FFA Trip to MJC To Hear Temple Grandin Speak

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This past Wednesday, November 7, 2018, Advanced Interdisciplinary Ag Science students went to Modesto Junior College to listen to Temple Grandin speak about her life experiences. Over 750 high school students from Stanislaus, Merced, and San Joaquin counties were lucky enough to attend this event.

Temple Grandin is a woman with autism who has changed the livestock production industry drastically. She has influenced stockmanship in America by promoting the techniques used to keep animals calm and relaxed during their necessary interactions with humans. While most may consider autism to be a disability, Temple has been inspirational in the sense that she has used her autism as a gift. Her ability to observe animals and their surroundings which influence them has been helpful to ranchers by giving insight to the animals' emotions. It was truly an inspiring and knowledgeable experience, and I am so fortunate to have attended this event.
Lady Raiders Tennis are Sac-Joaquin Section Champions!

Our Lady Raiders Tennis team have had a busy week. On Tuesday, they defeated the Placer Hillmen 8-1 to win the section semi-finals which earned them a berth to the CIF Sac-Joaquin Section D4 Finals. They faced off against the Kimball Jaguars who they had already defeated (6-3) twice this season. Our Raiders came out on top once again and beat the Kimball Jaguars 7-2. Lady Raiders Tennis are the CIF SJS Champions! Maxpreps named Suzanne Manseau “Player of the Match.” Congratulations on a fantastic season ladies!

BASH Has a New Date

Due to some calendar conflicts, the date of our annual BASH fundraiser has changed to March 23, 2019. The theme this year is Rolling on the River at Mardi Gras. Mark your calendars and join us for a great night!

If you are interested in donating to or volunteering at the event, please contact Mitzi Lucas at lucas@cchsca.org or (209) 524-6818.

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
CC FFA Branching Out

As a part of our agricultural education program, one of the classes we offer is “Elements and Principles of Floral Design.” Students in this class learn about the different flowers and greenery used in floral design, how to handle them, and how to make pleasing arrangements. This past week, our Ag Floral students and their teacher, Mrs. Morris, designed and provided the centerpieces for the Association of Fundraising Professionals National Day of Philanthropy luncheon.

Lands’ End Scholarship

Lands’ End is offering $10,000 scholarships for seven eligible students in grades 6-12 who display exceptional leadership skills and show a passion for learning. Each winning student’s school may also receive a $2,500 to $5,000 donation from Lands’ End. The program is limited to 3,000 applications, so apply now. Go to landsend.com/starboard-scholarship to apply.

Faculty/Staff Baby Shower

Our Central Catholic Family is blessed to be expecting four babies in the coming months so we hosted a faculty/staff baby shower Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Swilley and Mrs. Velazquez are both due in December, while our controller Jonathon Boulos and his wife, Katherine, along with Mr. Castello and his wife, Jennifer, are both expecting their babies in January. Congratulations to all four families! WE can’t wait to meet your little ones.
Volunteers Needed!

International Luncheon will be next Thursday the 15th of November from 11:55 to 12:44. We are in need of parent volunteers in the morning for storage of food and during the luncheon for serving food. If you can help please contact Miss Castello at castello@cchsca.org. Gracias!

Hometown Hero

During our Wednesday morning staff meeting, Mrs. Velazquez was honored by the Modern Woodmen-Fraternity Financial organization with the “Hometown Hero” award. The award was presented by Lisa Minardi, a past Central Catholic parent and included a monetary gift for Mrs. Velazquez to donate to the charity of her choice.

2019 Catholic Daughters’ Education Contest

Last week we reported on the five Central Catholic students who had won awards – first or second place – in the State Education Contest. Now, we’d like to announce the start of the 2019 Contest. The themes this year are “Here I Am Lord, I Come to Do Your Will” or “Doing My Best to Do Good”. Students can interpret these themes in a variety of art media – Essay, Poetry, Photography, Computer Art, Art or Music. For entry forms and the general rules, students should see their religion, English or Art teacher or Mrs. Hart in the Development Office.

Spectrum 2018 Performance Dates

Fall/Winter Show Fine Arts Production: All Dance, Drama & Music Students

- Tuesday November 13th: Rehearsal at CCHS Glynn Hall, time-6-8pm (time subject to change)
- Wednesday November 14th: Tech/Dress Rehearsal @ MJC East Campus, time-8-2:30 pm w/a lunch break 12:00–1:00pm (will be during school hours)
- Wednesday November 14th: Show @ MJC East Campus, show time- 7pm (call time 5:15-5:30 pm)
- Thursday November 15th: Show @ MJC East Campus, show time- 7pm (call time 5:15-5:30 pm)

Have you ever wondered what those little name plates are on the “home” side of the new gym?

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). This was seen as a way to get more people involved in the campaign and to create a visual display of Central Catholic’s history. Students who have yet to attend Central Catholic have their names on the “wall” along with people who were in the first class in 1970.

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.
President’s Corner...

Congratulations to all of our fall sports teams – with banquets and playoffs all happening this week, it is certainly is a reason to pause and be thankful for the blessing bestowed upon us. We continue to root the Raiders on as they go forward.

Foundation: Our Foundation Finance Committee and Board met this week. In finance we learned investments have slipped a little this past month – typical for October. However, over time we are doing fine. I want to give a huge thank you to Dave and Gloria Mraz who have challenged us to raise $100,000 by December 10, 2018 for endowed scholarships. They will match each donation up to $100,000 – dollar for dollar. If you are considering adding to your endowed scholarship – or if you would like to start one – this is the time. You can call me or Joan Hart and we will help you set it up. Thanks again to Dave and Gloria Mraz. In addition to this we had a very exciting Foundation Board meeting – raising over $30,000 for our Ladd Field Project. We are within dollars of reaching our goal to break ground for our Lady Raiders Softball field. Next week I hope to give you more details on exactly where we are and when we can anticipate starting this new project.

Director of Marketing and Enrollment: We have now completed all of our interviews and are starting the background checks for candidates that have been recommended to me for hire. If all goes well we hope to extend an offer sometime next week. Our goal is to have our new person on board before the first of December. I will keep you posted.

WCEA: We continue our work each week for our accreditation in March. Thanks again to our leader Susan Dillon. This past week our IG groups met to complete their summary work. Once we finalize this and have a draft of the entire document we will be calling a meeting for constituents to hear first-hand what we have come up with for our school. Stay tuned for the time and date.

Lady Raiders Golf: As noted above we officially ended our season with a banquet on Tuesday. I enjoyed the opportunity to assist the coaching staff this year. I also am very proud of our golf team for their dedication and commitment to the sport and our school.

8th Grade Day: today is a special day – where we have about 180 students and some 50 parents and guests joining us for our annual 8th Grade Day. The day is filled with activities, workshops, presentations, tours and more. Thanks to Kari Paris and Mitzi Lucas for heading up this program – I appreciate their enthusiasm and dedication to our Mission.

Coming Up:
Saturday is the Booster Clubs Brats and Brew
Monday – No School – Veterans Day
Tuesday – The Catholic Professional Breakfast Club meets at 7:00 am. Please try to join us – breakfast is $15 and we always have a good speaker.
Wednesday – finance meets at 7:00 am
Thursday – School Board meets at 6:00 pm
Friday – Building and Grounds meets at 8:00 am

Sincerely,

Jim Pecchenino ’72
President
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.

Important 2018-2019 Dates

- Nov. 10: Boosters' Beer & Brats Fundraiser
- Nov. 12: Veteran's Day (NO SCHOOL)
- Nov. 14: Scholarship Night (7pm)
- Nov. 13-15: International Week
- Nov. 15: International Lunch ($5 per student)
- Nov. 14 & 15: Fine Arts Winter Show (7pm)
- Nov 19-23: Thanksgiving Break (NO SCHOOL)
- Dec. 4: WCEA Meeting (Early Release 12:05pm)
- Dec. 7: School Wide Mass (11:15am)

Never miss a game again! WE are now working with the NFHS Network to stream our games from David Patton Field LIVE! If you can't make it to Friday night's Central Catholic Football round 2 CIF Sac-Joaquin Section playoff game versus Elk Grove, you can watch live online. The subscription is $9.95/month. Click here to subscribe and watch this week's game.

ABC Breakfast
Members of the Academic Boosters Club met hosted faculty to a information sharing breakfast on Monday, November 5. As a result of that conversation the Club donated $500 to each academic department, for the teachers to use in their classroom as they see fit. The group continues to raise funds for academics; Matt Henderson received a warm response when he spoke to the Gridiron Dinner on Wednesday night about ABC.

SCRIP News
WE have a winner! We held the drawing for the Boosters Athletic Program Scrip contest on Friday, November 2. The trustworthy Joan Hart was tasked with pulling the winning ticket. Kacey Smith, parent of alum Kendall Smith ’16 and current sophomore Kenya Smith, was the lucky winner and had her choice of any $100 scrip. On Tuesday Mr. Pecchenino ’72 presented her with her winnings.

Scholarship Night
A second Scholarship Workshop will be held on Wednesday, November 14, at 7 p.m. in the Sister Irene Library for those who were not able to make it to the first workshop last month. This workshop focuses on scholarships for students entering or continuing on at Central Catholic.