Andrew Dignan ‘02 Shares His Story at the Catholic Professional and Business Club

Andrew Dignan, CCHS Class of 2002, was the guest speaker at the Catholic Professional and Business Club on Tuesday, September 10, 2019 in the Mark Gallo Health and Fitness Center. After graduating from Central Catholic High School Andrew earned a degree in Civil Engineering from U. C. Berkeley in 2006 and a law degree from Boalt Hall in 2009. Andrew worked in the District Attorney’s Office and then with Mraz Amerine and Associates where he earned a Chartered Analyst Designation while working as a Portfolio Manager.

Recently, Andrew returned to practice law, joining Berlin Cohen as an Estate Planning Attorney. Andrew has continued his relationship with his alma mater, by presenting at Career Day, and sponsoring a scholarship in his uncle’s memory. He also recently joined the Central Catholic High School Foundation Board. Thank you, Andrew, for your inspiring words and for all the ways you support Central Catholic.
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).

Marshmallows and Creative Thinking

Mrs. Dillon, English Department, is always finding new ways to challenge her students to better their creative thinking. This past week, one of her English classes was led by Mr. Ramirez, Biology Department, in a lab that required them to create a marshmallow catapult. This lab helped students with their creative thinking (which also assists in their creative writing skills) and introduced the fundamentals of lab report writing.

Important Dates

- **Saturday, September 14:** Annual Campus Tour (8am - 10am)
- **Monday, September 16:** Permission Slips Due for Freshman Retreat
- **Monday, September 16:** Boosters Meeting at 6pm in the 800 Wing
- **Wednesday, September 18:** Family Day: Start Time at 8am and Dismissal at 1:25pm
- **Wednesday, September 18:** Gridiron Dinner
- **Saturday, September 21:** Boots N’ Bluejeans Event
- **Monday, September 23:** Swing for Central Fundraiser
- **Wednesday, September 25:** Freshman Retreat at St. Joseph’s Church
- **Thursday, September 26:** Advanced Dance Jam & Jim Performance at MJC
- **Friday, September 27:** St. Jude’s Fundraiser at Raiders vs. Sierra Football Game

Scrip

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)
It’s VOL Kick-off

GRIDIRON

Join us for Gridiron this week as the Raiders get ready to take on the Buffaloes, our first league game!

Wednesday, September 18, 2019

6:00 Appetizers/ Beer/Wine/ Cocktails
7:00 Dinner/ Dessert
• Oven-Fired Pizzas

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Annual Campus Tour

The Annual Campus Tour is coming up on September 14, 2019 - starting at 8:00am 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.

2019-2020 Freshman Class ASB Officers

Congratulations to our new Freshman Class Officers!

President: Mia Duag
Vice President: Xavier Velazquez
Treasurer: Patrick O’Connor
Secretary: Brooke Lynne Garcia
Class Rep.: Joey Leadon
**Principal’s Corner**

One for the history buffs:

Catholic education in America has a rich history that dates back to colonial times, including the founding of the oldest continuously operated school for girls in what is now the United States. Founded in 1727, by the Sisters of the Order of Saint Ursula, the Ursuline Academy, in New Orleans, is a college preparatory school with the motto: Servium (I will serve). The way has not been easy for Catholic education. In the almost 300 years since the founding of Saint Ursula, social and political forces have brought challenges to the Church’s educational mission. The following are two interesting examples from history that include challenges and responses to them.

**Example #1**: The Third Plenary Council of Baltimore which produced the Pastoral signed by Archbishop Gibbons, titled, “Christian Education”, placed education at the center of importance for the Church in America. This was in December of 1884, at a time when even the President of the United States argued for free schools and denounced financial support of religious education. The Pastoral referenced education of everyday people as being almost as critical as the education of the clergy. It was, after all, common people who were going to have to defend their religion in the real world.

This event is important because the Pastoral produced by the Council expressed a truth about religion; that “in order to inspire a people, [religion] should inspire their whole life, and rule their relations with one another”. This goes to the heart of the mission of Central Catholic, which is to witness to the Gospel while building an educational community that inspires the spiritual, academic and social development of young adults. The Pastoral argument is powerful, even 135 years later. It states that the development and preservation of “truth and morality among the people by fostering religion in the young” is good for America, and can only be accomplished through schools that can teach religion. Also, importantly, the Council placed an imperative on improving Catholic schools, never settling for good enough.

**Example #2**: The U.S. Supreme Court decision in Pierce v Society of Sisters. After World War I ended, there was widespread distrust of anything not American. The Catholic Church, led by the Pope in the Vatican, was swept up in that sentiment, resulting in action taken by the state of Oregon to effectively outlaw private schools. Eventually the Supreme Court ruled against the state of Oregon writing that, “attendance at public school was not necessary to form good citizens.”

This is not exactly an example of support for Catholic schools, but the decision supported the belief that the law would harm the parents and families that chose Catholic education over public schools. It defined the argument, not in terms of patriotism or allegiance, but as affecting regular American citizens who might not agree on the best way to educate their children.

Although the examples listed are from a long time ago, we still face challenges. One of the biggest challenges is the cost of educating our students at Catholic schools. Unless and until the state of California allows parents to use vouchers to apply to the school of their choice, we have to continually work to find other ways to make our school affordable. It is through the generous financial support of our Central Catholic community that we are able to do so.

Tomorrow, September 14, Central Catholic is hosting our annual Campus Review where we do a walk through of the facilities to celebrate recent improvements and share areas of need. I invite anyone who is interested in what is going on at CCHS to join us in the Mark Gallo Health and Fitness Center. The tour begins at 8am and ends at 10:30am.

Bruce Sawyer
CENTRAL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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