



# School Newsletter

October-November 2011

## From the Principal's Desk:

Dear Parents,

Catholic Central High School proudly produced four National Merit Semi-Finalists! Seniors **Ryan Pelak, David VanderZee, Jonah Potter** and **Brian Lach** have been named as Semi-Finalists in the 2012 National Merit Scholarship Program.

This scholarship program honors individual students who show exceptional academic ability and potential for success in rigorous college studies. Pelak, Vanderzee, Potter and Lach, along with 16,000 other academically talented high school seniors, will have an opportunity to continue in the competition for some 8,400 National Merit Scholarships, worth more than \$36 million, that will be offered next spring. The nationwide pool of semifinalists, which represents less than 1 percent of U.S. high school seniors, includes the highest scoring entrants in each state.

Additionally, Catholic Central is proud to announce seniors **Abigail Esch, Madylan Horrigan, Jordan Sykes** and **Tyler Sykes** were recognized as National Merit Commended Scholars. Although Commended Scholars do not continue in the competition for National Merit Scholarships, these students are candidates for special scholarships sponsored by corporations and businesses.

It is very gratifying for us as a school to see the talents and hard work of our students and faculty receive this recognition. Celebrating scholarship is paramount as we continue to build our academic program, so we congratulate, again, the class of 2012 on their scholastic achievements.

### October Events

#### All A's

Help support our students with tuition assistance by giving to All A's. Our walking goal is \$75 per student. We would like to help our students above and beyond that by setting our school goal at \$100,000!

October 5 All A's Walk to John Ball Park

#### Other Dates

October 7 Picture Retake  
October 10 Retreat Day (All Grades)  
October 12 Testing Day (1/2 day), No Seniors  
October 17 Jostens Presentation to Freshmen  
October 19, 20 Parent Conferences 5:30-8:30pm  
October 21 No School - Teacher In-service  
November 1 End of 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter

#### Important Phone Numbers

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Guidance Office: 233-5810  
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Greg Deja, **Principal**

Heidi Clark-Smitley, **Director of Guidance**

Todd Kolster, **Athletic Director**

Dennis Rybicki, **Campus Minister**

Mary Ottenwess, **Technology Director**

Brian Flynn, **Dean of Students**

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## From the Campus Minister:

Dear Catholic Central parents,

It is exciting to see how God has blessed the students, faculty and staff of Catholic Central High School. The fall is a very busy time as we engage ourselves, not only in studies and extracurricular activities, but also in the various spiritual opportunities that we offer as part of our learning community. I would like to share with you and highlight some of these important events that have already occurred as well as those coming up.

### **Liturgies and other Prayer Opportunities**

- ◆ Our Opening Mass of the school year was celebrated on Sept. 1 in the Cathedral of Saint Andrew with Fr. Tom Tavella as our celebrant. At this Mass, we prayed for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon our year to lead us into knowledge and wisdom.
- ◆ Our next all-school Mass will be celebrated on Oct. 19 at 10:15 a.m. in the Cathedral of Saint Andrew. Parents and alumni are always most welcome to attend our school liturgies.
- ◆ Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament occurs each Monday and Friday in the CC Chapel from 7:30 a. m. 2 p.m. We will begin this important parent ministry with an Opening Service on Monday, Oct. 3 at 10:15 a.m. in the Chapel. If you would like more information, please contact Betty Ortega-Furgeson (914-1250) or Toni Ruthven (530-8973). Thank you to all those who adore and pray for the school community on a weekly basis!
- ◆ NEW! Fr. Tom Tavella will be available for individual confessions and spiritual guidance during lunch periods beginning on Monday, Oct. 3. Any student who would like to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation with individual confession is invited to the Campus Ministry office on the second floor of the Main Building during your lunch period. Fr. Tom will be available on alternating Mondays and Fridays throughout the school year. A schedule will be posted outside the Campus Ministry office and on the school website. Students are encouraged to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation!

### **Retreat Opportunities**

- ◆ The senior class participated in their Senior Retreat (COREX) at Camp Blodgett on Aug. 13-15. They had an amazing opportunity to pray together as a community and build "One Tribe" with "One Vibe." From their retreat, they are prepared to lead the school in a very positive direction. A very special thanks to all the teachers, priests and parents who were so generous with their time and talent to facilitate such an awesome retreat experience. I would especially like to thank Kathie Walsh, Kris DeYoung, Mary Hanks, Bob Koch, Jennifer Quiroz, Kate Schaefer, Tim Schrems, Linda Olejnik, Tiffany Marrinan, Bob Kennedy, Fr. David Gross and Fr. Tom Tavella for serving as adult retreat directors. All your hard work is greatly appreciated.
- ◆ October 10 is our annual School Retreat Day.
  - ◆ The freshmen will have their Freshman Retreat where they will meet in small groups in the morning on campus with selected senior leaders and have opportunities for small group discussion, witness talks and prayer. After lunch, they will celebrate Mass with Fr. Louis Stasker, our Pastor in the Cathedral of Saint Andrew.
  - ◆ The sophomores will travel to St. Robert's in Ada for their Sophomore Retreat. The theme for their retreat is Reconciling - with God, Yourself and Others. Dr. David DenBraber will offer a keynote speech on the subject of reconciliation. Afterward there will be small group discussion facilitated by faculty members and parish youth ministers. The morning will conclude with an opportunity for the students to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation with a number of priests assisting. The afternoon will conclude with some community building and the celebration of Mass with Fr. Len Sudlik.
  - ◆ The junior class will travel to Camp Newaygo where they will have the opportunity to work together with community building initiatives and the opportunity to reflect and pray in the silence of nature. Their day will conclude with mass with Fr. Tom Tavella in the woods at Camp Newaygo.

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## Cont. From the Campus Minister:

- ◆ The Seniors will live out an important goal of their COREX retreat by participating in a day of service leadership to the community. After a morning prayer service in the Cathedral, the seniors will travel to various locations including: Steepletown Ministries, God's Kitchen, In the Image, Kid's Food Basket, YWCA Domestic Crisis Center, VSA of GR and St. Vincent de Paul Society to provide volunteer service. Providing service to others will be a visible sign of our seeing Christ in others, particularly those in need. This day is mandatory for all seniors not serving at the Freshman Retreat.

### **Thanksgiving Project**

During the month of November we will be collecting food and clothing for the Heartside Neighborhood. The food will go to the Downtown Churches' Food Pantry at Westminster Presbyterian Church and the clothing will go to the Cathedral Outreach Center. On Tuesday, Nov. 22, we will celebrate our Thanksgiving Mass. In addition, we are partnering with Steepletown Ministries to providing ongoing volunteer opportunities with our students. Much more information to follow on this exciting venture!

Thank you for all prayerful support and active participation. Campus Ministry is blessed because of your involvement

In the peace of Christ,  
Dennis Rybicki

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## From the Dean of Students:

Parents/Guardians,

I want to thank you for all your support in helping us get off to such a great start to the school year.

There are a few points of the school dress code that need attention. Sunshine uniform shorts are no longer allowed as part of the daily dress starting Monday, Oct. 3. Undershirts must be white and free of any designs, patterns and logos. Moccasins and slippers, even if they have soles are not permitted. Finally, the only outer wear that may be worn during the school day must come from the Sunshine Uniform Company and have the CC logo.

The flow of traffic in the morning and afternoon has been fairly steady. This process would run more smoothly if cars do not stop on the crosswalk for pick-up or drop off. Students are expected to use the crosswalk for their safety, and, therefore, need it to be clear. Please anticipate congestion and arrive well before 8 a.m. Additionally, cars must be able to pass through the middle of Goodrich from 2:50-3:15 p.m. as campus clears. Please make sure your vehicle is not in the flow of traffic.

Catholic Central's Spirit Week and Homecoming festivities will take place Oct. 3-8. Juniors and seniors are able to attend the Homecoming dance stag if they so choose. Guest forms are required for all individuals not enrolled at CC; these forms can be picked up in the Main Office and must be returned to me by October 6. Students are not permitted to arrive to the dance in limousines or with any type of chauffeuring company.

Sincerely,  
Brian Flynn

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# From the Guidance Office:

## Guidance Department Updates

**Parent Programs** - Mark your calendar for the following events:

**Monday, Nov. 7** (rescheduled from Oct. 24) – Strategies for Academic Success for parents of 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> grade students

**Tuesday, Jan. 10** – Financial Aid for Higher Ed for 12<sup>th</sup> grade students & their parents

**All Students** - The teachers will be posting a progress grade for the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter on Sept 30. Parents are encouraged to review with your student his/her posted grades on Infinite Campus. This is a wonderful opportunity to discuss academic goals and how to access the resources available for student success. Invite your student to communicate regularly with teachers. Also, help your student create the habit of checking their grades weekly.

**Testing Day - Wednesday, Oct. 12.** Students should come prepared for testing; they will need No. 2 pencils, their Social Security numbers (optional) and their calculators. The cost of these tests is included in tuition; students will not be charged any additional fee. Dismissal will be at noon for Freshmen, Sophomores and Juniors. Note: Seniors are strongly encouraged to use this day to visit a college campus.

**Freshmen** will take the EXPLORE test (nationally normed to 9<sup>th</sup> grade students) – with subtests in Reading, English, Mathematics and Science Reasoning and some career interest questions. Individual results can be an important factor considered for: appropriate placement of students into core subject courses, teachers planning curriculum, college/career planning. Scoring on the EXPLORE test is linked with the PLAN test and the ACT college admissions test.

**Sophomores** will take the PLAN (nationally normed to 10<sup>th</sup> grade students) – a test designed to mirror the ACT Assessment taken for college admissions. Student score results are treated similar to the EXPLORE test from the previous year. In addition to test sections in English, Math, Reading and Science Reasoning, students respond to some career interest questions and will receive career information along with their scores.

**Juniors** will take the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT), which gives them an opportunity to experience the testing format and questions of the SAT. The PSAT is also a scholarship exam (NMSQT); The National Merit Corporation will use these scores to identify National Merit semifinalists next fall.

As in past years, we will offer the opportunity to a limited group of sophomores to take the PSAT on the testing day. **In order for us to obtain accurate school-wide data, these sophomores will also be required to take the PLAN test, which will be given again to them on Friday, Oct. 21.** In other words, they may take the PSAT in addition to, not instead of, the PLAN. **In order for a sophomore to take the PSAT, they need to see their guidance counselor by Oct. 7 for pre-approval; and they must agree to come to school on Oct. 21 to take the PLAN.**

*NOTE: We recommend the PSAT for sophomores who may be potential candidates in the National Merit competition as juniors; that is, if they are a student whose test scores would place them in the **top percent (99<sup>th</sup> percentile) of students nationally.** The counselors will explain this option to the sophomores when they visit classrooms during October, prior to Testing Day. Sophomores who typically score above the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile on standardized tests and who are in honors level courses in both English and Math may want to consider taking the PSAT. While they would not be eligible for the scholarship competition this year, the test would serve as a practice for when they take it again during their junior year. The PSAT is designed for students who are juniors, so sophomores would feel prepared for this test if they are advanced in their math curriculum, and are very strong in reading comprehension and vocabulary skills.*

**Seniors** are encouraged to complete their college applications as early as possible this fall. They will receive optimal consideration in the admissions process and for scholarship opportunities. Information and reminders for seniors are communicated in Naviance and the Daily Announcements. *Remember- "no trick-or-treat 'til your apps are complete!"* Applications should be submitted electronically. Requests to have transcripts sent should be made through Docufile, accessible on our school website under the Academics tab. Also, applying early will insure that your student will be able to become eligible for institutional merit-based financial aid from the colleges where they receive acceptances. Also, scholarship listings can be found on the Naviance link (see our school website under the Academics tab) or in the counseling office. In addition seniors can find over 600,000 scholarships on [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com).

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## Catholic Central Athletics:



**Winter Sports registration** will take place in the cafeteria during lunch periods on Thursday, Oct. 20. Any student intending to participate must have a **Physical Exam** on file in the athletic office, **taken and dated since April 15, 2011**. A list of students with approved physicals is given to the coach and is on file in the Athletic Office. This is a State rule, not negotiable. Exams are available, for a fee, at various medical stations around Grand Rapids. Students may not tryout or practice without a completed physical examination. Forms are available at school and on the school website.

The **25<sup>th</sup> Annual Cougar Open Golf Outing** was another successful event! On September 12<sup>th</sup> approximately 240 “golfers” enjoyed great fellowship at Egypt Valley Country Club. The Outback Steakhouse on Alpine, north of I-96, donated an excellent meal for all attendees. Show them our appreciation by having dinner at their great steakhouse restaurant. We have a superb committee working hard from April to September to organize and run the Cougar Open. Please thank these people when you see them, and support their projects.

The **3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Cougarfest** was a great success! The event took place at the CAT on September 24<sup>th</sup>. At different points in the day there were 1500 community members at the CAT supporting Catholic Central Athletics. With early morning GRACEAC Football games, GRACEAC Volleyball games and GRACEAC Soccer, the event was in full swing until 11p.m. We had a tremendous group of people that worked extremely hard to pull this event off to bring our community closer together through Athletics. Our Athletic Booster Club is excited to continue this event in the future and make this another great event in our community for years to come.

*The Athletic Code is established to improve opportunities to achieve personal and team goals. **The code applies at all times in all places. It does not matter if you are “in-season” or “out-of-season.”***

**\*\*Athletic Uniforms** are not to be worn other than during a contest unless approved by the Athletic Director.\*\* Wearing athletic uniforms in the bleachers, at dances, other contests, etc. is prohibited. This policy prevents damage, theft, etc. of our team uniforms.

**Is there a problem?** Part of our educational mission is to instill in our students the confidence to approach a coach and discuss an athletic concern. This should be the very first communication step. The dialogue between coach and student is the optimal solution format because they have spent so much time together and should be able to reach an understanding based on facts. A situation may arise where you are concerned about a team policy or action involving your student’s team. Please contact the coach directly as a first step in establishing facts. Discussions with the coach should be in private, away from others, and involve only your child. If you are not satisfied with the results of this discussion, please contact Todd Kolster, athletic director, at 233-5898.

Schedules, highlights, cancellations, etc. are available on our NEW athletic website: [grccathletics.com](http://grccathletics.com). Directions to other schools are available by going to [www.mhsaa.com](http://www.mhsaa.com) under “School Directory.” Also, you may call 233-5898 for any last minute changes.

Your support is important to the student-athletes and I hope you will find the time to watch them participate. While you are attending, please remember you are watching kids at play. Let the players play; let the coaches coach; let the officials officiate. Be a role-model spectator and focus your energy on supporting our team.

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## Student Activities Update



“Thank you” to those who have sponsored a student for the All A’s Walk. We’ve had a great response so far and the students and teachers continue to ask for more envelopes and receipts. This fundraiser raises money directly for tuition assistance. ***Did you know that 1 out of 4 students receive aid at Catholic Central High School?*** Our students are working hard to raise funds for this honorable walk. Students are encouraged to participate in the All A’s fundraising not only to help their fellow students and instill stewardship, but to get a day off from school. When our student body hits their goal, we will receive a day off in February.

This year the team rooms were also asked to come up with three words that describe the All A’s Walk. It’s been great to see what being involved with an event like All A’s means to our kids. The three words were submitted to Student Congress and the winning three words are included on this year’s All A’s t shirt. The winning “My All A’s three” are “Family. Community. Participation.” Thanks you for your generous support. It means so much to so many.



The Evening of Excellence Awards Dinner, honoring two prominent alumni, Peter Ragauss, '77 and Darren Jackson, '82, in addition to Sr. Robert Ann Erno will be held October 10 at GVSU’s Eberhard Center. Tickets are available online (click on the “E” on the main page of website [www.grcatholiccentral.com](http://www.grcatholiccentral.com)) or by bringing a check to the main office. Please remember to include your dinner preference. Tickets will not be sold at the door. If you are unable to attend, but would like to donate to the Sr. Robert Ann Educational Excellence Fund being established at the event, you may do so by visiting our website and clicking on the “E” on the right side of the page. We look forward to this dinner celebration honoring exceptional individuals who embody Catholic Central’s mission and traditions.

Contact: Christine O’Driscoll with any questions.  
(616) 233-5816 or [christineodriscoll@grcss.org](mailto:christineodriscoll@grcss.org)

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## CC Music Department News

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The **Choral Department** has a great series of performances and activities lined up for the fall. The CC Choirs continue their commitment to musical excellence! We would like to especially invite you to the following events:

**Oct. 25** - CC Autumn Choral Concert; 7p.m.; Cathedral of Saint Andrew

**Nov. 18** - Women's Chorale to participate in St. Mary's College's Women's Choral Invitational Festival; South Bend IN

**Dec. 9,10,11** - Sixteenth Annual Madrigal Dinner, Aquinas College. Tickets go on sale Nov. 10 in the CCHS Main Office.

The Capella Choir is available to sing for your church or organization's Advent or Christmas activities. If you would like to check availability for the choir to sing for your event, please contact Dennis Rybicki at (616) 481-4583. The Capella Choir currently sings throughout West Michigan for numerous events and activities. If possible, we would love to sing for you as a way of representing the excellent choral music program at Catholic Central HS.

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## CC Marching Band

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The Cougar Marching band presents its 2011 Show entitled – “It's About Time,” featuring familiar tunes that will keep audiences clapping to the beat. The band is 65 strong this year with 22 freshmen involved! They will be performing at the remaining home football games as well as area marching competitions.

Oct. 1 – Hastings Marching Invitational

Oct. 8- Grandville Marching Invitational

Oct. 11 – District Marching Festival

Oct. 22 – Jenison Marching Invitational

Thanks to the Catholic Central Community for your support!

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## Fall Play - Our Town

### Our Town

a play in three acts by Thornton Wilder

American Life through the eyes of Thornton Wilder is portrayed thoughtfully in his 1938 Pulitzer Prize winning play.

“Thornton Wilder’s masterpiece...An immortal tale of small town morality...a classic of soft-spoken theater.”  
*The New York Times*

Tickets available beginning Oct. 17 at noon:

At the PAC Box Office 616.456.6656

General Admission \$8

Students \$6

Or save \$1 by ordering online at

**circletheatre.org**

General Admission \$7

Student Tickets not available online.

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## CC SENIOR CLASS OF 2012

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### FRESH APPLE PIE SALE

\$8 per pie or 3 pies for \$21

9-inch deep dish apple pies that are ready-to-bake or can be frozen and baked when needed for a quick holiday dessert.

Order by October 28 by contacting Sarah at [blooms@wmis.net](mailto:blooms@wmis.net)

Or 691-6405.

Pick up pies on Sunday November 6, 2011 between

10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Pies made fresh that day!

**All pies must be picked up in the Catholic Central Cafeteria  
on this day!**



**The Senior class will be selling wreaths, garland and poinsettias for the holidays as a fundraiser for their All Night Senior Party. Please consider supporting this fundraiser when purchasing your holiday decorations! Our suppliers are offering top quality products at competitive pricing. The delivery date for orders will be Dec. 3. Questions ... call Christine Pfennig (682-0995) or Kim Melcher (241-0528).**

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## CSS Drama Shakespeare's in January

# Twelfth Night



Shakespeare

Auditions are in progress for the combined-cast production of Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night* which will open Jan. 20, 2012 and runs until Jan. 29. As was the case with last year's production, professional actors from the Stratford Shakespeare Festival Canada will be working with the cast for two days, November 1 and 2, on building their movement and

speaking skills in preparation for the production. Catholic Secondary Schools Drama is one of the few groups in the area to have this opportunity for the second year in a row.

Those students who worked with the actors last year found it immensely productive and rewarding. Mark your calendars now for *Twelfth Night*, Jan. 20, 21, 22, 27, 28, and 29, 2012.



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## We Care News

**Catholic Central formal dances** will begin soon starting with **Homecoming on Oct. 8**. We Care would like you to read the insert in this newsletter about keeping our kids safe during this wonderful experience.

**We Care** would like to thank our speaker from Sept. 9, Detective Jon Kraczon from the Grand Rapids Police Department. Detective Kraczon is attached to the Michigan Internet Crimes Against Children task force, (ICAC).

Detective Kraczon talked about how internet predators can target children through online games such as World of Warcraft and social media sites like Facebook. With some basic knowledge, a predator can get a lot of information about a child in a very short time. Detective Kraczon also said that **anything posted on Facebook is Facebook's property and anything that you post on the internet you can't get back**. He suggested that parents talk with their children and let them know about some of the problems with posting and to monitor what they are posting. For more information on this topic, please contact someone from We Care.

Your son or daughter will be going to the **Ministry Fair** that We Care sponsors on **Thursday, Nov. 3**. During religion classes, the students will go to the gym to meet and talk to **youth ministers** from partner parishes, witness **inspirational presentations**, and find out what is happening at other churches around the area. They will be able to check out **service opportunities** such as Habitat for Humanity, Right to Life, and God's Kitchen. There will also be **representatives from some Catholic Colleges** available. Thank you to Kathy Barth for chairing the Ministry Fair. Thanks also go out to those of you that are working and donating food and beverages for this event.

A special thank you goes out to everyone that helped and/or provided refreshments during the **Open House**. Your efforts helped make the evening a great success.

**Thank you to those parents that have sent in monetary donations.** To those of you that have not yet returned your pink **Volunteer Forms**, please return your form along with your donation. **With your help, we can keep our kids safe. Thank you for your continued support!**

We have had some new parents join We Care but would always welcome more. In the next couple of years, we are going to lose several parents from the steering committee due to graduation. You can help as much or as little as your schedule permits. **We need your input and support. We meet on the second Monday of the month in the conference room by the main office at 7p.m. We hope to see you there!**

Russ Armock-We Care President



Dear Parents,

Each year Catholic Central sponsors three “formal” dances. The first of these three dances will celebrate Homecoming on October 8th from **8 to 11 p.m.**, in the CC Gym. These dances provide our students (sophomores, juniors and seniors) with opportunities to learn how to behave respectfully in social environments, interact appropriately with a date, and follow school guidelines for dress and demeanor. WE CARE supports safe social situations for CC students. We hope all the students attending the dance will enjoy themselves. We also want them to be safe. Drinking, parties in unsupervised homes, cottages, and hotel/motel rooms, and co-ed sleepovers are **not** a part of the Homecoming experience.

Accomplishing these goals is a team effort—school, parents, and students all have a role. The school provides the chaperones. Parents are present to serve refreshments, check coats, and provide valet parking. Students demonstrate respect for each other by reminding their peers of appropriate behavior, including avoiding illegal substances such as alcohol, and returning dates to their homes at respectful times.

Experienced parents have listed the following tips to help parents do their part to ensure a fun and safe event:

- ◆ Be active in planning. Remind your teen that the dance is the highlight of the evening, not gatherings afterwards.
- ◆ Be clear in your expectations of an alcohol and chemical free night.
- ◆ Set a curfew. Ask about your teen’s date’s curfew.
- ◆ Remind students that they need to be at the dance no later than **9 p.m.**
- ◆ Gather together with your son or daughter’s group at a parent’s home for pictures before the event. This will allow you to meet other parents and agree on the plans for the evening.
- ◆ All vehicles will have mandatory valet drop off.
- ◆ Inform your child of where you will be if they need to call.

If you do decide to continue with a gathering after the dance:

- ◆ Welcome a few of their friends to your home after the dance for a special breakfast, pizza, or to play cards. Make sure it is a small group of **INVITED** friends. If you are a host parent, enlist other parents to help you supervise. If your teen is attending such a gathering, call the host parents in advance to make sure they will be home. If possible, offer to send food or help supervise.
- ◆ Have your child call you (using a landline for caller ID purposes) if they change locations. Confirm the home phone number.
- ◆ You may want your child to have a cell phone for the evening. Tell them to keep it on.

Remember, according to the City of Grand Rapids, the curfew hours are 11 p.m. for children under 15 years, midnight for children under 17 years. This means they have to be off the streets. For the teens driving under the graduated licensing law and not yet 17 years old, please keep in mind the hours they cannot be driving without adult supervision.

All of us want our students to have a great time. By planning and working together, we can provide a safe, enjoyable event for them. Let us pray for a safe and fun-filled evening and take an active role in making it happen.

WE CARE Representatives:

Russ & Anne Armock      Kathy & Keith Barth      Betsy Pangle      Laurie Vicari      Karen O’Rourke  
Sarah Kurth      Betty Ortega-Furgeson      Michelle Brady      Cathy Lesko



The Heart of the City is scheduled for March 10, 2012. Our first planning meeting will be held Oct. 18 at Catholic Central at 11 a.m. Please RSVP for this meeting if you can volunteer.

We are in need of two co-chairs and several volunteers this year. Many hands make light work. I would love to start a new tradition of junior parents spearheading the event and training sophomore parents. The next year would repeat with the new junior parents training a new set of sophomore parents. This model provides a new set of volunteers each year and brings energy to the planning committee.

**Areas you can volunteer:**

Gift Procurement for Live Auction

Data Entry

Check out (night of the event)

Accounting

Raffle Management

Raffle Sales

Menu Planning

Set Up/ Tear Down

Prize Preparation

Please consider volunteering for this very important fundraiser at Catholic Central. Of course, if you're interested in volunteering yet don't fall in the mentioned categories, we will gratefully accept your help.

Please contact me with any questions you may have.

Christine O'Driscoll

Advancement Director

Catholic Central High School

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616-233-5816

# Spirit Week and Homecoming

## 2011

Catholic Central's Spirit Week and Homecoming festivities take place **Oct. 3 – Oct. 8**. Students have the opportunity to participate in theme based days during Spirit Week. Guidelines for these days will be placed around school and shown during Channel 1. Students who fail to comply with these guidelines may be sent home and lose dress-down privileges.

The themes are as follow:

- Monday - Pajama Day
- Tuesday - Cougar Pride Day
- Wednesday - All A's Walk
- Thursday - Fictional Character Day
- \*Friday - Spirit Shirt/Jeans Day
- Saturday - Homecoming Dance 8-11p.m.

\*Spirit Shirts will be sold by Student Congress in the Cafeteria on Thursday after school. The cost is \$10 per shirt.

**Juniors and Seniors** are able to attend the Homecoming dance stag if they choose to do so; Sophomores may attend with a date; Freshmen can only attend with a CC Sophomore, Junior, or Senior. The dance will be held in the Catholic Central gymnasium from 8-11p.m. on Saturday (11/8) evening. Doors will close promptly at 9 p.m. The Homecoming dance is considered a **semi-formal event**; women generally wear dresses and men wear jackets, shirts, and ties. All students must wear dress shoes. Tickets for the Homecoming dance cost \$35 per couple or \$25 for a person going stag. Tickets may be purchased before school in Room 504 or after school in Room 304. **Guest Pass forms** are required for all individuals not enrolled at Catholic Central. These forms can be picked up in the Main Office and must be returned to the office by Oct. 6. Students are **not** permitted to arrive to the dance in limousines or with any type of chauffeuring company. Fathers willing to valet cars for the dance should contact Jay Lyons at 540-5951.

Popular belief associates Homecoming week with dress down days, a pep rally, a dance, and athletic competitions for our student body. While these are true and relevant, it's also a fitting opportunity to recognize the value and spirit that our Catholic community provides to Grand Rapids and to welcome our alumni "home." Please join us at the football game on Friday night against Forest Hills Eastern at 7p.m. at Forest Hills Northern High School.

### Events for Saturday Oct. 8 include:

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| Girls Varsity Golf (MHSAA Regionals)         | TBD      |
| Boys Varsity Tennis (MHSAA Regionals)        | TBD      |
| Boys & Girls Varsity Cross Country @ Portage | 8:30a.m. |
| Girls Varsity Volleyball @ Byron Center      | 9,a.m.   |
| Girls JV Volleyball @ CAT                    | 9 a.m.   |

Go Cougars!

Brian Flynn, Dean of Students