

# Message from the Head of School

Choosing Catholic education is a decision that is made with much thought, deliberation, and prayer; and we at Berks Catholic High School are excited to partner with you and your family. At Berks Catholic, the core of our mission is our four pillars **God, Family, Academics and Fun** which helps us shape the development of our students spiritually, intellectually, socially, and physically.

**GOD: We are a Catholic high school that is welcoming and respectful of all faiths and traditions.**

Because we are Christ-centered, the value and dignity of every individual is emphasized in all we do and students are afforded opportunities and encouraged to cultivate their relationships with each other and with God.

**FAMILY: “It’s like a family.”**

An extraordinary sense of community is palpable at Berks Catholic as well. Holding true to Catholic and Christian traditions, students have a responsibility to one another, are accountable for their actions, and have a built-in support system that is an extension of their immediate family.

**ACADEMICS: Caring, committed faculty challenge every student to realize their intellectual potential.**

In addition, each student receives individualized, college and career counseling from college admissions professionals. **Over 94% of Berks Catholic students will pursue higher education** immediately after graduation. **The Class of 2021 earned a 19.88 million in college scholarships and grants.** Berks Catholic offers the opportunity for academic success through a robust offering of College-Preparatory, Honors, and 21 Advanced Placement classes. Students who are more “hands-on” and technically inclined are able to enroll in a vocational track at the Berks Career and Technology Center while still pursuing a college-prep curriculum. The Office of College and Career Counseling is here to help your child find the right fit for them in their life after Berks Catholic. Our teachers are charged everyday with being great for their students and helping them get to Heaven.

**FUN: All Work and No Play.....NOT at Berks Catholic!**

With over 21 Varsity and Club Sports, Performing Arts, Community Service, Academic and Leadership organizations and clubs, students can find ways to get involved, cultivate talents and skills, explore new areas, and fully develop as individuals. We want all students to be active participants in their own high school experience!

Thank you for considering being a part of the Berks Catholic family and together we hope to provide you and your child with the best experience possible. I’ll finish by sharing with you my mantra:

*“It’s a great day to **Be A Saint!!!**”*

*Mr. Hess*

