



In 2020-2021 the athletic department will continue our implementation of our four-year strategic plan. The focus this past year (year one) was organizing and evaluating our resources to determine how best to create sustainable success. The focus this year will be on developing a culture of “ARETAS” and implementation of a process for all our teams that support this application. This culture is one that emerged during the Homeric Age of Greek culture. “ARETAS” is signified by the character traits of courage, loyalty, trustworthiness, fearlessness, strategic, and intelligent. A simple phrase to describe it would be “competitive fire”.

The word compete has gotten a bad reputation at times because of those who have abused it. The word itself comes from the Latin word “*competerere*” which means to “strive together”. To compete both opponents must cooperate on the rules. There is a mutual agreement of cooperation that governs the competition. The ancient Greeks did not fear that competition bred immoral behavior but rather it taught moral behavior. Only by competing could people come to attain the full nobility of the human spirit. Competition teaches people to be comfortable with conflict and opposition which is a necessary building block for developing the creative psyche.

We will approach our athletic program from a classical education tradition. We will focus on skills (grammar), tactics (application), and strategic communication (rhetoric). This will become evident as you see the various elements and tactics, we take with each of our programs and grade levels.

We believe **intentionality** is necessary to take a vision and make it become a reality. We believe the process we will follow will be **strategically** implemented. We believe the culture must be both **sacramental** in consideration of our love for others as Jesus loved us and **thoughtful** to inspire the individual to grow past that which limits them in fulfilling the call of God on their lives. We believe this will result in students that are both **respectful** and **responsible** capable of GOODNESS and GREATNESS!

Regarding the status of athletics and the current pandemic, we have already instituted sanitation guidelines for summer training. We will be issuing a list of guidelines for fall sports as soon as the state association releases those later in July. Be certain that, in some way or another, we will do everything within our power to have a some type of training and competition program.

For more information on our goals, processes, and objectives please click on this link <https://www.carychristianschool.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/2019-2020-Athletic-Handbook.pdf> to view our Cary Christian School Athletic Handbook or feel free to send an email with questions to jpoore@carychristianschool.org.