



STRATEGIC PLAN

2024-2027

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Mission Statement

The loftiest aspiration of our organization.

Mission Statement: Empowered by our Catholic faith and the Holy Spirit, Cedar Catholic Jr.-Sr. 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

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

- Catholic religious knowledge, virtue, and practices:
 - o By their personal belief in God through their lifestyle; and
 - o By their ability to display knowledge of moral and religious practices and obligations.
- Complex thinking skills:
 - o By applying academic knowledge to logical problem-solving strategies;
 - o By applying analytical and logical reasoning to everyday living; and
 - o By displaying innovative and creative thought processes.
- Effective communication skills:
 - o By using a variety of research skills and resources;
 - o By expressing ideas clearly;
 - o By effectively communicating for a variety of purposes;
 - o By effectively communicating through a variety of mediums; and
 - o By creating quality products.
- Effective social skills:
 - o Through the ability to self-assess and monitor behaviors in a group;
 - o By exhibiting community interaction; and
 - o By developing relationships and fostering cooperation with all age groups and races.
- Independent learning skills:
 - o By being self-motivated and self-directed;
 - o By establishing clear goals and means for success; and
 - o By seeking new challenges and considering choices before acting.
- A balance of spiritual, emotional, social, and physical practices for wellbeing:
 - o Through an appreciation and acceptance of one's beliefs and culture;
 - o Through an awareness of the effect of personal behavior on the greater community;
 - o Through global awareness;
 - o By pursuing personal standards of excellence; and
 - o By making healthful choices in diet and exercise.



Objectives

Desired end results.

Objective 1: Cedar Catholic Jr.-Sr. High students will have the opportunity to excel academically, possess diverse coursework 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 increased 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.

Strategy 5.5: Research and expand scholarship opportunities with the Development Office, Community, and College Programs.

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 parent awareness of scheduled events, changes, and options for increased 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 meeting and program information on the principal's 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 reports, finance reports and meeting minutes on the school 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 establishment of a finance option through the Development Office in support of this program.

Strategy 8.5: Review current facility needs and implement a plan to finance and schedule needed facility 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 meeting and program information on the principal's website.

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

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

Strategy 10.1: Research and develop a program to research grant opportunities and expand and promote individual gifts, events, endowment and estate planning.

Strategy 10.2: Continue program to recognize and appreciate the support of Blue-Ribbon Committee Members and develop a plan to expand membership.

Strategy 10.3: Review current annual events and schedule and research ideas for updating or expanding community/alumni fund raising 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: Develop a plan to create transparency, engage stake-holders, connect with supporters and alumni and promote Development Office Programs.

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

Strategy 10.8: Continue and expand the K-12 Tuition Assistance Program for any families needing support to enroll their children to our Catholic Schools.

Strategy 10.9: Research and develop programs to expand and promote individual gifts, grants, etc... in support of early childhood programs.



Action Plans

Action Plans are steps taken in order to accomplish the strategies listed as important. Action plans must be funded, have staffing resources, time committed to seeing the action plan through, and communication on what is to be done, and what is finished. The action plan must be measurable and evaluated annually.

Action Plans:

Religious Education Programs

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

- Continue to invite Priests and seminarians to visit Theology classes on a Monthly basis in order to have a presence with students, to get to know students, and to be available to answer questions.
- Invite retired and visiting Priests and Sisters to visit and meet with Cedar Catholic students.

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

Continue to have students attend Mass weekly and on Holy Days.

- Continue to have each class participate in an off-campus retreat each year that is run by a priest and Campus Ministry members.
- Continue to have students attend Mass weekly and on Holy Days.
- Connect with Newman Centers of local universities/colleges; FOCUS missionaries; other high school Catholic schools for CCHS high school students for retreats, etc.
 - Continue to have each class attend first Friday Mass, spends their theology time at church for Eucharistic Adoration, and participates in Benediction.
 - Continue to coordinate a service day where students ring bells for the salvation army at various locations, students help decorate church, choir sings at nursing homes, etc.
 - Continue to host the Large Youth rally every other year & ideas for mini-rallies and schedule and coordinate mini retreats in off years of the larger Rally. Sending students to our elementary schools to do religious activities with elementary kids.
 - Continue to have each class go to Confession once a month - either during Theology class time or as a big group.

Strategy 1.3: Continue to explore and expand resources and materials used in Religious Education Classes.

- Continue to provide a Bible for students to use in and outside class.
- Continue to provide teachers the Hallow app for personal use and in their classroom.
- Coordinate with the Evangelism Institute (EI) to provide resources and professional development to meet the 26-hour Catholic Schools Archdiocese Program.

Strategy 1.4: Increase opportunities for parents to be more involved in their child's faith formation and increased Vocations.

- Continue recruiting parents, grandparents, and community volunteers and share their faith in Discipleship Groups.
- Invite parents to daily mass - use bulletins; send note at beginning of year Cedar Masses at 8am or 2:40; check Sycamore calendar
- Continue supporting CCHS staff that are parents/grandparents to invest in their child(ren)'s faith formation by being actively involved in church, school and activities by being teachers, support staff and coaches of various activities.
- Continue to focus prayers for Vocations in the classroom - Rosary for Vocations; use school chapel to offer adoration —and Invite FOCUS missionaries to share their journey of Faith to increase Vocations to the Priesthood or Religious life.



COMPLETED ACTION STEP

July 1, 2026 Report

- 1.1 Fr. Vogel, Fr. Targy, Fr. Knecht, and Fr. Schwer visited the classrooms typically once every other week.
- 1.1 Fr. Tucker, the Rural Vocations Director for the Archdiocese of Omaha, visited about once a month availing himself for students who wanted to talk to him.
- 1.1 Seniors visited the Immaculata Benedictine Monastery and Spirituality Center in January.
- 1.2 Adam Pinkelman continued to have formation lunches with the Campus Ministry Team once a month.
- 1.2 Continued monthly Day of Sacrament of Reconciliation for all students.
- 1.2 Attended Stations of the Cross during the Fridays of Lent with HT School.
- 1.2 The Senior Theology Class led The Living Stations in March of 2026 for Cedar Catholic and Holy Trinity Schools and was available for the community to join.
- 1.2 Therese Pfeifer presented Natural Family Planning to the Senior Theology Class.
- 1.2 Around 75 students from the Holy Spirit Family of Parishes and Our Catholic Family of Parishes attended the Steubenville Conference in July 2026.
- 1.2 The Senior Theology Class attended the Archdiocese of Omaha's Chrism Mass in March 2026.
- 1.2 Community members came in once a month to be a part of the Discipleship Groups, with each group having designated student leaders.
- 1.2 All students completed the required amount of Service Hours in the areas of Church, School, Community, and Friends/Family.
- 1.2 Mrs. Mainquist and Mrs. Christensen met with 9th graders before Discipleship Groups so they could plan their meetings.
- 1.2 First Friday Adoration continued monthly with Benediction at 3pm.
- 1.2 Weekly Masses.
- 1.3 Students continued to use their Bibles during Adoration and class.
- 1.3 Students continued to have access to and used the Hallow app for prayers and podcasts.
- 1.3 Creating Sacred Beauty, an episode series from Family Theatre Productions was used for Art Class.
- 1.3 Students participated in the Catholic Daughters Contest.
- 1.3 Junior and Senior students used the Catechism of the Catholic Church for classwork and discussion.
- 1.3 Freshmen used the YouCat for classwork and discussion.
- 1.3 Sophomore students were introduced to the process of doing a Scriptural exegesis.
- 1.3 Sophomore students read and discussed excerpts from St. Justin Martyr's *First Apology*.
- 1.3 Sophomore students read and discussed excerpts from a medical case report on Jesus' sufferings during His passion and death titled, *Evidence of Jesus' Hematidrosis on the Shroud of Turin?*.
- 1.3 Sophomore students analyzed and discussed Raphael's *The Transfiguration* artwork.
- 1.3 Sophomore students watched and discussed several of Dr. Brant Pitre's YouTube videos on the various images of the Church.
- 1.3 Junior students read and discussed excerpts from *Dignitas Infinita*, a document from the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith.
- 1.3 Senior Theology researched popes and read a variety of excerpts from their papal encyclicals
- 1.4 Senior Mass involved parents and then all attended a breakfast at the Learning Center
- 1.4 First Friday Benediction at 3pm was available to the community.
- 1.4 Stations of the Cross was available to the community.
- 1.4 Mass schedule is on the Sycamore calendar and school website.
- 1.4 Each member of the Senior class gets a Prayer Friend, who throughout the year intentionally prays for them.



January 1, 2026 Report

- 1.1 Fr. Will set up priest visit schedule for the high school classrooms.
- 1.1 Priests set up a schedule so each Theology class would celebrate Mass in the chapel sometime this year.
- 1.1 Mrs. Mainquist had the 8th grade write letters/emails to religious/consecrated people.
- 1.1 Fr. Keiter, Fr. Knecht, Fr. Target; Deacon Michael Figura; and Adam Pinkelman give talks or help with confession.
- 1.1 Monthly confession schedule - start during 3rd period - special schedule to follow for those kids who have Theology during 1st period.
- 1.1 Seminarian Thomas Matya met with Seniors over Google Meet to talk about his journey as a seminarian.
- 1.1 Sr. Sarah Elizabeth and an exchange sister from Africa helped with October discipleship groups and then visited the classrooms throughout the rest of the day.
- 1.1 Fr. Zach Tucker - the Rural Vocational Director - visited in small groups with juniors and seniors.
- 1.1 Fall 2025 Archbishop Michael McGovern celebrated Mass and visited the school.
- 1.2 Fr. Vogel processed with Eucharist to Cedar Catholic in September 2025.
- 1.2 Class retreats held in St. Helena with Adam Pinkelman - Holy Door, Indulgences .
- 1.2 Campus Ministers spoke at the class retreats with confessions available at each retreat - led by Fr. Keiter and Adam Pinkelman.
- 1.2 Archdiocese of Omaha encouraged classes to pray rosary for Vocations during November.
- 1.2 Monthly faith formation for the Campus Ministers with Adam Pinkelman - starting at 7am once a month.
- 1.2 Discipleship group leaders (adults & students) met in August 2025 to get to know each other and discuss their ideas for the year.
- 1.2 Mrs. Mainquist and Mrs. Christensen meet with 9th grade before Discipleship so they can plan their meetings.
- 1.2 speaker from Hallow in the Fall - importance of prayer and talked about Blessed Carlos Acutis.
- 1.2 Dec 2025 - all students were involved in community service - visiting nursing homes/assisted living, rang bells for Salvation Army, decorate church for Christmas.
- 1.2 First Friday Adoration - Sept, Oct. Nov. Dec. with Benediction at 3 pm.
- 1.2 Weekly Mass on First Friday, Wed afternoons, Thursday morning.
- 1.3 Purchased a few extra Bibles - McKenzie Dailey, Ashlynn Dailey.
- 1.3 Sophia Teachers retreat book - The Seven Sacraments: The Foundation of Christian Living.
- 1.3 Creating Sacred Beauty - episode series -Family Theatre Productions and also on Youtube.
- 1.3 Formed Website - A Study of Sacred Art Series, Formed Now - Sacred Art, Word of Life - Discovering Sacred Art for kids Episode Art Series.
- 1.3 National Geographic Video on the Parting of the Red Sea.
- 1.3 Bishop Barron Video on Connecting the Eucharist to the Jewish Passover.
- 1.3 Catholic Daughters contest.
- 1.3 Spirit Catholic Radio Drawing Contest.
- 1.4 September 2025 - invited grandparents and parents to the First Friday Mass.
- 1.4 Mass is on Sycamore calendar and school website.
- 1.4 Seniors each have a Prayer Friend praying for them during the senior year.
- 1.4 Discipleship group leaders are parents, grandparents, aunts, and uncles of students.
- 1.4 Baptism Poster Project involved students researching their baptism at home, allowing parents to assist with photos, stories, etc.



July 1, 2025 Report

- 1.1 Fr. Zachary Tucker visited March 2025 to visit with Juniors and Seniors in small groups
- 1.1 Fr. Knecht and Fr. Vogel continued their classroom visits in 3rd and 4th quarter
- 1.1 Seniors visited the sisters at the Benedictine Monastery in January 2025
- 1.1 FOCUS missionary Sara Burbach and Jaxson Bernecker presented to 7-12 in January 2025
- 1.1 8th graders emailed priests/sisters about their order and life
- 1.1 Thomas Matya will be attending Holy Spirit Catholic Parishes Camp in June 2025 - sharing stories of his time in the seminary in Rome
- 1.2 Discipleship group discussions on how to improve - lunch meeting, and morning meeting with Adam Pinkelman and Anna Broderson-Meluch
- 1.2 Witness talks in May 2025 First Friday - talks by Braeden Reifenrath and Sam Wiebelhaus
- 1.2 Seniors led living Stations March 2025 at HT gym
- 1.2 Seniors attended Chrism Mass April 2025 4
- 1.2 Seniors listened to Adel Fischer present info about Natural Family Planning during Theology class
- 1.2 Confession during March and April for all students
- 1.2 Campus Ministers played board games with elementary students at Osmond St. Mary's school during CS
- 1.2 40 students from Holy Spirit Parishes which includes Hartington, Randolph, and Osmond will be attending Steubenville July 2025
- 1.3 Students continued to use their Bibles during Adoration and class
- 1.3 Continued use of the Hallow app for prayers and podcast
- 1.3 Papal conclave was researched and watched in classes as the cardinals elected a new pope
- 1.3 Installment of a new Archbishop for the Omaha Archdiocese was watched by 9th grade class
- 1.3 CSW - Senior parents came to pray the rosary with Cedar at church
- 1.3 Senior Mass involved parents and then all attended a breakfast at Learning Center

January 1, 2025 Report

- 1.1 Continued priest visits to the classrooms
- 1.1 Fr. Zachary Tucker coming on Friday Dec 13 to visit with Fr. Korte and Mrs. Christensen about what kind of visits do we want from him with our kids
- 1.2 Continue to attend weekly Mass
- 1.2 First Friday Nov. 1 and Dec 6 - all classes had opportunity to go to Adoration at HT church
- 1.2 Class retreats were held for all classes in Oct, Nov, Dec - Campus Ministers gave witness talks along with the Culture project presentations
- 1.2 Discipleship in November and December
- 1.2 Confession during Theology classes in Nov. For Dec we will have a Reconciliation service for 12, 11, 10 and then 7,8,9 attend
- 1.2 Theology students are working on first semester Archdiocesan assessments.
- 1.2 Students continue to work on their service hours by serving at Mass, at the Fall Blitz, concession stands, church cleaning - they need 10 for 2nd Q
- 1.2 Campus Ministers are invited to read books to HT students on Dec 6
- 1.2 Juniors and Seniors are invited to help at the Yankton Area Banquet
- 1.2 Chapel - Adoration time for kids - Dec 17 Adoration in the chapel - as part of Las Posadas - journey of Mary and Joseph
- 1.2 Service Day on Friday Dec 20 for all Cedar students - going to Benedictine Monastery, Majestic Bluffs, Crofton teachers, Salvation Army ringing bells
- 1.3 Students continue to use their Bibles for class and Adoration



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- 1.3 Use the Hallow app for Advent music, daily quiz, podcasts
- 1.3 Students continue to use their Bibles for class and Adoration
- 1.3 Senior s used various online resources to research and present on a pope of their choice
- 1.3 Advent wreath displayed in entryway
- 1.3 Holy Souls list and prayers said during Nov.
- 1.3 ACRE test taken by 9th and 12th graders in Nov.
- 1.4 Calendars, bulletins and Sycamore has Mass times for Cedar students

Ideas for future

- Seniors will visit Norfolk Monastery Jan 10
- Focus Missionary - Contact Sara Burbach, Sydney Becker and Jared Burbach to visit in January.
- Fr. Keiter suggested looking at people front area Newman Centers like Wayne, UNL, UNO, SDSU to come into Cedar to visit with kids
- Fr Vogel would like us consider Theology class time - stay away from 1st period so priests can come in and visit and not worry about Mass time
- CSW - invite parents to something or Vocations activity
- Campus Ministry to go to Ormond to do activity with elementary kids
- Mount Marty - Magnify the Mount events - Fr. Keiter suggested the living Stations in Lent
- Mrs. Mainquist's 8th grader's will email priests/religious brothers and sisters about their order and life - 2nd Semester
- Focus Missionary - Sara Burbach, Sydney Becker and Jared Burbach to visit in January
- Fr. Korte suggested doing something like HF school - invite the parents of the class to come in and lead a rosary - we could do the whole school at the end of the day or pray with the class in the chapel - intentions could be vocations, for the class
- Discipleship discussion - Adam Pinkelman, Renae Mainquist and Lori Christensen plan to meet with Campus Ministers for a round table discussion about the groups - what is it, how to make it better, possibly activities
- Witness volunteers for Friday Benediction - Ben Kleinschmit, Jayda Bernecker Klug, Adam Pinkelman

October 1, 2024 Report

- 1.1 Fr. Vogel has been to Cedar to visit and teach the Juniors and Seniors.
- 1.1 Fr. Knecht has been to Cedar to visit and teach the 7th and 9th grade.
- 1.1 Fr. Korte has stopped by to visit one section of the Juniors and Jr. High.
- 1.2 Cedar students attend Mass on every First Friday, one Tues or Thurs and then two Wednesday's in the afternoon.
- 1.2 Fr. Keiter making the final arrangements for the class retreats - he is bringing in the Culture Project to help lead the retreats with the Campus Ministers still giving short witness.
- 1.2 Campus Ministers held a retreat in July - discussed their strengths and weaknesses; making Jesus the center of their lives.
- 1.2 Eucharistic Adoration - all Cedar classes were able to go to church for adoration time - with Ipad utilized to play Christian music
- 1.2 Fr. Korte changed the way he is doing Benediction at the end of the day - he offered his witness with music. Going forward, he wants a student and an adult to offer their witness.
- 1.2 ConSession was held during Theology classes on Sept 17 with Fr. Vogel, Fr. Viewer, Fr. Korte, Fr. Knecht, and Fr. Keiter all helping.
- 1.2 Fr. Korte blessed Cedar Catholic and had a short Eucharistic Procession around the school in September.
- 1.2 Discipleship started on September 4 & Oct 2- groups are separated by gender and grouped as grades 7,8,9 and then grades 10, 11, 12 - to help encourage conversation.
- 1.2 Rosary Rally 2024 - joining the Archdiocese of Omaha in praying the rosary for Vocations.



- 1.2 Classes will go to the chapel to pray the rosary as a group and they will turn in the number to the Archdiocese Catholic School Office.
 - Students have used their Bibles for Theology classes and Adoration.
 - Teacher Retreat in August held in Coleridge.
 - Teachers leave used Hallow app for class and own faith development.
- 1.3 Evangelium Institute this year will focus on Acts of the Apostles with a new leader who is very enthusiastic about his Catholic faith.
- 1.3 Teachers prayed a rosary for the Crofton children who were involved in an accident.
- 1.3 Juniors will have new Morality books for 2nd Semester this year .
- 1.3 Seniors have used online sources to find out about the Marriage Preparation - online FOCCUS test, Holy Trinity Marriage prep guidelines, Archdiocese of Omaha marriage prep guidelines
 - First Friday Mass in Sept - Cedar and HT invited grandparents to attend the Mass.
 - Printed calendars, church bulletins, and Sycamore post Mass for parents.
 - Seniors in CCHS chapel - prayers for vocations - collect names of priests from the seniors and freshmen to have intentional prayers for theist.
- 1.4 Discipleship leaders - eight leaders are parents while 3 leaders are grandparents of CCHS students.
- 1.4 Invited an RCIA participant to share their stole with Juniors who are studying the Sacraments of Initiation.

July 1, 2024 Report

- 1.1 Rev. Owen Korte Celebrates weekly Masses, Reconciliation, Benediction, attends student functions, and currently serves as the President of Cedar Catholic High School.
- 1.1 Rev. Jim Keiter conducts Retreats for our students in addition to celebrating Masses, Reconciliation, and other Church functions.
- 1.1 Father Kevin Vogle Celebrates weekly Masses, Reconciliation, and Religion Classes at Cedar Catholic.
- 1.1 Mr. Thomas Metya, Seminarian, supported our Religion classes on a weekly basis along with his support of school Masses, Benedictions, Campus Ministry, etc. . .
- 1.1 Area and retired priests provide support and school Masses and Reconciliation.
- 1.2 Students attend Mass weekly and on Holy Days.
- 1.2 Each class participates in an off-campus retreat each year that is run by a priest and Campus Ministry members.
- 1.2 Each class attends first Friday Class, spends their theology time at church for Eucharistic Adoration, and participates in Benediction.
- 1.2 Mr. Bengston organizes a community service day where students ring bells for the salvation army at various locations, students help decorate church, choir sings at nursing homes, etc.
- 1.2 Each class goes to Confession once a month - either during Theology class time or as a big group; Youth rally every other year & ideas for mini-rat lies
- 1.3 Each student was given a New Testament and Old Testament Bible that they can use in and outside class.
- 1.3 Teachers are provided the Hallow app for personal use and in their classroom.
- 1.3 Cedar Catholic Jr.-Sr. High School participates in the El Institute to complete 26-hour Catholic Schools Archdiocese Program.
- 1.4 Parents, grandparents, and community volunteers currently participate and share their faith in Discipleship Groups.
- 1.4 Parents, grandparents, and parishioners are teachers/leaders in Family Formation, Jesus Night, and Confirmation preparation classes.
- 1.4 Many of our CCHS staff are parents/grandparents are invested in their child(ren)'s faith formation by being actively involved in church, school and activities by having teachers, support staff and coaches at various activities.



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)

- Align textbook selection and curricula to the Omaha Archdiocese Curriculum Standards.
- Provide time for teachers to meet to go through new standards and align with current teaching materials.
- Review/practice for students to prepare for the annual Archdiocese Assessment.
- Provide time for teachers to meet by department, with our elementary teachers, and resource teachers to continue to work on curriculum alignment.

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

- Continue to have teachers work individually, in departments, or as a whole staff to evaluate and update our lessons/unit materials to our Catholic traditions and beliefs and to Rule 10.
- Continue offering student counseling on options for registration for classes both from guidance counselors and classroom teachers.
- Annually review elective course offerings.
- Post online to school site, access to *our* class/course offerings.
- Expand health programs to include education on the harmful effects of alcohol/drug use/vaping, etc...
- Research and review Ag. science curriculum as a possible option for a 3rd year of science requirement

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

- Continue to promote and supports our fine arts extracurricular activities of band, pep band, jazz band, chorus, swing choir, One Act, and junior high and high school speech.
- Create a One-Act(1st semester)/Speech Competition (2nd semester) class option for high school.
- Continue to schedule JH sports during 8th period to allow all students the opportunity to participate and limit conflicts with facility conflicts.
- Expand One-Act Play schedule to allow our students opportunity to compete prior to Conference/District/State Contests.

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

- Conduct comparability study and update negotiated agreement annually.
- Expand efforts to recruit, develop, and retain quality, endorsed teachers, administrators, and support staff.
- Expand efforts to recruit, develop, and retain quality para educators, substitute teachers, custodial and maintenance, bus drivers, technology and office support staff.
- Research possible options for incentives to support teachers/staff interested in professional development, certification, and/or endorsements.
- Conduct observations, supervision and evaluation designed to develop staff and promote professional development and retention of a quality staff.



COMPLETED ACTION STEP

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- **2.2** Erin Pfeifer will begin offering the Speech and Drama elective course during both semesters the 2026-2027 school year.
- **2.3** The CCHS Speech Team had 18 team members this year and competed well at their meets, including several 3rd place finishes and tournament Champion at Lutheran High Northeast.
- **2.3** The Cedar Catholic Speech Team received Runner-Up honors as a team at District Competition. 18 out of the 19 events medaled, with 10 State Qualifiers. ** Denotes State Qualifier. Adelyn Reifenrath, Kendra Schmit, Calley Stewart, Landry Heimes, Sophia Kleinschmit – 4th Oral Interpretation of Drama**, Langston Christensen & Landon Rutar – Champion Duet Acting**, Dawson Dresden & Sawyer Nieman – 4th Duet Acting, Landon Rutar – Champion Humorous**, Braeden Gubbels – 6th Humorous, Langston Christensen – 3rd Serious**, Dawson Dresden – 6th Serious, Kyson Lammers – 3rd Poetry**, Evelyn Freeman – 6th Poetry, Landon Rutar – 3rd Program Oral Interpretation**, Calley Stewart – 5th Program Oral Interpretation, Adelyn Reifenrath – 3rd Entertainment**, Cecilia Zimmerman – 6th Entertainment, Ava Stewart – Champion Informative**, Breah Steffen – 4th Informative, Breah Steffen – 3rd Persuasive**, Isabel Rolfes – 5th Persuasive, Donnie Schulte – Champion Extemporaneous**.
- **2.3** The Cedar Catholic Speech Team had 7 events medal at State Competition: Donnie Schulte – 5th Extemporaneous, Adelyn Reifenrath – 4th Entertainment, Kendra Schmit, Calley Stewart, Adelyn Reifenrath, Sophia Kleinschmit, & Landry Heimes – 4th Oral Interpretation of Drama, Landon Rutar – 6th Program Oral Interpretation & Runner-Up Humorous, Langston Christensen & Landon Rutar – Runner-Up Duet Acting, and Ava Stewart – State Champion in Informative. As a team, CCHS received 3rd place in team sweepstakes, the highest the team has placed at state since the 1990s.
- **2.3** For the 2027 speech season, Cedar Catholic has hired Grace Kleinschmit as a speech team aide to head practices and help at meets, expanding practice access for the students and competitiveness as a team.
- **2.1** Science is on the textbook loan cycle for the purchase of new Earth Science books in 2027.
- **2.1** Mrs. Koch and Mrs. Dendinger attended a training at the Chancery in Omaha in February for the new DnA Renaissance Science Archdiocese Assessment.
- **2.4** [Erin Pfeifer](#) will graduate with her masters in Curriculum and Instruction in October 2026. Audrey Freeman started her School Counseling degree and she will graduate in May 2028. James Kaiser started his Administration degree in June 2026. Zach Hegge will finish his masters in Curriculum and Instruction in December 2026. Vergil Nelson will finish his Masters in Curriculum and Instruction in December 2026.
- **2.2** First year offering new course Culinary 2 for sophomores, juniors and seniors for the 2026-2027 school year.
- **2.3** Cross curricular with 8th grade sewing and art class. Each student created saint dolls for First Communications.
- **2.3** Cedar Catholic High School choir led our Catholic Schools in an all school mass for Catholic Schools Week and led several liturgies throughout the year from January on.
- **2.3** Cedar Catholic High School choir participated in our annual POPS concert and had guest artists Ken Noecker and Jay Gilbertsen help us out.
- **2.3** Cedar Catholic Swing Choir participated in the Northeast Jazz Fest in March and received a superior rating.
- **2.3** Anatomy had curriculum updates purchased from TPT
- **2.3** Live on Nebraska will come and talk to anatomy class about what is involved in organ donations.



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- 2.1 The English department has used the new, updated textbooks in a few of the classes and presently enjoy how the content is structured and assessed while implementing a level of faith within the English classroom.
- 2.1 Preparation for the Archdiocese assessment will begin mid-February to early March for the eighth-graders and sophomores will include reading practice texts and answering multiple choice questions as well as grammar-based questions and rule review.
- 2.1 Students are in their second year of testing all students 7-12 in reading (STAR Test) to be able to track growth and reading levels. Prior, just the junior high students took the STAR reading and math tests.
- 2.1 Teachers met in November and went through STAR test scores from the last four years and discussed continuing reading goals.
- 2.2 Mr. Bengston met with students at the end of first semester to go through class options, college credit and class changes.
- 2.3 The speech team is looking forward to even more growth in numbers this year, as they had 16 members in 2025 and they envision 21 members for the 2026 season.
- 2.3 Landon Rutar and Isabel Rolfes were the Speech team's two state qualifiers in 2025 and both reached the finals, with Rolfes placing 6th and Rutar placing 3rd in their respective events. After a tough district, CCHS still produced several district finalists alongside Rutar and Rolfes: Ava Stewart and Breah Steffen. All these members return to the team this season.
- 2.3 Kindergarten and Preschool designed pillows for 7th and 8th grade sewing class to create in October.
- 2.3 Culinary class made 12 dozen cookies for NAPA grand opening in October.
- 2.3 Culinary class went on a field trip to Burbach Countryside Dairy in October.
- 2.3 Cross-curricular with sewing and art class. 7th graders will work together to design and create saint pillows for 2nd graders. They also will create an embroidered landscape for the Conference Art Show.
- 2.3 The Nebraska Arts Council is sponsoring professional poet coaching for our school's Poetry Out Loud finalist prior to state and national competitions.
- 2.4 A teacher will be finishing their Masters degree in October 2026 to further their development as a Catholic school teacher.
- 2.1 Mr. Bengston met with teachers in December and went through past 3 years of ACT scores and Pre-ACT scores.
- Teachers looked at low scoring questions and strategized how to improve weak spots.
- 2.1 Science and Consumer science teachers are all on the third floor to be closer to the lab and to better collaborate with each other for science continuity.
- 2.2 Teachers will incorporate ACT questions in their bell ringers throughout the year.
- 2.4 Teachers had three days of professional development coming back from Christmas break.
- 2.4 Staff portal was created to help with teacher communication for observation scheduling.
- 2.3 Cedar Catholic High School Choir has 63 students this year in Chorus.
- 2.3 Cedar Catholic High School Choir led our Catholic Schools week mass at Holy Trinity Catholic church
- 2.3 Our High School Choir again led a restore night in January at Holy Trinity Catholic Church.
- 2.3 The High School Choir sang for the OACCW mass in early September. We were honored to have our picture taken with the Archbishop afterwards.
- 2.3 The high school choir was invited in November to sing for a Praise night on Feb. 15th at Saint Mary's in Wayne.
- 2.3 Several High School choir students tried out for All State Chorus in October.
- 2.3 Jayden Lordeman and Kyson Lammers received the honor of being chosen for the 2026 FFA State Convention Choir.
- 2.3 Ashlynn Dailey and Jayden Lordeman will represent Cedar Catholic at the Wayne State Honor Choir. Jayden will be a member of the Mixed chorus and Ashlynn will be a member of the Women's Chorus.
- 2.3 Cedar Catholic Swing choir has 23 members this year and will be competing in the Northeast Jazz Festival in the 2nd Semester



- 2.3 Cedar Catholic Choir went Caroling on our service day to Avera Majestic Bluffs and Sacred Heart Monastery in Yankton
- 2.3 The marching band performed during the Homecoming parade.
- 2.3 The marching band performed at WSC Band Day, taking second place in their division.
- 2.3 The pep band performed for at least 8 varsity sporting events (Football, Volleyball, Basketball) where students earned service hours for their time.
- 2.3 During the CCHS Service Day, the junior high band performed Christmas music at 3 local assisted-living / nursing homes.
- 2.3 Brady Lange auditioned and was selected as an alternate to 8th Grade All-State Band.
- 2.3 Donnie Schulte auditioned for and was selected for a second time to the Nebraska All-State Honor Band.
- 2.3 Donnie Schulte auditioned for and was selected to the Doane Festival of Winds, UNK Honor Band, USD Quad State Honor Band, Patriots of the Plains Honor Band, and the Wesleyan University Honor Band.
- 2.3 Donnie Schulte and Levi Fiscus auditioned for and were selected to the WSC Festival of Honor Bands.
- 2.3 Seven high school band students were selected to the MSC Honor Band.

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- 2.1 New textbooks have been ordered through the textbook grant for grades 7-12 English Language Arts classes. In addition, the textbooks that were chosen not only meet the standards through the state of Nebraska, but each unit also ties back into Christianity, asking the students to relate the reading and writing assignments to their faith lives.
- 2.1 Miss Pfeifer included analysis of scripture and analysis of the "liturgical prayer" that was recited each day in her curriculum. Both of these activities not only utilized critical thinking and reading analysis practices that are within the standards, but also required the students to look within themselves for areas of growth in their faith lives.
- 2.2 Next year, the required Speech course (non-college credit) will include a unit that teaches students applicable ways to defend the faith in their day to day living.
- 2.2 The new textbooks for 7-12 literature are Christian based and connects each lesson to Christian and or Catholic faith.
- 2.3 Starting in the 2026 season, Miss Pfeifer will be the head coach of the Speech Team and Mrs. Kleinschmit will become her assistant coach. This transition is exciting, as Miss Pfeifer is in the high school building and sees the students every day. Mrs. Kleinschmit suggested and supported this switch wholeheartedly.
- 2.3 Both coaches are optimistic in the efforts to generate interest in joining the team after such a jump in involvement this season. (From 6 students in 2024 to 16 in 2025)
- 2.3 Miss Pfeifer is still highly interested in teaching the One-Act(1st Semester)/Speech Competition(2nd Semester) class option if/when the opportunity arises.
- 2.3 The junior high students that are not in band rotate between the following classes, art, food consumer science, music appreciation and life skills.
- 2.3 Cedar Catholic High School Choir led a restore night in song in January. It was a very powerful and joyful experience for all who participated; Along with this we continued to lead masses in son during the 2nd semester.
- 2.3 Cedar Catholic led our Catholic Schools week mass at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Bow Valley Neb. the last week in January.
- 2.3 Our high school choir had several students audition for the Wayne State Honor Choir. Danielle Eickhoff represented us in Wayne for this choral experience.
- 2.3 Our high school choir had two seniors who were chosen for the Nebraska Wesleyan Honor Choir . Ben Kleinschmit represented us very well.
- 2.3 Jayden Lordemann represented the choir at the State FFA convention being a member of their distinguished chorus.
- 2.3 Cedar Catholic Swing Choir participated in the Northeast Jazz Festival and received an excellent rating;
- 2.3 Cedar Catholic had several large groups perform in the NSAA District Music Contest held in Laurel Neb. this year.
- 2.3 JAZZ BAND; CONCERT BAND; GIRLS CHORUS; BOYS CHORUS; MIXED CHORUS; SWING CHOIR; and several solos and small groups performed as well.



- 2.3 The Cedar Catholic Choir took a trip to Minnesota. We sang the 7th inning stretch at Target field; we were able to sing in the sacred space at St. Mary's Basilica and we were able to watch a very talented group of high school students from the JEFFERSON Theatre Company perform the musical MAMMA MIA:
- 2.3 The Junior High band performed at WSC and at the WSC Middle School Music Festival earning an Excellent Rating.
- 2.3 Donnie Schulte & Jeffrey Heine auditioned and were selected to the Pierce Honor Band
- 2.3 The High School Concert Band & Jazz Band performed at the District Music Contest in Laurel earning a Superior Rating & Excellent Rating respectively.
- 2.3 Donnie Schulte performed a clarinet solo at the District Music Contest in Laurel earning a Superior Rating.
- 2.3 The Holy Trinity 4th Grade students that were interested in joining the band program came to Cedar Catholic to try out instruments for next year with the assistance of a few Junior High students.
- 2.3 The combined Junior High & High School Band performed for Graduation.
- 2.3 The Junior High traveled to USD in Vermillion to tour the art exhibits and listen to a percussion performance at the Music Museum on campus.
- 2.3 Donnie Schulte & Levi Fiscus auditioned for and were selected to the Class C All-State Honor Band.
- 2.3 Donnie Schulte & Levi Fiscus auditioned for and were selected to the Wayne State College Festival of Honor Band.
- 2.3 Donnie Schulte, Levi Fiscus, Christian Fiscus, and Dawson Dresden were selected to the Mid-States Conference Honor Band.
- 2.3 The Jazz Band performed at the NECC Jazz Festival and earned an Excellent Rating. 2.3 The Pep Band traveled to Lincoln to play at the State Basketball Tournaments
- 2.4 Discussion about adding an incentive for graduate classes has been discussed, waiting on approval from the President's office and the board.

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- 2.1 Anatomy students went to SDSU to view and work on cadavers. After the semester they will be going to the Wayne College of Massage Therapy.
- 2.1 Government and History classes finished election day activities. Seniors are preparing for taking the Citizenship test.
- 2.1 In the various social studies classes, students participated in the Patriot's Pen (junior high) or the Voice of Democracy (high school) contests that are sponsored by the American Legion
- 2.1 Students 7-12 are working on Poetry Out Loud poems for the upcoming competition.
- 2.1 Mr. Paltz continues to be an invaluable resource to the science department and theology department.
- 2.1 Miss Pfeifer- Freshmen English students are learning how to properly write and self-revise a formal expository essay
- 2.1 Junior English students did extensive preparation for the Fall ACT and many attested that it did pay off.
- 2.1 Teachers are finalizing the textbook rotation plan.
- 2.2 Jr. high and high school students are enrolled in Family and Consumer Science classes offered at Cedar Catholic.
- 2.2 Jr. high and high school students are enrolled in Art classes offered at Cedar Catholic.
- 2.3 Competitive speech class is offered in the regular class schedule. 2.3 Junior High speech season is practicing each week.
- 2.3 Donnie Schulte auditioned and was accepted into Nebraska-All State Band
- 2.3 High School Choir attended Northeast Community College. We sang and worked with Margaret Schultz (Northeast Director) and then we recorded our songs. The students were then treated to see how a state-of-the-art recording studio works and they were able to hear themselves.
- 2.3 Currently have several students will be auditioning for honor choir and honor bands for second semester.
- 2.4 Conducted a salary and benefit comparability study with comparisons to area public schools and Rural Catholic schools in our Archdiocese for administration and teacher salary comparisons.
- 2.4 Mr. Cattau has ongoing classroom observations and completed first semester formal evaluations on all new teachers.
- 2.4 All core and elective teachers are teaching in their endorsed areas of study.

Ideas for future

- Discussed the point system for elective classes and if students are truly planning out what they are taking or if it is just the ones who are in the running for valedictorian and salutatorian.



October 1, 2024 Report

- 2.1 Teachers completed a list of the priority order of replacement textbooks and updates.
- 2.1 Textbook loan forms have been sent out to parents to sign and return.
- 2.1 Teachers are utilizing Archdiocesan standards to plan lessons to not only teach the essentials but also to spread the faith within the classroom.
- 2.1 Teachers are providing an open environment to discuss what has been working with in our curriculum and what could use some changes.
- 2.2 Teachers are discussing adding additional classes in areas of Science and English
- 2.2 ACT will be offered at Cedar on October 26, 2024
- 2.2 Juniors are currently working on John Baylor ACT prep
- 2.2 Juniors participated in the Mount Malay STEM Symposium
- 2.2 Freshmen, Sophomore, Juniors, Seniors and 8th grade attended speaker Matt Mason on Poetry Out Loud
- 2.2 Sophomores will attend the Wayne State Career Day on Oct. 15.
- 2.2 Seniors and Juniors attended the HNPS Cedar career fair.
- 2.3 Scheduled a competitive speech class for second semester.
- 2.3 Cedar Catholic High School Choir as 74 students this year in the ensemble.
- 2.3 Cedar Catholic High School choir will be traveling to Norfolk to do a recording in their new state of the art recording studio for the experience and to work with Northeast Community College music department.
- 2.3 Cedar Catholic Swing choir has 26 members this year. First performances will be in January.
- 2.3 Members of the high school choir will be trying out for various collegiate honor choirs this fall.
- 2.3 Cedar Catholic Band participated in the Wayne State Band Day Competition on Saturday October 5"
- 2.3 Cedar Catholic Pep Band has been performing at football and volleyball games.
- 2.3 Donnie Schulte auditioned for the prestigious Nebraska All State Band.
- 2.3 Several Junior High Band Students will be auditioning for the 8th Grade All State Band to be taking place in November.
- 2.3 One Act rehearsals started with a record number of students on stage: This year there are 60 kids who will be on cast.
- 2.3 There are four performances scheduled for "THE ALMOST TRUE TALE OF ROBIN HOOD."
- 2.3 We will have a head speech coach and assistant this year which is so essential
- 2.3 The speech team had a retreat in August and kicked off the season with scripts in hand.
- 2.3 The desire is strong to have a competitive speech/one act class added to the daily schedule.
- 2.4 Recruited and hired a new full-time teacher endorsed in Language Arts. (9-11 Grades)
- 2.4 Recruited and hired a new part-time teacher endorsed in Family and Consumer Science. (7-12 Grades)
- 2.4 Recruited and hired a new part-time teacher endorsed in Art. (7-12 Grades)
- 2.4 Recruited and hired 2 part-time custodians (Bathrooms and Classrooms)
- 2.4 Continued to schedule and conduct classroom observations and implement the evaluation program for all teachers.
- 2.4 Continued to post office meetings, schedule priorities, and observe and evaluate the high school principal.

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- 2.1 Sheila Jueden completed our current textbook inventory in preparation for the development of the creation of a textbook/curriculum cycle review process.
- 2.4 Hosted a meeting with Hartington-Newcastle Schools to negotiate a coordinated calendar to coordinate shared classes. (Vocational Ag., Art, and bus schedules).
- 2.4 Conducted a comparability study of rural Catholic schools in the Archdiocese and area public schools to guide discussions with the board of education and teacher representatives.
- 2.4 Hosted a meeting with the elementary school boards/administrators to review this information and set the salary/benefit schedules for the 2024-2025 school year.
- 2.4 Participated in the Wayne State College Career and Recruitment Fair to contact current and future educators and share information about Cedar Catholic as a possible future option for employment.
- 2.4 Hired a full-time substitute teacher to support Theology and Upper level Science Labs.

Ideas for future

- Discussed the point system for elective classes and if students are truly planning out what they are taking or if it is just the ones who are in the running for valedictorian and salutatorian.



Activity Programs

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

- Review and update practice schedule guidelines for Wednesday and Sunday programs in the handbook, on the school website and Flocknotes to promote communication with parents and coaches/sponsors in other programs.
- Develop, publicize and enforce a Master Schedule for all activities, outlining facilities and practice times to minimize conflicts between programs utilizing the same facilities and student participants.
- Review the application process for requesting exceptions for activities in conflict with Wednesday and Sunday guidelines.

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

- Host an activity awareness and promotion at the beginning of the school year to inform parents and students of the activities available during the upcoming school year.
- Continue and expand the program to award service hours to band students that perform at pep bands and other community events.
- Consider developing a program to provide financial assistance (scholarship, tuition discount, etc.) for students enrolled in both band and choir classes.
- Research and develop a C-Club Handbook to encourage and recognize student participation in all school activities.

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

- Continue to support Booster Club activities to promote parent involvement and support for our youth, Junior high, and high school extra-curricular programs.
- Continue to host seasonal parent/participant meetings to inform, promote and encourage communication and student participation in school activities.
- Continue the annual Booster Club Kickoff to encourage increased student participation in activities and membership in the Booster Club.

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

- Research, develop and implement a supervision/evaluation instrument for all activity administrators, coaches, sponsors, and directors.
- Continue to require all coaches and activity supervisors to complete the necessary Archdiocese Safe Environment Workshop and NFHS Activity Certification Requirements.
- Research, develop and implement a website for coaches to be able to access hand books, NSAA information, NFHS requirements/training, activity schedules, etc.

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

- Research, develop, and implement an option for students to earn athletic lettering for time in the weight room outside of school time (C-Club Member)
- Consider removing physical education as a graduation requirement. Physical education is required to be offered for accreditation, but may not be required for all students.
- Research and develop an incentive program that recognizes and rewards students who excel in the strength and conditioning program



COMPLETE D ACTION STEPS

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- **3.1** All adjustments and updates continue to be sent via Flocknote.
- **3.2** Coaches continue to promote their programs and encourage students to participate in all programs provided by the school.
- **3.3** We hosted the Booster Club kickoff on August 21st.
- **3.4** Every three years coaches are required to take three classes through the NFHS. Those classes are Heat Illness Prevention, Sudden Cardiac Arrest, and Concussion in Sports.
- **3.4** We have developed an evaluation system for all head and assistant coaches. Yearly evaluations will now be taking place.
- **3.4** All handbooks are now on the school website, along with links to the NSAA website

2025-2026 2nd Semester Highlights

- **Coaches Handbook:** The coaches' handbook has been updated and will be posted on the website when changes are approved.
- **Boys Basketball-**The boys were conference runner-up at the Conference Tournament. They lost in Sub District play.
- **Girls Basketball-**The girls lost in the 2nd game of Sub District play.
- **Wrestling-**The team won multiple tournaments and they finished 3rd in the state tournament. There were 3 state champions, and 1 runner-up finish. The girls had many top 3 individual finishes at tournaments throughout the season. They had 3 state qualifiers, and had one receive 1st place at State.
- **Boys Track-**The boys were district champions and finished in 8th place at the State Track Meet.
- **Girls Track-**The girls finished in 3rd place at Districts and ended up in 4th place at the State Track Meet.
- **Music-**Both vocal and instrumental music received many superior awards at their district music contest. The Junior High Band received an Excellent Rating at the Wayne State College Music Festival. Several of our High School Band members performed at "Yankton's Music in the Part", with Mr. Nelson conducting.
- **Boys Golf-**The team qualified for the State Tournament in Grand Island. Memphis Ulrich finished in the top 10 individually.
- **Speech-** The team had 18 members compete. They won the Lutheran High meet, and was Runner-up at District Competition with 18 of 19 competitors medaling and 9 qualifying for state competition. 7 of the 10 qualifiers medaled at the State Speech meet and brought home the 3rd place trophy.

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- **3.2** Coaches encourage all H.S football players to attend youth program football games.
- **3.2** All youth football players warmed up with H.S football team before homecoming game.
- **3.2** Boys' and girls' youth basketball programs get at least 1 halftime during varsity games to showcase their skills.
- **3.3** Booster club was able to get Bill Busch to speak at the kickoff.
- **3.3** CCHS was able to get Steve Grant to speak to students about life experiences.
- **3.3** All activities use a message system to communicate with parents and participants.
- **3.3** Booster club bought new percussion supplies for band.
- **3.4** All coaches are CPR certified as of 2026.

2025-2026 First Semester Highlights

- **Band-**The Cedar Catholic instrumental music program currently has 43 students grades 7-12. The marching band competed at the WSC Band Day Parade and earned 2nd place in their division. Many of the students have auditioned for and have been accepted to numerous honor bands throughout the state, including WSC, UNK, Class C All-State, and Nebraska All-State.
- **Choir-**There are 23 students in our swing choir this year. The students will compete in multiple contests in the second semester. The choir sang for two masses that were led by Archbishop McGovern, with one of those being during the OACCW conference that was held at Cedar Catholic. There are 63 students in the choir this year.
- **Volleyball-**This year's volleyball team had 23 members. They competed hard all season and were the sub-district runner-up and they also finished well in multiple tournaments throughout the season.



- **Football**-This year we had 47 young men out for football. They finished 10-1 and made it to the state quarterfinals. We had 11 different players that were named on postseason teams. They finished rated 4th in all the postseason ratings by state publications.
- **Girls Golf**-There were three girls on this year's team, and they showed great improvement throughout the season. One of the girls received medals during the season.
- **Cross Country**-This year there were five students that participated on the cross country teams. All of our students medaled at various meets throughout the season.

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- **3.1** All adjustments and updates continue to be sent via Flocknote.
- **3.2** Coaches continue to promote their programs and encourage students to participate in all programs provided by the school.
- **3.2** Cedar Catholic finished 4th in the multi-activity participation program. This program uses your volleyball classification to determine what class you are in (we would have won Class C).
- **3.3** We will host the Booster Club kickoff on August 14th
- **3.4** Every three years coaches are required to take three classes through the NFHS. Those classes are Heat Illness Prevention, Sudden Cardiac Arrest, and Concussion in Sports.
- **3.4** We have developed an evaluation system for all head and assistant coaches. Yearly evaluations will now be taking place.
- **3.4** All handbooks are now on the school website, along with links to the NSAA website

2024-2025 2nd Semester Highlights

- **Coaches Handbook:** The coaches handbook has been updated and will be posted on the website when changes are approved.
- **Boys Basketball**-The boys were conference runner-up for the regular season. They also were district champions and qualified for the state tournament.
- **Girls Basketball**-The girls were district champions and qualified for the state tournament.
- **Dance**- State runner-up in the pom division at the state competition.
- **Wrestling**-The team won multiple tournaments and they finished 3rd in the state tournament. There were 2 state champions, 2 runner-up finishes, and a 4th place finish. We also had one female receive 3rd place
- **Boys Track**-The boys qualified 13 kids for the state meet and they were district champions.
- **Girls Track**-The girls qualified 6 kids for the state meet and they finished with 22 points.
- **Music**-Both vocal and instrumental music received many superior awards at their district music contest. The vocal music department took 72 students to Minneapolis on their choir trip. Instrumental music had two students qualify for all state, and multiple students qualified for area honor bands.
- **Boys Golf**-They won or were runner-up multiple tournaments this season.
- **Speech**-Two students qualified for the state meet and both won medals at the competition.
- **Coaches Honors**- Mr. Kalin was selected as the Lifetime Achievement Award at the Northeast Track and Field Classic.

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- **3.1** All school activities are posted on the school website along with the Trojan Tracker with dates, times, schedules, etc...
- **3.1** All activities webpages are updated and linked to the NSAA website for each activity.
- **3.1** The office continues to send flock notes as reminders, changes, or updates when schedules or events change.
- **3.1** Three requests during the first semester (Volleyball) for exceptions to the Sunday practice due to tournament/playoff games scheduled beyond our control.
- **3.2** Band students receive service hours for performance in pep band for activities and other community events.
- **3.3** Booster Club Activities: Currently at 133 Members for the 2024-2025 school year.
- **3.3** F-all Activities: Paid for state VB hotel rooms, Husker football tickets drawing at the kickoff.
- **3.3** 2024-2025 Commitments: Boy's basketball uniforms, Girls wrestling singlets, football uniforms pending for 2025-2026.



- **3.4** Completed Draft evaluation documents for assistant coaches, head coaches, and Activities Director. These documents will be presented to the board of education for adoption for the 2025-2026 school year.
- **3.4** All coaches and sponsors are required to complete the Safe Environment Workshop and NSAA certification requirements.
- **3.5** Researching Ag. Science curriculum as a possible option for a third year of science requirement.
- **3.5** Reviewed and no additions. *Contact the Core Curriculum committee to research and review Ag. Science curriculum as a possible option for a third year of science requirement.

2024-2025 1st Semester Highlights

- **Band** They have 26 members and this Fall they attended the WSC band day' and performed at the Christmas concert. They also had one member on the All-State Honor Band in Lincoln.
- **Choir** They have 75 students this year with 32 also being involved in swing choir. They performed at their Christmas c concert and also did a professional recording in Norfolk and on Spirit Catholic radio.
- **Volleyball** There were 25 team members. They were District Champions and qualified for the Class D-1 State Tournament.
- **Football** There were 51 players this year and the team made it to the state quarterfinals. There were also 10 different players mentioned on various all state teams.
- **Girls Golf** There were 7 team members and they improved throughout the season. As a team they finished in the top five in every meet.
- **Cross Country** This year, Cedar Catholic had 4 boys and 3 girls on the team. Both boys and girls teams were the GNAC Conference Champions. We also had one boy qualify for the state meet.

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- **3.1** All school activities are posted on the school website along with the Trojan Tracker with dates, times, schedules, etc...
- **3.1** The office sends frock notes as reminders, changes, or updates when schedules or events change.
- **3.1** Coaches are now asked to submit any Sunday practice schedule possibilities to the school President before the season begins so there is ample time to review that day's church schedule.
- **3.1** All coaches know they are not allowed to practice during any Mass times on Saturday's or Sunday's.
- **3.1** All coaches are reminded regularly that on Wednesdays, athletic practices must be completed by 5:30 to allow time for Church and Fine Arts practices to take place.
- **3.2** All coaches are always encouraging students to tip their activities and they positively promote their own activity, but they also support and encourage student participation in all school activities.
- **3.2** Cedar Catholic finished second in the state for the NSAA multi-activity participation award in Class C for the 2023-2024 school year.
- **3.3** Hosted the Booster Club fall sports Kickoff
- **3.3** All coaches have pre-season parent meetings to discuss their seasons and expectations of the students and parents. During this time, they will go through various team policies and answer any questions from the parents. They will also encourage parents to support the program and school in a positive way in their words and actions.
- **3.4** Coaches are encouraged to attend a minimum of one clinic each year to help themselves learn new strategies and ideas for their programs. The school will pay for one clinic per calendar year for each coach/sponsor.
- **3.4** All coaches and sponsors are required to complete the Safe Environment Training and NFHS Activity Certification Requirements.
- **3.4** Handbooks, NSAA information, NFHS requirements/training, activity schedules are all posted on the Cedar Catholic website at https://www.cedarcatholic.on*
- **3.5** A new policy has been added to the handbook that lays out a policy for the students to earn a letter after accumulating 150 hours of lifting under the supervision of a school employee. This can include before/after school and summer hours as well. Strength training classes do not apply towards this lever.



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- **3.2** 2022-2023 NSAA Cup Award — Top Class C School ‘All-Activities’ Champions.
- **3.2** CCHS ranked 2nd in Class “C” on NSAA website for Multi-Activity involvement. For the 2023-2024 school year, 76 out of 116 students are multi-activity participants.
- **3.2 Conference:** Boys Basketball- Season Champion, Tournament Runner-up, Girls Track Runner-up
- **3.2 District:** Boys Basketball Champion, Boys Track Champion, Girls Track Champion
- **3.2 State:** Football Qualifier, Boys Cross Country Qualifier (1), Girls Cross Country Team Qualifier (3), Girls Golf (1) Boys Basketball-Qualifier, Boys Bowling Qualifiers, Boys Wrestling Qualifiers (6), Girls Wrestling (1) Speech Qualifiers (2), Boys and Girls Track Qualifiers (14). Band All-State (4).
- **3.2.** Pep Band students receive community service for performance at school athletic and community events.
- **3.3** Host parent meetings prior to the start of each season.
- **3.4 Coaches Honors:** Mr. Cattau selected to coach in the 2024 Shrine Bowl.



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.

- Continue contracting with Hartelco for services to update student laptops/chrome books and teacher laptops. Create a direct line of communication with Hartelco and teachers for issues and fix-it tickets.
- Expand online educational resources and graphing calculators to promote high order problem solving.
- Continue to support and upgrade classroom smart boards and projection equipment in all classrooms. Research replacement options and create a replacement cycle for technology replacements/updates.
- Develop and budget for computer/technology replacement and software updates.
- Research and update to the next level of Google Educational software.
- Research and implement a program to monitor student computers in the classroom.
- Continue to filter e-games and non-education websites during the regular school hours.
- Give staff access to programs to fix issues in house.
- Schedule and provide technology training for staff.
- Provide school subscriptions to commonly used technology resources (such as Quizlet, Gimkit, etc.)
- Implement computer cart/technology audits and updates scheduled monthly.
- Research, develop and implement a consistent classroom technology and "AI" expectations.

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

- Continue to use the programming capabilities of graphing calculators to code in applications which can be written and used in mathematics classes.
- Have students code in programs on TI84 graphing calculators, computers, etc.
- Continue support for the Junior High and High School Robotics program.
- Add additional resources in the robotics lab to be used for other STEAM activities (3D printer, coding software etc.)
- Expand the use of local resources (UNL Extension office) to provide STEM activities at CCHS.
- Provide incentives to research the above. In science class there are some STEM projects already done.
- Include STEM/STEAM in the Junior High Transitions classes.

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

- Expand the development and use of Cedar Catholic Jr.-Sr. High School and Development Office websites.
- Continue using the text messaging, Facebook, Flocknotes and other social media programs to communicate schedules, activities, and promotions to students, parents, community and alumni.
- Create a running list of resources for students, staff, and parents.



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- 4.1 Hartelco did new year updates and continues to make regular visits to update and repair technology
- 4.1 7th Grade login/password meeting on 2nd day of school
- 4.1 Renewal of all school group licenses for technology (Gimkit, Quizlet, SmartPass)
- 4.1 Six new teacher laptops set up. Rotation for technology began
- 4.1 New policy allowing students to take home laptops
- 4.1 Staff reporting issues through portal
- 4.1 More responsibility on students to take care of their own technology-report issues
- 4.1 Updates to all technology resources: use of SmartPass
- 4.1 Set up 7th grade Google accounts/network accounts
- 4.1 First of the year tweaks made to accommodate class needs, including for college credit courses
- 4.2 7th Graders taking Computer Apps with focus on typing, Google applications, Word applications, etcetera
- 4.2 Students taking advanced courses through NECC
- 4.2 Blended Junior High and High School Robotics Club after school two days a week.
- 4.2 Students taking advantage of job shadowing opportunities and college visits.
- 4.2 College representatives scheduled.
- 4.2 Financial Aid meeting in September.
- 4.3 Continued use of FlockNote, Facebook, CCHS website, and Sycamore to communicate with stakeholders. Students can also sign up for FlockNote.
- 4.3 Included communication update form in back-to-school packets.
- 4.3 Use of Hudl to broadcast activities at CCHS.
- 4.3 Daily update of announcements read to students and weekly Trojan Tracker updated.
- 4.3 Trojan Tracker sent via FlockNote to parents.
- 4.3 Meeting with Appegy for potential shift in website use, potential for school app

Ideas for future:

- Implementing some QR codes for administrative tasks
- Technology rotation update.
- College fairs scheduled
- Staff meeting with Appegy scheduled for October

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- 4.1 Hartelco makes regular visits to update and repair technology
- 4.1 Use of school licenses of Gimkit and Quizlet
- 4.1 Assessing use of televisions and determining the rotation of new technology
- 4.1 Staff reporting issues through portal
- 4.1 More responsibility on students to take care of their own technology.
- 4.1 Continued increased use of SmartPass.
- 4.2 7th Graders taking Computer Apps with focus on typing, Google applications, Word applications, etcetera.
- 4.2 Teachers examined testing data to focus on areas to improve and those to maintain.
- 4.2 Students taking advanced courses through NECC in biology, psychology, sociology, and technical math.
- 4.2 Mr. Paltz implementing Robotics Club after school two days a week.
- 4.2 Students taking advantage of job shadowing opportunities and college visits.
- 4.2 College representatives visiting on a scheduled basis



- 4.2 8th graders went to a career fair at NECC in November, 2025.
- 4.2 Career and college fairs attended by all grades 9th-12th in the Fall of 2025.
- 4.2 Anatomy class went on a field trip to SDSU cadaver lab in November of 2025.
- 4.3 Continued use of FlockNote, Facebook, CCHS website, and Sycamore to communicate with stakeholders. Students can also sign up for FlockNote.
- 4.3 Use of Hudl to broadcast activities at CCHS.
- 4.3 Daily update of announcements read to students and weekly Trojan Tracker updated.

Ideas for future

- Lifeskills will be using 4th quarter for project-based learning to allow students to examine topics in STEM such as coding or robotics.
- Requisitions for next school year's upgrades.
- Technology rotation update.

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- 4.1 Requisitions including a school license for Gimkit and Quizlet.
- 4.1 Survey taken from teachers for what educational subscriptions services they use. Results at: [Educational Subscription Services \(Responses\)](#)
- 4.1 Process began to get student, teacher, and school access to Microsoft Office 365. Should be completed by 2025-2026 school year.
- 4.1 Promoted use of Canva, a designing website, (which has free licensing for schools) for student, teacher, and school needs.
- 4.1 Additional televisions will be installed Summer, 2025.
- 4.1 Students computers checked in for the end of year. Will be updated as necessary before 2025-2026 school year.
- 4.1 Continual use of Classwize (computer management) technology. Will look into additional uses/trainings that may be relevant.
- 4.1 End of the year closeout for Google Classroom. New school year will be rolled out at the end of July/early August.
- 4.1 Several teachers attended a Tech Tango in Norfolk. Brought back some resources.
- 4.2 Shift in focus for the Information Apps course for 7th grade students. Additional curriculum purchased for typing, digital citizenship, and computer applications.
- 4.2 2025-2026 Life Skills class (for 7th and 8th graders) will include some project-based learning that will allow students to have access to more real-life experiences.

Ideas for future

- Professional development on AI
- Tech problems form and QR
- Student/Teacher/Parent/School Resources forms and QR
- Home-School information for open houses, parent-teacher conferences, and Booster Club kickoff

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- 4.1 Regular visits front Hartelco have helped keep laptops and technology running smoothly.
- 4.1 Continued implementation of Classwize oversight technology.
- 4.1 A technology fix-it-ticket system has been created and will be implemented in the third quarter.
- 4.1 Students have continued to be more responsible as the policy that there are no replacement computers for uncharged laptops has been implemented.
- 4.1 Some minor tech issues fixed in-house, some fixed by Hai4elco.



- 4.1 feed to complete a survey of teachers to find what technology, software, etcetera they are using so we can pursue a school license.
- 4.2 Robotics sponsor hired.
- 4.2 Students took field trip for robotics on December 11, 2024.
- 4.2 Anatomy students took field trip to cadaver lab at SDSU in November.
- 4.2 High school students attended the Hartington Career Fair at HNS to learn about available jobs in the Hartington area.
- 4.2 High school students have attended/will attend college fairs and college days (at WSC and NECC) allowing them to explore potential majors and careers.
- 4.2 Junior high Life-skills will complete a unit on communication which includes using email, social media, and text messages in the real world.
- 4.3 Continual use of Facebook, FlocKnotes, and the CCHS website.
- 4.3 Updates made to website and Facebook as needed.
- 4.3 Access to school Facebook given to other staff to help post and promote CCHS.

Ideas for future

- Cellphone policy
- Upgrading to next tier in Google Workspace
- School licenses
- Will be implementing a technology ticket system 3rd quarter
- Survey of technology to teachers

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- 4.1 Network and filter updated as required by law.
- 4.1 Classwise program implemented through Linewize filtering service to allow teachers to monitor student computer use. This includes real-time updates, the ability to run reports on students' computer history, enforce rules to ensure appropriate student use of technology in the classroom.
- 4.1 Four televisions purchased and installed in classrooms to replace SMART boards and projection screens.
- 4.1 Two televisions in the MWAC for presentations (Development Office and Learning Center)
- 4.1 Laptop computers purchased for the Class of 2028 for their four years of high school.
- 4.1 Continue contract with Hartelco as our IT department.
- 4.1 Some in-house access given to faculty and staff to address in house issues.
- 4.1 Expectations of student care of laptops increased to require them to report issues to the office, but also return their laptops each day to ensure they are charged for the next day.
- 4.1 School year updates completed on all student and staff laptops.
- 4.2 Web Design class offered as an elective. Jr. High students will take Info Apps as a beginner course introducing them to computer programs.
- 4.2 Chemistry classes attended STEM days at Mount Marty University.
- 4.2 Hiring of Mr. Paltz to help science teachers set up and complete lab-based learning.
- 4.3 Daily Announcements given to students and posted on Sycamore.
- 4.3 Calendar updates made on Google Calendar which syncs with the website calendar and Sycamore.
- 4.3 Incoming students and families entered into Flocknote program to receive updates via text.
- 4.3 Weekly updates posted on the school's Facebook page. This includes information about upcoming events.
- 4.3 Share other relevant school information from Facebook pages such as the Development Office, Cafeteria, and Booster Club.
- 4.3 Coaches encouraged to use programs such as What's App to communicate with parents and students about schedules and changes.
- 4.3 CCHS website updated as necessary. Links to our social media pages and calendar are included.



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.

- Continue to utilize the MyNextMove website for career planning for students (interest inventory, career clusters, job preparation)
- Continue to utilize the Pre-ACT and ACT Interest inventories for career planning for students.
- Continue to improve ways to make this career and college information available to parents and students throughout their JH and HS years.
- Implement the new junior high transitions plan and dedicate a quarter to career/education planning.
- Schedule and allow our students attend career fairs and have opportunities to job shadow.

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

- Annually review dual/college credit eligibility and availability for all high school students.
- Continue working with Northeast Community College to expand options for dual/college credit classes.

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

- Incorporate mental health and anti-bullying in JH Theology and PE/Health curriculum.

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

- Oversee improvements of the coordination and implementation of the Work Study Program.
- Improve coordination and implementation of the CCHS work-study program.
- Bring in people from the community to talk about educational background needed for the jobs in our community.
- Organize a career fair that includes local businesses for the 2024-2025 year.
- In coordination with the Personal Finance class, organize a mock interview process for our juniors.
- Coordinate and schedule local businesses to conduct practice interviews and review resumes with students.

Strategy 5.5: Research and expand scholarship opportunities with the Development Office, Community, and College Programs.

- Contact (CCHS alumni) current college students and ask how our scholarship programs could improve.
- Continue posting scholarship opportunities on the website and on bulletin boards by junior and senior lockers.
- Continue to provide timely communication with parents on scholarship opportunities and application deadlines.
- Continue posting updated scholarship opportunities on our social media and website.



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- 5.1 Updated Guidance and Career Website outlining important information, resources, scholarships, and timelines.
- 5.1 Met with all 11th graders to go over “to-do” list for 2ND Semester Junior year
- 5.1 Met with all 12th graders to go over “to-do” list for 2nd Semester Senior year
- 5.1 Met with all 11th graders to register for the ACT
- 5.1 Met with all 7th graders to administer interest inventory and explore career options
- 5.1 Met with all 8th graders to administer interest inventory and explore career options
- 5.1 Met with all 7th graders to update Personal Learning Plan
- 5.1 Met with all 8th graders to update Personal Learning Plan
- 5.1 Met with all 9th graders to update Personal Learning Plan
- 5.1 Met with all 10th graders to update Personal Learning Plan
- 5.1 Assisted 11th and 12th graders in setting up job shadow opportunities with area employers
- 5.1 Assisted 11th and 12th graders in setting up college visits to colleges of interest
- 5.1 Updated Guidance and Career Website outlining important information, resources, scholarships, and timelines.
- 5.1 Met with all 7th graders to go over Progress Report/eligibility system
- 5.1 Met with all 8th graders to go over Progress Report/eligibility system
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- 5.1 Met with all 12th graders to go over “to-do” list for Senior year
- 5.1 Met with all 11th graders to set up an ACT account and register for the ACT
- 5.2 80% of seniors, and 75% of Juniors have taken at least one college credit class. Some seniors have taken over 25 credit hours, which is nearly 2 semesters of college coursework
- 5.2 Create Dual Credit classes (approximately 125 different classes) on our Sycamore grading program for our students (for August 2026)
- 5.2 Monitor weekly grades of Dual Credit students (approximately 125 classes)
- 5.2 Assisted students registering for Dual Credit classes (approximately 125 different classes) for the Fall Semester
- 5.2 Organized Dual Credit opportunities for our students who wanted to take Business related courses to get into those classes through NECC
- 5.3 Junior High Theology curriculum includes Circle of Grace at the beginning of the school year and continues throughout the school year (how to treat others and how to treat themselves)
- 5.3 An outside speaker addressed our student body on anti-bullying in February.
- 5.3 Met with students in need of assistance with personal, social, home issues.
- 5.4 Met with Juniors to go over permission sheets to be filled out by parents & employers of Work Study Program students (for August 2026)
- 5.4 Collect time cards from Work Study Program students (every two weeks)
- 5.4 Sent out evaluation sheets to be filled out by employers of Work Study Program students
- 5.5 Updated scholarship list on website and sent out list on Flock Note to senior parents and students
- 5.5 Met with seniors to collect information on scholarships they had received
- 5.5 Set up On To College ACT prep program for students. Uploaded 7th Grade, 8th Grade, and 11th Grade. Miss Pfeifer and Mrs. Larson do a unit of this with them during the school year.
- 5.5 Identified 11th and 12th grade students to take the MAP test, and registered them for the test that was then given at CCHS by myself
- 5.5 Hosted numerous college representatives at CCHS for juniors and seniors
- 5.5 Wrote numerous letters of recommendation for students who were applying for college admission, scholarships, etc.



Potential Assessments for the future

- How many students who take dual credit, then go on to some type of college?
- How many students who take dual credit, go on to a 4-year college?
- The PreACT & the ACT measure college readiness. How many of our Sophomores and how many of our Seniors are college ready?
- We do “interest inventories” with every grade level and then explore careers related to those areas of interest starting in the 7th grade. How much do occupation choices and interest areas change from 9th or 10th grade to the fall of their senior year (when they are selecting a major for college)?

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- 5.1 Met with all 11th graders to set up an ACT account and register for the ACT
- 5.1 Co-host career fair with HNPS for our juniors and seniors (this was postponed until 2026 due to lack of interest from local businesses)
- 5.1 Administered the Pre-ACT for 9th and 10th grade students. Also, had them complete the interest inventory and then reviewed academic scores and interest inventory outcomes with them
- 5.1 Met with all 7th graders to administer interest inventory and explore career options
- 5.1 Met with all 8th graders to administer interest inventory and explore career options
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- 5.2 Monitor weekly grades of Dual Credit students (approximately 125 classes)
- 5.2 Assisted students registering for Dual Credit classes (approximately 125 different classes) for the Spring Semester (November)
- 5.2 Organized Dual Credit opportunities for our students who wanted to take Business related courses to get into those classes through NECC
- 5.3 Junior High Theology curriculum includes Circle of Grace at the beginning of the school year and continues throughout the school year (how to treat others and how to treat themselves)
- 5.3 An outside speaker will address our student body on anti-bullying in February.
- 5.4 Registered and took junior class to college fair hosted by Bloomfield Public Schools
- 5.4 Met with seniors to create an “Activities Resume” “ for them to use during their senior year
- 5.4 Took the 8th graders to NECC for a career/college day
- 5.4 Took the 9th graders to NECC for a career/college day
- 5.4 Took the 10th graders to WSC for a career day
- 5.4 Sent out permission sheets to be filled out by parents & employers of Work Study Program students
- 5.4 Collect time cards from Work Study Program students (every two weeks)



- 5.4 Sent out evaluation sheets to be filled out by employers of Work Study Program students
- 5.5 Updated scholarship list on website and sent out list on Flock Note to senior parents and students
- 5.5 Met with seniors regarding the RHOP/KHOP scholarships
- 5.5 Set up On To College ACT prep program for students. Miss Pfeifer does a unit of this with the junior class
- 5.5 Identified 11th and 12th grade students to take the MAP test, and registered them for the test that was then given at CCHS
- 5.5 Hosted numerous college representatives at CCHS for juniors and seniors

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- 5.1 Assisted multiple students in setting up college days to visit college campus of their choice.
- 5.1 Met with 7th grade students and used interest inventories and MyNextMove website to explore career interests.
- 5.1 Met with 8th grade students and used MyNextMove website for interest inventory, and career exploration.
- 5.1 Met with 9th grade and used Pre-ACT interest inventory and MyNextMove website to explore career interests.
- 5.1 Met with 10th grade and used Pre-ACT interest inventory and MyNextMove website to explore career interests.
- 5.1 Held 2nd round of individual meetings with Juniors.
- 5.1 Held 2nd round of individual meetings with Seniors.
- 5.1 Registered students in grades 6-11 for CCHS classes for the 2025-26 school year.
- 5.1 Created the Master Schedule for the 2025-26 school year.
- 5.2 Set up NECC accounts and completed Applications with Sophomores to take Dual Credit classes for 2025-2026.
- 5.2 Helped students get registered into Dual Credit classes of their choice. Assisted students in researching which Dual Credit classes to take and which colleges they would transfer to.
- 5.2 Assisted students in registering for Dual Credit Personal Finance and Accounting Classes for next school year (due to the inability to hire a Business Teacher for the 2025-26 school year).
- 5.3 Collaborated with CCHS and HT administrators, and Priests on the handling of our students after a parent of 2 of our students passed away.
- 5.3 Met with individuals and small groups of students who were struggling academically in their classes.
- 5.3 Met with individuals who were struggling with specific teachers of their classes.
- 5.3 Met with individuals who were struggling with emotional issues at school.
- 5.3 Currently studying how mental health and anti-bullying material can be successfully implemented into Theology, Health, and/or Life Skills Classes.
- 5.4 Distributed to the Junior students (to give to their employers), an Employer Information document for the Work Program for next school year.
- 5.4 Second semester Senior’s employers completed a one-page evaluation of the student’s performance for that period of time. All of the employers returned these to me.
- 5.4 Met with community members and HNPS Counselor to plan next year’s Hartington Career Fair at Cedar Catholic.



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- 5.5 January 6th FAFSA Meeting with Seniors and Parents. Parents could sign up for an individual time to meet with a FAFSA expert.
- 5.5 Distributed and collected scholarship information for underclassmen from local donors to be applied to next year's tuition at CCHS. Recipients were recognized at the Award Programs.
- 5.5 Distributed and collected college scholarship information for Hartington Area scholarships from local donors. Recipients were recognized at the Award Programs.
- 5.5 College scholarship opportunities are posted on the school website and on bulletin boards by the junior and senior lockers.
- 5.5 College scholarship opportunities, college application deadlines, FAFSA information are communicated with parents via Flocknote.
- 5.5 Assisted multiple students in setting up job shadows in their career fields of interest
- 5.5 Under my direction Cedar Catholic hosted many college representatives that talked to interested students about their respective institutions.
- 5.5 I met periodically with seniors as a group (and individually as needed) to discuss pertinent information as the second semester progressed

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- 5.1 Administered Pre-ACT for 9th and 10 grade students. Also, completed the interest inventory and review that with students.
- 5.4 8th graders visited NECC campus on November 13th.
- 5.4 Freshmen went to a career day on Friday December 13th at Northeast Community College.
- 5.4 Sophomores attended a career fair at WSC on Oct. 15th
- 5.5 January financial aid meeting for 11th & 12th grade and their parents.
- 5.5 One-on-one, individual meetings with all juniors.

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- 5.1 Updated Guidance and Career Website outlining important information, resources, scholarships, and timelines.
- 5.1 7th grade students complete "True Colors personality analysis and assessment" as part of the new JH transition plan.
- 5.1 One-on-one, individual meetings with all seniors.
- 5.1 Met with all 7th graders to go over Progress Report/eligibility system.
- 5.1 Met with all 8th graders to go over Progress Report/eligibility system.
- 5.1 Met with all 11th graders to go over "to-do" list for junior year.
- 5.1 Met with all 12th graders to go over "to-do" list for senior- year.
- 5.1 Met with 11th graders to create an ACT account and register for the upcoming ACT.
- 5.1 Co-host career fair with HNPS for our juniors and seniors on Sept. 24. Local businesses will be in attendance.
- 5.2 The criteria to be eligible for dual credit classes has been lowered for the 2024-2025 school year.
- 5.2 One student was identified as meeting the new criteria and was enrolled in dual credit classes. Other students may become eligible at semester.
- 5.2 80% of seniors, and 75% of juniors have taken at least one college credit class as of today. Some seniors have taken over 2.5 credit hours which is nearing 2 semesters of college coursework.
- 5.4 Co-host career fair with HNPS for our juniors and seniors on Sept. 24. Local businesses will be in attendance.
- 5.4 Registered and took juniors to College Fair at Bloomfield on Sept. 19th.



- 5.4 Met with 12th graders to create an "Activities Resume" for them to use during their senior year.
- 5.5 Updated scholarship list on website and sent out list on Flock Note to senior parents and students.
- 5.5 Met with seniors regarding the RHOP scholarship.
- 5.5 Set up On-To-College ACT prep program for students. Miss Pfeifer does a print of this with the junior students.
- 5.5 Identified 11th and 12th grade students to take the MAP test and registered them for the test at CCHS on 9/16. Administered the test on 9/16.
- 5.5 Hosted Northeast CC representative at CCHS for juniors and seniors.
- 5.5 Hosted Southeast CC representative at CCHS for juniors and seniors.
- 5.5 Hosted Mount Marty representative at CCHS for juniors and seniors.
- 5.5 Hosted Briar Cliff representative at CCHS for juniors and seniors.
- 5.5 Hosted Wayne State representative at CCHS for juniors and seniors.

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- 5.5 Mr. Bengston reviews availability of scholarships, posts due dates and assists students research, complete applications, and receive scholarships each year.



Communications and Public Relations Programs

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

- Coordinate with the Parish Offices to include Catholic School information or inserts in the weekly Parish Bulletins.
- Add link to school calendar to Parish websites/social media.

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

- Coordinate and schedule meetings, programs, and schedules with Cedar County Elementary Schools to improve communication and coordination of schedules and programs. In order for this to be successful, leadership has to be on the same page.
- Utilize the website and Flock notes (make sure parents' and students' correct email addresses are included in Flocknote).
- Schedule activities with C-Club, NHS, Campus Ministry as outreach to our feeder schools. Add Osmond in here as well.
- Continue to post school announcements to be reviewed by students/staff each morning.
- Continue to participate in special masses together as Catholic Schools Week, the Youth Rally and Homecoming Masses
- Send invites to scheduled activities to the elementary schools.

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

- Continue to post communication and schedule changes on the school text messaging system and sycamore app.
- Utilize the website and Flock notes. (make sure parents' and students' correct email addresses are included in Flocknote).
- Host a Home/School meeting in August where admin and teachers go through the handbook and parents can ask questions.
- Develop a Parents' Day at CCHS fair-style with resources, trainings (on Sycamore, Google, Lunch Accounts), forms, and gathering contact information.
- Create an informational portal where parents can search for specific topics, rules, forms, etc...

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

- Utilize social media such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Youtube, and Snapchat as positive promotion for CCHS.
- Research/Visit area Catholic schools to become more aware of recruitment program options.
- Host presentations during/near Mass to promote Catholic Education.
- Continue the 6th grade Orientation Program. (All-day event that ends with an activity i.e. a concert, game, or dance).
- Create physical and online promotional materials.

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.

- Post a Daily Positive Promotion of our students and everyday activities on social media.
- Posting schedule on website/social media that includes events, classroom activities, monthly teacher highlight, etc.
- Have student-led posting from journalism classes, marketing classes, communication classes.
- Expand communication through coordination of media resources (Sycamore, Flocknote, Website, and Social Media).
- Consider expanding options for teachers to access Flocknotes to communicate with parents.



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- 6.2 C-Club went to Holy Trinity, Holy Trinity Preschool, Holy Trinity Daycare, and East-West Catholic for Homecoming. All schools were invited to Homecoming Parade and Pep Rally.
- 6.2 FCS classes creating tooth fairy pillows
- 6.2 CCHS high schoolers volunteer as teachers' aides at both Holy Trinity and East-West Catholic.
- 6.2 Trojan Tracker sent to parents and posted weekly.
- 6.2 Continued use of social media (Facebook and Instagram), Flocknote, Sycamore, and the school website that is updated regularly.
- 6.2 Updated school website.
- 6.3 Team use of WhatsApp to communicate with parents, players, and coaches of several sports
- 6.3 Adopted new program for communication between parents, players, and coaches of the football program
- 6.3 Regular updates through website, Trojan Tracker, Flocknote, and social media
- 6.3 Work with Cedar County News to promote school
- 6.3 Potential change to Appegy for website hosting along with social media integration

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- 6.1 Continued to create and link to Parish, School and Community Websites on the Cedar Catholic School Homepage.
- 6.2 Continued ongoing communication with administrators from area schools to coordinate calendars and events for the first semester.
- 6.2 Continued to coordinate professional development opportunities for East Catholic, Osmond, Holy Trinity and Cedar Catholic teachers and staff.
- 6.2 Hosted Sophia Institute Catholic Education workshop for area Catholic Schools in January, 2026.
- 6.2 Continue to work with Holy Trinity on Catholic Schools' Week School Mass and Activities.
- 6.2 Sent members of the Student Ministry to Holy Trinity and East and West Catholic schools to do activities with the elementary students.
- 6.3 Expanded use of the Principal's Portal to manage substitute teachers, classroom observations, vehicle schedules and maintenance, technology repair and staff purchase orders.
- 6.4 Worked with the Development Office to create promotional materials for the annual truck raffle, Blitz, and Christmas Auction.
- 6.5 Continued use of flocknote and other social media platforms to promote school and Development activities and schedules.

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- 6.1 Continued expanding links to Parish, Elementary Schools and Archdiocese websites to improve ease of access and coordination between entities.
- 6.2. Developed and implemented a staff portal to manage substitute teachers, classroom observations, vehicle schedules, vehicle maintenance and repair, technology repair and staff purchase orders.
- 6.2. Continued monthly meetings with the administration from HNS, Holy Trinity, and East and West Catholic to keep communication lines open and continually work on cooperation between the schools.
- 6.2. Continued posting all administration and board meeting minutes on the board and president's websites.
- 6.2. Continued including Osmond, St. Mary's Elementary in our monthly Religious Education(EI) Conferences.



- 6.3 Trained and implemented “flocknote” for the development office to use to communicate with committees, alumni, etc...
- 6.3 Continued posting the Trojan Tracker as an ongoing information source for students, staff, parents, and community patrons.
- 6.3 Updated and posted the Cedar Catholic Handbooks and updated Archdiocese Catholic Schools policies.
- 6.5 Created class composite pictures for the graduating class of 2025 and the 10 years prior for the display in Msgr. Werner Activity Center.
- 6.5 Posted digitized class composite pictures on the alumni website along with the list of Holy Trinity and Cedar Catholic graduates from 1905 to 2025.
- 6.5 Began plans for hosting an All-Class Reunion at the Skylon Ballroom on Memorial Day Weekend. More information to follow.

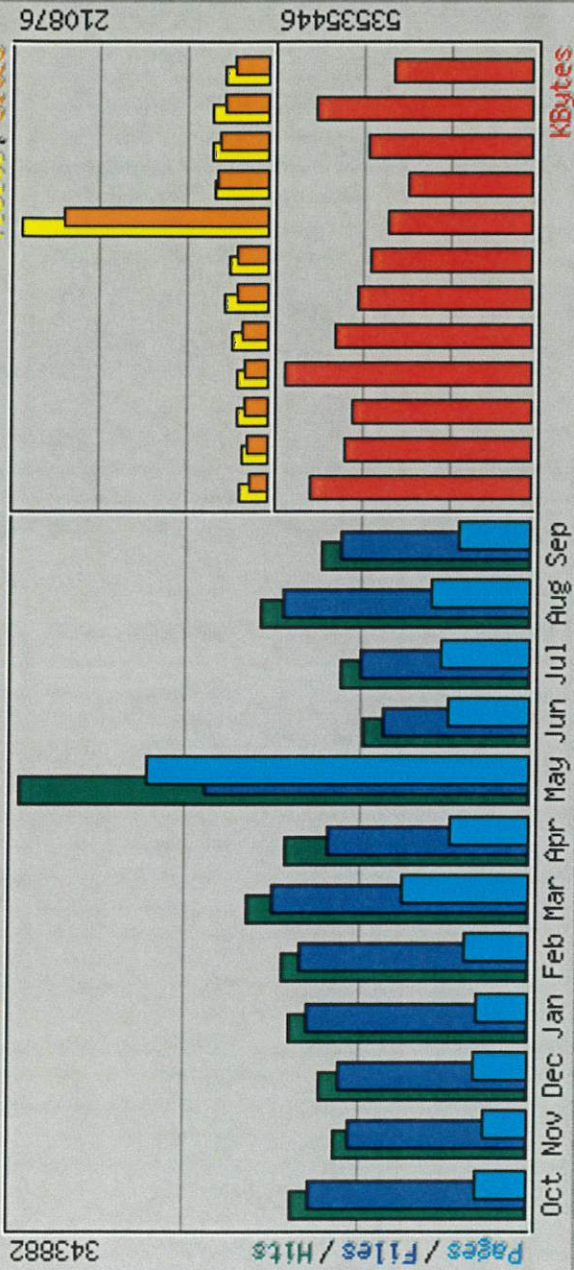
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- 6.1 Continue hosting links to Parish and Elementary School Websites to the Cedar Catholic and Development Office Websites.
- 6.2 Continue using flock notes, Facebook, etc... to increase transparency and support internal and external communication.
- 6.2 Continue posting weekly Trojan Tracker on the Cedar Catholic Website. (*Expanded Calendar Information*).
- 6.2 Continue updating and expanding Cedar Catholic and Development Office webpages.
- 6.2 Continue monthly administration meetings with Holy Trinity, East and West Catholic, Cedar Catholic, and Hartington Newcastle Schools to review coop activity and academic programs, bus schedules, etc. See meeting minutes on the website.
- 6.2 Expanded Activity page information to allow for easy access to all student activities.
- 6.3 Expanded Home page and quick links improve accessibility and ease of use for unfamiliar users.
- 6.4 Continue posting promotional information and flyers on the Cedar Catholic and Development Office Websites.
- 6.4 Continue Utilizing social media such as Facebook, Twitter to promote school and Development programs and events.
- 6.5 Expanded school forms and handbooks are posted on the school website.
- 6.5 See website analytics posted below outlining the Monthly Files, Pages, Visits and Hits on our Website.

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- 6.1 Added links to Parish and Elementary School Websites to the Cedar Catholic and Development Office Websites.
- 6.2 Host monthly administration meetings with Holy Trinity, East and West Catholic, Cedar Catholic, and Hartington Newcastle Schools to review coop activity and academic programs, bus schedules, etc...
- 6.2 Combined Homecoming Parade with Hartington Newcastle Public School, K-12 Homecoming Mass and Pep Rally.
- 6.2 Hosted K-12 Grandparent's Day with an All-School Mass, Eucharistic Procession to the High School Chapel and Coffee and Cookies in the Cafeteria.
- 6.2 Host bimonthly Religious Education Staff Workshops (EI) for East and West, Holy Trinity, St. Mary's (Osmond) and Cedar Catholic Teachers and Staff.
- 6.3 Continue to update and promote the High School and Development Office websites, calendars, Sycamore, Flocknotes, social media, etc... to provide access to student and school information.
- 6.5 Post the weekly Trojan Tracker on the school website outlining all activities for the upcoming week.
- 6.5 Developed and post links on the school website for Athletics and Activities, School and Parish links, Career Ed and Guidance, President's Office, School Board, Handbooks, Calendars, Staff Directory, and School Contacts.

Usage summary for cedar.catholic.socs.net



Summary by Month

Month	Daily Avg				Monthly Totals					
	Hits	Files	Pages	Visits	Sites	KBytes	Visits	Pages	Files	Hits
Sep 2026	6360	5751	2104	1629	27508	29828462	35857	46306	126537	139921
Aug 2026	5794	5324	2085	1486	36539	46459896	46083	64647	165067	179614
Jul 2026	4072	3618	1892	1458	40212	35027932	45218	58662	112163	126244
Jun 2026	3725	3241	1796	1492	42236	26405581	44766	53890	97247	111767
May 2026	11092	7048	8269	6802	172738	30970689	210876	256369	218496	343882
Apr 2026	5439	4501	1705	1047	24002	34556083	31428	51153	135039	163185
Mar 2026	6082	5553	2723	1147	25609	37191399	35579	84417	172160	188555
Feb 2026	5873	5447	1490	1003	20145	42570457	28094	41739	152534	164460
Jan 2026	5154	4770	1075	802	17219	53535446	24892	33332	147879	159784
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Nov 2025	4339	3999	944	704	15802	39989694	21142	28340	119991	130172
Oct 2025	5097	4727	1038	730	14605	47708971	22649	32201	146542	158017
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Top 20 of 186 Total Entry Pages

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2	5709	5172	15.80% /vnews/display.v
3	4368	3241	9.90% /
4	2194	1206	3.68% /vnews/display.v/SEC/ATHLETICS
5	1879	1028	3.14% /vnews/display.v/SEC/DEVELOPMENT
6	706	339	1.04% /vnews/display.v/SEC/SCHOOL BOARD
7	763	330	1.01% /vnews/display.v/SEC/PRESIDENT'S OFFICE
8	453	244	0.75% /vnews/display.v/SEC/SCHOOL
9	351	237	0.72% /vnews/display.v/SEC/CALENDARS
10	354	191	0.58% /vnews/display.v/StaffDirectory
11	283	168	0.51% /vnews/display.v/SEC/HANDBOOKS
12	278	147	0.45% /vnews/display.v/SEC/ABOUT US
13	155	142	0.43% Gala 2026 Auction Gift Forms
14	156	83	0.25% /vnews/display.v/ContactUs
15	258	78	0.24% /vnews/display.v/SEC/STAFF PORTAL
16	151	75	0.23% HUDL Livestream Highlights
17	99	67	0.20% School Board
18	98	61	0.19% /profile/
19	86	54	0.16% Cedar County Catholic Schools
20	106	49	0.15% Truck Raffle



Board, Administration, Budget 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.

- Expand advertising and recruitment of potential candidates for open positions.
- Work with area colleges and universities on recruiting potential teacher candidates (Career Fairs, Career Days, etc.)
- Review the selection and interview process to ensure candidates are the right fit and possess the necessary credentials.
- Research staff development programs and schedule time to update staff on new and/or changing education programs.
- Develop and implement an exit interview with staff prior to leaving employment.

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

- Annually review handbooks and communicate expectations outlined in the student and teacher handbooks.
- Continue to provide support and guidance to teachers to improve student behavior and classroom management.
- Develop and implement a teacher/counselor evaluation instrument in alignment with Archdiocese Policies.
- Develop and implement an administrator evaluation instrument in alignment with Archdiocese Policies.

Strategy 7.3: Increase staff visibility in the community and continue posting administrative meeting and program information on the principal's website.

- Increase staff visibility in the community at school and community events.
- Continue posting administrative meetings and program information on the school's website.
- Continue to be involved in our parish guild groups, Catholic Daughters/Knights of Columbus, EMHC and/or lector at church.
- Continue posting information on the principal's website.

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

- Research and implement a program for on-line giving/bill paying, etc....
- Continue to publish financial reports monthly.

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

- Continue to conduct annual salary/benefits comparability study (Rural Catholic Schools, Area Public Schools)
- Continue to meet with elementary school board representatives on salary/benefits schedule.

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

- Continue to post board agenda and meeting materials on the school board website.
- Appoint a committee to review reorganization of Cedar Catholic Jr.-Sr. High School's structure, board make-up, and governing bylaws.
- Create a Lay President position and accompanying job description for Cedar Catholic Jr.-Sr. High School and Development Office to be operational for the 2024-2025 school year.

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

- Annually review and update student and teacher handbooks (teachers & administration)
- Host a student assembly each month to review what has been good and what needs to be worked on.



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- 7.1 All teachers eligible to return for 2026-2027 are contracted.
- 7.2 Continue to conduct classroom observations and formal teacher evaluations annually.
- 7.3 Continued posting administration meetings on the Cedar and Development websites.
- 7.4 Continued posting finance reports for Cedar Catholic and Cedar Development Office.
- 7.4 Worked with the board finance committee to develop and implement budgets for the development office and Cedar Catholic for the 2026-2027 school year.
- 7.5. Conducted salary/benefit comparability study (Rural Catholic and area schools).
- 7.5 Met with Holy Trinity and East & West Elementary board representatives on 2026-2027 salary proposals.
- 7.5 Met with Holy Trinity and East and West Elementary on lunch prices for 2026-2027 school year.
- 7.6 All meeting information (agendas, finance reports, minutes) continue to be posted on the website.
- 7.6 Developed accounts receivable, accounts payable, and Transfer portals to manage Development Program finances
- 7.6 Conduct monthly reconciliation on all bank accounts and Citrix programs with the Archdiocese Office.
- 7.6 Continue to work with the board of education and various committee work.
- 7.6 Worked with the school board to hire a new director in the development office.
- 7.6 Hired a new Cedar Catholic Lay President shared with the Development Office.
- 7.6 Currently leading transition work with the two new positions to in the transition.
- 7.7 Conducted an annual review of student/staff handbooks and recommended changes.

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- 7.1 Advertised, recruited, interviewed and hired a 7-12 Math Teacher for the 2025-2026 school year.
- 7.2 Coordinated with the Catholic Schools to host two religious education workshops (August and January)
- 7.2 Hosted APL workshops with all teachers demonstrating instructional strategies and adopting a new strategy to work on during second semester.
- 7.3 Continued management and expansion of webpages for Cedar Catholic Jr-Sr High School and the Development Office.
- 7.6 Continue posting and expanding the 7-12 website to promote communication with parents and students.
- 7.5 Met with Holy Trinity and East & West Elementary board representatives on 2026-2027 salary proposals.
- 7.6 Publish finance reports, meeting agendas, minutes, schedules, promotions, etc... on a weekly/monthly basis.
- 7.6 Worked with the Catholic Schools' Office and Superintendent Kauffold to advertised, recruit, and interviewed 4 candidates for the President Position for the 2026-2027 school year.
- 7.6 Contracted with Dr. Hoelsing to remain in the President position for the 2026-2027 school year.

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- 7.1 Continued to advertise staff openings on Teach in Nebraska.
- 7.1 All teachers eligible to return for 2025-2026 are contracted.
- 7.2 Implemented a discipline referral system to support classroom management.
- 7.2 Continue to conduct classroom observations and formal teacher evaluations annually.
- 7.3 Continued posting administration meetings on the Cedar and Development websites.
- 7.4 Continued posting finance reports for Cedar Catholic and Cedar Development Office.
- 7.5. Conducted salary/benefit comparability study (Rural Catholic and area schools).
- 7.5 Met with Holy Trinity and East & West Elementary board representatives on 2025-2026 salary proposals.
- 7.5 Met with Holy Trinity and East and West Elementary on lunch prices for 2025-2026 school year.
- 7.6 All meeting information (agendas, finance reports, minutes) continue to be posted on the website.
- 7.6 Restructured the board of education and committee work.
- 7.6 Implemented the Cedar Catholic Lay President shared with the Development Office.
- 7.7 Conducted an annual review of student/staff handbooks and recommended changes.



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- 7.1 Opened a Math Teaching position on Teach in Nebraska website to advertise open position for the 2025-2026 school year.
- 7.2 Developed draft evaluation instruments for the following positions: Activities Director, Head Coaches, Assistant Coaches. These will be up for board adoption in the March 18, 2025 school board meeting.
- 7.3 Continued posting administration weekly meeting minutes, calendars, etc...
- 7.4 Continued posting financial reports on a monthly basis.
- 7.5 Conducted a formal study of rural Catholic Schools and area public school salary and benefit schedules for the 2025-2026 school year.
- 7.5 Scheduled meeting on January 16th with East and West Catholic, Holy Trinity, and Cedar Catholic board representatives to reach consensus on salary and benefit packages for the 2025-2026 school year.
- 7.6 Continue working board meeting schedule to accommodate the Board Committees and Meeting Structure. (3" Tuesday of the month (July, September, November, January, March, and May)
- 7.6 Established a schedule for Board Work sessions to meet with STRAT Committees to update progress and priorities. (February, June, October)
- 7.6 Hired Dan Hoelsing for Lay-President position for the 2025-2026 school year.
- 7.6 Hired Chad Cattau for the Principal/AD position for the 2025-2026 school year.
- 7.6 Hired Joani Potts for the Development Director's position for the 2025-2026 school year.
- 7.5 Hosted several meetings with teachers and administrators to discuss their recommendations for board consideration of salary and benefits for the 2024-202d school year.
- 7.5 Hosted East and West Catholic, Holy Trinity, and Cedar Catholic board representatives to reach consensus on salary and benefit packages for the 2024-2025 school year.
- 7.5 Developed and adopted a balanced budget for the 2024-2025 school year. See budget information posted on the Cedar Catholic board website.
- 7.6 Reorganized the Cedar Catholic School Board, By laws and Articles of Incorporation effective for the 2024-2025 school
- 7.6 Created a Lay President and accompanying job description for Cedar Catholic Jr./Sr. High School and Development Office for the 2024-2025 school year.
- 7.7 Created a teacher advisory team to review and make recommended changes to the 2024-2025 Cedar Catholic Handbooks.
- 7.7 Hosted a parent advisory group to review handbooks and make recommendations to the Cedar Catholic School Board on updates to the 2024-2025 handbooks
- 7.7 Presented teacher and parent recommendations to the board for their consideration in adopting the 2024-2025 handbooks.

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- 7.1 Attended the 2024 Wayne State College Career Fair to recruit potential new teacher interest in Cedar Catholic.
- 7.1 Hired a new Language Arts Teacher from Wayne State College for the 2024-2025 school year.
- 7.1 Hired a Family and Consumer Science teacher and initiated a new part-time program at the Jr/Sr high levels.
- 7.1 Hired an Art teacher and initiated a new part-time program at the Jr/Sr high levels.
- 7.3 Expanded the school administration website to include board and administration information and updates.
- 7.3 Continued posting administrator weekly meeting minutes, calendars, etc...
- 7.2 Initiated a new student/behavior management system to allow for better tracking and accountability of student incidents throughout the school day.
- 7.2 Initiated the NO mobile phones in classrooms regulation and purchased "Classwize" to allow teachers/office to track student laptops and discourage distractions online.
- 7.2 Developed a new Lay President Job Description and Evaluation Instrument for the 2024-2025 school year.
- 7.4 Continued posting financial reports on a monthly basis.
- 7.5 Conducted a formal study of rural Catholic Schools and area public school salary and benefit schedules for the 2024-2025 school year.
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- 7.2 Teachers and administrators established a social contract for the 2023-2024 school year outlining professional work expectations for the 2023-2024 school year
- 7.2 Teachers and administration researched, developed, and implemented a teacher evaluation instrument in alignment Cedar Catholic Instruction Norms and Catholic Expectations. Evaluation instrument posted on the Principal's website
- 7.2 Counselor and administration researched, developed, and implemented a counselor evaluation instrument in alignment Counseling and Catholic Expectations. Evaluation instrument posted on the Principal's website.
- 7.2 Teachers and administration researched, developed, and implemented an administrator evaluation instrument in alignment with Archdiocese Policies. Evaluation instrument posted on the Principal's website.



Support Programs

Strategy 8.1: Continue providing a quality food service lunch program and options for parents to access menus, balance inquiry, pay on accounts, etc....

- Utilize the Sycamore App and the Cedar Catholic website to access lunch account balances and the lunch calendar.

Strategy 8.2: Continue providing staffing and support for students in alignment with accommodations outlined in their individual education or 504 Plan.

- Continue to use the process to develop SAT/MDT/IEP process to ensure teachers responsible for working with or implementing program modifications are included in the meetings.
- Schedule or set aside time and training for teachers to review the confidential report about students with IEP's, 504's, modifications and/or behavior prior to implementation of a new or changing program.

Strategy 8.3: Review current staffing and programs to ensure maintenance, cleaning and care of facilities on a daily, weekly, monthly, and annual basis.

- Recruit, develop, and retain a quality custodial/maintenance staff
- Develop a cleaning/maintenance plan to provide guidance for custodians to follow on a daily, weekly, monthly and annual basis.
- Share the custodial/maintenance cleaning plan and schedule with teachers to improve communication and allow teachers to know when (period/day) their room is scheduled for cleaning.
- Research and develop a custodial/maintenance supervision and evaluation instrument to provide feedback and support on a regular basis.



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- 8.1 Continue to use the Sycamore App and Cedar Catholic website to access lunch account balances and the lunch calendar
- 8.1 For every new menu item, students are given the ability to vote on if they like or dislike the new menu item
- 8.2 There are ESU#1 staff that help our students - school psychologists, speech-language pathologists, occupational therapists, transition specialists
- 8.2 An administrator attends all IEP and MDT meetings
- 8.2 The student's respective teachers give classroom input and updates at IEP, MDT, and Catholic Accommodation plan meetings.
- 8.3 Vicki Donner comes to clean the bathrooms every day after school. Her schedule - 1st floor on Monday, 2nd floor on Tuesday, Assembly Room on Wednesday, then check back to the bathrooms on Thursday and Friday
- 8.3 During the summer, Jeff Andrews, Heather Showen, Marlys Hines and high school student helpers are here for maintenance, cleaning and care of the facility on a daily, weekly, monthly basis
- 8.3 Heather Showen has a daily cleaning schedule to maintain, care and clean in the classrooms, chapel, media center, study hall room - schedule has been given to faculty and staff
- 8.3 Technology portal is available in the school website for teachers to submit maintenance requests

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- 8.1. Continue to utilize the Sycamore App and Cedar Catholic website to access lunch account balances and the lunch Calendar.
- 8.1. Every new menu item, students are given the ability to vote on if they like or dislike the new meal
- 8.2 Hartington Newcastle Public School has a new Special Education Director, Abby Dybdal, who has assisted Mrs. Christensen with any changes and additions to IEP's and MDT's
- 8.2 Mrs. Christensen works with staff from ESU #1 - school psychologists, speech-language therapists, occupational therapists, transition specialists.
- 8.2 Mrs. Christensen attends a special education teacher meeting at Hartington Newcastle Public in August 2025
- 8.2 An administrative representative is present at IEP and MDT meetings
- 8.2 Student's respective teachers give classroom input at IEP, MDT, and 504 meetings
- 8.3 Vicki Donner comes to clean the bathrooms every day after school. She has a schedule to clean - 1st floor on Monday, 2nd floor on Tuesday, Assembly room on Wednesday, then checks back to the bathrooms on Thursday and Friday.
- 8.3 During the summer, Jeff Andrews, Heather Showen, Marlys Hines and High School helpers are here for maintenance, cleaning and care of the facility on a daily, weekly, monthly basis during the summer.
- 8.3 Heather Showen has a daily cleaning schedule to maintain, care and clean inside classrooms, chapel, media center, study hall room - schedule has been given to all faculty and staff
- 8.3 Tech portal link is available on the school website for teachers to submit maintenance requests

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- 8.1 Met with Holy Trinity to review lunch program, quality, workforce, budget, and lunch prices for the 2025-2026 school year.
- 8.2 Hired a special education para-educator to support students in need of additional academic assistance.
- 8.2 Hosted a Rule 10 compliance visit in May, 2025. All areas of special services met Rule 10 regulations.
- 8.3 Hired additional housekeeping staff to work with Jeff on summer cleaning and maintenance. (1 adult & 2 students)
- 8.3 Moved Jr-Sr. High Science classes to the 3rd floor to allow more access to the science lab.
- 8.3 Board of education approved installation of lawn sprinklers on the east and west side of Msgr. Werner Activity Center. Sprinkler system will be completed in July.



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- 8.1 Continue to utilize the Sycamore App and the Cedar Catholic website to access lunch account balances and the lunch calendar.
- 8.2 Continue to use the process to develop SAT/MDT/IEP process to ensure teachers responsible for working with or implementing program modifications are included in the meeting.
- 8.2 Schedule or set aside time and training for teachers to review the confidential report about students with IEP's, 504's, modifications and/or behavior prior to implementation of a new or changing programs.
- 8.3 Continue restrooms checks throughout the day and schedule for daily cleaning.
- 8.3 Custodial staff has developed a cleaning schedule for the classrooms, bathrooms, and hallways.
- 8.3 Classroom cleaning schedules are handed to each teacher, in order for the teachers to know when their rooms are expected to be cleaned.

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- 8.1 Lunch account service Word Ware (wordvwareinc.com) is available as a link on sycamore for parents, faculty, and staff to make online payments for lunch bills.
- 8.1 Monthly and daily lunch menus are posted on the sycamore website and a weekly menu is posted on the sycamore app.
- 8.2 Confidential report sent to teachers August 2024.
- 8.2 MPT 3-year evaluations are being done all through the year for special education students.
- 8.3 Restrooms are quality checked throughout the day.
- 8.3 Custodial staff has developed a cleaning schedule for the classrooms, bathrooms, and hallways.
- 8.3 Classroom cleaning schedules are handed to each teacher, in order for the teachers to know when their rooms are expected to be cleaned.

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- 8.3 Developed and implemented a Custodial Cleaning and Maintenance Plan that outlines daily, weekly, monthly, and annual maintenance and cleaning standards. Plan posted on the Principal's website.
- 8.3 Hired two part-time cleaning staff to clean bathrooms and classrooms.



Transportation, Buildings and Grounds Programs

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

- Review need and availability of vehicles and drivers for route and activity program needs.
- Include transportation guidelines in the student handbook and on the school website.
- Post safety/behavior guidelines on the bus and procedures for correcting student behavior on the bus.
- Continue to schedule and conduct annual transportation safety and bus evacuation drills (two times per year).

Strategy 9.2: Review coop bus program with Hartington-Newcastle Public and East and West Elementary School relating to funding and efficiency of the coop program.

- Meet with administration from Hartington-Newcastle to review the coop busing program.
- Continue to coordinate bus routes and schedules with Hartington-Newcastle Schools.
- Record and submit miles to Hartington-Newcastle to submit the NDE for reimbursement.
- Continue to recruit drivers and review bus driver salaries/benefits on an annual basis (Match Hartington-Newcastle)

Strategy 9.3: Review student transportation systems and parking safety before and after school and parking availability around schools

- Research options for off-site parking for buses/school vehicles that would open limited student/staff parking.
- Update and enforce rules for student parking at MWAC and on-site school parking.
- Research cost and funding options for a hard surface parking lot on the north side of the Jr.-Sr High School building

Strategy 9.4: Develop a schedule for vehicle replacement and establishment of a finance option through the Development Office in support of this program.

- Evaluate all school vehicles and develop a vehicle replacement plan.
- Create a finance plan to maintain and/or purchase school vehicles.

Strategy 9.5: Review current facility needs and implement a plan to finance and schedule needed facility improvements.

- Conduct a review (spring/fall) of buildings and grounds to determine areas in need of repair, replacement or upgrading. (roof, heating/cooling, sidewalks, doors/locks, windows, etc..)
- Create a facility plan to identify and schedule building repair/upgrades (Paint, carpet, projectors, lighting, etc....)
- Update stage to allow for Cedar to host one-act festivals and promote performing arts programs.



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- 9.1 Met with administration from Hartington-Newcastle to review the coop busing program. Submitted 2025-2026 route and activity miles to report to the Department of Education.
- 9.1 Met with HNS to discuss/recruit drivers and review bus driver salaries/benefits on an annual basis (Match Hartington- Newcastle). See updated route report for the 2026-2027 school year.
- Continued raising money for the Dick Kuehn bus fund. Raised an additional \$25,000 to bring our current total to \$51,000 for the 2026-2027 school year.
- 9.5 Replaced/repared condensers and compressors and updated components in the high school HVAC system.
- 9.5 Conducted an insurance review and inspection of Cedar Catholic facilities with Catholic Mutual Insurance to determine areas in need of repair, replacement or upgrading. (roof, heating/cooling, sidewalks, doors/locks, windows, etc.... repaired two sections of the high school roof.
- 9.5 Cleaned and waxed all floors and shampooed all carpets, cleaned furniture, spot painted walls and repainted the north wall in the assembly room.
- 9.5 Poured concrete on Broadway Avenue Bus pickup/drop-off area.
- 9.5 Replaced the east entrance to the gravel parking lot on Broadway Avenue.
- 9.5 Replaced several sections of the sidewalk on the north side of the high school.
- 9.5 Patched other sections of the sidewalk on the south and west side of the high school.
- 9.5 Updated security camera/door systems at the High School and Msgr. Werner Activity Center.

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- 9.1 Conducted required safety drill in August with all students.
- 9.2 Met with Hartington-Newcastle to coordinate all bus routes and schedules for the 2025-2026 school year.
- 9.3 All vehicles are now parked inside at Roger Wortmann's garage.
- 9.4 Updated the vehicle replacement plan.
- 9.4 Purchased a 2020, 70 Passenger Bluebird Bus from Master Transportation to replace the 2001 Spare Bus.
- 9.4 Continued soliciting donations for the Dick Kuehn Bus fund for replacement of the transportation fleet.
- 9.5 Replaced the HVAC Unit above the Msgr. Werner Gymnasium (\$55,500)
- 9.5 Worked with the Development Office to fund the replacement of the HVAC Unit.

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- 9.1 Transportation guidelines are posted on the district website.
- 9.1 Safety and behavior guidelines & procedures for correcting behaviors are in the buses.
- 9.1 Bus safety and evacuation drills are completed in compliance with NDE Regulations.
- 9.2 Continued to meet monthly with HNS, Holy Trinity and East & West administrators.
- 9.2 Annual route miles are recorded and shared with Hartington-Newcastle Schools (HNS).
- 9.2 Continued to coordinate routes, drivers, salaries, schedules, etc.... with HNS.
- 9.4 Updated the vehicle replacement plan. See website (25,000 budget per year)
- 9.4 Secured \$65,000 for the first year to purchase a 2020 Blue Bird, 71 Passenger Bus.
- 9.5 Coordinated safety and facilities update plan with Catholic Mutual Annually.
- 9.5 Contracted with Guarantee Roofing to inspect all roofs and complete identified areas in need of repair.



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- 9.2 Continue to meet with administration from Hartington-Newcastle to coordinate bus routes and schedules.
- 8.2 Reinforce parking rules and regulations for students and staff and make accommodations for Mass, funerals, special events, etc...
- 9.4 Established the Dick Kuehn Bus Fund in the Development office for donations to go toward the replacement of school vehicles.
- 9.4. Developed a Draft Plan and annual budget for the replacement of school vehicles.
- 9.5 Worked with Catholic Mutual Insurance Company to conduct annual walk through of building facilities, sidewalks, roofs, etc... and addressed areas identified for repairs.

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- 9.1 Met with Hartington Newcastle Public School Administration to coordinate bus routes and drivers for the 2024-2025 school year.
- 9.1 Conducted Bus Evacuation Drills for all 7-12 students on September 4, 2024
- 9.2 Submitted 2023-2024 bus route mileage to HNS for their Department of Education Transportation Report.
- 9.2 Complete d a review of the Coop Bus Routes for the 2024-2025 school year. See reports on the school website.
- 9.3 Updated and enforces rules for managing student parking on regular school days as well as special occasions. (Funerals, Grand Parent Days, Homecoming, etc...)
- 9.5 Reviewed Catholic Mutual Insurance recommendations, conducted repairs to school sidewalk issues, and filed report on completed items.
- 9.5 Completed summer custodial/maintenance (painting, carpet cleaning, stripping/waxing, furniture cleaning and repair, etc..) at Cedar Catholic Jr./Sr. High school.
- 9.5 Remodeled the 3rd floor kitchen to accommodate the new Family and Consumer Science Program.

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- 9.6 Cleaned and updated the 3rd floor science lab and purchased additional furniture and teaching materials for advanced science classes (Chemistry and Physics).
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- **10.1** Designed and composed a Catholic Development brochure outlining all of Cedar Development's gifting opportunities and fundraising programs. Annual events and fundraising programs for school and Development budgets were listed as well as longer-term support programs and gift opportunities to the endowment. The brochure is the first public relations piece of more and supplementary information to be written.
- **10.1** Began preliminary planning of a 10~20~30 Campaign to increase Endowments to \$10 million by 2030.
- **10.1** Assisted the Edward and Jeanette Pinkelman family in establishing an endowed memorial tuition scholarship in honor of their parents who gave their 15 children a Catholic education. The starting endowed gift was \$9,570.
- **10.1** Received a \$30,000 technology gift to update some student's and teacher's computers for the 2026-2027 school year.
- **10.1** Developed and received a \$50,000 annual budget gift in memory of Don & Millie Buschelman.
- **10.1** Developed and received a \$25,000 anonymous gift to the Dick Kuehn Bus Fund.
- **10.1** Received a total of \$5,100 to the Cedar Catholic Coach Bus Maintenance Fund.
- **10.1** Received \$130,000 total gifts for annual budgets through the 2026 President's Appeal and Annual Fund Drive donations during the second semester.
- **10.1** A \$25,000 gift and \$32,500 of gifts were given to the Msgr. Werner HVAC fund. These gifts during the second semester and \$12,000 of gifts in the first semester, replaced the cost of a new HVAC unit for the gym installed during the first semester.
- **10.1** Requested and received second semester gifts to total \$21,730 for the Robotics Club and other designated needs in memory of the late Marilyn Sudbeck from her husband David Fickel.
- **10.1** Contacted the donors of the truck for the 2026 raffle. We received the Truck valued at \$77,260. The program runs from July 5th to September 25th.
- **10.2** Hosted the January Blue-Ribbon Social at Matt Steffen's home.
- **10.2** Continued to work with the Blue-Ribbon Executive committee on ideas to expand memberships.
- **10.2** Blue-Ribbon membership remains steady at 78 members.
- **10.2** The Catholic Development Blue-Ribbon Committee submitted nominations for a new officer. Outgoing Officer Emeritus was Julie Becker. Matt Kathol was elected the new officer. The Executive Committee for the upcoming year is: Bette Becker, President; Craig Wortmann, Vice President; Traci Baller, Secretary, Matt Kathol new officer, and Roman Sudbeck, Officer Emeritus.
- **10.3** Continued to expanded the Development Office and Alumni websites.
- **10.3** Expanded Development events to include the May 23 and 24 Golf tournament and social for the all-school reunion and 125 Anniversary of our Catholic high school.
- **10.3** Sheila Jueden updated and ordered Vol. II of the Classic Creations Cookbook. The cookbooks are for sale for \$50 each. \$3,650 worth of books were sold within a month of receiving them or by June 30.
- **10.4** Submitted monthly Development activities reports to the CCHS School Board and on cedaratholic.org.
- **10.5** Hired Co-Development Directors Abby Dybdal and Lori Christensen to fill Joani Potts' position, who retired after 31 years of service.
- **10.6** Continued submitting Development Office current events and promotions on social media and the Cedar Catholic web site.
- **10.6** Updated and expanded the Alumni Registry and posted class lists on the Alumni website.
- **10.6** Conducted the Holy Trinity High School/Cedar Catholic 125th anniversary celebration with a golf tournament and evening meal with entertainment on May 23rd and 24th. The Blue-Ribbon Executive assisted hosting and working the event.
- **10.6** Revised and expanded the Annual Report to include demographic, academic and financial information.
- **10.7** Completed payout of budget support for the Holy Trinity, East and West Elementary and Cedar Catholic for a total of \$600,000 for the 2025-2026 school year.
- **10.7** Organized and conducted a record-setting 2026 Cedar County Catholic Schools Gala that grossed \$541,820.58 and netted \$508,190.3.



- **10.7** Completed additional reports for the Cedar Catholic Annual Report posted on cedarcatholic.org
- **10.7** Completed the fiscal year reports of the Development budget and program receipts/gifts and obligations. The Catholic Development program's 2025-2026 total cash receipts was \$1,719,945.45. Non-cash donations were \$515,524.35 for total received: \$2,235,469.80. Total program expenses/obligations were \$1,252,706.71. There was a \$467,238.74 profit gain for the year after all obligations were met.
- **10.7** Implemented the Tuition Off-Set program for the 2026-2027 school year. This program provided a \$300 scholarship to all 7-12 students attending Cedar Catholic Jr.-Sr. High School.
- **10.8** Requested/received \$37,475 second semester gifts for tuition scholarships and assistance.

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- **10.1** Organized and met with an endowment advisory group to discuss program options, professional development and training needed to promote increased estate planning and endowment gifts.
- **10.1** Met with representatives from Catholic Futures Foundation to discuss coordination and/or expansion of programs to educate donors of options for Charitable and Estate Gifts.
- **10.1** Developed the Tuition Offset Program to provide \$300 tuition scholarships to all 7-12 students attending Cedar Catholic Jr.-Sr. High School.
- **10.1** Received a \$25,000 gift for a minimum of 3 years to support the CCHS Tuition offset program.
- **10.1** Recruited 21 additional anonymous donors to donate \$5,000 for six years. (\$30,000). Total commitment \$750,000. The interest and \$100 tuition increase over the next 6 years will provide over \$1,000,000 in tuition support for Cedar Catholic. This is intended to provide a bridge until increased endowments are realized.
- **10.1** Received a \$100,000 gift to be deposited in the Bank of Hartington in an interest-bearing account until the donor specifies where they want the funds to be used.
- **10.1** Hosted the annual Truck Raffle raising \$166,900 setting a new record on the number of tickets sold.
- **10.1** Hosted the Blitz in November which raised \$34,482.55 in support of tuition for the children of Cedar Catholic and Holy Trinity teachers and administrators.
- **10.1** Hosted the Blue-Ribbon Christmas Auction. The Auction raised \$10,930 in support of the Development Office.
- **10.1** Continued to receive a \$25,000 technology gift for Cedar Catholic Jr.-Sr. High School.
- **10.1** Received a \$2,500 gift to the Leo and Clara Kathol Development Endowment.
- **10.1** Received a \$10,000 gift to the Leo and Clara Kathol Endowment Memorial Tuition Scholarship Fund.
- **10.1** Received \$4,800 in additional tuition scholarships for Holy Trinity Elementary.
- **10.1** Total cash and gifts raised in the first semester was \$860,309.51.
- **10.2** Hosted the Blue-Ribbon kickoff at the Msgr. Werner Center in August and invited all faculty and staff.
- **10.2** Matt and Brenda Steffen hosted the January Blue Ribbon gathering at their home in on January 4th.
- **10.2** Met with the Endowment Board in December to review board responsibilities, membership, and recommended updates to finalize in June, 2026.
- **10.3** Secured the Skylon Ballroom for the 125th Alumni All-Class Reunion on Sunday, May 24, 2026.
- **10.6** Continued to update and expand the Cedar Catholic and Development Office websites.
- **10.6** Continue to update and expand the use of social media, (flocknote and facebook) to promote school and development office programs.

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- **10.1** Hosted the 2025 Gala and raffle. Donated auction items were valued at \$361,386. The Dick Kuehn bus fund was established which raised \$20,300. Gross receipts for the event were \$417,261. After expenses, the event netted \$389,766.
- **10.1** Raised a total of \$65,500 to purchase a 2020, 71 passenger Blue Bird school bus.
- **10.1** Contacted the donors of the truck for the 2025 raffle. We received the Truck valued at \$73,545. The program runs from July 8th to September 19th.
- **10.2** Hosted the January Blue-Ribbon Social at Fr. Korte's.
- **10.2** Continued to work with the Blue-Ribbon Executive committee on ideas to expand memberships. Three Blue Ribbon members are appointed members of Cedar Catholic School Board.



- **10.2** Jerry Wintz completed his term on the Blue-Ribbon Executive Board. Traci Baller has been elected to serve in his place.
- **10.2.** Blue-Ribbon membership remains steady at 78 members.
- **10.3** Expanded the Development Office and Alumni websites.
- **10.6** Conducted Annual President's Appeal and sent letters to Cedar Catholic Alumni. The President's Appeal raised \$20,900.
- **10.6** Updated and expanded the Alumni Registry and posted class lists on the Alumni website.
- **10.6.** Set the date for the All-Alumni Reunion and reserved the Skylon Ballroom for May 24, 2026.
- **10.6** Sent the 2024 Annual Report Publication to all Alumni and Friends of Cedar Catholic.
- **10.6** Revised and expanded the Annual Report to include demographic, academic and financial information.
- **10.7** Expanded budget support for the Holy Trinity, East and West Elementary and Cedar Catholic for a total of \$600,000 for the 2025-2026 school year.

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- **10.1** Worked with Blue Ribbon Executive Committee to organized and promoted the first annual On-line Christmas Auction. Proceeds from the event were over \$17,621.
- **10.1** Created promotional materials for the On-line Auction and posted information on the Development Website and Facebook Social Media.
- **10.1** Scheduled, promoted and held the Fall Blitz Dinner and Raffle. Proceeds from the event gross was \$29,991.94.
- **10.1** Scheduled, promoted and expanded the Shoppe and Savour Market. Proceeds from the event gross was \$3,246.
- **10.1** Secured \$71,235 additional gifts and donations for CCHS Endowment.
- **10.1** Annual Fund drive has raised \$145,788 during the first semester (Annual Fund Appeal, 300 Club)
- **10.3** Host weekly meetings to track and plan for Development Office events, promotions, website development, etc...
- **10.3** Expanded two new events for the 2024-2025 year.
- **10.4** Installed the new members on the Cedar Catholic School Board. The new board membership includes three Blue-Ribbon members.
- **10.4** Installed the Lay President and held meetings to outline job responsibilities, schedule, and deadlines for priorities each month.
- **10.5** Developed and updated a program and office budget for the 2024-2025 school year.
- **10.6** Continued to add pages and communication to the Development and Cedar Catholic Websites.
- **10.6** Created information and materials to promote upcoming events on the Development Office Facebook Page.
- **10.7** Coordinated information and posted promotional information to encourage parents to apply for the Nebraska 1402 scholarships for the 2024-2025 school year. Families were awarded over \$40,000 in tuition support.
- **10.8** Raised \$28,778.75 Support for 1/2 Tuition benefit for Cedar Catholic teachers.
- **10.9** Raised \$40,300 Tuition assistance gifts raised during the first semester.
- **10.9** Raised \$6200 Dick Kuehn Memorial Bus Fund
- **10.9** Charter Bus fund donations \$2,500.
- **10.9** Raised \$34,799.97 Special projects, (Msgr. Werner Annex, Library, Band, FCS Program)
- **10.9** Raised \$11,930 Christmas gifts for Holy Trinity Parish and Holy Trinity and Cedar Catholic teachers and staff.
- **10.9** \$45,000 Technology gift for Robotics and Cedar Catholic student computers and classroom display screens.

October 1, 2024 Report

- **10.1** 2024 Annual Truck Raffle sold a record, 1,593 tickets. Gross sales were \$159,300. The truck went to Hallie and McKenna Noecker, daughters of Brian and Dawn Noecker.
- **10.1** Hosted the 2024 Call Blue-Ribbon Annual Meeting and Business Meeting. This was the highest attended annual meeting. The report included a summary of annual events and a complete budget and finance report.
- **10.1** Annual 300 Club Membership met the goal of 300 members for the 2024-2025 school year.
- **10.1** Estate Planning: The Joseph Alvarez Estate, with a value of \$214,335.64 was finalized on Friday, September 27th with Catholic Futures Foundation unrestricted fund and Merrill Lynch Scholarship Funds.



- **10.1** Cedar Catholic Alumni Association hosted the 2024 Fall All School Social and Breakfast.
- **10.1** Assisted Kyle Hochstein on fund raising and paying off the debt of the Annex parking lot loan.
- **10.2** Three members of the Blue-Ribbon Committee will be assigned to serve on the Cedar Catholic School Board, with members of the Blue-Ribbon Exec. Committee to serve on the development sub-committee.
- **10.3** Monthly report of all Development Office activities, financial updates, weekly meeting minutes, and Office Operations.
- **10.5** Cedar Catholic Lay-President shared position, *create a* under the new Bylaws, with Cedar-Catholic Jr./Sr. High School for the 2024-2025 school year.
- **10.6** Continued expansion of Development Office website, communications, financial reports to improve transparency and communication with stakeholders.
- **10.8** Created Scholarship applications and opened a retail bank account to receive funds from the LB 753 and LB 1402 Scholarship Program through the Opportunity Scholarship of Nebraska Programs.

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- **10.1** Jesse Hochstein established a Teacher Endowment Fund through the Archdiocese Catholic Futures Foundation.
- **10.1** The Alumni Association hosts the annual All-School Social and Breakfast.
- **10.1** The 2024 Gala reflected the generosity of the local, and regional communities, and alumni resulting in raising over \$400,000 for the third year in a row.
- **10.1** The truck raffle continued its *success* raising over \$150,000 for the second year in a row.
- **10.1** The Blitz continued its efforts to raise over \$20,000 to support student tuition scholarships.
- **10.2** The Blue-Ribbon Committee increased 19 new \$1,000 memberships-past 9 months.
- **10.4** Reorganized the Bylaws for Cedar Catholic Jr.-Sr. High School under the direction of the Catholic Schools Office and Omaha Archdiocese Legal Counsel.
- **10.5** Established a committee with representatives from each Cedar Catholic Jr.-Sr. High School Parish to research and develop the job description for the Lay President position for the 2024-2025 school year.
- **10.8** Cassie Gubbels and her mother host the annual scholarship luncheon to connect students with scholarship donors.
- **10.9** Holy Trinity developed a daycare program to implement for 2024-2025 school year in the Congregational church basement.