Welcoming the Class of 2023 & School Mass

On Thursday morning, we celebrated Mass for the Feast of the Assumption of Mary. Before Mass began, our incoming Freshmen students were welcomed by our community with a standing ovation and overwhelming joy. The Class of 2023 includes students from over 30 middle schools and 18 cities.

Welcome again to the Raider Family!
Message from Bishop Cotta to Central Catholic High School Students

Dear Students,

I hope you are having a great summer. As we quickly approach another academic year, I would like to remind you of two basic things as you get ready to continue your studies and reunite with your friends in the new school year.

First, I hope you have been faithful to prayer. Second, I hope you have attended Mass during your summer break. Our vacation time does not mean a “vacation time” away from prayer, nor away from Jesus who loves you. If for some reason this has happened, recommit yourselves to prayer and attending Mass with your family as you get back to your regular schedule as you begin school.

Prayer offers you the opportunity to speak to Jesus as your personal “best” friend. He desires, and is waiting for you to spend some time with him: “heart-to-heart.” As you attend Mass, you have the opportunity to listen to the Word of God, especially the Gospel, and to receive Jesus in Holy Communion.

This year, as you experience an increase in knowledge through your ongoing education, know that it is even more important that you continue to grow in your faith and ongoing “spiritual” formation. This is important for all of you, but even more so, for those of you who received your First Holy Communion this year and those of you who were Confirmed.

Prayer and attending Mass is necessary in order to have a strong relationship with Jesus. He needs to be the center of your life. His Teachings, which he has given to the Church, are your guide in life. Listen to what Jesus has to say to you as you prepare to return to your school.

Remember, as your Bishop, I am praying for all of you as you get ready to go back to school. As you step onto campus and enter the classroom, or step onto the playground or athletic field, may you take with you the “living presence” of Jesus. May you be the best reflection of a Christ-centered student that you can be. Allow the Holy Spirit to guide you. Follow Jesus as a good disciple and call upon your Blessed Mother, Our Lady, to watch over you.

To all of you: from Kindergarten students to the Senior Classes of 2019-2020, and to you our College and University students, may God be with you as you commit yourselves to prayer and the Holy Eucharist throughout your school year.

In the Peace of Christ,

Bishop Cotta

View the official letter [here](#).
Donors Wanted!

My name is Colin O'Connor, and I am doing my Eagle Scout Project. I plan to update the entrance to the administration building, and I can't do it without donors like you! Want your name on the project? Buy a bench for $500 and get your name on an individual plaque that is included in the project (those who already donated $500 or over will get a plaque). Donations are tax deductible. WE still need $3500 so don’t hesitate! Please make your donation in the form of a check and make it out to the school with a note that is for my Eagle Scout Project. If you have any questions or want to donate, please contact me at cclarkeoconnor@gmail.com.

VIP Parking Spots for Football Season
Support the completion of the Mark Gallo Health & Fitness Center and enjoy VIP parking for the entire 2019 football season, including playoffs (home games only). Parking spaces are located in the Junior Parking lot, lot closest to the football field. VIP parking is $500 per parking space. Please contact Joan Hart at 209-524-6822 or hart@cchsca.org to reserve your spot before football season starts. GO RAIDERS!

Sideline Store is Now Open
WE now have an online store thanks to our partnership with BSN Sports! Take a minute and check it out to take advantage of the Back to School discount.

20% OFF $100
USE CODE: BTS19  END 8.31.19
SIDELINE STORE
2019 MINI CHEER CAMP

September 24-27

Inviting Kindergarten—8th grade students to join us for our mini cheer camp!

You will learn a Central Catholic Cheer and a half-time dance! - And you get to perform both at half time of the CCHS Varsity game against Sierra High School on Friday, September 27.

Camp is Tuesday, September 24 to Thursday, September 26 from 3:00pm-5:00pm

AND Friday, September 27 at 6:15pm.

Camp will be held at Central Catholic High School by the sport court.

Cost is $50 — Cash or Check made out to CCHS

Submit registration form below to the CCHS office at 200 S. Carpenter Rd in Modesto no later than Tuesday, September 17.

Ask for a Medical Release Form in the CCHS office.

For questions, Liz Swilley at (209) 524-9611 or swilley@cchsca.org joliviabravo@gmail.com

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CENTRAL CATHOLIC MINI CHEER CAMP REGISTRATION FORM

NAME: ____________________________________________
AGE/GRADE: __________/______________
PARENTS NAME: ____________________________________________
CONTACT NUMBER OR EMAIL: ________________________________

TSHIRT SIZE (included in cost of camp—please circle one)
Child Small  Child Medium  Child Large  Child XL  Adult Small  Adult Medium
**Friday FACTS**

**President’s Corner...**

I would like to welcome all of you to the 2019/2020 school year. We have had an exciting, fun filled, action packed couple of weeks, orienting students, staff and parents to the new year while also officially opening up the doors to our first day of school on Monday. It was great to see so many new faces join the CC Raiders. This year our freshman class will be just under 100 students – the largest on campus. The members of this class represent over 25 different cities and schools throughout Stanislaus, San Joaquin and Merced Counties. Please join me in welcoming our new families.

I am continuing to work with our advancement team to secure the necessary funds to fully pay for the Mark Gallo Health and Fitness Center. We are getting closer but still have a ways to go. Please give me a call or come see me if you are interested in this project—or if you know of someone out there that might be interested in assisting us. Keep in mind, we are also selling bleacher seats in the MGHFC – so far we have sold about 235 seats with an additional 365 available on the home side.

In addition to this we are working with our engineers and contractors to finalize the permit process in preparation of breaking ground this fall to build Ladd Softball Field, our Outdoor Volleyball Courts and Sports Fields on land just to the east of the current campus. I will keep you posted on moving forward and, of course, invite you to our ground breaking later in the fall.

Swing for Central is just around the corner. For those who may not know, this golf tournament was started 42 years ago by Bud Patton, a parent at time, for the purpose of supporting athletic needs of the school. Over the years it has helped us provide equipment for the teams, added to facilities on the campus, helped purchase vehicles for athletic transportation and much more. The tournament is on September 23, 2019 at Del Rio Golf and Country Club. Our chairperson, Mike West, is busy working with our committee to take care of all the details for a successful tournament. You will find opportunities to sponsor the tournament in the invitation. Please try to join us if possible.

Finally, I want to thank Bishop Cotta for assigning Fr. Suresh to be our Chaplain at CCHS. He is with us three days a week – Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. He celebrated Mass yesterday and will be working directly with our Dean of Formation, Mr. Driver, as they plan to support and nurture the faith development of our community.

**Coming Up**

- On Monday, our School Board is hosting a social for our staff in the Mark Gallo Health and Fitness Center starting at 6:00 pm. Thanks to our school board chair, Carlo Jimenez, and his team for this opportunity for our staff and board to spend time together.
- Back to School Night is on Wednesday starting at 6:00 pm. All parents are encouraged to join us for this important night.
- Clovis West will be coming to Raider Territory next Friday – please try to join us for the first home game of the CC Raiders Football Team.

Jim Pecchenino '72
President

**Principal’s Corner...**

It is great to be back in school. One of the things about summer is that Fridays lose their significance. Now that school is back in session Fridays are important again. Students and teachers work hard all week in a partnership to overcome challenges. By the end of the week, we are all ready for a break.

This week has been busy and rewarding as we have welcomed a new freshman class, several new students in the upper classes, and new teachers and support staff. Please don’t hesitate to contact and introduce yourself to Josh McCusker who has joined our religion department, Jared Kaminski and Brent Nelson, both new additions to the science department, Russ Antracoli, new to the social studies department, and our new resource specialist, Deborah Duncan. All are already contributing to the success of our students.

We have also begun our efforts to build a culture of learning by instituting new initiatives that I believe will improve student experiences and learning outcomes at Central Catholic. The teaching staff have begun the process of creating Professional Learning Communities (PLCs). They will meet every Wednesday morning to discuss strategies to help increase student achievement. We have also imbedded time each Tuesday and Thursday afternoons for students to meet with their teachers to get extra help if needed. We hope students use this valuable time to ensure they stay on track to accomplish their goals. Thanks to our new assistant principal Kellie O’Connor for her invaluable contributions to ensure the successful implementation of these initiatives.

Our athletic teams are in full swing as they prepare for competition in the heat of summer. Coaches are ensuring athletes stay hydrated. There is a football scrimmage tomorrow, Saturday, August 17th on Patton Field beginning with freshman at 8am. JV and Varsity are at 9am. For a full roundup of athletic competitions, check the RepU App or our website.

God Bless,

Bruce Sawyer
Coming Late August:
We’re excited to announce that now, in addition to linking a bank account (PrestoPay™), families will have the choice to pay for gift cards with a credit card.

Scrip Hours: 7:30am—3:00pm
(Closed for lunch 12:30pm—1:30pm)
Scrip will be closed Friday, August 23rd
If you have any questions, please contact Carol Fields (fields@cchsca.org)

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CENTRAL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

SWING FOR CENTRAL

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SEPTEMBER 23, 2019
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Any questions or to reserve your spot, contact Kari Paris (paris@cchsca.org) or 209-524-9611