Five Students Chosen for Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) Camp

Written By CCHS Student, Samuel Khacho

“The leadership camp RYLA was attended by five of our students. The camp put us into positions of power as we led the camp. We learned what it meant to be a leader and how a person should lead. We built our own committees which in turn ran the camp. Students competed against each other and used their leadership skills to lead a team together.

These committees consisted of competition, newspaper, yearbook, engineering and entertainment. The group that oversaw these committees was chosen upon by each cabin and those students made up the camp council. The competition committee designed the games that were played throughout the camp. The newspaper committee put together the newspaper every night so that we’d have a newspaper with the highlights of the previous day in the morning. The yearbook team put together a video for all the campers to keep at the end of camp. The engineers made paths in the snow so that we wouldn’t get stuck, built awards for all the cabins based on their rankings and set up all the games. The entertainment group put together multiple shows every night including rap battles, sing alongs, and talented artists.

The camp council members were the designated leader of their dorm. I was elected onto the council and got the chance to interview our awesome guest speaker: Roger Crawford. He taught us what it meant to be a leader and that a leader may be afraid of something but the way they take on that fear is what makes them a great leader. The camp started with the students defining leadership and ended the same way.”

Samuel was joined by Nick Kiesel, Diego Velazquez and Antonio Cardenas. Sarah Grimes was chosen to attend the Girls RYLA Camp the same weekend. For more information on RYLA, follow this link.
Our Central Catholic Raiders are going to their 4th straight section championships! They will take on the Weston Ranch Cougars for the section title on Saturday at 4pm at the Golden 1 Center in Sacramento. For detailed information, ticket prices and the livestream link, [click here.]

Congratulations, Boys!

Dear Parents,

The Central Catholic School Board invites you to nominate candidates for election to the School Board. We are looking for nominees from our school families and community. A term on the School Board is three years and officially would begin in August 2019. The primary responsibility of the School Board is to act in an advisory capacity to Central Catholic’s President. We wish to have a School Board that is representative of the school community. While there are no required qualifications, a background in or knowledge of the areas of finance, marketing, human resources, law, technology, marketing, media, theology or education would be helpful.

School Board Nominations Timeline:

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If you are interested in being nominated to serve as a School Board member or know someone who is interested in serving Central Catholic, please contact any current School Board members, let Mr. Jim Pecchenino’s assistant Cindy Sawicki know at (209) 524-9611 ext. 159, or contact me, Sherrie Gary at 209-604-9762. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,
Sherrie Gary
School Board President
Make Your Commitment Today!

WE are so grateful for all of you who have pledged to support the Central Catholic Fund! If you have pledged but not paid you should have received an envelope to mail your pledge in or you can go online and pay. If you have not yet pledged or donated WE would be grateful for any support you are able to give. Your contribution to The Central Catholic Fund provides direct funding for the educational initiatives and various programs that tuition alone does not cover, thus fulfilling our purpose to grow an academically-prepared student, a socially-responsible leader, a globally-conscious citizen, and a spiritually-developed person.

Give Now

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

Parent Portal
**Friday FACTS**

**President’s Corner...**

How about this weather? When is the last time you could see the Westside hills with snow on them for up to three weeks? I understand the bees are having a tough time coming out to help our almond farmers... we certainly have got the rain we have been praying for – now it is time to pray for some warmer clear weather to let our bees get to work. Short weeks are often difficult to manage – it seems like we often try to cram five days into four. That being said I hope you enjoyed last weekend’s long get-away. I also hope you took some time to reflect on our country and our founders along with all the other presidents in the long line of leadership we enjoy as a free country. May God bless the USA.

Rotary: Each year during this time I have the honor of taking some of our CCHS seniors to the Downtown Rotary Club to be introduced as scholars from our school. These students are selected by our counseling department for their academic success and leadership in our school. Each one of them will be interviewed in April and ultimately three of them will be selected for a scholarship. Thanks to our Rotarians for including CCHS in this very important youth opportunity.

WCEA: It is getting closer to the time when our visiting team will be arriving at CCHS. This week our staff met to review our document and discuss the findings. The visiting team will be arriving on March 10 (Sunday) and stay with us through March 13, 2019. During those days they will be visiting classrooms, meeting with staff and validating our self-study. A huge thanks goes out to all our staff, volunteers and students who helped in the process. And – of course we could not have done this without our leader – Mrs. Susan Dillon.

Finance Committee: On Wednesday our finance committee met to review the monthly financials. Our collections are about where they were last year at this time. We are below enrollment projections mostly due to the fact that some of our students have moved on during the course of this year. The reasons vary from actual moves, family issues, missed friends, finances and failure to meet school expectations. We will continue to monitor this as we complete the year and prepare for next year. Speaking of next year we now have 88 applications to the 2019/20 school year. This compare to 55 last year at this time.

Ladd Field: On Thursday I met with our civil engineer and contractor along with staff to discuss the Ladd Field Project. WE are very close to capturing the necessary funds to launch this project. When we say go it will take about six months to migrate through the permit process and up to about the same amount of time to construct the fields. We are also looking into the possibility of including outdoor Volleyball courts as a part of this plan. I will keep you posted as things unfold. Thanks to all of our donors who have helped make this happen.

Coming Up: CCHS Presidents Breakfast – Thursday, February 28, 2019 – 7:30 am to 9:00 am in the MGHFC Lobby.

How about those Raiders! Hope to see you in Sacramento tomorrow for the championship basketball game where the CC Raiders take on Weston Ranch...game time is 4:00 PM

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**Principal’s Corner...**

Lots of good things are happening at Central Catholic. The school recently received the results of the Otis-Lennon School Ability Test that was administered at the local Catholic partner schools. A total of 122 students from Our Lady of Fatima, Sacred Heart Patterson, Sacred Heart Turlock, St. Stanislaus, St. Anthony’s, and St. Bernard’s took the test at their schools in the past several months. Another 17 students from public schools in the area also took the test at Central Catholic in the computer lab. The results of the test will help staff in ensuring students are placed in the courses in which they will have the best opportunity to be successful once they are here.

CCHS hosted 12 eighth graders this past Thursday. The students shadowed Central students to get a feel of what it is like to be a student here. The 8th graders came from both public and private Catholic schools, including Hilmar, La Loma, Paradise, and St. Stan’s, among others.

This week was another successful FFA Week, with lots of activities, dress-up days, and food. The CCHS FFA provided the staff with breakfast on Wednesday morning, and a $5 tri-tip lunch on Thursday. There was a corn-hole tournament, which has expanded greatly due to the demand. There were animals on display, and many other activities that celebrated our ag culture and community.

The school recently received a letter from the Stanislaus County Office of Education, Foothill Horizons Outdoor School that detailed an evaluation of one of our students who volunteered to be a counselor at the Outdoor School earlier this month. Our student, Desiree Alvarez, received glowing marks, including statements such as, “This week Desiree exhibited an ability to assume a variety of roles that really helped me run lessons and daily activities”. The evaluator wrote that Desiree is a natural leader and would encourage her to continue seeking opportunities to build upon her skills. Great job Desiree!

Finally, our English Department is attending the California Association of Teachers of English (CATE) Conference in San Francisco this weekend. Our very own Susan Dillon will be honored at the conference as she has been selected to receive CATE’s Distinguished Service Award. This is the highest award CATE bestows upon its members. Susan is one of the reasons Central Catholic is such a special place to work and learn. Talk about contributing to a culture of learning!

Sincerely,

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Congratulations to D’Angelo Bellamy on being chosen as the Fuddruckers Player of the Game for his performance on Wednesday night in helping his team to advance to the CIF Sac-Joaquin Section D3 Section Final this weekend! Read more about his accomplishments in the Front Row Preps article here.

Senior Ethics Day
Senior Ethics Day took place on Thursday, February 14, 2019 at Del Rio Golf and Country Club. Every year this special event provides a unique opportunity for our Central Catholic students to experience a day of roundtable discussions on ethical decision making facilitated by our alumni, parents, and community leaders. Our alumni who participated this year were Ameet Birring,’04, Tom Maring,’86 (far left), Gerald Jerry Brunn,’75 and Brian Wright,’03. Thank you, alumni!

Important Dates
Thursday, February 28th: President’s Breakfast
March 5th, 7th and 8th: Quarter 3 Finals
March 6th: Ash Wednesday Mass
March 8th: End of 3rd Quarter
March 11th—14th: 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.

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