FFA Competes in Stanislaus-Tuolumne Sectional Speaking Finals

Last night 20 Central Catholic FFA members competed in the Stanislaus-Tuolumne Sectional Speaking Finals. Our students competed in 7 different contest areas. Students placing in 1st – 4th place will move on to the Central Region FFA Speaking finals at Modesto Junior College on March 8th. Here are the results:

- **Best Informed Greenhand (freshmen only)** – Contestants: Gracie Chavez, Laura Maring, Brooke Miranda, Kate Oliveira, Spencer Cole, Sarah Cole, Annaliise Van Klaveren, Tori Stinson & Lukas Hallak – 2nd Place Overall High Team (Gracie, Brooke, Analiese, Sarah, Lukas), 4th Place Overall High Team (Laura, Spencer, Kate, Tori) 2nd High Individual Gracie Chavez, 3rd High Individual Brooke Miranda, 6th High Individual Annaliise Van Klaveren

- **Creed Presentation (freshmen only)** – 3rd Place Spencer Cole, 4th Place Laura Maring, 5th Place Tori Stinson, 6th Place Kate Oliveira

- **Impromptu Public Speaking (sophomores only)** – Contestants: Joseph Silva

- **Job Interview** – Contestants: 1st Place Josephine Henderson, 5th Place Bianca Sams, 6th Place Bella Rossini, 8th Place Mary Nascimento

- **Prepared Public Speaking** – Contestants: Bailey Scheuber, Marissa Martinez, Isabella Van Klaveren – 3rd Place Bailey Scheuber

- **Extemporaneous Public Speaking** – Contestants: 1st Place Elisabeth Watkins, 2nd Place Ben Shinkwin

- **Marketing Cooperatives** – 1st Place Overall High Team (Josephine Henderson, Bianca Sams and Mary Nascimento), 4th Place Overall High Team (Bella Rossini, Devyn Halvorson, Ben Shinkwin), 1st Place Individual Josephine Henderson, 2nd Place Individual Bianca Sams, 3rd Place Individual Mary Nascimento

The top 4 individuals in each contest area are moving on to the Central Region Speaking Finals for a chance to move onto the California State FFA Finals. Please congratulate these students when you see them around campus! Thank you to all the parents who attended, staff who helped students practice and Mitzi Lucas for driving students to the contest yesterday. We are very proud of our students!
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

New Science Teacher, Stephanie Lupercio

WE welcomed Stephanie Lupercio to our Raider Family this Quarter and she’s already receiving rave reviews from students and faculty. Mrs. Lupercio has a Bachelor’s of Science degree in Chemistry with a minor in Physics. She has been a research intern for several years while also pursuing her passion to be a teacher. She has a clear understanding of concepts in chemistry and applied sciences while also having a love for her faith. WE are lucky to have you, Mrs. Lupercio!
Visit with Bishop Blaire

Student recipients of the Bishop Blaire Scholarship were able to enjoy lunch with Bishop Blaire on Tuesday afternoon. The students shared their favorite classes, school activities and service projects. This scholarship is one of many that students are able to apply for to help fund their school tuition. CCHS always tries to connect the scholarship donor and the recipients when possible, which turns into a wonderful time!

Important Dates

Friday, February 15th: No School (President’s Day Weekend)
Monday, February 18th: No School (President’s Day)
February 18th—February 22nd: National FFA Week
March 5th, 7th and 8th: Quarter 3 Finals
March 6th: Ash Wednesday Mass
March 19th: Junior Retreat (More Information to Come)

Educational Improvement Plans

Please join us in the library on Wednesday the 13th at 6 pm to hear about our educational improvement plans, which are the result of our accreditation work, and Mr. Sawyer's presentation on the culture of learning at CCHS. We encourage all members of our school community to participate as we are interested in your questions and feedback. Refreshments provided & the program will take no more than an hour.

Catholic National Athletic Association

Our Athletic Director, Billy Hylla, and our Campus Chaplain, Fr. Michael, attended the Catholic National Athletic Association’s 5th Annual Retreat last week. The CNAA’s mission is to represent the voice of Catholic Educational Athletics in local, regional and national governing bodies. CNAA also provides a platform for professional development including education, training and peer forums, as well as buying opportunities created by our collective bargaining power. The retreat included notable guest speakers as well as breakout sessions, how-to forums, opportunities to socialize with other Catholic school athletic staff and vendor meet-and-greets.
**Friday FACTS**

**President’s Corner…**

I understand that snow is projected to fall on the Altamont this weekend. Winter is not over. Try to stay dry but enjoy your weekend. We had another exciting week at CCHS.

**College Signing** – I am sure most of you read in the *Modesto Bee* that we hosted a college signing on Wednesday for Kyle Jacklich, Adrian Cuevas, and Jimmy Mootz. The *Modesto Bee* was kind enough to cover this ceremony, especially highlighting the journey for Kyle. Congratulations to these student athletes. You can look forward to us announcing this spring the college acceptances of our other seniors as they unfold.

**Enrollment** – we have entered the admission season for next year’s freshman class. As of today, we have over 80 applicants compared to about half that number last year at this time. Tomorrow is our first on-site placement testing for students from our public and other private schools. We were also out today testing at Our Lady of Fatima. In addition we are also hosting interested students for Shadow Days. Please let us know if you know of a student who wants to join CCHS. Our Enrollment and Marketing Director, Miss Rebekah Nelson, can help guide them through the necessary steps they need to take to apply.

**Ladd Field** – today our staff met with our contractor to begin the final planning for Ladd Field. We are very close to securing the necessary funds to launch this project. Our goal is to bring our Lady Raiders home for the 2020 season. Please call Joan Hart or me if you are interested in helping fund this exciting opportunity.

**Coming up** –
Marketing Committee meets Monday at 5:30 p.m. in the Bishops’ Conference Room.
Our Catholic Professional and Business Club meets Tuesday at 7:00 a.m. in the Mark Gallo Health and Fitness Center lobby. This month’s featured speaker is our very own Bishop Cotta. To our staff, remember this counts towards your Sharing the Faith requirement. All are welcome. Breakfast is $20.00. regarding our growths and strengths, as a school, are welcome to join us.

WCEA – we will have a community meeting on Wednesday, February 13th at 6:00 p.m. in the library. Anyone who is interested in our findings Our annual Ethics Day is Thursday, February 14th for all our seniors. Thank you to our counseling staff for coordinating this important day.

**Principal’s Corner…**

I want to occasionally share with the community some of the things I have written about in my coursework at Notre Dame. Here is a sample of an essay on goals that I wrote this past summer.

**Human Formation:** One of my goals is to improve my understanding of self and others. I have already begun, by attending classes in the Remick Program. There are ample opportunities in the classes I’ve taken for reflection about my goals, my role in my school and my personal life. One thing I have heard this summer is that I should think of my relationships from the standpoint of the impact of my actions on others. I should ask, “Are the people I interact with better off because of my presence in their lives?” and “What can I do that will make their lives better?” The text, *Co-workers in the Vineyard of the Lord* states that, “Human formation happens first and foremost through human contact with persons whose example or advice can show one what it means to be Christlike” (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops 1991). I want to be that person to whom people look as an example of someone who shows what it means to be Christlike.

**Spiritual Growth:** This is where I have the most growth potential. I want to dedicate this next year to becoming a true spiritual leader on campus. One of the most useful areas of spiritual leadership can be found in leading school groups in prayer. Before each class begins; before each meeting, whether it is school board, committee level, or just parents and myself, we begin with prayer. I have, so far, had a lot of anxiety about this. I often wonder if my prayer is appropriate; or I worry that I will stumble with my words and sound ignorant. But I have been amazed this summer at the incredible variety of prayers that my colleagues in Remick have shared, each one beautiful and moving. I have heard with my own ears and seen with my own eyes that, “there are as many paths to prayer as there are persons who pray” (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops 1991). I will take these experiences back to Central Catholic High School and be a spiritual leader of prayer.

Another spiritual formation goal I have for the coming year is to study the liturgical year, and the sacraments. I am quite ignorant of the structure of the liturgical seasons and how they provide for us the unfolding of “the whole mystery of Christ” (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops 1991). If I am to become the spiritual leader on campus, I need to have a deeper understanding of the reasons for the prayers and dispositions, and the different, but equally beautiful elements of Mass at different times of the year. I plan to inquire into the possibility to study with several of my colleagues at Central Catholic who have a deep and enduring understanding of it.
25 Years of Amazing Work

We recently celebrated some amazing faculty and staff who have contributed incredible work to CCHS over the past 25 years: Susan Dillon and Cindy Sawicki. Thank you both for all of the hard work that you do! WE wouldn’t be where we are today without your dedication and “WE” mentality.

Signing Day at Central Catholic

On Wednesday afternoon, WE celebrated three student-athletes who are going on to compete at the collegiate level. Congratulations to Kyle Jacklich, (Montana State University Northern - football), Adrian Cuevas (Marian University - football) and Jimmy Mootz (Pacific Lutheran - football and swim). “"We're all signing together," Jacklich said before the noontime event. "It's a 'We' thing at this school. No one likes to sign by themselves, because we didn't get here by ourselves. We worked as a team to get here, so it was important we sign our letters together." You can find the full article by Front Row Preps here.

Scrip

Scrip will open at 8:30am on Tuesday, February 12th due to a morning meeting. Orders with payment can be dropped off earlier to be filled when Carol returns.

Scrip Hours:
7:30am – 3:00pm
Closed for lunch:
12:30pm – 1:30pm
Scrip Closed:
February 15th – 18th Presidents Weekend
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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