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Welcome LETTER



Dear Central Catholic High School Community,

As another school year comes to a close, I am reminded of one of the most powerful truths at the heart of our Catholic faith: that we are called not only to believe, but to serve. At Central Catholic High School service is not an extracurricular activity—it is a way of life. It is how we live out the Gospel message and the values that have shaped this school for nearly a century.

I have the privilege to see service in action every day from our Central Catholic community. Our students volunteer to tutor their peers, tutor at the local Catholic elementary schools, help the marginalized, and engage in mission trips near and far. Our students are learning that leadership and compassion are inseparable, and that our true success is measured not by how much we can accumulate, but by what we give.

However, service is not a task reserved only for students. It is a sacred responsibility shared by our entire school family—alumni, parents, and friends alike. The legacy of Central Catholic has been built by those who gave of themselves to ensure this institution thrives—not only as an academic powerhouse, but as a community of faith and action. Today, more than ever, we need that legacy to continue.

I invite our alumni to reengage with their alma mater in meaningful ways. Whether it is mentoring current students, offering internships, speaking at career days, or participating in our young alumni networking activities, your presence and experience are invaluable. Your journey beyond these halls is a powerful witness to what a Central Catholic education makes possible.

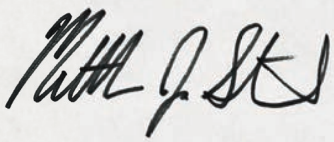
To our current and past parents: you have given us your most precious gift—your sons. But your gifts of time, expertise, and prayer have also strengthened our mission in countless ways. We are deeply grateful, and we encourage you to remain active in the life of our school, even after your son's graduation. Your support through volunteer opportunities, fundraising, or simply showing up at events reminds our students that they are part of something bigger than themselves.

And to our many friends and benefactors: your belief in a Catholic, Lasallian education increases our ability to nurture the hearts and minds of future generations. Your generosity is not just appreciated, it is essential. We are stewards of your investment, and we commit to ensuring it bears fruit in the lives of the young men entrusted to our care.

As we continue to grow in faith, scholarship, and service, I ask that you consider how God might be calling you to contribute to this mission. Let us each reflect on how we might respond, with joyful hearts and willing hands, to the needs of this school we love so much.

Thank you for walking this journey with us. Together, may we continue to be a light in the world—formed by faith, committed to excellence, and rooted in love.

With gratitude and hope,



Matthew J. Stoessel, '95
President, Central Catholic High School

Dear Vikings,



As we end one school year and prepare for the start of another, I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude to all of you, our students, families, faculty, staff, and alumni, who support the mission of Central Catholic. Your warmth, your welcome, and your unwavering commitment have made this a truly unforgettable first year for me in Pittsburgh.

I often tell people how fortunate I feel to have landed in a community that lives out its values so authentically. The strength of this Central Catholic community is nothing short of extraordinary. Whether it's cheering from the stands, volunteering your time, supporting our mission, or simply living out the Lasallian values we hold dear, you all continue to demonstrate what it means to be a Viking.

Over the past year, I've had the opportunity to meet alumni from every generation, and I've seen firsthand how deep the Central Catholic connection runs throughout the Pittsburgh area. I knew when I took this job that the Viking logo meant something special. But until you experience the eyes on you when you walk into a store or restaurant wearing "Central Catholic," you don't fully understand. I understand now…and I love it. This is a community that takes pride in its legacy, in its mission, and most importantly, in one another.

I've also learned a few other things about Pittsburgh along the way. I've learned to avoid the Fort Pitt Tunnel during rush hour. I've learned that weddings are carefully planned around Steelers home games. I now know what a gum band is (though I'll admit I'm still getting used to saying it). And I've been on a personal quest to find the best "cut" of pepperoni pizza in town… (so far, Aiello's holds the top spot for me, but as a former offensive lineman, I'm always open to recommendations.)

This year, I also had the opportunity to gather with leaders from other Lasallian schools across the country. One of the central themes of our conversation was the late Pope Francis' apostolic exhortation Evangelii Gaudium, particularly his invitation for us to "take on the smell of the sheep." It's a vivid if not slightly pungent reminder of our responsibility to walk with those we serve, to lead with compassion and humility, and to be present in the lives of our communities.

At Central Catholic, I see our Lasallian mission embodied every single day. It's in the quiet moments, like a student leaning over to help a classmate with a tricky geometry problem. It's in the weekly service of our young men at The Red Door and Brother André's Café. It's in the lifelong example of alumni like Andy Adomitis, '80, and Cal Adomitis, '17, who led this year's mission trip to the Blackfeet Reservation in Montana. And most profoundly, it's in the dedication of our faculty and staff. The expertise of our teachers, combined with their willingness to go above and beyond, ensures that our students are not only prepared academically but are also formed as men of character and faith. Whether it's staying after school to provide extra help, organizing service projects, or mentoring students through life's challenges, our community consistently chooses simple, daily acts of faith and service. This is what makes us Lasallian. This is what makes us Central Catholic.

As we celebrate the successes of this year and look ahead to the future, let us remember that we are part of a living tradition, one that calls us to be present, to accompany, and to serve. Together, as Vikings and as members of the global Lasallian family, we will continue to answer that call.

So thank you for your dedication, your example, and your belief in this mission. It has been a privilege to serve alongside all of you this year. I'm grateful for the trust we've built, the relationships we've formed, and the future we're shaping together for the young men entrusted to our care.

May your summer bring rest, renewal, and all the joy this season has to offer.

Live Jesus in our hearts,

Jack Wallace

John "Jack" R. Wallace
Principal, Central Catholic High School

BACCALAUREATE MASS - MAY 20, 2025







Graduates, guests, alumni, faculty, and staff participated in both the Baccalaureate Mass at St. Paul Cathedral, celebrated by Father Chris Donley, '97, and the commencement ceremony at Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall.

As we celebrate our newest alumni, we send our prayers for their health, success, and enduring ties to our community!

















TRADITION *Never* Graduates!

THE NINETY-FIFTH COMMENCEMENT

MAY 23, 2025

WE WELCOMED THE CLASS OF 2025 INTO THE CENTRAL CATHOLIC ALUMNI BROTHERHOOD DURING THE NINETY-FIFTH COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY! A TOTAL OF 168 STUDENTS COMPLETED THEIR REQUIRED OBLIGATIONS TO MATRICULATE TO THE NEXT PHASE IN THEIR LIVES.









ANDREW KOES
VALEDICTORIAN







MICHAEL BLOUNT
SALUTATORIAN





STUDENT SPOTLIGHT









SANTONIO HILL



COLE MASON, '18

SENIOR RETREAT

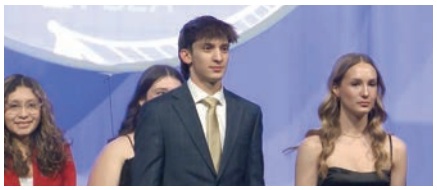
IN AN END-OF-YEAR BONDING EVENT, THE SENIOR CLASS HAD AN UNFORGETTABLE RETREAT FILLED WITH FAITH, REFLECTION, AND FUN!

The day began with presentations from Catholic motivational speakers Santonio Hill and Cole Mason, '18, who shared inspiring messages about discerning God's calling. The students engaged in adoration, participated in confession, and celebrated Mass. The retreat also featured a visit to Camp Guyasuta, where participants took part in team-building activities to build trust and spend the final days together as a class.



VIKING BUSINESS LEADERS

Central Catholic's Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) club took 22 members to the State Leadership Conference in Hershey, PA. After a trip to Hershey Park, our students competed in various competitive business-related events. Kenneth Smith, '28, qualified in the top 15 in Sports and Entertainment Management. The team of Evan Gill, '27, and David Murphy, '27, scored 10th place in Hospitality and Event Management. Nick Athanassiou, '26, qualified for nationals, receiving 4th place in Digital Video Production.



Central Catholic officially now has an FBLA state officer, as Dario Aliberti, '26, **(LEFT)** was elected state secretary by the Pennsylvania FBLA members.

COLLECTIVE REFLECTIONS

The Western Discernment Retreat, held at Central Catholic, was led by former faculty member Brother Paul Avvento, FSC, who currently serves as Director of the Office of Vocation Ministry for the District of Eastern North America (DENA).

Our students had the opportunity to strengthen their Lasallian brotherhood with students from St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute, attend Mass, and reflect on ways they can include God when making decisions.





CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2025

Central Catholic High School and Oakland Catholic High School began Catholic Schools Week with a combined Mass at St. Paul Cathedral, where the Most Reverend Bishop David Zubik, Bishop of the Diocese of Pittsburgh, was the celebrant.









OUTSTANDING STUDENT

Nathan Radkowski, ’25, was named a recipient of the Trib Total Media Outstanding Young Citizen Award! Nominated by teachers, coaches, and peers, Radkowski was recognized for his commitment to service, academic excellence, and leadership.



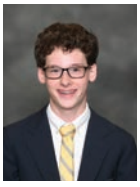
RANKED IN CHEMISTRY

Mike Koman, ’26, was among the top 15 students in Western Pennsylvania to qualify for the National Level Competition in the 2025 Chemistry Olympiad. Koman scored high enough on the local exam to participate in the National Exam at Carnegie Mellon University where he was challenged with both a written and lab practical test.



FORENSICS MAKES THEIR VOICES HEARD

Congratulations to the Central Catholic Forensics Society, which competed in the Pennsylvania High School Speech League State Championship at Commonwealth University - Bloomsburg.



Bringing home the gold for the Vikes was Matthew Evans, ’25, (LEFT) who captured first place in Informational Speaking. Quite impressively, Matthew proved to be Pennsylvania’s best in this event for the second consecutive year! Daniel Patton, ’25, earned a bronze medal for his performance in Programmed Oral Interpretation. Austin Quinlan, ’27, advanced to the semi-final round in Prose while Ben Hunt, ’26, and Carson Scott, ’26, advanced to the quarter-final round in Policy Debate.

CHECKMATE!

The Central Catholic Chess team won first place in the Penn-Trafford Winter Invitational Tournament. They played against Norwin, Greater Latrobe, and Kiski Prep.

THE MEMBERS OF THE TEAM ARE AS FOLLOWS:

MODERATOR:
- Matthew Kizior, ’11

- Joseph Skundrich, ’26
- Brian Lemon, ’26

- Liam McAndrews, ’25
- Carson Scott, ’26

- Andrew Koes, ’25
- Alexander Koes, ’27



HONORED FOR EXCELLENCE

Ten Central Catholic High School students received awards from The Challenge Program, Inc.

The Challenge Program motivates students to develop habits that lead to success in school and careers.

Each of these students were honored with a certificate and a cash prize for their hard work and dedication.



PERFECT ATTENDANCE:
- John Dickinson, '25
- Giona Blasiole, '26

EXCELLENCE IN STEM:
- Jonathan Mox, '25
- Jackson Moser, '26

COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY SERVICE:
- Lukas Jesso, '25
- Miles Wienand, '26 (not pictured)

ACADEMIC IMPROVEMENT:
- Davis Dattilo, '25 (not pictured)
- Victor Odumosu, '26

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE:
- Mike Blount, '25
- Ryan Loughran, '26

ENCOURAGING BETTER DECISIONS

The counseling department hosted the 6th annual Destructive Decision Awareness program, aimed at raising awareness about the dangers of distracted and impaired driving. Through impactful presentations and powerful experiences, students were encouraged to reflect on the real-life consequences of dangerous decisions behind the wheel.





HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK INCLUDED:

STUDENTS STAND WITH A WRECKED CAR DISPLAY IN THE QUADRANGLE.

SMALL GROUP TALKS BY JIMMY WOODS (MISSION MAHI FOOD TRUCK & ADDICTION RECOVERY MINISTRY) IN UNDERCLASSMEN RELIGION CLASSES.

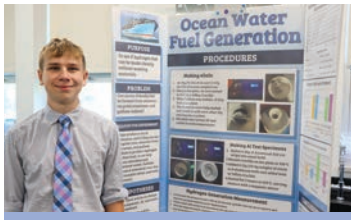
STRONG SHOWING AT THE SCIENCE FAIR

Congratulations to the following students who represented Central Catholic High School at the 2025 Pittsburgh Regional Science and Engineering Fair (PRSEF) at the Carnegie Science Center.



- Alex Donihi, '26
- Brian Lemon, '26
- Danison Lee, '28
- Andrew Carroll, '27
- Harrison Kreutel, '28
- Sam Rush, '27
- Ibrahim Manush, '28
- Frederick Goellner, '28
- Owen Breslin, '28
- Nial Yavuzturk, '26 (not pictured)
- Mike Novotnak, '28

MODERATORS: Mark Krotec, '73, and Carolyn Neiderlander



MIKE NOVOTNAK, '28

A SPECIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT GOES OUT TO MIKE NOVOTNAK, '28, WHO TOOK FIRST PLACE IN THE SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL CHEMISTRY DIVISION—ONE OF THE STRONGEST SHOWINGS BY A FRESHMAN IN CENTRAL CATHOLIC HISTORY!



ALEX DONIHI, '26

ALEX DONIHI, '26, ALSO EARNED TOP HONORS, RECEIVING TWO PRESTIGIOUS SPONSOR AWARDS:

- The American Chemical Society Award
- The Pittsburgh Society of Analytical Chemists Award

VIKINGS SOAR TO BECOME EAGLE SCOUTS

The attainment of Eagle Scout marks the conclusion of years of dedication, discipline, and commitment to personal growth in the highest tenets of leadership and service. Teamwork, resiliency, and ethical decision-making are some of the skills it might instill: skills that can be useful in both one's private and professional life. Becoming an Eagle Scout is a significant achievement, but just as important is the honor of becoming a beacon for good in the community, inspiring others to strive for excellence.

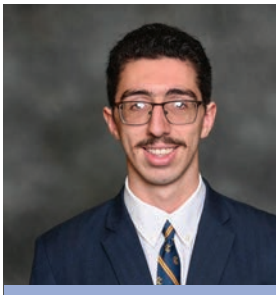
THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS HAVE SUCCESSFULLY REACHED THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT:



ZACHARY HORVATH, '25



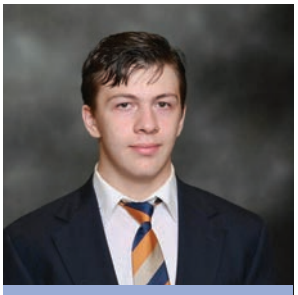
ANDREW KOES, '25



CHRISTOPHER KUSK, '25



BRENDAN LLOYD, '25



ROCCO SINCILINE, '25

SPIRIT WEEK





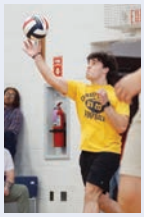


HOT! HUNGRY! HEARTY!

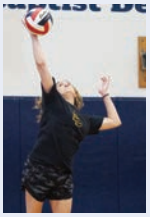
The kickoff to the annual Spirit Week festivities on campus brought a new activity! A wing-eating competition, with students and faculty fighting to reign supreme as the wing master, set the tone for a fun-filled week!

Modeled after the internet chicken-eating wing show "Hot Ones," which features celebrity guests who consume some of the hottest sauces on the planet, members of the Central Catholic community did their best to brave the high level of spice without crumbling under pressure!

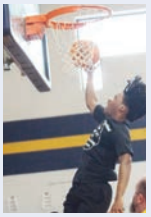
THE WINNER WAS ENGLISH TEACHER SEAN NEELY, WHO ULTIMATELY WON A GIFT CARD TO… GET THIS…BUFFALO WILD WINGS!













TEACHERS REIGN VICTORIOUS IN BOTH SPORTS

The student body, faculty, and staff filled Alumni Hall to witness athleticism at its finest during the annual seniors vs. teachers volleyball and basketball games.

ALL RISE!

Students participated in a mock trial during the Law and Ethics class taught by Andrew Adomtis, Esq., '80. Seniors and juniors took roles as attorneys and witnesses in a lawsuit involving the wrongful death of a participant in an "extreme mudder" obstacle-course competition. In the weeks leading up to the trial, the plaintiff and defense worked to prepare for their courtroom appearances, conducting direct and cross-examinations of trial witnesses, as well as preparing opening and closing arguments.



PERFORMING ARTS

AS THE PREMIER MUSICAL THEATRE TROUPE OF CENTRAL CATHOLIC AND OAKLAND CATHOLIC, THE MASQUE PRESENTED TWO FULLY-STAGED PRODUCTIONS DURING THE 2024-25 SCHOOL YEAR.

THE CAST AND CREW DELIVERED OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCES!

"NEWSIES" (RIGHT)

Set in turn-of-the-century New York City, *Newsies* is the rousing tale of Jack Kelly, a charismatic newsboy and leader of a band of teenage "newsies." When the titans of publishing raise distribution prices at the newsboys' expense, Jack rallies newsies from across the city to strike against the unfair conditions and fight for what's right!

VICTORY IS OURS!

"NEWSIES" WON A GENE KELLY AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL THEATER, WHERE THEY TOOK HOME THE TROPHY FOR OUTSTANDING SCENIC DESIGN!





"GODSPELL" (ABOVE)

Godspell is based primarily on the Gospel according to Matthew. Featuring a sparkling, seminal score by Stephen Schwartz, *Godspell* boasts a string of recognizable songs, led by the international hit, "Day By Day." The show touchingly presents the story of Jesus' last moments, beginning with the Last Supper. The main story of *Godspell*, however, is portrayed in the show's subtext—in the way the players interact with their leader, coming together to create a loving community.

INSTRUMENTS AND VOICES

Central Catholic and Oakland Catholic held vocal and instrumental music concerts, which were a resounding success! Seniors from both schools were recognized and congratulated for their time in the performing arts departments.















MAKE WAY FOR THE CREATIVES

This year, our Studio Art III and IV students created incredible artwork, and we are thrilled to share that their talent and creativity was on full display at the Manchester Craftmen's Guild's Invitational Arts Exhibition in Pittsburgh! This competitive show highlighted some of the best student artwork from schools across the region.

ATHLETICS



CHAMPIONS OF THE GRIDIRON

CENTRAL CATHOLIC WINS WPIAL 6A FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

BY: LEN PASQUARELLI, '68

WALKING OFF THE FIELD AT PINE-RICHLAND, FOLLOWING A SECOND STRAIGHT LOSS TO OPEN THE 2024 SEASON,

Vikings head coach Ryan Lehmeier was hardly as discouraged as some of his coaching colleagues may have been in the same circumstance.

Concerned about his team's 0-2 start? Perhaps a bit, since he knew there were some issues that needed to be quickly addressed. Still unwaveringly confident in his staff and players? You betcha. In fact, it's fair to say the Vikings' second-year coach was just as upbeat as he was upset.

WHY SO?

"(BECAUSE), EVEN THOUGH THE FIRST EIGHT QUARTERS OF THE SEASON DIDN'T GO THE WAY WE WANTED, I KNEW WE'D PLAYED WITH TOUGHNESS AND EFFORT AND COMMITMENT," LEHMEIER SAID.

"WE DIDN'T WIN, BUT WE ALSO DIDN'T LOSE (THE SPIRIT), THAT I KNEW WHAT THIS TEAM WAS ABOUT. WHEN I GOT ON THE BUS, OUR PLAYERS AND COACHES WERE DISAPPOINTED. BUT BECAUSE OF THE PEOPLE ON THAT BUS, I KNEW WE HAD AN AWESOME OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE IT RIGHT. I FELT, LOOKING AT THEM, THAT WE'D BE OK."

ACTUALLY, MORE THAN OK.

When the Vikings returned to the practice field three days later to begin preparations for a matchup against Woodland Hills (PICTURED BELOW), they did so not only with purpose but with the same confidence Lehmeier had in them. They didn't so much regroup as they resolved to be the team they knew they were. Central Catholic hadn't opened a season 0-3 in a long time and the '24 squad wasn't about to have that happen on its watch.



CENTRAL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL vs. WOODLAND HILLS HIGH SCHOOL

"THOSE FIRST TWO GAMES, WE JUST DIDN'T PLAY LIKE CENTRAL CATHOLIC TEAMS ARE SUPPOSED TO PLAY," SAID SENIOR LINEBACKER/WIDE RECEIVER BRADLEY GOMPERS, '25.

"WE LOST FOCUS. THAT FIRST PRACTICE AFTER THE (PINE-RICHLAND) GAME WAS A LONG, HARD PRACTICE. BUT WE CLEANED UP A LOT OF STUFF THAT NEEDED TO BE FIXED, AND WE GOT BACK TO THE DETAILS."



BRADLEY GOMPERS, '25



ELIJAH FAULKNER, '25, #4

"WE ALL HAD TO LOOK IN THE MIRROR, ME INCLUDED, AND DECIDE WHAT KIND OF TEAM WE WERE GOING TO BE. A GREAT TEAM, LIKE WE KNEW WE HAD, OR JUST A BUNCH OF GUYS." ADDED SENIOR TAILBACK ELIJAH FAULKNER, '25.

AND SO, A TIME WHICH DEMANDED GREAT RESILIENCE, QUICKLY TURNED INTO A RECORD-BREAKING SEASON OF BRILLIANCE.

Beginning with their 54-14 dismantling of Woodland Hills, the Vikings went on a 12-game winning streak. The streak included the 10th Western Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic League (WPIAL) championship in



CENTRAL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL vs. ST. JOE'S PREP HIGH SCHOOL

Central Catholic's fabled history, a 45-14 blowout of arch rival North Allegheny; two victories in the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association (PIAA) state playoffs; and a berth in the 6A championship game, where the wild ride finally ended with a loss to national powerhouse St. Joe's Prep.

During the streak, the Vikings outscored opponents 557-155. Lehmeier's explosive, uptempo offense scored 40 points or more eight times and 50 or more in five games. An attacking defense that returned only three starters from the previous season limited opponents to 14 points or fewer in 10 games. So dominant were the Vikings that seven games were played under the "mercy rule," which allows the clock to run continuously because of the lopsided score. That included the WPIAL championship game, where the Vikings scored on their first offensive snap and ran out to a 45-0 lead against an NA squad that defeated the Vikings in each of the two previous 6A title matchups.

SWEET REVENGE, INDEED.



RYAN LEHMEIER, HEAD FOOTBALL COACH

In the team's locker room, Coach Lehmeier and his staff maintain a "goals board" with the game-by-game standards expected in all three phases — offense, defense, and special teams. If the team meets the standards, it receives a sticker on the board. After the first two games, there were no stickers on the board. At the conclusion of the 12-3 season, it was filled with them, just as the year was filled with plaudits for individual players.

Bradley Gompers, who missed most of the '23 season with a broken collarbone, was selected as the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette's WPIAL Player of the Year. He was joined on the paper's all-6A team by fellow members of the class of 2025: defensive back and wide receiver Xxavier Thomas, quarterback Jy'Aire Walls, and tailback Elijah Faulkner. Bradley Gompers, Jy'Aire Walls, Xxavier Thomas, and kicker Billy Lech were all selected to the PIAA all-state 6A squad.

But this team was hardly just about individual standouts. It was a bunch that bought all-in on the four-letter acronym with which Coach Lehmeier presented at the start of the year: **I.N.A.M. IT'S NOT ABOUT ME.**

"BECAUSE WE HAD SOME (STANDOUT) SENIORS, PEOPLE PROBABLY DON'T REALIZE THAT WE WERE ACTUALLY A VERY YOUNG TEAM," GOMPERS SAID. "SO THE LEADERS HAD TO LEAD AND THE YOUNG GUYS HAD TO BUY IN, AND BOTH THOSE THINGS HAPPENED. LOOKING BACK, I THINK I'LL ALWAYS REMEMBER HOW WE OVERCAME THE ADVERSITY AT THE START OF THE SEASON. NONE OF US HAD A CHAMPIONSHIP RING. NOT A SINGLE GUY HAD EVER PLAYED IN A STATE PLAYOFF GAME. THAT DROVE US. BY THE END, IT WAS THE BEST TEAM I'D EVER BEEN ON."

Also notable is that the story of the 2024 team can't be written without noting the manner in which the players embraced the very ethos of Central Catholic: fraternity, a higher sense of purpose beyond the individual, a commitment to others, and, of course, the unique brotherhood.

From the time he was in the seventh grade, Walls' goal was to play quarterback at Central and to bring the school a championship. Although he acknowledged there were times he was tempted by the opportunity to move on and start elsewhere, Walls sat for three long years behind Payton Wehner, '24, who broke all of Dan Marino's, '79, passing records during his excellent tenure. But when his time finally arrived, Walls delivered.

"THERE WERE TIMES IT WAS HARD SITTING (BEHIND WEHNER)," WALLS SAID. "YOU ALWAYS THINK TO YOURSELF, 'IF I GET IN, I KNOW I CAN HELP.' BUT IN THE END, IT WORKED OUT AND I REACHED MY DREAM. I MEAN, HOW MANY AFRICAN-AMERICAN QUARTERBACKS HAVE EVER STARTED AT CENTRAL? SO I DID IT, TOO, TO HELP IMPRESS KIDS THAT MIGHT SEE ME."



JY'AIRE WALLS, '25, #15, PASSING AGAINST PINE-RICHLAND HIGH SCHOOL

Not surprisingly, Walls was cited by teammates for his leadership, dedication, and selflessness.

Following the WPIAL title victory, Faulkner spoke emotionally about how he didn't want the season to end the way the previous two had, because he didn't want to think about never practicing again with his teammates and friends. Turns out he had three more weeks of sharing the practice field with them.



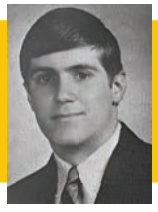
CONGRATS ON YOUR VICTORY! GO VIKES!



"WHEN I FIRST CAME HERE," FAULKNER SAID, "I HEARD ALL THE TALK ABOUT THE 'BROTHERHOOD.' BUT I HAD NO IDEA WHAT IT MEANT. YOU HAVE TO BE A PART OF IT TO UNDERSTAND IT. THESE LAST TWO YEARS FOR ME HAVE BEEN ALL ABOUT BROTHERHOOD. I MEAN, THERE WE WERE, PRACTICING ON THANKSGIVING DAY FOR A (STATE PLAYOFF) GAME, AND I WAS DOING IT WITH MY VIKING BROTHERS. IT WAS A GREAT FEELING."

SO WHAT LIES AHEAD FOR THE VIKINGS, NOW THAT THE '24 SEASON IS IN THE HISTORY BOOK?

"WE HAVE CONTINUITY AND WE HAVE GOOD PLAYERS COMING BACK," SAID COACH LEHMEIER. "WE'RE CENTRAL CATHOLIC. PEOPLE KNOW US. WE'RE A BRAND. WE'LL BE BACK!"



During his career as a sports journalist, Len Pasquarelli, '68, covered the National Football League for 40 seasons. He is a member of the Pro Football Hall of Fame writer's wing in Canton, OH, and, in 2024, was inducted into Central Catholic High School's Alumni Hall of Fame.



VIKINGS ROLL TO THE TOP

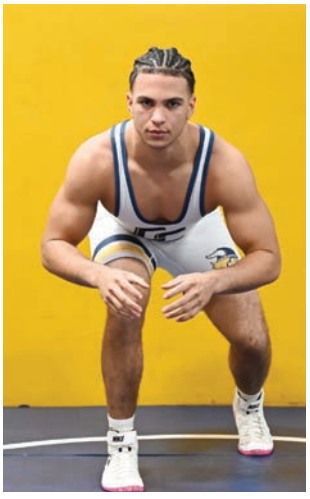
The Central Catholic High School Varsity Inline Hockey team won the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Roller Hockey League (PIRHL) championship against the Butler Golden Tornado. The Vikings held a solid lead and were up by three points, only for the game to be tied by Butler 5-5 in the 3rd period. In dramatic fashion, the Vikings secured the win with a final score of 6-5!

It was a true nail-biter all the way to the end! Congratulations to the entire team! What a wrap-up to a FANTASTIC season!



ONE OF PA'S FINEST

Jy'Aire Walls, '25, represented Central Catholic and his home state of Pennsylvania in the Big 33 Football Classic, which is an all-star game featuring some of the best athletes. In the fourth quarter, Walls threw a 78-yard touchdown pass against the Maryland All-Stars.



PINNING HIS POSITION

Roman Thompson, '27, placed 3rd in the PIAA state wrestling tournament in Hershey, PA. Thompson concluded his season with a 38-3 record.



ULTIMATELY COMPETITIVE

The Ultimate Frisbee team spent Memorial Day weekend competing in the Pennsylvania State Championship held in Allentown, PA. The team was one of only four teams from the Pittsburgh region and the only Catholic high school to compete in the tournament. Through five tough rounds of competition, Central Catholic finished in 14th place overall. It was a very successful weekend in terms of gaining experience, having fun, and making memories.



ENZO KHALIL, '26



CALVIN VENTO, '25

HOOP STARS

Congratulations to Enzo Khalil, '26, and Calvin Vento, '25, for earning all-section accolades. Khalil earned first team recognition, and Vento earned second team recognition.

Players who receive this honor are voted on by coaches from around the section.



LEFT TO RIGHT: LUKE HARTMAN, '25, JAMESON RAYNAK, '27, ANDREW PEREZ, '26, CARTER ROBERTSON, '25, AND MAC CLARK, '25.

MAKING WAVES!

In the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association's (PIAA) 2025 Swimming and Diving Championship, Central Catholic finished 10th overall in the state!

THE RESULTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

ON DAY 1:

- In the medley relay, Central Catholic finished in 21st place.
- In the 200-meter freestyle, Mac Clark, '25, made the finals, medaled, and finished in 5th place.
- In the 200-meter freestyle, Luke Hartman, '25, made the finals and finished in 13th place. In the 200-meter individual medley, Andrew Perez, '26, made the finals, medaled, and finished 5th place, and Carter Robertson, '25, finished 30th place.

ON DAY 2:

- Carter Robertson finished 31st in the 100-meter breaststroke. Luke Hartman made the finals in the 500-meter breaststroke and finished in 12th place, while Andrew Perez made the finals, medaled, and finished 5th. Also, in the 500, Mac Clark made the finals and won a gold medal.
- In the 400-meter freestyle relay, Andrew Perez, Luke Hartman, Carter Robertson, and Mac Clark made the finals and finished 16th.

ADDITIONALLY, MAC CLARK AND LUKE HARTMAN EACH BROKE THE CENTRAL CATHOLIC RECORD IN THE 200-METER FREESTYLE, WHILE MAC ALSO BROKE THE SCHOOL RECORD IN THE 500-METER FREESTYLE. THE RELAY TEAMS (ANDREW, LUKE, CARTER, MAC) SET NEW SCHOOL RECORDS IN BOTH THE 200-METER MEDLEY RELAY AND THE 400-METER FREESTYLE RELAY.



LEFT TO RIGHT: KYLE GOLDCAMP, '04, DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS – EXTERNAL OPERATIONS, CHRISTIAN WILLIAMS, '26, OSCAR DENHAM, '26, SANTINO DISILVIO, '26, DANIEL HALLER, '26, OWEN CAMPFIELD, '26, JOSEPH MASSARO, '26, SEAMUS MAHON, '26, LUKE NUZZO, '25, SHREYAS SENGUPTA, '25, AND GARY DOYLE, '80, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, PITTSBURGH COMMUNITY FOOD BANK.

MEN OF SERVICE!

Central Catholic High School was recognized during the Western Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic League's (WPIAL) Championship basketball games on March 1.

Our school donated a league-high 15,846 meals and topped all other schools in monetary donations with $5,282.00 for the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank, marking the second-highest amount in the drive's history.

FIELD RECOGNITION

Austin Arendosh, '27, first team all-section (faceoff specialist), Michael Blount, '25, first team all-section (attack), Nicholas Kostewicz '25, second team all-section (attack). Both Blount and Kostewicz crossed the 100-goal mark during their senior years.



AUSTIN ARENDOSH, '27



MICHAEL BLOUNT, '25



NICHOLAS KOSTEWICZ, '25

CLASS OF 2025

COLLEGE ATHLETIC SIGNINGS



SAM BRACKNEY
Brown University
(Football)



MAC CLARK
University of Tennessee – Knoxville
(Swimming)



MAX CLISTER
Indiana University of Pennsylvania
(Baseball)



CHRISTIAN CORDEIRO
Stevenson University
(Baseball)



DAVIS DATTILO
Saint Vincent College
(Baseball)



SETH DUMBLOSKY
Waynesburg University
(Baseball)



ELIJAH FAULKNER
University of Massachusetts – Amherst
(Football)



BILLY GEORGE
Washington & Jefferson College
(Baseball)



DA'RON GOODWINE
Slippery Rock University
(Football)



BRADLEY GOMPERS
Duke University
(Football)



LUKE HARTMAN
Emory University
(Swimming)



JACOB HARVEY
United States Naval Academy
(Crew)



YANIEL HEREDIA
Indiana University of Pennsylvania
(Baseball)



RYAN JAMESON
Johns Hopkins University
(Football)



ROMAN KANE
PennWest University – Clarion
(Football)



BILLY LECH
Slippery Rock University
(Football)



REGAN LOGAN
John Carroll University
(Golf)



RICHARD LYNCH
Rochester Institute of Technology
(Baseball)



JOHN C. MCGINLEY
Villanova University
(Crew)



WILLIAM PALKO
La Salle University
(Crew)



GRADY PAPA
Ithaca College
(Football)



LIAM PEKARSKY
Point Park University
(Baseball)



JACK RYAN
Saint Vincent College
(Volleyball)



EVERETT SARGENT
United States Naval Academy
(Crew)



ZION SCALES
Lincoln University
(Baseball)



AMARI SHIELDS
Slippery Rock University
(Football)



CULLEN SHRIEVE
Waynesburg University
(Football)



RYAN TATAR
University of Connecticut
(Baseball)



XXAVIER THOMAS
Pennsylvania State University
(Football)



CALVIN VENTO
Pennsylvania State University – Behrend
(Basketball)



JY'AIRE WALLS
North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University
(Football)

FACULTY AND STAFF SPOTLIGHT

BELOVED CHAPLAIN HEADS TO THE ETERNAL CITY

Dear Central Catholic Community,

Last summer, I received a phone call from the father of a prospective student. He and his family were trying to determine where his son should attend high school. They were intent on making the right decision and wanted to ensure they had all the information they could gather. After talking at length, as we priests tend to do, about all that the Central Catholic experience has to offer, I remember sitting for a few moments, thanking God for allowing me to be part of the Central Catholic community. While I never thought my involvement with our school would last more than the four years I attended, I am grateful that it did.

Since 2016, I have been fortunate enough to take students on yearly mission trips to Jamaica through Move a Mountain Missions, have been a board member, have been the chaplain, and have experienced a weekly highlight of welcoming the students to the Red Door, Gift of Mary, and Brother Andre's Café.

While I am happy to know that these experiences will continue for the students, I have recently been reassigned to the formation team at the Pontifical North American College Seminary in Rome. And so, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the faculty, staff, and students of Central Catholic for allowing me to be a part of their experience for many years.

Continue to count on prayers, and if you find yourself in Rome, make sure to look me up!

God bless,

Father Chris Donley, '97

Chaplain, Central Catholic High School, Catholic Charities, and Point Park University
Pastor, Divine Mercy Parish, Epiphany Church, and St. Mary of Mercy Church











SALAMACHA HAS NEW LEADERSHIP ROLE



Ashley Salamacha, a native of the North Hills and graduate of North Hills High School, brings a wealth of experience and dedication to her new role as Vice Principal of Academics at Central Catholic High School.

She earned her Bachelor of Science degree in English Education from Indiana University of Pennsylvania in 2008 and has spent the past 17 years teaching English at Central Catholic. For the last five years, she has served as department chair. Salamacha's passion for education and her commitment to student success make her a vital addition to the school's leadership team. She completed her Master's Degree in Reading and Literacy Education from Duquesne University in 2024, demonstrating her commitment to professional growth. She and her husband Mark reside in McCandless with their two young boys, Liam (10) and Nolan (5). Salamacha's diverse background and family-centered approach to education inspires both students and staff at Central Catholic. Her plan is to work towards strengthening academic programs and fostering a supportive learning environment.

"While I have loved every minute in the classroom, I am excited to move into the role of Vice Principal of Academics here at Central and am looking forward to working with my colleagues to continue to improve our curriculum and academic standards. I feel blessed to have the opportunity to utilize my teaching experience to mentor new teachers, develop collaborative instructional practices, and promote an environment where students are engaged and active learners."

FACULTY RETREAT

Members of Central Catholic High School's faculty and staff convened for our annual retreat led by Bro. Ernest Miller, FSC, at the Kearns Spirituality Center in Allison Park, PA.

This gathering was an opportunity for team building and a time to strengthen our professional connections. During the day, we collaborated on ways to enhance our educational practices by focusing on the Lasallian principles that guide us.







THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE



We are thankful for Karen Kolenik and her exceptional leadership since she joined Central Catholic High School as the Vice Principal of Academic Affairs in 2022. In March, The Most Reverend David Zubik, Bishop of Pittsburgh, appointed her as the next Principal of Oakland Catholic High School.

"On behalf of the entire Central Catholic High School community, I want to congratulate Mrs. Karen Kolenik on her appointment as the Principal of Oakland Catholic High School. Mrs. Kolenik has been a lifelong supporter of Catholic education as a parent, teacher, coach, and administrator. While the Central Catholic community will be disappointed to not have her daily presence and leadership, it is comforting to know she is still close by at our sister school, Oakland Catholic. I know that she will carry with her the words of St. John Baptist de La Salle, about the critical role Catholic school educators have with those entrusted to our care that, 'Young people need the light of watchful guides to lead them on the path of salvation.' I want to express my deepest gratitude to Mrs. Kolenik for her years of service to Central Catholic and wish her well as she assumes her new role at Oakland Catholic."

- MATTHEW J. STOESSEL, '95, PRESIDENT, CENTRAL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL







SHOWING APPRECIATION

At the end of Teacher Appreciation Week, members of Central Catholic's faculty, staff, family, and friends had an amazing night at PNC Park to watch the Pirates come away with a victory. A great time was had by all!



In honor of

ST. JOHN BAPTIST DE LA SALLE,

the founder of the Institute of the Brothers of the Christian Schools, the annual Founder's Day Mass was held in the McGonigle Theater.

Students were encouraged to embrace their Lasallian spirituality by the celebrant, Auxiliary Bishop Mark Eckman of the Diocese of Pittsburgh.

The Christian Brothers reaffirmed their vows in front of all of the students, faculty, and staff.





ALL-STAR BASKETBALL GAME AT ALUMNI HALL

In May, Central Catholic High School hosted an event featuring the Western Pennsylvania Interscolastic Athletic League (WPIAL) Basketball All-Stars, in an exhibition game at Alumni Hall. The two teams were coached by Zachary Skrinjar, '97, and Devin Crummie, '97.

Two Central Catholic players, Jaydan Brown, '25, and Calvin Vento, '25, were on the rosters.



‣ ZACHARY SKRINJAR, '97



‣ DEVIN CRUMMIE, '97



‣ JAYDAN BROWN, '25



‣ CALVIN VENTO, '25

During halftime, the 2008 and 2023 Central Catholic WPIAL Basketball Championship teams and coaches were recognized.



‣ 2008



‣ 2023

Former head coach Chuck Crummie was given a plaque and a standing ovation for his years of service at Central Catholic.



‣ FORMER HEAD BASKETBALL COACH CHUCK CRUMMIE

During the event, Coach Crummie was recognized for being inducted into the 54th Annual Robert "Tick" Cloherty - Western Chapter of the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame on April 12.





CHUCK CRUMMIE'S ACCOLADES

39 years as Head Basketball Coach at Central Catholic High School 1980-2018. (Assistant Coach for 7 years).

Athletic Director at Central Catholic from 2004-2018.

647 wins, 30 years in postseason playoffs, 12 Section Titles.

State Runner-up in 1988

2008 WPIAL Champion, Runner-up in 1987 and 2012.

Named "Coach of the Year" by West Penn & Urban Officials and Pittsburgh Basketball Club.

Named 2008 Coach of the Year by the Pittsburgh Basketball Club.

Two-time Pittsburgh Press East Zone Edition Coach of the Year.

Served as a Head Coach in the Dapper Dan Roundball Classic.

Coached at the Robert Morris University Five-Star Basketball Camp.

VIKING MATCH







THE 2025 VIKING MATCH RAISED $210,000 FOR TUITION ASSISTANCE

THIS SPRING, THE VIKING SPIRIT WAS ALIVE AND WELL AS NEARLY 400 ALUMNI RALLIED TOGETHER FOR VIKING MATCH 2025, RAISING A REMARKABLE $210,000 IN SUPPORT OF TUITION ASSISTANCE FOR CURRENT CENTRAL CATHOLIC STUDENTS.

Fueled by class pride, a deep commitment to the mission, and a generous board-sponsored partial match, alumni from across generations stepped up to "play like Vikings and give like champions." And this year, the competition did not disappoint.

Leading the charge—yet again—was the unstoppable Class of 1968, securing their fifth consecutive Viking Match title and etching their legacy even deeper into the Viking Cup. With impressive participation, '68 proved once more that tradition and loyalty stand strong.

But this year also brought surprises: the Class of 1976 surged from the shadows to clinch second place, laying the groundwork for a future title run. Meanwhile, the Class of 1996 held strong, earning a respectable third-place finish.

The stakes weren't just bragging rights, though the Viking Cup champions will enjoy plenty of those. Top-performing classes also earned VIP status at this year's Jam on the Quad, plus special invitations to exclusive CCHS events throughout the year.

Even more importantly, the funds raised will go directly to tuition assistance, helping ensure that hardworking young men, regardless of their financial circumstances, have access to the same transformative CCHS experience alumni remember so well.

THANKS TO THE ADDED POWER FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, EVERY GIFT WAS AMPLIFIED, MAKING AN EVEN GREATER IMPACT ON STUDENTS AND FAMILIES.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO GAVE, COMPETED, AND REPRESENTED THEIR CLASS WITH PRIDE. VIKING MATCH 2025 PROVED ONCE AGAIN: WHEN THE CALL GOES OUT, VIKINGS ANSWER!

LOVE CENTRAL?

LET'S GET THE NUMBERS TO SHOW IT.

AT CENTRAL CATHOLIC, THE VIKING SPIRIT LASTS FOREVER. WE SEE IT IN THE WAY OUR ALUMNI LEAD, SERVE, AND SUPPORT EACH OTHER. WE KNOW YOU LOVE CENTRAL, AND NOW WE'RE ASKING YOU TO HELP US SHOW IT.

RIGHT NOW, ABOUT 10% OF OUR ALUMNI GIVE BACK EACH YEAR.

That's a solid start, but we're trailing other schools like ours, where **15–18%** of alumni are stepping up to support their communities. We've seen what our Viking community can do; getting to that percentage is totally within reach for us. It's not about big checks — it's about showing up and being counted.

ST. JOSEPH'S PREPARATORY SCHOOL
PHILADELPHIA, PA

15%

SAINT IGNATIUS HIGH SCHOOL
CLEVELAND, OH

18%

ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE
BUFFALO, NY

18%

IF EVERY ALUM GAVE JUST $25, IMAGINE WHAT WE COULD DO.

The truth is, small gifts add up. When more alumni give, even a little, it adds up to something powerful: more scholarships, stronger programs, and a legacy that lasts.

LET'S COME TOGETHER AND RAISE OUR VOICES THROUGH PARTICIPATION.

YOUR GIFT, NO MATTER THE AMOUNT, BRINGS US ONE STEP CLOSER.

59%

OF DONATIONS ARE $100 OR LESS

PROOF THAT SMALL CONTRIBUTIONS CAN MAKE

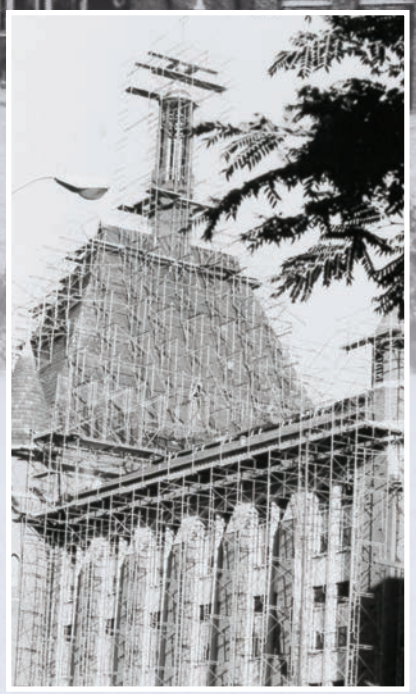
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at

Central Catholic High School





Have you considered joining the Legacy Circle?

The ***Legacy Circle*** was created to honor donors who have named Central Catholic High School as a beneficiary through their estate plan.

*Current members of the **Legacy Circle** have made a planned gift(s) for the benefit of Central Catholic High School via their:*

- *Wills*
- *Retirement Accounts*
- *Charitable Gift Annuities*
- *Charitable Trusts*
- *and/or Life Insurance Policies*

This extraordinary group of benefactors can make their giving a perpetual legacy for themselves and an example for alumni, friends, and family to follow. It also creates a means of support that makes Central Catholic stronger and better prepared to thrive for generations to come.

If you have already made this provision through your estate plan, please let us know so that Central Catholic High School can include you among the ***Legacy Circle*** members. If you have any questions, please contact Brandon Haburjak, '06, Vice President of Institutional Advancement, at 412.208.3488. You can also visit our website at ***www.CentralCatholicHS.com/pages/planned-giving*** for more information and to download/complete the Bequest Intention Form.

Live Jesus in our hearts … Forever!

ADMISSIONS

CENTRAL CATHOLIC OFFERS A DISTINCTIVE COLLEGE PREPARATORY EXPERIENCE THAT COMBINES BROAD ACADEMIC EXPOSURE WITH DEEP, FOCUSED EXPLORATION OF EACH STUDENT'S INDIVIDUAL STRENGTHS AND INTERESTS.

Understanding the demands of college, we combine our college-preparatory, Liberal Arts education with a Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) curriculum that is among the best in Western Pennsylvania. Students can choose from over 125 classes, including over 65 electives, honors courses, and advanced placement (AP) level courses.

SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE!

FINANCIAL AID AND MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS CAN MAKE A CENTRAL CATHOLIC EDUCATION ATTAINABLE FOR YOUR SON

Through the generosity of our alumni and supporters, Central Catholic provided over $3 million in tuition assistance and merit scholarships for the 2024-25 school year. The average aid awarded to qualifyng familes was $6,900.

Central Catholic is accepting applications for the 2025-26 school year.
Visit **CENTRALCATHOLICHS.COM/APPLY** to learn more and submit an application.



2025 COLLEGE ACCEPTANCE LIST

RANKED AS THE #1 BEST CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL IN THE PITTSBURGH AREA.

- Arizona State University
- Auburn University
- Brown University
- Carlow University
- Carnegie Mellon University
- Case Western Reserve University
- Community College of Allegheny County
- Colorado School of Mines
- Denison University
- DePaul University
- Drexel University
- Duke University
- Duquesne University
- Emory University
- Florida Southern College
- Fordham University
- Gannon University
- Geneva College
- High Point University
- Indiana University
- Indiana University of Pennsylvania
- Ithaca College
- Jacksonville University
- John Carroll University
- Johns Hopkins University
- La Salle University
- Lincoln University
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- Michigan State University
- North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University
- Ohio University
- Pennsylvania State University – Behrend
- Pennsylvania State University
- PennWest University – Clarion
- Point Park University
- Purdue University
- Robert Morris University
- Rochester Institute of Technology
- Rosedale Technical School
- Saint Vincent College
- Seton Hall University
- Slippery Rock University
- St. Thomas Aquinas College
- Stevenson University
- The Ohio State University
- Thiel College
- University of Massachusetts – Amherst
- United States Air Force Academy
- United States Naval Academy
- University of Arizona
- University of Connecticut
- University of Florida
- University of Mississippi
- University of North Carolina – Charlotte
- University of Notre Dame
- University of Pittsburgh
- University of Pittsburgh – Bradford
- University of Tennessee
- University of Toronto
- University of Wisconsin – Madison
- Villanova University
- Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
- Washington and Jefferson College
- Waynesburg University
- West Virginia University

Parent Testimonials

FAMILY OF MICHAEL WITKOWSKI, '28



"After visiting Central Catholic in the spring of his 8th-grade year, Michael said it immediately felt like home. The sense of community, brotherhood, and fellowship was nothing like we have ever experienced. The faculty and staff are dedicated to the academic, social, spiritual, and athletic success of each student. We saw a positive change in our son within a very short time. His confidence in himself and his place in his school have been some of the most wonderful things to witness. He has a robust academic schedule and can balance that with athletics and other activities. Central Catholic teaches him the life skills he will need as he enters collegiate and professional life.

Michael has taken a renewed interest in his faith and has enjoyed being part of the regular morning prayer group.

Enrolling our son at Central Catholic has exceeded all of our expectations.We feel truly blessed to be a part of the Central Catholic commutnity."

FAMILY OF JY'AIRE WALLS, '25



"From the first day Jy'Aire stepped on campus for "Viking for a Day," he knew that Central Catholic High School was his home! We remember picking him up after the program, and him saying, "Yeah, I'm going here." He loved everything about it. Central has changed him from a boy to a man. From academics to athletics, all teachers and coaches put the boys first and help them succeed. Jy'Aire has always been a good student, but Central Catholic has opened his eyes to a world of new things. The Central Catholic community is one of a kind! These four years have not just been memorable for Jy'Aire, but for our whole family.

Any young man who attends Central Catholic will leave after their four years in high school never regretting the decision.

As Jy'Aire starts his new life at North Carolina A&T he will always remember he is a MAN OF FAITH!

ROLL VIKES!"



ENTER TO LEARN, **LEAVE** TO **SERVE**

STUDENTS AND ALUMNI MAKING AN IMPACT

"AND WHOEVER RECEIVES ONE CHILD SUCH AS THIS IN MY NAME RECEIVES ME."
— MATTHEW 18:5

SINCE ITS FOUNDING IN 1927,

Central Catholic High School has been guided by the mission of the De La Salle Christian Brothers. Rooted in the rich Lasallian tradition, the school continues to shape ***Men of Faith, Scholarship, and Service,*** leaving a lasting impact far beyond the walls of 4720 Fifth Avenue.

A cornerstone of Central Catholic's commitment to service is its Lasallian Ministry program. Among its most transformative initiatives is a long-standing immersion trip to the De La Salle Blackfeet School (DLSBS) in Browning, Montana, 1,957 miles from Central, but deeply connected in spirit.

Located on the Blackfeet Indian Reservation, DLSBS serves around 70 students in grades 4–8. This weeklong, residential service opportunity brings together students, faculty, and staff from Central Catholic to live, learn, and work alongside the Blackfeet community. Over the years, the program has fostered lasting bonds, broadened perspectives, and strengthened the school's devotion to values-driven service.

Since Central Catholic began participating in the program, over 100 students have taken part, each one becoming an ambassador of hope and service. Their stories serve as powerful testaments to how meaningful connection and compassion can build bridges between communities.



2025: A JOURNEY OF SERVICE AND SOLIDARITY

This past spring, another group of students made their way to the snow-capped foothills of the Rocky Mountains. As they arrived, they were greeted by eager, energetic children and quickly immersed into classroom life.

Sam Brackney, '25, Calin Kane, '25, Luca Anselmo, '26, Matthew Blackburn, '27, Tate Woodard, '27, TJ Chesebro, '28, Frederick Goellner, '28, and Daniel Harris, '28, stepped into roles that required both humility and heart, helping with math, editing projects, crafting art, and even hauling supplies. Their mission was simple: serve wherever needed, with compassion and commitment.

THIS YEAR'S TRIP WAS LED BY A POWERFUL FATHER-SON DUO:

Andrew Adomitis, '80, a teacher of Business, Law and Ethics at Central and his son, Cal Adomitis, '17.





CAL AND ANDREW ADOMITIS

Currently the long snapper for the Cincinnati Bengals, Cal is no stranger to service. His leadership on this trip marked a full-circle moment.

"SIMPLY STATED, I'VE BEEN TRULY BLESSED BY CENTRAL CATHOLIC," CAL SAID. " SERVING WITH CURRENT VIKES ON A MISSION TO THE BLACKFEET RESERVATION WAS MEANINGFUL FOR TWO REASONS. FIRST, I WAS GRATEFUL FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE HOPE WITH CHILDREN WHO MANY HAVE FORGOTTEN. SECOND, WATCHING THIS GENERATION OF 'MEN OF SERVICE' LEFT NO DOUBT THAT THE LEGACY OF CENTRAL IS IN GOOD HANDS."

Cal's dedication to service continues off the field as well through efforts with The Brooks Joshua Anderson Foundation, which funds research to combat Sudden Infant Death Syndrome, and Operation Ramp It Up, which provides ramps for veterans with disabilities.

At DLSBS, over 70% of students are raised by adults other than their parents. The challenges facing the Blackfeet Nation, generational trauma, systemic inequities, and substance abuse are sobering.

Yet, through faith, education, and community, hope endures. Central Catholic's students responded with maturity, reverence, and a commitment to uplift.

"THE RESPECT, MATURITY, AND EMPATHY SHOWN BY OUR SONS WHILE CARING FOR THE CHILDREN OF DLSBS WAS TRULY REMARKABLE," ANDREW ADOMITIS, '80, SAID. "IT'S CLEAR THAT THE SPIRIT OF SERVICE AT CENTRAL CATHOLIC IS MORE THAN TRADITION, IT'S ALIVE IN THE HEARTS OF THESE YOUNG MEN."

As Central Catholic High School continues into its second century, the mission remains steadfast: to form young men who will make a difference in their families, their cities, and our world.

"ENTER TO LEARN, LEAVE TO SERVE."

At Central Catholic, it's more than a motto. It's a way of life.





(LEFT TO RIGHT) DANIEL HARRIS, '28, MATTHEW BLACKBURN, '27, FREDERICK GOELLNER, '28, SAM BRACKNEY, '25, CALIN KANE, '25, TJ CHESEBRO, '28, TATE WOODWARD, '27, AND LUCA ANSELMO, '26.



SAM BRACKNEY, '25, AND STUDENTS FROM DLSBS

Sam Brackney, '25, captain of the Vikings' 2024 WPIAL Championship football team, has been committed to community service throughout his time at Central Catholic, and this trip brought about personal and spiritual growth that was life-changing.

"DURING MY TIME ON THE BLACKFEET RESERVATION, I EXPERIENCED A CULTURE RICH IN HISTORY AND HERITAGE. THE CHRISTIAN BROTHERS' MISSION LEADING OTHERS IN CHRIST THROUGH SERVANT LEADERSHIP RESONATED DEEPLY WITH ME. I ADMIRED HOW THE CHILDREN FOUND BEAUTY IN THEMSELVES AND THEIR LIVES, REGARDLESS OF THEIR CIRCUMSTANCES.

THAT'S SOMETHING I CARRY WITH ME NOW."





SERVICE THROUGH THE YEARS



2014

IN 2014, BILL BUTTERFIELD, '14, REFLECTED ON HIS EXPERIENCE:

"THE MOST SIGNIFICANT THING I GAINED IS THAT WE ARE ALL FAMILY, NO MATTER WHERE WE ARE FROM, WHAT COLOR OUR SKIN IS, WHAT LANGUAGE WE SPEAK, OR WHAT WE BELIEVE. BEING PART OF A FAMILY AND HAVING OTHERS CARE FOR YOU IS SADLY NOT SOMETHING EVERYONE EXPERIENCES. THAT'S WHY I'M SO THANKFUL I WAS ABLE TO CONNECT WITH PEOPLE WHO IMPACTED MY LIFE IN WAYS I NEVER EXPECTED."



2016



2019

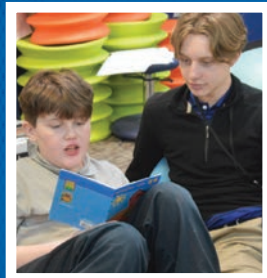


2024

"MY EXPERIENCE WAS ENLIGHTENING.

IT BROADENED MY PERSPECTIVE AND WILL AFFECT ME FOR YEARS TO COME."

— TATE WOODARD, '27





2025

"THIS SCHOOL IS A BEACON OF HOPE.

IT GIVES KIDS THE POSSIBILITY OF NOT ONLY A DEVELOPED EDUCATION, BUT AN EDUCATION WITH CHRIST."

— TJ CHESEBRO, '28

WRITERS WANTED

CENTRAL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

is SEEKING TALENTED WRITERS

to contribute exclusive content for its official magazine,

THE QUADRANGLE

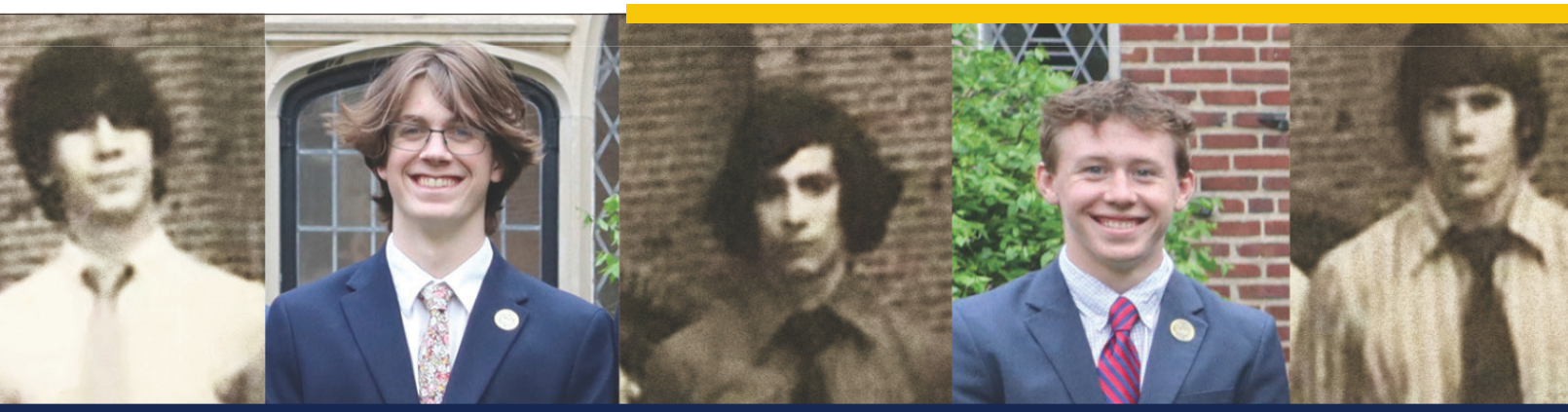
This volunteer opportunity is for those who wish to **write stories of reflection or contribute historical moments about Central Catholic** in the area of academics, sports, school community, alumni, and more about anything that positively impacts the school community.

Any writers who are interested in sharing unique perspectives and stories are **encouraged to apply** to be part of this ongoing exciting project.

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YOUR STORY
IS HIS STORY

Today's Vikings are living out experiences that would feel familiar to you - challenging classes, exciting extracurriculars, and the deep sense of brotherhood that only Central Catholic can offer. The same values, lessons and traditions that shaped your journey are still at the heart of our school.

And now, you have the chance to pay it forward. Their stories are your stories, and together, we can keep that legacy alive.

Gifts of all sizes make an impact and 100% of your gift stays at Central Catholic. Use the enclosed envelope, scan the QR code, or go to **www.centralcatholichs.com/give** to make your gift and ensure that Central's story continues to be told, one chapter at a time.



IRISH NIGHT











In March, Irish Night—Row On for Brendan continued its lively performance of Irish music and dance, held in our McGonigle Theater.

The program is a tribute to Brendan Foley, who brightened the halls of Central Catholic High School. He rowed for the school and left the world a better place during his 15½ years of life. Joanie Madden, Irish traditional whistle and flute player, and special guests, played various instruments, danced, and provided entertainment for the evening. Festivities also included an Irish pub, food, baskets, and auction items.

Thanks to the grace and generosity of Brendan's family and friends, Irish Night is also the principal fundraiser for Central Catholic Crew.

The event allows the crew team to maintain their fleet and equipment, including shells, oars, and coxswain gear. It also gives each rower an opportunity to excel at this demanding sport and represent Central Catholic, as well as Pittsburgh, on the rowing stage.

FOR OVER 20 YEARS, IRISH NIGHT HAS RAISED MORE THAN $600,000 FOR CENTRAL CATHOLIC CREW AND OAKLAND CATHOLIC CREW.

Irish Night—Row On for Brendan is a proud tradition that allows Central Catholic Crew to continue to form lasting influences in the lives of the young men they train.

MAKE AN IMPACT THROUGH YOUR IRA

If you have a traditional individual retirement fund (IRA) and are 70½ years or older, consider supporting Central Catholic through an IRA rollover gift.

These gifts allow you to contribute directly from your IRA while fulfilling a part or all of your annual required minimum distribution (where applicable). The amount of the gift is excluded from your federal tax income.

To qualify:

- you must be 70½ years old
- the transfer must go directly to CCHS
- the total rollover amount must not exceed $108,000/yr.
- gift must be received by Dec. 31

"One benefit of being over 70½, is that I can make contributions to Central with 'pre-tax' dollars from my IRA. Now that my tax accountant and IRA account manager know that I want to be able to quickly access these funds, to enable me to contribute to non-profit organizations in a tax-advantaged manner, it is a smooth and simple process. These charitable distributions can even replace my required IRA minimum distributions, and they help me stay in a lower tax bracket!"

– Bob Unetich, '64



35TH ANNUAL

VIKING VICTORY AUCTION

CENTRAL CATHOLIC

THE 35TH ANNUAL VIKING VICTORY AUCTION WAS AN UNFORGETTABLE NIGHT!

We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who joined us, whether in person or virtually via our live stream.

The evening was filled with celebration as we embraced the theme ***"Celebrating Our Teachers, Past and Present."*** We are especially grateful to the remarkable educators—past and present—whose dedication and passion have shaped the lives of generations of students.























SPECIAL THANKS

A special thank you goes to our incredible sponsors, generous bidders, and the Class of 1984, who made history as the first class to chair the event. Thanks to your collective support, we proudly reached our goal for The Adrian Nyel Faculty Support Fund, totaling $100,000.







AS CENTRAL APPROACHES NEARLY

100 YEARS

OF EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION,

WE REFLECT WITH PRIDE AND GRATITUDE ON THE ENDURING LEGACY FORGED BY OUR TEACHERS AND COMMUNITY.

SAVE THE DATE

36TH ANNUAL VIKING VICTORY AUCTION

April 18, 2026

MEET DR. LAWRENCE "TIM" T. RYAN, '75

2025 CENTRAL CATHOLIC ALUMNI HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE



"My time at Central was life-shaping, and I am deeply honored by this recognition. I remember walking the halls as a student and seeing the pictures of our Hall of Fame members every day. Never in my wildest dreams did I think that I would one day join their ranks. I'm pretty sure that Jim Wheeler did not either. If he were still with us, I know that he would be proud, as my family and I are. I thank the committee and the school for this terrific honor."

- Dr. Lawrence "Tim" T. Ryan, '75



Dr. Tim Ryan is currently serving as the Culinary Institute of America's (CIA) first chancellor. Prior to his current role, Dr. Ryan was the longest-serving president of the CIA, holding that role for 23 years. Dr. Ryan graduated from CIA in 1977 and received a Bachelor's and Master of Business Administration (MBA) degrees from the University of New Haven. He earned his doctorate degree in education from The University of Pennsylvania.

Dr. Ryan is well known throughout the hospitality world. He holds the distinction of being the youngest national president of the American Culinary Federation (ACF), elected at age 36, and the youngest chef to receive Master Chef Certification from the ACF, at age 26. In 1998, Dr. Ryan was named the ACF Chef of the Year. He has also served as ACF vice president, president, and chairman. He currently serves on the Board of Trustees of the National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation, is a Director of the National Restaurant Association, and is a board member of the Ment'or BKB Foundation.

Named "One of the 50 Most Powerful People in Food" four times by *Nation's Restaurant News*, Dr. Ryan has received awards from virtually every food industry organization. He is especially proud of being one of five Americans ever to receive the Presidential Medal from the World Association of Chefs Societies and his induction into the James Beard Foundation's Who's Who of Food & Beverage in America.

Dr. Ryan was honored in 2019 as one of "The 50 Greatest Pittsburghers of All Time" by *Pittsburgh Magazine*, among world-renowned luminaries such as Jonas Salk, Andy Warhol, Fred Rogers, H.J. Heinz, Martha Graham, Roberto Clemente, Andrew Carnegie, and fellow Central Catholic alumnus, Dan Marino, '79.



▸ DR. RYAN SPOKE TO STUDENTS DURING CENTRAL CATHOLIC'S ANNUAL CAREER DAY

"Central Catholic is excited to welcome Dr. Ryan into the school's Alumni Hall of Fame," said Matthew J. Stoessel, '95, President.

"His journey from our hallways to global culinary excellence in the hospitality industry and beyond is a remarkable example of dedication, perseverance, and following one's passion. We honor his commitment to excellence and the enduring personal and professional legacy he has built. Dr. Ryan will continue to inspire future generations of Central Catholic students to take the foundational experience fostered at 4720 Fifth Avenue to make a difference in the world."

CENTRAL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Alumni Hall of Fame!

Nominations for the 2026 induction to the Alumni Hall of Fame are now being accepted!

PURPOSE

The Central Catholic Alumni Hall of Fame was established to recognize and honor alumni who exemplify the traditions and values of our school. No matter their profession, these men have been honored for their character, lives of service to others, and being men of integrity.

HALL OF FAME NOMINATION CRITERIA

- The nominee is a graduate of Central Catholic High School.
- The nominee is not currently a member of the school Administration, Board of Directors, or a member of the Advancement Hall of Fame sub-committee.
- The nominee to the Alumni Hall of Fame must have graduated at least 25 years ago.
- The nominee should demonstrate personal integrity, service to the community, and meritorious professional achievement.
- The nominee has contributed meaningfully, but not necessarily financially, to Central Catholic.
- A Central Catholic alumnus has submitted the nominee.



NOMINATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED ONLINE BY BY SEPTEMBER 30, 2025

www.CentralCatholicHS.com/Nominations

A 35-YEAR JOURNEY TO GLORY



- **FIRST ROW:** (L TO R) PHIL RICCI, '91, MIKE SULLIVAN, '91, TED RICCI, '91, MARCELLO CASADEI, '91, STEVE DVORCHAK, '91
- **SECOND ROW:** (L TO R) CHAD MALONEY, '93 ADAM MALONEY, '91, EREK JACKSON (WHAAJID), '93, DREW BOSETTI, '92, COACH TIM MCVEAGH, '73, DINO SCIULLI, '93, COACH DWIGHT LAUFMAN, AND SEAN GRIFFITH, '91

CENTRAL CATHOLIC'S CROSS COUNTRY TEAM GETS THEIR RINGS

BY: STEVE DVORCHAK, '91



"My guys never got their rings. So, I'm going to make that happen."

What started from a group text message, long-time Central Catholic cross country Coach Tim McVeagh, '73, put in motion a celebration that was 35 years in the making. During the 1980s, Central Catholic's cross country team was a perennial powerhouse in the WPIAL and the state of Pennsylvania. The team won three WPIAL titles and earned two state runner-up finishes, while having multiple runners go on to be NCAA All-Americans (Mike Short, '80, Brian Laird, '85, and Chris Rauber, '86). But the elusive state championship remained just out of reach.

That changed in November 1990, when the Central Catholic cross country team finally claimed the Pennsylvania State Championship. A victory that would mark the pinnacle of their efforts, and solidify their place in history.

The road to that victory, however, was not an easy one. Injuries plagued the team throughout the regular season, preventing them from competing at full strength. But, as the team made its way to the postseason and the WPIAL Central Division qualifiers, they found their stride. Dominating the competition, Central Catholic bested their closest rival, Gateway High School, by a commanding 52-point margin, with all seven Central runners finishing in the Top 20; Marcelo Casadei, '91, Drew Bosetti, '92, Ted Ricci, '91, Erek Jackson, '93, Phil Ricci, '91, Steve Dvorchak, '91, and Mike Sullivan, '91.

That momentum carried over to the WPIAL Championship, where the result was a bittersweet mix of individual success and team disappointment. Team captain Marcelo Casadei, '91, secured the individual championship, overcoming a dramatic fall with just a few hundred meters remaining in the race to fight back and win the WPIAL individual title. Yet the team title proved more challenging. In a nail-biting, and at the time, a controversial finish, Central Catholic finished one point behind North Allegheny for the WPIAL crown. California University of Pennsylvania, which was sponsoring the meet, used a computer for the scoring of the meet. The computer had the ability to

"rerank" non-team runners. The PIAA rule at the time was "no reranking," but it was done regardless of the PIAA rule. That changed the score from a six-point Central win to a one-point loss.

This discrepancy served as powerful motivation for the state championship meet. As team captain Ted Ricci, '91, laughingly recalled, ***"After the challenges at WPIAL Champs, Coach McVeagh had us so motivated and focused on the state championship that we would have run through a brick wall for him. So, only having to run a 5K around the Penn State course seemed easy in comparison."***

Coach McVeagh was known for his ability to inspire his athletes, and he did so through both motivation and example. He often shared the stories of former runners and their progression, showing how others had gone on to achieve greatness.

> ***"Coach did a great job of showing us the path to success. He would chart out the times we ran and show us how that positively compared to former Central runners who went on to be all-state runners or college All-Americans. He had the great ability to not only motivate you but to help build the confidence that was needed to succeed at a high level. To this day, 35 years later, I still draw on the things he taught us,"*** Drew Bosetti, '92, exclaimed.

On one memorable occasion, McVeagh invited back former runner Chris Rauber, '86, who was a college All-American at Edinboro University, to practice with the team. ***"Coach thought we were feeling a little too confident in ourselves, so this was his way of showing us that we still had some work to do to achieve our full potential,"*** joked Mike Sullivan, '91, with teammates Phil Ricci, '91, Sean Griffith, '91, Drew Bosetti, '92, Erek Jackson, '93, Dino Sciulli, '93, and Chad Maloney, '93. The practice made a lasting impression and fueled the athletes' determination as they moved forward.

When it was finally time for the 1990 Pennsylvania State Cross Country Championship, Central Catholic's preparation, perseverance, and dedication paid off. The team not only secured their first-ever state title, but did so in dominating fashion by defeating runner-up Hempfield (District 3) by 41 points, defending state champion Council Rock High School (Bucks County) by 158 points, and North Allegheny by 167 points. This strong performance helped Central Catholic finish the season ranked #18 in the USA.



Now, 35 years later, Coach's guys got their rings. And in typical cross country fashion, the team didn't celebrate with a fancy black tie event. Rather, they enjoyed a couple bowls of Coach's homemade chili and a lot of laughs with lifelong friends during a private ceremony at his house in Februrary. Coach McVeagh regretfully never ordered rings for his team following the state championship win. However, he was able to present the official hardware to everyone on his team at the gathering.

Coach McVeagh's mission, set in motion by a group text message, is a reminder of the enduring power of hard work, unity, and determination.

For a team that waited so long for this moment, it is a well-deserved honor and a testament to their historic achievement.



ALUMNI

INTRODUCING NEW DIRECTOR OF ALUMNI RELATIONS, WILL BOOKWALTER, '06

Central Catholic High School is rooted in the rich traditions of our Lasallianheritage that plays a important role in upholding the essence of *faith, scholarship and service*. During the 2024-25 school year, Will Bookwalter, '06, became the Director of Alumni Relations to ensure that Central Catholic alumni will continuously be connected to our school.

"It is my privilege to assume the role of Director of Alumni Relations here at Central Catholic. After 18 years away from these school grounds, returning has been both a homecoming and a welcome to a campus that has grown exponentially since I graduated with 206 of my brothers years ago. I am extremely excited to be back and to witness the continued development that will keep our alma mater at the forefront of Catholic education for decades to come."







SPRING TRAINING GAME IN BRADENTON, FL

Over 80 alumni and friends gathered for the 2025 Pittsburgh Pirates' Spring Training Alumni Game! From reminiscing about high school to cheering on the Bucs, it was a day full of laughs, good times, and tons of Viking Pride.

GATHERING IN THE DMV

In March, a group of alumni met at a networking social in Alexandria, VA. President Matthew J. Stoessel, '95, and Vice President of Institutional Advancement Brandon Haburjak, '06, attended the event to connect with attendees. Special thanks to Eric Urda, '11, for organizing the gathering at Cooper Mill, a local restaurant/tavern.





WRESTLING ALUMNI MAKES TRIUMPHANT RETURN TO ALUMNI HALL

Central Catholic Wrestling held its inaugural alumni night match. "IT WAS IMPORTANT TO BRING BACK ALUMNI WRESTLERS AND FORMER COACHES TO SUPPORT THE PROGRAM AND SHOWCASE THE TEAM," said Head Coach Dom Means, '17. "THE MATCH WAS EXCITING AND HAD A GREAT DEAL OF ENERGY!"

The attendance included over 50 Central Catholic wrestling alumni and former coaches stretching from the very first season of the team to some who graduated just a few years ago. The wrestling program plans to hold this event yearly.

YOUNG ALUMNI RETURN TO CAMPUS

The Central Catholic Young Professionals Network event brought together graduates from the past 25 years to our dining hall for a night of conversation, food, and brotherhood!







REUNION

The Class of 2004 celebrated their 20-year reunion on campus.

CAREER DAY

We are pleased to have our distinguished Alumni return for Career Day, as their involvement enriches our student's educational experience every year.

Annually, juniors and sophomores have the opportunity to hear the stories, perspectives, and counsel of those who once walked the halls of Central Catholic High School. Alumni have the opportunity to share their daily routines and answer questions about their professions.

In addition to the Alumni speaking panels, several colleges and universities were on campus to discuss options for higher education at a college fair held in Alumni Hall.

This event consistently inspires our current students to pursue their passions and explore various avenues for their future professional pursuits, while providing firsthand evidence that years spent at Central Catholic lay a solid foundation for success.

















SAVE THE DATES

FALL 2025

JOIN US FOR OUR FALL EVENTS!

JAM ON THE QUAD
CIGAR & BOURBON NIGHT
SATURDAY, AUGUST 23

LETTERMEN'S CLUB GOLF OUTING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 13

ALUMNI REUNION DATES

CLASS OF 1950 & 1955 REUNION
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

CLASS OF 1960 REUNION
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

CLASS OF 1965 REUNION
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

CLASS OF 1970 REUNION
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9
& SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11

CLASS OF 1975 REUNION
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3
& SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4

CLASS OF 1980 REUNION
FRIDAY, AUGUST 29
& SATURDAY, AUGUST 30

CLASS OF 1985 REUNION
FRIDAY, AUGUST 29
& SATURDAY, AUGUST 30

CLASS OF 1990 REUNION
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10

CLASS OF 1995 REUNION
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

CLASS OF 2000 REUNION
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26
& SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

CLASS OF 2005 REUNION
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

CLASS OF 2010 REUNION
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3

CLASS OF 2015 REUNION
FRIDAY, AUGUST 29

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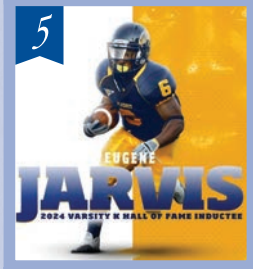
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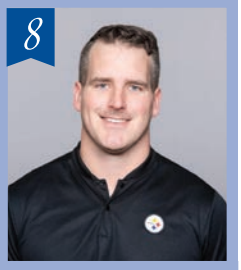

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1980s ***Robert Cox, '89,*** retired from the Pittsburgh Fire Bureau after nearly 30 years of service. Over those years he rose to the rank of Deputy Fire Chief, he loved his job and serving the people of this city. 1

1990s ***Fr. Jay Donahue, II, '91,*** was featured in an article in the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette about providing and increasing access to the spiritual needs of the Spanish-speaking population in Pittsburgh. 2

Marc Bulger, '95, won a celebrity golf event and matched the donation for West Virginia University Children's Hospital of $25,000.



2000s Navy Commander ***Nicholas Hoffmann, '00,*** joined us on campus this spring to speak with our juniors about Navy careers. Thank you for your time and service, CDR Hoffmann. 3

Martell Covington, '05, was honored by City & State Pennsylvania on the 2025 Black Trailblazers list. 4

Eugene Jarvis, '05, was inducted into the Kent State Varsity Hall of Fame. He ranks third in school history with 3,721 rushing yards. 5

Tino Sunseri, '08, has been hired as the offensive coordinator for the University of California, Los Angeles Bruins. 6

2010s ***Scott Schramm, '11,*** was awarded Best Real Estate Agent in Pittsburgh in City Paper's annual "Best of PGH" poll! Scott and his mother, Karen, make up Howard Hanna's "Schrammily" as a full-time mother-son real estate team. 7

Luke Smith, '11, has been named the quality control coach for the Pittsburgh Steelers. 8

Nick Okwiya, '15, was honored by the Community Liver Alliance, "You Make a Difference" Award! Nick is a Crew Chief and Paramedic with the Pittsburgh Bureau of EMS. Nick, with the support of the Pittsburgh Bureau of EMS, and the Allegheny County Health Department, participated in launching a community initiative that brings Hepatitis C testing and Hepatitis A vaccination to at-risk populations in Pittsburgh. 9

Damar Hamlin, '16, was named to TIME Magazine's Most Influential People in Health. 10

Mike Pernice, '17, was named one of Pittsburgh's 50 Finest by the American Marketing Association - AMA Pittsburgh. This recognition highlights leaders making a real impact in their communities — and Mike is doing just that by raising funds for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation's Western PA Chapter to help find a cure. 11

Jack Catanzarite, '19, graduated magna cum laude from the John G. Rangos, Sr. School of Health Sciences and completed his Masters of Physician Studies at Duquesne University and has accepted a Physician Assistant position in orthopedic spine surgery with the Spine Institute of Central Florida in Tampa. 12

Neal Shipley, '19, defeated Seungtaek Lee with a birdie on the fifth hole of a sudden-death playoff to earn his first Korn Ferry Tour win at the LECOM Suncoast Classic. 13

2020s ***Emmet Griffin, '23, and Sonny Varrati, '23,*** John Carroll University's Emmet Griffin, '23, took on Heidelberg University and Sonny Varrati, '23, in a decisive victory for the John Carroll Blue Streaks Lacrosse squad. 14

Jordan Coco, '24, Aaron Sinicki, '24, Marco Basso, '24, and Christian Gleba, '24, were honored at the Laurel Highlands Eagle Scout Class of 2024 Recognition Dinner. All achieved the rank of Eagle Scout in 2024. 15

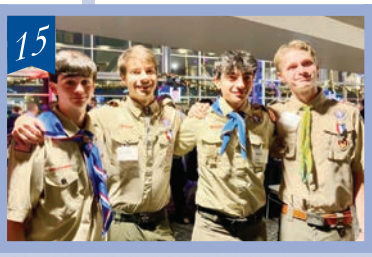
Dylan Deasy, '24, JP Farah, '24, and Declan Cringle, '24, helped Indiana University of Pennsylvania win the Rugby Division II National Championship! Congratulations, gentlemen! 16


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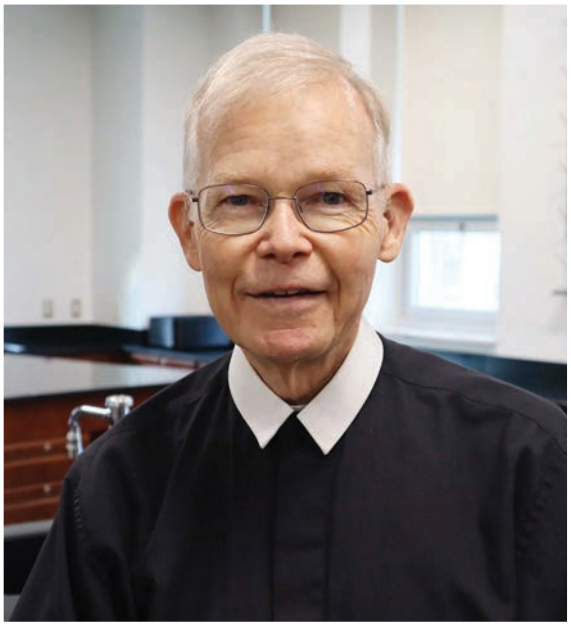
DONATIONS

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PROVIDED SCHOLARSHIP ASSISTANCE TO FAMILIES IN THE MON VALLEY.

Scholarship funds are made possible through Pennsylvania's Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program. The formal presentation took place at Sacred Heart Elementary School, in the Shadyside neighborhood of Pittsburgh, and brought together each school's leadership and local government officials.

IN MEMORIAM



Remembering

Brother Eric J. Henderson, FSC

1942 - 2025

Brother Eric Henderson of the District of Eastern North America died on February 13, 2025, at De La Salle Hall in Lincroft, New Jersey. He received the habit of the Brothers of the Christian Schools on September 7, 1960. In his nearly 65 years as a Christian Brother, he dedicated the last 14 years of service to Central Catholic.

As a teacher, he influenced the lives of countless students with his passion and unwavering dedication to service.

Remembering

Norman C. Miller, '52

1934 - 2025

Norman Miller rose to prominence in the media world as a long-time print reporter. He most recently worked as an editor for The Los Angeles Times. Before his time working on the West Coast, his journalistic prowess earned him a Pulitzer Prize for his comprehensive account of a multi-million-dollar vegetable oil swindle in New Jersey.

Miller is a member of the Central Catholic Alumni Hall of Fame.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THESE RECENTLY DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE CENTRAL CATHOLIC COMMUNITY.

1945
Robert Fay, '45

1946
Dr. William Barnes, '46

1948
Albert Blank, '48
Robert Cassidy, '48
Frank Greco, '48
Eugene McKeown, '48
Felix Ruscillo, '48
John Stack, '48

1949
James Fahey, '49
Robert Stampahar, '49

1950
Thomas McBride, '50
Thomas O'Keefe, '50
Roger Wagner, '50

1951
Frank LaCava, '51
William Moran, Jr., '51
Samuel Ponzio, '51

1952
Blair Bean, '52
Harry Knipp, '52
Henry Lutz, '52
Anthony Manfredo, '52
Norman Miller, '52
Carmen Villella, '52

1953
Jerome Burgman, '53
Regis Burgman, '53
James Colleran, '53
Edward Lydon, '53

1954
Charles Fagan, III, '54
Eugene Ventura, '54

1955
William Berberich, '55
Mario Magnotta, '55

1956
John Hammer, '56
John Lazar, '56

1957
Joseph Bosack, '57
Felix Daniels, '57
Gilbert McGurl, '57
Dr. John McSorley MD, '57
Robert Ralicki, '57

1958
Robert Brennan, '58
Chester Grabowski, '58
Frank Landgraff, '58
Robert Morrissey, '58
James Ruch, '58
James D. Young, '58

1959
Stephen Orlando, '59
Frank Raucci, '59
Robert Reith, '59

1960
Kenneth Marta, '60
Harry O'Grady, '60
Lawrence Puhalla, Jr., '60

1961
Lawrence Gorski, '61
Robert Lynch, '61
William Narr, '61
James Vecchiola, '61

1962
Joseph Brosky, '62
John Morris, Jr., '62

1964
Richard Gable, '64
Richard Green, '64
Francis Rattay, '64

1965
John Lisak, '65
Raymond Neusch, '65
Walter Tengowski, '65

1966
Edward Babinecz, Sr., '66
William Doyle, '66
John Sansonetti, '66

1968
Daniel Brose, '68

1969
Mark Ivanusic, '69
Rev. Christopher McDermott, '69

1970
Thomas Horner, '70

1972
Nicholas Varrenti, '72

1973
William Bekar, '73
Terence Driscoll, '73
David McKinney, '73

1975
Thomas Vandergrift, '75

1977
Charles White, '77

1980
Timothy O'Connor, '80

1981
Eugene Rizzuto, '81
Leo Sweeney, Jr., '81

1988
Gregory Murphy, '88

1991
Jason Nash, '91

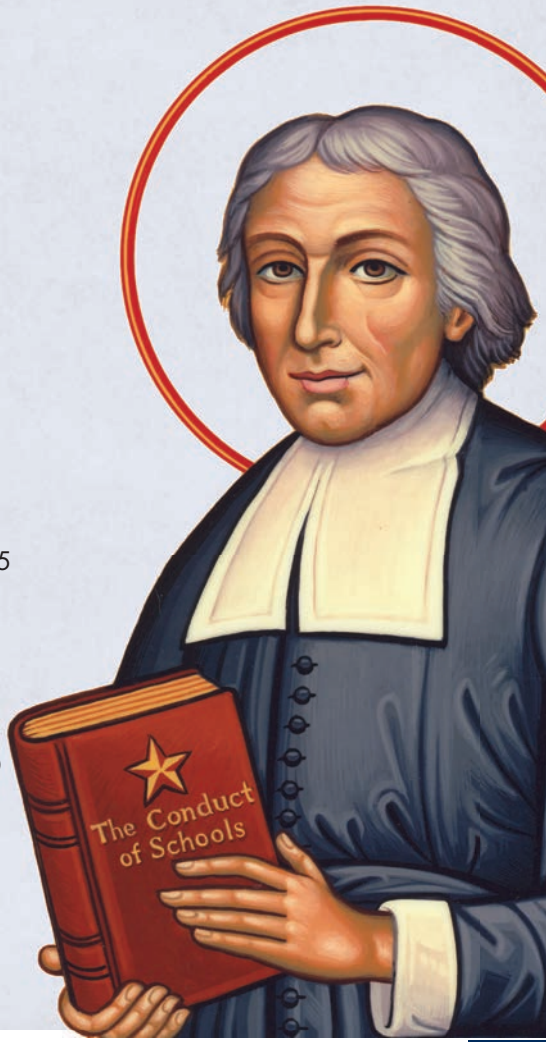
1995
Sean Hamilton, '95

1999
Eugene Pochapsky, '99

2011
Christopher Grimes, '11

2017
Ryan Kingerski, '17

***As of May 31, 2025**



Our MISSION

Central Catholic High School, a college preparatory school for boys, is guided by the educational principles of St. John Baptist de La Salle.

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.

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WE ARE INVITING PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS AND FAMILIES TO JOIN US FOR TWO IMPORTANT DATES DURING THE FALL OF 2025!

"Viking for a Day" allows eighth-grade boys to visit Central Catholic and shadow a current student throughout the school day. The experience gained will give Future Vikings a dynamic perspective of the day-to-day operations on our campus and showcase the curriculum that we offer to our students.

We also invite families and children of all ages to our Open House, which features campus-wide tours and activities that showcase the true essence of Central Catholic High School.

VIKING FOR A DAY: OCTOBER 10, 2025
OPEN HOUSE: NOVEMBER 9, 2025



FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT: CENTRALCATHOLICHS.COM/ADMISSIONS

PARENTS:

*If your son has moved from your home, please notify Will Bookwalter, '06, at **412.208.3489** or jbookwalter@CentralCatholicHS.com.*

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The Central Catholic Promise:

To inspire boys to become Men of Faith, Men of Scholarship, Men of Service.