



Central Catholic HIGH SCHOOL

Welcome Back Parents, Guardians, and Students!

This has been another epic summer in the halls of Central Catholic. Our crews have been busy putting new offices in the back of the library for our student support coordinators, replacing and updating the scoreboards in the Missy Mack 88' Memorial Gym, installing shot clocks, remodeling and revamping the gym hallway, redesigning the dressing rooms and hair and makeup space for drama in the Fine Arts area of the school under the Performing Arts Center, expanding access to cool air by installing new air conditioning units in classrooms, replacing old flooring in classrooms and several hallways, brick, and mortar repair on the exterior of the building, new concrete steps for the front of the school, improved security fencing around the field, fresh coats of paint, and deep cleaning. In many ways, a building that is 84 years old feels surprisingly fresh, new, and ready for students to grace the halls. I am beyond grateful for our community of support that provides tuition assistance so students can attend Central Catholic through financial aid and scholarships, and for the funds provided to keep our school a place where we can all be proud of who we are and what we do.

Summer projects are not accomplished without the hard work of our janitorial staff, our maintenance crew, our Director of Facilities, and our summer student workers. Thank you for the time and care invested in our building over the summer to set us all up for the best school year yet!

I spent a good portion of my summer reading a book, *Wake Up Grateful: The Transformative Practice of Taking Nothing for Granted*. I have been moved by the concept of gratitude and how "Gratitude bestows reverence, allowing us to encounter everyday epiphanies, those transcendent moments of awe that change forever how we experience life...and the world." I am grateful for every encounter at Central Catholic and look forward to another school year of transcendent moments in community that leave my heart forever changed. I am praying that each one of us can enter into this school year ready to share the gift of ourselves in the classroom, in the hallways, in co-curricular activities, and in every human interaction with a spirit of gratitude. We are a community that looks beyond what is popular and cool and sees the gift of others as something to be grateful for. Being a Ram means looking outside of ourselves and becoming a person for others through a spirit of gratitude.

Let's live the vision of Central Catholic as an inclusive and supportive community that helps each community member become who God means for them to be as we live with hearts of gratitude for the 2023-2024 school year!

God's love and light,

Danyelle Ramsey, Principal