My name is Gavin Ryan and I am a senior at Central Catholic. This past summer, I had the privilege of attending the American Legion California Boys State. Boys State is a week-long program held at Sacramento State University created to expose the youth to the power of government and democracy. Many are under the impression that government and politics is boring, but after a week of seeing the governor we appointed getting impeached (he wasn’t cooperative with the Senate, a very bad idea), I learned that it was anything but. Through Boys State, I learned the importance of voting and staying active in my city, county, state, and country. I served as my county’s treasurer and auditor, and I am proud to say that we were not bankrupt at the end of the week. I also had the opportunity to visit the California Capitol Building for the first time, where I got to visit the offices of my local state senator, Cathleen Galgiani, and Heath Flora, my local state assemblyman. Overall, the program allowed me to understand how our government functions while meeting many successful boys my age along the way. I thoroughly enjoyed the experience, and I am very thankful to the American Legion for sponsoring the program and giving me this wonderful opportunity.
CCHS School Board Social
The CCHS School Board treated the teachers and staff to a delicious tri-tip dinner on Monday evening. Both new staff members and new board members were introduced and enjoyed the wonderful evening together.

Important Dates
- Tuesday, August 27th: VOL Leadership Day
- Wednesday, August 28th: Frosh Elections
- Wednesday, August 28th: College Fair & Christian Service Orientation
- Thursday, August 29th: Club Fair During Lunch
- Friday, August 30th: No School (Teacher Work Day)
- Friday, August 30th: Home Football Game vs. De La Salle
- Monday, September 2nd: No School (Labor Day)
- Friday, September 6th: School Mass at 11:00am
- Friday, September 6th: Holy Bowl Football Game at St. Mary’s

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!
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

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...
Pitching the Good News

As I mentioned last week, we are off to a great start for the 2019-2020 school year. Enrollment is up in every class – first time in my history at CC that I have seen that happen. We also have some exciting new teachers who have joined our team along with our new technology specialist. In addition, our resource specialist is on board along with our assistant principal for curriculum and instruction. It is no secret that we are “sinking our teeth” into our academic program – from our principal and assistant principal to our teachers, counselors, librarian, resources specialist and all of us in the advancement offices.

I would love to hear from you about any “good news” stories from the front office, to the classroom, to the field of play and, of course, in the Chapel and beyond. Was there a special moment that you witnessed our “Mission in Action”? Perhaps you witnessed one of our Core Values in action – Faith, Academic Rigor, Family, Community and Integrity? Or maybe you joined us for a special event – Back to School Night, one of our sporting events, prayer in the Chapel, Mass the first week of school – and had a great experience? My goal – with your permission – is to Pitch the Good News internally and externally. In today’s times we are bombarded by “what’s wrong”, negativity and conflict. Simply put, it is time to celebrate the good news and I need your help. You can email me at pecchenino@cchsca.org, call me at school, stop me in person or send a note in with your student – whatever works – I look forward to hearing from you.

Finally, speaking of good news – please plan to join me on September 14, 2019 when we host our annual campus tour. We will be taking you into places you have never been while sharing some of our success and the challenges we face in the future. You will have a chance to hear from staff and students as they share their vision for CCHS. We will start at 8:00 am from the Mark Gallo Health and Fitness Center Lobby and complete our tour and discussion by mid-morning.

May God bless you and thanks for being part of our Raider Team.

Jim Pecchenino ’72

Principal's Corner...

Dear Central Catholic community,

On this page, I will frequently be sharing my views on learning, which have been formed through my experiences working in public and private school settings, but especially through my time in the Remick Leadership Program at Notre Dame. I found this short pre-course reflection that I wrote when I applied to the RLP. It was in answer to the question, What do you believe about effective teaching and learning? It is a precursor to the development of my commitment to creating a culture of learning at Central Catholic, but is descriptive of what I want to accomplish.

This is my ideal: Learning (growth) happens best on a campus, and in a classroom, which have an environment that is welcoming and safe, contextually rich, and is student-centered. A welcoming and safe environment is one in which students - and the teachers, for that matter - are allowed to take chances, lead, follow, and choose a path toward success. There are multiple and varied options for students and teachers to grow spiritually, intellectually, and socially, through rigorous coursework, club membership, athletics, leadership opportunities, and church life. A contextually rich campus/classroom is one in which there is visual and/or aural evidence of academic pursuits, including examples of student success. At this student-centered school the effective teacher provides a rigorous curriculum, which moves from building content knowledge to applying the knowledge while addressing real world problems in creative ways. This can be done in and out of the classroom, on and off campus, and in the larger community. The school and teachers also provide the academic supports necessary for all students to meet these expectations and succeed. Finally, the students are given opportunities to engage, and even struggle, with the social and academic content on their own and with other learners in multiple contexts, even across content areas when possible. The struggle will provide opportunities for students to develop what I believe is essential for continued student success: grit.

God bless you,

Bruce Sawyer
Back to School Night

A wonderful crowd of parents turned out Wednesday evening for our annual Back to School Night. Directed by ASB students, they found their way through their student’s schedules, meeting new teachers and getting valuable information on the classes their students are taking this year.

Scrip Announcements

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)
If you have any questions, please contact Carol Fields (fields@cchsca.org)
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SWING FOR CENTRAL

SAVE THE DATE

SEPTEMBER 23, 2019
DEL RIO COUNTRY CLUB

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