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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2.	3.	4. Assembly 10:00	5. Adm. Assembly. 12:30 Clubs—A	6. P.T.S.O. (Sophomores)	7. Niles—T. Pep Assembly	
9.	10. Deadline for Highlander Money. (\$3.00) 	11.	12. Clubs—B. P.T.S.O. (Freshman)	13. Highlights Candy Sale. 	14.	15.
16. 	17.	18. Allegan—T Christmas Play—11:00	19. Clubs—A.	20 Christmas Formal Walwood Ballroom	21. School Closes 	22. S. Haven-Here

State Highlights

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Show-Goer's Cavalcade

The next two weeks in Kalamazoo are predicted to be gala affairs for the city's show-goers. Several excellent productions are scheduled during this time.

At the Capitol, one may see the famous opera, "Tales of Hoffman," starring Moira Shearer, Leonide Massine, and Robert Helpmann, who were all seen in the ballet "Red Shoes." The opera's three acts deal with the three great loves of Hoffman, a poet. Following the opera at the theatre is a blood-and-thunder adventure story, "The Masked Avenger."

Starting Dec. 2, at the State is the movie, "The Desert Fox," the story of Herr Rommel and his infamous African engagements during World War II.

The current Civic play "Miranda" by Peter Blackmore proves to be another attraction. It's the story of a fish who hooks a man.

On December 13, at Central High School Auditorium the Metropolitan Opera Company will present "Fleidermaus" ("The Bat"), by Johann Strauss.

Class Lists Collegiates

Thirty-one of the graduating class of '49 were from the Training School. According to a report from Miss Ebert, all but three from this class are still in college (probably juniors this year), while two of the three present non-collegiates attended college for two years.

Some familiar names you may remember from the class of '49ers are Julia Strome, Julie Cartland, Skip Bills, and Emily Schrier; these four all have sisters who are now seniors at State High.

Exchange Club Posts Winners

The first five prizes given by the National Exchange Club in their annual poster contest were won by State High students. All entrants were invited to a luncheon at the Columbia Hotel on Monday, November 26.

The first prize was won by Joanne Puotinen, second by Janet Hughes, third by Sandy Buck, fourth by Suzie Gilbert, fifth by Carol Ann Smith, and sixth by a Central High boy, Jack Post.

'The Music Shelf'

The State High Choir, which is looking forward to a year of accomplishment, is trying to increase its membership to 70 students.

Dr. Belooof is looking forward to next year when the question of forming an "A" and "B" band will arise. Membership to the "A" band would be earned only through tryouts.

Jim Bowen has organized and will lead this year's Pep Band. The group will consist of eleven or twelve members and will provide its services at the basketball games, both home and away.

Debate Tournament Held

A Discussion Tournament was sponsored by State High School's Debate Club, November 19, 1951, under the direction of Dolores Oszustowicz, the debate coach.

Fifty-three students from various high schools participated in this event. They were Battle Creek Central, Galesburg, Comstock, Coldwater, Otsego and Homer.

Representing State High were Sue Gilbert, Harper Atherton, Carol Cessna, Robin Rose, Bob Herman, and Lyn Cassidy.

The topic discussed was, "What Should Be Our Manpower Policy in Time of War?"

State High's Debate Team held its first preliminary debate with Battle Creek Lakeview on November 30. This year's debate topic is; "Resolved, That All American Citizens Should Be Subject to Conscription for Essential Services in Time of War."

Strome Wins Essay Contest

Nancy Strome won the "I Speak For Democracy Contest," that was sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, under the leadership of Mr. Budd Dalm. Her recorded speech will be sent to Lansing for State competition. All high school students of Kalamazoo were eligible. Suzanne Sawyer placed third in the contest. Honorable mention was given to Carol Smith.

The winners were honored at the Hotel Harris during an evening meeting of the J.C.C.'s. The speeches were presented and honors were officially presented.

This issue of the **Highlights** is presented to you as an early Christmas gift. We thought that you could clip the calendar into your notebook and use it to record important dates. The staff is working on the big Christmas issue. Watch for it on December 19.

Class Clooses Eva

The Senior girls and the High School faculty have chosen Eva Aube as our D. A. R. Pilgrim. Eva is



President of the Monitor system, serves on the Student Council, and has been in the Modern Dance Club since her freshman year.

Eva is chairman of the Red Cross

Committee. The main project of this group is to distribute Thanksgiving food baskets to poor families. They are also sponsoring a Christmas project for poor children. Eva was general chairman of the Thanksgiving Assembly. She also serves on the Social, Pep, and Health Committees. For our dances Eva says she likes to work on tickets and refreshments. The Pep Committee has chosen Eva to be the parliamentarian.

Eva is taking four subjects: English, (her favorite), Chemistry, Government, and Advanced Speech. Her special sport is softball, favorite spectator sport is baseball. She likes to read classic novels; enjoys social and modern dancing, and appreciates semi-classical music. A few favorites are: butter pecan ice cream, rainy weather, a new niece, "Some Enchanted Evening," and two brothers. Next year she plans to enter a teacher's college.

Placing second in the D.A.R. contest was Bev Swoap, editor of the **HIGHLANDER**. Third place was given to Clare Gemrich, treasurer of the Student Council; and Mary Kuizenga, editor-in-chief of the **HIGHLIGHTS**. The award is given on the basis of leadership, scholarship, personality, and service.

Teaching Methods Discussed

The freshmen boys at Western, who were former State High students, met with representatives from the S-2 division of our school, to discuss the good and bad aspects of teaching methods which they received while attending State High.

The boys had few criticisms other than that of notetaking. They felt this was neglected by the majority of teachers. They said that if teachers would explain the proper way to take notes it would help with college lectures.

The former State High students felt that one of the biggest assets they obtained from State High was term paper construction and the writing of good themes.

Other topics which were discussed were that the teachers stress the need for being able to obtain meaning from reading material and that a course in Economics be included in the curriculum.