



An Advent Reflection written by CCHS Marist Youth: "We envision a new and wonderful world where children...will never live in fear or danger of any kind, but rather in peace and happiness knowing that God is always with them, and that their human potential is limitless; that they will be supported in a faith-filled environment and so experience the meaning of authentic love, true happiness and lasting peace; that they can live, love and learn free from hatred, not being judged or persecuted because they are different from others; knowing that since they abide in the loving arms and embrace of a God who is always faithful, and because they have experienced respect and acceptance from others, they will in turn gladly offer respect and love to one another; that children will be able to live long lives, laugh often, play in simplicity, cry when necessary, face fear with courage and do it all under the protection of God who sent his Son to save and redeem all of us."

Scholarship Winners for the 1st Quarter: Mr. Chris Sullivan, Dean of Studies, has announced the winners of academic scholarships for the first term. Quarterly Scholarships are awarded to the top students in Grade Point Average for the term. Principal's Scholarships are awarded to students, chosen by the CCHS faculty, for distinguished service to our school community. Also listed below are the students who have earned the permanent Bro. Augustine Honors Scholarships upon entering Central Catholic. Congratulations to our students for their academic excellence and contributions to school life!

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Quarterly Scholarships</u>	<u>Principal's Scholarships</u>	<u>Bro. Augustine Pinard, FMS, Scholarships</u>
9	Cynthia Michaud Simon Serrano Colleen Slein	Teresia Njeri Liam Sullivan	Emily Round
10	Rachel Hurton Huy Le Sean Murphy	Ryan Breton Molly O'Neill	Jeremy Fague Brianna MacGregor
11	Lauren Boehm Viet Le Patricia Ryan	Mario DeJesus Swaitha Maripuri	Christina Aiello Kevin Desjardins Deanna Marion
12	Joseph Graziano Angelica Nguyen Sarah MacDonald	Rachel Hebert Patrick McQuillan	Jon Christianson Matthew Consoli Molly Rokosz

Seniors & Parents: A Message from the Guidance Office: The financial aid for college process is upon us! Parents may access all needed information from the following web-sites: www.fafsa.ed.gov and www.collegeboard.com. REMINDER: The Financial Aid Information Night has been rescheduled to Monday, Dec. 14, 7:00 PM. Parents Financial Aid Information Night folders are available to those who were unable to attend either of the evening meetings. On behalf of the Guidance Staff, Christmas Blessings and Peace to all!....Ms. Horan

Semester Exams Coming Soon: Semester Exams are administered in January and June. Exams are based on the work of the entire semester and are two (2) hours in length. The exams are required in most subjects. The exams are given a weight of 20% of the final grade for the year in each subject. Students should arrive at school at the usual 7:45 AM, and will be dismissed at approximately 12:00 noon on the exam days. Students should begin reviewing academic material during Christmas/New Years' vacation weeks to be best prepared.

The exam schedule is as follows:

Jan. 18Martin Luther King Day....no classes			
Jan. 19	7:45	Social Studies	10:00	Mathematics
Jan. 20	7:45	Sciences	10:00	World Languages
Jan. 21	7:45	English	10:00	Religious Studies
Jan. 22	Make-up exams and grading day...no classes			

Reminder from the Admissions Office: Applicants to Central Catholic's Class of 2014 are reminded that the application deadline of December 18 is fast approaching. Decision letters will be mailed on February 1st to all candidates with completed applications on file. Please contact the Admissions Office at (978) 682-0260 ext. 605 with any questions or concerns.

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CCHS Dress Code E-Store: Save time and money: Land's End, the official supplier of CCHS dress code clothing, has created a customized E-Store for Central Catholic featuring only the items included in the school's dress code. The benefit to ordering dress code shirts, sweaters, vests and shoes using this site is the **free shipping** that is offered for all purchases. In addition, you save time not having to thumb through a catalog and search item numbers. Simply visit <http://ces.landsend.com/cchs> and make shopping convenient, fast and economical.

Campus Ministry Update: On the Monday before Thanksgiving CCHS students & parents donated over 2000 items to Lazarus House for their Thanksgiving baskets. The CCHS family, parents and students, once again answered the call of Jesus who said "When you do to the least, you do for me." God bless you all for your support! **An invitation to parents, students and relatives:** There are years when we hurt at Christmastime and can't get into the celebrations like others seem to be able to do because of many reasons: broken relationships, divorce, being in a new place, feelings of isolation, loss of a family member or friend. **Come and join the CCHS community in a time of prayer for yourself and others.** Let us take this time in prayer and acknowledge that God's presence is for those who mourn, for those who struggle, and that God's word will come to shine light into our darkness. This prayer service will be offered **Wednesday, December 16 at 5:30 PM in the CCHS Carney Chapel on the 2nd floor.**
Our next student retreats: For Juniors & Seniors: Encounter Retreat January 27th 5PM to January 29th 2:00 PM. For Sophomores: February 8th 5:30 PM to February 9th 2:00 PM. Students can sign up in the Campus Ministry Office.

From the Desk of Bro. Rene Roy: Bro. Rene Roy, Mr. Eric Alaimo and Ms. Diana Meyer are looking into the possibility of leading a group of Central Catholic students to the annual **March for Life in Washington, D.C.**, January 21-23, 2010. They are hoping to link up with a group from St. Monica's Parish in Methuen and stay overnight in a parish near Washington, D.C. The departure will occur after semester exams are completed. As details are finalized, we will announce these in school to students. This is simply to alert you that we are working on such a plan.

From the Desk of Doreen Keller, Dean of Students: The school has received a number of phone calls from parents regarding the difficulty they are having entering and leaving the school property due to the number of drivers stopping to drop off or pick-up CCHS students on Hampshire Street. This not only causes delays and tie-ups, but several students were nearly injured trying to cross Hampshire Street to get to the school. The Student-Parent Handbook specifically states on page 38, **"Students are not to be picked up or dropped off on Hampshire Street. Traffic on Hampshire Street makes it hazardous to do so."** We once again kindly ask that **all drivers drop-off and pick-up students by using the marked "drop-off" and "pick-up" lane in front of the main entrance of the school building.** As a courtesy to other drivers, as you enter the drop-off or pick-up lane, please pull up as far as possible to the flagpoles before stopping. We thank you for your faithful cooperation!

Hampshire St. Bridge Construction & Detours scheduled to begin Jan. 2010: The Massachusetts Highway Agency and the City of Lawrence has informed the School that a construction project that will rebuild the Hampshire Street bridge over the Spicket River will begin in mid-late January 2010. The bridge will be out of use while under reconstruction. This will cause some disruption to the normal approach and departure routes to the CCHS via Hampshire Street. Watch for these changes in January.

Project Rebuild 2010: Once again, CCHS students will voluntarily participate in Project Rebuild, a week-long alternative spring break in April 18-24. The Project Rebuild Team, led by Brother Jim Halliday, will head to Newburgh, N.Y. to spend the spring vacation working rebuilding and refurbishing homes for Habitat for Humanity. The students who have elected to team up for Project Rebuild are: **Molly Adamopoulos'11, George Barton'11, Patrick Bradley'10, Kevin Desjardins'11, Lauren MacIsaac'11, Sarah Matar'10, Matt Mooney'11, Samantha Murray'11, Diego Neira'10, Victoria Pham'10, Justin Roberts'10, Phil Rapoza-Rosario'11, Shannon Sullivan'11 and Amy Wisnewski'11.** These young people truly embody the CCHS mission of "serving the least favored."

Congratulations to our CCHS All-Scholastics: This Fall athletic season saw many remarkable performances by individuals and teams, far too many to mention here! However, five student-athletes were named All-Scholastics by the Boston Globe and/or the Boston Herald. Congratulations on this most prestigious honor recognizing the best student-athletes in Eastern Mass. The All Scholastics are: for Volleyball- **Carolyn Eddy**, (Boston Globe & Boston Herald), **Maggie Hillman** (Boston Herald); for football: **Zach Lattrell** (Boston Herald); for Golf: **Joseph Leavitt** (Boston Globe & Boston Herald); for Girls Soccer: **Lauren Hoole** (Boston Globe & Boston Herald)

*"For unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given; and His name shall be called
Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9-6
May Christ Be in Your Hearts at Christmas and the New Year!*