

NEWS



FOR PARENTS, STUDENTS AND FRIENDS OF WHEELING CENTRAL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Wishing a warm welcome to new, returning students

New Cafetorium, Fine Arts Center showcase school's latest enhancements

Our 383 returning and new students were welcomed back to school this August with a beautiful new "Cafetorium" to enjoy during their lunch periods. The bright, modern design of the facility rivals any college eatery or hotel conference room -- its spacious layout accommodates seating for 250.

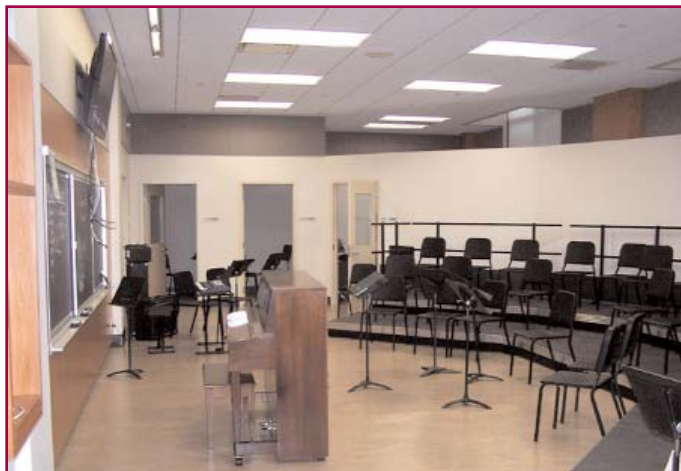
In addition to the Cafetorium and new kitchen equipment, summer renovations work also included a new Fine Arts Center to accommodate band/choir/drama practices and house musical instruments, new office space for CCHS Chaplain Fr. Dennis Schuelkens, a new Knight Stand area, storage areas, restroom facilities, and beautiful new glass doors at all four of the school's entrances.



Students were amazed at the new Cafetorium facilities upon their return to school on Aug. 21. The ground floor was completely redone, including construction of a new, high-tech stage and new restrooms.

Although minor work continues on the Cafetorium's performance stage, the new technological features are impressive: a 20 ft. x 12 ft. projection screen; high definition TV and iPod hook-up capabilities; Blue Ray DVD; computer powerpoint capabilities; and a 14-speaker surround sound system.

This summer's renovations are all part of the second phase of a three-phase renovation project underway at CCHS. Current work also includes a major update to the school chapel, which is expected to be completed in November.



The new Fine Arts Center, located down the hall from the cafetorium, accommodates band, choir and drama practice. The room houses sound-proof booths for private instrument practices, office space for Music Teacher Ashley Tomaceski, and storage bins for students' musical instruments.

In summer 2009, the final renovation phase will begin with work to include classroom enhancements, new student lockers, and renovations to first floor offices.

We, the CCHS community, are so grateful to Bishop Michael J. Bransfield for spearheading all of these wonderful changes to our facility. We are truly blessed to have his leadership and support for our students and staff.

We also thank all the contracting crews, and especially JD&E Superintendent Bill Bennett, for their tireless work and professionalism in making these renovations a reality.

We invite you to stop by for a visit! ■

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STUDENT NEWS

CCHS students receive special blessing to start off new school year

During the sixth day of school, CCHS Chaplain Fr. Dennis Schuelkens and Fr. Chris Turner, administrator at Our Lady of Peace Parish (Mt. Olivet), made special visits to all 22 fourth period classrooms to bestow a special blessing on Central students to kick-off the new school year. The school blessing is an annual event organized by Campus Minister Jeff Smay. ■



Above Fr. Dennis Schuelkens, CCHS chaplain, visits with Mrs. Reasbeck's freshmen Religion Class to bestow a student blessing and to encourage the kids to get involved in CCHS activities and programs.



At left, Our Lady of Peace Parish Administrator Fr. Chris Turner (left) blesses the students in Mrs. Hartman's (far right) Study Skills class. Principal Joe Viglietta looks on.

Seniors promote 'inclusion' theme for 2008-09

Led by Student Council President Daniel Gordon, several seniors volunteered to participate in this year's Student Orientation Programs to welcome students back and to share their ideas for the new academic year. Presenting a theme of *inclusion*, seniors discussed the importance of getting involved in school activities, spiritual life and sports -- letting their fellow students know that each of them plays a key role in promoting school spirit and unity.

Dean of Students Mike Young echoed those sentiments, adding student accountability is paramount. "It's a matter of taking pride in what you are doing," Young said. "Your growth and development is just as important as your education."

Any student who has an idea/suggestion to improve the school is encouraged to contact a Student Council Officer: Daniel Gordon (President), Jay Yelenic (Vice-President), Hugo Andreini (Treasurer) and Francesca Miller (Secretary). ■



Presenting to the Sophomore Orientation group were (from left) Seniors Hugo Andreini (Student Council treasurer), Kara DeSantis, Frank Gessler, Rob Bonenberger, and Daniel Gordon (Student Council president).

CCHS UPDATES...

New! Chaplain Office Hours

Thanks to the recent renovations work, Fr. Dennis Scheulkens, CCHS chaplain, now has a new office on the school's ground floor, down the hall from the Cafetorium. His office hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays -- 7:00 am to 9:30 am and 1:30 to 3:30 pm. Fr. Dennis welcomes all students to come visit him in his office.

CCHS Cafeteria Lunch Program Changes

This year, Cafeteria Director Linda Henry announces a new lunch payment policy: Students who wish to buy a lunch must have the appropriate cash in hand or have money available in their student account. The Cafeteria staff no longer permits students to charge their lunches.

Due to rising food costs, CCHS lunches were increased to \$3 ea. and milk costs increased to \$0.50 per carton. A water and juice vending machine is also available with prices at \$1 to \$1.50 per bottle. Students are not to pack soda or energy drinks in their lunches, as they are not permitted in the lunchroom.

If you have questions, please contact Linda Henry at 233-0333.

TEENS FOR LIFE



The Teens for Life (TFL) Carwash held on Aug. 23 raised \$455 that will go toward renting a bus to transport the TFL group to the Right to Life March in Washington, D.C. in January '09. Above Seniors Erin Gilligan and Julia Kurtz volunteer at the carwash.

ADVANCEMENT OFFICE NEWS

Scrip Program now accepts credit, debit card payments

If you wish to purchase Scrip gift cards, Central has now made it a little bit easier by accepting both MasterCard and VISA credit/debit cards. Credit and debit card payments are accepted both in person and over the phone. For more information, please contact Advancement Director Alyson Hurley at 233-1660 or at cchsscrips@comcast.net.

Coming soon will be the added feature of online ordering and payment capabilities via the CCHS website (www.cchsknights.org). We are working diligently to make that a reality in the very near future.

School Families Earn Tuition Incentive

CCHS is proud to announce that 45 school families earned tuition incentives totaling \$1,538 for their Scrip purchases made between May-August 2008. In fact, two families earned well over \$100 in tuition credit.

We thank everyone who supports our Scrip program, which benefits the CCHS Student Tuition Assistance Program. Monthly sales have grown considerably since the program was re-launched in March '08 -- from \$2,255 in March to a high of \$23,275 in June. To date, we have 79 participating families, comprised of school families, alumni and CCHS friends, who actively purchase scrip to benefit our students.

Remember, buying scrip is easy. Simply visit the CCHS website at www.cchsknights.org and click on "SCRIP Program" to see a list of scrip retailers and an order form. Send your scrip orders with payment to Alyson Hurley (via mail, telephone or your student child) and you will earn 50% of the scrip card rebate amount toward your family's tuition, or that of another CCHS family you choose. We have a variety of national and local retailer scrip in stock. We ask your support of the locally owned businesses who are currently participating in the program: Generations, Salsa Café, The Alpha, Bleifus Tire, Heavenly Ham, Pampered Chef (Karen Nixon), Hole 'N Run, Mary Kay Cosmetics (Cathy Downing), and JAFRA Cosmetics (Kathy Taylor).

Scrip Cards Make Great Holiday Gifts for Employees, Customers

If you are a business owner or manager and would like to contribute to the CCHS Student Tuition Assistance Program and your own child's tuition incentive, consider purchasing scrip cards for your employees or key customers this year as holiday gifts. We offer a wide range of gift cards (gas, groceries, restaurants and retailers) in a variety of denominations. Please remember, large Scrip card orders must be placed by December 12 to guarantee delivery by Christmas. Please contact Alyson Hurley for more information (233-1660 or cchsscrips@comcast.net). ■

New Retailers!

We thank Linda Weaver and the **Bleifus Tire** team for joining our local Scrip retailers group. Bleifus Tire gift cards are now available in \$50 and \$100 denominations with a 2% rebate.

Ye Olde Alpha

Restaurant Scrip cards are also new to our inventory in \$10 denominations at a 10% rebate. Thanks to Charlie Schlegel and the Alpha staff.

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Calendar of Events

9/23	Parent-to-Parent Meeting (6:30 pm, Cafetorium)
9/30	Freshmen Reconciliation (9:30 am)
10/6	.....	Peer Ministry (2:15 pm)
10/9	.....	Homecoming Liturgy (10 am)
10/10	.....	No School (Diocesan In-service)
10/11	.....	Homecoming Game (1 pm) Homecoming Dance (8-11 pm)
10/15	.....	PSAT Test (Soph. & Jrs.)
10/19	.....	Rosary Rally (2 pm, Cathedral)
10/22	.....	End of 1st Marking Period
10/24	.....	No School (staff CPR training)
10/27	.....	Distribution of Report Cards
10/28		Sophomore Reconciliation (9:30am)
10/29	.....	PLAN Test (Frosh. & Soph.)
10/30	.....	Parent/Teacher Conferences
11/3	.....	Peer Ministry (2:15 pm)
11/4	.....	Election Day (school in session)
11/11	.....	No School (Veterans Day)
11/25	.....	Thanksgiving Liturgy (10 am)
11/27-28	..	No School (Thanksgiving)
12/1	.....	Peer Ministry (2:15 pm)
12/2	.....	Junior Reconciliation (9:30 am)
12/8	.....	Immaculate Conception Liturgy
12/9	.....	Senior Reconciliation (9:30 am)
12/13	.....	Canned Food Drive (10 am-2 pm)
12/22-1/4	..	No School (Christmas Break)
1/5	.....	Classes Resume
1/8-13	.....	EXAMS
1/19	.....	No School (MLK Day)
2/5	.....	NET Retreat (Sophomores)
2/6	.....	NET Retreat (Freshmen)
2/12	.....	8th Grade Visitation Day
2/13	.....	Early Dismissal Day
2/16	.....	No School (Presidents Day)
3/12	.....	Grade School Regional Science Fair (gymnasium)
4/9	.....	Early Dismissal Day
4/10	.....	No School (Good Friday)
4/13-17	..	Spring Break
4/20	.....	Classes Resume
5/1	.....	Senior Prom (White Palace)
5/5	.....	Senior Awards Liturgy
5/12	.....	Underclassmen Awards
5/25	.....	No School (Memorial Day)
5/26-29	.....	EXAMS
5/29	Baccalaureate Liturgy (6 pm)
5/30	GRADUATION (11 am)

*Please note this calendar is subject to change.



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CCHS FACULTY AND ADMINISTRATION

CCHS welcomes new teachers to staff



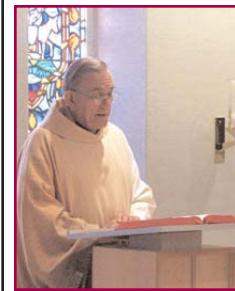
Our newest faculty members are (from left) Ms. Jennifer Neff, Mrs. Michelle Sayre, Mrs. Mary Alice Florio, and Mrs. Ashley Tomaceski.

CCHS welcomes the newest additions to our teaching staff: Ms. Jennifer Neff (English Dept. and co-coach for Girls' Volleyball), Mrs. Michelle Sayre (Science Dept.), Mrs. Ashley Tomaceski (Music Dept.), and Mrs. Mary Alice Florio (Instructional Resource Assistant or IRA).

The IRA position is an important enhancement to Central's academic program. Mrs. Florio is available to work with students who need supplemental one-on-one instruction in any discipline (math, English, science, etc.). Any parent who wishes to get more information about IRA services may contact the CCHS College Placement Office.

The CCHS family also send its prayers to Mrs. June Silverio, chairman of the Science Dept., who retired from our staff this past summer due to health reasons. Mrs. Wilma Beaver will now assume the role of Science Department chair. ■

Fr. Gene Ostrowski named Designated Pastor at CCHS



Fr. Gene Ostrowski, pastor at Corpus Christi Parish in Warwood, was named Central's new designated pastor upon the retirement of Fr. James LaCrosse last

spring. At the faculty mass held in August, Fr. Gene expressed his enthusiasm about working with CCHS staff and students. As a former CCHS teacher, Fr. Gene plans to take an active role as designated pastor, working closely with Rev. Dennis Schuelkens, CCHS Chaplain.

We warmly welcome Fr. Gene back to the Central family.