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 integrity and those elements of it: truth, loyalty, strength, and faith. The word integrity 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 frustruations, 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* – I am not afraid, and I don't give up!