Central Catholic Christmas Card 2019

And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling clothes.

Luke 2:7

Wishing you a Merry Christmas from the faculty and staff at Central Catholic!

My name is Sarah Grimes and I’m a senior at Central Catholic. I have always enjoyed art and enjoy using several different mediums to express myself, although my favorite mediums are pencils and colored pencils. While I don’t plan to go into an art major, I do want to take art classes in college. I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

December 2019
Monday was Central Catholic's first Christmas Posada! The event was put on by the Social Justice Club and Pastoral Care Committee. The program included a procession with Mary, Joseph and Baby Jesus, singing the traditional Posada song led by Mrs. Maldonado's Spanish class and a Gospel reading of the Nativity and prayer led by Fr. Suresh. Mrs. Maldonado's class provided some delicious treats for students to enjoy after the program as well. Thank you to Mrs. Velazquez, Mrs. Maldonado, Mr. Driver and Fr. Suresh for organizing the event!
Important Dates

Monday, December 23 - Monday, January 6: Christmas Break
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There will be **no school on Monday, January 6**

Tuesday, January 7: First Day of the New Semester
Saturday, January 11: Placement Testing for the Class of 2024

*Non-Partner School Students Only*

Catholic Daughters Contest

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas is again sponsoring their annual Education Contest, calling for entries on the theme of "Blessed Are the Peacemakers" (or Living in Harmony with Others). Entries can be in the form of an essay, typed, not more than 250 words; a poem, typed, not to exceed eight lines; a size 8½ x 11 piece of art, with no lettering; computer art (8½ x 11 or 8x12), photography (8x10) or music. The deadline for entries is January 15 so this would be a great project for students to do over Christmas. They may submit only one entry per category but can enter as many categories as they like. Last year we had several state winners and Anne Dunn ’21 took home third place in the nation!

Harkness Institute Exchange Program

WE are looking for families to host students from the Harkness Institute Exchange Program from January 20th—February 3rd. **There are two female students and one male student who still need a host family.** Families who are interested in hosting a student should contact Lori Green (green@cchsca.org) to learn more.

Scrip News

**Scrip will be closed December 23-January 6 for Christmas break.**

Click here for the NEW 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)
Today we say "so long" to a beloved member of the Central Catholic family. Russ Antracoli has retired (again) from five years of teaching and administrating at Central Catholic.

I say "so long" because I'm not saying goodbye. I say "again" because he has already retired from Catholic Education several times - once from St. Stanislaus Catholic School and now twice from Central Catholic. I'm sure this isn't the last we'll see of Russ, as he is a big supporter of all things Central Catholic. Nevertheless, we thank Russ for his humor, insight, and willingness to share the incredible wealth of knowledge and experience he holds from decades in education. Russ has done it all. He has been a teacher, administrator, school board member and mentor in both public and Catholic school settings. Congratulations, Russ!

For the second semester, Mr. Antracoli's classes will be in the competent hands of Ms. Addie Hall who has been a fairly consistent presence on campus for a couple of years now as a substitute teacher. Ms. Hall has a Bachelor's Degree in Kinesiology and a California Teaching Credential for the secondary school level. Welcome, Ms. Hall!

I would like to announce an exciting opportunity for interested 12th graders. Coming in January, our own Chef Marco Canela is offering his expertise in a series of basic kitchen cooking/skills seminars to be held each Wednesday morning before school. This is a great opportunity for 12th graders to gain valuable knowledge that will come in handy as they move after graduation and into the "real" world. If you're a parent of a CCHS Senior, look for the flyer in your email for more information and a link to sign up.

To all, may God's grace settle softly upon you and your family this Christmas.

Bruce Sawyer, CCHS Principal
State Cross Country Back to Back

Congratulations to Ashley Sams '22 who ran in the CIF State Meet for the second year in a row. WE are proud of her and how well she represented Central Catholic!
November was such a busy month for our Advanced Dance Team! Here are the results and pictures from Hollywood Dance Jamz that took place on November 22-24 in Sacramento:

**Chicago (Senior Small Group Jazz):** High Gold & Judges Choice Award
**Not About Angels (Senior Small Group Lyrical):** High Gold
**Fever (Senior Jazz Duo):** High Gold
**Let’s Get It Started (Senior Hip Hop Trio):** High Gold
**Are You Ready (Senior Large Group Hip Hop):** Platinum & 1st Place Large Group Overall

**Scholarships:** Maya Han ’20 Received a scholarship to the Broadway Dance Center in New York!

Great job Lady Raiders!
Freshman Skills
capped off a successful semester with a two part final. Students were required to put together a professional portfolio showcasing student self-assessment, resume, job description/application/cover letter, letters of recommendation/references, and work samples/awards. In addition, students participated in the interview process by answering specific questions posed by members of the Academic Boosters Club and surrounding business community. A special "thank you" to those who participated: Mr. Edwin Rizo, Mr. David Halvorson Jr., Mr. Kenneth Hedberg, Mrs. Judee Sani, Mrs. Kim Roberts, Mrs. Tracee Storms, Ms. Susan Clarot, Mr. Jim Halvorson, Mr. Stephen Edh, Mr. Kyle Crawford, and Mr. Chris O'Connor. A VERY special "thank you" to Mrs. O'Connor for spear-heading this endeavor!

Career Day 2020

Central Catholic High School's Annual Career Day will feature a keynote speaker, over 20 workshop sessions, and unlimited opportunities to inspire youth. Speakers will have the opportunity to share their passion and dedication that led them to become pursue in their field. Speakers are assigned to a classroom and will have the opportunity to present to an eager, captive audience of students. The main objective is to give the students an opportunity to meet and talk with the people from various occupational areas to inspire and encourage them to continue to excel in school and further research their interests. To fill out a proposal form, click here.

Our 2020 Career Day is scheduled for Thursday, March 5, 2020. For more information, contact Mary Garrett (garrett@cchsca.org) or Susan Garke (sgarke@cchsca.org).