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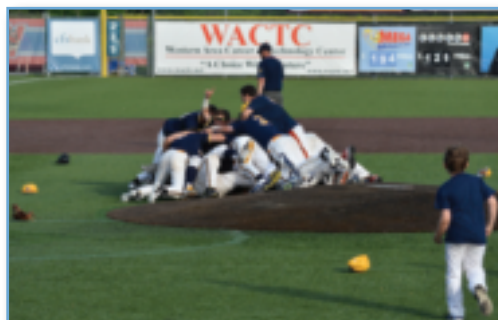
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**2015 WPIAL
AAAA Champions**

Domenic DeRenzo, '15—Pittsburgh Tribune-Review Baseball Player of the Year—celebrates his long double off the fence at the WPIAL AAAA title game at Consol Energy Park.

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**Brother
Robert Schaefer, FSC
Principal**

A Message from the **Principal**

July 2015

Dear Alumni and Friends of Central Catholic,

Since 1927, Central Catholic has been guided by the educational principles and philosophy of Saint John Baptist de La Salle. Recently, the Superior General of the Christian Brothers reminded the global Lasallian Family that De La Salle's decisive contribution to Catholic education, the reason his efforts succeeded where others failed, was his insight that the Mission is accomplished by a community of educators, not by lone individuals, no matter how dedicated. Since the very foundation of schools conducted by the Christian Brothers, a spirit of community has been at the center of all we do.

In many ways, Central Catholic High School serves as a great witness to this Lasallian ideal and value. Our school continues to flourish because of a strong and broad community of support! The Brothers, lay faculty, alumni, parents, past-parents, and benefactors continue to be engaged in active support of our Mission in service to the young men entrusted to our care.

This year we've coined the phrase, "Viking Nation," a concept that resonates with Pittsburghers everywhere. Viking Nation is not limited to the students of today, but includes all of us who feel part of this great tradition known as Central Catholic High School. The image of "nation" is accurate to describe Central Catholic. A nation requires a collective vision, a clear identity, a sense of order and responsibility, and concern for individual citizens, especially those in need. Central Catholic strives to take each of these components to heart in our decision-making and planning.

This issue of The Quad celebrates Viking Nation and the many people and events that help to keep us viable and sustainable well into the future.

We have much to celebrate in the accomplishments of our students and graduates. We also have a deep responsibility to be faithful to our Catholic identity and purpose. We look to the future motivated by faith, sustained by hope, and inspired by love of God and neighbor.

Enjoy this issue of The Quad and know that you are always welcome for a visit at 4720 Fifth Avenue!

Live Jesus in our hearts, forever!

Brother Robert Schaefer, FSC
Principal

Student Life





Prime Numbers

Class of 2015

Number of Graduates.....	206
Average GPA	3.85
Average SAT	1128
Average ACT.....	24
Attending 4-year College.....	93%
Attending 2-year College.....	5%

- 195 class members received a total of 662 college/university acceptances (an average of 3.4 acceptances per student).
- 125 graduates reported offers of 437 different scholarships totaling more than \$18 million over the next four years. That averages out to 3.5 scholarships per reporting student and \$144,000 over four years per reporting student.

Current Students

- For the 2014-15 Academic Year, Central awarded nearly \$1.5 million in tuition assistance to 34% of our student body. This fulfilled 65% of the actual need. Requests for tuition assistance continue to increase annually.
- 43 students participated in the Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science (PJAS), a state-wide competition. EVERY one of them came back with an award: 35 first place finishes; 6 second place; 1 third; 5 perfect scores; and 2 Director's Awards. A record-breaking performance!

Alumni/Advancement

- An average of 30.67% of invited alumni participated in regional events so far this year in New York, San Diego, Los Angeles, Washington DC, Philadelphia, and Tampa/St. Pete.
- 260 donors contributed \$87,500 to the Annual Fund through The Viking Match Giving Competition in May.
- The 26th Annual Viking Victory Auction netted \$255,000, a \$20,000 increase over last year's proceeds!



Student Spotlight



Colin Aikins, '18

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Colin Aikins received the Presidential Environmental Youth Award sponsored by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for his project entitled "Does Type of Bacteria, Oil, and Temperature Affect the Efficiency of Oil Eating Microbes?" He also placed 3rd in the Earth Space and Environment Category at the Pittsburgh Regional Science and Engineering Fair.

Cullen Boltey, '15

Cullen Boltey, a caddie at Oakmont CC and Honor Roll student at Central, earned the prestigious Evans Scholarship—a full housing and tuition college grant awarded to golf caddies. Boltey will attend Penn State University. The award is presented by the Western Golf Association of Chicago and named for famed Chicago amateur golfer Charles "Chick" Evans. Recipients are chosen based on a strong caddie record, excellent academics, demonstrated financial need, and outstanding character. The scholarship is valued at more than \$80,000.

Sam Butler, '17

Sam Butler was accepted into the University of Pittsburgh Cancer Institute (UPCI) Academy for the summer. Sam will spend 80% of his time in a lab doing hands-on work in Tumor Immunology and 20% in lectures and field trips during the eight-week program.

Cam Coco, '16

Cam Coco received a Pittsburgh Tribune-Review Outstanding Young Citizen Award in April. His parish nominated him for his work as a catechist assistant. The Outstanding Young Citizen program recognizes 50 exceptional high school students from each of the Pittsburgh area's four regions, with a senior in each region receiving a \$5,000 scholarship.



Cam Coco, '16

Anthony DiBello, '18

Anthony DiBello was a winner in this year's Pennsylvania Society for Biomedical Research (PSBR) poster contest. DiBello selected Animal Research Saves Lives from the list of suggested poster topics. Winners were invited to an awards dinner in Hershey, PA, where they heard from keynote speaker Jordan Gaines Lewis, science writer and Ph.D. candidate in neuroscience at Penn State College of Medicine. As one of the nineteen winners, DiBello's poster was featured in the PSBR calendar and he received a monetary award.



James McCallum, '16

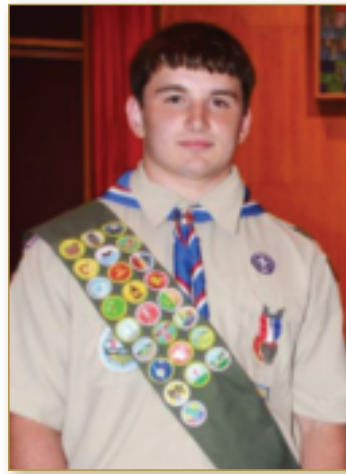
James McCallum received the St. Timothy Award on May 11 at St. Paul Seminary in Crafton. Administered by the Secretariat for Leadership Development's Department for Youth and Young Adult Ministry, the awards recognize exceptional young people who exemplify the purpose of Catholic youth ministry by showing particular zeal in the improvement of their own youth ministry program, high school ministry team, or youth work in general in the Diocese. The winners, selected from all four vicariates and each Catholic high school, epitomize moral integrity, prayer, good works, and Christian leadership.



Wearden (L) and McCarthy (R)

William McCarthy, '16 and Luke Wearden, '16

William McCarthy and Luke Wearden had an outstanding performance at the National Catholic Forensic League's Grand National Tournament in Fort Lauderdale, FL. McCarthy and Wearden competed in policy debate, finessing their way through a field of more than 100 teams from all over the country to advance to the final round. Two seniors from the Shawnee Mission East team from Kansas—who finished in second place last year—defeated them.



Brandon Quinn, '15

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A seven-year Scout with 22 merit badges, Brandon Quinn earned the rank of Eagle, the highest in Boy Scouting, earlier this year. His Eagle Scout project was recording the histories of nine veterans, including eight men and one woman, who served in the Army, Navy, Marines, and Air Force. The histories are being archived as part of Veterans History Project, an initiative of the American Folklife Center of the Library of Congress. Congress started the Veterans History Project in 2000 to preserve the accounts of American war veterans.



Isaiah Spencer-Williams, '15

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Isaiah Spencer-Williams, '15 was selected as a Nordenberg Leadership Scholar by the University of Pittsburgh, where he will study engineering in the fall. The Nordenberg Leadership Scholars Program is designed to attract and reward the best and brightest student leaders from high schools in Pennsylvania who have demonstrated excellent leadership skills, innovative thinking, intellectual curiosity, and community involvement. The program includes a full-tuition scholarship for four years.

2015 College Matriculation



Allegheny College
Arizona State University
Brown University
California University of Pennsylvania
Carlow University
Chatham University
Clemson University
Community College of Allegheny County
Cornell University
Davidson College
Davis & Elkins College
Dean Institute of Technology
DePaul University
Dickinson College
Drexel University
Duquesne University
Eastern Michigan University
Elon University
Georgetown University
Harvard University
Indiana University at Bloomington
Indiana University of Pennsylvania
Indiana University of Pennsylvania-Punxsutawney Campus
John Carroll University
Johns Hopkins University
Juniata College
La Roche College
La Salle University
Loyola University Maryland
Marietta College
Marquette University
Marymount Manhattan College
Miami University, Oxford
Northeastern University
Ohio University
Pennsylvania State University, Beaver
Pennsylvania State University, Erie: The Behrend College
Pennsylvania State University, Mont Alto
Pennsylvania State University, University Park
Point Park University
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University of Pittsburgh at Titusville
University of Utah
Valley Forge Military College
Villanova University
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and
State University (Virginia Tech)
Wake Forest University
Washington and Jefferson College
Washington University in St. Louis
Waynesburg University
West Virginia University
Wheaton College IL
Wheeling Jesuit University
Xavier University
Youngstown State University

Commencement Address

Matthew Wisneski *2015 Class Valedictorian*

As all of you gathered in this auditorium today to celebrate the commencement and sending forth of 201 incredible young men – and then me – I hope that you took some time to read the words inscribed on the wall behind me. These 272 words make up Abraham Lincoln’s finest speech, the Gettysburg Address. Though he spoke for only two minutes, Lincoln managed to capture the essence of the horrible Civil War that claimed the lives of 620,000 Americans. At the same time, Lincoln used his words to inspire a badly divided nation to strive for unity, a unity ironically reinforced through diversity, so that “government of the people, by the people, for the people shall not perish from the Earth.” One might find this idea more eloquently inscribed on a quarter with the phrase, “E Pluribus Unum,” meaning “Out of Many, One.”

Out of many, one. The phrase sounds oddly familiar, doesn’t it? That’s because if you’ve been astute during your four years at Central, you’ve realized that diversity has been all around us. We were exposed to diversity at freshman orientation, where we sat in the theater listening to Brother Bob tell us about our next four years. Reflecting in those seats as excited, yet naïve freshmen, some of you may have noticed the stained glass windows high



above us. You saw the different European flags and nationalities that were represented by the first students at Central Catholic in 1927. Furthermore, carved into the theater’s wooden roof are the coats of arms of all the different parishes represented in that original student body. These physical signs tell us that diversity and inclusion have always been a fundamental part of Central, building a brotherhood out of a multitude of different students.

As Lincoln emphasized, thousands upon thousands of men sacrificed their lives to defend the idea of a free nation. In a similar fashion, building community and brotherhood at Central didn’t come without sacrifice for a greater cause. From day one, we recognized that this selflessness began with the remarkable upperclassmen who came before us, often spending their time to make sure that all of us were enjoying our Central experience.

Many of you probably know a few upperclassmen who helped you along your way. I experienced this guidance with Adam Pietrusinski, a proud graduate of the Class of 2013 who I met through my involvement with the marching band. Before my freshman year at band camp, a five-day event over the summer where the band stays at the University of Pitt-Greensburg, Adam invited me to be one of his roommates for the week. He took me in whenever he could have roomed with any of his junior friends. I was stunned by Adam’s kindness because I did not know any other band members. To have an upperclassman sacrifice time with his friends to mentor me was



something I will never forget. Adam truly embodied Central's brotherhood through his sacrifice.

This year, however, what truly impressed me was that many of you took a leadership role and sacrificed your time and talents for the underclassmen. Many of you spent your free time tutoring underclassmen, guiding them in struggles beyond just academics.

Others of you were leaders in your sports or extracurricular activities, assuming responsibility in the process. We saw leadership in Campus Ministry and Student Council with organizing fundraisers, such as the Lenten Mission Drive, to benefit those in need. Many of you put the needs of others before your own, and for that I have much respect for you. Your leadership and sacrifice have fostered the brotherhood of our Lasallian tradition here at Central.

In addition, I think a lot of you can appreciate that we've had to make personal sacrifices that tend to go unnoticed. Beyond the public nature of sports and service, many of us have privately sacrificed our time and put in much effort to achieve our goals. I can personally attest that to pursue my academic goals, I had to invest most of my weeknights and some weekends, which meant giving up social opportunities or spending time with friends. But I also know that a lot of you made similar sacrifices in your various endeavors to achieve what you wanted. We knew that ultimately each of us had to sacrifice something along our way to fulfillment.

As I said before, Central has provided us with physical reminders of the original diversity of the students in 1927. But today, our diversity is remarkably different than that present at Central's founding. To those students and faculty, diversity meant coming from a different European ethnic or cultural group. The students were mainly Catholic and geographically confined to the city limits, in particular the East End. Today, our senior class is a true melting pot of diversity, one you won't find at any other high school in Pittsburgh. Our one common feature is the clothing we wear to school: slacks, a shirt and tie, and generally, a pair of Sperrys. But we come from all walks of life, and possibly every conceivable socioeconomic status. We are not just white Catholics, but also black, Asian, and



Hispanic; Methodist, Jewish, and Congregationalist. We do not come only from the East End, but also from Shaler and Monroeville, Sewickley and Mt. Lebanon, and even as far as Beaver and New Kensington. We may come from married households, but also from single-parent or divorced homes.

All of this was vastly different from grade school for me at St.

Mary of the Assumption, where I met kids with very similar beliefs and experiences. I'm ecstatic that eleven of those kids are graduating with us this afternoon, and if you'll forgive me here I just want to say that all of these kids have had a special place in my heart for a number of years. Though a lot has changed over the past four years, all twelve of us from St. Mary's still have a special brotherhood of our own, and I'm sure this is true for those of you who have had old classmates of yours at Central.

Today, the irony is that I look at all of you and I think not about our differences but rather our similarities. As Men of Faith, we have been formed into unity with Christ in accordance with Central's mission, inspired by St. John Baptist de la Salle. There is a sign near Office A that says, "Let it be known to all who enter here that Christ is the reason for this school, the unseen but ever-present teacher in its classes, the model for its students, the inspiration for its staff." This phrase has defined our education and brotherhood, but it also represents the remarkable commitments made by all our teachers, especially the Christian Brothers. As Father Kunz of the Class of 1991 reflected at baccalaureate, the Brothers gave up everything and dedicated their whole lives to God and their students. I know that Brother Kevin sacrificed a lot of time to butcher the first drafts of this speech.

So at this time, it's only appropriate that we, as a class, extend our thanks, first to our parents and family that have supported us. All of our families have sacrificed in some form to send us to Central, and it should be noted that some in particular have sacrificed much more than others. Next, we thank all of the teachers and faculty that have sacrificed their time and talents to allow us to succeed.

And finally, I want to thank all of the members of the Class of 2015. It's definitely tough to say goodbye to all of you,

especially when I've known some of you for twelve or thirteen years. But you have all taught me so much about the world around me, as well as myself. All of you have been remarkable individuals who have built true community and brotherhood.

Now, as all of you leave the confines of Central Catholic, you have a new set of challenges to face. Though all of you have great potential, you will inevitably face some form of adversity in your future. One of life's greatest challenges is how we react to difficult or tragic situations, and some of us along the way have faced considerable adversity in our lives. Though all this sounds fearful, we cannot face this adversity with trepidation. Jesus

constantly says in the Gospels, "Be not afraid for I am with you" to emphasize that he will always provide us with the strength to face each challenge, even in our darkest hours. A powerful reminder of this truth is our often-repeated phrase, "Let us remember that we are always in the holy presence of God."

We must remember that as we go forth from Central Catholic, God will never abandon us, nor will we forget one another in our struggles. If we stay together with each other, and with God, we will be able to overcome any obstacles we face in this life. Regardless of circumstances or differences, we are all tied together and united in Christ – E Pluribus Unum.



*St. John Baptist de La Salle, Pray for us.
Live Jesus in our hearts, Forever.*

Masque Production of *Mary Poppins* “Practically Perfect in Every Way”



Chimney Sweeps, living statues, and a “practically perfect” flying nanny danced and sang their way into sold-out audience’s hearts March 26-29, 2015. The Masque production of *Mary Poppins*, featuring the charming, magical chimney sweep, Bert (Emanuel Key, '16) and the lovely but mysterious Mary (Claire Jacob, OCHS '15) is based on the famous stories penned by P.L. Travers and the much-loved 1964 Disney film starring Dick Van Dyke and Julie Andrews.

The production featured familiar songs from the movie. The student cast, led by Key and Jacob, kept up an energetic pace, including the show-stopping tap number, “Step in Time,” during which chimney sweeps danced across the rooftops of London. Other show-stoppers included “Jolly Holiday” and “Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious.”

Mary Poppins is not the first Masque production for Emanuel Key. His credits include *Curtains*, *Spam-A-Lot*, and *The Boys from Syracuse*. He also is part of Pittsburgh Musical Theater. Claire Jacob is also no stranger to the



Masque stage. She has appeared in eight Masque productions including *Once Upon a Mattress*, *Bye, Bye Birdie*, *A Christmas Carol*, *Working*, *Curtains*, *Spam-A-Lot*, and *The Boys From Syracuse*.



The Masque stage crew were also stars as they worked with laser precision on the many special effects needed for the performance. Both Mary and Bert were magically lifted into the air, providing wonderment and excitement for audience members of all ages. That, along with special lighting, kites that fly, and children whisked up a chimney were executed with theatrical finesse.

Central Catholic High School's Masque provides students with a chance to discover and develop their talents. Masque Alumni like Zachary Quinto, '95, and Michael Campayno, '08 have gone on to establish outstanding careers in the field of entertainment.



Behind the Scenes at *Mary Poppins*



Campus Ministry



Central's young men answered the call to service in many ways this year, including weekly volunteer projects for St. Maria Goretti, St. Joseph House of Hospitality, and Homewood Children's Village. At St. Maria Goretti, students supported afterschool programs by mentoring and playing games with the younger students. Wednesday visits to St. Joe's House of Hospitality included games of pool and bingo with men at the shelter, befriending them and offering time, support, and compassion. Friday service efforts were dedicated to Power Packing—filling book bags with food for kids in Homewood Children's Village who may not have the means to obtain adequate food on the weekend. All three projects serve the Pittsburgh community and allow our students to give back to many groups of people.

Among other service efforts, students conducted a successful Annual Lenten Mission Drive, raising \$24,500 for the Christian Brothers' school in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. This completes a three-year commitment to that school, during which our students raised more than \$81,000.

This summer, Central and Oakland Catholic will participate in Service Submersion in Webster Springs, WV. Between the two schools there will be more than eighty individuals on this mission trip. Students will work for an entire week serving the Appalachian

community in whatever ways are needed: primarily helping build homes, but also rehabbing houses, tutoring, weeding, gardening, visiting, and entertaining residents. This is the first time that Central and Oakland have partnered on a mission trip like this. We hope to continue the collaboration in the future.



Viking Athletics

At Long Last, We're First!

Vikings Capture WPIAL AAAA Baseball Championship Title

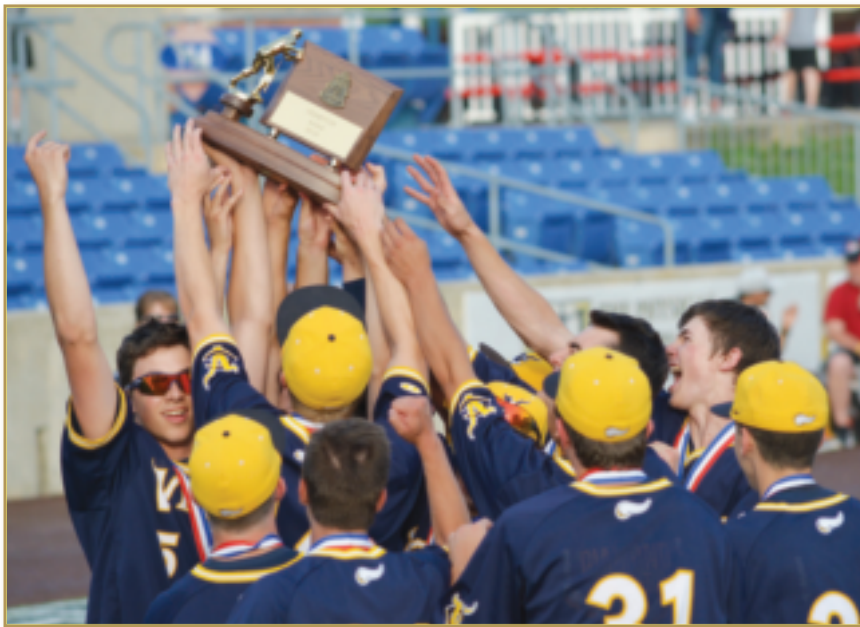
Sophomore Jack Tumulty, Jr. pitched a five-hit shutout to clinch Central Catholic's first WPIAL baseball championship in school history. It was only the second shutout in ten years of Class AAAA baseball championships and it came against a Norwin team that held every other playoff opponent scoreless. Tumulty struck out six, walked one, and was backed up by a solid defensive performance—most notably by Senior catcher Dom DeRenzo, who, among other feats, denied the Knights a run in the bottom of the fourth by blocking the baseline and tagging out the runner

who was attempting to score on a sharp grounder to third.

Central's first run of the game came from Senior Matt Morrone, who hit a double in the third inning, then scored off a single by Junior Antonio Falbo. In the sixth inning, Dom DeRenzo hit a long double off the fence and subsequently scored on an error by Norwin.

It was the Vikings' first visit to the finals since 1979, with a team that boasted the likes of Football Hall of Fame Quarterback Dan Marino, '79, Assistant GM for the Toronto Blue Jays Tony LaCava, '79, and GM of the Miami Marlins Mike Berger, '80.





And it almost didn't happen. In the first round of the playoffs, with two outs in the seventh, Central rallied for *six* runs to beat Franklin Regional, 8-7.

In the end, the team celebrated their 2-0 victory and gold medals with Emeritus Coach Joseph Emanuele, '67, alumni Tony LaCava and Mike Berger, and a host of other students, alumni, faculty, staff, parents, friends, and fans.

"I've been telling people all year, this is not the most talented team," Coach Frank LaCava said. "They've just come together... We thought three years ago was going to be the team to win it all. This team here, they find a way."



Other Spring Highlights



Photo Courtesy of Sport Graphics

Crew

Four 8-man boats qualified for the Scholastic Rowing Association National Regatta in New Jersey: 1F (first Freshman Boat) won the Silver Medal; 1V (first Varsity boat) placed 5th; 2V (second Varsity boat) placed 5th; and Junior 8 (novices). In addition, longtime Coach Jay Hammond stepped down after 13 successful seasons. Aaron Lucia, '06, who has been the freshman coach for many years, will succeed Hammond as head coach.

Rugby

The Rugby team qualified for the State Championship Tournament. In addition, three team members were selected to play for the Pennsylvania All-State Rugby team during the RCT Challenge Cup: Cullen Buckley, '15 was selected to play on the PA All-State Varsity Team while Jameson Buckley, '18 and Jack Hilliard, '18 were selected to play on the JV squad.

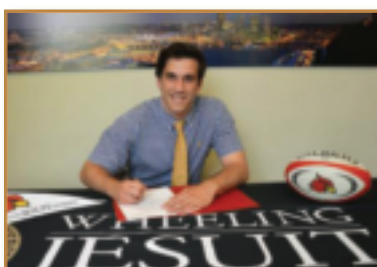
Ultimate Frisbee

The Ultimate Frisbee team won the Championship in the Western PA League.

Student Athletes

Cullen Buckley, '15

signed a letter of intent to play rugby at Wheeling Jesuit University.



Domenic DeRenzo, '15

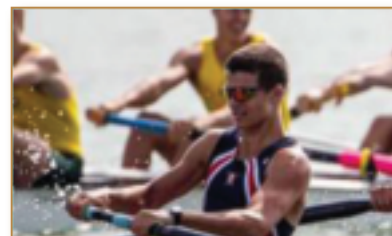
shown here denying Norwin's run and keeping the Knights scoreless in the WPIAL AAAA title game at Consol Energy Park, was drafted by the Chicago Cubs in the 40th round. DeRenzo plans to play for Oklahoma State University where he will matriculate this fall.



Bricen Garner, '16 finished second in the Triple Jump at the WPIAL Championships.

Michael Grady, '15

committed to join several former Central Catholic teammates on the Cornell University Crew roster this fall. A two-time U.S. Rowing Junior National Team member, Grady competed at the World Rowing Junior Championships the last two years. In spring 2014 he was third at the Scholastic Rowing Association of America National Championship Regatta and fourth at the U.S. Rowing Youth National Championships in the men's eight. On that same boat, he helped the Vikings win their first national gold medal in rowing at the Scholastic Rowing Association of America Championship in 2013.



Damar Hamlin,

'16 was nominated for consideration as a 2016 U.S. Army All-American. U.S. Army Staff Sergeant Jesse



Velazquez presented Damar with the selection. The nomination recognizes him as one of the nation's top 400 high school football players. If selected he could play in the All-American Bowl live on NBC at the Alamodome in San Antonio, TX on January 9, 2016.

Vincenzo Joseph,

'15 ended his high school wrestling career on a high note as a two-time PIAA State Champion. Joseph (152 lbs.) defeated Franklin Regional's Josh Maruca, 12-7, in Hershey, PA. He committed to Penn State University for wrestling and is ranked #2 in the nation in his weight class. In addition to being named Pittsburgh Tribune-Review's Athlete of the Week, Pittsburgh City Council issued a proclamation declaring March 24 Vincenzo Joseph Day.



Jeff Van Kooten,

'15 won the boys 1,600-Meter run at the WPIAL Championships, setting a meet record of 4:10.72. Van Kooten finished second in the PIAA State Championship. He will attend Duquesne University in the fall.



NCAA Football National Signing Day - Seven

Central Catholic seniors put pen to paper officially announcing which university they will attend and play for in fall 2015.



From left to right:

Riley Redman – Duquesne University
Eric McAllister – West Point Military Academy
Bryan Glover – Eastern Michigan University
John Petrishen – Penn State University
Graham Adomitis – Princeton University
Richie Ryan – Harvard University
Joe Tindal – Temple University

CCHS catcher, **Ryan**

Ray, '15, signed a letter of intent to play baseball at Davis & Elkins College.



Ryan Sproule, '15 broke the record for most goals by a CCHS soccer player. He netted three goals in the Vikings' 10-0 Section 4-Class AAA shutout over Carrick and scored once in a 4-0 win vs. Allderdice. Ryan, a three varsity sport athlete, Baginski Scholar, and member of the National Honor Society, will attend Washington University in St. Louis in the fall and play for their soccer team.

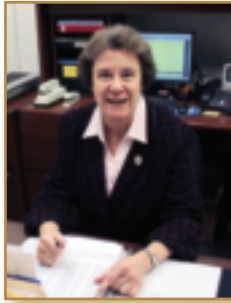
Charlie Wright, '17 won the AMA Junior Olympic State Championship in boxing at 138 pounds.



News & Updates Faculty

Sister Margaret Ann Andrako, reassigned

The Sisters of Saint Basil the Great gathered for their community Chapter and election of new leadership this spring. Sister Margaret Ann Andrako, OSBM, was elected by her community as Assistant Provincial. While her tenure as Administrative Assistant in Office A was brief, her impact and contributions were significant. Sister's optimism, enthusiasm and dedication to our ministry of education helped to ensure a vibrant and effective main office operation. Sister's willingness to serve her Sisters in this role is a great witness to the commitment of religious women. Congratulations to her and best wishes for much success in her new role.



Mrs. Lorraine Horner, retired

Lorraine Horner joined Central Catholic in 2005 after a successful career in the pharmaceutical industry. She brought a professionalism and focus to her Biology classes, teaching a wide range of students from honors students to students with academic difficulties. Horner was known for her thorough preparation and total commitment to every task—as demonstrated by the fact that her homerooms often raised the most money during the school's annual Mission Drive. The faculty, administration, and students all appreciate Horner's dedication to her classes and wish her the best in retirement.



Brother V. Kenneth, FSC, '69, reassigned

At the conclusion of the school year, Brother V. Kenneth Curley, FSC, '69 was re-assigned back to his home province in California to take up the direction of the Holy Family Community at Mont La Salle in Napa, California. This is the infirmary community for the Brothers in the western



province of the USA. For the past five years, Brother Kenneth has been an important and inspirational member of the faculty as a religion teacher and Freshman Dean. Brother Kenneth's love of his vocation was evidenced daily through his interactions with students and teachers alike where he constantly brought the best out of each person. We wish him well in this important service to the Brothers in California.

Mr. Michael McGrath, '67, retired

A proud 1967 graduate, Mike McGrath began his teaching career at Central Catholic in the fall of 1975. He brought his Viking pride to the classroom every day. McGrath taught many genres of literature during his tenure, but was best known for teaching American and British Literature. Many Central graduates remember writing their first formal research paper for him, attempting to organize their growing stack of notecards to produce enough information for the rough draft that had to be correctly formatted to MLA standards. McGrath was also deeply involved in the life of the school as the Viking News Network moderator and as the longtime director of intramural sports. Most Central graduates can recall their first intramural football game for "Saville's Psychos," Señor Spechtold's "Bad Hombres," or Mike's own "Wrath of McGrath." He was also the toastmaster and founding member of the informal, faculty social known as "9th period." Future students will certainly miss having McGrath as an expert English teacher, but the school community will miss him even more.



Mr. Edward Reppa, retired

Ed Reppa came to Central Catholic in 1979 to bolster the Guidance Department. He served for many years with longtime Guidance Department Chair, Brother Clement Smith. Upon Brother Clement's sudden death in 1995, Reppa took the reins



and led the group for the next twenty years. Reppa helped to modernize the Guidance Department as the college application process went from the traditional paper mailings to digital forms. He mentored many students over the years, easing their pain in times of struggle with the wisdom to listen and the gift to say just the right thing. Reppa is a true gentleman and his expertise and kindness will be missed.

Brother Robert Schaefer, FSC, recognized

Congratulations to our principal, Brother Bob, on receiving the Manifesting the Kingdom Award from the Diocese of Pittsburgh. The awards, conferred by Bishop David Zubik following a Mass observing the solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, recognized the exemplary witness of clergy, consecrated religious, and faithful lay people who demonstrate the presence of Jesus in their lives and have participated in distinguished service to the church. Congratulations are also due Brother Bob in recognition of his Silver Jubilee (25 years as a Christian Brother), which he celebrated this academic year.



Deacon William Strathmann, '63, retired

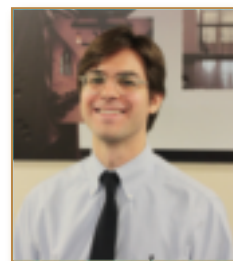
After teaching at Lawrenceville Catholic and Mon-Valley Catholic, Deacon William Strathmann returned to his alma mater in 1989. With a true love of Jesus Christ, he spread the Gospel over two generations of Central students. Strathmann led the music ministry at Mass for more than ten years before his ordination as a Deacon in the Catholic Church. As a Deacon, he spread the Good News by organizing morning Mass, helping to plan days of recollection, and encouraging the students to pray the Rosary and wear the Holy Scapular. Strathmann did all of this while providing music ministry throughout the area and serving as a Deacon at his parish, St. Louise DeMarillac. His high energy and infectious smile will be missed by all.



Mr. Matthew Sudnik, '09, recognized

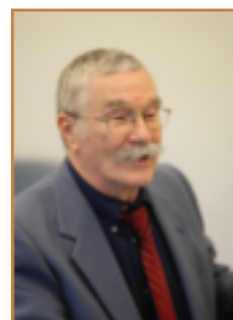
Matthew Sudnik, Director of the Baginski Scholars Program, was one of four teachers from the Greater Pittsburgh area awarded a fellowship for the 2015 study tour to Turkey for Educators, a joint collaboration between the World Affairs Council of Pittsburgh,

the Turkish Cultural Foundation, and the World Affairs Councils of America. Sudnik will travel to Turkey with 48 other middle and high school teachers from 12 states. Throughout the tour, the teachers will have the chance to visit and learn about world-famous cultural, archaeological, architectural and natural sites of Turkey, and meet with experts, educators and representatives of Turkish civil society. Stops include Istanbul, Gelibolu (Gallipoli) and Troy, Canakkale, Bursa, Kusadasi, Pamukkale, Ephesus, Konya and Catalhoyuk, Cappadocia, and Ankara.



Mr. James Williamson, retired

Jim Williamson came to Central in 1981 and taught Calculus for many years. Often referred to as "JD" by his colleagues, he was a no nonsense teacher who expected the best from his students. Williamson pushed his students to perform at the highest level, which often resulted in extremely successful scores on the AP exam. His high standards reached beyond the classroom, as he expected excellence in the hallways, in the cafeteria, and in the library. With one week of school remaining in his teaching career, Williamson still patrolled the library to ensure students were following the rules. While students regularly found him to be a daunting grader, they would often return to Central after graduation to report that no course prepared them more for college than Williamson's class. He will be missed by his colleagues for his clever sense of humor and relaxed demeanor.



Foreign Language Department, recognized

Central Catholic High School's Foreign Language department recently received the Bronze Globe Award from the Pennsylvania State Modern Language Association (PSMLA, the state professional organization for teachers of world languages). The PSMLA Exemplary Program (PEP) recognized Central Catholic in the 2015 Awards Showcase as an exemplary foreign language program. PSMLA began showcasing outstanding Pennsylvania high school foreign language programs in 2005, with the ultimate goal of providing a blueprint for all Pennsylvania high school world language programs. Kudos to our Foreign Language faculty: Mr. Gregg Spechtold, chair, Mr. Bryan Hanrahan, Brother Charles Huber, FSC, '77, Ms. Charlotte Kenrick, Mrs. Vittoria LeDonne, and Mr. Timothy McCarthy, '67.

Central Advancement

The Campaign for Central Catholic: Together in Faith, Scholarship, and Service

Contractors are digging. Each day the excavation between the Brothers' residence and Neville Street expands further, more clearly defining the footprint for Central Catholic High School's new Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) building.

The sight—and site—stand in direct contrast to the view during the ceremonial groundbreaking in December 2014, when snow flurries and frozen ground greeted the dignitaries whose shovels turned over the first mounds of dirt. Earlier that day, during a special program in The McGonigle Theater, Brother Bob Schaefer, principal, recalled the words of sacred scripture: "If the Lord does not build the house, in vain do the builders labor." Brother Bob explained that, "the images of building and builders appear frequently throughout the scriptures. That is not an accident or a coincidence. Groundbreaking and construction are great biblical images—signs and symbols—that reflect God's ongoing plan for the world."

The ceremonial groundbreaking was a visible sign of the plan, but it was still only a plan. Interpreted into design by Stantec Architecture, the STEM blueprints eventually outlined spaces for: configurable laboratories and lecture rooms; collaborative work from concept through construction of introductory robotic and engineering

projects; appropriate storage space for extended experiments; and state-of-the-art technology and ventilation systems, among other

significant features and amenities.

Transformational indeed, yet the new STEM facility is only part of Central's ongoing pledge to the Church and society that our traditional mission will endure. Generations of students will continue to be educated in a rigorous and relevant curriculum utilizing the new STEM facility and renovated areas of the historic main building. The significant enhancement of endowed scholarship funds will assure that students of every economic background will continue to be educated at Central Catholic.

Such are the ambitions of Central's \$27 million **Campaign for Central Catholic: Together in Faith, Scholarship, and Service**—the first capital campaign since the school opened in 1927. The campaign began with a silent launch in December 2013 under the leadership of Campaign Chair, John A. Staley IV, '61, Central Catholic alumni, parent and grandparent. The Campaign's

stated goals are \$12 million for the STEM facility, \$10 million for the endowment fund, and \$5 million for renovations to the main building.



While each goal is critical to Central's long-term plans, Staley is especially interested in helping the school approach tuition neutrality. "Growing the endowment fund moves Central toward the goal of losing no potential student because of his family's financial circumstances. The current tuition, while lower than those of other private schools in the area, is still too steep a financial obligation for many families," he explained.

Staley's sentiment echoes the founding and enduring mission of Lasallian Schools: providing access to appropriate education for sons of the poor and the working class. This mission remains alive and well, and is expressed through the daily work of the De La Salle Christian Brothers at Central, who are pledging \$125,000 to the Campaign (see related article on p. 23). Their commitment, combined with the generous gifts and pledges of more than 100 alumni and friends, has resulted in a total of \$23.9 million raised as of June 19.

"It's humbling. You don't hear about this amount of money being raised at the secondary school level," said Patricia Maurer, executive director of institutional advancement, who joined the staff in January. "The alumni, families, and friends who have stepped forward and given so generously; what the Board has taken on; it's historic. We're hopeful."

To meet the goal, Central is inviting all alumni, dedicated families and friends, and longstanding donors to support the Campaign. A series of mailings began in mid-June to ensure that members of the Central community are aware of the plans, the need, and the opportunity to help Central to remain viable and competitive well into the future. In addition, Brothers, staff, and volunteers will continue to make visits locally and regionally to personalize the message and invite the Viking faithful to participate.

Brother Bob sums it up: "What we're asking is that each person reflect upon their Central experience, and make a gift that—to the best of their ability—reflects the impact Central has

had in their life."

As the financial outreach continues, P.J. Dick, our builder, plows ahead. Construction vehicles arrived on June 16, and the site is gradually transforming from a plan into a place—a place where, says Brother Bob, "Central Catholic students will be among those finding cures for diseases and solutions to social problems that continue to plague our world. We have high expectations!"



Despite unexpected zoning delays, project superintendent Bill Leary, '75 and his team also have high expectations. Leary is part of a Central legacy: his Dad, Uncle, and two sons attended Central. He proudly reports that many of the sub-contractors are alumni or have Central ties as well. "Just off the top of my head, we've got Jim Massaro and his crew doing the ceramic tile. Folino's on paving and concrete. J.J. Morris is handling the exterior sheeting, interior drywall, and acoustic ceiling. Hatzel & Beuhler will do the electrical work. I'm sure there are more."

For them, the investment is as personal as it is professional. "We are committed to delivering a quality building for the students and faculty," Leary says. "As alums, we're guardians of the legacy and the mission. We're watching out for the Brothers and our future alumni brothers."

The delayed start of construction has not altered Leary's assurance: "We will open August 2016 for the fall semester," he says with a smile. "It's all part of the plan."

*For more information about **The Campaign for Central Catholic: Together in Faith, Scholarship, and Service**, please visit: www.centralcatholicchs.com/campaign.*

To make a Campaign gift or pledge, please contact Patricia Maurer by phone at 412.208.3401 or by email at pmaurer@centralcatholicchs.com.

Construction progress can be viewed online via live webcam at: www.centralcatholicchs.com/webcam.

STEM at Central Catholic

By Brother Anthony Baginski, FSC

As usual, I began the Algebra II class with a prayer, followed by a short “thought for the day.” On that day I mentioned that the concept of liminal space resembles the students’ four years at Central Catholic. “Liminal” is from the Latin *limins*, meaning “threshold.” Liminal space is a place of transition, of change, a time to prepare for what lies ahead without fully knowing what the future will bring. It is also the knowledge that, having entered, you must eventually leave. A student’s time at Central Catholic is the preparation for further education, a meaningful career, and, most importantly, for a meaningful life.

Our STEM initiative makes sense only within the context of our Catholic, Lasallian philosophy and strong humanities tradition. Although the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics continue to expand the borders of human knowledge, these advancements pose fundamental questions that should be explored and perhaps resolved through a knowledge of theology and literature. The “liminal space” of Central Catholic is expanding to include the new opportunities of the 21st century while remaining faithful to our tradition.

Currently, our math and science curricula provide a solid, rigorous preparation for college, but space constraints limit the number of labs that can be conducted. Beyond AP courses, few science and math electives can currently be offered. The STEM building, however, will provide space for additional electives for all of our students and space for multi-day labs, inquiry-based learning, and long-term projects.

Our expanded curriculum will provide a more solid preparation for college and beyond and will expose students to various careers in engineering and technology. This exposure is important because most students are unaware of the multiple career opportunities in traditional STEM fields and especially in such rapidly expanding fields as biomedical engineering, data analytics, and cyber-security. Tackling real world problems through a hands-on, iterative approach helps the students to understand the multi-disciplinary aspects of problem solving.

Some of the electives that will be offered in the new STEM building include:

BIOTECHNOLOGY/BIOENGINEERING

This course introduces students to the theory and practical application of the biological revolution. Proposed

class topics include protein extraction and characterization, immunotechnology, DNA science techniques (forensics, recombinant technology, gene therapy, genetic mapping, and DNA analysis), bio-informatics, and regenerative medicine (tissue engineering). Students will be fully engaged in laboratory work, mastering techniques that include PCR, RFLP, DNA purification, gel electrophoresis, DNA sequencing, chromatography, tissue culture, stem cell manipulation, immunoprecipitation, microbiology, and computational biology.

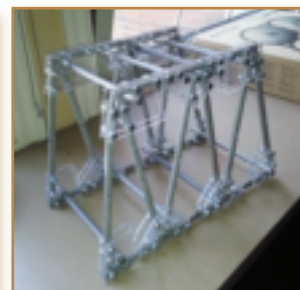
INTRODUCTION TO ROBOTICS

Computer science and engineering create machines that perform a variety of tasks. In this project-based course, students learn to design and build robots using VEX® robotics equipment. Students survey principles of electrical engineering, including sensor feedback, signals and communications, and computer science structures such as algorithms, sequential control flow, and the use of Boolean operators as they learn to program and control their robots using ROBOTC. Students work in groups to gain a foundation in computer programming and real-world engineering.

ENGINEERING I

Modern societies are possible in part because of a complex yet reliable infrastructure, of which engineers are the inventors, developers, and maintainers. This project-based introduction to engineering includes engineering design with Auto-Desk CAD software, strength of materials and structures, bridge design, and DC circuits.

The Winning Team



The winning team in Brother Baginski's Engineering I class designed and constructed this bridge of Aluminum and acrylic that held 1,540 pounds.

Creating Possibilities

Brother Benedict Oliver smiles. “Twenty years ago it wouldn’t have been possible.”

The “it” to which he refers is the Central Catholic Christian Brothers’ \$125,000 commitment, over five years, to **The Campaign for Central Catholic: Together in Faith, Scholarship, and Service**. The Brothers have directed \$100,000 for scholarship endowment and \$25,000 to install a large cross on the exterior of the new STEM building. The cross will be dedicated in memory of Brother Richard Grzeskiewicz, FSC, '62.

The De La Salle Christian Brothers, a religious congregation of the Roman Catholic Church, is a society of celibate laymen who profess the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience and are dedicated solely to the ministry of Christian education. With a promise to observe a vow of poverty, how can they collectively have \$125,000 to give?

Historically, the Brothers received a very modest stipend from the Diocese for their service. The individual Brothers never saw the money, which went directly to the Community to support meals, clothing, health care and the Province’s tax on each Community, which paid for the Brothers’ education and retirement costs, etc. The Brother Director of the Community had to approve all individual requests, including a Brother’s bus fare to go downtown.

As an added complication, the diocesan stipends covered only the nine months of the academic year. The Brothers had to devise ways to cover expenses during the summer months. Teaching summer school covered some costs, and funds from the annual chance book drive helped to offset other expenses. Finances, however, were tight.

“In those days, savings weren’t possible,” Brother Benedict explained. “There was nothing *to* save! I remember when Brother William Sheekey died in 1971, Brother Jim Muffley and I went to make funeral arrangements. We knew we had very little money, and if it weren’t for Tom, '66 and John, '39 Freyvogel, I don’t know what we would have done. As soon as they realized

that money was a problem, they told us not to worry, and they took care of everything. In appreciation, we sent them a check for the amount we could afford, but they returned it. We’ve never forgotten their generosity.”

In 1996, when Brother Benedict was Provincial, the Diocese of Pittsburgh unexpectedly mandated that religious teachers were to be paid salaries commensurate with those of their lay counterparts, with the same considerations made for years of experience and level of education.

“At Central, the Brothers were among those with the most seniority and advanced degrees,” Brother Benedict recalled. “Of course, the school hadn’t budgeted for that sudden increase in Brothers’ salaries, but neither had the Community or the Province, so we agreed to a grace period, and the salary adjustment was implemented over two or three years.”

Now, the lump sum still goes to the Community, but each Brother receives a monthly stipend to cover expenses for clothing, travel, etc. Some Brothers elect to take only a portion of their allotted stipend. The remaining funds, along with other funds that may be allocated but unused for Community expenses, are available to assist students who are unable to pay tuition bills and for other charitable causes



Renewing their vows on the Feast of the Ascension and in anticipation of Founder’s Day, honoring St. John Baptist de La Salle, are (from L to R): Br. Mark Lowery, '55, Br. V. Kenneth Curley, '69, Br. Kevin Dalmasse, '77, Br. Raymond Bronowicz, '47, Br. Benedict Oliver, Br. Eric Henderson, Br. Robert Schaefer, Br. Don Alger, Br. Anthony Baginski, and Br. Charles Huber, '81. Br. James Muffley is seated at the piano. Not pictured: Br. Lawrence Monroe, '56, Br. Herman Paul. Central is blessed to have more Christian Brothers than any other Lasallian high school in the country.

Creating Possibilities (Cont.)

suggested by the Province or for extraordinary Community expenses, like buying a car for the Brothers to share.

Ever faithful to their mission, when the Brothers considered a gift for the Capital Campaign, students were at the forefront of their thinking.

“Our primary focus is tuition assistance,” Brother Benedict says. “Our goal is that no student will ever have to leave Central for financial reasons. We also want to honor Brother Richard and the many Brothers who have taught math and the sciences at Central, so we’re happy to support the STEM building, too.”

The \$125,000 gift is a record for the Christian Brothers. And to a man, they are grateful to be in a position to give it.

Brother Benedict explains, “We’re privileged to be assigned to Central Catholic, to be of service to these young men and their families, to be part of this Community. We do everything we can to make an education at Central an option for every capable student. We want to create possibilities for these young men to excel.”



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**Gene Kail, '63 – Co-chair.
All the details are here:
www.stepforwardpittsburgh.org.**

Additional Gifts From Brothers

By canon law, each Christian Brother may retain his “patrimony,” any money or property that he inherits. Because of his vows, however, a Brother may use or donate his patrimony only with permission of the Provincial. Two Christian Brothers at Central have made recent donations from their patrimony to **The Campaign for Central Catholic: Together in Faith, Scholarship, and Service.**



Br. V. Kenneth Curley, '69 made a gift to create a “proper study space” in the Clifford E. Brown Library. The gift was part of the patrimony he received upon the recent passing of his mother. The study space will be named in memory of his parents.



Br. James Muffley, longtime teacher of chemistry at Central, made two contributions to the new STEM facility. The first is from a bequest he received from the Rev. Michael Hegarty, a good friend and classmate who became a priest of the Diocese of Camden, NJ. A bequest from Brother's parents, James and Eleanor Muffley, enabled his second gift. Br. Muffley is considering a naming opportunity in the STEM facility, likely to honor his parents.

Campaign Reflections from Coach Terry Totten, '76

Hello fellow alumni, my brothers.

My name is Terry Totten. I am a proud graduate of the Class of 1976. My father graduated from Central Catholic, my son attends Central Catholic, and my family has been involved here since its inception in 1927.

As many of you know, I am the head football coach, and have been for the past 11 years. I'm glad to have this opportunity to share with you some of the exciting things happening at Central. I love getting to see many of you on campus, and I sometimes wonder what memories are evoked when you return to Central. As I tell the freshmen every year, "This is a scary-looking building, but if these walls could talk they would speak of laughter, memories, lessons learned, foundations for life, relationships formed, and a feeling of belonging to something bigger than oneself—a feeling that time and distance will never erase."

I've heard many attempts to describe the "Central Mystique." The best description, I think, is a statement by a doctor of the early Church about our faith. He said, "If you've experienced it, no explanation is necessary, and if you haven't experienced it, no explanation will suffice." We have all experienced it, and let's face it: that is why you're reading this publication right now.

I consider myself as having the greatest job in America, because every Friday night I get to bring the excellence that is Central Catholic onto the football fields of Western Pennsylvania, across the State, and sometimes even onto a regional and national stage for everybody to comment on, write about, and see. Let me assure you that excellence exists in all of our programs at Central Catholic: in the Chemistry department, the English department, the Religion department, in every department. This is still the great school that all of you attended, with its rich traditions, under the capable guidance of the Christian Brothers. If you want to do yourselves a favor, come to Central during the school day and see the current bright, respectful students reaching out for their education—an

education that is still based in faith, scholarship, and service.

They are neatly dressed, with their belts up around their waists, their ties tied, their faces shaved, and if they got up before their sister they didn't wear any of her jewelry here! They are polite; they address their elders respectfully, as young men should.

And through this process they come to understand that they are at a special place. If you really want to be assured that our foundation remains strong and you wish to be moved, visit here in the morning when they recite the Pledge of Allegiance as it was intended to be said, when they say their daily prayer, and in unison ask Jesus to live in their hearts—forever.

This is still a school of tradition; they still walk the Quadrangle, counter clockwise. Does that make them better students? Probably not. But it makes each one a Central Catholic student. And my football team will always take the field two-by-two, with their mouths shut. Why? That's the way it's

always been done here and hopefully always will be.

They say you cannot change the world, but we sure have changed our little corner of it as Central grads from the classes of 1931 to 2015. We are doing great things across this city, this region, and everywhere our alumni live and work.

We are faced with a challenge: to meet the ever-increasing need for improved instructional facilities and affordability for our students. I often speak to my team of the challenges that St. John Baptist de La Salle faced in creating a school for boys centuries ago. We talked about challenges often during the season we won the PIAA State Championship.

That week leading up to the State Championship game I did many interviews. Everybody was asking the same question: "How can you possibly expect to win?" But I always made sure I said the right things: "I'm so proud of our boys. They've worked really hard. We're grateful to have made it this far..."

We were on the bus heading to Hershey. The boys were sharing the food their moms had packed. I had my head hanging



out the window, trying to get some decent reception for my cell phone, because I was on a call with a reporter from Philadelphia. I don't know what came into me. I don't know why I said it. Maybe it was just that after all week of being respectful, humble, and politically correct, I'd had enough. When the reporter asked how we could expect to win, I just said, "We are St. John's boys and we're coming to play."

One of the guys heard me. He repeated it. Other guys started picking up on it. There's this chant working its way down the aisle: "We're St. John's boys and we're coming to play." They were fired up. We took the field that night and damn if we didn't win. We were St. John's boys and we came to play.

We are all St. John's boys. It is who we are, what we do, and how we live. And we "come to play." That's why I have no doubt we will face this financial challenge; we will achieve this goal, and we will create not only the greatest high school in the land, but a school that is affordable to any deserving student.

One thing is certain in this endeavor: God and his Holy Spirit go before us. I sometimes think He looks down and sees a bit of a mess, but says to Himself, "In that castle-like building down there at 4720 Fifth Avenue, they keep teaching my Name to their students and keep asking my Son to live in their hearts forever."

We also know his Son's Blessed Mother guides us in our efforts. She watches over everyone at Central. All of us have achieved or are working toward achieving our share of the American dream, but how great would it be to pull a couple more generations of Central kids through the system and give them the same great head start in life that we received? As in all endeavors, I'm sure Central's loyal sons will come marching.

Thank you for your time, and please support the Campaign. I look forward to seeing you many more times back on campus. May God bless you and yours, and may God bless dear old Central.

Making a Gift to Central

Central Catholic is grateful for the outstanding, loyal support of our community, which allows us to keep tuition affordable and provides for our operating costs, including tuition assistance.

The Annual Fund and the Capital Campaign address distinct needs. While we understand that we are asking you to stretch your philanthropic support, we hope that you will support both efforts. The Capital Campaign is an investment in the school's future and is designed to be an intensive, finite project to accomplish specific, extraordinary goals and projects. The Annual Fund is an ongoing appeal to provide for the school's tuition assistance fund and day-to-day expenses. 100% of all gifts to the Annual Fund and to the Campaign remain at Central Catholic.

Gifts and pledges for both purposes can be fulfilled through cash, credit cards, automatic withdraw from checking, stock, or a number of planned giving vehicles. For questions or to discuss your gift, **please contact the Advancement Office at 412.208.3401.**

Online

Online gifts charged to your credit card are quick, easy, and secure. Go to www.centralcatholicshs.com/give to complete your one-time or recurring donation to the Annual Fund. To make a pledge or gift, or to request a meeting for the Campaign, go to www.centralcatholicshs.com/campaign.

By Mail

To make a gift by mail, please make your check payable to Central Catholic High School and note the purpose in the memo section of your check (i.e. Annual Fund, Capital Campaign, etc.). You may address your correspondence to: Central Catholic High School, Advancement Office, 4720 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15213.

By Phone

Please contact Claudia Steffey, Director of Annual Giving, at 412.622.6171 to make an Annual Fund gift or for more information about the Annual Fund. Please contact Patricia Maurer, Executive Director for Institutional Advancement, at 412.208.3401 to discuss making a pledge or gift to the Capital Campaign.

Through Appreciated Securities

Gifts of appreciated stocks, bonds, and mutual fund shares may generate favorable tax benefits for donors. To make a gift of securities, please contact Claudia Steffey at 412.622.6171.

Matching Gifts

Many companies provide matching gift programs that can double or triple your gift to Central Catholic. Check with your Human Resources department to find out if your employer provides this benefit. Some companies will even match gifts from retirees.

Success!





Central Catholic is deeply grateful to our chairs, Alex, '76 and Barb LePore (P '08), our vice chairs, Gabe and Gloria Hudock (P '11 and '18), our auction coordinator Vicky Giullani, and their team of dedicated and tireless volunteers, for an amazing evening and a very successful fundraising outcome.



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Jeff Folino '75
Director of
Alumni Relations

A Message from **Alumni Relations**

This year Brother Robert Schaefer, FSC, Principal of Central Catholic, and I travelled around the country to connect the “Viking Nation” coast to coast. From New York, to San Diego and Los Angeles, to Philadelphia to Washington, DC, Tampa ... we reunited with Viking Alumni and experienced that magic of the Central Brotherhood.

Coming together and sharing that special blend of “we are Central men,” and “we have something few others have,” led to evenings filled with stories and nostalgia and never wanting to let go of the moment. And as we know, men of Central Catholic ask only one question of each other, “What year did you graduate?” The rest is of no significance. No one is unfamiliar because we are all connected – through the neighborhoods, a Central brother, and of course Central. We understand and share that uniqueness and care little, if anything, of what others may think.

It is always amusing to be among fellow Vikings. To reminiscence and hear the sentimentality in their voice. And truth be told, the only way for one of us to fight against our own nostalgia is to listen to someone else's. I listened to the talk in every city we visited, and even here in Pittsburgh where proximity does not close the distance that time creates. At the gatherings I would often find myself standing silently for a period of time simply listening and realizing that Central is like a hero to many of us. Graduates remain entranced by its magic in that diffuse, ambiguous, and obsessive way that can never be explained to strangers. It has taken a great deal of time but I now realize, there is no need to explain it. It just is and it belongs to us. And the only thing we come to truly realize is that it is unknowable. It is meant only to be experienced. And the more I listened, the more imbedded the understanding of its importance in the lives of its graduates. In knowing that, and believing it as true, the understanding went deeper, that thing that we struggle to grasp is simply about how being inside the castle made us feel as young men.

So, inevitably, as we gathered together the one question asked of Brother Robert was a simple one. “Is Central providing the same experience for today's young men as it did for us?” The answer is always a resounding yes. Indeed. Central continues to leave its doors wide open to students with talent and ambition regardless of personal and social circumstance. What remains is the blending of differences into a learning experience worth all the effort by both student and parents alike. We watch the young men work, and struggle and dream and learn what they are capable of. At it's very best, Central ignores what others do, what colleges suggests, and keep intact the reason Central exists – intellectual adventure, joy in learning, and self-understanding, which are, and always will be, immeasurable. Until Central men walk out into the world and do what they do.

When alumni heard Brother Bob speak of the new STEM (Science Technology Engineering & Math) building project they understood this project in a much different light than others. They know it as a declaration that Central and its alumni see our students as they have always been seen since 1927 – as young men deserving of the full participation in an academic experience. Alumni nod their heads at this news, a thin smile often stretching their lips, signifying they are assured that Central Catholic will always be committed to the young men of this great city as it always has been. More than any other place within its boundaries.

Many out of town alumni who have sons, have said that it would have been nice for their sons to experience Central as they had. In hearing that, I saw the parents of so many Central graduates and what it meant to them to send their sons to this place. I recalled their faces and pride when their sons received their diploma, when they witnessed the maturity and strength. I looked at all the sons standing and talking and laughing in all these great cities we visited knowing that they had grown up under Central's heroic spell. And I knew all the mothers and fathers were nodding because they had done it right. And, are continuing to do so.


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Central Alumni

Alumni Submissions

The Night Jesus Visited a Parking Garage

By Tom Haas, '57

At the height of the Vietnam War with national tension against the war rising, I met Jesus Christ in a most unlikely place: a parking garage.

The Vietnam War had become so divisive that opposing views took on names: those who favored the continuation and ultimate victory over the Viet Cong were labeled “hawks,” those who opposed the war and wanted an immediate cease fire were labeled “doves.”

Although I had no “public” label, if asked I would have responded with a “hawk” like mind set. Weren’t those opposing the war listening to our government? Should Vietnam fall to the communists, the domino theory would kick in and shortly Australia would be overrun. And didn’t President John Kennedy pull us from the brink of nuclear war less than a decade ago? Wasn’t it obvious that Castro and Cuba were a staging ground for the Soviet Union to launch a nuclear attack against the United States? Had they forgotten the CD (Civil Defense) shelter signs that were prominently displayed on major buildings, schools, and athletic venues? Did they not remember the frequent “duck and cover” practices at all schools? And what about the Nike missile sites

that surrounded our major cities? One was right down the road from my suburban Pittsburgh home.

Or maybe the anti-war folks simply did not know people like John Reynolds, a man/boy, 20 years old lying in the Pittsburgh VA Hospital recovering from a mortar round that had killed his commanding officer. Yes, that John Reynolds, who worked with me at the Carnegie-Mellon University Computer Center,

who after being drafted into the Army chose to join the Marine Corps. The same John Reynolds who was eligible for a deferment as his father had recently died and he was the sole surviving son. Instead of taking the deferment, John felt an inward call to defend his country, and while his mother and sisters disagreed over his decision he chose to do what he thought was “the right thing.”

Those thoughts and more raced through my mind as I waited in line to pay my parking fee. Perhaps my mind was connected to John and his suffering as I was on my way from work to visit with him. As the line advanced closer to the cashier my eyes were drawn to a disheveled, dirty, hippie-looking man sitting with his back against the wall. I couldn’t help but notice that the length of his hair met with a very long beard and left little space for

Tom Haas, '57

In May 2015, Thomas Stephan Haas received his Master’s degree in Pastoral Theology, cum laude, from Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles. A Navy veteran and a pioneer in computer graphics, Haas has dedicated himself to the service of the Catholic Church since concluding his professional career in 2002.

Born in Pittsburgh, raised in Homewood, schooled at Holy Rosary Elementary and Central Catholic High School, Haas’ life began to change significantly in 1992 after completing a life-altering Catholic “Crusillo”—a weekend retreat that often provides spiritual and religious enlightenment for participants. From that time, Haas served on Crusillo teams and took on related leadership roles in Orange County, CA. In 1995, he began ecumenical prison ministry and led Kairos Weekends in the California Department of Corrections prisons and the Federal Penitentiary at Terminal Island, CA. He also participated in Corazon Builds, constructing homes in Tijuana, Mexico for disadvantaged families, from 2005-2009.

Currently the director of the Order of the RCIA and Adult Faith Formation at Santiago de Compostela Catholic Church, Tom and his wife, Linda, live in Lake Forest, CA. They have seven children and 16 grandchildren. He can be reached at thaas42795@aol.com.

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his eyes and nose. Adding insult, he was wearing an army fatigue jacket, with oil, grease and everything he ever ate as part of the jacket's décor. It looked as though he then rolled around in dirt just for accent. I glared at him and thought, "He represents all that is bad about our country. Young people like John are dying in order for idiots like this to live off the government while at the same time protesting against that same government."

As my eyes and mind were focused on this "cartoon" for the peace movement, I failed to notice the elderly man in front of me was falling backwards. His head hit the concrete with a sickening thud and immediately blood began coming from the back of his head. What followed, while a blur in real time, lives in slow motion in my memory.

I recall hollering for the cashier to call 911 (this event predated cell phones). While she was dialing I saw the hippie spring from his position against the wall and roll the man onto his side, gaining access to his wallet. I thought, "This isn't happening," and grabbed his hand as he was taking the wallet. We stared into one another's eyes. He read the anger and skepticism in mine, and with a quiet, sad recognition, simply said, "He's having a seizure and I need to keep him from swallowing his tongue." I released him and stepped back in silent awe as this young man went about ripping the old man's white shirt into strips, making a compression bandage and wrapping his head neatly with the rest of the shirt.

Shortly after, the paramedics arrived. The hippie informed them the old man had an epileptic seizure, fell backward, hit his head on the concrete, most likely had a concussion, and he had bandaged the head to stop the bleeding. As the paramedics

were loading the man on a stretcher, recognizing they were witnessing the application of more than first aid, one asked the hippie where he received his medical training. He quietly replied he had been a corpsman in Vietnam.

By then the police had arrived. In the confusion of the ambulance leaving and the police taking witness statements, the hippie had simply disappeared. I left and went on to visit John, but with a heavy and confused heart. What had just happened? How could I have been so wrong in my judgment? How could what I had considered a caricature of all that was wrong with the anti-war movement in an instant become the caricature of all that was right and good in our country? And why did he simply disappear?

Those questions went unsolved until one Sunday during the Gospel reading of the "Road to Emmaus," story. Suddenly my eyes were opened and I understood. I had witnessed Jesus Christ that night. Like the men walking the road, I too did not recognize Jesus. When the hippie looked into my eyes, he was communicating, telling me about our common Christian heritage and connection. His actions in assisting the injured man replicated Jesus breaking bread at the Emmaus meal. I, too, finally realized it was Him there that evening. His silent disappearance is part of our salvation story: we are required to work out His presence in our world. Frequently it's through others, as was the case with the hippie and the injured man. The tenderness of his ministrations was Jesus breaking the bread at the Emmaus meal.

Like the men on the road to Emmaus, I too finally realized it was Him. When we see through the eyes of the heart, we find God, even in parking garages.

Conservation through Humanity: Conserving Native Flora and Fauna through Human First Initiatives

By Will Bookwalter, '06

For several years now, I have worked in large zoos in the United States. Many things change from zoo to zoo, but one theme remains the same. As a zoo, we identify ourselves as a conservation institution, and we do our very best to lead by example. We reduce, reuse, recycle. We sponsor the efforts of boots-on-the-ground conservationists and work with the American Zoological Association and Species Survival Plans to make sure we can establish and maintain healthy, genetically diverse captive populations of every endangered species we represent. From the highest management levels, down to the keepers who care for every animal in our zoo, conservation of

these species is on our minds every day.

Regardless of our actions at any level, the absence of one tool would completely eliminate our efforts to save our wildlife, and that tool is education. Every year, tens of millions of people come through the gates of zoos worldwide, seeking something different than the average Saturday experience at the movies or the mall. Zoos used to be a place where the public could come and see unimaginable creatures from corners of the globe few Western men would ever see; nowadays children grow up with mobiles hanging over their cribs with lions, tigers, elephants, and monkeys. The role of the zoo has changed drastically in the last few decades: we are no longer keepers of the unknown,

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the goal has now become to give visitors the opportunity to create a personal relationship and attachment to animals whose populations are dwindling in the wild. We, as keepers and educators, have the opportunity to solidify those connections through a presentation, a training demonstration, or sometimes more importantly, a personal conversation. Just as most humans view our animal populations, we view our visitors as a singular entity. We call them “guests,” “visitors,” or “the public.” Humans have a true knack for doing this, we like to paint our ideas with a broad brush stroke. Often times we refer to existing problems, only in their conceptual forms, “deforestation,” “poaching,” “exotic pet trade.” These are problems with which we are well acquainted. Many children are educated on these topics at an early age. However, we rarely seem to individualize the humans responsible, and remember that they are in fact humans just like us.

Obviously the human race doesn’t need help protecting itself from population loss, however conserving wild animal populations and habitats starts with focusing conservation efforts on existing human populations. The people who mine the Coltan used to make elements of our electronic devices have few options to make a living. The farmers cutting down swaths of trees to expand palm oil plantations are the same. The concern for them is not conservation of wild great ape populations, it is to feed their children, to keep their families alive for one more day. Many of the populations in danger are in undeveloped, or underdeveloped nations. Why? Because in developed nations, we have already decimated many of the wild flora and fauna and only focused efforts from economically stable populations have provided the means to rebound some of the remaining wildlife. As humans began to settle and develop vast parts of North America, we drove animals like the American Bison to near extinction. The killing of massive populations of wild bison was primarily to sustain human settlers as they sought to establish a developed society. Now that we have established said society, we have a government and stable infrastructure to regulate and produce the needs of the human population, and we can begin to revive and rebound the native animal populations. The simple fact is that until we can develop alternative means of creating economic stability in developing nations, we cannot focus our efforts purely on the direct conservation of animal populations; we also must implement efforts focusing on humans first and creating systems where the trickle-down benefits reach native flora and fauna.

So how do we do this? A variety of options lie before us, each with their own pros and cons. There is no overnight fix, but opportunities to develop sustainable lifestyles for the people

of these nations are there. The first example often considered is ecotourism, the pitfalls of which are obvious: while people may come to see animals in their natural element, it interrupts the natural behaviors and habitats of these animals, as well as exposes them to potentially unfamiliar diseases. The phrase “take only pictures, leave only footprints (or bubbles, for the SCUBA enthusiast)” is a standard, but the uninitiated may not realize just how impactful a simple mis-step or errant flipper may be. Also, constant exposure to tourists may increase the comfort level of animals around humans, making them potentially more susceptible to poachers or hunters. Existing studies have shown that with mountain gorillas, they tend to eat less and move more with humans around, even after long-term habituation projects. On the flip side, the jobs created go far beyond tour guides. Hotels, transportation, security, and other service professions, are all necessary to the logistics of a successful ecotourism industry. However, the overall idea of conservation is most evident here. Without the animals, there is no industry. It is in the best interest of both the tourists and the industry to conserve animal populations by all means necessary.

Amid the thick jungle brush of Bwindi Impenetrable National Forest, in Uganda, one organization in particular has taken this mission on, determined to promote positive change and keep a keen eye on the well-being of both the human and non-human populations. Conservation Through Public Health was founded by Dr. Gladys Kalema-Zikusoka, her husband Lawrence Zikusoka, and Stephen Rubanga in 2002, with a dual initiative aimed at long-term monitoring of wildlife health and helping to improve the overall health in Bwindi’s human communities. The basic goal of the program is to prevent the transmission of zoonotic disease between tourists, Bwindi residents, and wildlife. Bwindi is home to at least half the remaining population of the critically endangered Eastern Mountain Gorilla, and a hot spot for eco-tourists, eager to share a moment with one of the ten habituated gorillas that call Bwindi home. According to Dr. Gladys, ecotourism has helped transform Bwindi, where 20% of the park entry fees are shared with the communities to build schools, roads, medical clinics, and support human/wildlife conflict resolution. She also says that “local communities are also encouraged to get involved in the tourism industry where they are able to sell crafts and provide accommodations and meals.”

One of the ingenious solutions implemented to prevent poaching within the confines of Bwindi and other large wildlife refuges was that when many of the parks like Bwindi restructured in 1992, they actually hired former poachers and

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trained them to be rangers. They were able to teach the value of these animals to the very men who hunted them by creating a long-term income solution that was solely dependent on the existence of those animals. Now, not only was Bwindi patrolled by rangers, it was patrolled by men who knew the thick jungles and their gorilla populations intimately and had a vested interest in keeping the populations healthy. Many of the rangers who spent years tracking gorillas to hunt them became part of the habituation projects. They spent months and years, slowly inching closer, absorbing the bluff charges of defensive silverbacks, until they could finally begin to observe the gorillas quietly from no more than seven meters away.

Working with organizations like Dr. Kalem-Zikusoka's, the eco-tourism industry could be one of our most effective tools against habitat and animal loss. Human first initiatives allow us to start with the actual root of the problem, and Conservation Through Public Health helps to ensure that in places like Bwindi we can keep animal and human populations healthy, reducing the spread of zoonotic diseases between populations through basic public health initiatives and ongoing study of the park's residents. There are many more problems to face, from deforestation for logging, agriculture, and mining to continued hunting of endangered species for bushmeat. Unfortunately there are no blanket solutions, no cure-alls to throw money at to fix these problems. We must receive each of these issues with open ears and an open mind and figure out a way to work with the people we so easily vilify and see them for what they are: the faces of change. Working together with open minds and hearts, we can help determine what the change ultimately could be—a positive one.



Will Bookwalter, '06 Animal Keeper II, Dallas Zoo

Following his graduation from Central Catholic, Will Bookwalter earned his B.A. in Sociology from St. Vincent College. Beginning his senior year at Central, he worked eight years as a local firefighter/EMT in addition to working summers as an EMT at the Pittsburgh Zoo & PPG Aquarium. Eventually Bookwalter was promoted to managing seasonal employees and began to secure other internships, working in nearly every department in the zoo from Kids' Kingdom, to the aquarium, to primates. He concluded his tenure in Pittsburgh caring for hospitalized and quarantined animals.

Bookwalter is now a great apes keeper at the Dallas Zoo, working primarily with chimpanzees and, to a lesser extent, gorillas. Having worked with gorillas and orangutans in Pittsburgh, he was excited for the opportunity in Dallas. His latest project has been working with an organization called Conservation Through Public Health (CTPH), a Ugandan-based conservation organization that promotes eco-tourism, sustainable income solutions for natives of Bwindi National Forest, the resolution of human/animal conflict, and most importantly preventing the spread of zoonotic diseases. CTPH is working to prevent the spread of zoonotic diseases by promoting better health practices among the people of Bwindi, as well as monitoring tourists and the health of the 300 remaining Eastern Mountain Gorillas in Bwindi (e.g. half the world's remaining population).

In addition, Bookwalter serves as an intermediary between CTPH and another organization he has worked overseas with, Surgicorps International, a Pittsburgh-based surgical mission group. Surgicorps International provides advanced surgical care to underdeveloped and developing nations from Guatemala, to Ethiopia, to Bhutan. Bookwalter

is attempting to develop a mission to Uganda to work with the people in Bwindi and promote both public health and long-term income solutions that will protect the natural habitats in Bwindi.



Bookwalter with baby Ivan (known locally as "Djembe"), who had to be hand-reared last year when his mother was unable to care for him. Djembe was later reintroduced to his troop and is now a happy, healthy, little gorilla. "Being part of his round-the-clock care team sealed my fate as a great apes conservationist," Bookwalter confessed. "It's one of those mind-blowing opportunities that allows you to really connect with these incredible animals."



LETTERMEN'S CLUB

By Kevin Shields, '79



GOLF OUTING DATE SET

As the Vikings put the finishing touches on another outstanding sports year, the Club would like to take this opportunity to celebrate the success of this year's athletic teams and congratulate individuals who went on to WPIAL and/or PIAA prominence. The Club would like to recognize the baseball team, which won the school's first WPIAL championship with a victory against Norwin; the football team finished as the WPIAL runner-up; the soccer team, won its section with a perfect 12-0 and finished as a WPIAL semi-finalist; the golf team, finished third in the WPIAL team tournament; the crew team, placed a boat in second place in the national competition; the Ultimate Frisbee team coached by Lettermen's Club vice-president Gregory Thomas, '05, won the Division II championship; and the tennis and hockey teams for qualifying for the playoffs.

Among the individuals who turned in outstanding performances were swimmer Matthew DiNunzio, who won the WPIAL 500 meter freestyle race; wrestler Vincenzo Joseph, who won a second consecutive PIAA title in the 152 pound weight class. Joseph also won the WPIAL title this year; track

runner Jeff VanKooten set school and WPIAL records in the 1,600 meter run, placed second in PIAA, and won WPIAL.

"The Lettermen's Club is grateful for the support of our members and proud to be a small part of the continued success of Central Catholic athletics," said Lettermen's Club President Rob Lovett, '93. "Like all alumni, we are proud of the students' success and representation of the Vikings on the fields of play."

The Lettermen's Club is proud to have given aid to many of our athletic teams this year, including basketball, swimming, crew, and football. The Club also sponsored a basketball alumni night.

The Club can't continue to sponsor our athletes without your help. The Club's 23rd Annual Golf Outing will take place on Monday, September 28, 2015, at Edgewood Country Club. For more information about the golf outing, please see the flyer on the next page or visit our website at www.lettermensclub.com. This is the Club's major fundraiser. If you haven't played in the Outing you are missing out on a great time with delicious food, neat prizes and a lot of Central alumni camaraderie. You can also update your membership if you are a yearly member by filling out the form below. If you are not a member, we certainly encourage you to join by either filling out the form below or visiting the website.

Central Catholic Letterman's Club Membership Form

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CCHS Class: _____

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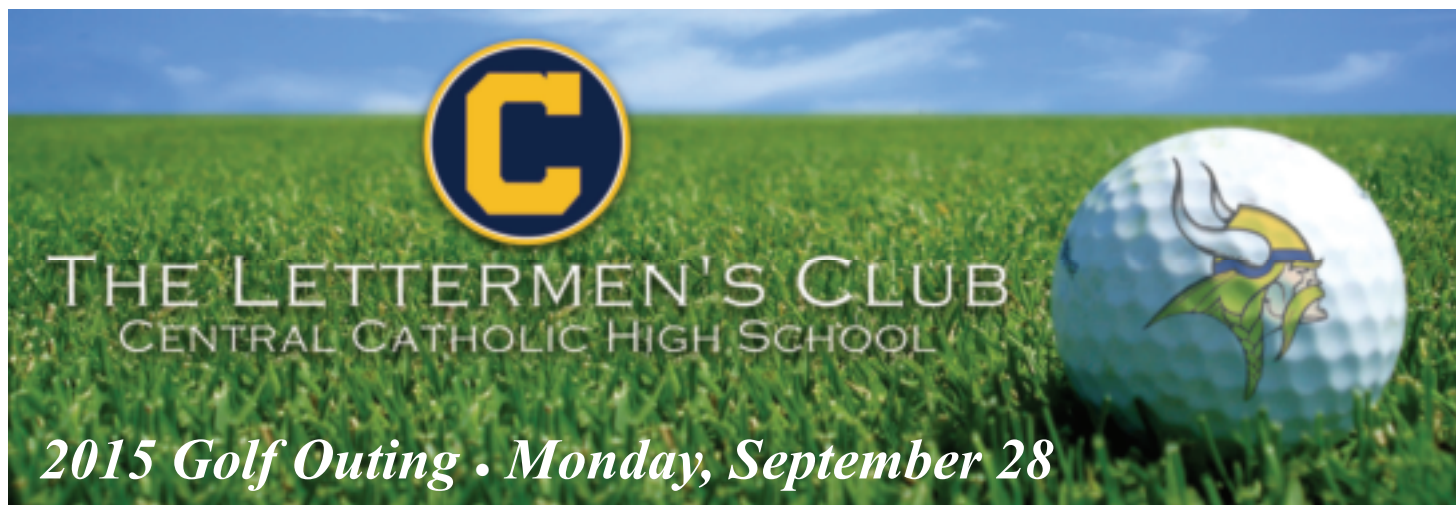
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New Member: I earned varsity letter(s) for: _____

Enclosed is my Lifetime Membership donation of \$250 or
my Annual Membership Donation of \$25

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Lettermen's Club, 4720 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15213.



Edgewood Country Club • 12:30 Shotgun Start

Benefits Central Catholic Athletics

Complimentary Lunch sponsored by Buffalo Blues



Entry Fees:

- Individual: \$200 (Space limited to the first 144 entrants)
- Corporate Foursome: \$975 (Includes four golfers and Green Sponsorship)
- Tee Sponsors: \$100 (Tax deductible)
- Green Sponsors: \$200 (Tax deductible; includes custom pin flag.)

Price includes: 18 holes of golf, cart, lunch, refreshments on the course, locker, dinner and prizes.

Golf Outing Registration—September 28, 2015

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Names in Foursome or individuals you would like to play with:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Individual: \$200

Corporate Foursome: \$975

Foursome: \$800

I would like to sponsor:

_____ Tee (\$100)

_____ Green (\$200)

_____ Cocktail Hour (\$500)

_____ Dinner (\$1,000)

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____



Please Return this form ASAP to:

Central Catholic Lettermen's Club c/o Chuck Crummie, 4720 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15213-2952

Questions? Call 412-208-3494 or email golfouting@lettermensclub.com

2015 Reunions

Please phone or email a committee member from your class to ensure they have your correct information and can keep you better informed of upcoming events. Your committee members also need your help in tracking down classmates for whom no contact information exists.

Or contact:
Jeff Folino at the Central Catholic Alumni Office at 412-208-3488 or jfolino@centralcatholicchs.com

Class of 1950 65th Reunion Celebration!

July 25 – Saturday Couples Dinner at the PAA

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Classes of 1951, 1952, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1956

September 5, 2015

Saturday 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM at Central Catholic
Lunch at 12:15 and Dinner at 5:15 catered by Michael A's
Cost is \$38 per person.
For more information contact Dave Smith at 412-592-5658.

Class of 1965 50th Reunion Celebration!

September 18 – Friday Evening Stag in the McGinley Dining Hall at Central Catholic

September 19 – Saturday Couples Dinner at the PAA

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Commitment forms and itinerary for the Stag and dinner will be mailed in mid-summer. Updates will be given periodically via email.

Class of 1970 45th Reunion Celebration!

October 9 & 10, 2015

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Commitment forms and itinerary will be sent in late summer.

Class of 1975 40th Reunion Celebration!

September 25 – Vikings vs. Fox Chapel
(Venue to be determined)

September 26 – STAG Gathering in McGinley Dinning Hall
(Cafeteria)

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Commitment forms and itinerary for the Friday night Viking vs. Fox Chapel and Saturday night Stag will be mailed in mid-summer. Updates will be given periodically via email.

Class of 1980 35th Reunion Celebration!

Friday, October 2, 2015 – Vikings Vs. Connellsville at Home.
Venue to be confirmed.

Saturday, October 3, 2015 – STAG in the McGinley Dining Hall
(Cafeteria)

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Commitment forms and itinerary will be sent in the summer.
Check out the 1980 35th Reunion page on Facebook.

Class of 1985 30th Reunion Celebration!

Friday, September 11 – Family gathering at the Vikings vs. Shaler (Site to be Determined).

Saturday, September 12 – STAG Gathering in McGinley Dining Hall (Cafeteria)

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Commitment forms and itinerary for the Friday night Viking vs. Shaler and Saturday night Stag will be mailed in mid-summer. Updates will be given periodically via email.

Class of 1990 25th Reunion Celebration!

September 11 & 12, 2015 - Venue to be determined.

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Commitment forms and itinerary for Friday and Saturday night will be mailed in the mid-summer.

Class of 1995 20th Reunion Celebration

Friday, October 16 – Football Game: Vikings vs. Seneca Valley (Highmark Stadium)

Saturday, October 17 – STAG Evening: “Happy Hour with the Brothers” at Central (McGinley Dining Hall) and Dinner (Location TBD)

Itinerary for the Friday night Vikings vs. Seneca Valley game and the Saturday night Stag will be mailed in the summer. Updates will be given periodically via email.

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Viking Nation News

JOHN J. WARD, '31 was recognized at the 2015 Viking Victory Auction with a special video presentation prepared by Auction Chair **Alex LePore, '76** and University of Pittsburgh Films Studies graduate **Jude Folino, '10**. Sadly, Mr. Ward passed away December 31, 2014, prior to the tribute in April. The video can be viewed online at: www.centralcatholicshs.com/johnward

LEO J. RINDT, '40 passed away on December 26, 2014. He was a proud member of the Masque stage crew during his years at Central, a role filled also by his grandson, **Daniel J. Kendgia, '96** who has made his career in the field. Rindt worked at Westinghouse after serving in the Navy during World War II. He is survived by his wife of 69 years, Anne, who remains a dedicated member of the Central family.

DR. CHUCK CURRAN, '52, performed his one-act play, “For Christ’s Sake, Laugh,” in May 2014 at Kent State’s Conference on Information and Religion. In November, he also spoke to information science students at the University of Paris.

PAUL R. FABRIZIO, '62, has retired from Allegheny County Children, Youth and Family Services after 43 years and 3 months of service. “I am enjoying my retirement, as every day is Saturday.”

Viking Nation News (Cont.)

ANTHONY DIGIOIA, III, M.D., '75 was named the 2015 John E. McGrady Award recipient at the 42nd Annual Art Rooney Award Dinner and Auction. An acclaimed, recognized leader in his field of orthopedic surgery and a generous community activist, DiGioia founded the AMD3 Foundation in 2003. The Foundation develops programs and charitable services for patients and educational programs for health professionals nationally and around the world. One of the most impactful programs, *Operation Walk Pittsburgh*, provides free joint replacement surgery to patients in developing countries who have severe hip and knee arthritis. During annual mission trips to places like Honduras, Guatemala, and Panama, DiGioia and his team of volunteers have treated more than 350 patients. "The residents there don't have access to the orthopedic treatment they need. These are walking societies. If you can't walk, you can't participate in life."

ROBERT TUDI, '76 was named Ernst & Young 2015 Industrial Services Entrepreneur of the Year in Western Pennsylvania and West Virginia. With this recognition, Tudi joins the elite ranks of business entrepreneurs E&Y has lauded for more than 25 years for their vision, innovation, courage, and leadership in building and growing successful businesses that influence the economic vibrancy of our local communities and global markets. Tudi was also honored as Man of the Year by The Circus Saints & Sinners Club of America. The Pittsburgh "tent" (i.e. chapter) was founded in 1949 and gives generously to numerous charities from proceeds earned through annual events.

HARRY HUGHES, '91, and his wife, Stephanie, recently added a baby boy to the family: Aiden Nicholas Hughes. He joins his brothers Nathan, age 9 and Ethan, age 5. Harry was also promoted to Chief Petty Officer in the US Navy on Sept 16, 2014. He has served in the Navy for 17 years.



MICHAEL DURZO, '93, and his wife, Jaime, welcomed their second son, Samuel Smith Durzo, on October 14, 2014.

JOHN GRIME, '95, and his wife, Emily, welcomed their first child, Isabelle Grace, on October 10, 2014. Dad, Mom, and baby are happy and healthy, living in the Tampa, FL area.



DAVID ANDREW URBAN, '96 was ordained to the Holy Priesthood by His Grace, Bishop Gregory of Nyssa, at St. Nicholas American Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Church in Homestead in May.

TIM TASSONE, '97 and co-founder Athena CE successfully launched the **Mac & Gold Food Truck** in April 2014. Tassone, a seasoned chef, turned to private investors to fund his dream of delivering a gourmet version of the comfort food curb-side. His proprietary sauce is made from four local cheeses, and he features toppings like Lobster Mac, Eggplant Parmesan, and Pittsburgh Cheesesteak Mac. Tassone also serves up dietary versions of the delight via other proteins, vegetarian options, gluten-free pasta, and flavored olive oil instead of cheese. He had more than 1,000 Twitter followers before serving his first customer.

JOHN W. PECK, SJ, '99 celebrated his ordination to the priesthood on June 13 at the Fordham University Church. He was ordained with three other Jesuits from the Maryland and USA Northeast Provinces by the Most Reverend Matthew H. Clark, bishop emeritus of the Diocese of Rochester, N.Y. Peck grew up in New Kensington, PA. After graduating from Central Catholic High School, he began formation as a seminarian for the Diocese of Greensburg. During his formation as a Jesuit, he taught philosophy at Loyola University Maryland in Baltimore and went on to work as a deacon at the Catholic Community at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, assisting with the RCIA program. His first assignment as a priest will be at Holy Trinity Parish in Washington, D.C. Peck will celebrate his first Mass as a Jesuit priest at the Fordham University Church.



THE CLASS OF 2004 recently made a gift to the Dr. Kenneth L. Garver and William E. Garver, Jr. Endowed Scholarship Fund.

MICHAEL SUPPA, '05, received a grant from the Farmer's Insurance *Thank a Million Teachers* Contest.

The national competition among 600+ teachers from 22 states awarded a grant to buy technology for Suppa's first grade students in Washington, DC. "I finished in the top three for voting and won this grant largely because of the support I had coming out of Pittsburgh, which included my classmates from both Central Catholic and Point Park."



TYLER SCHERER, '08 returned home to Pittsburgh to perform in the national tour of *Beauty and the Beast* in April at Heinz Hall. Scherer moved to LA two years ago and continues professional study at Playhouse West.



LOGAN DIETZ, '12 was one of 135 student-athletes recognized by selection to The Mid-American Conference 2014 Football Academic All-MAC team. The Academic All-MAC honor is for a student-athlete who has excelled in athletics and academics. To qualify, a student-athlete must have at least a 3.20 cumulative GPA and have participated in at least 50 percent of the contests for that particular sport. Dietz just completed his sophomore year at Bowling Green University and is majoring in Finance.

RYAN WIEDERSTEIN, '14 received the 2015 Nick Cardello Youth of the Year Award at the 42nd Annual Art Rooney Award Dinner & Auction in April. Wiederstein, who just completed his freshman year at the University of Pittsburgh, was recognized primarily for his leadership and dedication to Catholic Youth Association (CYA) of Pittsburgh's Camp R. A camper at Camp R for four summers, Wiederstein was hired as a counselor in training and quickly worked his way up to his present position as senior counselor. During the award presentation, Wiederstein was also lauded for his service work through Campus Ministry at Central Catholic, and for his leadership and volunteerism on behalf of Little Sisters of the Poor, Catholic Charities, and the Ferndale United Methodist Church's food pantry in Johnstown.



Reminiscing with alumni in San Diego



Tampa alumni celebrate over tapas



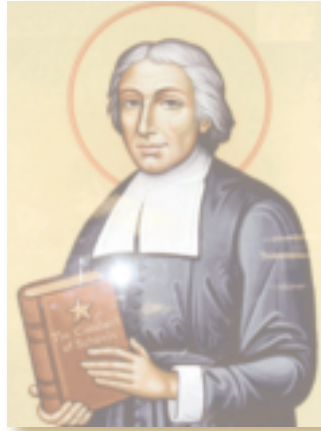
Viking Brotherly love in Philadelphia



Networking across the decades in New York

In Memoriam

Please remember in your prayers these recently deceased members of the Central Catholic community.



Robert Banaszewski, '67
Patrick P. Barrett, '57
James F. Beck, '56
John Betkowski, '50
Dietmar W. Beuing, '58
James S. Bodack, '48
Michael T. Bova, '62

Andrew Campbell, '01
Joseph N. Chenot, '37
Roy W. Cochrane, '47
Francis X. Cooper, '63
William J. Coyne, '56
Robert E. Donoghue, '67
Paul W. Enouen, '50
James A. Gabany, '42
Francis J. Goldcamp, '43
Frederick J. Grubb, '67
Frank S. Guadagnino, '52
John W. Harris, '58
Bernard E. Kruth, '40
Victor M. Maier, '62
John P. McGough, '53
C. D. McLean, '48
Charles H. McSwigan, '52
Carl A. Meier, '38
Louis N. Proviano, '74

Robert M. Puccio, '67
Leo J. Rindt, '40
Thomas J. Robinson, '41
Philip E. Sanker, '57
James E. Scanlon, '42
Paul H. Schmidt, '41
Herbert V. Sperling, '56
Richard A. Talarico, '69
Joseph M. Trempus, '54
James F. Varley, '49
Edward J. Vereb, '52
Francis M. Vetterly, '44
John J. Ward, '31
Jack Weber, '50
Conrad W. Weigold, '54
John P. White, '62
Delmar J. Wynn, '63
Vincent Yacono, '04

Coop's Clan



Thanks to members of the class of 1963 and to everyone who walked in memory of Frank Cooper, '63 in the 2015 WALK TO END BRAIN TUMORS. It was nice to share memories and to honor Frank with dear friends.

Fall & Winter Varsity Sports

Varsity Football 2015-2016

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Time</u>
Aug. 22	@ McKeesport Area School District	McKeesport Area School District	10:00AM
Aug. 28	Perry Traditional Academy	Pittsburgh Central Catholic	5:00PM
Sep. 04	@ Bethel Park School District	Bethel Park School District	7:30PM
Sep. 11	Shaler Area High School	Highmark Stadium	7:30PM
Sep. 18	@ North Allegheny Senior High School	North Allegheny Senior High School	7:30PM
Sep. 25	Fox Chapel Area Senior High School	Highmark Stadium	7:30PM
Oct. 02	Connellsville Area High School	Carnegie Mellon	7:30PM
Oct. 09	@ North Hills High School	North Hills High School	7:30PM
Oct. 16	Seneca Valley High School	Highmark Stadium	7:30PM
Oct. 23	@ Pine Richland High School	Pine Richland High School	7:30PM
Oct. 30	Butler Area Senior High School	Carnegie Mellon	7:30PM

Varsity Basketball 2015-2016

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Time</u>
Dec. 04	@ Mt Lebo Tournament	Mt Lebo Tournament	TBA
Dec. 05	@ Mt Lebo Tournament	Mt Lebo Tournament	TBA
Dec. 08	@ Fox Chapel Area Senior High School	Fox Chapel Area Senior High School	7:30PM
Dec. 11	@ Seneca Valley High School	Seneca Valley High School	7:30PM
Dec. 15	North Hills High School	Pittsburgh Central Catholic	7:30PM
Dec. 18	@ Shaler Area High School	Shaler Area High School	7:30PM
Dec. 19	PBC Shootout @ Aliquippa	Pittsburgh Central Catholic	TBA
Dec. 22	Pine Richland High School	Pittsburgh Central Catholic	7:30PM
Dec. 28	@ Brooke High School	Brooke High School	TBA
Dec. 29	@ Brooke High School	Brooke High School	TBA
Jan. 05	@ North Allegheny Senior High School	North Allegheny Senior High School	7:30PM
Jan. 08	Butler Area School District	Pittsburgh Central Catholic	7:30PM
Jan. 15	Seneca Valley High School	Pittsburgh Central Catholic	7:30PM
Jan. 16	TBA (Coaches vs Cancer @ Mt Lebo)	Pittsburgh Central Catholic	TBA
Jan. 19	@ North Hills High School	North Hills High School	7:30PM
Jan. 22	Shaler Area High School	Pittsburgh Central Catholic	7:30PM
Jan. 26	@ Pine Richland High School	Pine Richland High School	7:30PM
Jan. 29	North Allegheny Senior High School	Pittsburgh Central Catholic	7:30PM
Feb. 02	@ Butler Area School District	Butler Area School District	7:30PM
Feb. 05	Lincoln Park	Pittsburgh Central Catholic	7:30PM
Feb. 08	@ Montour High School	Montour High School	7:30PM

Varsity Cross Country 2015-2016

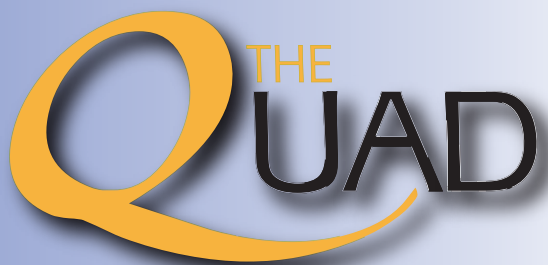
<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Time</u>
Sep. 12	@ Baldwin High School (Red, White, Blue)	Schenley Park(Flagstaff)	TBA
Sep. 19	@ TBA (Red Dragon Bemus Point, NY)	TBA	TBA
Sep. 26	@ TBA (Carlise Invitational)	TBA	TBA
Oct. 03	North Hills High School (Central Catholic Invitational)	Schenley Park(Flagstaff)	9:00AM
Oct. 07	Plum Senior High School (Section Championship Meet)	Plum HS	3:15PM
Oct. 29	@ TBA (WPIAL Championships)	TBA	3:30PM
Nov. 07	@ TBA (PIAA Championships)	TBA	3:30PM

Varsity Soccer 2015-2016

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Time</u>
Aug. 25	@ Fox Chapel Area Senior High School	Fox Chapel Area Senior High School	6:00PM
Sep. 01	@ Shady Side Academy	Shady Side Academy	4:15PM
Sep. 05	@ Peters Township High School	Peters Township High School	6:30PM
Sep. 10	@ Canon Mcmillan High School	Canon Mcmillan High School	7:30PM
Sep. 15	@ Bethel Park School District	Bethel Park School District	7:30PM
Sep. 17	Mount Lebanon High School	Pittsburgh Central Catholic	6:00PM
Sep. 19	@ McKeesport Area School District	McKeesport Area School District	1:00PM
Sep. 22	* Baldwin High School	Pittsburgh Central Catholic	7:30PM
Sep. 24	@ Allderdice H. S.	Allderdice H. S.	3:30PM
Sep. 29	Bethel Park School District	Pittsburgh Central Catholic	7:30PM
Oct. 01	@ Mount Lebanon High School	Mount Lebanon High School	7:30PM
Oct. 02	@ Pine Richland High School (Pine Richland Tournament)	Pine Richland High School	TBA
Oct. 03	@ Pine Richland High School (Pine Richland Tournament)	Pine Richland High School	TBA
Oct. 06	McKeesport Area School District	Pittsburgh Central Catholic	7:30PM
Oct. 08	@ Baldwin High School	Baldwin High School	7:00PM
Oct. 10	Seneca Valley High School	Pittsburgh Central Catholic	1:00PM
Oct. 13	Allderdice High School	Pittsburgh Central Catholic	7:30PM
Oct. 15	Upper Saint Clair High	Pittsburgh Central Catholic	7:30PM
Oct. 19	@ Plum Senior High School	Plum Senior High School	7:30PM
Oct. 21	@ Franklin Regional High School	Franklin Regional High School	7:30PM

Varsity Wrestling 2015-2016

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Time</u>
Dec. 05	Central Catholic Invitational	Pittsburgh Central Catholic	9:00AM
Dec. 09	Fox Chapel Area Senior High School	Pittsburgh Central Catholic	7:00PM
Dec. 16	@ North Hills High School	North Hills High School	7:00PM
Dec. 29	@ West Mifflin Area High School (West Mifflin Tournament)	West Mifflin Area High School	9:00AM
Jan. 06	Hampton High School	Pittsburgh Central Catholic	7:00PM
Jan. 13	@ Shaler Area High School	Shaler Area High School	7:00PM
Jan. 20	Plum Senior High School	Pittsburgh Central Catholic	7:00PM
Jan. 22	@ Allegheny County Championships	Allegheny County Championships	TBA
Jan. 30	Central Catholic Duals	Pittsburgh Central Catholic	9:00AM
Feb. 03	Mount Lebanon High School	Pittsburgh Central Catholic	7:00PM
Feb. 06	@ William Jenkins Duals	William Jenkins Duals	9:00AM
Feb. 10	@ Southmoreland School District	Southmoreland School District	7:00PM
Feb. 17	West Mifflin Area High School	Pittsburgh Central Catholic	7:00PM



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The school strives to provide a challenging, relevant, and diverse program of studies and extracurricular activities in an environment that fosters a life of faith and learning and develops leaders rooted in the Gospel values of integrity, respect, service, justice and peace.

Parents:

If your son has moved, please provide his current address to Lisa Rogers in the Office of Advancement at 412.622.6172 or lrogers@centralcatholichs.com.



These stained glass windows originally graced the Brothers' Chapel at South Hills Catholic/Seton-La Salle High School. Central Catholic acquired them from the Epiphany Center in Beechview, which retained part of the stained glass display from the chapel. Hunt Stained Glass Studio reformatted these panels to fit the third floor windows of Central's main school building. Funding for the project was made possible through a generous donation from the Miclot Family in honor of Samuel G. Miclot, '10 and the Class of 2010.

