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FOR ALUMNI AND FRIENDS OF
WHEELING CENTRAL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

WHERE CHAMPIONSHIP LIVES BEGIN!

Chapel Dedication, CCHS Fundraiser Dinner set for January 18

Alumni of Central Catholic and St. Joseph Academy, as well as family and friends, are cordially invited to attend Bishop Michael J. Bransfield's prayer of dedication ceremony at



His Excellency Bishop Michael J. Bransfield

Central's newly renovated school chapel on Sunday, Jan. 18. The dedication will begin at 6 pm, followed by a special dinner hosted by Bishop Bransfield in the school's new Great Hall. The dinner, to be held as a fundraiser for Central's Tuition Assistance Program, will conclude at 8 pm.

Tickets for the Bishop's Dinner cost \$50 each, and are available from CCHS on a first-come, first-served basis. Full tables may also be reserved at \$350 each. To make your reservation, please contact the school office at (304) 233-1660.



During the fall months, the school chapel was completely renovated.

CCHS, SJA alumni gather at Open House to see recent renovations, visit with staff

More than 100 Central Catholic and St. Joseph Academy alumni walked through the halls of their alma mater on Nov. 16 seeing for the first time the beautiful renovations that have occurred over the past two years, as part of Central's first-ever Alumni Open House.

Representing classes from 1945 onward, alumni were first greeted with a Powerpoint slideshow featuring photos of school events and activities, student



Above: CCHS and SJA alumni gather in the newly renovated school chapel to view the changes. From left is Dr. Bernard Grubler ('48), his wife Rosamund ('48), Bette Welling ('48) and Bob Schmitt ('48). At left: Alumna Heather Yahnke Angalich ('90) and her children Brandon and Kaitlyn visit the classroom of Art/Computer Graphics Teacher Ann Kahle (pictured behind Brandon).

community service projects and staff members. Opening remarks at the event were provided by Principal Joe "Doc" Viglietta and Advancement Director Alyson Hurley in the new Great Hall (formerly the cafeteria).



Many alumni visited the CCHS Boosters Association apparel table at the Open House to get a head-start on their Christmas shopping. Boosters President Jan Orkoskey and Secretary Becky Keane assisted alumni shoppers.

Hurley thanked the alumni for their steadfast support of the school over the years. "Central is blessed with a strong alumni base of nearly 8,000 individuals, located throughout the world, that not only wants to stay in touch with fellow classmates but also wants to stay involved with what's happening at the school," Hurley said. "In today's trying economic conditions, we need your support now more than ever."

Following remarks, CCHS staff and student members of the National Foreign Language

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

'There is strength in numbers'

Dearest Alumni and Friends,

Advent greetings, blessings, and gratitude from Central Catholic High School! You are remembered in the daily prayers of our students and faculty. In these troubling times we hope that you and your loved ones are well and happy.

Central needs your help. The Saint Joseph Academy and Central Catholic High School communities have always been blessed with an indomitable spirit that is unparalleled. Perhaps that spirit has its roots in a scrappy, underdog mentality that bonds persons of all generations. Perhaps it lies in a "can do" attitude in almost any situation. The ultimate origin of this spirit is, however, the Holy Spirit, the Breath of God, that dwells in each one of us, unites us with the Triune God, and creates the ties that bind the CCHS and SJA communities together.

We are all experiencing the "pooring" of America. Wheeling, moreover, has been facing economic hardship long before the rest of the country entered a recession. Every day we get requests for some degree of tuition assistance because of someone losing a job or other valid hardship. Most people are embarrassed to ask for help. Through the FACTS tuition assistance program and tax returns, our finance office knows the truthfulness of each request. In a word, we need you.

How can you help? There is strength in numbers. It is the whole community that makes Central what it is today. If you can find it in your heart to donate FIVE DOLLARS per month to Central, that would solve our operations difficulties. The experts say this is foolish, but let's prove that it can be done. Here is how you can make your contribution:

- 1) Send your FIVE DOLLAR CHECK payable to CCHS (for Annual Fund, TAP or Capital Campaign);
- 2) Call the CCHS Advancement Office and make a donation via your Visa or Mastercard credit or debit card; or
- 3) Go to the Central website at <http://www.cchsknights.org/alumni/> and make a secure, online donation.

Thank you in advance for the great teamwork. In life all things pass. Only children remain with their immortal souls. Thank you for helping to sculpt those souls.

May the Lord Jesus bless you, your family, and all your loved ones during Advent and may your pilgrimage during this holy season end in the best Christmas ever for you! Merry Christmas!



Joseph Viglietta



*Dr. Joseph Viglietta
Principal*

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Honorary provided tours to alumni.

We thank all CCHS/SJA alumni who attended and all those who continue to financially support the school.

Please visit the CCHS website (www.cchsknights.org) to see more photos from the event.

Foreign Language Department Head Pam Hartman (left) talks with CCHS alumna Debra (Hicks) Gantzer ('74) and her husband Mike while on a tour.

Open House RAFFLE WINNER

Congratulations to Kelly Baker (Class of 1983) winner of the Raffle Drawing held at the Open House.

Kelly won two tickets to the Round 2 Game of the WV State Class A Football Championship between Central and Matewan High School held on Nov. 22 as well as a CCHS stadium seat.

CCHS ALUMNI NEWS

- 1940 -- Henry (Bud) and Margaret Ellen (George) Vogler, Wheeling, WV:** Life-long residents of Wheeling. Raised four children: Linda (Levittown, PA), Terry (Cincinnati, OH), Gary (Baghdad-Centreville, VA), and Larry (Charles Town, WV); enjoy their 7 grandchildren. Living at the Welty Center, Bud and Margaret Ellen will celebrate their 63rd wedding anniversary in December 2008; and at 86, they still enjoy dances at Oglebay.
- 1948 -- Joe DeNardo, Moon Township, PA:** Former Emmy Award-winning WTAE-TV (Pittsburgh) meteorologist; honored in October 2008 for his work as chairman of WTAE's Project Bundle-Up when he received Abode for Children's inaugural Don Bosco Humanitarian Award. In past 22 years, Project Bundle-Up has raised \$10 million and benefited more than 200,000 children and senior citizens.
- 1948 -- Joan (Harth) Huch, Wheeling, WV, died November 1, 2007.**
- 1950 -- Charles A. Nager, Hollywood, FL:** Chuck is a school crossing guard for 100 elementary children after having worked many years as a bank vice president -- now retired. He meets weekly with his sister, Justine, living in Plantation, FL, at a local restaurant. He is in excellent health, Praise God. His youngest daughter Erika Ann married Ray Bahar; both have medical credentials as Physician Assistants and have two walk-in clinics. She also works at a Baptist Hospital.
- 1956 -- Robert G. Hores, Sarasota, FL:** I have moved to Sarasota permanently and am enjoying my retirement immensely. I retired in June 2006 from Fidelity Investments where I was employed in the area of data processing.
- 1958 -- Joseph P. Reger, Boise, ID:** Live in Boise; owner of three retail Aarons stores. Been traveling to Greece, Italy, Mexico, Hawaii and Tucson, AZ. Have 11 grandchildren, one more on the way, with 8 children. Restore and show antique vehicles.
- 1961 -- Margaret Ann (Peggy) Brennan, Wheeling, WV:** From the first graduating class to have the Central diploma (no more St. Joseph's Academy); was a member of the Sisters of St. Joseph for 25 years and taught at Central Catholic for 11 years, from 1968-79. Received a BA in History from Wheeling College and an MA in History plus a certificate in Public History from West Virginia University. Worked in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston archives for six years and now am a contract historian, doing various projects in the region. Treasure the education received at St. Joseph's Academy.
- 1961 -- Peggy Knellinger-Diehl, Cambridge, OH:** My husband and I just bought a winter home in The Villages, FL. Would like to know if there are other CCHS alumni in the area. Email me at pknellinger@aol.com.
- 1963 -- Joan Marie (McClelland) Hill, Wheeling, WV, passed away on February 14, 2008.**
- 1967 -- Sr. Linda Sevcik, SM, McMechen, WV:** I've moved back to the area to take a position as director of the Catholic Neighborhood Center on 18th Street. It's a new challenge and it's good to be back!
- 1991 -- Katie (Saseen) Gohn, Savannah, GA:** I now own a resume writing business targeting both business professionals and recent college graduates. In these trying economic times, I know there are many people who need to quickly create an outstanding professional resume that will set them apart from their competition. In my 7 years of human resources recruiting experience, I have recruited and hired at all levels of the corporate spectrum, from CFOs and vice presidents to entry level positions. I have also hired in all professions including sales, marketing, accounting, engineering, training, IT, and various manufacturing positions. For more information, please my websites -- If you are a business professional, go to www.premierresumesonline.com. If you are a recent college graduate or a current college student, please visit: www.premiercollegeresumes.com
- 1998 -- Christina Wiethe, Christianburg, VA:** I have been living in Virginia for the last five years. I am engaged to be married on August 1, 2009 in Wheeling. I have been working for Target since I moved to Christianburg.
- 2002 -- Heather (Fristick) DeFranco, Wheeling, WV:** My husband Dustin and I just welcomed twin baby boys to our family: Rocco Joseph and Bruno David.
- 2005 -- Catherine A. Henry, Wheeling, WV:** I am a licensed massage therapist.

Reunion News...

- Class of 1959 (50th Reunion):** The reunion is scheduled for September 11-13, 2009. More information to come. Contact: Dee (Ruggaber) DeMatte at 304-242-0249.
- Class of 1968 (40th reunion):** Plans for the 40th reunion didn't materialize in 2008; therefore a 41st reunion will be held in 2009. Look for "save the date" cards to be mailed by the end of 2008. For information, contact Kim (Schenerlein) Wilds at ding8888@aol.com.
- Class of 1989 (20th reunion):** Save the Date! The 20th Reunion will be held on August 21-22, 2009. We are in need of volunteers. Please get involved today and contact Jeff Cabotaje at jcabotaje@yahoo.com. Plus, sign on to facebook.com to join our class group page "Wheeling CCHS Class of '89". More reunion details to come soon.
- Class of 1998 (10th Reunion):** Scheduled for December 26, 2008 at 6 pm at Undo's Restaurant, Elm Grove. For more information, please contact Maureen (Thalman) Kerr (304-243-1212, 304-280-9157 or maureenkerr@comcast.net) or Cori Clarke (304-231-4431).

To submit your reunion information, please contact Advancement Director Alyson Hurley at ahurley2@comcast.net



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CCHS Reverse Raffle set for Feb. 28

The CCHS Reverse Raffle will be held at Wheeling Park's White Palace on Saturday, Feb. 28 from 6-11 pm. Raffle tickets cost \$50 each. One dinner ticket including the raffle ticket is priced at \$75; dinner for two with a raffle ticket is \$100. To make your dinner reservations, please contact CCHS Boosters Association President Jan Orkoskey at (304) 277-2519 or janght@pulsenet.com.

TEC Volunteers Needed

Teens Encounter Christ (TEC) is a national retreat program sponsored by the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston. Volunteers are needed to assist with upcoming TEC retreats on Jan. 31-Feb. 2; March 28-30; and July 11-13. If interested, please contact Stephanie (Kleeh) Hockenberry ('95), TEC Council chairperson, at (304) 280-1445.

CCHS Alumni: Where Are You?

Your Classmates Want to Know!

Full Name: _____

Maiden Name: _____ Class of _____ CCHS SJA

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Is this a change of address? Yes No

My News is....

***Please send completed form to Alyson Hurley, CCHS advancement director, at 75-14th Street, Wheeling, WV 26003*