Signing Day 2019

Congratulations to three of our Seniors who signed on Thursday! These three student athletes will be going on to compete at the collegiate level.

Malia Fernandez: Swimming at University of Nevada, Las Vegas
Dalton Durossette: Baseball at Santa Clara University
Grace Mathias: Equestrian at Fresno State
Central Catholic Teachers Were Students for an Afternoon!

Last Friday, teachers spent the afternoon with Adnan Iftekhar, a Technology and Innovation Specialist. Our Educational Technology Professional Development covered applications and resources to be used in the classroom like Flipgrid and Spark. The takeaways were not all just instructional strategies and using technology in the classroom. We learned a little more about each other and just had fun!
International Luncheon
WE celebrated a variety of cultures by coming together to enjoy food, entertainment and fun! Thank you to our Spanish Department, Ms. Castello and Mrs. Maldonado, for organizing this event and for all the parents, teachers and students who helped out.

Scrip News
Scrip has a good stock and will be open for orders next week! Remember to place your orders no later than Thursday, December 13th to ensure that you receive your Scrip before the Christmas break.

Click here for the Scrip Order Form
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)
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President’s Corner

It always amazes me how much we can fit into four days when our week is shortened by various
days off. This week is no exception. We give thanks to all of our veterans for their service to our
nation and each one of us as we enjoy the freedom we experience in the USA. I had an opportunity
to hear from our Stanislaus County Sheriff as he addressed my Rotary Club on Tuesday. He shared
his experience joining the Army, retiring from it, and enlisting in the National Guard just after 9-
11. He took us through his encounters in Iraq – up until the day he returned home from his
assignment. You could hear a pin drop as he shared his story. It truly reminded all of us in
attendance how fortunate we are to have men and women serve our country in difficult times.

Speaking of service – congratulations to all of our students who serve our community. WE were #1
in the national ranking of service among schools who participate in the “Helper Helper”
program. Also, thanks to Mrs. Velazquez who heads up our Christian Service Program.

On Wednesday Mr. Sawyer and I participated in the FFA speech competition as interviewers. At the
end of the interview we asked one last question – if you had the opportunity to meet with the
Central Catholic Principal and President what school-wide strengths would you would share with
them and what areas of improvement would you recommend they address. In the area of
strengths, they recognized our family atmosphere, unity amongst the students, caring teachers who
take time to get to know them, our new WIN time, the success of our athletic program (especially
this fall), our community and our WE philosophy. In the area of improvements, they offered the
following: continued emphasis on our academic program, more WIN time, especially with teachers
who are part-time, and the need for “Donkey Basketball.” I told Mr. Sawyer when we were finished
that if we ever forget why we chose this ministry, we were certainly reminded during these
interviews. We are truly blessed with great students – and who knows, you might see the return of
donkey basketball to Raider Territory.

In closing, I also want to recognize our Language Department, Ms. Castello and Mrs. Maldonado, for
spearheading this week’s International Program. The final was today when students, staff and
volunteers experienced our International Luncheon. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped make
it happen. Glynn Hall was packed – food was excellent, and the entertainment was second to
none. Secondly, I also want to recognize our Agriculture department, Mrs. Morris and Ms. Brand.
The two of them along with the officers or FFA and the team of FFA members treated the staff to
breakfast and a prayer service on Wednesday morning. It was an honor to experience the good
work they do along with recognizing members of FFA for their commitment to this important
program.

In closing, Thanksgiving is just around the corner – let us give thanks to the many blessings we
experience daily.

Jim Pecchenino ’72
## Important Dates

- **Saturday, November 16:** Mini Dance Camp in MGHFC
- **Saturday, November 16:** Cross Country Sections in Folsom
- **Saturday, November 16:** CCHS Raiders vs. Jesuit High School at 1pm in Carmichael
- **Saturday, November 16:** Girls Volleyball vs. Branson at 6pm in MGHFC
- **Saturday, November 16:** Boosters Fundraiser in Glynn Hall
- **Tuesday, November 19:** Winter Dance Performance at Gallo Center for the Arts
- **Wednesday, November 20:** Winter Dance Performance at Gallo Center for the Arts
- **Monday, November 25—Sunday, December 1:** Thanksgiving Break, No School

## Finals Week Schedule

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### CIF SJS Division III Section Champions

- [Image of a group of people celebrating, possibly volleyball players, holding a championship trophy and enjoying a celebratory meal.]
Rabbi Shalom Bochner

Our Seniors had the honor of hearing directly from Rabbi Shalom Bochner. Rabbi Shalom Bochner is from the congregation, Beth Shalom, and spoke about Judaism for our Theology department’s World Religions course this week. This opportunity is a great way for our students to practice one of our ISOs: being a globally conscious citizen. We appreciate this opportunity to gain an understanding and insight about the Jewish Faith. Rabbi Shalom says this visit with our students is one of the highlights in the community.

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:

“Get more involved in the things you love. Be yourself always.”

Mrs. Swilley
Fine Arts Department Head, Dance and Cheer Coach