



Message from the Development Offices

Dear Parents,

As you are likely aware, the three Catholic Schools of Great Falls, Montana have been pursuing the idea of unification for several years, and we are closer than ever, with the formation of a School Advisory Board this Summer, who are overseeing the plan! For a few years now, in looking ahead to the future, Our Lady of Lourdes and Holy Spirit Catholic schools have already been working in unison, combining their sports teams and booster clubs as well looking more closely at combined efforts in regards to curriculum. Last year, all three schools shared a joint Athletic Director, and Central Catholic took on a leadership role in helping HSCS and OLLCS move forward in sports.

Earlier this Summer, the decision was made to merge the Development offices of all three schools, as well as hire a professional to guide us through this very important endeavor. We are pleased to announce that Denise Czuprynski has been hired to fulfill this role! Denise comes to us bearing a long, impressive resume with much experience. She most recently helped lead the University of Providence through their rebranding, and we feel blessed that she has come on board with Great Falls Catholic Schools! We know her knowledge and expertise will be beneficial to us all as we move forward, as well as marketing and advancing our schools to help insure our continued success in the future.

We have officially come together in our large fundraising efforts beginning this school year, starting with the Walk-A-Thon in September! CowPie Moolah, which we have done for several years, is set to remain in mid-May.

But perhaps our most immediate and exciting undertaking is coming up soon! Our annual dinner auction events (*Celebration* (CCHS), *Gala* (HSCS) and *Chinook* (OLLCS) are now one! Our collaborative event has been named **"The Ball...Building A Lasting Legacy,"** and will happen on **Saturday, January 26th** as we kick off Catholic School's Week! Each of our events has been successful in their own right; we believe with our deep wealth of experience amongst our three schools that this is going to be a positive step forward, not only for our financial well-being, but also to come together as one Catholic School Family! Planning for this event is already underway, and to continue with our success, we again call on our parents/volunteers to make it happen. This inaugural year will be a really exciting time to get involved as step into the future as a unified school system!

Please join us on Thursday, November 8th for the Volunteer Kick-off sign and a Meet & Greet with our new Development Director, Denise! This event will be open-house style; stop by at your convenience between 5-7pm at Central Catholic High School. If you have already signed up for specific duties with your volunteer commitments/preferences (HSCS & OLLCS), your names will be added to the sign-up automatically. Please look to hear from your Committee Chair in the next few weeks!

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us at the numbers/emails below.

Thank you in advance for your patience, as we navigate these new waters!

Sincerely,

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