Central Catholic Grows Lunch
Elisabeth Watkins

Central Catholic FFA (Future Farmers of America) program installed two Juice Plus + Tower Garden Growing Systems, a vertical aeroponic system which can grow up to 20 plants. The towers have been planted with chive, sage, peppermint, lemon cucumber, jalapeño and zucchini thanks to the donation by Randy Beasly of Bonnie Plants in Linden, CA.

Juice Plus Hydroponic Towers filter water and minerals throughout the system allowing for the growth of plants. The towers are equipped with LED indoor grow lights, pumps, and timers. The Central Catholic FFA students will be monitoring pH levels of the water and minerals, overseeing the planting and harvesting of crops and moving the towers outside daily.

The idea for the project came from current senior Elisabeth Watkins. She was awarded the 2018 Domino’s Transformation Experience grant to improve healthy eating in her school and community. Watkins’ idea was to grow fruits, vegetables, and herbs on her school campus to be used in the school cafeteria. Watkins said, “When students have the opportunity to grow food themselves, they are more likely to eat the food.” Her push for students to see and learn about food production in a first-hand experience comes from her background in production agriculture and agriculture literacy efforts.
**Daily Mass and Lenten Reflections**
- Mass will be regularly celebrated on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7:35am in the Our Lady of Light Chapel on campus. All parents, friends, students and staff are welcome.
- During lent, we will have gospel reflections on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays at 7:35am. We will read the Gospel of the day and the Gospel Reflection written by Bishop Barron and conclude with an Our Father. Again, all parents, students, friends and staff are welcome.

**Important Dates**
- April 4th: Shadow Day
- April 5th: School Wide Mass at 11:15am
- April 10th: Early Release at 12:40pm
- April 10th: Open House from 6:00pm—7:30pm
- April 11th: Shadow Day
- April 18th: Early Release at 12:15pm for Holy Thursday
- April 19th—April 26th: School Closed, Easter Break

**Interact Read-In**
This week Interact Club members visited our partner schools to as a part of the Interact Read In program. Our students read to the kindergarten through third grades classes and donated the book to the classroom.
BASH 2019

BASH 2019 Rolling on the River at Mardi Gras was a major success. We were privileged to have Bishop Cotta attend, speak and lead us in prayer to start off the evening. Our friends and family came together and enjoyed a southern inspired meal, raised money for our school, and celebrated our seniors. It was an amazing evening made possible by our sponsors, donors, guests, staff, students, families, volunteers and especially our BASH committee who worked tirelessly to put on this event. Join us at our speakeasy next year. The Roarin’ 20s are back on Saturday, March 21, 2020.
Friday FACTS

President’s Corner...

It looks as if we may have a “Spring Weekend”. The weather is predicted to be clear and in the 70’s. I hope you can take some time to be with friends and family.

BASH 2019: Speaking of friends and family I need to thank everyone again for their generous support of BASH 2019. A special thanks goes out to Ms. Lucas and Gina Van Klaveren for their leadership. I also want to give a shout out to Danay Manseau (Silent Auction Chair) Karney Brazil (Procurement Chair), Mari Varni (Fashion Production Chair) and, of course, their teams that helped make it happen. Our Auctioneers – Jimmy Halverson and Matt Henderson - were “Over the Top” with energy and enthusiasm. Thanks to Chef Surla for another great meal and to all the student, parent and staff volunteers that helped. Some very quick facts:

- The live auction produced approximately 103% of Value – this is almost unheard of in non-profit auctions.
- Our Silent auction produced 78% of value – this compares to the national standard of 65% for non-profit auctions.
- Fund a Need generated approximately $17,000 for our new marquee. This is about half of our goal so if you are interested or know someone who is interested, please give me a call. Our plan is to install the new system over the summer if at all possible.
- The “Kings Cake” produced around $13,000 – those were some great cup cakes
- We sold out at approximately 480 people representing current parents, past parents, alumni, staff and friends of Central and our many families.

Again thanks to all of you for supporting our school.

Ladd Field Update: I am pleased to announce that our Corporate Board of Directors officially approved starting the Ladd Field Project. We now have the funding in order – including both donations and expected pledges that will be coming in over the next year. Our plans are to develop the northwest section of the property currently in grapes just east of the tennis courts. We have been working with staff and area experts in determining how this field will look, fit and function at our school. The goal is to have our girls back home for the 2020 season. It will take up to six months for the permit process, then you can expect to see some action out back. We will keep you posted on our ground breaking day and expected opening of Ladd Field. Thanks to all our donors for making this happen...

Coming Up:
- Foundation meets on Wednesday, April 3, at 4:00 pm in the Bishops’ conference room.
- The 50th Anniversary Alumni Committee is scheduled to meet on April 3 at 6:30 pm in the Bishops Conference Room

CCHS President ’72
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Scrip Announcements
April 30th is the last day to buy scrip for the 2018-2019 Scrip requirement. For more details, contact Carol Fields (fields@cchsca.org).

Scrip Hours
7:30am – 3:00pm
Closed for lunch:
12:30pm – 1:30pm

Rock Your Socks Success!
CCHS students rocked their colorful, spunky socks in celebration of people with Down Syndrome (DS) and raised $700 for The Brighter Side of Down Syndrome!

Early Bird Registration
Reminder that Early Bird Registration for the 2019-2020 school year ends on Sunday, March 31st. The registration fee will revert to the normal price of $360 on Monday, April 1st. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact our Director of Enrollment at nelson@cchsca.org or 209-338-2615

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