Dear Central Catholic High School Parents,

During the month of October our finance committee and school board begin an extensive process to examine Central Catholic’s salaries, tuition, fees and enrollment. In doing so, we look at schools across the valley: public, private and Catholic institutions. Our goal is to be competitive with our compensation package for teachers and staff while offering an affordable, comprehensive college prep high school rooted in our Catholic tradition.

Our principal, Mr. Sawyer, has presented to our board a vision that he is calling “Creating a Culture of Learning”. In his vision he has identified a few initiatives to further underscore the importance of teaching our students how to witness the Gospel daily, be independent thinkers who explore new ideas, take risks with courage and enthusiasm while serving our communities with passion and commitment. Within these initiatives we plan:

- To support our instructional team through their assignment, salary, professional growth opportunities and instructional support
- To provide opportunities for collaboration to complete a school-wide analysis of content standards and to develop standard core instructional practices. We will also plan to address full time teaching assignments with a goal of assigning teachers five classes and no more than four preparations
- Compete with the public schools in our area by challenging ourselves to meet their full compensation package at 95%. To take steps in this direction we will increase our teacher salary schedule by 5%
- Increase our Professional Development Budget with a goal of supporting our teachers in their efforts to grow professionally while addressing content standards and core instructional practices
- Serve our resource students by increasing our resource staff position.
- Support our teachers and administrative team by re-establishing the assistant principal position
- Increase our coaches’ stipends and overall compensation for current employees to be more competitive in the local market
- Increase our scholarships and grants while increasing funds for the academic departments

Our school board, which includes talented parents along with our finance committee, carefully reviewed our revenue and expenses tied to these initiatives and our strategic plan. With these recommendations in mind, our Board of Directors has set tuition for the 2019-2020 school year at 3.4% above the current year. In taking this step we strive to go above and beyond the initiatives listed above.

Sincerely,

Ralph Juarez

Ralph Juarez
CCHS Corporate CFO
Parent ’05, ’06, ’08, ’11, ’16, ’19, ’22
Scholarship Applications due January 15th!

Reminder that scholarship applications are due on **Tuesday, January 15th!** FACTS forms and applications for scholarships need to be submitted through this [link](#) by January 15, 2019. Letters of recommendation can be uploaded or emailed directly to Mrs. Hart (hart@cchscsa.org). Applications for all need-based scholarships must have a FACTS form filled out by the students’ parents. For questions or concerns, please call or email Mrs. Hart at (209) 524 6822 or hart@cchscsa.org.

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Senior Retreat

Hello Senior Parents!

Welcome back and Happy New Year! Next Wednesday, January 16th, will be our Senior Retreat! It will take place at St Joseph’s Catholic Church from 8am-2pm. Lunch will be provided and students MUST be in Dress Code that day. Attendance for all students is MANDATORY. It will be a day of fun, friendship, community, and most importantly, faith. [Permission forms](#) can be found on the CCHS school website under the “Spiritual Life” tab. From the “Spiritual Life” tab, you will find a section labeled “Retreats”. Select the “Retreat” option and you will find a link to a PDF file under “Senior Retreat”. Permission forms will be due on Monday, January 14th. If you have any questions, please feel free to send me an email or give me a call from the options listed below. Thank you so much!

Peace in Christ,

Daniel Menezes
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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](#)
Alumni Give Back through Teaching

One of our graduates, Anna Fogarty, ‘14, was graduated from the University of California, Davis, in June and is now working in a program called Teach for Christ, in the Diocese of Minneapolis/St. Paul. She is working in a second grade classroom at an inner-city Catholic elementary school. It has been a good experience for her and seems to have convinced her that she wants to teach. Here is a link to a story she wrote about her experience: https://www.teachforchrist.org/whatsnew/2018/12/4/ascension.

At the same time, another graduate, Laura Forester, ‘09, a graduate of Gonzaga, is in an Educational Leadership program at Columbia University and, as part of that, is working in an inner city public school in Indianapolis. One or two of the Juarez boys have worked with Notre Dame’s ACE program, working in under-served Catholic schools while getting graduate degrees in education.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas Education Contest

The deadline to apply for the Catholic Daughters of the Americas Contest is approaching fast! The theme for this year is “Here I am Lord, I Come to do your Will.” Entries can be made in the areas of art, computer art, poetry, essay, music or photography. Please contact your English, Religion or Art teachers for applications. You can also find the application in Joan Hart’s office or online. The deadline to apply is January 24th and you should give your completed application to Joan Hart.

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Friday FACTS

**President’s Corner...**

**Friday Facts is being put to rest:** Many of you may not know that the articles in the Raider’s Arrow from both Mr. Sawyer and me actually stem from the same articles we have written for years for the “Friday Facts”. In “Fact” when we started the Friday Facts the sole purpose was to communicate to our board members what the two of us had been working on the past week and what was on the radar for the upcoming week. Over the years the purpose and the audience changed. Now that the Raiders Arrow is up and running this year – we have decided to drop the Friday Facts mailings and focus solely on the Raiders Arrow to share our stories. This new direction will continue to have a sense of review and forward looking to it. We hope you will understand and enjoy our efforts.

**CPBC** – on Tuesday the Catholic Professional and Business Club met on campus and their featured speaker was Terry Withrow – alum and past parent from CCHS and current Stanislaus County Supervisor. He shared with us some of the challenges our county faces along with some of the strides we have achieved. I loved the way he brought our Faith and Christ to the center of his success stories. Keep in mind the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 and join this special group if you can.

**WCEA** – our accreditation work is drawing to a close with the initial visit of our “visiting team” planned for January 25, 2019 followed by a full three-day visit scheduled for March 11-13, 2019. This process has enabled us to surface our school-wide strengths and growth opportunities. We will look forward to sharing these findings with you in the near future. Thanks, always, to Mrs. Dillon who chairs our team.

**Foundation Finance** – met on Thursday morning to review investments, revenue and expense statements and the status of our campaigns. This finance committee is led by Robert Raspo. Other members of the team include Matt Henderson, Nancy Maring, Laura Cole, Jonathan Boulos (CC Controller), Joan Hart (CC Director of Development), Mitzi Lucas (Annual Fund Coordinator) and me. Thanks to all of our donors who have made the efforts of Foundation such a great success.

Coming Up:
- Marketing Committee – meets Monday, January 14, at 5:30 pm in the conference room.
- Finance Committee – meets Wednesday, January 16, at 7:00 am in the conference room.
- Foundation – meets Wednesday, January 16, at 4:00 pm in the conference room.
- School Board – meets Thursday, January 17, at 6:00 pm in the conference room.

Jim Pecchenino ’72
President

**Principal’s Corner...**

We are ending the first week of the second semester. Classes are going well. We are pleased to have Stephanie Lupercio, our new Chemistry teacher in the classroom this semester. Stephanie has hit the ground running, after spending much of the Christmas break preparing for the start of classes.

We are working toward the completion of the CCHS WCEA Self-Study Report in anticipation of the visit from the WCEA visiting team. WCEA, which stands for Western Catholic Education Association is an accreditation organization, which ensures the colleges where our students will attend that CCHS is providing an appropriate education. The visiting team will be on campus on March 11th, 12th, and 13th. More information will be forthcoming.

It’s been a busy week in the Mark Gallo Health & Fitness Center! Our fitness coach, Marucs Raimerez, has started weekly Strength and Conditioning Sessions for current Central Catholic students and faculty. He offers these sessions three days a week for $15.

I’ve enjoyed using the workout plan that Marcus carefully puts together and have been impressed with our students participation in these sessions.

Bruce Sawyer
Principal
Get Fit with Marcus!

The John C. Bosio Training Center is under the direction of Coach Marcus Ramirez. Coach Ramirez comes to us with over 9 years of experience training various age levels, athletes, sport teams, group exercise classes, boot camps, and clinics as well as working in a rehabilitation background. He has a bachelor’s degree in Kinesiology, with a concentration in Exercise Science and is currently enrolled in Concordia University of Irvine Master’s program for Exercise Science and Coaching. Coach Ramirez offers Strength and Conditioning sessions three days a week for only $15 (for 3 days)! Email Ramirez@cchsca.org for more info.

Follow his Instagram: 📱

BASH 2019

BASH, Building A Scholastic Heritage, is a long-standing tradition at Central Catholic. BASH is an important event where CCHS friends and family come together for a great evening to raise money for a great cause - our school and our Mission.

If you would like to sponsor or donate WE will be sending out information soon but you can also visit our website today to fill out donor or sponsor forms! Invitations will be sent out next month. WE hope you will join us for this wonderful and important event.

Scrip Hours

Monday-Friday:
See’s Candies are now $21.00 @ 20%!
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
May 27th  Memorial Day Observed
May 29th  Year End Staff Meeting

For information, Contact Carol Fields direct line (209) 338-265.

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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