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MISSION AND PHILOSOPHY OF CENTRAL CATHOLIC

MISSION

The mission of Grand Island Central Catholic Schools is to teach as Jesus did, calling young adults to an atmosphere of academic excellence and physical, emotional and spiritual maturity whereby every student grows in awareness as a contributing and responsible member of the church and society.

PHILOSOPHY

Fulfillment of the school's mission depends upon the cooperative efforts of parents, administrators, teachers and staff of Central Catholic.

Through a curriculum that emphasizes college preparatory education, religious instruction based upon the teachings of Jesus Christ and through numerous extracurricular activities, Central Catholic seeks to provide its graduates with the skills necessary to function in Church and society. Evaluation of the course of study, student progress and the entire educational program is ongoing and forms the basis for curriculum revision.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

SUPERINTENDENT

The Superintendent serves as Chief Executive Officer and assumes major responsibilities in the area of budget and finance, personnel administration, policy development, long-range planning and school-community relations.

PRINCIPAL

The Principal is charged with the overall responsibility for the day-to-day operation of the school and assumes responsibility for the internal operations of the school such as curriculum, teacher assignments, scheduling and discipline.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL/ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR

The Assistant Principal/Activities Director assists the Principal with the internal operations of the school and is responsible for organizing, coordinating, and supervising all extra-curricular activities.

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

ADMISSIONS POLICY

Central Catholic does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, or creed. The student's previous academic records are reviewed to ensure that the curriculum is conducive to the educational goals of the student, parents, and the school.

CURRICULUM

Because well over 90% of the graduates of Central Catholic go on to institutions of higher learning, the curriculum is heavily weighted toward college preparation. There are, however, courses designed for non-college bound students.

COURSE AND ACADEMIC INFORMATION

A minimum of 228 credit hours must be successfully completed in grades 9-12. Of these hours, 40 must be in English, 35 in social science, 30 in math, 30 in science, 20 in physical education and health, 5 in computer applications, 5 in speech, and 5 in reading. All students are required to have successfully completed 23 credit hours in Religious Studies. The remaining hours must be completed in elective courses.

No student may carry less than 30 hours per semester. Seniors enrolled in the CCC English class must take at least 28 credits per semester at Central Catholic. The credit received from being a student aide will not count toward the required hours a student must be enrolled in each semester at Central Catholic.

INDEPENDENT STUDY

To qualify, the following requirements must be met:

1. Must have parental/guardian approval.
2. Must have approval of instructor.
3. Must have approval of administration.

ADD/DROP CLASSES

Any student wishing to add or drop a class must do so by the second Friday of each semester. Any class changes must be completed through the Guidance Office. Changes must be approved by the Guidance Counselor and Principal and then only with written parental and instructor approval.

REPORT CARDS

Report cards are issued at the end of each nine-week grading period. The report card is intended to be an indication of a student's mastery of the classroom material and effort toward earning the grade.

PROGRESS REPORTS

Progress reports are sent out at the end of each three week period. (There will be no progress reports sent out at the 6th week of the 1st and 3rd quarters. Instead, there will be parent/teacher conferences.) The purpose of these reports is to inform parents of deficiencies or outstanding work on the part of their student(s).

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent/Teacher Conferences are scheduled two times during the school year, one each semester. These conferences are designed to give teachers and parents the opportunity to discuss student progress in their academic work and to foster a relationship that will help each student have a successful school experience.

COLLEGE ENTRANCE INFORMATION

Students who intend to enroll in college after graduation should carefully review the entrance requirements of the college(s) they are considering. Students should begin planning far in advance of their senior year and should work closely with the guidance counselor.

Many scholarships and grants are available for those students who are going on to institutions of higher learning. Information regarding financial aid and career opportunities are available through the Guidance Office.

GRADING SYSTEM

Central Catholic utilizes the following grading system:
A= 93-100, B = 85-92, C = 77-84, D = 70-76, and F is below 70.

HONOR ROLL

For determining honor roll, the following formula is used:
Honor Points x Credit hours given for each course divided by total number of credit hours attempted = GPA (Grade Point Average).

A 3.0 average is necessary to make the Honor Roll, a 3.5 average to make High Honor Roll, and a 4.0 average is required for the Distinguished Honor Roll. Any student who has an "I"(Incomplete), "D" or "F" grade is disqualified. Courses carrying pass-fail grades are not used in honor roll computation.

HONOR POINTS

A = 4 B = 3 C = 2 D = 1 F = 0

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

TEXTBOOK & ACTIVITY FEE - Students pay an annual textbook/activity fee at the beginning of the fall quarter. If a student loses his/her activity pass, a fee will be charged for the replacement.

SENIOR FEES, OBLIGATIONS & FINAL TRANSCRIPTS
Seniors must complete a senior check-out sheet and have all tuition and fees paid in full to receive a signed diploma at commencement and have their final transcripts released to colleges. The senior fee must be paid at the time Seniors receive their graduation announcements.

TRANSCRIPTS - A \$3.00 fee is charged per transcript to alumni.

STUDENT TRANSFERS

At the time of transfer, all fees and/or other financial obligations to the school must be met before transcripts and other student records will be forwarded to the requesting school. In the event that a student transfers during the course of the school year, tuition will be prorated.

RELEASE OF STUDENT RECORDS

Lists of students shall not be provided to any person or agency outside Central Catholic unless consent to release such information has been obtained from the individual(s) named on the list. In the case of students less than 18 years of age, consent to release information shall be obtained from a parent or guardian. If a non-custodial parent requests information, contacting the custodial parent will be part of this process.

ATTENDANCE POLICIES

The school day begins at 8:12 a.m. and ends at 3:21 p.m. Early bird classes begin at 7:24 a.m. Students should not arrive at school prior to 8:00 a.m., except when required to attend athletic practice, other school-sponsored activities, or "early bird" classes. Students are not to be in the building unsupervised after school is dismissed.

Students are expected to attend classes regularly and to be on time in order to gain maximum benefit from the instructional program,

develop habits of punctuality, self-discipline and responsibility.

If a student must miss class for any reason, the student has the responsibility of consulting with the teacher regarding make-up work. Continuity in the learning process is seriously compromised by excessive absences. In most situations, the work missed cannot be made up adequately. Many employers who inquire about a student's school records are highly interested in his/her attendance habits and punctuality.

A. Absences: Any student who checks in with the office from the beginning of second period to the end of fourth period will be counted one-half day absent. Any student who checks in with the office after fifth period will be counted absent for the entire day.

If a student is to be absent for any reason (illness, travel, appointment during the day, etc.), parents are asked to send a note to school before the absence. If notice ahead of time is not possible, the parent should call the school prior to 8:30 a.m. on the day of the absence. If parents do not call, the school will call home when a student is absent from class for unknown reasons.

The policy for make-up work for excused absences is:

Foreseen absence: Students will be given a form for their teachers to sign. As much work as possible should be done prior to the absence.

Unforeseen absence: The student has two days to make up work for each day missed.

The school asks each family to restrict student absences to illness, family emergencies, or other family activities that cannot be scheduled outside school time.

B. Lunch Policy: Students will not be allowed to check out during the lunch hour (Period 5) for lunch. Students will be permitted to leave for appointments as long as they provide the office with a note from the doctor or whomever the appointment was with upon returning to school. Students may leave for lunch if a parent picks them up and checks them out in the office.

C. Tardies: Any student not in school at the beginning of his or her first class, and who checks in with the office prior to the end of first period class will be counted tardy.

On the 3rd, 5th and 8th tardies in a semester, the office will

notify the student and parent that on the 9th and each consecutive tardy thereafter the following disciplinary action will be taken:

9th tardy	1 day in-school suspension
10th tardy	3 days in-school suspension
11th tardy	5 days out-of-school suspension
12th tardy	possible expulsion

D. Unexcused absence from class: An unexcused absence from class will result in an automatic zero for the day in that particular class. In addition, the student will be subject to the following disciplinary action.

E. Unexcused absence from study hall: The purpose of study halls is to provide students with the opportunity to work on class assignments. Thus, attendance at study halls is as important as attending classes. Unexcused study hall absences will be subject to the following disciplinary action.

F. Leaving the school without authorization: If a student is found to have left school without proper authorization, he/she will be subject to the following disciplinary action.

DISCIPLINARY ACTION FOR SECTIONS D, E, AND F ARE AS FOLLOWS:

1st offense	--	Time will be made up after school.
2nd offense	--	1 day in-school suspension
3rd offense	--	3 days in-school suspension
4th offense	--	5 days out-of-school suspension
5th offense	--	Possible expulsion

G. If any student misses 10 or more days of school in a given semester, his/her situation will be reviewed. The student may be required to repeat the courses taken during the semester. The student may not receive credit for the courses taken during the semester. The office will notify the student and parent of the number of absences and possible consequences as follows:

1st Notice:	5th absence
2nd Notice:	7th absence
3rd Notice:	9th absence
Formal Letter-Situation Reviewed:	10th absence

H. Absence on day of activity: If a student misses class after 4th

Period due to illness, he/she will not be permitted to participate in or be present at a school activity that evening. (If a student has lunch during 5A, he or she does not have to be in attendance until his or her 5B class.) Absences for appointments, funerals, etc., will not preclude a student's participation. An unexcused absence for any part of the school day would preclude participation or attendance at an activity. Any such violations will be subject to disciplinary action.

The administration reserves the right to vary the disciplinary action.

GENERAL SCHOOL INFORMATION

STUDENT VISITORS

Student visitors are welcome at Central Catholic. Students must receive approval from the Principal prior to extending an invitation to their guest. Student visitors approved by the administration will be allowed to attend classes with a Central Catholic student.

HEALTH INFORMATION

Good health is essential to good education. If a student has any health problem, which might require special attention or assistance, the school should be notified. We also ask each family to complete and return the student information form so that the school may contact the proper individual(s) in the event of an emergency.

SCHOOL NURSE: A nurse is on duty on a part-time basis during the week. Students who become ill or are injured during the day will be referred to the nurse if she is in the building.

All prescription and non-prescription medications must be provided in the medication container supplied by the physician or pharmacist. Aspirin, Tylenol or other over-the-counter medication, each must be left in the main office and must be clearly marked with the student's name.

All medication must be dispensed by the school nurse or by school office personnel. A "Parental Request Allowing In-School Medication/Treatment" form should be completed by each family to allow school personnel to dispense either prescription or over-the-counter medications to their student(s).

INSURANCE

Central Catholic makes available supplemental student

accident coverage for those who wish to purchase this type of insurance. Forms are distributed to students on Orientation Day and are also available in the school office. Applications are mailed directly to the company. Students who participate in Varsity Football may purchase insurance for that sport through the supplemental accident plan.

ACTIVITIES

The activities program is an integral part of the total learning experience at Central Catholic and is under the immediate supervision of the Activities Director. Students are encouraged to participate in activities and to promote the observance of sportsmanship. Central Catholic players, sponsors, coaches, and spectators are expected to display courteous treatment of officials, visiting teams, and other groups who are participating in activities at home or at other locations.

PUBLICATIONS: LANCE, YEARBOOK, PARENT NEWSLETTER AND ALUMNI UPDATE

Central Catholic has several publications to help keep students, parents, and alumni informed of school news. A monthly newsletter is sent out to parents, the "Lance" is published periodically for students and the "Alumni Update" is sent out quarterly to more than 2,000 graduates and 6,500 homes. The yearbook is published on an annual basis and may be purchased by students.

LOST AND FOUND

Students who find articles of any kind in the school or on the grounds are asked to turn them in to the office. If a student has lost something, he/she should report it immediately to the office and check to see if the item has been turned in.

BICYCLE PARKING

There are bicycle racks located at the southwest corner of the building. Students are requested to utilize this area for parking their bicycles. It is highly recommended that students lock their bicycles in the rack.

AUTOMOBILE PARKING

Students must drive with caution. Students observed driving in an irresponsible manner may lose the privilege of driving their cars to school. Students are to park in authorized stalls donated by yellow lines. Teacher and visitor parking is donated by white lines. The area

directly in front of the circle drive is restricted to staff members and visitors to the school. The circle drive is not an approved parking area except to pick up students. It is a fire and emergency vehicle lane, and must be kept clear at all times. Parking in restricted areas may result in a fine or the vehicle being towed at the owner's expense.

SCHOOL POLICIES, REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES

LITURGIES

Students, both Catholic and non-Catholic are required to attend the weekly all-school Masses and other services. They are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that helps our school community have successful liturgical services. Student misconduct may be subject to disciplinary action.

ASSEMBLIES

Occasionally, the school has all-school assemblies. Students are required to attend these events. They are expected to be attentive and courteous to the speaker(s) or performer(s). Student misconduct may be subject to disciplinary action.

CONDUCT AT ACTIVITIES

Central Catholic encourages student and parent support for its programs and athletic contests. The quality of the performance may be enhanced by a vocal, appreciative audience. However, a crowd can also detract from the quality of a performance by exhibiting conduct which is not in keeping with the positive nature or purpose of competition or performance. After spontaneous applause, students may be asked to be seated so that other spectators may view the game. Students or spectators who are considered to be a detriment to the image of the school may be banned from future activities. During athletic events, the only people who will be permitted to be out of the stands doing cheers or providing entertainment will be cheerleaders and other designated groups approved by the administration. Taunting the opponents crowd with behaviors such as flips in front of the bench or stands are prohibited.

CENTENNIAL CONFERENCE CODE OF CONDUCT

The Centennial Conference of Christian Schools promotes and fosters the spirit of good will, cooperation and sportsmanship. All coaches, players and fans are to be respectful toward all players, coaches, fans and officials. As schools dedicated to God, respectful

behavior towards others is not only a goal, but also a Divine command. Ways of showing respect include:

- *Fans and players supporting your coaches and teams on and off the court/field/mat.
- *Players shaking hands of the opposing team after the contest.
- *Players and fans understanding the rules of the contest.
- *Fans cheering your team in a positive manner, not degrading the opponent or officials.
- *Fans and players recognizing and applauding the skills in performance regardless of affiliation.
- *Fans and players being respectful of property. This includes not stomping on bleachers, which may cause damage to the bleachers.

SCHOOL PLANNER

Students will be required to have their planner with them at all times. If a student loses his or her planner, a \$5.00 charge will be assessed for a replacement.

COURTESY

Students at Central Catholic are expected to be courteous and respectful toward others. Visitors in the building should be greeted and assisted in an appropriate manner.

RESPECT OF FACULTY/STAFF

Students are expected to be courteous and respectful toward faculty and staff. Profanity and other disrespectful actions toward faculty and staff will be subject to disciplinary action.

STUDENT DRESS CODE

Purpose:

Central Catholic has a dress code to provide the school with its own unique identity within the community and to serve as a means to instill pride and unity within the school.

The following Spirit Wear guidelines will be observed during the school day by students in grades 6-12:

BOTTOMS: Shorts, skirts or skorts, (knee length), pants and Capri's

COLOR: Khaki or Navy Blue.

ITEMS THAT ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE: Bottoms made of denim material, cargo pants, pants with loops or extra pockets down the leg, pants that are baggy or have extra wide legs, pants with a drawstring at the waist. Pants worn off the waist or below the waist will be subject to disciplinary action.

TOPS: Solid color polo shirts with collar (long or short sleeve).
Solid color oxford shirts (long or short sleeve).
Central Catholic sweatshirts (no hood) or long sleeve T-shirt purchased at or approved by the school. An approved dress code shirt with collar must be worn beneath the sweatshirt, long sleeve T-shirt or any zipped or buttoned jacket.

COLOR: Polo - White, Navy, Birch, and Royal Blue
Oxford - White, Light Blue
All shirts must have embroidered GICC on the left chest.
Oversized shirts are not permitted.

NOTE:

- Shirts with collars must be worn at all times.
- Oxford shirts must be buttoned to the top two buttons.
- White or Navy turtlenecks may be worn under polo's, oxfords, or sweatshirts; however, they are to be tucked in and are not to be worn alone.
- T-Shirts worn as an undershirt must be the same color scheme as the approved Spirit Wear tops. Undershirt does not need to match spirit wear top color.
- T-shirts that have lettering on them should not be worn as undershirts if the lettering can be seen or seen through the shirt.
- T-shirts should not be so large that the sleeves stick out from under the short sleeve polo and oxford shirts.
- T-shirts should not be so long that they hang down below the polos or sweatshirts.
- Shirts with tails must be tucked in at all times.
- Polo shirts must be tucked in if they exceed the fingertips when arms are at sides.
- Leggings may be worn and must be the same color scheme as the approved Spirit Wear tops. Leggings do not need to match Spirit Wear top color.

SHOES: Must be clean and well kept. Water socks are an example of unacceptable footwear.

LABELS: All visible labels should be removed from clothing. **Please**

be sure that labels are removable before buying clothing. Labels will be removed from clothing at school if necessary.

SCHOOL SPONSORED ACTIVITY TRIPS:

* If a student is scheduled to leave for an activity prior to the start of Period 5 and will be gone for the rest of the school day, the student may dress in clothing (other than spirit wear) which is authorized by the activity sponsor or coach.

* If a student is scheduled to leave for an activity after Period 4 and will be gone for the rest of the school day, the Spirit Wear Dress Code applies for the school day.

* If a student leaves prior to or during the school day for an activity and is scheduled to return prior to the end of the school day, the Spirit Wear Dress Code applies for the school activity and remaining school day.

CRUSADER DAYS

CRUSADER DAYS are designated days where students are required to wear approved Central Catholic club clothing, or clothing with a Central Catholic logo if they choose to participate. Students will dress according to the following guidelines and the days are free (there is no charge). These days are designated to allow students to display school spirit.

1. Students may wear school club shirts, school organization shirts or any shirt bearing a Central Catholic logo which is approved by the administration. Collared shirts are not required.
2. Students will be required to wear Spiritwear bottoms. (No athletic pants)
3. Students who do not wear the clothing outlined above will be expected to wear Spiritwear as usual.

GOODWILL DAYS

GOODWILL DAYS are designated days where students are required to dress according to the following guidelines if they choose to participate. GOODWILL DAYS cost \$1.00 (in advance) or \$2.00 (on the day). (In December, students may purchase a multiple day pass. All proceeds in December will go to the city Christmas Cheer Fund or other charitable groups.) Groups within the school will organize these days. At least 50% of the proceeds will go to a designated charity.

Students must comply with the guidelines noted if they choose to participate in GOODWILL DAYS. If they choose not to participate,

then they must comply with the SPIRIT WEAR dress code.

The following guidelines will be observed on GOODWILL DAYS and at all school sponsored activities outside the school day.

Guidelines:

1. Jeans, jean jackets, sweatshirts, and T-shirts are acceptable, but they must be clean, with no fraying, no patches, and no tears.
2. No sweatpants, windpants, vinyl pants or tear-away pants are to be worn. (No "athletic-type" pants)
3. Clothing must cover shoulders and midsection. Tank tops, sleeveless shirts or dresses, spaghetti strap tops or dresses, halter tops, midriffs, mesh or see-through shirts are examples of unacceptable attire.
4. Shorts may be worn year-round. Shorts, skirts and dresses should exceed fingertips when arms are at sides. Biker shorts are not acceptable attire.
5. Shirts must be worn at all times unless otherwise authorized by a coach for a specific activity. Shirts must be tucked in if they exceed the fingertips when arms are at sides.
6. Students are not allowed to wear saggy pants or shorts. Pants and shorts must stay up without the aid of a belt.
7. Clothing should not be revealing. Undergarments should not be visible.
8. No shirts may be worn that advertise alcoholic beverages, drugs or tobacco; nor may they carry slogans of questionable taste or of a sexual nature. Ruling on these shirts is the discretion of the administration.
9. Athletic attire (shorts worn for physical education, sweatpants, windpants, vinyl pants or tear away pants) is appropriate for activities only.
10. Shoes must be worn at all times. Shoes must be clean and well kept. Water socks are examples of unacceptable footwear.

The following guidelines will be observed during the school day and at all school sponsored activities by students in grades 6-12.

1. Hats, sport headbands, bandannas or bandanna scarves may not be worn at any time in the building.
2. Students shall be well-groomed and clean-shaven.
3. No pierced body parts other than ears may be adorned with any decorative item.

4. Tattoos must not be visible.
5. Wallet chains, fingerless gloves, and dog “type” collars are not permitted.
6. Students hair (boys and girls) should be of a natural hair color and of a non-distracting style.
7. Pagers, beepers, cellular phones, laser lights, ipods, MP3 players, and other such electronic devices are to be turned off and kept in the student locker during the school day. If they are a distraction they may be confiscated and given to the administration. When confiscated, these devices will ONLY be returned to a parent or guardian.

The Administration reserves the right to make discretionary judgments regarding the appropriateness of student dress, hairstyle, and appearance not explicitly covered by the dress code.

If possible, dress code violations will be rectified by the teacher or administrator at the time the violation is identified. Otherwise, the student will be sent to the office to have the administration rectify the violation. The violation will be documented on a disciplinary referral form by the teacher or administrator and delivered to the Principal. Any violation of the dress code will be handled as follows:

1st offense	--	If needed, the student will be sent home to change and the time away from school will be made up, otherwise a detention
2nd offense	--	Detention
3rd offense	--	1 day in-school suspension
4th offense	--	3 days in-school suspension
5th offense	--	5 days out-of-school suspension
6th offense	--	Possible expulsion

The Administration reserves the right to vary the disciplinary action.

GROUP SHIRT ORDERS

School authorized groups or organizations must follow the guidelines noted when ordering shirts to be worn while representing the school.

Guidelines:

1. Any shirt order will first be approved by sponsor or coach.
2. The color of the shirt will be in the same color scheme as the school colors: Navy Blue, Columbia Blue and White. Black, Beige, and Gray

are also allowed.

3. Shirts will identify the group or organization. The identification of the group or organization will be selected from an approved information sheet. See coach/sponsor for information sheet that includes available options.

4. Names are permitted on the back of the shirts. Last names only (no nicknames).

5. Final color and design of shirt will be approved by sponsor or coach.

6. Questions from sponsor or coach will be directed to administration.

STUDENT BACKPACKS

Students will not be allowed to carry backpacks with them during the school day. Once a student arrives at school, the student must put the backpack in their locker and may not remove it until the school day is completed.

PUBLIC DISPLAY OF AFFECTION

Inappropriate physical contact between students in school, or on school grounds will not be allowed. This includes holding-of-hands, embracing, kissing, etc. This behavior is subject to consequences.

HALLS

The practice of courtesy in the halls leads to orderly passing to and from classes and at dismissal. Running, pushing, shouting and general horseplay in the hallways reflects poorly upon the student and the school and creates a safety hazard. During class periods, the hallways and locker room areas should be free of students except those possessing hall passes.

SCHOOL PROPERTY

It is imperative that everyone treats school property with proper care. Students who, due to negligence or vandalism, damage or destroy school property will be responsible for any cost incurred in the repair or replacement of such property. If circumstances warrant, the student may be subject to disciplinary action.

PARKING LOT

Students are not to be in the parking lot areas during the school day unless they have been authorized to leave the school grounds and have driven a car to school. Students are to park in authorized stalls denoted by yellow lines. Teacher and visitor parking is denoted by white lines. Parking in an unauthorized zone could result

in a fine or the vehicle being towed at the owner's expense.

LOCKER ROOMS

Students are not permitted in the locker rooms during the school day unless they are supervised by a teacher or coach. The lockers rooms will be locked at all other times.

LOCKERS

1. Each student is assigned a locker for his/her school materials and wearing apparel. If a student desires to change lockers, the office must make that change. Students are expected to keep their lockers in good working order. The lockers have combination locks and students should keep them locked. Students should not share their combination with other students. If a locker is not working properly, the student should notify office personnel immediately. Students are not to "jam" their lockers. Any locker found "jammed" to keep it open, may result in a fine or disciplinary action. IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT MONEY OR OTHER VALUABLE ITEMS NOT BE KEPT IN STUDENT LOCKERS. Rather, those items should be given to someone in the office or a staff member for safekeeping.
2. School lockers are the property of the school and as such are subject to periodic locker checks.
3. Students are not to keep any beverages in their lockers unless the beverage has not been opened and is part of the student's lunch. Opened beverages may be confiscated.

GAMES, TOYS and GAMBLING

Students may not play games of any type at any time during the school day. Students may not have toys at any time during the school day. However, educational games or toys that are part of a class activity under the direction of a teacher are permitted. Gambling of any type is not permitted. Pools, such as the NCAA basketball tournament are prohibited. These are all considered a distraction to the educational process and not allowed at school.

THEFT

In order to foster a true spirit of Christian community within the school, the ability to place faith and trust in each other is crucial. Any student who takes property belonging to another student or the school will be subject to disciplinary action, which may include suspension and/or expulsion. Students who steal school property will be reported to local law enforcement authorities. The names of

students who steal property from individuals will be given to the victim of the offense, who will be encouraged to report the theft to local law enforcement authorities.

WEAPONS

A student may not possess, handle, or transmit any object or material that is ordinarily or generally considered a weapon. Suspension and expulsion are possible forms of discipline for violation of this rule.

PROFANITY

The use of profanity in a Catholic school is unacceptable. Use of such language will result in a fine. Repeated violations will be subject to disciplinary action.

HARASSMENT, INTIMIDATION, BULLYING AND OFFENSIVE CONDUCT

Central Catholic is committed to providing a safe, positive learning environment for students. Harassment, intimidation, hazing in any form and other offensive conduct are prohibited. Any student who engages in such conduct shall be subject to disciplinary action. Sexual harassment will not be tolerated in any form. Sexual harassment may include, but is not limited to the following behaviors:

1. touching body parts
2. verbal comments about body parts or clothing
3. name calling
4. spreading sexual rumors
5. stares and leers
6. "dirty" jokes
7. gestures with hands on body
8. following, cornering, blocking, standing too close
9. conversations that are too personal
10. graffiti
11. facial expressions
12. howling, catcalls, whistles

If any of these behaviors are displayed toward a student and the student finds it unacceptable, the student should report it to a teacher, counselor or administrator so that it can be stopped. Discipline may be one of the following, but not limited to:

1. Student conference with administration
2. Parent conference with administration
3. Detention
4. In-school suspension
5. Out-of-school suspension
6. Expulsion
7. If serious in nature, law enforcement maybe contacted.

Note: This is serious business and is not to be taken lightly.

FIREWORKS

Because of the inherent dangers of fireworks, the county attorney encourages schools to turn violators over to the proper authorities for prosecution. Exploding fireworks in a public building is a misdemeanor punishable by up to 3 months in jail and up to a \$500 fine.

SCHOOL KEYS

If a student finds school keys, or any keys, they should be turned in to the office immediately. The possession of school keys without authorization may result in suspension or expulsion.

SCHOOL TELEPHONE

The school telephone is a business telephone. No student should answer the phone unless asked to do so. Office personnel will not call students out of class for phone calls unless an emergency exists. Messages from non-emergency calls will be relayed to students at the earliest convenient time. A public phone located in the main lobby is provided for student use.

LIBRARY

The library is the primary source for research work. A complete catalog of all books and audio-visual materials is on hand to assist students and staff. The library is not to be used as a lounge or social area, but only for quiet reading and working. The number of students permitted in the library at a given time will be limited to ensure a proper atmosphere is maintained.

COMPUTER USAGE

The school's computers may be used outside of class time with the permission and supervision of the appropriate staff member. (Video games and other commercially produced arcade-type games are not to be used in the school's computers. They will be taken from the

student and returned to the parents upon their request.) A formal policy will be given to students (Student User Agreement) at the beginning of the school year regarding computer usage and disciplinary action taken for inappropriate use.

LUNCH

Students have the option of bringing their lunches to school or utilizing the service which prepares daily lunches. Microwave ovens are available for student use. Students are expected to clean up after themselves in the cafeteria and to conduct themselves in an appropriate manner. Students are not to leave the lunchroom until the lunch period ends.

FOOD & BEVERAGES

During school hours, food and beverages are allowed only in the cafeteria during the student's lunch time unless supervised by a staff member in a classroom in conjunction with a class activity or special project. Staff members are to inform the office at least one day in advance of the activity or project. Students observed consuming food and beverages in other locations and at other times will have the items taken from them. Senior students may consume food and beverages in the cafeteria at times other than their lunch period if a study hall is not scheduled in the cafeteria at the time. Bake sales or any sale of food such as donuts will take place in the cafeteria or in a classroom under the supervision of the instructor. Students will not be allowed to order food, such as pizza, to be delivered during their lunch period unless supervised by a staff member in a classroom in conjunction with a class activity or special project.

POP MACHINES

All pop machines will be turned on at the end of the school day at 3:21 p.m. Pop machines will not be on before school or during the school day.

MONEY FOR SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

All money generated through school activities is to be turned in to the business manager. Activity money is kept in a special account. The appropriate activity sponsor must approve all expenses incurred by clubs or organizations in advance. If the amount to be spent exceeds \$100, approval of the Administration is required. Any checks to be issued for payment of bills must be issued by the business manager through the Activity Account.

SENIOR PRIVILEGES

The objectives of senior privileges are to help seniors learn to budget their time both in and out of school, to enhance their educational and/or employment opportunities, to develop self-discipline and responsibility.

In addition, senior privileges allow seniors to make the most efficient use of their time.

The following are Senior Class privileges:

1. The use of a senior lounge
2. Open Campus

OPEN CAMPUS RULES

1. The student must have parental approval to participate in Open Campus.
2. The student must report to school at the beginning of each school day unless they have written permission from their parent to not report until their first scheduled class.
3. Students desiring to leave school during times when they are not scheduled in a class must sign out in the office. Upon returning to school, the student must sign back in. Students who do not sign out or in will be considered unexcused and will be subject to the disciplinary action stated in this section.
4. Students are to be quiet when leaving and entering the building.

SENIOR LOUNGE RULES

1. The Senior Lounge will be located in the cafeteria in an area approved by the Administration.
2. Appropriate music may be played by a stereo, C.D. player or radio that has been approved by the Administration. The volume level is to be low enough not to disturb classes.
3. There are times when a study hall or reception needs to be held in the cafeteria. During those periods, music is not to be played. Music also may not be played during the lunch period.
4. Students may not have food or beverages in the hallway or the lockers. Students may consume food and beverages in the cafeteria at times other than their lunch period if a study hall is not scheduled in the cafeteria at that time.
5. Seniors are not to be in the hallways during the school day except during regular passing times. After checking in with the office,

seniors are to go to the cafeteria until the passing bell rings, unless they have a class.

6. Seniors may not sit, lounge, play frisbee, etc. on school grounds; particularly the south and east lawns and parking lot. Car stereos must be turned down to avoid disrupting classes while on the school grounds. Violations will be subject to the disciplinary action stated in this section.

DISCIPLINARY ACTION (SENIOR PRIVILEGES)

1st Offense - Time made up or detention given by Administration.

2nd Offense - Loss of privileges for one week.

3rd Offense - Loss of privileges for remainder of the semester; assigned to a study hall during non-class time.

The Administration reserves the right to vary the disciplinary action based on the student's behavior.

DISCIPLINARY ACTION PROCEDURES

Purpose:

Catholic Christian education is the primary goal of Central Catholic Schools. Therefore, appropriate behavior must be maintained before, during, and after school and at all school activities. In order to achieve this goal, it is important that students refrain from certain behaviors or be subject to disciplinary action.

General rules for all classrooms:

1. Each student will be on time to class and in their seat before the bell rings.
2. Each student will be prepared for class with a pen or pencil, paper, book(s), and any other appropriate materials.
3. If the student's behavior interferes with another student's right to learn or the teacher's right to teach, the behavior is inappropriate and the student will be subject to disciplinary action.

Disciplinary action taken for inappropriate behavior:

1st Warning - Teacher will handle the behavior in an appropriate manner. (optional parent contact)

2nd Warning - Teacher will handle the behavior in an appropriate manner. (mandatory parent contact and copy of referral sent home)

3rd Warning - Student will be removed from class and placed in a "time-out" room until a parent conference is held. (Conference will include, but will not be limited to, the student, parent(s) or

guardian(s), teacher, Principal (administrator), and possibly the school counselor).

4th Warning - Student will be removed from class and will serve one (1) day of in-school suspension.

5th Warning - Student will be removed from class for the remainder of the semester or year, possibly with a failing grade.

Warnings will be cumulative from the start of the school year and continue through the entire year.

At any time, the administration reserves the right to vary the disciplinary action based on the student behavior.

In-school suspension, out-of-school suspension, or expulsion are possible consequences of student insubordination. Insubordination means failure to comply with the disciplinary action set forth by the teacher or administrator.

Insubordination will be handled in the following way:

Failure to comply a first time will be handled by the teacher in an appropriate manner.

Failure to comply a second time will result in one (1) day of in-school suspension.

Failure to comply again will result in three (3) days of in-school suspension.

Failure to comply again will result in five (5) days of out-of-school suspension.

Failure to comply again may result in expulsion.

Inappropriate behavior that a teacher observes within their classroom may be documented on a disciplinary referral form and sent to parents informing them of misconduct on the part of a student. This report will indicate the nature of the incident, the date of the incident, the action taken, and the future consequences of repeated misconduct. For serious offenses, parents will be notified by telephone, if possible.

Any inappropriate behavior that requires immediate attention by the administration or isolation from the group may include but is not limited to the following:

1. Class cannot continue with the situation.
2. Destructive behavior (self/others/property)
 - a. use of violent force, coercion, threat, intimidation or similar conduct that constitutes interference with school purposes;
 - b. willful damage to private or school property;

- c. causing or attempting to cause physical injury to a school employee or student.
- 3. Skipping class/school
- 4. Theft
- 5. Abusive language or inappropriate gestures directed toward another person.
- 6. Inappropriate representation of Grand Island Central Catholic at school-related activities.
- 7. Harassment
 - a. personal - intimidating or threatening to harm a student or trying to get money or other valuables from the student.
 - b. sexual
 - c. other
- 8. Tobacco/drug violation
- 9. Public indecency
- 10. Possessing, handling or transmitting any object or materials generally considered a weapon. Consequence could result in up to 1 year expulsion for 1st offense (intent to use will be considered: i.e. pocket knife, etc.). The Administration reserves the right to vary the disciplinary action based on the violation.
- 11. Engaging in any other activity forbidden by law which constitutes a danger to other students or interferes with school purposes.

Any inappropriate behavior that a teacher observes outside the classroom will be documented on a disciplinary referral form and delivered to the Principal in the office. Consequences for inappropriate behavior will be handled by the Administration and discipline may be one or more of the following, but will not be limited to:

- 1. Parent conference
- 2. Detention with Administration
- 3. In-school suspension
- 4. Out-of-school suspension
- 5. Expulsion
- 6. Mandatory counseling at the expense of the student
- 7. Community service
- 8. GROUP involvement
- 9. Other

If the school is notified by local law enforcement agencies that a student is in violation of the law, disciplinary action of some form may

result at school. The Administration reserves the right to vary the disciplinary action based on the violation.

OUT OF SCHOOL SUSPENSION

When a student serves an out-of-school suspension, the student will not receive credit for daily work. This would include homework or whatever the teacher in that particular area considers to be daily work. The student will receive a 0 for daily work. The student will be allowed to make up any quizzes or tests they may have missed during the suspension. This work is to be graded and calculated in with the students other grades for that particular class.

ALCOHOL/DRUG /TOBACCO RULE

Philosophy and Purpose. Health problems of youth are primarily the responsibility of the home and community. However, schools share in this responsibility because problems with substance abuse interfere with behavior at school, student learning, and the fullest possible development of each student. To share this responsibility, the school nurtures successful interpersonal relationships and promotes skills in decision-making, problem-solving, and physical fitness while providing for student academic growth.

In spite of such efforts, a student may become involved with harmful substances. This involvement can cause problems for the student and others. Thus, rules and consequences combined with a program of education and support are essential in helping students adopt a substance-free lifestyle.

Specific Rule. Students shall not be involved with alcohol, tobacco, or illegal drugs. A student shall not, regardless of quantity, use, consume or be in possession of alcohol, tobacco, or controlled substance. Students shall not buy, sell, or give away any alcohol, tobacco product, controlled or look-alike substance. Any student who is knowingly and willingly in the presence of alcohol, tobacco, or a controlled substance being illegally consumed may be subject to prosecution by the legal system and, if convicted, will be found in violation of this rule.

1. The rule applies to the entire calendar year from the opening of fall sports practice to the start of fall practice the next year.
2. It is not a violation for a student to be in possession or use a controlled substance specifically prescribed for the student by his or her doctor, but these prescriptions must be taken through the school nurse or other designated school official.
3. Consequences shall be cumulative for grades 6-12

regardless of attendance center.

4. Confirmed violations of this rule during the summer months will go on the student's record as an infraction. A summertime infraction will automatically place the student at the next level of consequences for any future violation.

Procedure Prior to Suspension. In the event this policy is violated and a student is to be suspended from an activity, the procedure below will be followed:

1. The student will be notified immediately of the alleged rule violation.

2. The student shall meet with school officials. Parents of the student will be notified and invited to attend the meeting.

3. During the meeting, school officials will summarize details of the incident and inform the student and parents of the action to be taken. The student will have an opportunity to present information related to the incident. The student and parents will be afforded the opportunity to make statements and request explanations pertaining to the incident.

4. The principal shall issue a decision regarding suspension from activities. This decision shall be final and binding on all parties.

Consequences for Violation of Rule. Upon confirmation of the rule violation, the student shall be suspended from all school activities for a specified number of calendar days beginning with the date of confirmation. Students involved in a school activity may be required to participate in or attend all practice sessions during the time of suspension. They may also be required to attend their scheduled activity.

The student may be required to participate in a professional evaluation endorsed by the school. Any costs involved with the evaluation or recommended follow-through program shall be at the parent's expense. The evaluation must be completed within 30 days of a confirmed violation. Failure to complete the evaluation within 30 days shall be deemed a choice to not participate in an evaluation and result in suspension from activities as stated hereafter. Following the evaluation, the student and/or parents shall provide the school with recommendations made by the evaluation professional. The student must follow through with recommendations resulting from the evaluation. Any future violation will require the student and/or parents to provide evidence that recommendations from the evaluation have been fulfilled. Failure to follow through with the recommendations

could result in additional consequences that may include suspension or expulsion from the school.

First Violation. A twenty (20) day suspension from activities will be enforced. For the first violation only, students will have a one time "self report option." If the student self reports the incident to a member of the Central Catholic administration, faculty or staff within three days of the violation, the suspension will be reduced to ten (10) days. If the student chooses not to participate in the evaluation, a forty-five (45) day suspension from activities will be enforced.

Second Violation. A forty (40) day suspension from school activities will be enforced. If the student chooses not to participate in the evaluation, a ninety (90) day suspension from activities will be enforced.

Third Violation. An eighty (80) day suspension from school activities will be enforced. If the student chooses not to participate in the evaluation, a one-hundred-eighty (180) day suspension from activities will be enforced.

Additional Consequence. In addition to the consequences outlined in the rule, any student found to be in possession of, using or under the influence of alcohol or other illegal drugs while at school, on school property or at an activity in which Central Catholic is participating, will serve a 5-day out-of-school suspension.

Maximum Consequence. Coaches and activity sponsors shall have the authority to impose additional consequences on students involved in their program who violate the alcohol/drug/tobacco rule. This authority is provided so that coaches and activity sponsors can maintain the standards they establish for their program, including those pertaining to student conduct. Coaches and activity sponsors may impose additional consequences as follows: ten (10) additional days suspension from the activity for the first violation; twenty (20) additional days suspension from the activity for the second violation; and forty (40) additional days suspension from the activity for the third violation.

RESPECT FOR LIFE/MARRIAGE POLICY

"All human life - from the moment of conception and through all subsequent stages - is sacred, because human life is created in the

image and likeness of God." - Pope John Paul
7 October 1979

CENTRAL CATHOLIC SCHOOLS ADVOCATE THE PROMOTION OF DIGNITY AND VALUE OF LIFE. WE, THEREFORE, COMMIT OURSELVES TO PRACTICES, WHICH WILL CONVEY THAT RESPECT AND DIGNITY.

WHILE WE DO NOT CONDONE PREMARITAL SEX, WE WILL ENCOURAGE A PREGNANT STUDENT TO MAINTAIN THE LIFE, HEALTH, AND WELFARE OF HERSELF AND HER INFANT. IT IS NECESSARY THAT THE ADMINISTRATION, COUPLE, PARENTS AND COUNSELOR MEET SO THAT A MEDICALLY SOUND PLAN WILL BE ADOPTED BY THE SCHOOL. IF THE BOY INVOLVED IS A STUDENT AT CENTRAL CATHOLIC, HE WILL BE BOUND BY THE SAME GUIDELINES AS THE GIRL IN REGARD TO PARTICIPATION IN EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES.

ABORTION IS A TOTALLY NON-ACCEPTABLE RESPONSE TO A PREGNANCY. WE ARE COMMITTED TO FOSTERING RESPECT FOR LIFE AND AN AWARENESS OF THE IMMORALITY OF ABORTION. IF THE COUPLE DELIBERATELY CHOOSES TO ELIMINATE A PREGNANCY, THEY MAY NO LONGER CONTINUE THEIR EDUCATION AT CENTRAL CATHOLIC.

THE MISSION OF CENTRAL CATHOLIC SCHOOLS IS NOT DESIGNED TO DEAL WITH MARRIED STUDENTS. THEREFORE, STUDENTS WHO ARE MARRIED WILL BE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THEIR EDUCATION ELSEWHERE.

PREGNANCY POLICY

Central Catholic is concerned with the welfare of every student. Although the school and the Catholic Church do not condone the behavior that may lead to pregnancy outside of marriage, a concerted effort will be made to allow a pregnant student to continue her education at Central Catholic. Two options are available that will permit any pregnant student to remain on course toward completion of their high school education.

1. Pregnant students may remain in school, either temporarily, or throughout the course of their pregnancy. Written approval of a licensed physician may be required. A waiver signed by both the

student and parent absolving the school of responsibility for any medical problems that may result from attending classes while pregnant may also be required.

2. Pregnant students may continue their education in a homebound program. There may be some restrictions on courses in the homebound program. There is no guarantee of graduation on time with members of the students class.

The student will not be eligible to participate in extra-curricular activities during the pregnancy and for a period of approximately six weeks after the birth of the child. If the father of the child is a student at Central Catholic, he also will not be eligible to participate in extra-curricular activities for the same period of time as the girl. Following the birth of the child, both students may become eligible for participation in activities upon written notice by a licensed physician that the girl is physically capable of participation.

ABORTION IS A TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE RESPONSE TO A PREGNANCY. IT IS MORALLY AND SPIRITUALLY WRONG IN THE EYES OF THIS SCHOOL AND THE CATHOLIC CHURCH. ANY DECISION TO ABORT A PREGNANCY WILL BE CONSIDERED BY THE SCHOOL AS A DECISION OF THE STUDENT TO TERMINATE THEIR ENROLLMENT AT CENTRAL CATHOLIC.

COMMUNICATION PROCEDURE

In the event a student or parent has a concern regarding a school matter, communication with school staff about the situation is encouraged. It is the desire of the school to resolve concerns at the level closest to the situation, and to address concerns in a manner that is orderly and professional. Students and parents with a concern are invited to utilize the procedures outlined below:

1. **Classroom.** Discuss the matter with the teacher.
2. **Activity.** Discuss the matter with the coach or activity sponsor.
3. A concern not resolved by communicating directly with teacher, coach or activities sponsor may then be presented to the principal or activities director for a final decision.
4. An appeal of the decision may be presented to the superintendent, who shall review the matter to determine that policies, procedures and regulations were properly applied.

5. The Board of Education has a policy for public participation at meetings in which individuals may present concerns. However, concerns that do not directly relate to policies of the Board will be referred to the administration for resolution through the procedures outlined above.

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

ACTIVITY ELIGIBILITY

Students participating in activities governed by the Nebraska School Activities Association must receive credit for and be passing a minimum of 20 credit hours during the preceding and current semester of participation. Any student failing to meet this requirement and the academic requirements established by Central Catholic will be ineligible for participation in co-curricular activities. Over and above NSAA requirements, Central Catholic checks eligibility every three weeks. Any student not passing 20 credit hours is ineligible until they are successfully passing 20 credit hours. Central Catholic promotes the principle that its students are scholars first and that participation in activities is contingent upon success in the classroom.

NSAA ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

IN ORDER TO REPRESENT A NEBRASKA HIGH SCHOOL IN INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES COMPETITION, A STUDENT MUST ABIDE BY ELIGIBILITY RULES OF THE NEBRASKA SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION. A SUMMARY OF THE MAJOR RULES IS GIVEN BELOW. CONTACT THE PRINCIPAL OR ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR FOR AN EXPLANATION OF THE COMPLETE RULE.

1. Student must be an undergraduate.
2. After a student's initial enrollment in grade nine, he/she shall be ineligible after eight semesters of school membership beginning with his/her enrollment in grade nine.
3. Student is ineligible if nineteen years of age before August 1 of current school year. (Student in grades 7 or 8 may participate on a high school team if he/she was 15 years of age prior to August 1 of current school year.)
4. Student must be enrolled in some high school on or before the eleventh school day of the current semester.
5. Student must be enrolled in at least twenty hours per week and regular in attendance, in accordance with the school's attendance policy at the school he/she wishes to represent in interscholastic competition.
6. Student must have been enrolled and received twenty hours in school the immediate preceding semester.
7. **Guardianship does not fulfill the definition of a parent.** If a guardian has been appointed for a student, the student is eligible in the school district where his/her natural parent(s) have their domicile. Individual situations

involving guardianship may be submitted to the Executive Director for his review and a ruling.

8. A student entering grade nine for the first time after being promoted from grade eight of a two-year junior high, or a three-year middle school, or entering a high school for the first time after being promoted to grade ten from a three-year junior high school is eligible. After a student makes an initial choice of high schools, any subsequent transfer, unless there has been a change of domicile by his/her parents, shall render the student ineligible for ninety school days.

If a student has participated on a high school team at any level as a seventh, eight, or ninth grade student, he/she has established his/her eligibility at the high school where he/she participated. If the student elects to attend another high school upon entering ninth or tenth grade, he/she shall be ineligible for ninety school days. **Student eligibility related to domicile can be attained in the following manners:**

9. If the change in domicile by the parents occurs during a school year, the student may remain at the school he/she is attending and be eligible until the end of the school year or transfer to a high school located in the school district where the parents established their domicile and be eligible.

10. If the parents moved during the summer months and the student is in grade twelve and the student has attended the high school for two or more years, the student may remain at the high school he/she has been attending and retain eligibility.

11. If a student has been attending the same high school since initial enrollment in grade nine, he/she may remain at that high school and retain eligibility, or he/she is eligible at a high school located in the school district where his/her parents established their domicile.

12. If the parents of a student change their domicile from one school district that has a high school to another school district that has a high school, the student shall be eligible immediately in the school district where the parents established their domicile.

13. Transfer students who have their Enrollment Option applications signed and filed prior to March 15 shall be eligible immediately in the fall. Those students who do not have their Enrollment Option applications signed and filed prior to March 15 shall be ineligible for ninety school days, with such transfers being subject to hardship waiver guidelines.

14. Other non-enrollment option transfer students must have signed and delivered all forms necessary to make such transfer to the school in which he/she intends to enroll for the 2009-2010 school year prior to March 15, 2009; for the student to be eligible, the school to which the transfer is being made must have notified the NSAA office via an NSAA online entry form, no later than March 15, 2009. The student would, however, become ineligible for ninety school days the next fall if the student were to change his/her mind and decide not to transfer. If such student were to transfer to the new school, but later decides to return to his/her former district before 90 school days have elapsed, such student will be ineligible in the former district for 90 school days, with the ineligibility period commencing at the start of the fall semester. Those students, who did not have their enrollment forms signed, delivered and accepted prior to March 15, 2009, shall be ineligible for ninety school days, with such transfers being subject to hardship waiver guidelines.

15. Once the season of a sport begins, a student shall participate in practices and compete only in athletic contests/meets in that sport, which are scheduled by his/her school. Any other competition will render the student

ineligible for a portion of, or all of, the season in that sport. The season of a sport begins with the first date of practice as permitted by NSAA rules. The fall sports season begins August 17, 2009, (August 10th for some football and softball teams) and ends with the state meets in the fall sports. The winter sports season begins November 16, 2009, and ends with the state meets in the winter sports. The spring sports season begins March 1, 2010, and ends with the state meets in the spring sports.

16. During the season of a particular sport, athletes participating in that sport for a high school may attend, but may not physically take part, either as an individual or as a member of a team, in the sport activity in which instruction is being offered in the clinic, camp or school.

17. A student shall not participate on an all-star team while a high school undergraduate.

18. A student must maintain his/her amateur status.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY (NHS)

Membership in National Honor Society is a benefit and an honor. To be eligible for membership, the candidate must be a member of the sophomore, junior or senior class. Students must have been in attendance at Central Catholic for at least one semester and must have a cumulative GPA of a least 3.250. The Faculty Council selects members from the eligible candidates on the basis of service, leadership, and character.

PROCEDURES FOR NHS SELECTION

1. Students with a GPA of 3.250 and above may be considered for membership.

2. Students complete and turn in information sheets by September 1.

3. Completed information sheets will be available for every teacher to review during the month of September.

4. Surveys are given to every teacher with the information sheets.

5. Surveys are returned to the NHS sponsor in early October.

6. Selection will take place in October by the Faculty Council utilizing the following process.

7. Because students may be surveyed by a different number of teachers, the following method is implemented to bring them all to the same level of comparison.

a) Points are tallied and this total is divided by the number of teachers responding to that student - this is an average score for the student.

b) The mode is determined by the most frequent number of responses submitted by teachers for all students.

c) The average from a) is multiplied by the mode b).

8. Scores (no name) from c) above are rank-ordered.
9. A cut-off is determined by the Faculty Council. Discussion is held. The goal is to select students who are above average in the three categories.
10. Students on or above the cut-off are selected. Discussion of those below the cut-off is conducted for possible selection.
11. A faculty member will not respond on a survey of his or her own child.
12. Questions regarding non-selection should be directed to the Principal and will be handled according to the N.H.S.Handbook.

STUDENT COUNCIL

Student councils provide an opportunity for students to participate in democratic processes and serve as an official means for the Central Catholic student body to communicate with the administration on matters pertaining to school life. The purpose of such councils is to promote the common good and general welfare of all students.

Student councils shall not have authority to make policies or regulations for the school; nor shall they have any disciplinary authority, except for recommending removal of members from the council. Councils shall function within the provisions of the constitution that governs the organization and may make recommendations to the administration on any topic of student concern.

Elections for High School and Middle School Student council positions are held each spring.

ATHLETIC PROGRAM

Middle School

<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>
FALL Football	FALL Volleyball
WINTER Basketball Wrestling	WINTER Basketball

High School

<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>
FALL Football Cross Country Tennis	FALL Volleyball Cross Country Golf
WINTER Basketball Swimming Wrestling	WINTER Basketball Swimming

SPRING	SPRING	SPRING	SPRING
Track	Track	Track	Track
		Golf	Tennis
		Baseball	Soccer
		Soccer	

NOTE: Participation in football and wrestling is open only to boys. Participation in volleyball is open only to girls. All other athletic activities are open to both boys and girls.

There is a policy of not cutting students at the middle school level. Cuts may occur at the high school level (grades 9-12). Coach and/or sponsor establishes this criteria.

FINE ARTS PROGRAM

Middle School

6th	Band	6th	Choir	6th	Art
7th	Band	7th	Choir	7th	Art
8th	Band	8th	Choir	8th	Art

7th	Variety Night
8th	Variety Night
7th	Journalism
7th/8th	Middle School Swing Choir

High School

Art	Marching Band	Concert Choir
Yearbook	Concert Band	Swing Choir
Lance (school newspaper)	Jazz Ensemble	Major Production
Speech Team	Pep Band	
One-Act Play	Color Guard	

CLUBS/ORGANIZATIONS/ACTIVITIES

The clubs and organizations available for students at Central Catholic are:

Middle School: Student Council

High School: Student Council, Spanish Club, National Honor Society, Art Club, Dance Team, and Cheerleading.

GUIDELINES FOR DANCES

1. The request form for dances must be submitted to the Activities Director at least 10 days prior to the date of the dance.
2. Dances will not exceed three hours in length nor last later than 12:00 a.m. unless approved by the Administration.

3. Dances will be held in the cafeteria, lobby or other designated area upon approval from the Administration.
4. All contracts for music must be signed by an administrator.
5. **Attire:**
 Formal: Suit or Tuxedo; Formal Gown.
 Semi-Formal: Coat and Tie or Sweater; Dress or Pant Suit.
 Informal: School Dress code applies here.
 (Advertising for dance should indicate the proper attire for the dance.)
6. Class or club sponsors, parent chaperones and administrators are responsible for everything that transpires at school dances. They are to remain until the event has ended and all students are out of the building.
7. Chaperones should consist of 3 faculty members, 3 sets of parents, and 1 administrator. Faculty sponsors are to contact parent chaperones to confirm attendance.
8. Chaperones' responsibilities:
 - A. Chaperones should have an assigned area to monitor.
 - B. Questionable behavior should be reported to the Administrator.
 - C. Smoking, drinking or any type of drug use is prohibited.
 - D. If students leave the building after the dance starts, they are not to return.
 - E. Students who arrive past the mid-point of the dance are not to be admitted unless prior approval was granted by the administrator.
9. High School dances are for students in grades 9-12 only. Prom is an exception.
10. Opening Mixer: Dates from outside the school are not permitted. Attire is informal.
11. Homecoming: Dates from outside the school are permitted if they are preregistered. Attire is semi-formal. Female dresses need not adhere to the dress code in regard to having shoulders completely covered but must be modest in appearance and in good taste.
12. Winter Ball: Dates from outside the school are permitted if they are pre-registered. Attire is semi-formal. Female dresses need not adhere to the dress code in regard to having shoulders completely covered but must be modest in appearance and in good taste.
13. Prom: For students in grades 11-12 and their dates. Freshmen are not allowed to attend. Only graduates with prior permission from the administrator are allowed to attend. Attire is formal. Female dresses need not adhere to the dress code in regard to having shoulders

completely covered but must be modest in appearance and in good taste.

14. An individual organization, club or group may sponsor only one dance per year.

15. Middle school students may have two dances per year; one each semester. No outside dates are allowed at these dances. No dances may be scheduled during the Lenten season. 6th grade students are not allowed to attend Middle School dances.

16. The ultimate responsibility for the success of dances and their continuation rests with the students. As long as dances experience no major problems, i.e., drinking, fighting, inappropriate dancing, etc., they will continue to be held.

17. Inappropriate behavior will be dealt with by the club or class sponsors, parent chaperones and the administration. Consequences for inappropriate behavior could result in but not be limited to immediate removal from the dance, inability to attend future dances, or any other form of discipline deemed appropriate by the administration.

BUS RULES

1. Absolutely no standing when the bus is in motion.

2. Complete quiet is required when the bus stops at railroad crossings.

3. If a student travels to an activity on the bus, he/she is to return on the bus, unless written permission has been given to the sponsor.

4. Upon arrival, students remain at the site of the activity.

5. Students are responsible for cleaning up after themselves on the bus; trash is to be placed in trash cans. Nothing is to be thrown out the windows.

6. Students are to sit in their seats; feet on the floor at all times.

7. No radios are to be played except with earphones.

8. Students are not to hang their arms or any other parts of their bodies out of the bus windows.

9. No yelling, abusive or offensive language will be tolerated.

10. The rear door of the bus is to be used as an EMERGENCY EXIT only.

11. The center aisle is to be kept clear at all times.

12. Evidence of possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages will result in notification of parents, who may be asked to come and get the student even if the bus is out of town.

13. Students are responsible for their own behavior on the bus.

14. Violations of the above rules will jeopardize future bus trips during the academic year for the individual(s) involved.

TRANSPORTATION IN PRIVATE VEHICLES

Student participants in the activities program may not ride to an out-of-town activity in a private vehicle driven by another student. Written permission from the parent/guardian and given to the coach/sponsor is the procedure for riding home with a parent/guardian from an out-of-town activity. Student activity participant is not allowed to return with other student's parent/guardian unless approved by his/her parent/guardian. Within the limits of the Grand Island area school system boundaries, a student may ride to an activity in a private vehicle driven by another student provided the parents of both students are aware of, and consent to, this transportation arrangement.

SELECTION PROCEDURE FOR MAJOR EVENTS

<u>Title</u>	<u>Organization</u>	<u>Procedure</u>
Harvest of Harmony Hostess	Band	All seniors nominate five senior girls. Top five nominations are placed on a ballot and voted on by all high school students.

Final Ballot Verification Advisor/Principal

Homecoming King, Queen and Court	Sr. Class	All seniors nominate five senior girls and senior boys. The top five boys & girls are placed on a ballot and voted on by all high school students. Top boy & girl are king and queen. The others will be on the court.
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Final Ballot Verification Advisor/Principal

Winter Ball	Soph. Class	Same as Homecoming	Advisor/Principal
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Prom	Jr. Class	Same as Homecoming	Advisor/Principal
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Notes:

1. The advisors have the responsibility of securing the nominations and preparing the ballots and conducting the all-high-school vote.
2. The all-school ballots will be counted and verified by an advisor or the principal. The all-school ballots and nomination results will be kept on file by the principal for the duration of the school year.
3. In case of a tie: If a tie exists for queen, king or hostess, the

tie will be broken by the person who received the most nomination votes from the senior class. If a tie still exists, the tie will be broken by the flip of a coin. The principal and advisor will conduct this activity. Ties for nominating will be decided by a flip of the coin or by adding additional students to the all school ballot.

4. Students who have been selected as a King or Queen or the Harvest of Harmony Hostess ARE NOT eligible to be nominated the balance of the year for the other major events.

BELL SCHEDULES

REGULAR

1st Bell -7:20
EB 7:24 - 8:09
1 8:12 - 8:57
2 9:01 - 9:46
3 9:50 - 10:35
4 10:39 - 11:24
5A 11:28 -11:51
B 11:54 - 12:16
C 12:19 - 12:42
CH-1 12:46 – 12:58
6 12:58 – 1:43
7 1:47 - 2:32
8 2:36 – 3:21

MASS

1st Bell - 7:20
EB 7:24 - 8:09
Attend 8:12 - 8:16
Mass 8:19 - 9:09
1 9:13 - 9:49
2 9:53 - 10:29
3 10:33 - 11:09
4 11:13 - 11:49
5A 11:53 - 12:16
B 12:19 – 12:41
C 12:44 –1:07
CH-1 1:11 - 1:23
6 1:23 –2:00
7 2:04 - 2:41
8 2:45 - 3:21

1:10 RELEASE

1st Bell - 7:33
EB 7:24 - 8:09
1 8:12 - 8:42
2 8:46 - 9:16
3 9:20 - 9:50
4 9:54 - 10:24
5A 10:28 - 10:47
B 10:49 - 11:08
C 11:10 - 11:28
6 11:32 - 12:02
7 12:06 - 12:36
8 12:40 - 1:10

1:51 RELEASE

1st Bell -7:20
EB 7:24 - 8:09
1 8:12 - 8:44
2 8:48 - 9:20
3 9:24 - 9:56
4 10:00 - 10:32
5A 10:36 - 10:59
B 11:02 - 11:25
C 11:28 - 11:51
CH-1 11:55 - 12:07
6 12:07 - 12:39
7 12:43 - 1:15
8 1:19 - 1:51