CC Hosts Inaugural Mark Gallo Invitational Basketball Tournament

This year, WE are hosting our first annual Mark Gallo Invitational basketball. There are 16 teams from recent and anticipated NorCal and SoCal playoff participants: Newark Memorial, Manteca, Sacramento, Patterson, Vanden, Sonora, Gregori, Christian Brothers, Beyer, Bear Creek, Grant, Ripon, Central Catholic, Stagg, Santa Cruz, and Immanuel. The tournament is being held over four days and is utilizing both Glynn Hall gym and the Mark Gallo Health & Fitness Center.

Our CC Raiders have beaten both of their opponents so far (CC 51, Stagg 38; CC 90, Immanuel 53) and will play again tonight at 6:30pm versus the Grant High School Pacers. Come out and cheer them on!

There will be a total of 8 games going on tonight. The Championship bracket will include CC vs. Grant, Sacramento vs. Sonora, Manteca vs. Gregori, and Bear Creek vs. Immanuel. The consolation bracket includes Newark Memorial vs. Vanden, Beyer vs. Santa Cruz, Patterson vs. Christian Brothers, and Ripon vs. Stagg. Visit galloinvitational.com for games times, event info and brackets.
Thursday was Ugly Christmas Sweater Day

Catholic Daughters of the Americas’ Education Contest

Every year the local chapter of the Catholic Daughters, in conjunction with the State and National organizations, sponsors an Education Contest for students in elementary and high schools. Students may submit an essay, a poem, a piece of art or computer art or music based on an annual theme. This year the theme is "Here I Am Lord, I Come To Do Your Will". Applications can be picked up in the CCHS Development Office or from English and Religion teachers. Submissions are due by January 24, 2019. Last year we had 8 local winners and five on the State level; students are awarded certificates and gift cards.

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!
Two Down, Three to Go!

On Tuesday, Mrs. Velazquez and her husband welcomed their fourth child, Nadia Iracema, at 6:18pm. She weighed 4lbs 12 oz and was 18 inches long. Congratulations to the Velazquez family!

Three more CC families are also expecting little ones in the coming months. Dance teacher/cheer coach Mrs. Swilley is due just before Christmas. Our controller, Mr. Boulos, and his wife are expecting in January. In addition, dean/religion teacher Mr. Driver and his wife, Kayla, have just announced that their second child is due in June.

Congratulations and God Bless to all of our growing families!

Senior Parents!

BASH 2019 - Rolling on the River at Mardi Gras is just a few months away! It is time to begin working on the popular Senior Fashion Show. Our fashion show chairs, Mari Varni and Gina Van Klaveren, met with your students today at lunch and gave them the important forms to be filled out and returned by next Friday, December 21. An email went out with information to you senior parents as well earlier today. If you didn’t receive the email, please contact Mitzi Lucas at lucas@cchsca.org for information or with any questions. This is a great way to celebrate your student’s senior year. WE hope your senior and you will participate in this fun event!

Scholarships for 2019/20

It hardly seems possible but it’s time to be thinking about scholarships for next year. All current freshmen through junior students, as well as incoming students, who want to apply for scholarships for next year need to get started now. FACTS forms and applications for scholarships need to be submitted (on-line) by January 15, 2019. Everything is on-line this year; the student fills out the application on-line and uploads his/her essay. Letters of recommendation can be up-loaded or emailed directly to Mrs. Hart (hart@cchsca.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@cchsca.org.

Support CC and Buy a Bleacher Name Plate

When we began construction and fundraising for the Mark Gallo Health and Fitness Center, one of our board members came up with the idea of “selling seats”, actually name plates that would be affixed to the bleachers with a student, graduate or family’s name (and perhaps graduation year). Seats are still available! You may consider one for a Christmas gift or a graduation gift – or just because you want to celebrate your history with CCHS. It’s easy – just decide what you would like on the plaque (within three lines of 14 characters each) and make your gift of $1,000 (special payment plans are available) to the CCHS Foundation. Contact Joan Hart at (209) 524-6822 or hart@cchsca.org for more information.
CCHS Key Club has had a busy month

On December 1, Key club members helped at the Breakfast for Santa event. The next Saturday, December 8, members were out early volunteering at the Spirit of Giving run in downtown Modesto. On Monday, December 10, CCHS key club hosted the D46N - local key club district meeting hosting 90 kids from 8 other high school key clubs. Members also wrote and sent Christmas cards to a sick child in Pennsylvania who has terminal cancer and whose only wish this Christmas was to receive cards from all over the world. We sent 75 cards to him. Finally, we have collected dozens of pajamas to donate to local children this Christmas.

Freshman Abby Castillon was named to the MaxPreps 2018 girls high school Underclass All-American Volleyball Team and said about her, “Castillon led her team in kills (4.4), blocks (49), digs (424) as the 33-win Raiders had a deep playoff run.”

Congratulations Abby!

Career Day 2019

Each spring Central Catholic High School hosts Career Day. On this day, a number of our alumni, parents and friends of the community return to campus to provide insight into the variety of professions and diverse career paths available to students today. Career Day 2019 will be held on Thursday, March 21.

If you or someone you know would be interested in presenting at our Career Day, please download the Career Day Proposal Form. For more information, contact Susan Garke (garke@cchscsa.org) or Mary Garrett (garrett@cchscsa.org).
**President’s Corner...**

Fall is definitely still in the air – yet it truly feels like winter is here. The leaves are falling, we have had frosty mornings as well as a few good storms to help clear out the air. We continue to keep in our prayers the folks from the Paradise community who experienced loss of property and life. May God be with them during this very difficult time.

Cabinet and Carpenter Road: Twice a month I meet with my cabinet to discuss school related issues. Many times we debrief programs and projects that just occurred while at the same time plan for upcoming events that are around the corner. Monday was no exception. One of the areas we discussed was the new traffic configuration on Carpenter Road. We are concerned with the number of people who are using the bike lane as a second lane of traffic. There have been many close calls especially when traffic is coming and going out of our front parking areas. We are in contact with the City Transportation Department and the issue is being assessed. Please stay safe and drive carefully in coming to and from the school.

WCEA: We are in the final stages of our efforts in preparation for the visitation of our WCEA committee in March, 2019. I want to thank Susan Dillon for leading our efforts. Each focus area has now surfaced key areas of strengths and growth. The focal areas include: Catholic Identity, School Organization, Teaching and Learning, Student Support Services and Material Stewardship. You can look forward to hearing from our team on their findings after the first of the year.

Director of Marketing and Enrollment: We welcome Rebekah Nelson to our school. Ms. Nelson officially joined us on Monday as our new Director of Marketing and Enrollment. She comes to us with a tremendous passion for her faith, Catholic education and the experience and background to guide our efforts in marketing it to our community. Please join me in welcoming Ms. Nelson to Raider Territory.

Ladd Field: We are closing in on our goal of raising $500,000 to build Ladd Field on the property we acquired just east of our tennis courts and baseball fields. Thanks to all the donors who have helped make this happen. Once we finalize the funding, it will take about a year to complete the project from permits to opening the gates. We will keep you posted on our progress.

Endowed Scholarship Challenge: I would like to offer a huge thank you to Dave and Gloria Mraz for offering a $100,000 endowed scholarship challenge. Our challenge was to raise $100K by December 10, 2018 that would be matched dollar for dollar. Our challenge was $100K by December 10, 2018 that would be matched dollar for dollar scholarship challenge. Our challenge was to raise $100K by December 10, 2018 that would be matched dollar for dollar. Once we finalized the funding, it will take about a year to complete the project from permits to opening the gates. We will keep you posted on our progress.

Finance Meeting: Thank you to our finance committee for their work on next year’s proposed budget. Our proposal was forwarded to our school board on Thursday and will in turn be forwarded to our Corporate Board of Directors next week for approval. Embedded in this proposal is funding to enhance our “Culture of Learning” presented by our principal, Mr. Bruce Sawyer. We are also including funding for facility needs, additional scholarship support, and inflation adjustments for utilities and benefits. Once the budget is approved we will forward you the information.

Coming Up: Finals start Monday and end on Thursday – Christmas Break Starts on Friday
Board of Directors – meet on Wednesday starting at 3:00 pm

Sincerely,

Jim Pecchenino ’72
President
Central Catholic High School

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**Principal’s Corner...**

I have mentioned in previous dispatches that I am a Remick Leader at Notre Dame University. Today I want to share the first assignment I turned in as a student over the past summer. I was asked to reflect upon why I was there in under 350 words.

My adult life has been a series of unconscious steps toward this moment, the first submission of coursework for the Remick Leadership Program. The discontinuous nature of my education has allowed for the gathering of experiences, memories of helpful people, mistakes, triumphs, and steps forward and back from which I draw to help me navigate through life. Though much of my life has not been particularly focused spiritually, through it all there has been a deep desire to serve others as I have been served. It is why I became a teacher. It is why I focused on the social sciences, which forces one to encounter aspects of life which lead to the contemplation of one’s place amongst humanity. A goal throughout this program then is to increase my appreciation for sacramentality in Catholic education, so I can be a transformative force on campus and in the community of Central Catholic High School.

Central Catholic High School already has in place practices which, if followed, promote sacramentality and service. Each meeting, class, sporting event – every activity in which students and staff come together – begins with prayer and intentions. Every first Friday of the month includes a school-wide Mass at St. Stanislaus Church. When making discipline decisions we consider our sacramental responsibility to teach right behaviors with love and compassion. The culture of the school is also influenced by the WE movement, which promotes service to others in the philosophy that WE are greater than me. The curriculum developed for our religion classes includes multiple opportunities for students to serve the community. But I think we can do more. It seems that our sacramental purpose and our commitment to academic rigor are disconnected. I want to promote an intentional effort to help our teachers, as they work to improve their craft, as well as our students who struggle for academic achievement to understand that each and every member of our school community is a reflection of God.

May God bless you in this Advent season.

Bruce Sawyer
Principal
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Important 2018-2019 Dates
- Dec 17-20: Quarter Finals
- Dec 21: Christmas Break begins
- Jan 7: Return to School
- Jan 15: WCEA Meeting (Early Release 12:05pm)
- Jan 16: Senior Retreat

Scrip Closed over Christmas Break
SCRIP WILL BE CLOSED DEC. 21, 2018 – JAN. 4, 2019 FOR CHRISTMAS BREAK
LAST DAY TO PLACE SPECIAL ORDERS IS DEC. 14TH TO INSURE DELIVERY BEFORE THE BREAK

Finals Week Schedule
Read the schedule carefully, our Finals Week Schedule has changed. It is no longer arranged by subject.

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2019 Yearbook Senior Ad Information
Parents will create and purchase their Senior ads for the 2019 yearbook online. No ads will be sold on campus.

1). Log on to www.yearbookordercenter.com and enter order number 6302
2). Click Create a Yearbook Ad.
3). Follow the prompts to design your ad, add it to your cart and purchase it. Your ad is not complete until you add it to your cart and complete the checkout process!
4). Call Herff Jones Tech support if help is needed with the website at 1-877-362-7750.

Create and purchase ads online by Friday, December 14th, 2018 to guarantee your spot in the 2019 yearbook. After December 14, 2018 prices will increase by 20%. Space is limited after this date.

Email Yearbook Advisors Theresa Hubert thubert@cchsca.org or Marlean Bravo bravo@cchsca.org with any questions.

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