



# CARDINAL RITTER HIGH SCHOOL

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## Message from the President

Warren Buffet once wrote that he doesn't look to jump over seven foot bars but rather looks around for one foot bars that he can walk over. This simple analogy is true for most things in life. From Greek philosophers to Mother Theresa, they all expressed that the accumulation of little actions eventually translates into greatness. So true is it with the challenge incorporated in our CREATE campaign. What appears as a mountain of a goal is actually just a journey of small steps that we are taking to reach the summit. These small steps thus far have resulted in an expansion our curriculum with new language, technology and music courses, the acquisition of eight new smart boards, and a further advancement of our teacher assessment and training program to improve the effectiveness of our instructional methods. We continue to reach our annual goals toward easing the tuition and fee burden for many families and have upgraded portions of our buildings with new floors, paint and air conditioning. Each, by themselves, is a small step but, when combined, they represent significant progress. So true will it be when we will look back a few years from now. Our planned destination over this period, will bring with it a focus on the science curriculum, raise the bar on individual student achievement, complete the chapel glass work and begin the renovation of our athletic track and field.

Last week we unveiled our TURF IT! challenge to capitalize on the receipt of the grant from USA Football and the raise funds to make the athletic track and field upgrade a reality in 2012. The challenge to provide the necessary financial resources will be made possible through the efforts of many donors both large and small. To accomplish this, we have designed our TURF IT! program with our own version of the one foot bar. Donations starting as low as \$25 per month, about the cost of a pizza, will assist in moving us closer to our goal. You can read more about this program on our website or you can contact the Advancement Office at 927-7825. I ask that you take this challenge and be part of the team effort that transfers these small steps into great results for Cardinal Ritter High School.

Gregory Perkins  
President  
Cardinal Ritter High School