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Welcome Mrs. Lupercio!

The Central Catholic family welcomes Mrs. Stephanie Lupercio to our school. Beginning January 7th, Stephanie will be teaching Applied Science, Astronomy/Geology, Chemistry, and Chemistry Honors. She comes to us with a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry with a minor in Physics from CSU Stanislaus. She has spent time as a research intern at the Research Symposium at UC Santa Clara, and has participated in the CSU Stanislaus Research Competition, and CSU East Bay Research Competition. Stephanie is a member of St. Jude’s Parish in Ceres.

Apply Now!

It is admissions season! WE are now accepting applications for new students in the 2019-2020 school year! You must have a completed Central Catholic High School application on file to be eligible to receive scholarships. Visit our Admissions Process page to learn more and apply today!

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2018 Christmas Card

Thank you to senior Christine Philip for designing our 2018 school Christmas card. Below are Christine’s thoughts on this honor.

“I am Christine Philip, a senior at Central Catholic High School, class of 2019. I was given the honor of designing the annual Christmas card and I am truly thankful for the opportunity. The focal point of the painting is Mother Mary’s face which portrays a sense of peace and tranquility that I have also incorporated into the Bible verse. I plan no pursuing a science major in college and I hope to continue my art journey. I still have much more to learn so I strive to become better while also having fun doing so.”

“The Lord gives strength to his people, the Lord blesses his people with peace” Psalm 29:11
President’s Corner...

We call this time of year "Advent," meaning coming. During this time, we especially strive to model the Gospel teachings so that God’s love will be seen in all of us. We also pray that peace will come through people’s acts of justice and love for each other. But, primarily, we wait - we wait for the coming of our Savior, when all will be united and God’s Kingdom will flourish. In these times that we live, this is an easy task, yet all of us are called to ready ourselves and our hearts for His birth and His coming again. May God bless you and may you have a Merry Christmas.

Christmas Cart: It has become a tradition that our principal, Mr. Sawyer, and I reach out to staff on the first day of finals by taking around a Christmas Cart filled with treats. Fruit, bagels, yogurt, granola, pastries, coffee, juice, water and more make up the special treats. It is great fun to go door to door and classroom to classroom spreading some cheer and treats. We are truly blessed to have such a great team at CC.

WCEA: On Monday, our leadership team met to review the findings of our accreditation work as it relates to our school strengths and areas of growth. We are now writing our school improvement plan that we plan to share after the first of the year. We appreciate all of your patience during this very important time of review and planning. The outcome will only assure we continue our journey to be our best for all of our students and families.

Corporate Board: On Wednesday, our corporate board met for their annual meeting. During the meeting, we discussed various topics to include budget projections for next year as well as succession plans for our board and administration. We will be forwarding you a letter to bring you up to date on the 2019/20 budget plans including tuition and salaries for staff. I want to thank all of our directors for their commitment of time, talent, and treasure. We are certainly blessed to have such a great team.

Half Way There: Hard to believe the first half of the school year has come to an end. Thank you to all of our students and parents who helped to make it so special. We will be on Christmas Break from now until we begin school again on January 7, 2018. I pray you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Christmas Card: Speaking of Christmas – how did you like our 2018 Christmas Card? It was a pleasure and an honor to work directly with Christine Philip – this year’s special artist. She captured such a wonderful image of Mary and baby Jesus. Please join me in congratulating Christine Philip for her spectacular Christmas Card.

Coming Up: The Catholic Professional Business Club will be meeting in the MGHFC Lobby on January 8 starting at 7:00 am. This month’s feature speaker is our very own Terry Withrow. Please try to join us – breakfast is $15. For our staff, your presence also counts for your Sharing the Faith.

Foundation Steering Committee meets at 7:00 pm on January 8, 2018.

Sincerely,

Jim Pecchenino '72
President
Central Catholic High School

Principal’s Corner...

First semester finals have finished! Semester grades are due on January 7, 2019. Most students I spoke with reported that they felt confident about their final grades. When school resumes on January 7th, we will continue the process of creating a culture of learning on campus. I am very excited about the opportunity to bring our school community together to work on positive changes.

I have provided the president, the school board, the finance board, and the corporate board with a plan for academic improvement, which I believe will lead to better student outcomes, while also making Central Catholic a better place to work. The plan has been approved and will be supported by the 2019-2020 operating budget. Some highlights of the plan include the creation of a leadership team to study ways to increase formal student-teacher contact, increase opportunities for teachers to collaborate, and to help create a master schedule of classes that addresses the impact that multiple preps and large classes have on instruction. The plan also calls for an increase in staff to include a Resource Specialist, and an increase in administrative staff to include an Assistant Principal. Finally, the plan will provide staff with professional development opportunities that focus on the content area standards and core instructional practices.

If anyone has any questions about the plan, the process, or anything else, please contact me at the high school.

I wish you all a blessed Christmas, and a joyous and restful break.

Bruce Sawyer
Principal
Central Catholic High School