Entering a Disaster Zone
Sarah Gallo ‘17

Hurricane Maria was the worst storm to hit Puerto Rico in over 80 years. It hit only two weeks after Hurricane Irma. Hurricane Maria left one million people without power and caused $90 billion in damage. At Saint Mary’s College of California, we have a four-week term between fall and spring semester called Jan Term. Jan Term gives students a chance to take a class that does not relate to their major. Many students even take a travel course like I did. This past January, I spent the month volunteering in both Loiza and San Isidro, Puerto Rico helping the people of Puerto Rico rebuild from Hurricane Maria. This class is called DIRT. DIRT is a class that is offered each Jan Term and has worked alongside the people of many different countries around the world. DIRT is an acronym that stands for Dismantle, Immerse, Reflect, and Transform. The main goal of this class is to go into each community and not try to change the community, but to learn from them and work with them. I believe one thing that we as Americans tend to do is come into a place in need and try to take over, when many people in the community just want us to work with them.

The first two weeks, my class worked in Loiza with an organization called Saint Bernard’s Parish, SBP. In Loiza, we were divided into three worksites. I was fortunate to work at Viviana’s house. At Viviana’s we chipped paint and repainted the house. Although painting does not seem like an important job, our professor, Shawny Anderson, told us about how important it is for a house to be painted and how much it protects the house. This just goes to show how sometimes the simplest things can mean the most. At Viviana’s we did many other little things, but one of the most important things we did was built a relationship with the family. Each day we would play basketball, frisbee, or soccer with Viviana’s son, Ropniel, and her nephew, Giondi. This was one of my favorite parts of the day. After two weeks, we started working in San Isidro. In San Isidro, we worked different jobs each day. Some of these included cleaning backyards that were untouched since the hurricane had hit, installing toilets and sinks, painting, and playing with the local children after the work day. Along with working, we spend a lot of time getting to know the community we worked in and seeing the area we were in. This experience was an eye opening and incredible experience. If you want to learn more about my experience, here is a link to the blog we made on the trip. https://smcpuertorico.blogspot.com/?m=1.
Volunteer Fair
Our main objective with the Volunteer Fair is to give the students of Central Catholic High School every opportunity to meet with the representatives from various organizations to facilitate the connection between the students and the community they may serve. If you are interested in hosting a table at the Volunteer Fair on Friday, September 27th, please fill out this Form. If you have any questions, contact Tanya Velazquez (Velazquez@cchsca.org).

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!

Catholic Professional and Business Club of Modesto
These meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month in the Mark Gallo Health and Fitness Center. The meetings begin with networking at 7am and a guest speaker at 7:15am. The meetings cost $15 for members (and their guests) and $20 for non-members. The speaker for the September 10th meeting is Andrew Dignan ’02. Please RSVP by emailing cpbcmodesto@gmail.com or calling 209-968-8086.

Important Dates
Monday, September 2nd: No School & Office Closed (Labor Day)
Friday, September 6th: School Mass at 11:00am
Friday, September 6th: Holy Bowl Football Game at St. Mary’s
Tuesday, September 10th: Catholic Professional Business Club Meeting (7am - 8am)
Friday, September 13th: CCHS Football Game at Upland
Saturday, September 14th: Annual Campus Tour (8am - 10am)
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
Annual Campus Tour
The Annual Campus Tour is coming up on September 14, 2019 - starting at 8:00 am in the lobby of the Mark Gallo Health and Fitness Center. We will take you into parts of the campus you may have never seen before and share with you completed projects as well as those that are on the radar for repair or upgrades. Our focus will be on equipment, buildings and grounds. You will hear from teachers and staff and have an opportunity to advise us for the future. We will also be rededicating Boags Place in the MGHFC Lobby while also dedicating the Hall of Fame. We will share the vision of the vineyard fields to the east of us as we plan to develop our new Softball Field, Outdoor Volleyball Courts and open fields for Soccer and Track. We will also share our vision for developing an Agricultural lab. If you have any questions, please contact Cindy Sawicki (Sawicki@cchsca.org)

Scrip Announcements
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)

Closed Dates:
Tuesday, Sept. 3: Closed
Thursday, Sept. 5: Closing at 2:30pm
Tuesday, Sept. 10: Closing at 1:30pm
Thursday, Sept. 12: Opens at 10am

CENTRAL CATHOLIC AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT
Boots n’ Bluejeans
SEPTEMBER 21, 2019
5:30PM SOCIAL HOUR - 6:30PM DINNER SERVED
CCHS JV BASEBALL LAWN
200 S. CARPENTER RD, MODESTO

Social • Dinner • Live & Silent Auctions • Dancing

TICKET SALES - TABLE SPONSORSHIPS - AUCTION DONATIONS
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CENTRAL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

SWING FOR CENTRAL

SAVE THE DATE
SEPTMBER 23, 2019
DEL RIO COUNTRY CLUB

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