

The Key Club Chronicle



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Message from Key Club Advisor

To all Central students and staff this newsletter is being dedicated to the graduating seniors at Central High School. Seniors, we wish you strength to get you through the next few months. Key Club Seniors, Leaders from Key Club, Circle K International and Kiwanis International are hosting a Senior Night on Friday May 29, go to the Key Club website for more information and to register.

Best of luck for your endeavors for next year. If you are college bound please consider joining the Circle K organization.

Love Mrs. Plinto

Message from Key Club President

To all of Central,

Our entire Central community is devastated by the recent news that our school year and time together in person will be cut short. These next few weeks and past few weeks have been tough but we want every student to know that their accomplishments this past year have been remarkable. Although this is not how anyone wanted the year to play out, we know that the Central community is strong and we wish everyone the best for the future.

Kaitlyn Gavin

Helping Others in Good Times and Bad

By

Richard A. Ramos

President, Valley Stream Kiwanis

While we are headed into the third month of quarantine from the Corona Virus, there are several issues which have occurred and I wished to share. While everyone is deeply concerned about this virus and its (in many cases fatal consequences), we have witnessed the vitality and giving nature of people of all walks of life. People have donned masks and brought food to elderly residents and neighbors. People of all walks of life have collected necessary items and given to those who are less fortunate. Sewing circles have gone from making quilts to sewing masks and gowns.

Each step taken shows the essence of giving from one's heart. True character comes when one does, and no one is looking. Each of you, Key club members have taken steps to be ambassadors of help for your school and the community and you should all be commended.

We will weather this storm, we shall find a way to come out on the other side and return to life as we knew it. It may not be exactly as we knew it, but it will be our new path. This new path will come with challenges, and I urge you to work together to help others find their way. People will look to leaders and each and every one of you are just that, true leaders. Together we in Kiwanis will find a way to make a difference, and I urge you to continue your commitment to Kiwanis going forward.

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On a personal note for those who are moving on in the Class of 2020, you have made a difference and left a mark on your school and community, and you should be very proud. While this year has been less than what you/we expected. Know that you are special and by perseverance you made this Key club and your school and parents, proud. Good luck and many blessings as you forge a new path!

MESSAGE FROM CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION

Valued Central Students:

On May 1st, Governor Cuomo announced the closure of schools for the rest of the year. I know many of you are struggling with online learning and wish to be back

in classrooms with teachers in front of the rooms. I want you to know I still hear your voices in the empty halls of Central, and I still stand at the lobby tee for a few minutes when I enter the empty building to appreciate your lingering 7:30 am presence.

I encourage you to keep marching on in the new world of distance learning, Teams, Zoom and virtual events. The beauty of education is that it has no boundaries and can be acquired in many different ways. In this challenging time, I want all students to go to an internal place where you have never gone before by digging deep into your soul to draw out motivation, drive and achievement. Your teachers, counselors, administrators and every support staff member will stand at your side and on your computer screen.

Seniors, I along with your class advisors and parents will do everything possible to mark your high school career a grand celebration. Let us continue this journey together as we would in the haven that is Central High School.

Dr. P

“See the light at the end of the tunnel!”

Those words made up the phrase that my high school lacrosse coach frequently bellowed emphatically to the team. Whether we were finishing up a cringeworthy sprint workout and had to dig deep, or were playing tight defense to secure a win as the clock ticked down, Coach Ventura was letting us know we were almost done.

Central, I hope you too, “see the light at the end of the tunnel” and what a long tunnel this has been. I don’t know how much longer we will be in this “tunnel”. I do know that we are in it together and it won’t last forever because there is always a light at the end.

I will leave you with an untitled poem written by Kitty O’Meara during the current pandemic. In my eyes, she is letting us know that the light at the end of the tunnel is bigger than our imagination. This light will represent the physical and spiritual healing of not only humankind, but also of the earth.

Untitled by Kitty O'Meara

And the people stayed home. And read books, and listened, and rested, and exercised, and made art, and played games, and learned new ways of being, and were still. And listened more deeply. Some meditated, some prayed, some danced. Some met their shadows. And the people began to think differently. And the people healed. And, in the absence of people living in ignorant, dangerous, mindless, and heartless ways, the earth began to heal. And when the danger passed, and the people joined together again, they grieved their losses, and made new choices, and dreamed new images, and created new ways to live and heal the earth fully, as they had been healed.

Stay well Central! I am a "Teams" message away if you need anything!

Love,

Mrs. Zwicker

MESSAGE TO SENIORS FROM GUIDANCE COUNSELORS

"Congratulations to the Class of 2020! It has been an honor working with you. Although the year did not go at all according to anyone's plans, you've all demonstrated great maturity and perseverance in coping with this disaster. I wish you all the best and hope you keep in touch. Go out and make a splash in the world!! Mr. Rini"

SENIORS!!! I am so sorry that you can not have a more satisfying spring of your senior year at Central. But, I know you are all smart, resourceful and

competent & making the best of it. I am so very proud of you for making it through. Thank you for making your families proud, your teachers and friends. Continue to use your great minds and big hearts to enrich our world. My best wishes for each of you! Sincerely, Mrs. Sciocchetti

All the best to the class of 2020. Don't define high school by the last few months but rather by the good memories and wonderful friends you have made. Miss you and love you.... Tina Kosel

Seniors, it has been an honor to be your counselor during your high school career. I wish you life-time filled with happiness and success! I will truly miss all of you and never stop reaching for the stars! Love Mrs. LaPersonerie

“You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose. You're on your own. And you know what you know. And YOU are the one who'll decide where to go...”

— **Dr. Seuss, Oh, the Places You'll Go!**

Wishing this senior class the best of luck, stay positive and keep moving forward!!!!!!Love Always, Mrs. Hardy

MESSAGE TO SENIORS FROM CENTRAL TEACHERS

Shoutout to the Seniors of Intro to College Math Period 2,

I am beyond proud of how far each of you have come this year. I've been able to see you grow not only as math students, but as individuals over just a few short months. As each of you continue onto the next chapter of your lives, remember to celebrate your big and small accomplishments daily; each of them have shaped who you are as a person. All the best to each of you and always remember...

"Believe in yourself and all that you are. Know that there is something inside you that is greater than any obstacle." - Christian D. Larson

Wishing you much happiness and success,

Ms. Willoughby

Graduating Seniors, Best of Luck in all of your future endeavors! Big Thank You to all of the Senior Baseball players for their years of dedication and hard work toward the program and hope to see you playing on the next level! Coach Klimuszek and Barone

Dear Seniors,
Have a beautiful future, behave yourselves, and don't aggravate your parents!
Love Mrs. Candrea

“It Is What It Is...
But it will become what you make it”
Congratulations to my Seniors!
Love, Mrs. Liotti

To The Class of 2020
You are not defined by the senior year that has occurred. Instead you are defined by the way you have risen above it. Reach for the stars Central. Even if you fall short you will still be on top of the world. Best of everything ALWAYS! Mrs. Boyce

It's song lyrics from Céline Dion's song Unfinished Songs.

You're thinking it's ending, but it's only just begun
Your whole life is there, right in front of you
Life's a story that is all twisted and turned
All that matters is the lessons we learn
Because we're all unfinished songs
Waiting for the best part to come along
Life's like music
There's so much still unsung
Make it magic
There's so much to become!

Seniors - I hope the future brings you new verses to add to your unfinished songs!
Take Care! Mrs. Plett

We would like to send a shoutout from Mr. McCloud , Mr. Sharkey and the class of 2022!!! Best wishes and congratulations on all of your amazing accomplishments.

Dear Seniors,

Words cannot express how proud I am of you! Congratulations on your major achievement! You have proven that you are strong, resilient and unstoppable. Never lose sight of your "green light." Love always, Mrs. Ayuso

"If" by Rudyard Kipling-

If you can keep your head when all about you
Are losing theirs and blaming it on you,
If you can trust yourself when all men doubt you,
But make allowance for their doubting too;
If you can wait and not be tired by waiting,
Or being lied about, don't deal in lies,
Or being hated, don't give way to hating,
And yet don't look too good, nor talk too wise:

If you can dream—and not make dreams your master;
If you can think—and not make thoughts your aim;
If you can meet with Triumph and Disaster
And treat those two impostors just the same;
If you can bear to hear the truth you've spoken
Twisted by knaves to make a trap for fools,
Or watch the things you gave your life to, broken,
And stoop and build 'em up with worn-out tools:

If you can make one heap of all your winnings
And risk it on one turn of pitch-and-toss,
And lose, and start again at your beginnings
And never breathe a word about your loss;
If you can force your heart and nerve and sinew
To serve your turn long after they are gone,
And so hold on when there is nothing in you

Except the Will which says to them: 'Hold on!'

If you can talk with crowds and keep your virtue,
Or walk with Kings—nor lose the common touch,
If neither foes nor loving friends can hurt you,
If all men count with you, but none too much;
If you can fill the unforgiving minute
With sixty seconds' worth of distance run,
Yours is the Earth and everything that's in it,
And—which is more—you'll be a Man, my son!

From Mr. Saitta: Although we would like to forget the ending of the 2019-20 school year, don't forget that the wonderful friendships, learning and experiences at Central are well worth remembering. Keep your 2020 vision focused on the future!

Congratulations Class of 2020!!! Wishing you the best on all of your future endeavors!

To my AP Psych students (current and former) - I hope your HIPPOCAMPUS allowed you to create wonderful EPISODIC and SEMANTIC MEMORIES while here at Central that you can store in the ASSOCIATION AREAS of your CEREBRAL CORTEX . Remember, they are EXPLICIT/DECLARATIVE LONG TERM MEMORIES, so they will last forever!! I hope that you find something INTRINSICALLY MOTIVATING in life that provides you SUBJECTIVE WELL BEING and rarely makes you experience RELATIVE DEPRIVATION!! Keep your NEURAL NETWORKS going to keep your BRAINSTEM, LIMBIC SYSTEM and CEREBRUM safe, as our BRAINS have only so much PLASTICITY. I am certain that you did not miss your CRITICAL PERIOD and therefore should be able to use both FLUID INTELLIGENCE and CRYSTALLIZED INTELLIGENCE as you navigate these next few years. Make sure to use BROCA'S AREA when you need to ask for help, your COCHLEA,

AUDITORY CORTEX and WERNICKE'S AREA when given advice and your PREFRONTAL CORTEX, when it finally fully develops, to make good choices!!! I wish you all the best and I know you will do great things!!! Congratulations!! With all my love, stay safe and well, Mrs. Rutigliano

MESSAGE TO SENIORS FROM MEMORIAL TEACHERS

Hello Class of #2020 (CHS)

It's Ms. Jackson from Memorial!

I wish you congratulations on your graduation! What a year! But you're the class of 2020!

"The Class of Vision" This is not how you expected your last year of high school to be, but hopefully you have used this time to reflect, grow and plan on your future visions. So continue to march on toward your own individual successes!

Kudos to you all!!!!

Ms. Jackson

MJHS School Counselor

You were made for great things. Wishing you the best of everything as you continue your journey.

Mrs. Whalen-McCarthy

Class of 2020! You will be remembered forever. Stay strong.

Mr. Squadrito

To the senior class,

Keep your head high and spirits strong! We know that whatever you choose to do, you will be amazing. Remember- make it a great day, or not, the choice is yours. Lots of love to all of you! Mrs. Alesia

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