Fall Open House Highlights

Thank you to all those who joined us for our Fall Open House! We loved meeting each of you and hope to see you back on our campus soon.
EL ESPANTAPÁJAROS

Había una vez, un chico de 8 años. La gente describió a este niño como “diferente” o “mentalmente enfermo” o también “con talentos especiales.” Este niño vivía en una granja solamente con su papá y allí crecieron todos tipos de frutas y vegetales, especialmente el maíz. Es obvio, que con el maíz, vienen los horribles cuervos. El chico se enfadó con esto y decidió construir un espantapájaros.

Era las 3 de la mañana (el chico tuvo insomnio desde que tenía 3 años) cuando el chico decidió empezar su arte. Recogió la paja, unos botones para ojos, una camiseta y un par de pantalones viejos de su padre y finalmente cosió una sonrisa fea con tela negra en la cara del espantapájaros. Cuando terminó, el chico estuvo tan satisfecho, que decidió dormir junto a su amigo nuevo. Pasó unas horas y el chico se despertó por los gritos horribles de miles de cuervos y cuando volteo para ver al espantapájaros, no estuvo. Corrió de prisa por el campo de maíz pero cuando llegó los gritos pararon y solo estuvo la noche callado y tranquilo.

Cuando el chico despertó de nuevo a precisamente las 7:21 de la mañana, decidió que era tiempo para colocar el espantapájaros en el campo. Cuando bajó al sótano para recogerlo, su amigo estaba completamente descompuesto. La camisa quedó rota igualmente que los pantalones la paja cubrió todo el piso del sótano pero la única parte que permaneció intacto fue su cara, con los botones para ojos y la sonrisa fea. El chico estaba enojado pero decidió construirlo de nuevo. De nuevo le puso la camiseta y los pantalones y lo llevó al campo de maíz.

Esa noche, el chico se despertó otra vez por los gritos más fuertes de los cuervos. Esta vez, los gritos no vinieron del campo, sino el cuarto de su papá. Corrió muy deprisa arriba las escaleras y entró el cuarto de su papá para encontrarlo muerto en su cama rodeado por los cuervos hambrientos. Cuando se acercó un poco más a su papá, encontró el espantapájaros junto a él, otra vez, todo descompuesto. Esta vez, los botones para ojos no estaban en la cara de los espantapájaros, sino en la cara de su padre muerto.

Unos años pasaron después del incidente y el chico creció a ser un hombre. Todavía vivo en la misma granja en que creció y era exitoso. Se casó y tuvo un hijo que se iba a cumplir 10 años en un mes. Una noche el hombre se despertó al sonido de algo en el sótano y bajo para ver lo que era. Cuando llegó, vio a su hijo con sus manos llenos de tela negra y paja. “¿Qué haces hijo?” el hombre río. Respondió el chico sin volcar a ver a su papa, “¡nada papa, solo construyendo un espantapájaros para el campo de maíz!”
Scrip News
Regular 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)

Important Dates
Wednesday, November 6: Sophomore Retreat at St. Joseph’s
Thursday, November 7: Shadow Day
Friday, November 8: Early Dismissal at 1:20pm
Saturday, November 9: Boosters Fundraiser Dinner
Monday, November 11: Veterans Day—No School
Monday, November 11—Friday, November 15: International Week
Tuesday, November 12: Senior Parent Meeting in MGHFC at 6pm
Wednesday, November 13: Signing Day During Lunch in MGHFC
Wednesday, November 13: Local FFA Speaking Contest (3pm-5pm in 805 & 806)
Saturday, November 16: Mini Dance Camp in MGHFC

Now Accepting Applications for the Class of 2024
"Our Goal is to Get Students to College and Heaven"
-Bruce Sawyer
CCHS Principal

Grand Champion!
Congratulations to Georgia Cozzitorto ’23 for winning Reserve Grand Champion Maine-Anjou Female at the 2019 American Royal show in Kansas City, Missouri. She has had a Reserve Senior Heifer Charolais Calf. Georgia has been showing beef cattle since she was 9 and it’s her favorite activity.
Friday Facts

President’s Corner

Where did October go? It certainly looks like fall is in the air and with the temperature dipping into the 30’s we know winter is just around the corner. Congratulations to all of our sports teams for their success during the fall season. This week has been a special one with volleyball playoffs, our football game against Oakdale tonight and of course tennis is in playoffs while some of the other fall sports are already wrapped up. We also have a team of FFA students at the National Convention in Indianapolis. All the while we hosted our Fall Open House on Wednesday. A lot is going on!

This is also the time of year that we start the planning for next year. This not only includes the launch of our Admission Season — but it also is the time we start the planning for the new school year budget. Already our finance committee, school board and corporate board have reviewed preliminary information regarding enrollment, salaries and, of course, tuition. Here are some “Did You Knows” that you might find interesting:

Did you know:

- The average tuition increase for private education from Sacramento to Bakersfield for this current year was 4.0%, ranging from 0% to 9.9%; our tuition went up only 3.4%.
- 48% of our CCHS students have earned scholarships with a total value of $870,000.
- Our CCHS enrollment grew 2.6% from May of 2019 to August of 2019.
- Our current enrollment has grown by three students since school started – we are now at 361 compared to 358 when the doors opened in August.
- Catholic School enrollment for our Diocese has declined 10% since 2015/16.
- We are projecting another 2.7% increase in enrollment for 2020/21.
- Our increase this past year, coupled with running a more “lean machine”, enabled us to increase teacher salaries, invest in state-of-the-art technology, hire an assistant principal and a resource specialist and attend to deferred maintenance needs.
- Teacher salaries in Stanislaus and San Joaquin counties increased by an average of 4.5% this past year; our teachers received a 5% increase.
- CCHS teacher compensation, including benefits, ranges between 86% and 95% of local public schools for a single person.

As we enter into this planning phase we are focused on:

- Capturing a larger market share from our partner schools, public junior high schools and schools that represent the southern end of our Diocese and northern end of the Fresno Diocese. We need to grow our enrollment.
- Capturing a larger market share of students from our Catholic parishes who attend religious education programs at their parish. We believe there are Catholic families in our parishes who should be sending their students our way.
- Identifying a tuition base that supports our academic initiatives, teachers’ salary and professional development while tackling facility needs. We want the absolute best academic program possible led by an excellent team of teachers.
- Supporting families with financial need by building our endowment and annual contributions for tuition assistance. We know it is a challenge for families to send their children to our school and we plan to do everything possible to make it happen.
- Providing the services and support necessary to enable us to further embrace our core values of Faith, Academic Rigor, Family, Community and Integrity.

As the next weeks and months go by, we plan to keep you informed of our decisions for the next school year. The challenges are far out-weighed by the opportunities and successes we envision for our future. Thanks for your continued support.

Jim Pecchenino ‘72
Winter Fine Arts Show
Ticket sales for our Winter Fine Arts Show "Spectrum 2019" on November 19th and 20th are on sale at galloarts.org. Tickets can be purchased online or at the box office. If you have any questions, please contact Elizabeth Swilley (swilley@cchsca.org).

Advice to High School Students from Current Staff & Faculty
CCHS Staff and Faculty were asked to share advice with our current students. Each week we will share a new response:

“Don’t compare yourself to others. Rather, focus on becoming the person God created you to be. High school is a very formative time, so make sure you are forming into a man/woman of virtue. Stay rooted in daily prayer by stopping in the chapel every day! God is present at your school, which is a huge blessing. Lastly, seek advice from the amazing faculty here at CCHS. They want to help you become the men and women of God you are meant to be!”

Faith, Friends & Cabernet
St. Anthony's parish in Manteca invites all women ages 21 and older for an evening of "Faith Friends & Cabernet," on Friday November 8th from 6pm to 9pm. It is a time where you can find friends in our Church, grow deeper in faith with a talk by Fr. Chad Wahl while sipping on your favorite glass of wine. Feel free to bring a favorite bottle of wine to share with friends, your favorite wine glass, as well as an appetizer to share. Admission is FREE. For more information please contact Sandra Munguia at (209) 612-4552 or Melissa Mendez (209) 481-8766. Please register at stanthonyssf@gmail.com.
International Student Luncheon

International Luncheon is the 15th of November. The Spanish Department is looking for adult volunteers to help with serving food and set-up. We are also looking for any students with special talents that can be showcased. Please contact Miss Castello at castello@cchsca.org or Mrs. Maldonado at maldonado@cchsca.org.

CENTRAL CATHOLIC MINI DANCE CAMP REGISTRATION FORM

NAME: __________________________
AGE/GRADE: _____/_____
PARENT NAME: __________________________
CONTACT NUMBER: __________________________
EMAIL: __________________________

☐ My child will be participating in the CCHS winter show

The cost is $50 per child.
Please bring either cash or a check made out to CCHS to the CCHS front office along with your registration form and liability form by Tuesday, November 12, 2019. You can register your child after this date, but we are unable to guarantee a shirt.

Questions? Please contact Liz Swilley (swilley@cchsca.org) or (209) 524-9611 ext. 133