Senior Ben Shinkwin selected to Sacramento Leadership Experience

Congratulations to Ben Shinkwin on being selected to participate in California FFA’s Sacramento Leadership Experience. He will be the 2nd CCHSFFA student to participate, following David Phillips in 2017. There are 75 participants out of 140 applicants. These 75 students are considered the top graduating senior FFA members.

During National FFA week, Ben will travel to Sacramento where he will be assigned a specific California district and spend four days in Sacramento learning about government, issues in agriculture and ethics, water and natural resources, food and nutrition, and education. At the end of the week, students have the opportunity to conduct mock legislation they have drafted during the conference on the chamber floor of the state senate or assembly.

Senior Elisabeth Watkins Honored by National 4-H Council

Senior Elisabeth Watkins is one for four 2019 Pillar award winners recognized by the National 4-H council. Elisabeth won in the category of Healthy Living. She has demonstrated a commitment to healthy living by chairing the California State Fair 4-H Cooking Throwdown, and starting her own cooking website (Farm Girl Chef) among other projects.

Elisabeth hopes to continue her education at Ohio State University and hopes to one day have her own farm-to-table cooking show.

You can watch her GoodDay Sacramento Interview here and read about her accomplishments here.
Alumni Going to the Superbowl

Two CC alumni will be representing our Central Catholic family at this year’s Super Bowl.

Johnny Mundt ’13 will be playing in the big game as a tight end for the Los Angeles Rams. Johnny started with the Rams in 2017 as a member of their practice squad and has moved up to the active roster.

On the sidelines will be Dean Camara ’91. Dean has been freelancing as a cinematographer for NFL films since 2002. He will be in Atlanta working on his 10th Super Bowl this year.

Senior Ads Time is Running Out!

Senior Ad pages in the yearbook are still available, but space is limited. In order to get a guaranteed spot, make sure to submit your senior ad by February 15th. Pricing is now as follows:

- Full page $450; Half page $300; Quarter page $180.

- All ads are created and paid online at www.yearbookordercenter.com

Use order number 6302, click ‘create a yearbook ad’, then follow the prompts to design your ad, upload pictures and add it to your cart to purchase. Your ad is not complete until you add it to your cart and complete the checkout process! Please contact Ms. Hubert thubert@cchsca.org or Mrs. Bravo bravo@cchsca.org if you have questions.

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. WE are grateful to all the CCHS friends and family who so generously support the CC Fund, WE are blessed!

Give Now
President’s Corner...

Our accreditation visiting team was on campus today, officially kicking off their work in the accreditation of Central Catholic High School. Our leader is Mr. Tom Spencer, acting principal of San Joaquin Memorial in Fresno. He is joined by other educators from Fresno, Tracy, Sacramento and, of course, Modesto. Their actual visit will start the afternoon of March 10 and last through Wednesday, March 13, 2019. They will spend time meeting with students, staff and parents in validating our school report and improvement plan. We will keep all of you posted on the schedule during their visits along with their ultimate findings. Again I want to thank our leader Mrs. Susan Dillon – she has been a great inspiration through-out this process.

ABC: On Wednesday I had the opportunity to meet with the Academic Booster Club (ABC). Mr. Sawyer joined me and presented his vision for our future in creating a “Culture of Learning”. We discussed the components of his plan and also discussed opportunities to fund it over time. A special thanks to ABC for their passion, commitment and support. They are led by Mr. Edwin Rizo.

Calendar: Each year about this time, Mr. Sawyer and I meet with our partner school principals to discuss and lock in the upcoming school year's calendar. In doing so, we look at the start date, holidays, quarter dates, graduation dates and of course important events being hosted by each school. We will be forwarding you the summary of the calendar in the very near future. What I can tell you is that the opening of school next year will be one week later than this past year. We are looking at opening the 2019/20 school year on August 12, 2019.

Alumni: Members of our alumni met on Wednesday to discuss the “50th Anniversary” of our first graduation class. Plans are in the works to celebrate this anniversary with an event open to all alumni during the fall of 2020. Stay tuned as more information comes out on this exciting event.

Cabinet: Our cabinet met Thursday for our mid-year meeting. We started in the Chapel with a prayer service followed by our meeting that lasted about four hours. The purpose of the meeting is to take a look at the first half of the year while also charting out the second half. We also discussed our Core Values, communication opportunities, enrollment and upcoming events. Thanks to my cabinet for their important work and commitment to our ministry.

Building and Grounds: Today we met to review current projects related to building and grounds – while also taking a look at major projects coming up this summer and next year. As many of you know, we had to remove five Ash trees that were along the south entrance to the school. This was due to their age and safety concerns. We have also added red paint to the curbing around the MGHFC – to identify no parking. Future projects include a remote gate system for entry on the campus, a new marquee out front that will include digital messaging, expanded bandwidth for our technology needs and upgraded software for our phone systems. Thanks to Brad Pezoldt for his leadership of this committee.

Coming Up: Catholic Schools Week – starts Monday January 28, 2019. This is also the week we celebrate our winter homecoming.

Jim Pecchenino ’72
President

I want to share with everyone a book I am reading, The Practice of the Presence of God, which is really a compilation gathered by Abbe Joseph de Beaufort, who was the superior of the monastery where a certain Brother Lawrence spent much of his life. Brother Lawrence of the Resurrection was a Carmelite who lived in 17th century France and who expressed with fervor how to build a relationship with God. His words and ideas resonate with me. What Brother Lawrence so eloquently advocates is a complete surrendering of the self to God’s will. Seems pretty difficult to me. I am sure that I am not the only one who often feels pulled in several different directions at once, whether at work or out in the “real” world. Away from work or home, our society is divided into camps depending on political views, religious beliefs and other us-versus-them structures. We are losing our sense of connectedness. People are distancing themselves from “others” while creating fortresses of self-fulfilling prophesy. This book, which includes conversations with, letters from, and spiritual maxims expressed by Brother Lawrence, lays out a simple description of the benefits of finding God in all things. I’m going to quote from the book’s forward, because I can’t find any better words: “He reminds us in a forceful way that we cannot find God in people but that it is God in us who finds God in people”. “The closer we come to God, the closer we come to each other”.

Bruce Sawyer
Principal
Catholic Schools and CC Cares Week Schedule

Monday- *In Our Community- New York City*
- Mass and WE awards
- Senior panoramic retake immediately after mass
- ASB Drive thru treats for our parents in the front lot

Tuesday- *In Our Students- Oregon*
- Early Dismissal- 1:36 ASB is putting on a BBQ for all students during lunch
- Dress: Hippy attire (No torn or ripped clothing, no midriff’s showing, no dresses or skirts, no yoga pants or leggings and nothing inappropriate)

Wednesday- *In our Nation- Washington DC*
- ASB leadership mass in Stockton & writing letters to Law enforcement members during homeroom
- Dress: Red, White and Blue & Camo (No torn or ripped clothing, no midriff’s showing, no dresses or skirts, no yoga pants or leggings and nothing inappropriate)

Thursday- *In our Vocations- Alaska*
- ASB taking baked goods, fruits and flowers to Nuns next-door
- Dress: Snow attire (No torn or ripped clothing, no midriff’s showing, no dresses or skirts, no yoga pants or leggings and nothing inappropriate)

Friday – *In our Faculty, Staff & Volunteers*
- Luncheon for staff from PTG and gifts from ASB
- Dress: Wear Blue and Gold (Spirit Rally in the Glynn Gym)

All week long we will be collecting Peanut butter and jelly to give to St. Vincent de Paul’s food bank. The homeroom who brings in the most will receive breakfast in their homeroom. Dress days-no torn or ripped clothing, no midriff’s showing, no dresses or skirts, no yoga pants or leggings and nothing inappropriate
Important Dates

Saturday, January 26th: Winter Formal (8:00pm—10:30pm)
January 28th—February 1st: Catholic Schools Week & Homecoming Week
January 28th: All School Mass at 11:15am
*Senior Panoramic Pictures Taken after Mass. Dress om Mass attire with letterman jackets*
January 29th: Early Release: Students out at 1:36pm
February 9th: Placement Testing for non-partner school students

Scrip Announcements

Valentine’s Day is coming fast.
See’s Candy is now $21.00 @ 20%
We now have AMC Theaters in stock $25 @ 8%
We now have Ulta Beauty in stock $25 @ 4%

April 30th Is The End Of The Scrip Year.
If you don’t meet your Scrip requirement,
you will have to pay the difference times 2.
If you have earned less than $50.00,
you will have to pay out $350.00
Please remember to purchase your Scrip before you make your purchases.

Scrip Hours:
7:30am – 3:00pm
Closed for lunch:
12:30pm – 1:30pm
Scrip Closed:
January 21st Martin Luther King Jr.
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.