

WELCOME AND REFERENCE GUIDE

2026-2027



GREENSBURG CENTRAL CATHOLIC JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Students,

At Greensburg Central Catholic Junior-Senior High School, we are deeply committed to nurturing the growth and development of each student—academically, socially, emotionally, and most importantly, spiritually. Rooted in Catholic values, our mission is to guide young people not only toward academic success, but also toward becoming compassionate, responsible individuals who live their faith through service to others.

Our curriculum is thoughtfully designed to challenge and inspire. From junior high through senior high, we offer a wide range of courses and extracurricular opportunities that allow students to explore their interests and prepare for life beyond graduation. In addition to a strong foundation in core subjects such as math, science, and literature, we provide rich offerings in theology, the arts, and social studies—shaping well-rounded, morally grounded leaders.

What truly sets GCC apart is our vibrant, faith-filled community. We believe that every student, teacher, and family contributes to a culture where faith and learning are intertwined. Students regularly participate in Mass, service projects, retreats, and daily prayer—experiences that foster spiritual growth and a genuine sense of belonging.



Sincerely,

Mark

Mark Dysert

Principal of Greensburg Central Catholic Junior-Senior High School

MISSION STATEMENT:

GREENSBURG CENTRAL CATHOLIC JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

The mission of Greensburg Central Catholic Junior Senior High School is to promote the formation of students within a community of faith. We are a diocesan co-educational school providing a rigorous and comprehensive curriculum centered on the teachings of the Catholic Church, incorporating the Gospel values of Jesus Christ, and designed to meet a variety of academic, spiritual, and social needs. As a college preparatory Catholic school, inclusive of grades 7-12, we educate students of diverse faiths and backgrounds. Our students will learn to integrate critical reasoning, scholastic achievement, and the search for truth within the convictions of Catholic teaching rooted in faith, moral responsibility, and serve to the global community.

ALMA MATER

Hail Alma Mater, we thy children sing:
Honor, praise, and glory here will always ring.
Thy ideals and standards we shall teach the world
As we stand so loyal, banners all unfurled
Walls of our high school, standing strong and free,
We pray thou wilt lead us 'til eternity.

Hail Central Catholic, nobly built of stone,
Glory always present, pledge we thee to own.
Swerving not in standards, truth has made thee free;
Goodness and great beauty lead to Christ from thee
God grant our high school endless length of days,
Shining ever brightly, showing forth His praise.

HISTORY

Greensburg Central Catholic High School opened its doors to welcome the first freshmen class, September 8, 1959. Students came to Greensburg Central Catholic from as far east in the diocese as Ligonier, and as far west as Trafford. The origin of the school is rooted in the vision of the first Bishop of the Diocese of Greensburg, Bishop Hugh L. Lamb.

Bishop Lamb had a very definite vision for Catholic education and felt that a distinct need existed for a secondary educational facility located centrally within the diocese.

A site for the new school was chosen in an area of Hempfield Township known as Carbon. Bishop Lamb broke ground for the building in 1958, and it was formally dedicated, November 29, 1959.

Father Harry G. Hynes served as the first principal of Greensburg Central Catholic. Father Hynes was aided in his administrative duties by Father William Sheridan, who served as assistant principal.

The initial teaching staff divided its curricular instructional duties by distributing them among the six religious orders that served the school. The Sisters of St. Benedict were in charge of teaching languages, while science and music instruction were undertaken by the Sisters of Charity. The Felician Sisters taught mathematics, the Sisters of Mercy taught English, the Sisters

of St. Joseph taught social studies, and the Vincentian Sisters of Charity taught business. Physical education courses were taught by lay teachers.

As history has borne witness, the torch of Bishop Lamb's educational vision has been carried farther by the principals, teachers, and students of the Greensburg Central Catholic learning community. Bishop Lamb's successor, Bishop William G. Connare, served as the second bishop of the diocese from 1960-87, and effectively built upon Bishop Lamb's vision for Catholic education.

In 1962, Bishop Connare proposed the construction of a faculty house facility for all six groups of religious teachers at the school. This new building was to provide a wing for each religious community, with a centrally-located chapel, as well as a dining room and a community room.

This building was used in its original form for 40 years, and shortly thereafter was partially razed, and renovated, into a new performing arts center. A new student chapel was created on the third floor of the main school building, near its new computer laboratory.

The physical plant of Greensburg Central Catholic High School continued to develop over the years with the addition of a new wing in 1967. Within the last decade, this wing has again been renovated into new classrooms, an athletic conditioning center, and a new library which replaced the former library originally located on the building's third floor.

In 1989, Greensburg Central Catholic, which had previously used Offutt Field in Greensburg for its football games, constructed its own football field and surrounding track. In 1998, stadium lighting was installed to illuminate night football games and soccer matches.

The school plant continues to enjoy many new updates to meet the educational and spiritual needs of its students. From 2007-09, a new project was undertaken, in which campus parking was expanded to accommodate the construction of a new auxiliary gymnasium facility which was added to the rear of the school building.

In 2011, the Performing Arts Center underwent a renovation, to include visual arts classrooms, a photography classroom, and a storage facility. Also in 2011, the "new wing" area was renovated to accommodate the junior-high students, who began attending Greensburg Central Catholic during the 2011-12 school year.

In 2014, Greensburg Central Catholic began a 1:1 Technology Initiative in conjunction with the Diocese of Greensburg Office of Information Technologies, and the Office for Catholic Schools. Students in grades 9 through 12 each received tablet computers to be used for educational purposes inside and outside the classroom. The project expanded in 2016, with the distribution of laptop computers to the high school students.

In 2017, Greensburg Central Catholic partnered with the Children's Museum of Pittsburgh and Google to develop a Makerspace, providing a space for students to actively engage in their own learning while benefiting from hands-on projects, problem solving, and creative thinking. In

2019, an enhanced Makerspace was created, providing additional learning opportunities in all curricular areas.

On March 13th, 2020, Governor Tom Wolf declared that all Pennsylvania schools would close due to the Covid-19 global pandemic. Schools would eventually be closed for the remainder of the school year. Utilizing our 1:1 Technology Initiative, our adoption several years earlier of Schoology as a Course Management System, and modifying our Flexible Instruction Plan, GCC teachers and students transitioned directly to remote learning on March 17th and completed the school year as scheduled.

Greensburg Central Catholic High School, a true "Alma Mater, a fostering mother," is a growing community of alumni and alumni around the world. These sons and daughters, who, by their lives and what they have learned at Greensburg Central Catholic, are living testimony to the Gospel and to the love which is Jesus Christ. "Hail Alma Mater, we, thy children sing!"

SCHOOL CREST

The official school crest of Greensburg Central Catholic Junior-Senior High School represents its deep roots in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Greensburg and its spiritual mission as a school. The symbols on the school crest are the same as those that are found on the crest of Bishop Hugh L. Lamb, the first bishop of the Diocese of Greensburg who dedicated Greensburg Central Catholic in 1959. The symbols embedded on the traditional GCC crest carry the following specific meanings:



The Shield

In Catholic Heraldry, a shield represents the "Shield of Faith" (referencing Ephesians 6:16), symbolizing spiritual protection, loyalty, and steadfast devotion to Christ.

As a regional high school operated by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Greensburg, the school's shield mirrors the official Diocesan Crest for Bishop Hugh L. Lamb, the first bishop of the Diocese of Greensburg which was commissioned in 1951:

Text and Ribbon

- **The Motton on the Banner:** The school's official motto, written on the crest's banner, is the Latin phrase "**Soli Deo Gloria.**" This translates directly to "**Glory to God Alone.**" It was the motto of Bishop Lamb and is found on the scroll on his crest.

School Colors

- **Maroon and Gray:** The formal colors decorating the crest represent the official Greensburg Central Catholic school colors.

The Symbols on the Crest

- **The Five-Pointed Star:** This is a direct tribute to Bishop Hugh L. Lamb himself. It is taken from the coat of arms of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, where Bishop Lamb served as an auxiliary bishop before being appointed to lead the Diocese of Greensburg.
- **Two Traversed Patriarchal Crosses:** Positioned on either side of the star, these crosses represent the authority of the bishop.
- **The Two Maltese Crosses:** The crosses represent the formation of the Diocese of Greensburg from the Diocese of Pittsburgh in 1951.
- **The Chi-Rho:** The Chi-Rho is the ancient representation of Christ and symbolizes the Holy Eucharist. It honors the Blessed Sacrament, which is the dedicatory title of Blessed Sacrament Cathedral in Greensburg as the official seat of the Diocese of Greensburg.
- **The Two Fleurs-de-lis:** The fleur-de-lis serve as a symbol of purity and is associated with the Blessed Virgin Mary and the eight beatitudes.
- **The Horizontal Banner:** The horizontal walled banner honors Revolutionary War General Nathaniel Greene, the city's namesake.
- **The Lamb:** The lamb on the personal coat of arms of Bishop Hugh L. Lamb serves as a canting heraldic symbol representing his family surname, "Lamb", while carrying deep Christian meaning as the Agnus Dei (Lamb of God), symbolizing Christ's sacrifice, innocence, and purity.

WELCOME AND REFERENCE GUIDE NOTICE

The Catholic Schools of the Diocese of Greensburg have adopted and approved this **Welcome and Reference Guide** for use in Greensburg Central Catholic Junior-Senior High School. This guide includes essential information such as the school calendar, faculty and staff directory, dress code and uniforms, weather procedures, academic expectations, school hours, and other daily guidance important for students and families. All of these resources can be found within this document.

The **Student/Parent Handbook and Code of Student Conduct (“Handbook”)**, also approved and adopted by the Catholic Schools of the Diocese of Greensburg, can be accessed using the following link: <https://www.gcchs.org/students/>

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FACULTY/STAFF DIRECTORY

2026-2027 FACULTY/STAFF DIRECTORY

Administration

Mr. Mark Dysert-Principal: mdysert@gcchs.org

Mr. David Zilli-Consultant to the Principal: dzilli@gcchs.org

Faculty

Academic Support	Mrs. Whirlow	Academic Support Coordinator	mwhirlow@gcchs.org
Admissions Department	Mrs. Talamo	Admissions & Communications	ctalamo@gcchs.org
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	Mrs. Kudla	Business Specialist	rkudla@gcchs.org
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	Ms. Goodlin		egoodlin@gcchs.org
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Math Department	Mrs. Hendrick		jhendrick@gcchs.org
	Mrs. Peters		jpeters@gcchs.org
	Mrs. Wolf		mwolf@gcchs.org
Music Department	Mr. Nierle		jnielrle@gcchs.org
Physical Education Department	Mr. Snyder		lsnyder@gcchs.org
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	Mrs. Sherman		csherman@gcchs.org
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Social Studies	Mr. C. Cardella		ccardella@gcchs.org
	Mr. R. Cardella		rcardella@gcchs.org
STEM	Mrs. Cullen	STEM/tutoring	gcullen@gcchs.org
World Language	Mr. O'Connor		joconnor@gcchs.org
	Officer Scott Williams	Diocese of Greensburg Police	swilliams@gcchs.org

DRESS CODE/UNIFORM POLICY

2026-2027 GCC Uniform Dress Code

School uniforms have long been recognized as an effective tool to promote equality, community, discipline, learning, and safety in schools. We are committed to the affirmation of the self-worth of each person. We believe that the style of dress influences the students' self-concept. All students are expected to take pride in their appearance and to dress and groom in a manner that will not disrupt the instructional climate, so a uniform dress code has been established. Greensburg Central Catholic recognizes this tool as an effective way to help the school community live up to the expectations set forth in the school's Mission, Vision, and Values. The students have a Daily Uniform and a Formal Uniform (details are listed below). The administration of Greensburg Central Catholic and the Office of Catholic Schools believe Centurions show respect for their school, themselves, and others by following school standards, including the uniform policy.

The GCC Logo is required on all uniform pants and shorts and will assist teachers and administration to quickly identify students in mandatory uniform attire. This quick identification will increase instructional time in the classroom. Authorized GCC Logo uniform vendors are Log Cabin and Lands' End.

Hoodies/outwear are only permitted when traveling from building to building. They should not be worn in classrooms, hallways, the cafeteria, or any other area of the building. Students will be given an opportunity to remove these outerwear items once in the classroom.

Team dress downs (sports, clubs, etc): teams will be permitted to dress down only twice per season. Teams may dress down during the school day for senior night and the day of their first playoff game. Teams are expected to all wear the **same sports uniform top or team spirit wear** with their school uniform bottom.

GIRLS:

All girls must have at least one crested Oxford dress shirt, and a washable **blazer** in maroon with the Greensburg Central Catholic crest. These must be worn on Formal Uniform Days. GCC will make every effort to mark these days on the school calendar that will be posted on our website, www.gcchs.org. Students should listen to daily announcements as changes in our schedule are often unavoidable.

Girls Daily Uniform:

Plaid Skirt OR Pants (Pants with GCC logo from Lands' End)
Polo with School Crest (See color according to grade level)
¼ Zip Pull-Over with School Crest (**OPTIONAL**)
Sweater with School Crest (**OPTIONAL**)
Shorts with GCC logo from Lands' End (Optional)

Girls Formal Uniform: REQUIRED

Plaid Skirt OR Pants (Pants with GCC logo from Lands' End)
White Oxford Dress Shirt with School Crest
Maroon Blazer with School Crest

Skirts: **GCC Plaid Skirt:** Purchased from Lands' End (A-Line-Item #528135x8); Purchased from Log Cabin Embroidery (GCC Plaid Skirt-Item #3953bg, or #3953gh);
Skirts should be no more than **3 inches above the knee**.

Pants: Solid **black pants** from Lands' End store ONLY listed on the GCC Uniform Page.

- The Iron Knee Blend Plain Front Chino Pants with GCC logo.
- OR
- Active Performance Chino Pants with GCC logo.

Shorts: Solid **black shorts** from Lands' End store ONLY listed on the GCC Uniform Page.

- The Plain Front Chino Shorts with GCC logo.
- OR
- Active Chino Shorts with GCC logo.

Shoes: Solid **black shoes REQUIRED**

- Conservative style-worn below the ankles.
- Close toe and closed heel.
- **No flip-flops, boots, heels.**

Socks: Solid black - **REQUIRED**

- Must fit above the ankle.
- Black color tights ONLY. **No leggings.**
- *Purchase anywhere*

Belt: Solid black, preferably leather - **REQUIRED**

- No added buckles or adornment.
- *Purchase anywhere*

White Oxford Dress Shirt with school crest: – **REQUIRED for Formal Uniform**

- Purchased from Lands' End or Log Cabin Embroidery.

Polo Shirts (Long and Short Sleeved) with school crest – **REQUIRED for Daily Uniform**

- Must be purchased from Lands' End or Log Cabin Embroidery.
- Senior High -- maroon or white only
- Junior High -- gray only

Sweater with school crest:

- Lands' End or Log Cabin Embroidery.
- Maroon only.
- The uniform polo must be worn underneath the sweater.

School Blazer with school crest: **REQUIRED for Formal Uniform**

- Maroon only.
- Available from Log Cabin Embroidery.

¼ Zipper Pull-Over with school crest: Maroon

- Purchased for \$42 from Log Cabin Embroidery.
- **The polo must be worn underneath**

School Outwear Jacket: Maroon

- Purchased for \$45 from Log Cabin Embroidery.
- It can be worn in school as part of the uniform.
- **The polo must be worn underneath.**

BOYS:

All boys must have at least **one crested Oxford dress shirt**, a **GCC plaid tie**, and a washable **crested blazer** in maroon. The Oxford dress shirt **MUST** be worn with a tie. These must be worn on **Formal Uniform Days**. GCC will make every effort to mark these days on the school calendar that will be posted on our website, www.gccchs.org. Students should listen to daily announcements as changes in our schedule are often unavoidable.

Boys Daily Uniform

Pants (Pants with GCC monogram from Lands' End)
Polo with School Crest (See color according to grade level)
¼ Zip Pull-Over with School Crest (**OPTIONAL**)
Sweater with School Crest (**OPTIONAL**)
Shorts with GCC logo from Lands' End (Optional)

Boys Formal Uniform:

Pants (Pants with GCC monogram from Lands' End)
White Oxford Dress Shirt with School Crest
Maroon Blazer with School Crest
Tie (Plaid)

Pants: Solid **black pants** from Lands' End store **ONLY** listed on the GCC Uniform Page.

- The Iron Knee Blend Plain Front Chino Pants with GCC logo is **the only option**.

OR

- Active Performance Chino Pants with GCC logo.

Shorts: Solid **black shorts** from Lands' End store **ONLY** listed on the GCC Uniform Page.

- The Plain Front Chino Shorts with GCC logo.

OR

- Active Chino Shorts with GCC logo.

Shoes: Solid black-shoes, soles, and laces.

- Conservative style- worn below the ankles.
- Closed toe and closed heel.
- No flip flops, boots, slipper style "Uggs", crocs, croc-slippers, or similar casual styles.
- *Purchase anywhere.*

Belt: Solid black, preferably leather.

- If there are belt loops, a student must wear a belt.
- No added buckles or adornment.
- *Purchase anywhere.*

Socks: Solid black.

- Must fit above the ankle.
- *Purchase anywhere.*

Polo Shirts (Long and Short Sleeved) with school crest: **REQUIRED**

- Must be purchased from Lands' End or Log Cabin Embroidery.
- Senior High School - maroon or white only.
- Junior High – gray only.

White Oxford Dress Shirt with school crest: **REQUIRED**

- Purchased from Lands' End or Log Cabin.

Tie: **REQUIRED** for Formal Dress

- Plaid for all gentlemen.
- Available from Log Cabin and Lands' End.
- *This is the only tie that may be worn.*

School Blazer with school crest: **REQUIRED** for Formal Dress

- Maroon only. *Black is no longer an approved part of the uniform.*
- Available from Log Cabin Embroidery.

Sweater with school crest:

- Lands' End or Log Cabin Embroidery.
- Maroon only.
- The uniform polo must be worn underneath the sweater.

¼ Zipper top with school crest:

- Maroon only.
- Purchased for \$42 from the GCC Spirit Wear Store.
- The polo must be worn underneath.

School Outwear Jacket: Maroon

- Purchased for \$45 from Log Cabin Embroidery.
- It can be worn in school as part of the uniform.
- **The polo must be worn underneath.**

Contact Information:

Log Cabin Embroidery

1616 McClure Road, Suite B
Monroeville, PA 15146
(724) 327-5929

www.logcabinembroidery.com

Lands' End: www.landsend.com USE School Code: 900149006.

DRESS DOWN DAYS

*****The following are NOT permitted for Dress Down Days:**

Ripped, torn jeans/pants, legging (jeggings) style pants, pajama bottoms, ANY sleeveless or low "V" neck shirts,
shorts, bare midriffs, clothing with inappropriate pictures/sayings,
flip flops or sandals. skorts/skirts/dresses more than 3 inches above the knee.

No logos of any other high school or high school team are permitted unless a co-op in a sport exists.

Crocs and Ugg slipper style are permitted.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

GREENSBURG CENTRAL CATHOLIC JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL 2026-2027 CALENDAR

AUGUST '26						
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

16- Welcome Back Picnic
12:00-3:00 pm
17- Teacher Act 80 (No School)
18- Teacher Day (No School)
19- **First Day of School**

FEBRUARY '27						
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28						

11- Early Dismissal 11:00 am
Gr. 7/8 Placement Test
Gr. 9/10 Pre-AC1
Gr. 11/12 Flex Day
12- Possible Snow Make-Up Day
(No School)
15- President's Day (No School)

SEPTEMBER '26						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	
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7- Labor Day (No School)
24- GCC Walk Day- Volunteers
and Elementary Students only
25- Diocesan Act 80 Day (No
School)

MARCH '27						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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28	29	30	31			

5- Teacher Act 80 (No School)
10- **End of Marking Period 3**
24- Early Dismissal (10:40 am)
25-29 Easter Break (No School)
30- Possible Snow Make-Up Day
(No School)

OCTOBER '26						
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

3- Early Dismissal (11:20 am)
12- Diocesan Act 80- (No
School)
21- **End of Marking Period 1**
30- PSA/ Gr. 9-11/7-8-12 Flex
Day; Early Dismissal (11:20
am)

APRIL '27						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

14- Teacher Religion In-Service
(No School)
26- Possible Snow Make-Up Day
(No School)

NOVEMBER '26						
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

2- Act 80 Parent Teacher
Conferences (No School)
25- Early Dismissal (10:40 am)
26-30 Thanksgiving Break (No
School)

MAY '27						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

26- Finals; Early Dismissal 11:20 am
27- Finals; Early Dismissal 11:20 am
28- Finals; Early Dismissal 11:20 am
Last Day of School
End of Marking Period 4
31- Memorial's Day (No School)

DECEMBER '26						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

1- Diocesan Religion In-Service
(No School)
14- Alderm/Final
Early Dismissal 11:20 am
17- Midterm/Final
Early Dismissal 11:20 am
18- Alderm/Final
Early Dismissal 11:20 am
End of Marking Period 5
21-31 Christmas Break (No School)

JUNE '27						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	1

1- Teacher In-Service (No School)
2- Teacher Clinical Day (No
School)
3- Teacher In-Service (No School)

JANUARY '27						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

1- New Year's Day (No
School)
18- Martin Luther King, Jr.
(No School)

WEATHER PROCEDURES

In the event of a school closing or delay, Greensburg Central Catholic High School will utilize the PowerSchool database and School Messenger System to notify parents. It is very important for parents to have up to date information in PowerSchool to make this announcement effective. The announcements will be delivered in four ways in addition to being displayed on the local news TV stations (KDKA, WTAE, WPXI).

Emergency Notification the Night Before: Parents will receive the following notifications when emergencies are known the evening before: School Messenger Email, Phone message and Text message.

- Emergency Notification the Morning of: Parents will receive the following notifications when emergencies are known in the morning: School Messenger Email.

ACADEMICS

The curriculum of the Catholic Schools of the Diocese of Greensburg is a living document, which is continually updated and reviewed. Our rigorous curriculum is infused with the Catholic faith and aligned with Pennsylvania state and national standards. Details are found on our website.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Catholic Charities: At our School, like all Catholic Schools of the Diocese of Greensburg, we believe that mental health and emotional support should be a natural and accessible part of every child's school experience. Greensburg Central Catholic has trained school counselors, available through Catholic Charities, to help ensure a consistent, compassionate presence for students, families, and staff.

Children today face a wide range of challenges, such as anxiety, depression, grief, family struggles, and social pressures. No child should have to navigate these difficulties alone. Our counselors are here to help, offering an opportunity where students can talk, be heard, and find support. They can access counseling on their own or be referred by a teacher, parent, or friend.

Catholic Charities' counselors work hand-in-hand with teachers and families to promote healthy relationships, emotional regulation, distress tolerance and positive social skills. Whether it's

through classroom lessons, small group activities, or one-on-one support, Catholic Charities' counselors help students build the tools they need to thrive—both in and out of the classroom.

SCHOOL HOURS

DAILY ARRIVAL

The school opens at 6:50 am on each regular school day. Upon arrival, students must report to the cafeteria to wait for the 7:30 am bell. Students must be in homeroom by 7:35 am.

DAILY DISMISSAL

Dismissal begins at 2:30 pm with bus riders. Car riders are dismissed after the buses have been dismissed at approximately 2:37 pm. Parents who are picking up their children after school should park in any available parking space and wait for their child to exit the building. Please do not pull in the bus lane behind the buses.

BELL SCHEDULE

Regular – 42 min classes		
Warning Bell - 7:30 am		
Homeroom	7:35	7:42
Period 1	7:45	8:27
Period 2	8:30	9:12
Period 3	9:15	9:57
Period 4	10:00	10:42
Period 5	10:45	11:27
Period 6	11:30	12:12
Period 7	12:15	12:57
Period 8	1:00	1:42
Period 9	1:45	2:27
Examen	2:27	2:30

2-Hour Delay – 28 min classes and 29 lunches		
Warning Bell – 9:30 am		
Homeroom	9:35	9:42
Period 1	9:45	10:13
Period 2	10:16	10:44
Period 3	10:47	11:15
Period 4	11:18	11:47
Period 5	11:50	12:19
Period 6	12:22	12:51
Period 7	12:54	1:23
Period 8	1:26	1:54
Period 9	1:57	2:27
Examen	2:27	2:30

Mass/Clubs Schedule - 29 min classes and 30 lunches		
Warning Bell – 7:30 am		
Homeroom	7:35	7:42
Period 1	7:45	8:14
Period 2	8:17	8:46
Period 3	8:49	9:18
Period 9	9:21	9:45
Back to Homeroom	9:45	10:00
Mass (69 min)	10:00	11:09
Period 4	11:12	11:42
Period 5	11:45	12:15
Period 6	12:18	12:48
Period 7	12:51	1:21
Period 8	1:24	1:54
Clubs (29 min)	1:57	2:27
Examen	2:27	2:30

PM 60 Schedule - 35 min classes		
Warning Bell – 7:30 am		
Homeroom	7:35	7:42
Period 1	7:45	8:20
Period 2	8:23	8:58
Period 3	9:01	9:36
Period 4	9:39	10:14
Period 5	10:17	10:52
Period 6	10:55	11:30
Period 7	11:33	12:08
Period 8	12:11	12:46
Period 9	12:49	1:25
Activity(60)	1:28	2:27
Examen	2:27	2:30

PM 30 Schedule - 38 min		
Warning Bell - 7:30 am		
Homeroom	7:35	7:42
Period 1	7:45	8:23
Period 2	8:26	9:04
Period 3	9:07	9:45
Period 4	9:48	10:26
Period 5	10:29	11:07
Period 6	11:10	11:48
Period 7	11:51	12:29
Period 8	12:32	1:10
Period 9	1:13	1:55
Activity	1:58	2:27
Examen	2:27	2:30

Half-Day Bell Schedule - 21 min classes		
Warning Bell - 7:30 am		
Homeroom	7:35	7:42
Period 1	7:45	8:06
Period 2	8:09	8:30
Period 3	8:33	8:54
Period 4	8:57	9:18
Period 5	9:21	9:42
Period 6	9:45	10:06
Period 7	10:09	10:30
Period 8	10:33	10:54
Period 9	10:57	11:18
Examen	11:18	11:20

AM-30 Schedule - 38 min classes		
Warning Bell - 7:30 am		
Homeroom	7:35	7:42
Period 1	7:45	8:23
Activity	8:26	9:00
Period 2	9:03	9:41
Period 3	9:44	10:22
Period 4	10:25	11:03
Period 5	11:06	11:44
Period 6	11:47	12:25
Period 7	12:28	1:06
Period 8	1:09	1:47
Period 9	1:50	2:27
Examen	2:27	2:30

AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM

The After-School Program begins at 3:00 pm in the cafeteria. All students who are waiting for a ride or a sport practice/game, must report to the cafeteria by 3:00 pm. Staff supervision is provided until 4:30 pm. No student is permitted to stay in the building without supervision..

LUNCH

Greensburg Central Catholic recognizes that life-threatening food allergies are an important condition affecting many school children and positively welcomes all pupils with food allergies. Parents must keep the school informed about allergies and return the proper documentation to the school as soon as possible. In order to minimize the incidence of life-threatening allergic reactions, Greensburg Central Catholic will maintain a system-wide procedure for addressing life-threatening allergic reactions and maintain an emergency action plan for any students whose Parent and physician have informed the school in writing that the student has a potentially life threatening allergy. It is recommended that students with special dietary needs/food allergies pack a lunch from home because Greensburg Central Catholic may offer specific food items that might not meet the student's dietary needs. Additionally, Greensburg Central Catholic is not responsible for the food-label interpretation or food cross-contamination of any food prepared in the cafeteria kitchen. A "peanut-free" area is provided in the cafeteria for students who need a safe space to eat. Greensburg Central Catholic prohibits parents, students, and staff from bringing any food item to school, including field trips and other school-sponsored events, that contains peanuts or tree nuts, or that, according to its label "may include peanuts or tree nuts." Should food labeled as containing or may contain peanuts or tree nuts, inadvertently be brought to school, the food will be sent home unopened with a note indicating that the food item contains nuts and is not allowed at school. Parents should understand that the implementation of a "nut-free" policy does not necessarily mean that there will never be food with nuts in the school setting, given that Greensburg Central Catholic does not control all food items coming into the facility. Despite the "nut-free" policy, the school makes no guarantee that the premises will be completely nut-free. The school disclaims any liability for violations of the "nut-free" policy. Due to the risk of an inadvertent exposure, it is important that parents of students with allergies complete the mandatory Allergy Action Plan form and return it to the School Office

SCHOOL SPORTS OFFERINGS

Central athletics are open to all students with academic eligibility. The dedicated, experienced coaching staff teaches Centurions the importance of teamwork, respect for the games, and how to develop their athletic abilities on and off the playing field.

The athletic program at Greensburg Central works in conjunction with all other aspects of the school. It has been developed as an extension of the education achieved in the classroom setting. It offers a wide range of activities that are greater in number than most institutions comparable in size to Greensburg Central.

Students at Greensburg Central may select from 17 interscholastic varsity sports, and 7 junior high sports that compete in the Western Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association (WPIAL). Because of this affiliation, and the shared philosophy of all member schools, varsity athletics are highly competitive in nature; varsity teams must, therefore, be prepared thoroughly and extensively. These students are offered athletic opportunities, and skills are developed so that teams will have opportunities to win.

A complete list of offerings available on the Greensburg Central Catholic website.

VOLUNTEERS

All parents wishing to volunteer at Greensburg Central Catholic, must be approved to volunteer. In order to be approved, you must submit the following clearances: PA Mandated Reporter Training, Virtus training, Signed Pastoral Code of Conduct, Signed Act 24, PA Criminal History Clearance, PA Child Abuse Clearance and FBI fingerprints through Identogo.com. All links can be found on the Diocese of Greensburg website, under schools—clearances. Please submit your clearance to Ruth Ann at rgrant@gcchs.org or send the hard copies to the main office at Greensburg Central Catholic. Once you submit your clearances and they have been reviewed, we will notify you via email once you are approved.

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