Family Day 2019

For those who don’t already know, family day consists of students being randomly assigned into groups (families) who have to pick a theme to dress up as and then compete in fun activities with other families throughout the day. The goal of this event is to help students learn team building skills, get to know those who they might not interact with on a daily basis and grow closer together as a Raider Family.
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).

Annual Campus Tour Success
Last Saturday, WE re-dedicated the Mark Gallo Health and Fitness Center lobby to “Boag’s Place,” in honor of Jeffery Hughes Hoagland from the CCHS Class of 1994. The morning continued with our Annual Campus Tour and ended with a joint meeting of all CCHS Boards. Thank you to everyone who attended, especially the ASB Students for all their help throughout the event.

Important Dates
- **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:** Volunteer Fair in MGHFC (Student Life Time)
- **Friday, September 27:** St. Jude’s Fundraiser at Raiders vs. Sierra Football Game
- **Friday, October 4th:** 8th Grade Day
- **October 8th—October 10th:** Quarter 1 Finals
- **October 11:** School Mass at St. Stanislaus
- **October 11:** Picture Retake Day

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)
- **Tuesday, September 24:** Scrip opens at 10:00am
- **BIG NEWS:** Prime Shine increased our percentage from 12.5% to 50%!
  Stop in next week to get your new certificates.
Physical Science Class Experiments

Our Physical Science class has been learning about different types of reactions and got to create a single-displacement reaction of aluminum and copper sulfate.

Mrs. Dillon’s Creative Writing Class

Students from Mrs. Dillon’s Creative Writing Class were asked to create scripts and put on a puppet show to help strengthen their creative writing skills. Mrs. Dillon also challenged them to think creatively on the spot by giving them different situations to act out with only about 30 seconds to prepare.
Friday Facts

PRESIDENT’S CORNER
Thank you to all those who joined us for the annual Campus Tour and Joint Board meeting held last Saturday. It was a perfect day to tour our campus and hear from leaders of our team on what has been accomplished recently and what is on the horizon. WE had over 60 people join us, representing our Corporate Board of Directors, School Board Members, Foundation Trustees, Academic Booster Club Members, PTG Members, Agriculture Board Members, Alumni Board Members and students from our Associated Student Body.

The day started with a welcome and re-dedication of Boags Place – moving it from the back of Glynn Hall to the Lobby of the Mark Gallo Health and Fitness Center. Jeffrey Hoagland was a CCHS student who epitomized the CC Raider Spirit. We were honored to have his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hoagland, join us for our dedication. Thanks to Father Suresh for his prayerful blessing of this location. From now on – the Lobby of the MGHFC will be called “Boags Place”. We then moved to the back of the MGHFC to honor Stan and Bonnie Galas for their generous donation that allowed us to develop the Hall of Fame. Coach Galas spent many years on the gridiron of CCHS and has been a tremendous supporter of our school for many years. We thank both Stan and Bonnie for their continued support. After completing these important celebrations, we then moved to the Van Nes tennis courts where we viewed the upcoming project to develop Ladd Softball Field, four outdoor volleyball courts, new sports fields that will support track and soccer, and land for an animal and plant agriculture lab. Plans are moving along with the goal of getting into the ground early this winter. Swing for Central being held this Monday is dedicated to help fund this exciting plan.

From there we went on a walking tour that included Patton Field, Our Lady of Light Chapel, classrooms, Sister Irene Library, Kristi Phippen Gallery, Glynn Hall, the sports courts and back to Boags. We heard from Mr. Hylia, Mr. Driver, our tech expert, Mr. Netniss, Mr. Sawyer, Colin O’Connor, Fr. Suresh and ASB students. We discussed the recent upgrade to our football field, ideas to transform our chapel, plans to create cooperative learning centers in our library, landscaping the entryway to the Phippen Gallery, the need to add mirrors to our dance program and the student request for umbrellas and more trash cans for the campus. All of this now goes to our Building and Grounds committee to hash out the priorities and funding of these exciting opportunities.

Once we completed the tour we returned to Boags Place for a joint meeting including presentations from a number of staff members, including Mr. Sawyer’s vision for a Culture of Learning, Mrs. O’Connor’s vision for curriculum and instruction and Mr. Driver’s vision for faith formation. Mrs. Morris shared her dream for developing our Agriculture department including new land development, while Ms. Lucas provided us with a glimpse of our advancement and enrollment development plan followed by Kyndal Bockhahn who wrapped it up by summarizing the exciting projects and programs our ASB is heading up. It was truly a great day and we are certainly blessed with great people - students, board leaders and parents. You can look forward to the unfolding of a number of initiatives as we embark on exciting times... again thanks to all who were able to join us and, of course, thanks to all who helped put this special day on for our guests.

Jim Pecchenino ’72

PRINCIPAL’S CORNER
We are in the midst of many changes to the way our school operates, especially regarding our academic programs. The Culture of Learning initiative is in full swing, as we near the middle of the first semester. Students have built-in opportunities to meet with their teachers during WIN time each Tuesday and Thursday. Teachers have their own WIN time each Wednesday morning to collaborate with their peers. We have added weekly Student Life time for non-academic, but still important formative activities. And we are just now beginning to think about ways to make our library space more up-to-date and useful, a process which will involve many stakeholders. The technology upgrades have been important factors in all of the above. These changes have not, and will not, come without challenges. To help us overcome those challenges, I think we can turn to one of the mysteries of the Church for comfort.

At Central Catholic High School we celebrate the Paschal Mystery – the suffering, death, resurrection, and ascension into heaven of Jesus Christ - every time we share in the Eucharist at Mass. Also, the student body puts on a production of the Passion of Jesus at Mass on Holy Thursday during Lent. These are highly visible activities. But as one of the spiritual leaders on campus, I have failed to share the not so obvious connections between the everyday life of the school and the Paschal Mystery. The everyday operations of the school; the focus on the mission and core values when making decisions, have not been shared with the community in any way that explicitly connects the decision making process with the mystery. I will attempt to make that connection here.

We experience the Paschal Mystery through our efforts to improve ourselves and our school as we move from a lesser version of ourselves and our school to versions more fully formed and united in Christ. As we approach a tipping point where change will be made, we are suffering in a sense while we evaluate our position, weigh the pros and cons, and look for solutions. It takes humility to truly evaluate our strengths and weaknesses. We are challenged to accept our imperfect humanity. We make mistakes. We sometimes continue with sub-optimal actions long beyond any hope for optimal outcomes. When we finally make a change, we can say that the old way has passed. And we often grieve in a sense, for certain comforts of the way it used to be, even though we know change had to happen. As we emerge on the other side of the change, we can say there has been a resurrection of sorts. We are given new opportunities. We hope that the behaviors, the ideas, the execution of strategies are correct, and the outcomes positive. And we know that no matter what, God is with us always.

I invite you to share your own examples of how the Paschal Mystery is central to the life of the school. Please feel free to contact me at sawyer@cchscsa.org.

May God bless you and yours,

Bruce Sawyer
CENTRAL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

8TH GRADE DAY

OCTOBER 4TH 2019
9:30AM - 1:15PM

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