Laune, and Jessica Robinson
6. National Merit Finalists: Nikhil Dhingra, Kobin Kempe, Trey Kolleck, Jordan Laune, Quentin Pierce, Casey Richardson, Olivia Shoup, and Richard Yang. Castle High School has more National Merit Finalists than any school in our region.
7. North Central Association, Indiana Department of Education, Secondary School Full Accreditation
8. Advance Placement Results:

Percent of AP Students with Scores 3+:		Castle	Indiana	Global
Mean Scores:		69.9%	51.4%	60.9%
	Biology	3.20	2.74	2.91
	Calculus AB	3.77	2.51	2.86
	Calculus BC	3.35	3.76	3.72
	Chemistry	3.10	2.32	2.66
	English Language and Composition	3.68	2.72	2.79
	English Literature and Composition	2.86	2.68	2.78
	Statistics	3.56	2.69	2.80
	U.S. Government and Politics	2.58	2.43	2.54
	United States History	2.83	2.32	2.64
	Physics I	2.56	2.11	2.32
	Physics 2	3.27	2.48	2.77

9. Advanced Placement Courses – 10
Advanced Placement or Dual Credit Courses – 14
Dual Credit Courses – 14
10. 2015 Castle High School Named a 4-Star School in Indiana



April 2015 –

1. Castle Math Club: at the Indiana Math Competition won or tied all but one placement. In Geometry, Kevin Yang and Meghana Bhaskara tied for 3rd; August Katz placed 2nd; and Joseph Seibert placed 1st. All four students were also named “Indiana Scholars in Geometry.” In Algebra 2, Hailey Heidecker and Joseph Shoup tied for 2nd; Sam Sheth placed 1st. All three students were named “Indiana Scholars in Algebra 2. “ In Comprehensive, Sami Ilagan and Mitchell Cron tied for 3rd; Betsy Richardson, Casey Richardson, and JT Laune tied for 2nd; and Trey Kolleck and Josh Heidecker tied for 1st.
2. Math Team Members: Scott Dauer, Eric Davidson, Nikhil Dhingra, Megan Eble, Josh Heidecker, Kobin Kempe, Ty Kirkland, Trey Kolleck, Isabel Krahling, Sierra Kurzynowski, JT Laune, Carol Lee, Alita Miller, Jake Mitchell, Rachel Paul, Quentin Pierce, Ashwin Prasad, Casey Richardson, Vasu Sheel, Beenah Shkouhzedel, Olivia Shoup, Katie Suthard, Punit Vyas, Kathryn Wallish, Dalton Wene, Ethan Wilkinson, Richard Yang

3. Academic Competition:
1st Place in Math, Science, Fine Arts, and Interdisciplinary. Tied for 1st in English.
Academic Team Members: Kathryn Wallisch, Hannah Hillenbrand, Rachel Paul, Katie Suthard, Nikhil Dhingra, Izzy Krahling, Carol Lee, JT Laune, Scott Dauer, Brycen Ratcliffe, Punit Vyas, and Richard Yang
4. Band News: Congratulations to the 3rd and 5th period concert bands that performed Friday night at the ISSMA concert band festival. The band earned the highest rating possible, a “Gold with Distinction.”
5. Guard: Congratulations to the varsity winter guard that competed in the WGI World finals. The guard finished sixth place out of 121 competing units. This is the highest placement in school history!
6. Choir: Congratulations to the Concert Choir for earning 3 gold ratings, including one perfect score, in performance at the I.S.S.M.A. contest.
7. Business Professionals of America Competition Team:
Gabe Brown, Kyle Gorman, Taylor Howard, Nathaniel Hutchison, Ty Kirkland, Isabel Krahling, Steven Mattingly, Ashley Morrison, Hunter Probus, Noah Reese, Brady Rees, Devin Simoneaux, Bradley Stegbauer, Kyle Wilson.
8. Competing at the BPA Nationals in Anaheim California are seniors: Dylan Payne, Evan Watkins, Shane Flanagan, Adam Hilinski, Chance Howard, Tip Larmann, Josh Heidecker, Jacob Mitchell
9. Castle Winter Guard:
Attended the WGI World Championships in Dayton, Ohio. The Varsity Guard is currently ranked 5th out of 122 units competing at Worlds.
Team Members: David Altman, Natalie Brown, Caitlyn Couvillion, Emily Cranick, Emily Cron, Emily Gross, Shelby Groves, Olivia Harry, Anna Hirsch, Sarah Hirsch, Paige Howard, Lydia Johnson, Claire Kincaid, Clarissa Litherland, Madi Mattingly, Sirena Miller, Audra Owens, Wendy Owens, Collin Roach, Zach Seitz, Anna Watson, and Carlie West

March 2015 –

1. Winter Guard: Varsity and Junior Varsity Winter Guard competed in Indianapolis at the WGI Regional Competition. Both teams earned First Place in their divisions.
2. Castle Academic Invitational
1st Place- Math team, Fine Arts team, and Interdisciplinary team
Math: JT Laune, Scott Dauer, Richard Gerst, Ruple Jairath, Sam Sheth
Fine Arts: Sophie Fanok, Rachel Paul, Hannah Hillenbrand, Allison Wenberg, Katie Suthard
Interdisciplinary: JT Laune, Nikhil Dhingra, Kathryn Wallisch, Rachel Paul, Katie Suthard
2nd Place-English team and Social Studies team

English: Kathryn Wallisch Samantha Wallisch, Lindsey Cameron, Vaishnavi Ravipati, Kathleen Davis

Social Studies: VJ Patel, Carol Lee, Nikhil Dhingra, Izzy Krahling, Meghana Bhaskara

3rd Place- Science team

Science: Suneil Bhaskara, Sue Prasad, Brycen Ratcliffe, Emily Smith, Punit Vyas, Richard Yang

3. Jazz Ensembles

The Castle Jazz Ensembles performed at the University of Louisville Jazz Festival and earned 7 outstanding performer awards. 32 soloists and 11 ensembles performed at the Indiana State Solo and Ensemble Festival in Indianapolis. Castle's band students earned a total of 39 Gold Medals at this State level event. The Castle Winter Percussion competed at Plainfield High School and received First Place Honors in their class. Also, the JV and Varsity Winter Guards performed at Northview High School, and also earned First Place overall in their class.

4. Show Choirs :

At the Springfield Southeast Invitational, the Knightingales captured Women's Division first place, overall first runners-up, People's Choice Award, and Maria Fruit was named Outstanding Soloist. The Knight Sensations captured Best Vocals, Best Choreography, Best Stage Crew, and contest Grand Champions. At FAME Chicago, the Knightingales were named Women's Division Grand Champions. Out of all midwest participating choirs, Jacey Stewart won Best Female Soloist of the Day and Emily Hawkes won Best Female Performer. The Knight Sensations finished as Mixed Division 3rd runners-up. Both groups qualified for spots in the prestigious national finals.

5. University of Southern Indiana Foreign Language Competition: (among most southern Indiana schools)

Second Place - German Team: Alex Shinnerl, Josh Wood, Julia Katz, Mitchell Cron and Grant Winternheimer

First Place - French Team: Lilana Ayala, Zoe Larmey, Rachel Seibert, Beenah Schokouhzadeh and April Kuhnert

Third Place - Spanish Team: Kathryn Reece

6. Band News:

Congratulations to the Castle Winter Percussion Ensemble who competed at the Indiana State Percussion Finals. The percussion ensemble finished SECOND in the State Open Class competition.

Congratulations also to the Varsity Winter Guard that performed at the Indiana State Color Guard Finals. The color guard won the state championship in Class A for the third consecutive year.

Congratulations to Rachel Paul, Jordan Kaluza, Madeline Steinsultz, Brian Reel, Conner Esche and Sam Sheth for auditioning and being selected to the 2015 All-State Band

7. BPA News: The following students placed at the Business Professionals of America State Leadership Conference:

Shane Flanagan-3rd place Interview Skills, Josh Heidecker-4th place, Java Programming and 7th place IT Concepts, Jordan Hughes-5th place Advanced Interview Skills, Dylan Payne and Evan Watkins- 4th place Small Business Management Team, Bradley Stegbauer-1st place Financial Math & Analysis, 3rd place Personal Financial Management, 5th place Banking & Finance

February 2015 –

1. Knightingales and Knight Sensations

Knightingales finished as 3rd runner-up at the DeKalb competition

Knight Sensations advanced to the night finals and finished the competition in Second Place

2. Japanese National Nengajo Competition

1st Place Computer Graphic Category- Eva Houseman

1st Place Artistic Category- Caroline Brown

3. Castle Thespian Troupe: selected Best In State! The Castle Thespian Troupe was selected to perform their full musical, "The Addams Family" at the Indiana Thespian Conference. The competition was among 12 schools around the state of Indiana.

Individual Events Competition Awards

Excellent Ribbons: Austin Marchino- Solo Musical, Lexi Williams and Ben Lobel- Duo Scene, Emily Hawkes, Maxi-Taylor McDaniel, April Kuhnert, Weronika Julke, Savannah Marchino and McKenna Peach- Group Musical

Superior Ribbons: Laura Bennett, Sarah Smith and Jacey Stewart- Solo Musical, Austin Marchino, Jacey Stewart, Maria Fruit, and Karlie Holman- Duo Musical, AJ Binney- Monologue, Eric Davidson, Emily Hawkes, Laura Bennett and Sarah Smith- Duo Acting

Best in Show: Grant Burnett, Jake Ellsworth and Matthew Schulte

January 2015-

1. Castle Marching Knights

The band was named Grand Champion at several local Invitational Competitions, as well as Grand Champion at the Bands of America regional championship in Louisville in front of 15,000 people. The band was 7th in the State Marching Band contest. It is the 24th year in school history that the band has been in the top 10 at the state finals in Indiana.

The band was ranked 23rd at the National Competition and 5th in their class of schools the same size as Castle.

2. Band News: Indiana Music Educators Conference

The following students were selected to the Indiana Music Education Honor Band: Rachel Paul, Madison Dora, Aaron Kaluza, Daniel Milam

All State Orchestra: Brian Reel and Ethan Wilkinson

The Trombone Jazz Ensemble was chosen to perform at this conference: David Altman, Ross, Altman, Dominic Bordenaro, Caitlyn Couvillion, William Dutho, Sarah Felts, Olivia Fieto, Zach Fuller, Daryd Greene, Azuki Hayashi, Joseph Hayden, Micah Hoff, Cameron, Knight, Cameron Poulsen, Sean Raterman, Caroline Reel, Mathew Scales, Morgan Scheitter, Eric Shade, Adithya Subbaiah, Will Titzer, Tommy Weber, Grant Winternheimer, Jared Ray, Ian Anderson, Brian Reel, Drew Teare, Garrett Wene, and Ethan Wilkinson

3. Choir News

All-State High School Honor Choir selected by audition to perform at the Indiana Music Educators Conference

AJ Binney, Grant Burnett, Madelyn DePriest, Jake Ellsworth, Maria Fruit, Emily Hawkes, Travis Miller, Sarah Noland, Matthew Schulte and Danielle Tessier

4. Band: Anna Hirsch was selected to perform with the U.S. Army All-America Band during the halftime of the Armed Forces Bowl on January 2nd.

November 2014-

1. The Castle Thespian Troupe: production of *The Addams Family* was champions of the Gibson Southern Thespian Regional Conference, winning Best Overall Show, Best Technical Aspects, Best Supporting Act, Best Supporting Actress, and Best Actor. In addition, the production was awarded the "All-Conference Selection" over other competing schools from throughout the state and was invited to present the entire production at the state conference in Indianapolis.
2. The Castle Marching Knights: completed their season by qualifying for Semi Finals for the second year in a row at the Music for ALL Bands of America Grand Nations at Lucas Oil Field in Indianapolis.
3. Marching Band: At the ISSMA State Marching Finals for the 24th time in history the Castle Marching Knights performed and placed 7th at State!
4. The Castle Marching Knights: competed in the ISSMA Semi State Competition at Ben Davis High School, performing with the top twenty bands from Indiana in Class A, earning a spot at State Finals
5. Math Competition at Rose Hulman

Max White placed 12th and Sue Prasad placed 9th for the sophomores, and the sophomore team placed 4th.

Ruple Jairath placed 11th, Suneil Bhaskara placed 7th, and Mitchell Cron placed 3rd for the juniors.

Ashwin Prasad placed 12th, JT Laune placed 3rd for the seniors and the senior team placed 2nd.

Overall, Castle High School placed 3rd among several elite high schools in Illinois, Indiana, and Iowa.

Many Castle students participated in Part 1 of the Indiana Math League. After Round 1, three Castle students are tied for the lead in the state with perfect Part 1 scores. Congratulations to Richard Gerst, Suneil Bhaskara, and Kobin Kempe.

October 2014-

1. Castle Marching Knights participated in the ISSMA Regional Competition in Center Grove, competing with 11 other great bands in Class A. Castle received a Gold Rating, and was one of only three bands to receive special distinctions awards in Music, Visual, and Effect. The band qualified for ISSMA Semi State.
2. The Marching Knights performed at the South Spencer High School Marching Band Invitational receiving the following awards: Best Music, Best Visual, Best General Effect and Grand Champion.
3. The Castle Thespian Troupe participated at the Regional Thespian Conference at Gibson Southern. The Troupe won Best Supporting Actress, Best Supporting Actor, Best Actor, Best Technical Aspects, and Best Overall Show. The Troupe qualified for State Competition in Indianapolis.
4. The Castle Future Farmers of America qualified an FFA soils judging team for the State Competition. They placed 3rd at the area contest out of 25 teams. The state qualifiers are Haven Thompson, Andrea Hilgeman, Ethan Hurst and Jesse Meyer.

September 2014-

1. The Castle Marching Knights competed with twenty other bands from Tennessee, Kentucky and Indiana at the Evansville North High School Marching Invitational. They received the following awards in their class:

Best Color Guard, Best Percussion, Best Drum Major, First Place

Overall Awards received: Best Music, Best Visual, Best General Effect, Best Color Guard, Best Percussion and Grand Champion
2. Band: In the first Bands of America regional competition in Louisville, Kentucky, the Castle Marching Knights competed with four of the top 35 bands from last year's Grand National bands. For the third time since 2005, Castle place first in their class in the Bands of America (BOA) Regional Competition. The band received top awards in music, visual, and general effect. This qualified them for competition in the evening. For the first time in Castle's history, the Castle Marching Knights were named BOA Regional Champions at finals! In addition they won top honors in music and general effect.
3. The Castle Marching Knights at their first competition this season at the Evansville Central High School Marching Band Competition, earned the following awards in their class: First Place, Best Color Guard, Best Percussion and Best Drum Major.

Overall Awards included Overall Best Music, Overall Best Visual, Overall Best General Effect, Overall Best Percussion and were named Grand Champion of the Day.
4. National Merit Semifinalists

Nikhil Dhingra, Kobin Kempe, Mathias Kolleck, Jordan Laune, Quentin Pierce, Casey Richardson, Olivia Shoup, and Richard Yang.

5. Castle's Yearbook Awards:

Second Place - Best Editorial Copy and Best Theme

Third Place - Best Overall Yearbook, Best Clubs and Organizations, Best Photo, Best Academics and Best Page 'Design

August 2014 –

1. Spring Advance Placement Results:

AP Chemistry-75% passed

AP Physics- 74% passed

AP Senior Language Arts-87% passed

AP Junior Language Arts-58% passed

AP European History- 60% passed