

National Honor Society  
Reverend Raymond G. Kirsch Chapter  
Central Catholic High School

2019-2020 Handbook

March 20th, 2019

Dear Member,

Congratulations on your membership in the Reverend Raymond G. Kirsch chapter of the National Honor Society. We hope that you take pride in this accomplishment. Our organization was established in 1921 to recognize and encourage academic achievement while also developing the characteristics of the remaining three pillars: character, leadership, and service.

Almost one hundred years later, the National Honor Society is still a part of Central Catholic High School. Administrators, faculty members, students, siblings, and parents can call themselves members in serving their school and greater community. It is our hope that you will participate generously and enthusiastically in our NHS activities, at all times showing leadership and Christian values. Keep in mind that membership is not only an honor, but a commitment as well, and that you have distinguished yourself as a role model among your peers.

Once again, please accept our warmest congratulations. We look forward to your contributions to Central Catholic's chapter of the National Honor Society.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Kim Bremer, Moderator

Miss Morgan Delp, Moderator

# NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY TRADITION



Official Insignia

Colors

Blue and Gold

Pledge

I pledge to maintain my high scholastic standing, to hold as fundamental and worthy an untarnished character, to endeavor intelligently and courageously to be a leader, and to give of myself freely in service to others. In so doing, I shall prove myself worthy of a place in the National Honor Society.

Pillars of Membership

Character  
Scholarship  
Leadership  
Service

Motto

*Noblesse Oblige*  
The meaning directly translated from the French is “nobility obligates” but the expression “To whom much is given, much is expected” is how NHS references the meaning. We have an obligation to share our talents with others.

# Membership Roster

## Class of 2020

Dylan Aey	Megan Jurek
Brett Bishop	Ian Kaufman (Sergeant at Arms)
Caleb Bluhm	Mae Kennedy
Abby Bozigar	Maria Lankey
Bridget Bremer (Recording Secretary)	Molly Mattimoe
Tessa Bronikowski	Brent Matus
Brandon Burks	Ava McQuillin
Jeffrey Calmes	Tommy Merchant
Olivia Christie	Jay Meyers
Gracie Cowell	Carl Pierce
Charlie Cronin	Peter Ragan
Semaj Cross	Kallen Rawson
Mikayla Duckett	Owen Rice
Kate Ellis	Diamond Roy
Megan Enis	Alex Sargent
Kallie Flesh	Zach Scally
Eve Fournier	Sam Schommer
Alex Francis	Leigha Schumaker (Vice-President)
Annie Grau	Grace Tefft
Janaya Harris	Melanie Whipple
Cecilia Hartlage	Hayley Wilcox
Lance Haupricht	Megan Zuccarell
Brandi Jones	Noah Zak

## 2019 NHS Inductees

Lamar Adkins  
Christian Amaya  
Andy Arce  
KeShaun Bailey  
Cettrionna Betts  
Kevin Bishop  
Liam Brown  
Faith Brummett  
Christopher Buchele  
Emily Coop  
Chloe Crawford  
Sanieya Daniels  
Giovanni DeSantis  
Madelynn DuBois  
Jackie Dumas  
Robert Dunning  
Aniecia Fagan  
Olivia Farrugia  
Megan Fischer  
Addison Galernik  
Abbie Garber  
Jasmine Hairston  
Ellie Hire  
Grace Hoffman  
Teagan Hunt  
Tae Shawn Jackson  
Katy James  
Kylie Katafiasz  
Hailey Kenczewicz  
Owen Kitz  
Maria Laws  
Dezra Lloyd  
Rachelle Lowery  
Sam Maier  
Kendal Marshall

Ava Mehling  
Owen Metzger  
Brooke Middleton  
Emily Moeller  
Kaitlyn Moeller  
Allison Montanaro  
Madi Moody  
Elsie Noyes  
Aidan O'Hearn  
Jaden Oliver  
Jacob Peters  
Gus Rahe  
Avery Reinhart  
Toriana Reynolds  
Krista Roessle  
Kalen Sanders  
Ella Schroeder  
Christopher Sennett  
Carter Seymour  
Nathaniel Shields  
Shermoni Strozier-Powell  
Owen Thompson  
Lauren Tscherne  
Katie Ulinski  
Bishop Vargas  
Nicole Vaughn  
Josie Wagner  
Nicholas Wambold  
De'Miyah Washington  
Tayler Wells  
Evelyn Wesley  
Jaliyah Wiggins  
Randy Williams  
Alexander York  
Calvin Zhang

## Meeting Dates

EXECUTIVE BOARD  
ROOM 214  
TIME TBD  
DATES TBD

GENERAL CHAPTER  
LIBRARY  
TIME 7:30 am  
Sept. 5  
Oct. 3  
Nov. 7  
Dec. 5  
Jan. 9  
Feb. 6  
March 6  
April 10 (No Senior members)  
May 1 ( No Seniors)

# CHAPTER LEADERSHIP STRUCTURE

PRINCIPAL

FACULTY COUNCIL

(5 members, Moderators serve as 6th and 7th ex-officio members)

EXECUTIVE BOARD

(6 members, Moderators serve as 7th and 8th members)

General Chapter

# BYLAWS

## Chapter Bylaws

### Article I – Most Recent Ratification

The Faculty Council most recently ratified the policies set forth by these bylaws of the chapter on March 8, 2019. This document has been found to conform to the regulations set forth in the Constitution of the National Honor Society of Secondary Schools revised by the National Council of the National Honor Society in May 2008.

### Article II – Name and Purpose

The name of this chapter of the National Honor Society at Central Catholic High School in Toledo, Ohio shall be the Raymond G. Kirsch Chapter of the National Honor Society. The purpose of this chapter shall be to give support and honor to all members of the Central Catholic community, whether student, faculty, staff, or administrator; to develop an enthusiasm for scholarship, an avenue for service, an ambition for leadership, and an example of sound character; and to secure for its members whatever intellectual and spiritual advantages that may be derived from co-operative membership.

### Article III – Membership

#### Section I – New Member Induction

Membership candidacy will be extended to those students who are maintaining a grade point average of 3.50 or above for all members initiated in 2019 and beforehand. The GPA requirement will increase to 3.75 starting in 2020 for new spring members. Candidates must conform to the following requirements:

Attendance at Central Catholic for at least one semester. Finished the first semester of sophomore year.

Comply with Acts of Mercy as established by Central Catholic High School.

Participate in a minimum of one Central Catholic sport, organization, or club.

Satisfy the requirements of any financial aid award agreement presented by Central Catholic High School.

Candidates must submit the provided application form and an essay describing what the applicant plans to contribute to the National Honor Society. Candidates must also attend an interview with our officers. There is an initial \$10 dues, along with payment for senior honor cords. The Faculty Council, described in Article IV, will review all of the documentation of each candidate, including faculty evaluation ratings of each individual.

The Faculty Council will determine by majority vote which candidates will be selected for membership. All information concerning this selection process will be kept strictly confidential. Parents or other legal guardians have no legal authority to view application documents. All such documents will be destroyed within 30 days of selection or non-selection of applicants. The principal shall hear appeal cases concerning the non-selection of candidates. Attendance at induction is mandatory for new inductees. Induction ceremonies are held at a pre-announced date in the spring of each year.

#### Section II - Special Senior Induction

Seniors who become eligible for candidacy after the second semester of their junior year shall go through the induction process in September of their Senior year. Those seniors who are selected by the Faculty Council for membership will be inducted at the October general chapter meeting.

#### Section II – Transfer Students

National Honor Society members who transfer to Central Catholic will be exempt from the “one semester attendance at Central Catholic” policy so long as they can produce a letter from the principal of their previous school confirming their membership. Transfer students must meet the membership requirements of this chapter within one semester in order to retain membership.

#### Section III – Maintaining Membership

All National Honor Society members must continually satisfy the following requirements, which are based on the four main principles of the National Honor Society.

Character: Demonstrate the “Six Pillars of Character”: fairness, caring, citizenship, trustworthiness, responsibility, and respect.

Participate in at least one Central Catholic organization other than National Honor Society.

Follow Central Catholic High School Code of Conduct at all times.

Abstain from cheating; plagiarizing; using, selling, or distributing drugs or alcohol; or being directly dishonest toward any administrator, faculty member, or benefactor of Central Catholic High School.

Pay ten dollars in dues and return the contract document signed by both the member and his or her parent(s)/guardian(s) thus indicating an understanding and agreement to the chapter bylaws in their entirety.

Scholarship: Maintain a grade point average of 3.50 or above.

Leadership: General meetings are mandatory for all members. Meetings are held on the one Wednesday morning of every month (as voted on by the chapter) from September to May, unless rescheduled due to a calendar conflict, weather, etc... Additional committee meetings require attendance as well. **Permission for absence must be in writing and presented to an advisor no later than the day prior to the scheduled meeting for approval. A parent or guardian's signature must be present on the letter of permission. If an emergency occurs, an email from student and parent will suffice.** If a meeting is missed and is unexcused, you will be placed on probation. If a second meeting is missed and is also unexcused, then you will be removed from NHS.

Satisfy the requirements of any financial aid award agreement presented by Central Catholic High School.

Service: Participate actively and willingly in a minimum of one quarterly service project **sponsored by the chapter** and scheduled by the Executive Board. If one is not completed for a given quarter, that member shall be placed on probation. In order to gain good standing, that student will have to make up the missed service, and an additional one, plus the one for the next quarter. (So a total of three in the next quarter), if the member fails to do this they will be removed from membership.

Comply with the Acts of Mercy service hours requirement as established by Central Catholic High School.

#### Section IV – Senior Honor Cords

At the spring induction ceremony, each senior member of the National Honor Society will be awarded honor cords to wear at the Commencement Exercise of his or her class. Only members who have complied with all of the above aforementioned membership requirements (Section III) and pay ten dollars toward the cost of the cords will be eligible to receive the honor cords. Under no circumstances will any former member of the National Honor Society be awarded honor cords as terminated members are never again eligible for membership or its benefits.

#### **Article IV – The Faculty Council**

The Faculty Council shall consist of five voting faculty members appointed annually by the principal. The chapter advisors shall serve as sixth and seventh, ex-officio, non-voting members of the council. Members' terms shall be one year with no limit on the number of terms that one can serve. The Faculty Council shall meet at least once a

year to select members, hear appeal cases, and review the chapter bylaws, amending them if deemed necessary.

## **Article V – Executive Board**

### Section I – Board Members

The Executive Board shall consist of the following positions: two chapter advisors and six elected officers: a President, a Vice-President, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, a Historian, and a Sergeant-at-Arms. The advisors will be appointed annually by the principal: all other Committee members will be elected as described in Article VII. The principal of Central Catholic High School reserves the right to approve or veto any decisions of the Committee.

### Section II – Executive Board Powers and Responsibilities

The Executive Board as a whole has the responsibility or power to do the following:

Fulfill all National Honor Society requirements as stated in Article III, Section III or the chapter bylaws (except advisors).

Gather at least once a month to discuss the agenda for the monthly general meeting and schedule the service projects and activities for the entire National Honor Society.

Conduct general meetings once a month for all members.

Participate in as many service projects as possible.

Serve as liaisons between the Executive Board and any established committees of members (except advisors).

Keep accurate records of attendance at meetings, volunteerism for and participation in service projects.

### Section III – Duties of the Individual Executive Board Members

The Advisors: serve as ex-officio, non-voting members of the Faculty Council; act as liaisons to the administration, faculty, and community, distribute warnings of probation, supervise the day-to-day activity of the chapter and Executive Board in conjunction with the President.

The President: prepare an agenda for and preside over all meetings of the Executive Board and the entire chapter: maintain the chapter bylaws, activate a system for emergency contact among Executive Board members; act in conjunction with the

advisors to oversee the day-to-day supervision of the chapter and Executive Board; act as a liaison to the administration, faculty, and community as directed by the advisors.

The Vice-President: assist the President when needed; substitute for the President in his or her absence; coordinate and maintain a record of requirement fulfillment (service hours/attendance) for all members; succeed the President should a vacancy in that office occur.

The Recording Secretary: record and type the minutes of the Executive Board meetings and those of general chapter meetings; make available duplicated meeting minutes; keep record of the attendance at all National Honor Society meetings, both of the Executive Board and the entire chapter.

The Corresponding Secretary: maintain correspondence with the administration and other outside contacts of the chapter; coordinate National Honor Society members to help create posters and banners advertising National Honor Society service projects; post necessary announcements on the National Honor Society bulletin board; compose announcements for the National Honor Society sponsored service projects; write articles for the school newspaper concerning the National Honor Society.

The Historian: maintain the National Honor Society bulletin board; photograph National Honor Society events; design a presentation board for the school Open House.

The Sergeant-at-Arms: accept the responsibility for the acquisition of a record of attendance at general chapter meetings; maintain order at general chapter meetings; assist the President in ensuring that meetings follow order;

## **Article VI – Meetings**

Meetings of the Executive Board shall be scheduled as needed. General meetings of the entire National Honor Society chapter shall be scheduled for once every month. Members are expected to attend all meetings. Exceptions to this requirement are determined by the advisors and must be requested in writing as soon as a need for the exception arises.

## **Article VII – Elections**

### Section I – Candidacy Requirements

Elections shall occur at the May general meeting. Potential candidates must apply for nomination through the advisors and prepare a quick speech to present to the members of the chapter. Officer candidates can be juniors or seniors, with the exception of Vice-President, this office is to be held by a Junior, with the possibility of serving as President their Senior year.

### Section II – Electoral Balloting

Elections shall occur at the May general meeting. All new officers will be elected using a secret ballot tallied as a simple majority vote of the chapter members present at that meeting.

### Section III – Length of Term and Vacancies

A term of office shall last one school year from the May general meeting of the current year to the May meeting of the following year. Should a vacancy in an office arise, the vacancy shall be filled by appointment except in the office of the President; the Vice-President will take the place of the President. The Executive Board will determine the replacement.

## **Article VIII – Disciplinary Procedures**

Problems or conflicts with a member, including officers, are taken seriously. If a member fails to abide by the requirements of the Reverend Raymond G. Kirsch Chapter of the National Honor Society, he or she is subject to the following consequences.

### Section I – Probation

Members who fall below the standards stated in Article III, Section III regarding GPA, meeting attendance, and service requirements shall receive written notification. They will be placed on probation as spelled out earlier. They will participate as normal with the chapter. At the end of the probationary period, as long as standards have been fulfilled the member will be back in good standing with the chapter. If they have not, then they will be notified and removed from the chapter.

## Section II – Violations Constituting Immediate Dismissal

Actions constituting an immediate dismissal include any flagrant violation of school rules; violation of federal, state, or local laws including, but not limited to using, selling, or distributing drugs or alcohol; plagiarism; cheating on schoolwork; and direct dishonesty toward any Central Catholic faculty member, administrator, or benefactor.

Members who resign from membership or who are dismissed are never again eligible for membership or its benefits.

The principal shall hear appeal cases concerning dismissal, and in cases outside of situations explicitly stated in this document, the faculty council may be called. The National Council of the National Honor Society shall hear no appeal cases.