



2024

# CEDAR CATHOLIC JR.~ SR. HIGH SCHOOL



## **Cedar Catholic Campus**

- ◆ Renovated Four-Level Cedar Catholic Building
- ◆ Msgr. Cyril J. Werner Activity Center
- ◆ Cedar Catholic Werner Annex

Annual Report





# CEDAR CATHOLIC LEADERSHIP

## President's Letter



### Cedar Catholic Alumni and Friends,

As we prepare the Annual Report for our alumni, parents, and friends, I continue to be humbled by the generosity, commitment, genuine interest, and support for Catholic education in Cedar County. This past year, Cedar Catholic and the Development Office collaborated on an effort to listen to parents and sup-

porters of Cedar Catholic to identify priorities for the future of Cedar Catholic Jr.-Sr. High School.

This process resulted in the development, adoption, and implementation of the 2024-2027 Strategic Plan, updating Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation and adoption of the Lay President Job Description. In addition, the Bylaws also provided for the inclusion of the Development Office under the direction of Cedar Catholic School Board.

This is an exciting time for our parish communities and Cedar Catholic. The work of the Development Office is truly overwhelming as they work to keep Catholic education affordable for all students. May God continue to bless you, your families and loved ones and keep you safe and well throughout the year.

### Bylaws, Articles of Incorporation and Board of Education

With the adoption of the new Cedar Catholic Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation, Cedar is transitioning from the Priest as President to the Lay President model. This change also moves the present advisory school board to a board of limited jurisdiction under the direction of the Archbishop of Omaha.

The board of education continues to choose seven members from the four Parishes along with the addition of three Catholic Development Blue-Ribbon members. This ten member board is required to meet a minimum of six times per year. Board Committees are also required to meet between board meetings to conduct committee work and support progress on the strategic plan. For more information on the Bylaws, Articles of Incorporation, etc., see the school board

website at: <https://www.cedarcatholic.org/vnews/display.v/SEC/SCHOOL%20BOARD>



Dr. Dan Hoesing, President  
Cedar Catholic Jr.-Sr. High School

## Principal's Message



This past year the school and faculty have been working diligently on implementing our new strategic plan. Each faculty member has a vital role in the process of making sure the plans are being followed and utilized within our school. These plans have helped the process of making our school a better place and it has enriched the Catholicity in each and every one of us. It has helped everyone take a deeper look into their individual programs and classes and show them how they can improve their product. We want to thank the committee members for all their time in creating these documents for us to follow and work to achieve.

Our faculty has been working this year as well to improve our Catholicity through a variety of areas. We have had a faculty retreat, prayer sessions, and monthly professional development sessions where we take a deep dive into our own personal faith. Each of these areas has helped all of us grow as people and as Catholics. We look forward to continuing these areas of growth in the future.

Chad Cattau, Principal  
Cedar Catholic Jr.-Sr. High School

## Development Director's Notes



2024 opened the next chapter of progress for Cedar Catholic. Moving to a Lay President position, expanding the school board with sub-committees, and forming a new three-year strategic plan will strengthen Cedar Catholic now and in the future and fortify the base to expand the Catholic Development Program.

After many meetings, much planning, and consideration regarding our Catholic schools and the Development program's next steps, our strengths are affirmed and goals set to address the areas of need and celebrate the accomplishments each year.

All progress is based on the mission of faith with God's guidance and the blessings of dedicated benefactors. I've always been as amazed as thankful for the tremendous support, dedication to our Catholic heritage, and generosity of many.

Your generosity and support will be blessed by God's abundant kindness to you. And our grateful thanks and prayers are upon all who care and share so much for our mission.

Joani Potts, Development Director,  
Cedar Catholic Jr.-Sr. High School

### Cedar Catholic Corporation Priests

Rev. Owen Korte: Holy Trinity & St. Michael Pastor (Holy Spirit Catholic Parishes); Rev. Kevin Vogel, Holy Spirit Parishes Assistant Pastor;  
Rev. James Keiter: All Saints & Holy Family Pastor (Our Catholic Family Parishes); Rev. Marcus Knecht, Our Catholic Family Assistant Pastor.

### Cedar Catholic School Board Members

Pat Steffen, President; Daryl Kleinschmit, Vice President; Mike Reifenrath, Secretary; Janet Heine, John Pinkelman, Wendy Stevens, Jesse Hochstein, Tom Kuchta, Missy Bowers, and Beckie Polak.



# CEDAR CATHOLIC NEWS

*Jesus, Master Teacher, help us follow your example to be a patient and loving teacher as we recognize the needs of our students, tend to them wisely, and reflect your light in discovering the world spiritually and academically. Be in our classrooms and at school activities, as we see you walk among us through others. Thank you for calling us to teach your children. Amen.*

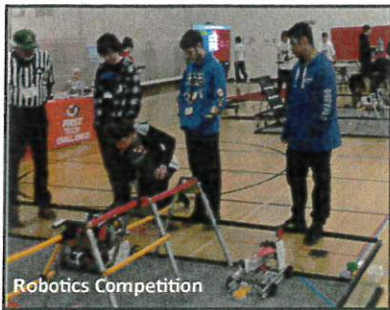
Back Row: Rob Bengston, Nickolas Paltz, Chad Cattau, JoAnne Hamilton, Russ Gade, Vergil Nelson, Miranda Bernecker, Brelynn Wurdinger, Shanna Dendinger, James Kaiser. Front Row: Blair Kalin, Grace Pinkelman, Lori Christensen, Therese Hoffart, Erin Pfeifer, Shelley Larson, Heather Showen, Audrey Freeman, Renae Mainquist. Not Pictured: Dan Hoelsing, Ray Weier, Bailey Koch, Joani Potts, Sheila Jueden, Cassie Gubbels, Kristi Loecker, Andrea Hochstein, and Jeff Andrews.



## Recent Programs and New Class Opportunities

### Robotics and Investment Clubs

In 2021, after several years of friendship with the Catholic Development Office, Marilyn Sudbeck (Class of 1966) and her husband, David Fickel of Broomfield, CO, gave the gift of financial support for robotics and investment programs to Cedar Catholic students.



Over the past five years, the Robotics Club grew under the direction of Mr. Lowell Brown. Upon his retirement, the program now has new leadership under the direction of Mr. Rick Perk. Mr. Perk taught at Cedar Catholic from 1975 to 1984. After leaving Hartington, he continued to teach in high schools prior to accepting a position at the University of Nebraska as the Director of the Center for Advanced Land Management Information Technologies (*Remote Sensing, GIS and Robotics*) from 1996 to 2020. Mr. Perk brings a wealth of experience and commitment to this program.

Due to schedule conflicts, the Robotics program is offered as a club activity to all interested students for opportunity to be involved. The program continues to grow, thank you to David Fickel who continues to fund the Robotics Club, even after his wife Marilyn's passing.

With David and Marilyn's generosity, Cedar students will also have the opportunity to work with our local investment advisors to invest in the actual market with funds that were provided to the Investment Club in January 2022. Marilyn's commitment to students learning to invest with real dollars instead of virtual investments to realize the full effect of market gains or losses will be honored.

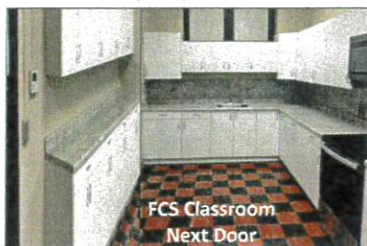
In addition to students learning financial knowledge, the Nebraska Legislature passed the K-12 Nebraska Financial Literacy Act. In response, Security Bank currently provides an elementary financial literacy program. Students in middle and high school are required to take *Intro to Business* and *Personal Finance* classes to meet these standards.

### New Classes at Cedar Catholic

Cedar Catholic added two new, seventh—twelfth grade classes for the 2024-2025 school year.

**Family and Consumer Science (FCS):** As a result of parent/community input in our strategic planning process, Cedar Catholic is offering two Family and Consumer Science (FCS) classes; many years ago known as Home Economics. The kitchens on third floor were completely remodeled (except for the traditional, durable flooring) due to the generosity of Roger and Sherry Wortmann. In addition, the Development Office coordinated a gift shower for the kitchen equipment, utensils, and supplies, and sewing machines. The current FCS classes are a half day, junior and senior high school program with an enrollment of 78 students.

**Art Classes:** After a number of years of a coop art program with Hartington-Newcastle Schools, Cedar Catholic was also able to hire a half time art teacher. This program also came as a result of parent/community input in the 2024-2027 Strategic Plan. The 2024-2025 Art Classes have an enrollment of 55 middle and high school Students, developing natural and new talents.





# CCHS Student Life ~ Discipleship, Academics, Activities



First Friday Procession After Mass & Back-to-School Blessing, September 2024



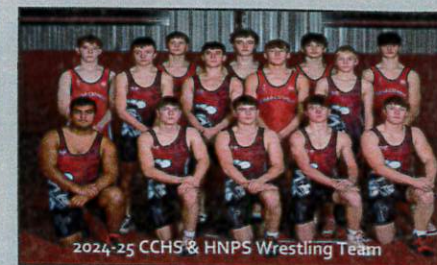
Weekly & Special Masses



2024-25 Varsity Dance Team



Marching Band. Cedar also has Jazz & Concert Bands.



2024-25 CCHS & HNPS Wrestling Team



Fall 2024 Academic All State Students

**Some Accomplishments of the New Strategic Plan**

- ◆ Cedar Catholic students have many faith facets integrated throughout the curriculum and activities. Some Fall 2024 faith-focused activities included: the dozen discipleship groups meet monthly with morning rolls/juice, lead by a parent or grandparent with a mix of students from each grade per group. Adoration time in the Chapel is available for students. The priests visit/speak to classes often. Each class enjoyed a retreat this fall. There are First Friday Masses, special occasion and twice a week Masses. Students are active in the Mass as EMHC's, Cantors, Lectors.
- ◆ In core and elected subjects, teachers have finalized a textbook rotation plan of new/approved books. Social studies classes participated in the Patriot's Pen or Voice of Democracy contests. Miss Pfeifer's English students are learning how to properly write and self-revise formal expository essays. Competitive speech class is on the regular class schedule now. The Anatomy students visited SDSU to view cadavers. Students do community, parish and school service hours, too. Principal Cattau does classroom observations and completed first semester evaluations.
- ◆ Cedar's website is a much improved information and publicity source. Go to [cedarcatholic.org](http://cedarcatholic.org) to find the school calendar, activities on the "Trojan Tracker," team information and scores linked to NSEA, links to our parishes and grade schools, Development Office events, how to donate online, Development work notes, school board minutes and financial reports, Guidance Office information per Class, college and career resources, and more. Dr. Hoelsing has advanced the web pages and continually updates it. Strategic Plan progress is noted on the website.



Spring 2024 Boys Golf Team



Fall 2024 Volleyball Team



Winter 2024-25 Girls Basketball



Spring 2024 Girls Track Team



Spring 2024 Robotics Club



Music - Mixed Chorus



Fall 2024 One Act Play Cast



Spring 2024 Boys Track



Fall 2024 HNPS-CCHS Cross Country Team

Seven students earned a score of 27 or

higher on their ACT tests. Earning a score of 30: Lauren Bernecker, Braeden Reifenrath. A score of 28: Braeden Kleinschmit, Kaley Lammers. A score of 27: Jacob Steffen, Nicholas Coleman, Langston Christensen. In the past nine years, our graduating seniors have posted the six highest ACT class averages in the history of Cedar Catholic.

Approximately ten percent of our 2024 graduates received the Regents Scholarship from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln, Omaha, or Kearney. These are prestigious awards given to only a few and includes full tuition while there. Annika Kuehn received the RHOP Scholarship from Wayne State College with full tuition, guaranteeing her Admittance to the University of Nebraska Medical Center after she completes studies at WSC.



2024 Football Team



Winter 2024-25 Boys Basketball Team



Fall 2024 National Honor Society Inductees



# AND GOALS

## Objectives

*Desired end results.*

**Objective 1:** Cedar Catholic Jr.-Sr. High students will have the opportunity to excel academically, possess diverse course-work with strong rigor, a solid foundation of skills, and an opportunity to have a well-rounded Catholic education [both curricular and extra-curricular) consistent with Cedar Catholic Beliefs and Exit Outcomes to achieve their personal goals.

**Objective 2:** Cedar Catholic Jr.-Sr. High School will have the technology, facilities, transportation and program resources to meet the needs of 21st-century learning while enabling our school to support the interest and needs of students to pursue a career of their choice and success in a competitive workforce.

**Objective 3:** Cedar Catholic Jr.-Sr. High School will meet the needs of our community to attract, develop and retain a quality workforce, manage financial resources, grow enrollment, build relationships with other communities, and promote parent and community involvement and support of Cedar Catholic Jr.-Sr. High School.

## Strategies

*Strategies are intended to close the gap between our baseline data (where we are) and our mission (where we want to be). Desired and measurable end results.*

### **Religious Education Programs**

**Strategy 1.1:** Increase involvement, visibility, and continuity of Priests and/or Religious in our schools and Parishes.

**Strategy 1.2:** Continue to schedule and increase access to Mass, Retreats, Rally's, Eucharistic Adoration, Campus Ministry and Discipleship, and Community Service Programs.

**Strategy 1.3:** Continue to explore and expand resources and materials used in Religious Education Classes. **Strategy 1.4:** Increase opportunities for parents to be more involved in their child's faith formation and increase Vocations.

### **Core and Elective Education Programs**

**Strategy 2.1:** Review/update curriculum, textbooks, and materials aligned to our Catholic Faith and Accreditation Standards (Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies)

**Strategy 2.2:** Review/update elective course options, curriculum, textbooks, and materials aligned to our Catholic Faith and Rule 10 Accreditation Standards.

**Strategy 2.3:** Promote and increase access and support for a competitive Visual and Performing Arts Curriculum, Schedule, and Extra-Curricular Programs.

**Strategy 2.4:** Recruit, develop, and retain teachers and administrators with the credentials, endorsements, and certification in their assigned areas.

### **Activity Programs**

**Strategy 3.1:** Review practice schedules and adopt and implement guidelines to reduce conflict with other programs and Wednesday/Sunday Church Services.

**Strategy 3.2:** Review and promote increased student participation in athletic and performing arts extra-curricular programs, clubs, and community events.

**Strategy 3.3:** Research and implement programs to promote parent participation and support for students involved in extra-curricular programs.

**Strategy 3.4:** Recruit, develop, evaluate, and retain quality coaches, sponsors, and directors for all extra-curricular activities and student clubs.

**Strategy 3.5:** Consider expanding options for students to earn physical education credits for summer and after/before school strength training programs.

### **Technology Programs**

**Strategy 4.1:** Review IT service, support, hardware, and software available to staff and students to ensure our students have access to state-of-the-art technology.

**Strategy 4.2:** Research programs and schedules to allow student access to programs in STEM, Robotics, Web Design, Coding, Programming, etc.

**Strategy 4.3:** Expand websites and communication systems to promote parent and community involvement and support for Cedar Catholic Jr.-Sr. High School.

### **Career Education and Guidance Programs**

**Strategy 5.1:** Research programs to promote student awareness of workforce and college options in alignment with career interests and aptitudes.

**Strategy 5.2:** Research and increase Dual Credit and College Credit options for students interested in accessing early entrance post-secondary programs.

**Strategy 5.3:** Research and implement mental health and anti-bullying programs and support for students and staff.

**Strategy 5.4:** Continue support and implementation of a structured Work-based program focused on building career awareness and employability skills.



# CEDAR CATHOLIC 2024 VISION

## Mission Statement

*The loftiest aspiration of our organization.*

**Mission Statement:** Empowered by our Catholic faith and Holy Spirit, Cedar Catholic Jr.-St. High School develops disciples, scholars, and leaders for the future.

## Beliefs

*Fundamental values, ethical codes, and overriding convictions and principles.*

**Belief Statements:** Cedar Catholic Jr.-Sr. High School believes that:

- ◆ All students can learn and must develop a sense of responsibility for their learning and actions.
- ◆ Learning takes place through individual and interactive activities.
- ◆ All students deserve equitable and quality learning opportunities that provide for individual differences.
- ◆ Family support and guidance is critical in the learning process.
- ◆ The school must be a community whose Christian values are understood, communicated, and demonstrated.
- ◆ Respect and acceptance are essential in the development of a student's dignity and self-worth.
- ◆ The school must reach out and collaborate with local and parish communities, as visible witnesses of God's love and service in the Church.
- ◆ Participation in group activities (both academic and extracurricular) is vital in assisting the student to develop responsibility, Christian attitudes, and leadership.
- ◆ The school is committed to providing a safe and supportive environment to ensure student educational success.
- ◆ It is the duty of the State to protect, through legislation, the right of the family to educate children in their religious beliefs.

## Exit Outcomes

*Established guidelines from which Cedar Catholic will operate.*

*Self-imposed regulations: Things Cedar Catholic graduates will demonstrate.*

**Exit Outcomes:** Graduates of Cedar Catholic Jr.-Sr. High School will be able to demonstrate:

### **Catholic religious knowledge, virtue, and practices:**

- By their personal belief in God through their lifestyle, and
- By their ability to display knowledge of moral and religious practices and obligations.

### **Complex thinking skills:**

- By applying academic knowledge to logical problem-solving strategies.
- By applying analytical and logical reasoning to everyday living, and
- By displaying innovative and creative thought processes.

### **Effective communication skills:**

- By using a variety of research skills and resources,
- By expressing ideas clearly,
- By effectively communicating for a variety of purposes,
- By effectively communicating through a variety of mediums, and
- By creating quality products.

### **Effective social skills:**

- Through the ability to self-assess and monitor behaviors in a group.
- By exhibiting community interaction, and
- By developing relationships and fostering cooperation with all age groups and races.

### **Independent learning skills:**

- By being self-motivated and self-directed,
- By establishing clear goals and means for success, and
- By seeking new challenges and considering choices before acting.

### **A balance of spiritual, emotional, social, and physical practices for wellbeing:**

- Through an appreciation and acceptance of one's beliefs and culture.
- Through an awareness of the effect of personal behavior on the greater community.



# CEDAR CATHOLIC 2024 REPORTS

## Strategies Continued

### **Communications and Public Relations Programs**

**Strategy 6.1:** Work with Parish Offices to promote Catholic School Programs in Weekly Bulletins.

**Strategy 6.2:** Expand communications, support, and cooperation between East and West Elementary, Holy Trinity, and Cedar Catholic Jr.-Sr. High School.

**Strategy 6.3:** Research, develop, and implement programs to promote greater awareness of scheduled events and options for parent involvement.

**Strategy 6.4:** Research, develop and implement recruitment programs to encourage parents to consider the benefits of Catholic School for their children.

**Strategy 6.5:** Expand use of Websites, Social Media, video productions, etc, to market the benefits of Catholic education at Cedar Catholic Jr.-Sr. High School.

### **Board, Administration and Finance Programs**

**Strategy 7.1:** Review current hiring practices to ensure the selection, hiring, development, and retention of quality administration, teaching, and support staff.

**Strategy 7.2:** Research, develop, and implement an evaluation system to promote and support effective instruction and classroom management.

**Strategy 7.3:** Increase staff visibility in the community and continue posting administrative meetings and program information on the website.

**Strategy 7.4:** Increase transparency and consistent reporting of all budget and finance expenditures and receipts, including tuition, endowments, savings, etc.

**Strategy 7.5:** Conduct annual salary/benefit studies with Rural Catholic Schools and area public schools to ensure a competitive workforce compensation package.

**Strategy 7.6:** Continue posting board agendas, administrative and finance reports, meeting minutes on Cedar website.

**Strategy 7.7:** Review effectiveness of classroom management, discipline, and student supervision in alignment with school handbook guidelines.

### **Support Programs**

**Strategy 8.1:** Review current hiring practices to ensure the selection, hiring, development, and retention of quality administration, teaching, and support staff

**Strategy 8.2:** Review coop bus program with Hartington-Newcastle Public and East and West Elementary School relating to funding and efficiency of the coop program.

**Strategy 8.3:** Review student transportation systems and parking safety before and after school and parking availability around schools.

**Strategy 8.4:** Develop a schedule for vehicle replacement and establish a finance option through the Development Office in support of this program.

**Strategy 8.5:** Review current facility needs. Implement a plan to finance and schedule needed improvements.

### **Transportation, Buildings and Grounds Programs**

**Strategy 9.1:** Review behavior/discipline guidelines and communication systems to promote a safe and orderly transportation system.

**Strategy 9.2:** Research, develop, and implement an evaluation system to promote and support effective instruction and classroom management.

**Strategy 9.3:** Increase staff visibility in the community and continue posting administrative meetings and program information on the principal's website.

**Strategy 9.4:** Increase transparency and consistent reporting of all budget and financial expenditures and receipts, including tuition, endowments, savings, etc.

### **Development Office & Cedar Catholic Jr. -Sr. High School Board**

**Strategy 10.1:** Develop and research grant opportunities and expand gifts, events, endowment, and estate planning.

**Strategy 10.2:** Continue to recognize and appreciate the support of Blue-Ribbon Committee and expand membership.

**Strategy 10.3:** Review current annual events. Research updating or expanding alumni fundraising programs.

**Strategy 10.4:** Reorganize the Cedar Catholic Jr.-Sr. High School Board, By-laws and Articles of Incorporation, in directing activities of the Development Office, Blue Ribbon Committee.

**Strategy 10.5:** Hire a Lay President and develop the job description to include governance of Cedar Catholic and the Development Office.

**Strategy 10.6:** Transparency and engagement with stakeholders, supporters, alumni, to promote gifting programs.

**Strategy 10.7:** Continue to increase sources of revenue from the Development Office for ALL Catholic Schools, keeping tuition and subsidies affordable.



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### Cedar Catholic Financial Reports

#### Cedar Catholic Budget Expenditures

School	Salary &	Accounts	Total	Parish	School	Development	Student	Other	Total
Year	Benefits	Payable	Budget	Subsidies	Endowment	Office	Tuition	Revenue	Receipts
2020-2021	\$1,115,041.70	\$370,928.00	\$1,485,969.70	\$486,717.31	\$102,600.00	\$310,000.00	\$465,273.00	\$74,500.00	\$1,439,090.31
2021-2022	\$1,198,587.50	\$350,378.00	\$1,548,965.50	\$501,723.52	\$127,294.54	\$310,000.00	\$512,265.00	\$80,500.00	\$1,531,783.06
2022-2023	\$1,234,700.26	\$380,878.00	\$1,615,578.26	\$501,723.52	\$140,195.69	\$310,000.00	\$562,860.00	\$100,500.00	\$1,615,279.21
2023-2024	\$1,296,701.79	\$364,828.00	\$1,661,529.79	\$501,723.52	\$146,341.48	\$350,000.00	\$546,500.00	\$117,000.00	\$1,661,565.00
2024-2025	\$1,409,408.00	\$326,717.00	\$1,736,125.00	\$514,111.54	\$146,988.84	\$375,000.00	\$583,025.00	\$116,999.62	\$1,736,125.00

#### Cedar Catholic Budget Receipts

#### Cedar Catholic Receipts and Expenditures Per Student

School	Total	Salary &	Accounts	Parish	School	Development	Student	Other	Total
Year	Enrollment	Benefits	Payable	Subsidies	Endowment	Office	Tuition	Revenue	Receipts
2020-2021	186	\$5,994.85	\$1,994.24	\$2,616.76	\$551.61	\$1,666.67	\$2,501.47	\$400.54	\$7,737.04
2021-2022	176	\$6,810.16	\$1,990.78	\$2,850.70	\$723.26	\$1,761.36	\$2,502.47	\$457.39	\$8,703.31
2022-2023	186	\$6,638.17	\$2,047.73	\$2,697.44	\$753.74	\$1,666.67	\$2,503.47	\$540.32	\$8,684.30
2023-2024	169	\$7,672.79	\$2,158.75	\$2,968.78	\$865.93	\$2,071.01	\$2,504.47	\$692.31	\$9,831.75
2024-2025	174	\$8,100.05	\$1,877.68	\$2,954.66	\$844.76	\$2,155.17	\$2,505.47	\$672.41	\$9,977.73

#### Cedar Catholic Enrollment

#### Cedar Catholic Demographic Report

School Year	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th	7-12 Total	Total Girls	Total Boys
2020-2021	30	33	28	31	25	27	179	74	100
2021-2022	22	30	33	28	31	25	169	67	102
2022-2023	38	22	30	33	28	31	182	70	112
2023-2024	18	38	22	30	33	28	169	66	103
2024-2025	33	18	38	21	30	33	173	61	112

#### Cedar Catholic Student and Teacher Demographics

School	Total	Free/Reduced	Students w/	Student	Graduation	College	Total	Teachers w/	Teachers w/
Year	Enrollment	Lunch %	Disabilities	Attendance	Rate	Bound	Teachers	Masters Degree	Masters Degree
2020-2021	186	9.68%	3.76%	94.65%	100%	96.55%	16.63	30.08%	\$36,633.53
2021-2022	176	9.00%	5.11%	95.26%	100%	92.00%	16.55	26.00%	\$39,084.37
2022-2023	186	9.68%	6.45%	95.45%	100%	100.00%	16.05	31.15%	\$41,061.44
2023-2024	169	11.24%	5.92%	94.95%	100%	96.55%	15.80	44.30%	\$43,501.08
2024-2025	174	11.56%	5.20%	95.57%	100%	96.97%	15.55	38.59%	\$44,867.59

#### RENAISSANCE

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#### ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE

#### STAR READING ASSESSMENT

#### STAR MATH ASSESSMENT

School	STUDENTS	TEST	ABOVE	AT	BELOW	TEST	ABOVE	AT	BELOW
2024-2025	TESTED	PERIOD	BENCHMARK	BENCHMARK	BENCHMARK	PERIOD	BENCHMARK	BENCHMARK	BENCHMARK
7TH GRADE	32	FALL	36%	52%	12%	FALL	40%	45%	15%
	33	WINTER	40%	39%	21%	WINTER	43%	42%	15%
	33	SPRING	34%	48%	18%	SPRING	30%	55%	15%
8TH GRADE	18	FALL	39%	50%	11%	FALL	39%	56%	5%
	18	WINTER	28%	61%	11%	WINTER	33%	50%	17%
	18	SPRING	11%	78%	11%	SPRING	33%	61%	6%
9TH GRADE	37	FALL	54%	41%	5%	FALL			
	36	WINTER	47%	44%	9%	WINTER			
10TH GRADE	21	FALL	14%	76%	10%	FALL			
	21	WINTER	19%	57%	24%	WINTER			
11TH GRADE	29	FALL	41%	52%	7%	FALL			
	29	WINTER	41%	52%	7%	WINTER			
12TH GRADE	32	FALL	29%	52%	19%	FALL			
	32	WINTER	25%	63%	12%	WINTER			

#### ACT SCORES

ACT SCORES		MATH	MATH	SCIENCE	SCIENCE	ENGLISH	ENGLISH	READING	READING
9TH (PRE-ACT)	STUDENTS	ABOVE	BELOW	ABOVE	BELOW	ABOVE	BELOW	ABOVE	BELOW
10-12 (ACT)	TESTED	BENCHMARK	BENCHMARK	BENCHMARK	BENCHMARK	BENCHMARK	BENCHMARK	BENCHMARK	BENCHMARK
9TH GRADE	36	64%	36%	75%	25%	83%	17%	78%	22%
10TH GRADE	18	67%	33%	50%	50%	83%	17%	39%	61%
11TH GRADE	29	59%	41%	62%	38%	90%	10%	66%	34%
12TH GRADE	27	41%	59%	59%	41%	89%	11%	59%	41%



# 2024 GIFTS JANUARY 1, 2024-DECEMBER 31, 2024

## CCHS Endowment Gifts

### & Memorial Endowment Gifts—\$297,210.83

Beata Lammers Memorial by Debra and Mike Korth  
 Buddy Peitz Memorial by LouAnn & Roy Creekmore  
 Rev. William Sanderson  
 Joe Alvarez Estate  
 Jolene & Robert Fleissner  
 Darrell Peitz  
 Daniel G. Kleinschmit Memorial by Debra and Mike Korth  
 Dave Konz Memorial by Charles & Beverly Feilmeier  
 Doris Noecker Memorial by Debra and Mike Korth  
 Dr. James & Mary Reifert Memorial  
 Jeanette Lammers Memorial Gift  
*Jeanette Lammers Memorials by:*  
 LouAnn & Roy Creekmore  
 Charles & Beverly Feilmeier  
 Jim and Joani Potts  
 Douglas & Nancy Vrbka  
*Norman Sudbeck Memorials by:*  
 Charles & Beverly Feilmeier  
 Rosalie & Roger Koch  
 Delores Sudbeck  
 Jim Pick Memorial by Gary & Marilyn Kleinschmit  
 Patrick Hoelsing Memorial by Bette & Roger Merkel  
 Plumbing Electric Land Tiling & Irrigation Service  
 Ron Sudbeck Memorial by Debra and Mike Korth  
 Sandra Loecker Memorial by Mr. & Mrs. James Smedra  
 Shirley Steffen Memorial by Roger & Jeanne Kaiser  
 Sue Hesse Memorial by Roger & Jeanne Kaiser

## Endowed Memorial Tuition Scholarships—\$14,974.33

Doris Noecker Memorial by Margaret Korth-Bloomquist  
*Eleanor Noecker Memorials Scholarship by:*  
 Daniel Lee & Niki Hedberg  
 Jean & Shawn Knox  
 Debra and Mike Korth  
 In Memory of Kathleen Marron by Dave Marron  
*Joe Hish Memorial Tuition Scholarship Gifts by:*  
 Glen & Wendie Bening      Allen & Laurie Leise  
 Michael Hish                  Joan Steffen  
 Anonymous Gifts              Rodney & Cindy Wiebelhaus  
 Pam Howell                      Wintz Funeral Home  
 Rosalie & Roger Koch          Judy Gade  
 Eric & Brian McTaggart Memorial Scholarship by  
 Bill & Janelle McTaggart  
 Koray Kaiser Memorial Scholarship by Dale Kaiser  
 Kurt Hoelsing & Pat Kruse Memorial Scholarship  
 In Memory of Francis & Grace Hoelsing  
 Kyle Becker Memorial Scholarship In Memory of Jeanette Lammers  
 Kyle Becker Memorial Scholarship In Memory of Betty Lauer  
 Kyle Becker Memorial Scholarship In Memory of Dick Kuehn  
 Kyle Becker Memorial Scholarship In Memory of Sandra Loecker  
*All of Kyle Becker Memorials by Jolene Kathol*  
 Leo & Clara Kathol Memorial Scholarship Fund by Robert Kathol  
 Sheila (Kaiser) Zimmerman Memorial Scholarship by Judy Gade  
 Sheila (Kaiser) Zimmerman Memorial Tuition Scholarship  
 by Dale Kaiser

## Children's Scholarship—\$8,275.00

Helene & Ed Bottolfsen      Jolene Kathol  
 Casey & Haley Christensen      Alice C. Klug  
 Jeffrey & Stephanie Dicks      Fr. Owen Korte  
 Gene & Aggie Heine      Debra and Mike Korth  
 Sam & Carrie Hochstein      Alan & JoAnn Steffen  
 Dan & Marsha Kathol      Terry & Janet Wuebben  
                                          Catholic Daughters

*Thank you to all benefactors for your gifts and in-kind donations. Your generosity helps fund one-third of Cedar's budget for which the Cedar Development Office is responsible. Catholic Development also assists with other gifts for support programs. Your appreciated generosity ensures and strengthens Cedar Catholic's future.*

## 2024 Special Projects & Support Assistance Gifts

### CCHS Technology Gift—\$25,000.00

Anonymous

### Robotics Club Gifts—\$39,700.00

David Fickel  
 & the Late Marilyn Sudbeck

### Heine Learning Center TV & Tables—\$1,100.00

Dr. Dan & Jill Hoelsing

### Band/New Tuba—\$5,000.00

Gayle & Rhonda Becker

### CCHS Library—\$2,250.00

Jeanette Lammers Memorial  
 Larry & Marlene Domina

### 2024 Cedar County Catholic Schools

Gala—\$416,955.78 (Auction Items  
 Donated Value: approx. \$300,000.00)

### Faculty & Staff Christmas Gifts—

\$12,600.00

Anonymous      Catholic Development  
 Holy Trinity Church      Pat & Julie Steffen

### Tuition Scholarships Gifts —\$5,650.00

Cedar Development Tuition Scholarships  
 Class of 1979 Scholarship Donations by:

Leonarda & Joe Arens  
 LouAnn & Roy Creekmore  
 Steve & Kim Hesse  
 Jeff & Mary Hoelsing  
 Karl & Michelle Koch  
 Debra and Mike Korth  
 Lori & Larry Leader  
 Michael & Mary Ann Litz  
 Ann & David Lund  
 Mary Beth & Duane Miner  
 Don & Carla Noecker  
 Peg Peitz  
 Jeffrey & Jolene Steffen  
 Sidney & Teresa Sudbeck  
 Jolene & Neal Suess  
 Sharon/Pete VanDriel  
 John Wieseler  
 Jerry & Kristi Wintz  
 Mike & Jackie Wortmann  
 Margaret Korth-Bloomquist  
 Steve Heine Memorial Scholarships  
 Sue Reifenrath Memorial Scholarship

### Tuition Assistance Gifts—\$72,254.81

Anonymous      Patrick Kavanaugh  
 Anonymous      Matt Bruening  
 Anonymous      Rod & Cindy Wiebelhaus  
 Gayle & Rhonda Becker      Cedar Catholic Fall Blitz  
 Gene Schwartz      - For Teachers Tuition

\*Approximate 40 tuition assistance scholarships are also available to students annually.

### Gift of 2024 Ford F150 King Ranch Truck—\$74,480.00

Anonymous Donors

### Truck Raffle Ticket Sales—\$159,400.00

### Cedar Catholic Contingency Fund—\$132,000

Plumbing & Electric Service  
 Beata Lammers Estate Gift

### Charter Bus Fund

Anonymous  
 Gayle & Rhonda Becker

### Word on Fire Bible Donation—\$1,979.01

Bob & Sandy Drexel

### Annual Report Costs—\$3,300.00

Anonymous

### Holy Trinity/Cedar Catholic Alumni Association—\$2,065.00

Event Attendees &  
 Committee Member Donations

### Family Consumer Science Class—

\$14,675.00 Cash Gifts

Catholic Development  
 Mark & Cassie Gubblels  
 Gene & Aggie Heine  
 Gary & Arlene Heine  
 Dan & Jill Hoelsing  
 Mike & Deb Korth  
 Curt & Kristi Loecker  
 Jim & Joani Potts  
 Roger & Sherry Wortmann  
**Kitchenware/Sewing Gifts From Registry**  
 Anonymous  
 Brad & Jan Arens  
 Brandon & Trai Baller  
 Keith & Bette Becker  
 Jay & Miranda Bernecker  
 Jimmy & Sheri Christensen  
 Floral Designs  
 Rhonda Haberman  
 Frank & Andrea Hochstein  
 Dennis & Lori Hoebelheinrich  
 Matt & Susan Kathol  
 Daryl & Jill Kleinschmit  
 Dan & Marce Kollars  
 Mike & Deb Korth  
 Gary & Lisa Kruse  
 Andy & Karen Leise  
 Mary Montgomery  
 In Memory of Violet Pinkelman  
 Sylvan & Leane Thoene  
 Craig & Wendy Wortmann



# 2024 GIFTS (CONTINUED)

## CCHS Annual Drive—\$121,678.00 (Budget Assistance) 2024 Honorary Chairmen Jason & Marie Haahr Family

Anonymous	Gene & Aggie Heine	Steve & Violet Pinkel man
Anonymous	Aleacia & Burnell Herbo Isheimer	Plumbing Electric Land
Duane & Elaine Arens	Frank & Andrea Hochstein	Tiling & Irrigation Service
Brandon & Traci Baller	Joan Hochstein	Jim & Joani Potts
Alissa & Chris Bartling	Kenneth & Carol Hochstein	Kathleen & Thomas Roemer
Jane Becker	Kent & Molly Hochstein	Mary Rohan
Jay & Miranda Bernecker	Kyle & Erica Hochstein	Craig & Jenny Rolfes
David & Patricia Bruening	Gary & Kathy Hoebelheinrich	Mary & Ed Sanders
Marilynn Bruening	Duane Hoelsing	Dennis & Ruth Ann Schulte
Don & Millie Buschelman	Cynthia & Gene Jones	Cindy & Hal Somer
Memorial	Dale Kaiser	Kelly & Greg Sosso
Connie & Bill Christensen	Dan & Marsha Kathol	Cliff Steffen
Marvin & Debra DeBlauw	Daryl & Jill Kleinschmit	Charles & Jan Sudbeck
Gene & Sue Dicks	Lyle & Rhonda Lammers	Daryl & Diane Sudbeck
Marlene & Larry Domina	Michael & Laurie Lammers	Sylvan & Leane Thoene
Mark & Carol Eickhoff	Jeanette Lammers Memorial	Deborah & Jim Tierney
Sidney Eickhoff	Terry Lange	Tom & Colleen Vlach
Beth & Brandon Fiscus	Preston & Emily Leise	Larry and Valerie Walz
Audrey & John Freeman	Regis & Sherry Leise	Henry & Thelma Wesseln
Joan & Todd Greder	Annette & Jim Mahoney	Terry & Janet Wuebben
Clarence T. Haley	Sarah & Shawn Peed	Patty & Kevin Zavadil
Alberta Hall	Darrell Peitz	Zinpro Co./Daryl Kleinschmit
Rev. Jeremy Hans Hans	Ben & Stacie Pinkelman	

## 2023-24 Cedar Catholic Budget Summary

### Cedar Catholic Income Sources:

Parish Subsidies	\$501,723.52
Tuition	\$546,510.00
Catholic Development	\$350,000.00
Endowment Earnings	\$146,341.48
Other	<u>\$116,963.79</u>
	\$1,661,538.79

### Cedar Catholic Expenses:

Payroll, Employee Benefits, Taxes,	
Academic & Other Supplies,	
Transportation, Utilities &	
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$1,661,538.79

Cedar Catholics' depends upon three main revenue sources: parish subsidies, tuition, and funding through Catholic Development efforts. One function of an annual report is to acknowledge and thank benefactors' support through cash gifts, fundraising, and interest earned from endowment fund gifts given. Catholic Development also provided East & West Catholic and Holy Trinity Elementary Schools with \$90,000 budget assistance each for 2024, besides offering tuition assistance and other support gifts. With budget assistance, Catholic Development provides funds for special projects, tuition scholarships, technology, campaigns, academic programs, and teacher/staff Christmas bonus/gifts.

## 2024 President Fr. Owen Korte's Appeal—\$61,758.81 (Budget Assistance)

Anonymous	Jolene Kathol
Anonymous	Daryl & Jill Kleinschmit
Donald & Marcia Albers	John & Marcene Kleinschmit
Kenny & Sandra Bohlken	Melvin Kleinschmit
Elaine & Randy Bruening	Alice C. Klug
Don & Millie Buschelman	Steve & Kathy Kneifl
Memorial by David	Lisa & Gary Kruse
Buschelman	Allen & Carol Lammers
Barb Compton	Michael & Laurie Lammers
Kathy & Kevin Cope	Regis & Sherry Leise
Susan & Noel Corson	Virgil Leise
Linda Craig	Martha & Michael Masgai
Gene & Sue Dicks	Keith McGregor
Allen & Jennifer Eickhoff	Paul Murray
Sidney Eickhoff	Michael Neu
Mary Jean & Wayne Elliot	Don & Carla Noecker
Karen & Terrence Flynn	Quinn and Maizie Paulsen
Joan & Todd Greder	Sarah & Shawn Peed
Katelyn and Chad Haier	Ben & Stacie Pinkelman
Alberta Hall	Frederick & Carol Pinkelman
Rev. Jeremy Hans	Jim & Joani Potts
Hartington Feed & Chick -	Cecilia Rohan
Mark Becker, Stan Becker,	Mary Rohan
Zach Becker	Nick & Peggy Rolfes
Allan Heimes	Stanley Rupiper
Gene & Aggie Heine	Gene Schwartz
Joan Hochstein	Elaine & Ed Simpson
Kenneth & Carol Hochstein	Cindy & Hal Somer
Kyle & Erica Hochstein	Kelly & Greg Sosso
Sam & Carrie Hochstein	Gene & Donna Steffen
Bill & Ann Hochstein	Daryl & Diane Sudbeck
Gary & Kathy Hoebelheinrich	Rodney & Cindy Wiebelhaus
Duane Hoelsing	Jeff & Kristi Wieseler

## Year-end Gifts— \$10,285.00

### (Budget Assistance)

Anonymous
Jeff & Nancy Asselin
Ronald Becker
David & Patricia
Bruening
Rev. Jeremy Hans
Duane Hoelsing
Dan & Jill Hoelsing
Cynthia Howey
Mark & Pat Hunoff
Patrick Kavanaugh
Gail & Guy Ormiston
Jim & Joani Potts
Nick & Peggy Rolfes
Gene Schwartz
Pat & Mike Walker

## Shope & Savour Market—Vendor Fair— \$3,546.00 (Budget Assistance)

## Christmas Online Auction—\$17,621.00 (Budget Assistance & Teachers' Tuition Benefit.) Multiple Gift Donors & Buyers.

## Catholic Development Office Furniture, TV & Cupboards—\$3,565.00 Dr. Dan & Jill Hoelsing

## Cedar Catholic Werner Annex Gifts—\$89,426.13 Gifts that helped complete the building costs/loan in 2024

Anonymous	Clarence T. Haley
Anonymous	Hartington Tree
Justin & Jenny Bartling	Sue Hochstein
Britt Becker	League of Heros
Cary & Barb Becker	Roman & Nancee Sudbeck
Eric & Katelyn Becker	Glen & Jenny Thoene
Gayle & Rhonda Becker	Wintz Funeral Home
Blackbaud Corp./	Hank & Thelma Wesseln
Allen & Cheryl Eickhoff	Tom & Colleen Vlach
Duane & Marietta Freeman	
John & Audrey Freeman	

## In Memory Donations to

## Dick Kuehn Memorial Bus Fund—\$6,200.00 (A Bus Replacement Fund)

Patricia Kuehn In Memory of Dick Kuehn

In Memory of Dick Kuehn by:

Helene & Ed Bottolfsen	Ron & Jill Griess
Casey & Haley Christensen	John & Lois Erickson
LouAnn & Roy Creekmore	Pam Howell
Charles & Sue Eickhoff	Gary & Rachele Kuehn
Douglas Pick	Allen & Laurie Leise
Pamela Hall	Don & Carla Noecker
Rob & Brenda Miller	James & Christine Rein
Gayle & Barbara Hochstein	Jill Sock
James & Alyce Nelson	
Matthew & Stacy Gutschenritter	
Roman & Nancee Sudbeck	

## Catholic Development Blue Ribbon Committee Gifts— \$79,000.00 (Budget Assistance) 79 Memberships





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### **Alumni & Friends!**

### **Enjoy Shopping Online or at the 30th Annual Gala & Grand Auction to Benefit Our Catholic Schools!**

*Shop for some great auction items  
on [creamerbid.com](http://creamerbid.com) from*

**March 19 through closing on March 28th  
to kick-off the March 29th Gala & Grand Auction Event.**

Register to bid on [creamerbid.com](http://creamerbid.com) for fun shopping and bidding from a distance or close by. If you get the winning bid, pay and pick up your purchased items at the Catholic Development Office, Hartington, on Gala night or the following week.

Buyers are responsible for shipping costs as needed.

Also, during the week prior the Gala preview and pre-bid the Silent Auction in person on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday March 26, 27, & 28 at the Msgr. Werner Activity Center until 6:00 p.m. those days. Closing bids on Silent Auction items will happen at the Gala on March 29 during the Gala dinner and Grand Auction Grand Auction that will be an oral/in-person sale, simultaneous with the online auction (on [creamerbid.com](http://creamerbid.com)) beginning at 6:15 p.m. Tickets to attend the "Masquerade Ball" are available now!

Go to [cedarcatholic.org](http://cedarcatholic.org)—Gala 2025, for details.  
Or, call the Catholic Development Office at 402-254-3912.

### **Mark July 5, 2025 for a New Event!**

### **A Super-Fun Ryder Cup Golf Tournament!**

Plans are underway for a CCHS Ryder Cup Golf Tournament! Teams are being formed and prizes planned for golfers and spectators! Cedar Catholic President Dan Hoelsing is coordinating the event.

For more information, call Cedar Catholic at 402-254-3906  
or Catholic Development at 402-254-3912.

Check [cedarcatholic.org](http://cedarcatholic.org) for details.

The Holy Trinity/Cedar Catholic Alumni Assoc. will be assisting this event. So the previous year's September Saturday Alumni event will not be held this year.

### **18th Vehicle Gift Won by the Noecker's**

The beautiful 2024 King Ranch Ford F150 Truck was won this year by Brian, Dawn, Hallie, and McKenna Noecker, Hartington. The winning ticket was drawn from the record number sold 1,594 tickets.

The Noeckers' are enjoying the 18th gift to Cedar Catholic from some tremendously generous donors.

The annual truck raffle greatly assists Cedar Catholic's budget. Net proceeds from the first 15 raffles assisted the renovation costs of Cedar Catholic's building until 2021 when all renovation expenses were paid. Thereafter the truck raffle was designated to assist the on-going educational costs and budget increases.

Thank you to all ticket buyers, the Ford F150 Truck Committee, Ticket Sellers, and especially the generous donors.

