

PRINCIPAL SEARCH

CENTRAL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

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Mission Statement

The Central Catholic Promise:

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

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

The school strives to provide a challenging, relevant, and diverse program of studies and extracurricular activities in an environment that fosters a life of faith and learning and develops leaders rooted in the Gospel values of integrity, respect, service, justice, and peace.

At a Glance



Established
1927



Enrollment
715



Total Faculty
71



Student-faculty ratio
13:1



Students of color



Financial aid awarded
\$3M



Faculty with advanced degrees
71%



Campus size
375,000 sqft

Percentage of non-Catholic students: 25%

Districts represented: 50+

Percentage of non-Catholic faculty: 8%

Faculty of color

Students receiving aid: 56%

Endowment: \$30M

Annual operating budget: \$12M

Courses offered: 150

AP and Honors courses: 16 AP; 29 Honors

Clubs and activities: 40

Varsity sports: 19

Mascot: Viking



Overview

Since its founding in 1927, Central Catholic High School (Central Catholic) has faithfully fulfilled its promise to all generations: To inspire boys to become *Men of Faith, Men of Scholarship, and Men of Service*. Today that promise is manifested in the call to every student – all 715 of them from nearly sixty different school districts – to grow into men who are deeply rooted in the Gospel values of integrity, respect, service, justice, and peace. This is what it means to live and learn within the unique and powerful charism of the De La Salle Christian Brothers, a tradition that continues to animate and shape Central Catholic in all its efforts.

Core to these efforts is the belief held by every teacher, staff member, moderator, coach, and administrator that care for students is the highest priority in everything they do. While Central Catholic can point to its academic excellence (including 150 course offerings), outstanding extra-curricular programming (40 assorted clubs), transformational campus ministry, robust athletic programs, beautiful campus, and highly successful alumni with rightful pride, the community knows that it is profound care for students that makes Central Catholic such a special place.

While grounded in Lasallian educational principles, Central Catholic, as a Diocesan high school, is also committed to the essential role it plays in the wider Church and actively supports local parishes and schools in their ministries. Like other local Diocesan high schools, Central Catholic is governed by a two-tiered Board of Directors, and the President, Matthew Stoessel, reports directly to this Board. Although there have been fluctuations in practice in recent years, President Stoessel, the Central Catholic Board, and Diocesan leadership are committed to the President-Principal leadership model going forward.

Opportunities and Challenges

The renewed commitment to the President-Principal leadership model is both an opportunity and challenge for Central Catholic at this unique time in its history. In this model, the President serves as the school's CEO with responsibilities for the school's finances, fundraising, facilities, and overall operational vitality. The President delegates day-to-day operations of the school to the Principal, who functions as the Academic COO. Together, this team is charged with ensuring that Central Catholic remains fully committed to its Mission and LaSallian charism.



Therein lies the primary opportunities and challenges for the next Principal of Central Catholic:

- To promote, in partnership with the President, the school's Mission and Identity to the broader community.
- To foster a climate that is Lasallian in nature and practice with diminishing numbers of Christian Brothers.
- To re-establish the role of Principal within the President-Principal leadership model.
- To respond to the needs of an increasingly diverse student body amidst a wide array of parental expectations.
- To formulate strategies that will provide professional growth opportunities for the faculty.
- To serve as a dynamic, transformational, faith-driven leader who is committed to academic excellence throughout the curriculum.

Qualifications and Personal Attributes

The next Principal of Central Catholic will need to embrace the Lasallian Mission of the school and promote a sense of brotherhood and community among the students, faculty, staff, parents, and alumni. Achieving academic excellence requires that the Principal will work collaboratively with all faculty and student support personnel in order to promote the best practices of teaching and learning. The ideal Principal will be a practicing Catholic with a strong sense of spirituality and who will defend Catholic faith and Lasallian values.

Specific Qualities and Characteristics for the next principal include:

- Experienced educational leader who understands educational trends and research.
- Knowledgeable about and has a passion for an all-boys high school education.
- Excellent communicator both in written and verbal platforms.
- Inspirational leader who knows how to build a team.
- Intellectual resourcefulness, entrepreneurship, and adaptability.
- Moral courage to make changes where and when they are needed to advance Central Catholic's Mission.

Learn More

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To Apply

Interested and qualified candidates are invited to contact the consultants in confidence. Candidates will ultimately need to submit the following materials as separate PDF documents:

- A cover letter expressing their interest in this particular position;
- A current résumé;
- A completed Candidate Questionnaire (to be provided by the consultants);
- A list of five professional references with name, relationship, phone number, and email address of each (references will not be contacted without the candidate's permission) to:

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