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PARENT NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

May the Peace and Grace of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, be a source of great joy to you!

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL! In just a few days, school will be in session and we will welcome students back into the classrooms of Central Catholic for another exciting and productive year. As the new school year begins, we want to THANK YOU for entrusting your children to our care for several hours each day. We consider it a privilege to be in partnership with parents in the education of students who attend Central Catholic, and we look forward to working with you in the academic and spiritual development of the young people enrolled in our school.

TUITION AND FEES...See separate page.

STUDENT ORIENTATION...will be held on Friday, August 13. Times were in the last newsletter and on the current enclosed calendar.

SPIRIT WEAR.... *Please pick up your shirt order at Central Catholic on August 13 after your student orientation time slot (until 4:00 p.m.) Thank you!*

STUDENT PICTURES...will be taken as a part of Orientation Day activities. A **PICTURE ORDER ENVELOPE IS PROVIDED WITH THIS NEWSLETTER.** One envelope is needed for each student. Additional envelopes are available in the office. Please have the exact amount of money in the envelope or checks may be made out to Maggoire Photography. There will be an absentee picture day on Friday, August 20 for those students unable to attend on August 13. Students **DO NOT** need to dress according to the Spirit wear dress code on August 13.

STUDENT HANDBOOK/PLANNER...On Orientation Day all students will receive a Student Handbook/Planner. Parents and students are asked to read and become familiar with information in the Handbook/Planner. Attached to the student's planner will be a Student Information/Medical Sheet (which is included in this newsletter), Online Parent Access Registration form (included in the June-July 2010 newsletter with additional information), locker combination, class schedule, and a Computer Network Usage Agreement Form (which is also included in this newsletter). The Computer Network Form needs to be signed by a parent and the student to allow access to computers and the Internet. Please sign and return the information sheet and network agreement form on **Friday, August 13th during student orientation.** Please note on your student's schedule that some classes may take place only on "A" days or "B" days. The monthly newsletter calendars will state which days are "A" or "B". THANK YOU!

STUDENT INFORMATION FORM...Attached to this newsletter is a student information sheet. This form contains considerable information which may be needed by our school personnel during the year. The form should be returned to the school **FRIDAY, AUGUST 13th AT STUDENT ORIENTATION!** Additional forms will be available if needed. We ask that you complete ALL portions of the form **for each one of your students** including names of individual(s) who may be contacted in the event of an emergency should you be unavailable. **These forms are mandatory for us to have.** On the backside of the information sheet is the Medical Information Form. All prescription drugs are to be kept in the school's main office. Prescription medications **MUST** be provided in the original container. Any over-the-counter medications must be left in the office and marked with the student's name.

ALL NEW STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES...are invited to attend a social at Blessed Sacrament in the Jubilee Center on Sunday, August 15 at 6:00 p.m. This event will consist of a short program and a meal provided by the Hospitality Committee.

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FIRST DAY OF CLASS...Classes are scheduled to begin Monday, August 16 at 8:12 a.m. with dismissal at 1:51 p.m. (High School Early Bird classes will start at 7:24 a.m.)

DRIVER EDUCATION: Central Catholic will hold two Driver Education courses at Central Catholic during the 2010-11 school year. The first course will be offered during the first Semester on the following Saturdays: August 21, Sept. 11, Oct. 9, Oct. 23, Oct. 30, Nov. 6, and Nov. 20th. The second course will be offered the second semester with specific days to be announced at a later time. The Nebraska Safety Center out of Kearney will provide the entire program at GICC. The cost for the course will be \$295.00 payable to the Nebraska Safety Center. If you have a student who is interested in enrolling in Driver Education at Central Catholic, you may pickup a form in the school office starting August 2nd. If you have any questions, please contact John Golka or Doris Rempe 384-2440.

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE: will hold the first meeting of the 2010-11 school year on Saturday, September 11, 2010 at 8:30 AM in the Conference Room at GICC. We are looking for new members. This committee hosts many social events by providing drinks and snacks, etc... throughout the school year. Interested individuals are encouraged to attend the meeting or contact John Golka at 384-2440.

RENTED OR BORROWED ITEMS...If anyone has any GICC tables, chairs, or other items that they have rented or borrowed from Central Catholic, please return them ASAP. These items are needed for upcoming events and we would like to check our numbers. We would also like to remind everyone that a deposit is required to rent items and everyone should expect to pay rent or make a donation for the items they borrow from the school.

ALL SCHOOL MASS...The first All-School Mass (required for all students and staff) will be held on Wednesday, August 19, beginning at 8:19 a.m.. Parents are always welcome. Normal masses are held on Wednesdays throughout the school year. Please check your calendars.

3rd CITY ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB STEAK FEED...Checkout the flyer enclosed.

SPORTS BUTTONS...Forms for fall sports/activity buttons are enclosed. All fall sports/activity participants will have pictures taken on Friday, August 20th, right after school. Orders will be processed and distributed ASAP.

GICC TO RECEIVE \$10,000 FOR WINNING VERIZON CONTEST...Verizon Wireless is awarding \$10,000 to Central Catholic for recently gaining the most votes in the company's text-to-win contest. Through the Verizon wireless TXT2WIN contest, students, parents, teachers and fans from select high schools were invited to send a text message to vote for their schools. Central Catholic competed against nine other high schools in Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, and Wisconsin to win. More than 40,000 text votes were submitted during the competition. All of the schools received a \$1,000 donation for participating. GICC wants to once again thank everyone who voted for us!

CENTRAL CATHOLIC FOUNDATION GOLF BENEFIT...Entry form is enclosed.

MAGAZINE SALES KICKOFF DRIVE... **Tuesday, August 31st**, is the kickoff day for this year's Magazine Sales Drive. We will be working with Great American Opportunities for our Magazine Sales. Steve Hillers, Great American Opportunities representative, has organized Magazine Sales at GICC for more than ten years. Please encourage your student to sell magazines for this fundraiser as the raised money comes back into the school to help all the students.

PHYSICAL AND IMMUNIZATION RECORDS...Parents of seventh grade students are reminded that we must have a physical exam and immunization records on file **before** school starts. **We must have in the records either documentation of having had chicken pox or having had the vaccination for the chicken pox.** Also, any student in grades 7-12 who participates in athletics must complete the Central Catholic health examination form and have a signed student participation/parental approval form on file. If you have not provided the school with this information for your student, we would appreciate having you do so as soon as possible. All over-the-counter and prescription meds are to be checked into the office when brought to school. Please encourage your student NOT to leave medicines in their lockers.

ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB FALL SPORTS KICKOFF DINNER...The Fall kickoff dinner will be held on Tuesday, August 24th at 7:00 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament Jubilee Center. The fall high school coaches will speak and the spirit squads will be introduced. State champions from our spring season will be recognized along with state medal winners and state qualifiers. A limited amount of Crusader Wear items will be available for purchase. The Booster Club will provide the main dish, drinks, plates, and utensils. There is no charge, but parents are asked to

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bring the following side dishes: *Families with Last Names A-G – Please bring a salad, H-R – please bring a vegetable or a potato dish, and S-Z – please bring a dessert.*

ATHLETIC INSURANCE...All athletes are required to have insurance. If you do not have your own insurance, a student accident plan is available through the school at a cost to parent/guardian. Talk to Mike Rohweder for details.

LABELS FOR EDUCATION: CAMPBELLS and BOXTOPS.....Please save your CAMPBELLS LABELS FOR EDUCATION and YOUR BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION, and send them to the school office. Central Catholic has been using the BoxTop funds towards upgrading the mats by the stage in the old gym. This past year we were able to order 2 new cutting boards and a new heavy duty stapler with the Campbells Labels proceeds. Please clip and turn them in to the school office. Every small amount helps run our school just a little better.

HUSKER HARVEST DAYS HELP NEEDED...The Athletic Booster Club and Fine Arts Guild will be operating several food stands at Husker Harvest Days, September 14 - 16. This is a major fund-raising project, which benefits our school immensely! Parents are reminded that when your student attends Central Catholic, you are automatically a member of the Athletic Booster Club and Fine Arts Guild. These groups provide support for the activities at GICC and serve as a great opportunity for parents to become involved with the school in a meaningful way. Please contact Howard Schumann at GICC or refer to the Husker Harvest Form enclosed for more information and contacts.

CTBS AND EXPLORE TESTING...for grades 6-9 will be given Tuesday, September 14th and Wednesday, September 15th. 6th and 7th graders will take the CTBS Tests from 8:12 a.m. until noon on Tuesday and Wednesday. School will be dismissed at noon. 8th and 9th graders will take the EXPLORE Test on Tuesday ONLY from 8:12 a.m. until 10:35 a.m. 8th and 9th graders will be dismissed on Tuesday at 10:35 a.m. and will not have school on Wednesday.

NO SCHOOL FOR GRADES 10 & 11...on Tuesday, September 14 and Wednesday, September 15. This is intended to provide more student help at Husker Harvest Days. Please encourage your student to sign up to help! Sign up sheets will be in the office. Students are bused from Central Catholic at approximately 8 a.m. and will be back to Central Catholic approximately 3:15 p.m.

SENIOR SEMINAR...will be on Tuesday, September 14 and Wednesday, September 15 from 8:30-11:30 a.m./12:30-3:30 p.m. More information will be provided at the Senior/Parent Night on Monday, August 30 at 7:00 p.m. in the Media Center.

SENIORS... Please make sure you are getting your senior pictures taken as soon as possible. Please remember that various areas of the school may ask for a wallet photo. some include: 1 for the yearbook, 1 for the Lance, 1 for the senior board in the lobby, and 1 for the counselor for the power point. These pictures are not returnable. Thank you!

NEBRASKA FEDERATION OF CENTRAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL PARENTS... Membership in the Nebraska Federation of Catholic School Parents (NFCSP) is included with students fees paid at the beginning of the school year. Every family with a student at Central Catholic will automatically be enrolled in NFCSP and receive their newsletter. If you do not wish to be a member of NFCSP, please notify us by September 11, 2009, to have your name removed from the membership list.

SUPPLIES FOR THE 2010-2011 SCHOOL YEAR...Teachers will inform the student during their first few days of class what supplies are needed during the year. Students will **ONLY** need a pen or pencil and paper the first few days of school. **The high school math department has included their main supply list with this newsletter.** A suggestion for high students is for all students to purchase their own flash drive to save resumes and school projects on.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY...All 9-12 grade students may apply to NHS. Selection into National Honor Society is based on the individual student's attributes of Scholarship, Leadership, Service, and Character. Applications can be found on-line under Faculty-Mrs. Luther. The deadline to apply is September 1st, 2010.

NO SCHOOL FOR GRADES 6-12...on Thursday, September 23rd due to Parent/Teacher Conferences.

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES...will be Thursday, September 23rd from 12:00-3:30 and 4:30-8:30 p.m. in the new school gymnasium. CONFERENCES WILL BE HELD ON THIS ONE DAY ONLY! There is no school on this day. The afternoon schedule provides another option for parents who have conflicts in the evening.

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We encourage you to consider attending Parent/Teacher conferences in the afternoon, if possible. Note that there is an hour dinner break for the faculty from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. At conferences you will receive a **six week progress note** from the office. It will look like our report cards. Any six week progress notes not picked up at conferences will be mailed home. Conferences will be limited to five minutes and parents will make appointments to visit with the teachers. **CONFERENCES WILL BE HELD IN THE NEW GYM.**

Parents are asked to first pick up their student progress note in the office. Parent should then proceed to the lobby where all teachers' names are posted with 5 min. conference time-slots on stickers. The teacher time-slots will be posted by 11:45 a.m. Parents are to pick up a sheet in the lobby for use in attaching your time slot stickers. There will also be a map of the teachers' alphabetical layout in the gym. Parents may remove one time slot sticker per student, per teacher and affix it to their sheet. We ask that parents show the sheet to the instructor to begin and end each conference.

This approach is intended to reduce waiting time for parents. Because of the five minute limit per conference, it may not be possible to see every teacher. Therefore, it is suggested that you concentrate on scheduling your appointments with teachers whom you feel a definite need to visit with. Please do not sign up for more than one time slot with any one teacher. If you need to see an instructor and time slots do not fit your schedule, you may leave your name in the school office and the instructor will attempt to contact you at a later date.

Parent/Teacher Conferences provide an excellent opportunity for parents and teachers to communicate with each other and build working relationships that will be beneficial to the best interests of the student and his or her educational program.

If you are a new parent and would like this procedure explained further, or you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call the school office at 384-2440.

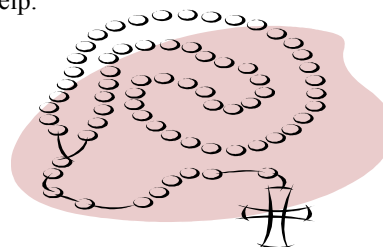
"THE KNIGHT"...The Thirteenth Annual Benefit Dinner and Auction will be held November 20, 2010 at Grand Island Central Catholic. This grand auction provides huge benefits to the school. Please do whatever you can do to help!

SENIOR MASS, HIGH SCHOOL HONORS CONVOCATION AND SENIOR LUNCH... will be held on **Wednesday, May 11, 2010.** Graduation will still be held on Sunday, May 15, 2011 at 3:00 p.m.

QUESTIONS???...If you have any questions that are not answered in the newsletter, or for information about any aspect of Central Catholic, please call us. We will be more than happy to help.

May the Spirit of Christ dwell in your heart and remain with you forever!

Sincerely,



Greg Logsdon
Superintendent

John M. Golka
Principal

REMINDER...Everyone is invited to join in the Rosary Prayer held each Wednesday following the school Mass. We meet in the Chapel at GICC for about 15 minutes and say the Rosary in thanksgiving and support of our school. Rosary booklets are provided. If you have any questions, please call Kathy Hartman 886-4656 (local).

From the Diocese of Grand Island - Child Protection Office

If you have knowledge of an incident of sexual abuse of a minor by a cleric, church employee or volunteer, you may report the matter to one of our Victim Assistant coordinators:

Grand Island

Elizabeth A. Heidt, Ph.D., Licensed Psychologist (308) 382-6565

Aileen Grundel, Ph.D., Licensed Psychologist (308) 381-2233

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MATH DEPARTMENT SUPPLIES!

Because the math department will be using a computer-based assignment we are asking all students to bring 1 ream of unlined white copy paper to be given to their math teacher the first week of school. This can be purchased at Sam's Club, Wal-mart, etc.

8th -12th Grade

In addition each student will need to bring the following materials for math class on Monday, August 16th.

1) a 2" hard cover binder & dividers 2) loose-leaf notebook paper 3) good eraser and pencils 4)2-3 sheet protectors

***Pre-Calc students will need a TI - 84 plus Graphic Calculator**



Checklist for Orientation Day

HAVE YOU TAKEN CARE OF THESE ITEMS?

- LUNCH (just send a check to the main office – MEALS AVERAGE \$3-4 a day)
- STUDENT PICTURES – use picture envelope enclosed in this newsletter.
- BOOK FEE (\$175.00) and TUITION (1st PYMT DUE NOW)
- GOODWILL DAYS (\$17.00 for the year)
- STUDENT INFORMATION FORM 2010-2011
- STUDENT NETWORK FORM 2010-2011
- PARENT ON-LINE ACCESS FORM (only if you are not already signed up)
- PHYSICAL FORM (7-12 students)
- HUSKER HARVEST VOLUNTEER FORM
- “THE KNIGHT” VOLUNTEER FORM
- 1 ream of copy paper for your math teacher (put your name and grade on it)
- 1 box of Kleenexes (turn in to the office)
- 1 package cough drops
- PURCHASE A FAMILY ABC/FINE ARTS PASS(\$125.00) or ASK ABOUT A BUSINESS AD
- Turn in STEAK FEED Dinner Tickets/Purchase Steak Feed Raffle Tickets (ask in the office)
- Order your Fall Sports/Activity Buttons or Pictures
- Purchase Stadium Seats, Rain Ponchos, License Plates, and Coffee Mugs
- Purchase you CRUSADER WEAR PACKAGE \$30.00
- Purchase Fine Arts Crusader Flags and Cookbooks
- Pick up your Spirit Wear (uniform order) by the Library