



Principal's Newsletter:
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First Semester Report Card: The report card enclosed with this newsletter reports grades for each subject for the 1st Quarter, 2nd Quarter, Midterm exam and Semester 1 average for each subject. Students earn a numerical grade for each course and the numerical grade is converted into a letter grade. Please refer to the grading system on pages 15-16 of the 2007-2008 Student – Parent Handbook. The Semester 1 Average is based on a calculation that includes 20% of the numerical average of the grade earned in 1st quarter, 20% of the numerical average of the grade earned in the 2nd quarter, and 10% of the numerical average earned on the midterm exam. The “Average” listed at the bottom of the 2nd quarter column is the un-weighted GPA calculated for grades earned in the 2nd quarter only. Honor Roll status and academic scholarships for 2nd Quarter are based on the grades listed under the column headed “ 2nd”. If you have any questions on this report, please call your son/daughter’s guidance counselor....**Thank you, Jeanne Burns, Vice-Principal.**

From the Desk of Mr. DeFillippo: Senior Class of 2008 & Meeting All Graduation Requirements: In order to earn a Central Catholic diploma the following three (3) requirements must be satisfactorily completed by all seniors:

1. Passing grades must be obtained in every subject. A failing final grade in any subject, be it a one semester subject or a full year subject, will require attending and passing the failed course during the summer session before a diploma can be awarded.
2. All seniors were required to complete 18 hours of approved Christian Service to “the least favored.” by April of 2007. Upon completing the service hours, students were to complete a “group reflection” or a reflection paper based on their Christian Service to the “least favored.” The final deadline for having completed the service hours and handing in “Hours” sheets to their religion teacher was April 2007. If you have questions, parents & students should refer to the One Day Christian Service Pamphlet which can be found at www.centralcatholic.net. I am pleased to say that 312 of the 313 seniors have met this requirement!
3. All seniors, except those enrolled in AP English, must complete and submit a “Research Paper” for their English 4 Class. Senior English teachers throughout this term will provide instructions and assistance in class on the writing of the research paper. The deadline for submission of the research paper is Tuesday, April 15.

Catholic Schools: “Lighting the Way”: Jan. 27 – Feb. 2 marks the celebration of Catholic Schools Week across the U.S. This year’s theme is “Catholic Schools: Lighting The Way.” The logo you see at the top of the newsletter, on posters and the banners around the school, feature a stained glass window with the Cross at the center symbolizing the faith-filled education Catholic Schools emphasize every day. We celebrate the role Catholic Schools play in bringing Christ as “the Light of the world” to our students whose knowledge and faith will “light the way” to a brighter future for all. We thank those CCHS families who attended the Catholic Schools Week **Family Mass on Sunday, Jan. 27** followed by a **delicious pancake breakfast**. Thank you to the CCHS Parents’ Guild for hosting this event as one of the events planned to recognize Catholic Schools Week. Our students are collecting for the “Souper Bowl”, to support soup kitchens in our communities and for the 200 victims of the Lawrence fire. Any monetary donations parents would like to make to these two causes can be brought to the Campus Ministry Office to add to the monies our students have donated. For students 17 or over, we offered an opportunity to be a life-saving blood donor at the CCHS- & Red Cross Blood Drive at the school on Jan.31. Also, many thanks to our Parents’ Guild for delighting our Faculty and Staff with a sumptuous “appreciation breakfast” on Wednesday, Jan. 30..

From the Deans of Students Office: . Students have recently been reminded that the **dress code is strictly enforced during school hours** and detentions will result if a student is not in compliance. For safety and security, students are not permitted to go to their automobiles to obtain any items during the school day to get their books, homework, lunch or any reason. Please reinforce these two points to your son/daughter to avoid problems. Thank you. .

Financial Assistance for the 2008-2009 School Year: Beginning on February 7th, families wishing to be considered for financial assistance for tuition expenses for next school year, may apply through the on-line application by going to www.factstuitionaid.com. All applications must be completed and all supporting documents must be submitted by February 28, 2008. If you do not have computer access, a paper application is available from the school’s Business Office by calling (978) 682-0260 ext. 650 or feel free to call and make arrangements to apply by using a computer at the school.

January Jam: A Wonderful Success: Due to the hard work and generous donation of time, effort and food by so many, the January Jam tournament brought many 8th graders to the school to compete on our storied basketball court and gym. Special thanks to chairpersons: Tom Torrisi, Judy Blinn and Joyce Solomon and all their volunteers who made this annual event such a success. Proceeds from the Jam support various Parent Guild projects to benefit student activities.

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Class of 2009: One Day Christian Service Requirement: Members of the Junior Class, the Class of 2009, are quickly approaching the deadline for completing the ONE DAY Christian Service requirement. All juniors must complete the required 24 hours of Christian Service and submit their "Hours sheet" by Tuesday, April 1. Juniors have had since freshmen year to work towards this goal of 24 hours of service. This is a graduation requirement that must be met in junior year. After April, any juniors who have not completed the 24 hours of service to the "least favored" will receive a failing grade of "F" in Christian Service on their report card and school record. Parents of juniors should ask their child if they have completed their 24 hours and had this verified by the Campus Ministry Office. Parents may also call, Ms. Vicki Izzo, in the Campus Ministry Office if you have any questions about your child's service requirement at (978) 682-0260 ext. 656.

Admissions to the Class of 2012: For the 9th straight year applications for the next freshman class include nearly 800 applicants. Admission to CCHS continues to be competitive. Letters of acceptance were mailed to applicants on February 1. Many applicants have also been offered a place on the "wait list" also for any openings which may develop in the near future. Thank you for helping "spread the good news" about CCHS!

Class of 2008 Graduation Exercises: The CCHS school community will celebrate the class of 2008 with two commencement events this spring. On Thursday, May 22nd, the Baccalaureate Mass will be held at St. Mary Church in Lawrence at 7:00 PM. The Graduation Exercises will follow on Friday, May 23rd in the CCHS Memorial Gymnasium at 7:00 PM. The Memorial Gymnasium has a capacity of approximately 2000, so admission will be by ticket only. Each graduate will be given **six (6) tickets for family and friends**. We will do a **live simulcast** of the graduation ceremonies in the air-conditioned Rogers Theater for those who prefer or require a more comfortable, less crowded, climate-controlled venue. Admission to the Rogers Theatre is by ticket only as well. The Baccalaureate Mass does not require tickets. Graduation announcements and tickets will be given to seniors near the end of April.

Professional Theater coming to CCHS for Juniors & Seniors: Juniors and seniors will attend a live presentation of "Cyrano" in our Rogers Theater on March 10 and 11. "Cyrano" is based on Edmund Rostand's drama, "Cyrano de Bergerac." The New Repertory Theater will be the featured theater company.

Water Main Break: One of the underground water pipes serving one of the school's three buildings has broken. Rest rooms in one of the buildings are closed as a result. Students are able to use the rest rooms and showers in the remaining two buildings until service is restored. Plumber and excavators are currently working to repair this underground pipe. We apologize for the temporary inconvenience this has caused our students and the extra steps it may take at times to get to a rest room.

CCHS Students Travel to Europe: Did you know CCHS students are traveling to France, Spain and Italy this year? Mrs. Carmen Lonero, world languages teacher, is leading a group of CCHS students to many exciting destinations in Europe during the April vacation week. If there is sufficient interest, the school hopes to offer these foreign travel opportunities each year.

Catwalk For Cancer: A committee of students from all year levels is hard at work planning an educational and fundraising event concerning breast cancer and benefiting the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. On Saturday, April 5, the "Catwalk for Cancer" fashion show will be held in the CCHS Memorial Gym. Look for much more information in the weeks ahead at school and how parents can be part of this special event.

Driver Education Classes available at CCHS: North Andover Auto School will offer after school driver education classes at Central. The program includes the hours of classroom instruction and the required behind-the-wheel instruction and observation hours. CCHS students will receive a discount of \$100. The total cost is \$495. Classes will be held three afternoons a week. The first session begins the 1st week of February. Other sessions will follow. Information sheets and registration forms are available in the school's main office.

Raider Ramblings:

February 4	Walk 9 Reward Holiday...no classes
February 6	Ash Wednesday services for student body 8:00-9:00 am
February 7	Junior Parents...College Information Night sponsored by Guidance Department 7 PM
February 11-12	Sophomore Retreat...applications available in the Campus Ministry Office
February 15	No classes...Faculty In-Service Day
February 18-22	Winter School Vacation Week...no classes
February 25	Classes resume
February 27	Lenten Penance Service for juniors 8:00-9:00 am
February 29	3rd Quarter Progress Reports due from teachers
March 3-7	Spirit Week 2008...theme days, Spirit Mass, and much more.
March 6	Scholarship Recipients and Donors Reception 6:00 PM
March 9	Daylight Savings Time begins