

July 16, 2010

Dear Parent(s) of a Central Catholic Young Man,

Central Catholic High School works to develop the whole person—academically, socially, morally, and spiritually—in the Marianist tradition. For 158 years, Central Catholic has educated and developed leaders for our local, state, national and international community. Central Catholic is not just the building we occupy; it's our current students, our alumni who continue to support the school, and the future students who will walk our halls. Central Catholic engages its students in the serious task of learning and we expect our students to dress accordingly. Thus, we have developed a dress code that allows our students, your sons, to dress for success.

I request your assistance in helping our students, your sons, meet and follow the dress code. Many times this past year I witnessed students not adhering to the dress code as set forth in the Student-Parent Handbook. So before summer draws to a close and school begins, I wanted to inform you of our dress code. The following is not meant to replace what is written in the Handbook—it is simply meant to give an overview of our Dress Code.

Your son's hair should be neatly groomed every day, not reach over the collar, cover half the ear, fall below the eyebrows or be placed behind the ear so as to hide long hair. His face should be clean shaven at all times and his sideburns should not extend below the bottom of the earlobe. If participating in JROTC, his hair will be shorter and his sideburns will not extend beyond the middle of the ear.

Your son should wear regular style slacks or pants with a traditional cut. His pants should be worn at the waist, with a belt, and should not be torn or frayed. Your son will wear only collared shirts and be long enough to stay tucked in all day. They may wear only Central Catholic hooded sweatshirts. The following shoes are allowed: Black or brown dress slip-ons, loafers, oxfords, or boots. No canvas shoes are allowed. Your son must wear socks—no-shows are not allowed. The socks must be visible and must cover the ankle.

This year we have instituted a dress code specifically for Forums, Masses, and special occasions. Your son must wear a white collared shirt, either long or short sleeve, with a tie in good taste. He will also wear Khaki—docker style—slacks with a belt, dress socks, and black or brown dress shoes. All buttons on his shirt should be buttoned and his tie should remain tied and not show any collar space all day. If he is scheduled to wear his JROTC uniform that day, it will be worn in lieu of the shirt and tie.

During the year we have several Blue and White days scheduled. The students may wear Central Catholic apparel—T-shirts, jerseys, polo shirts, etc. Blue jeans may be worn but must not have any holes, be frayed or worn. Tennis shoes are allowed but no sandals; socks must be worn (the sock must be visible and must cover the ankle).

I sincerely hope this guide helps while you are shopping for your son's clothes for the coming school year. I know your son will tell you that this or that will be okay and that everyone wears this or that, but the dress code is the dress code. The dress code will be closely monitored and strictly enforced this coming year.

I also wanted to give you information that will help transition from summer to the school year. Sophomores and freshmen will have their ID and yearbook photos taken on the day they are issued their JROTC uniforms. For sophomores, this will be Thursday August 5, 2010 and for freshmen, Friday August 6, 2010. The young men

should wear a shirt, tie and slacks, and have a haircut as noted above. Since they are in JROTC, their haircut must present a tapered appearance, which means that the outline of the cadet's hair conforms to the shape of the head, curving inward to the natural termination point of the neck. Those students not in compliance will not be able to have their picture taken that day.

The first day of school is Friday August 13 and all students will wear a shirt, tie and slacks. They should have the appropriate haircut and be clean shaven. Seniors and Juniors will have their ID and yearbook pictures taken that day. If your son does not have an appropriate haircut, he will not be allowed to have his picture taken and he may be transported to a barber of the school's choice at the student's expense.

Parking registration will occur the week of August 16, 2010. Have your son see Mrs. Gill or myself, before or after school or during the lunch periods. The cost of parking is \$30 and must be paid when he registers his vehicle. He will be issued a parking permit and be assigned a parking spot in one of our lots.

This year also brings a change in our daily schedule. School will start at 8:34am and your son will report to his 1st period class. Homeroom will occur between 6th and 7th periods and last 10 minutes. The school will open as it has for years and students can congregate in the cafeteria and breakfast will be served. Students are not allowed above the 1st floor until 8:15am. Our schedule will have eight (8) periods this year as opposed to the seven (7) in prior years. One period will be the student's lunch period. We will dismiss at approximately 3:16pm.

I need your help and assistance in this matter. I firmly believe that by working together as partners, we will develop and educate your son to be a well-rounded person—academically, socially, morally, and spiritually. Thank you in advance for your help.

Sincerely,

Stephen P. FitzSimon

Assistant Principal for Student Development

Important Dates for the Beginning of School	
Tuesday August 3, 2010	JROTC Uniform Issue—Seniors
Wednesday August 4, 2010	JROTC Uniform Issue—Juniors
Thursday August 5, 2010	JROTC Uniform Issue—Sophomores Sophomores—ID and Yearbook Pictures
Friday August 6, 2010	JROTC Uniform Issue—Freshmen Freshmen—ID and Yearbook Pictures
Friday August 13, 2010	School Begins—All Student Orientation (Shirt and Tie) Seniors and Juniors—ID and Yearbook Pictures Freshmen and Sophomores—ID and Yearbook Pictures Make-up Day Freshmen and Sophomores—JROTC Uniform Issue Make-up Day
Saturday August 14, 2010	All Parent Orientation
Monday August 16, 2010	First Day of Classes (A Day)
Friday August 20, 2010	Mass—Opening Liturgy