Around the World in a Week

This week was International Week. Throughout the week, our students learned about different cultures. On Tuesday, our daily prayer was said in Spanish and students played Lotería, traditional Mexican bingo. On Wednesday, our daily prayer was said in Chinese and our students got to see a performance by a Chinese rap artist. On Thursday, we held our annual International Week luncheon. At the luncheon, our Spanish III students were in charge of decorating tables in the theme of a specific country, including a list of facts about the country. Ms. Castello and our students were also our lunch time entertainment. Ms. Castello sang and played violin with her mariachi band. Many students sang and played instruments. Mikey Duran and Aiden Taylor were also featured in a demonstration by Ceres Karate. Thank you to all of our families who provided different cultural dishes for our luncheon! Leftovers from the lunch were donated to the Gospel Mission in Modesto.
Advanced Dance Lit Up The Stage

Advanced Dance lit up the competition stage this weekend at Hollywood Dance Jamz in Sacramento!

Awards:
- **Body Language** - Platinum Medal, 3rd place senior large group
- **Destiny** - Platinum Medal, 2nd place senior large group, Most Entertaining
- **Heartburn** - Gold Medal, Lose Control - Platinum Medal, 2nd place teen duo/trio, Judges Choice
- **Skinny Love** - High Gold Medal, **Slow Me Down** - Gold Medal

Congratulations to Laura Maring who received a year long convention scholarship and Kenya Smith who received a one time convention scholarship to Hollywood Dance Jamz this weekend.

WE are so proud of our lady raiders!

Students of the Quarter

Our Student of the Quarter award was established to give recognition to students who achieve, have good-to-excellent attitude, participate in activities, and show improvement where needed.

Congratulations to our 1st Quarter award recipients: Spencer Cole, Abby Castillon, Drake Jimenez, Kenya Smith, Minaya Olivo, Sarah Grimes, Kyle Jacklich, and Emily Julio.

Football Playoff Postponed

Due to the poor air quality, the CIF Sac-Joaquin Section has postponed all playoffs games to next week. Our section semi-final versus the Inderkum Tigers will be played here at home on Friday, November 23 at 7:00pm. Come out and support your CC Raiders!

Make Your Commitment Today!

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
**Spectrum 2018**

Night 1 of Spectrum 2018 was successfully performed on Tuesday night. Our winter show is a collaboration of works between our dance, drama, and music students. The pieces featured combined student choreography, direction, and writing: we sincerely hope that you enjoyed their creativity, talent, and dedication.

Due to the unhealthy air quality, MJC closed their campus for classes and events effective as of 4 pm yesterday until Monday morning 8 am. Unfortunately, this included our final performance of “Spectrum 2018”. Please be patient with us as we work to find options to reschedule or refund as necessary. More information to follow after the break.

Click [here](#) to see more photo of the performance and [here](#) to see video of the finale.

**Ag Students Learn About Bees**

This past week, the Advanced Ag Systems and Ag Biology class had the privilege to hear first hand about the bee industry from a local bee farmer. Mr. Ron Crump owns Bee Garden Honey and has been bee farming for the last 7 years. He had a wealth of knowledge that he was able to share with the students about the crop that bees produce as well as how they benefit agriculture and the ecosystem. He brought in 1 of his 150 bee hives that contained 15,000 bees to the classroom and allowed the students to see what a hive looked like and observe a queen bee, worker bees, and drone bees. The students gained a large amount of knowledge and understanding of what it is to be a bee farmer. We are so grateful for Mr. Ron Crump and the time he took to share with our students.
President's Corner...

To begin let me take a moment to wish all of you a happy Thanksgiving. I am not sure where the time went, but we find ourselves entering a special time of the year – when we give thanks for the many blessings bestowed upon us. I hope you have time to spend with your family and friends. I would also ask that you keep in your prayers the people who recently have encountered the tragic fires up and down our state. May God be with them in this difficult time.

Dance Production: Congratulations to our dancers led by Mrs. Smiley. With the issues related to our smoke conditions their Thursday night performance had to be cancelled. That being said, they had a great Wednesday night production. We are certainly blessed with great talent.

Alumni Connections Magazine: On Tuesday, I met with our alumni coordinator, Susan Garke, to review the next edition of Connections. This publication goes out twice a year to our alumni. It features various alumni from the perspective of their careers, education, hobbies and ventures. We have a great team that puts this magazine together each time – every one of them being an alum of CCHS. The magazine is funded by advertisements. You can contact Susan Garke at garke@cchsca.org if you are interested in taking out an advertisement in the next edition.

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Principal’s Corner...

I was recently asked to prepare a plan for educational improvement at Central Catholic High School. The plan I have put together includes some structural changes that may affect the way we create the master schedule of classes. It asks for additional administrative help, as well as increased resources for students who struggle. Also, the plan calls for more purposeful and effective professional development. I will be sharing the details of the plan with faculty and staff at our next Staff meeting.

Today, I am sharing with you some of my root beliefs about education. You may have been exposed to some or all of these ideas from me before, but my intention is to get everyone reflecting upon and talking about them. This won't be the last time you see these. The following list is philosophical, but these ideas are going to lead us forward in ways that I think will transform the school. Some of the changes will be difficult and won't happen overnight, but are necessary if we are to build a Culture of Learning.

A Culture of Learning exists when all stakeholders – students, teachers, administrators, and parents – understand that we are all learners. This is why the development of a common language around learning is so critical.

A Culture of Learning means that all learners are held to a high standard and are supported according to their needs. Excellence happens on purpose!

In a Culture of Learning, all learners are provided with ample time to collaborate. This includes students working together in and out of the classroom. It includes teachers and administrators being provided with time to collaborate within and across content and grade levels. It includes ensuring there are opportunities for parents to participate in the learning process with their students.

In a Culture of Learning, teachers feel validated through the administration's commitment to assigning to them an appropriate number of courses to teach. Teachers should never feel that they have so much to do that they can't do any of it well.

A Culture of Learning gives recognition to learning. The school does a good job giving recognition to students for their accomplishments. There should also be a process for recognizing teachers, administrators, and parents for their learning.

A Culture of Learning celebrates growth as well as mastery.

A Culture of Learning recognizes that each learner is also a spiritual person, and a social person. Academics, spirituality, and socialization are three equal parts of the educational trinity.

In a Culture of Learning, everyone reads and everyone writes. Every teacher is a teacher of reading and of writing.

Bruce Sawyer
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WE have invested in new technology that will bring you every game from David Patton Field LIVE online so that our Central Catholic High School fans will never miss a game!

WE are now working with the NFHS Network to stream our games from David Patton Field LIVE! Our Black Friday game versus Inderkum will be livestreamed. The subscription is $9.95/month. Click here to subscribe and watch our upcoming playoff game.

Important 2018-2019 Dates

- Nov 17: Mid Q2 Grades Posted
- Nov 19-23: Thanksgiving Break (NO SCHOOL)
- Dec. 4: WCEA Meeting (Early Release 12:05pm)
- Dec. 7: School Wide Mass (11:15am)
- 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

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 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.

Full Color Ad sizes & Prices
- Full Page ($375)
- Half Page ($250)
- 1/4 Page ($150)

Thanksgiving Scrip Hours
Open Monday & Tuesday from 7:30 – 3:00. Closed for lunch from 12:30 – 1:30.
Closed Wednesday, November 21—Friday, November 23
Closed November 26—28. Scrip orders will have to be dropped off with payment. They will be filled and ready for pick up later in the day.