CCHS Names Kellie O’Connor as Assistant Principal for 2019-2020

Today I am pleased to announce that Kellie O’Connor has accepted my offer to join us in 2019-2020 as our new Assistant Principal. Though this is a part time position I know Mrs. O’Connor will be a perfect fit – for a person who is passionate and committed to our Mission. Her primary responsibility will be to assist Mr. Sawyer with the administration and supervision of the academic program at our school. Specific responsibilities will include curriculum development, an analysis of the content standards, core instructional practices, effective teaching objectives, formative assessment and methodology. She will also participate in key leadership committees that are aligned to our day-to-day operations.

Mrs. O’Connor comes to us with years of experience in Catholic Education. She currently works as the Curriculum and Instruction Coordinator for the Diocese of Stockton. In this role she has worked with principals and teachers throughout the diocese to evaluate, coordinate and implement learning communities on campuses. She has mentored teachers and administrators on ways to improve strategic planning and standards alignment in the classroom. Prior to her work with the diocese, Mrs. O’Connor taught at both the middle school and high school levels in our Catholic schools. She has a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and a Master’s Degree in Educational Leadership. She also holds a single subject credential in social science and an administrative service credential both from the state of California.

WE are fortunate to have Mrs. O’Connor join our team. She is passionate about Catholic education and truly embraces our Mission and Core Values. Please join me in welcoming Kellie O’Connor to Raider Territory.
The National FFA Week is celebrated in every state across the nation, impacting numerous chapters and communities. This year, Central Catholic FFA was filled with many joyous moments and activities on our campus, promoting agriculture in and out of the classroom. Each day was filled with different games, competitions, commodities, and livestock to give students a taste of the organization as well as the foundation of agriculture. A true attention grabber to the entire raider community was the display of chickens, horses, cows, sheep, and goats that were brought on campus throughout the week. The games were sure competitive as well, with Mr. Yonker and Mr. Diep taking their third straight championship in corn hole. The chapter then came together for a BBQ to celebrate the members in the FFA for their continuous participation. FFA week was a major success, allowing our raider community to come together as one promoting agriculture, while fulfilling the WE philosophy.
Scholarships for 2019/20

Thank you for your interest in and taking time to complete your scholarship paperwork. Scholarship decisions for the 2019/20 school year are in the closing stages. Within the next week, you will be receiving an email notification from FACTS which will direct you to log onto your online FACTS account to view your scholarship awards.

Please contact Joan Hart at hart@cchsca.org or at 209 988 5934 if you have any questions or need more information on your award status.

Registration Now Open for 2019-2020 School Year!

Here is a brief summary of the registration process:

The registration process will be completed online (www.cchsca.org) through your Parent Login Portal. You will see a notice that you have one or more contracts or forms to review, complete, or accept.

1) Select the link to review the Registration Contract
2) Review the 2019-2020 Tuition Schedule
3) Review your student’s information for accuracy. Please contact us with any discrepancies before continuing further
4) Review the Central Catholic High School Contractual Policies page. At the bottom, please sign the agreement
5) You will be directed to pay your student’s registration fee. Registration fees are paid online at the time of registration. Fees remain the same as last year. To take advantage of our Early Bird Registration Fee of $335, please register before April 1st. On April 1st, the registration fee reverts to the full price of $360
6) At the conclusion of this part of the registration process, new families will be directed to set up their FACTS tuition payment account
7) You will also be required to complete SCRIP, CCHS Volunteer, Annual Giving, and Emergency Contact Forms. Returning students will also need to update their Medical Information Form. All of these forms will show up in your Parent Login Portal and are to be completed online. Completion of these steps will finalize your registration

Please Note: Incoming and returning students WILL NOT be allowed to participate in any 2019-2020 tryouts, practices, or team activities until they are fully registered.

If you have any questions regarding the registration process, please contact Rebekah Nelson, Director of Enrolment and Marketing, at (209) 338-2615 or Nelson@cchsca.org
**Presidential Corner...**

March “Madness” has arrived. I use the term “Madness” in a positive context. When I look at the month here at CCHS it means registration for the 2019-20 school year has officially kicked off. It also means we are releasing our scholarship distribution for 2019-20. March also is the month we are hosting BASH 2019. And, March is when we are sending a team of students and a staff member down to Puerto Vallarta Mexico on our exchange program with Harkness Institute. March is also the month I am celebrating my 65th birthday – Dear God – where did the time go. And, of course, March is when we celebrate basketball competition at the college level.

**Rotary:** On Tuesday I had the honor of escorting another four students to the Modesto Downtown Rotary Club to be considered for scholarships. This was the final group. Later in March the Rotary Club will be sending a team to interview these great students three of whom will be selected for a scholarship for their college education.

**President’s Breakfast:** Yesterday we hosted our annual President’s Breakfast in the Mark Gallo Health and Fitness Center. The goal is to share information with our Partner Schools, board members, community members and staff. This year we led off with three student testimonies followed by informational presentations from Rebekah Nelson (Director of Marketing and Enrollment), Billy Hylla (Athletic Director), Joan Hart (Foundation Director) and, of course, our principal Mr. Sawyer. I was struck by each one of these presentations. They represented the true heartbeat of our school. They brought tears to your eyes and a smile to your face. We ended the day with a parent testimonial by Mr. Matt Henderson who shared his thoughts about our WE philosophy, participation in CC and time. Thanks to all who helped in this day and God bless our school.

**Coming Up:**
- Foundation Steering Committee meets on Tuesday at 7:00 pm.
- Wednesday, March 6, is Ash Wednesday – We will be distributing Ashes at Mass at St. Stanislaus at 11:15.
- Foundation Finance meets on Wednesday at 7:30 am in the Bishops’ Conference Room.
- There is NO Strategic Planning Committee meeting previously scheduled for Wednesday at 5:30 pm.

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**Principal’s Corner...**

Periodically, I wish to share some things that I am doing in my Remick Leadership classes at Notre Dame. The following is a short reflection on one of the Remick program root beliefs: *Excellence happens on purpose.*

Excellence happens on purpose. This phrase asks us to consider the level of attention we give to thought and action. If we want to reach our potential in our work, our marriage, our social life, our spiritual life, or any other life area that is important to us, we have to embrace it intentionality. In The Quotidian Mysteries, Norris (1998) shares areas of her life which seem mundane and routine, but which have the potential to be pathways to God. But through these mundane activities, and if she purposely thinks of them as being sacred, they become something else.

Norris writes about the life of her sister, divorced with children, who must combine work with all of the responsibilities that come with raising little ones. She writes, “But the key to her life is not to be found in her job, the money, or the steady car and mortgage payments. It is instead the priestly charism of transformation” (Norris, pg 18). What Norris is referring to is the intentional search for God in the everyday, which provides her with the strength to take care of those other important things – to make the everyday excellent.

In my own life, I have attempted to see the beauty and majesty of the everyday things around me. It isn’t easy. Familiarity, if not breeding contempt, at least brings complacency. In my job as principal I have to regularly evaluate teachers, which can become very routine process. But the teachers are doing God’s work. There is nothing more important than the formation of young minds, bodies, and souls. If I truly want to help teachers improve so that excellence happens, I need to remember that God is in all things, even lesson plans, and that we are made for each other in the image and likeness of God, that I am a disciple with hope to bring, and that excellence only happens if I live my life with intentionality and focus. I have to let the beauty and majesty of the everyday be a transformative force.

May God bless you,
Alumni News

Kory Simmons-Varni,’09, competed in the California Army National Guard Best Warrior Competition. This event is a state-wide, multi-level, multi-day competition where competitors are hand selected by their units to compete against one another in all aspects encompassing the responsibilities of a soldier. After 5 days of grueling competition, and a month of anticipation to find out the winner, it was announced that he was the 2018 Service Member of the Year. In May of this year, he will be competing at the next level. This event will be in Nevada, where Kory will be competing for the Region 7 Service Member of the Year award.

President’s Breakfast 2019

On Thursday morning we held our annual President’s Breakfast where we invite our partner school principals, our school board, and members of our student body and staff to learn more about Central Catholic High School. We heard from current students (Erika Rizo, Kyle Jacklich and Benjamin Shinkwin) as well as some of our own staff members (Jim Pecchenino, Joan Hart, Bruce Sawyer, Rebekah Nelson, and Billy Hylla). Thank you to everyone who came and to all those who helped to put on the event.

Important Dates

March 5th: Periods C & D Finals
March 7th: Periods A & F Finals
March 8th: B, E & G Finals
March 6th: Ash Wednesday Mass
March 8th: End of 3rd Quarter
March 10th—13th: WCEA School Visit

Scrip Hours:
7:30am – 3:00pm
Closed for lunch:
12:30pm – 1:30pm

Scrip Closed:
April 19th – 26th Good Friday and Easter Break

Central Catholic High School Mission Statement

Faithful to our Catholic Tradition, our mission is to witness to the Gospel while building an educational community that inspires the spiritual, academic and social development of young adults.