

January 22, 2024

Your Excellency,

The Transition team greatly appreciates the extra time allotted for submission. Please note the process we went through to submit these names to you was thoughtful, laborious, and focused. The time allowed us to seek input from the communities. From the input, we identified a set of core values that guided us to the list of names we are submitting to you today. Below are the core values that emerged, listed in order of primacy:

- Christ centered faith
- High faculty, staff, administration, coaches, and parent standards
- Inclusion and support for one another
- Engaged and faith-filled students (honesty, respect, integrity, stewardship, humility)
- Value and respect for history and tradition
- Family focused

There were 65 unique name submissions in addition to 29 variations of current school names. The team took into consideration the uniqueness of the name (names not already being used in area schools, parishes, or entities), connection and meaning (aligns with the communities' core values), and speech and connotation (taking into consideration cheers, chants, urban dictionary definitions, repercussions of acronyms and pairing, etc.).

Our communities are aware of the three names being submitted to you. We are currently seeking input on mascot suggestions. We felt it was best to solicit input on mascots that would best fit the names being submitted to you. Those mascot names will be submitted to you no later than Monday, January 29.

Please accept the three name suggestions the Transition team is submitting for the combining of Lindsay Holy Family and St. Francis 7-12 schools. The submissions can be found on the following page listed in alphabetical order. Along with each submission, you will find a paragraph outlining the significance and reasoning for the name.

Thank you for considering our name selections. If you have any further questions, or would like to review the input we received from the communities on the name submissions, please let us know.

Respectfully,

The Transition Team

Archangels Catholic High School

This name is inviting to all in our Family of parishes. When our Family of parishes was established, the St. Michael the Archangel prayer became a unifying prayer amongst us. The Archangels represent great attributes that our students should emulate as the result of quality Catholic education. Gabriel is the messenger of God; we want our students to spread the word. Michael is the defender; our children should be armed and ready to always defend their faith. Raphael is the healer; our students through their faith can help bring healing not only to our communities, but to the world. This name is unique; to our knowledge there are no other high schools in the area with this name.

Divine Mercy Central Catholic

Divine Mercy is when God's love meets us in the midst of our suffering and sin. It is the universal root of all of God's acts and is the cause of all actions God accomplishes outside of Himself. Just like Jesus revealed to St. Faustina, mankind will not have peace until it turns with trust to His Divine Mercy. In the times we are living in, our children need to be armed with the power of Divine Mercy, the defense of our times. This name is unique; to our knowledge there are no other high schools in the area with this name.

Holy Family St. Francis Central Catholic

The Holy Family is the ultimate example of trusting in God and following his plan. St. Francis founded the Franciscan order which founded both parishes. In terms of Catholic Tradition, the Holy Family consisting of Jesus, Mary and Joseph is primary (Holy Family first in name). This is a combination of current names and represents the two schools that are closing to form the new entity.