

The Conner Crest ~ This is Who We Are

A Trinity of Virtues: Integrity, Pride, and Honor



Integritas We work best as one.

The base color of our school crest represents our fundamental essence – our roots – that which we build off of. As our base color is blue, our essence is defined by *integritas* and those elements of it: truth, loyalty, strength, and faith. The word *integritas* is derived from the Latin word *integritas* meaning *wholeness* or *harmony*. Our school, therefore, is founded upon harmony, and we work best when we work as one.

Superbia Our school is superior.

The color of the ribbons represents what we aim for from the base. Since our ribbons are gold and scarlet, our integrity targets growing, fostering, and developing wisdom, generosity, magnanimity, fortitude, and victory. Nurturing and promoting these qualities instills within us a sense of pride – pride for our work, for our accomplishments, and for our victories. The Latin word for pride is *superbia*. Pride is the quality of our “*super-ness*,” and our scarlet and gold ribbons, therefore, remind us that *our school is super* and is full of *super people*!

Honor I am not afraid and I do not give up.

The crowned lion with a drawn sword is the school's *daimon* or *genius* (guardian spirit or angel). It signifies courage, ferocity, royalty, and valor, encouraging us to live a life of *honor*. *Honor* is a Latin word meaning *distinction*. A person with honor distinguishes oneself through achievements and accomplishments. The lion drives us on toward these, rejoicing with our successes, sharing in our frustrations, encouraging us in our failures, and correcting us when we are at fault. The lion spurs us on to become what we want to be – masters or kings of ourselves, i.e. – *to be leaders in our school*.

The crown, therefore, of the crest has a hand in armor holding a sword. This signifies leadership skills, specifically *justice* and *strategy*. Justice is our capacity for conforming to the order and structure of things, while strategy is our aptitude for ingenuity and creativity. By wielding these two edges of the same sword, we press forward confidently on our journey towards the truth in our battle for education. With the lion, we – as people of honor – take on the charge against the enemy that is ignorance, proudly and courageously stating:

Nec timeo, nec spurno – | am not afraid, and | don't give up!