

# Crusader Connections

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# DEAR CRUSADER FAMILY,

I do hope that you and your family are enjoying this beautiful weather that God has blessed us with this Spring! Living with a heart of gratitude is one of the most important qualities we can develop in our lives... taking the time to recognize and thank God for our many blessings. You, the Catholic High Family, are one of my most cherished blessings! It is also a wonderful blessing that we have been able to get back to a bit "more normal" as our school year has progressed. It was so great seeing a good number of you at our Annual Spring Mass and Fish Fry in March. We were also very grateful to host our Grandparents' Mass recently after having to cancel last year's event and postpone this year for health safety. We are quickly approaching the culmination of the 2021-22 school year and the CHS faculty and students are gearing up to finish the year with numerous wonderful activities celebrating the Class of 2022 and all of our students!

We hope that you enjoy the information and stories that we have included in this edition of our Crusader Connections. We continue to rely on you to share what is going on in your life, how God has blessed your path, and/or how Catholic High has influenced or shaped where you are today! Please visit our "We Want to Hear from You" form on our alumni webpage - pensacolachs.org/alumni. Parents of past alumni, please encourage your Crusaders to update their contact information with us by going to the website so that we can reach them directly with our publications.

Thank you for your continued interest in and support of Catholic High School! It is a tremendous gift to be able to remain in contact with so many Crusaders who have blessed our school over the past 81 years!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Sr. Kierstin Martin, A.S.C.J.  
Principal



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## OUR MISSION

To develop responsible Christian individuals by providing the finest in Catholic education.

## OUR CORE VALUES

**Selfless Love** - We recognize and accept the uniqueness of every individual. God calls us to love one another.

**Commitment to Excellence** - We strive for excellence in the spiritual, intellectual, and physical development of the whole individual.

**Personal Integrity** - We recognize the importance of being honest and Christ-like in making decisions and in the way we conduct ourselves.

**Commitment to Service** - We believe that to serve others is to serve God and that serving God is the greatest thing that we can do in life.

*Pro Deo et Patria*



Members pictured: Finley Holmes, Grant Robertson, Kush Wells, Ace London, Alex Che, Gavin Strickland, and Tyler Ruble. Not pictured: Luke Foster, Porter Hanley, Brandon Hoppe, Maggie Johnson, Luke Junck, Logan O'Hanlon, Grant Robertson, and Quentin Wright

The Pensacola Catholic High School Robotics Team, affectionately called 'Crubotics', took first place in this year's Gulf Coast Regional competition in the MATE (Marine Advanced

Technology Education) underwater robotics event. Teams from across the region competed to build and then execute maneuvers using a Remotely Operated Vehicle underwater to move several obstacles, retrieve samples, and identify a simulated shipwreck. This was the first year that CHS competed in this regional competition and won in the Ranger Division. The team has earned an invitation to the MATE International Competition that will be held in Long Beach, CA in June. Congratulations to the team and Mrs. Dana Lupton, Science Teacher and Moderator of the Crubotics Team!

# MATH TEAM "ROCKS" COMPETITIONS

Eight Catholic High Junior and Senior students (pictured on the front cover, bottom/right) took highest honors in the Northwest Florida State College Math Bowl held on Friday, March 4. Nine teams competed overall with four teams in the same classification as Catholic High School based on school size. The competition began with all students completing a 45-question, multiple choice exam within 90 minutes. The composition of the test includes 20 algebra questions, 10 geometry questions, 10 trigonometry questions, and 5 miscellaneous questions covering the areas of probability, statistics, logic, and calculus. The four highest scores by participants from each school constitutes the team score for that school for the written component of the competition. The second component of the competition consists of ciphering matches that require team members working in pairs to solve problems using a team approach in a race against time. Twenty points are earned if the team gets the correct answer within the first minute, and ten points are earned if the correct answer is found during the second minute. The Catholic High Math Team won first in their division and first overall! Catholic High's Team Members were: Seniors - Thomas Cook, Maggie Johnson, Lauren Lacour, Clare Reilly, Emily Watson, and Juniors - Elizabeth Owens, Tyler Ruble, and Quentin Wright. The following CHS Crusaders earned individual honors based on the written exam component of the competition: Tyler Ruble (1st place), Elizabeth Owens (2nd place), and Quentin Wright (5th place). Congratulations, CHS Math Bowl Team!

On Friday, April 1, the Catholic High Math Team competed in the 48th Annual Nicolas S. Walker Math Tournament hosted by Milton High School. Eleven teams from the tri-county area completed math problems in Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry, Pre-Calculus, and Calculus as part of Ciphering Matches to earn points for their team. The top three teams in each discipline were awarded prizes along with the overall winner. Pensacola Catholic High School once again earned 1st Overall, scoring a total of 111 points. This marks the 13th year that CHS has won the top honors at this tournament. CHS also took 1st Place in the Algebra I and Algebra II categories, as well as 2nd Place in the Geometry and Pre-Calculus events. Congratulations to our teams listed below - Algebra I - Ace London, Melina Snyder, Owen Solether, Caroline Royles, Emma Vislay; Algebra II - Natalie Biggs, Marianna Contreras, Mackenzie Dobhan, Nate Flores, Harper Hubbert; Geometry - Aidan Baker, Gabby Goyins, Nathan Sturgis, Emma Thompson; Pre-Calculus - Megan McCormick, Elizabeth Owens, Sophie Royles, Tyler Ruble, Quentin Wright; Calculus - Thomas Cook, Maggie Johnson, Nghi Nguyen, Clare Reilly, Emily Watson. Way to go, Crusader Math Team! (see above)



*Academic Excellence*



**BIG KUDOS** to the entire Math Faculty at Catholic High School led by Department Chair, Maria Green, for doing such a great job in preparing our students with critical math skills, not just for winning Math competitions, but for succeeding in life as well! Pictured to the left: Mr. Steve Brown, Mr. Alex Forte, Mrs. Maria Green, Mrs. Ashley Currie, Mr. Matthew Fall-er, Mrs. Ashley Rasmussen. Not pictured Mrs. Mary Katherine Gottstine (see page 14)



## ROBOTICS/TECH

Pope Francis has exhorted Catholics everywhere to "pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind." At Catholic High, our students are working diligently to make sure that Catholic voices are heard at the cutting edge of the AI frontier. Whether it is our Inspirit A.I. Scholars (Harper Hubbert and Zoey Amjad) or Lane Walker's Face-Recognizing Door Lock Project (see its "baby picture" to the left), our students are taking hold of the ragged edge of the AI revolution.

Anatomy & Physiology Teacher, Nick Lupton, was beyond excited to accept the recent donation of a full-sized skeleton and other anatomical models. He has already written an updated second-semester lab practicum using the new models! These models will also be used in the Catholic High School Biology classes as well as the Pre-Med and Forensics Clubs. Since Mr. Lupton already had a skeleton named "Frank" and it is stored in the same closet as the new skeleton, the students thought he should be named "Stein". Frank and Stein now hang in the closet together. Many thanks to Tom & Eileen DeMouilly for their generous donation!



## MEET "STEIN"

# INTERNATIONALLY RENOWNED SPEAKER VISITS CATHOLIC HIGH



On Friday, March 4, world-renowned author and motivational speaker, Immaculee Ilibagiza, shared her story with the Pensacola Catholic High School faculty and student body. She, along with seven other women, spent three months huddled together in a three-by-four foot bathroom of a local pastor's home during the 1994 Rwandan genocide. She survived and now shares her story with others. CHS Principal, Sister Kierstin Martin, learned of Immaculee's visit to Pensacola to lead a retreat at St. Paul's Parish on Hyde Park Road. Sister Kierstin was offered the blessing of having Immaculee visit Catholic High to speak to the faculty and students during her time in Pensacola and Immaculee happily accepted the invitation.

his favorite rosary and begged her to go to their neighbor and friend's home, a pastor and member of the favored Hutu tribe who was willing to hide her from the Hutu soldiers. She remembered complaining to herself about how small the room was and that she hoped the conflict would be over in a few days. She went on to share that over the next three days a total of seven other women ranging in age from 7 to 55 joined her in that bathroom in hopes of surviving the ordeal. She never had it so good when she was the only person in the small room! They took turns sitting on each other's laps and sharing what food the pastor could sneak to them. She and the other women prayed often and clung to the belief that they were all special and wonderfully loved by God. Immaculee shared some of the feelings and pain she experienced during her time in that room, not knowing if they would be found.

She spoke about emerging from the room after 91 days to discover that her parents and both of her brothers had been killed, and the self-questioning as to why she had been spared. She talked about the journey to forgive those who had killed her family and the fact that it was only through the grace of God that she was able to do it. She encouraged all of the students to seek God, to know His love, and to love others in return. She said, "the love of a single heart can make a world of difference." And it can start with you, all of us! Catholic High School was so blessed to have had a personal visit from Immaculee!

Immaculee's book, *Left to Tell - Discovering God Amidst the Rwandan Holocaust*, is a New York Times Best Seller in which she shares her entire experience and message of healing and love.

Immaculee began her story by confessing that it is all too often easy to complain in our circumstances. She shared that when the genocide began in Rwanda, her father gave her

## CAMPUS MINISTRY

### Chrism Mass

During Holy Week, students from Catholic High School attended the Annual Chrism Mass held at the Sacred Heart Cathedral on Tuesday, April 12. Afterward, the students posed with the Bishop outside of the Cathedral.

### Adoration

During April 7-14, the administration, faculty, staff, and students made an extra effort to attend Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Ruth Johnson Chadbourne Chapel to pray for peace in Ukraine. Students attended daily during their Religion classes where they were led by their teachers in various meditations and/or were given time to silently pray. Adoration is a time when we place the consecrated host, the Body of Jesus, in a monstrance in the chapel and adore Jesus for a period of time...to pray...to listen to God speaking to us...



### Living Stations

On April 13, Campus Minister, Mrs. Rebecca Carter, directed a group of Crusaders in performing The Living Stations that reenacted the last hours of Jesus' life prior to his crucifixion. On that day, all students attended the presentation during their Religion classes, as well as parents and other faculty/staff members. The Campus Music Ministry group also provided music during the presentation.

# STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTIONS

On March 10, the CHS Student Body elected the 'Big 4' that will lead the Student Council during the 2022-2023 school year. From left to right - Natalie Biggs-Treasurer (Facetimeing on the phone screen), Juliet Messerly-Secretary, Ellie Litvak-Vice-President, Eleanor Medlock-President.



Big 4

## CLASS COMPETITIONS

Every year the Student Council hosts a variety of student competitions in which members of the four classes go against each other in friendly athletic events for "the win" and bragging rights. In October, the Juniors, Class of 2023, won the Crazy Crusader Kickball Challenge. On February 23, the Conquer the Court competition was held pitting class teams against each other on the volleyball court - the Seniors, Class of 2022, walked away victorious. And on April 20, the Ultimate Frisbee Faceoff was held. The Sophomores, Class of 2024, took the win and bragging rights for this final competition. It looks like our Crusaders were evenly matched this year!



Kickball Winners



Court Champs



Frisbee Victors



## JUNIOR/SENIOR PROM

On Saturday, April 23, the CHS Junior Class hosted the 2022 Prom for both the Junior and Senior classes. "See You on the Slopes" was the theme -- the Tolan Family Student Life Center and the Nickelsen Family Courtyard on campus were both transformed into a winter wonderland by the Junior Prom Committee, specifically the "Slope Style" committee. They tasked themselves with designing and building a ski lift, from scratch. Yes, that is right, a ski lift. Not a moving functioning ski lift mind you, but an awesome photo-op ski lift with a moving safety bar and snowy background. Led by CHS Student Council members Juliet Messerly and Elizabeth Owens, the team drew out designs, estimated measurements, purchased supplies and got dirty cutting, painting and gluing. The final product was an amazing real-life looking ski lift which



Junior Class Moderator, Lara Chavez and her husband, Dashean

the prom attendees were able to sit on and take fun photos in as memories from this special night. Another BIG THANK YOU to the parent and faculty volunteers, and Junior Class Moderator, Mrs. Lara Chavez for helping to make this 'night on the slopes' beautiful and fun for all who attended!





On Friday, April 8, Catholic High was very honored to host our annual Grandparents Mass, albeit a few months off track because we had to postpone the original event in September because of COVID. Father Raymond Herard was our Mass officiant and it was wonderful to see so many of our grandparents. Thank you to our Public Relations Committee for hosting the reception following Mass!

### ST. VINCENT DEPAUL – POVERTY AWARENESS

The Saint Vincent de Paul Club at Pensacola Catholic High School used the week of March 28-April 1 to help spread awareness among their fellow students about what poverty really looks like. Students researched information and then created posters to hang up in the halls around campus. Each day of the week, the Club shared additional information during homeroom announcements to further educate students on poverty issues at a National, State and Local Community level. Students were informed about the Pensacola area shelters and food banks that assist the poor in our area including Manna Food Bank, Alfred-Washburn Center, St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry, Waterfront Mission, Loves & Fishes Soup Kitchen, Alpha Center, and others. Students were also encouraged to donate and volunteer on a regular basis as shelters and food supplies are always in need. Teacher Christine Mayeaux is the moderator of the St. Vincent De Paul Club and we thank her for guiding our students during this important week that aligns so well with our Core Values of Commitment to Service and Selfless Love.



### COMMITMENT TO SERVICE

### NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY – EASTER BUNNY AGENTS

The student members of the CHS National Honor Society recently acted as agents for the Easter Bunny by providing lovely assembled Easter baskets for Gulf Coast Kid's House, a non-profit advocacy center serving child victims of abuse. Not only are the members of the National Honor Society good students, but they are also good stewards of the gifts God has given them and in true Catholic High tradition, they espouse what the CHS Core Value - Commitment to Service means - *We believe that to serve others is to serve God and that serving God is the greatest thing that we can do in life.*



### Grant Award

The Catholic Foundation of Northwest Florida has awarded Catholic High School with a \$23,000 grant award that will be used to subsidize renovations to the STEM Innovation Center heating source and electrical wiring. We thank all those who contribute to The Catholic Foundation of Northwest Florida and the Grant Committee for these funds!

# CHS 'MAKES A DIFFERENCE' IN 27TH ANNUAL EVENT



On March 5 approximately 350 students and parent volunteers from Pensacola Catholic High School gathered for the school's 27th annual Make a Difference Day project. The event began at 7:15 a.m. at the Nickelsen Family Courtyard on



profit organizations including the Alpha Center, Ascension Miracle Camp, Martha's Vineyard, Rosewood Manor, Waterfront Mission, Majella House, and other locations to 'Make a Difference'. The Green Club participated as a collective team to help plant sea grass along the bay in Milton to help preserve the shoreline and ward off future erosion. Another team used the school's kitchen to cook three different meals for the Ronald McDonald House guests. Students and parent volunteers worked on their projects until Noon before returning to the Tolan Family Student Life Center for a lunch that was also prepared by a team.

Make a Difference Day, also called MADD around campus, began at Catholic High in 1996 when former Development Director, Jane Moseley, first spearheaded CHS joining a national movement, originally sponsored by Gannett Publishing, that was held on the third Saturday of October every year. The national movement discontinued a few years ago, but Catholic High continued the tradition in support of our Core Values - Selfless Love, Commitment to Excellence, Personal Integrity, and Commitment to Service.

The 28th Annual Event is being moved back to the Fall - October 8, 2022

Be sure to save the date!

the CHS campus where students checked in with their project leaders and met up with friends in their assigned projects. Rita Lay, CHS Director of Advancement and coordinator of the event, officially welcomed students and volunteers and then conducted a safety briefing to remind students and volunteers alike to be conscious of their surroundings and tasks as they go about the work of their projects. Principal, Sister Kierstin Martin, then lead a prayer service in thanksgiving for all the wonderful volunteers, the work of the organizations that were to be serviced during the projects, and for the beautiful weather God had sent! Students were then released into the community to partake in 25 different service projects to "Make a Difference."

Project work included clean-up and landscaping efforts in three separate cemeteries; painting, cleaning, and refurbishing at three local schools and four church parishes. Teams also served non-



## DISCOVERED -- SPECIAL CHS CONNECTION TO A MADD PROJECT

For the second year, a group of CHS students worked with the non-profit organization, Martha's Vineyard, on Make a Difference Day. The mission of Martha's Vineyard is to provide a physical and emotional home away from home for families who are in our community to care for their loved ones in times of healthcare crisis. In 2019 they relocated to a larger home in North Hill located at 110 West Strong Street so they could provide services to a larger number of families at the same time. We discovered their need for extra sets of hands during last year's MADD event and were happy to visit again this year to assist them. Purely by chance, Paul and Katherine Semmes were asked to be Project Leaders. They are current parents and Paul is a 1981 alumnus. When Paul arrived to meet with Marty Tackett, the President and Owner of this special home, he realized that this was his great grandfather's house. Paul said, "He lived there in the early 1900s and I remember my father telling many stories about the memories in that house." Paul indicated that working there brought back great memories and gave him a special 'Crusader Connection' to a great charity!

**Save the Date!**  
**28<sup>th</sup> MADD Event**  
**moving to the fall**  
**October 8, 2022**

We are so proud of all of the Catholic High School athletes and sports teams who have carried on the tradition of excellence on the field or court during this past Winter and into the Spring. Congratulations, Crusaders! Here are a few pictures from the action-packed seasons and highlights from our teams that had noteworthy seasons!



**BOYS SOCCER** – The Boys Soccer Team won the District Championship and both their Regional Quarterfinal and Semifinal games advancing them to the Regional Finals held in Jacksonville. They lost there in a hard-fought battle but ended with an overall record of 11-5-2. The team is led by Coach Kenny Skinner and his Assistant Michael Coty. Congratulations on a great season!



**BOYS LACROSSE** – The Boys Lacrosse Team, led by Coach Kerry McDowell and his Assistant Coach Garrett Purcell, competed in the District Tournament where they lost in the Semifinal Game. They ended their season with an overall winning record of 10-5.



**GIRLS LACROSSE** – The Girls Lacrosse Team won the District Championship for the first time in CHS history! They also won their Regional Quarterfinal game advancing them to compete in the Regional Semifinal game in St. Augustine where they lost in a highly competitive game. The Lady Crusaders were coached by Chloe Weinman who was assisted by Jenn Buer and Leigh Frosch. They ended the season with an overall record of 16-5 --- Congratulations to the Lady Crusaders on their best season EVER!



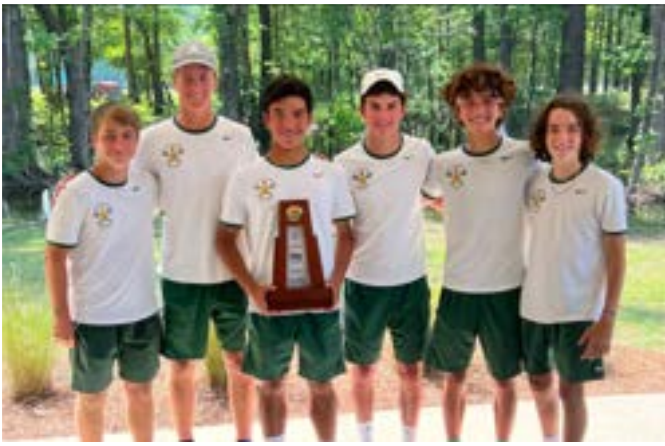
**TRACK & FIELD** – CHS Track & Field competed in the District Track Meet and had seven athletes qualify for the Regional competition that was held at Tommy Oliver Stadium in Panama City on May 5. Long-time Coach Eric Nelson, assisted by former Crusaders Roman Kowalski '11, Jaron Kiger '12, and Jawan Purifoy '15, coached the team throughout the season. These students competed in the following events at Regionals: Aidan Baker (1600m), Kayla Balfour (200m, 400m, 4x100m & 4x400m), May Coats (100m, 4x100m & 4x400m), Alexis Dillard (200m, 4x100m & 4x400m), Trevor Janik (800m), and Charlotte Semmes (4x100m & 4x400m). Raquel Evans also attended as an alternate for the Girls Relay events.



**WEIGHT LIFTING** – The 2022 Weight Lifting Team qualified seven athletes to compete at the Regional competition in Port St. Joe with four qualifying for the State Championships. Coach Jak-y Kohr, assisted by Coach Ji Theriot, led the following athletes at the Regional and State levels. 'Q' indicates qualification for State competition. Pictured - Coach Kohr, Desjon Robertson (Q), Sheridan Baker, Brad Dickin (Q), Cooper Theriot (Q), Tim Gulley (Q), Nathan Sturgis, Nick Howell, and Coach Theriot. Congratulations to our 'Strong' Crusaders for representing us well!







**TENNIS** – Both the Boys and Girls Tennis Teams won their District Championship title and went on to win their Regional Semifinal matches on the way to their respective Regional Championships! They advanced to the State Tournament that was held in the Orlando area where they competed against seven other teams. Both teams lost in the State Quarterfinals. Both teams are led by long-time Coach, Geoff Watts, who has coached two previous State Runner-Up Teams.

**SOFTBALL** – The CHS Softball Team, led by Coach Savannah Rowell, achieved the number two seed for District Tournament play -- the highest seed for CHS in the last ten years! They won their District Semifinal game but lost in the District Final game. The future looks bright, as more than half of the players are either Sophomores or Freshmen – Congratulations on a great season!

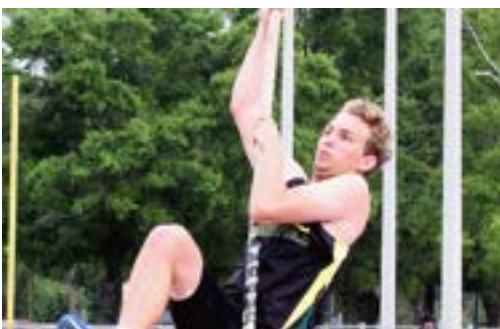


**BASEBALL** –Coach Seth Currie '08 and his team of Assistant Coaches, Glenn Currie, Troy Fauchaux, Keith Haynes '93, Christian Macon '04, Cory Middleton, Devin Harriman, and Jake Durant, have done a great job leading the Baseball team to an overall record of 16-10. They achieved the number one seed in the District Tournament and advanced to the District 3A Quarterfinals in Ocala where they ended their season on May 11. Even though tournament play did not go the way they wanted, they are ranked #1 in the Region and 2nd in the State for our classification. We love our Crusader Baseball!

We are so grateful for all of the Coaches, Assistant Coaches, Administrators, and Parents who make our collective athletic program the stellar program that it is. We could not do it without all of you – THANK YOU!



**STAND OUT CRUSADER**  
 CHS Sophomore Gabby Goyins took 1st place in the 2022 Georgia Bowl, National Girl 16s Tennis Tournament held in March. Way to go, Gabby – Congratulations!





I am so blessed to have been chosen to be in the CHS Hall of Fame this year with all of these lovely people! Throughout my years at Catholic High, I grew so close with the community of the school. The teachers, upperclassmen, and even underclassmen have inspired me so much these past four years, and I couldn't have made it here without them. Catholic High has brought me so many opportunities that I will never take for granted, including having the privilege of being on Student Council and the Senior Retreat Team which has taught me how to be a leader and a role model for my fellow peers. Thank you to the teachers, the coaches, and the students who have humbled me and helped me grow to become a better person during my time at Catholic High.

- Maile Apongan

I am very blessed to have been inducted into the CHS Hall of Fame. Catholic is a special place to me, as I have been able to grow so much in the past four years. CHS has given me countless opportunities to enhance my faith, education, athletics, and relationships with others. Over my time at CHS, I have been involved in the Golf team, Science Olympiad, St. Vincent DePaul, National Honor Society, Senior Retreat Team, and the Tennis Team. Being involved in the community has helped me to learn how I can serve and lead others. I am also grateful for the love and encouragement from my family throughout all of my endeavors. It is with the support of my family, the Catholic Community, and my friends that I am looking forward to taking the next step in joining the Clemson University men's golf team next fall.

- Justin Burroughs



I'm not only honored to be a part of the CHS Hall of Fame, but to be in a group with such tremendous talent, personality, and intelligence. Over the past four years, I was a member of Student Ambassadors, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and Varsity Volleyball. I believe my hard work on the court, in the classrooms, and being an energetic Ambassador, played a large role in my being elected into the Hall of Fame. I'm blessed that my hard work got me recognized enough to be inducted into the Hall of Fame. Catholic High will always be a part of me. #gosaders

- Amiah Butler

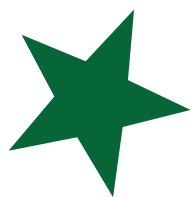
I was honored to be inducted into the CHS Hall of Fame this year because it reminded me that my love for and commitment to Catholic High means something. Over the last four years, I have been involved in varsity cheerleading, soccer, Student Council, and several other clubs and organizations. My participation in these activities has prompted me to work hard and helped me focus on the Core Values of Selfless Love and Commitment to Excellence. I am grateful to CHS for helping me become who I am today and I will continue to use what I have learned in the future. Go Sadlers!

- Caitlin Day

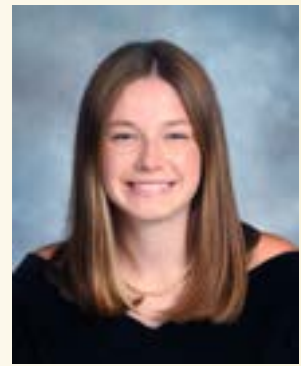


Being a part of the Catholic High community has given me far more than just a high school education, it's given me a family, a second home, and memories that will last a lifetime. My past three years at Catholic were beyond incredible and that is thanks to the amazing faculty and staff that made the student's best interests their priority. I will forever be grateful to have spent the bulk of my high school years alongside a class of remarkable students in organizations such as Student Ambassadors, Student Council, and Senior Retreat Team where it was made clear that family is much more than blood. The Catholic High experience is one that without a doubt I couldn't have gotten anywhere else. I'm proud to be able to call myself a Crusader!

- Alexis Dillard



When I found out I had been selected to be a member of the Hall of Fame for Pensacola Catholic High School, I was honored and so happy to be able to have this recognition. Over the past four years, Catholic High has made my high school experience one filled with unforgettable memories. What sets Catholic High apart from other schools is being able to connect with so many different people who like the same thing you do. I met so many amazing people through being a part of the Tennis Team and Senior Retreat team! CHS has truly turned into a second home for me and has shaped me into the person I am today. At Catholic High, you learn how to be a good student, a good Christian, and a good friend. I am so lucky to be a part of such a great class, and I can't wait to see what everyone does in their next chapter of life! – Margaret Eddins



It was honestly humbling to be selected as part of this year's Hall of Fame, especially compared to the numerous other qualified and amazing people I have met in my graduating class. Going to Catholic is more than attending a high school; the teachers, staff, and coaches, they do genuinely care about your well-being and success. Over the past four years, I truly got to know everyone, and don't think there is anyone I couldn't start a conversation with. My favorite part of attending Catholic has been being part of the Lacrosse Team, it taught me so many things on and off the field that you couldn't find anywhere else. I plan to study political science at the University of Alabama. Roll Tide and Go Crusaders. – Charlie Jasso

Becoming an inductee to the CHS Hall of Fame was something that I have secretly dreamed about since Freshman year, but was something that I never thought could be a reality. When I went into high school I was afraid that I wouldn't be able to make friends, but the amazing community of Catholic High took those fears away. During my four years here I have met such wonderful individuals with unique personalities and perspectives on life. My new friends have encouraged me to be myself in everything I do, whether it's making podcast episodes, crocheting a sweater, or pursuing my dream career. After graduation, I'm going to pursue my dreams of being a teacher by attending the University of West Florida. Go Argos! And of course, Go Crusaders!

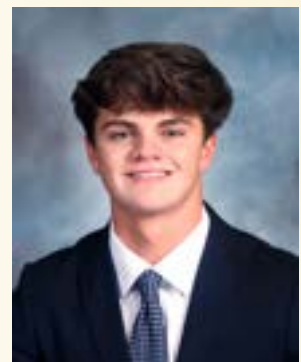


– Maggie Johnson



Over the past four years, I can't help but appreciate the opportunities that Catholic High has provided for me. My teachers and peers have helped me come into my own both as a student and a person. It's strange to think just a few years ago I was a timid Freshman unsure of what surprises high school would bring. Being able to learn to interact with my teachers, stay on top of my school work, and manage my time are just a few of the many skills I plan to bring with me to my college years. I thank the Catholic High community for making my high school experience a positive one and creating an open, loving environment for me to grow in. I am truly honored to have been inducted in the Catholic High Hall of Fame! – Timothy Marshall

I consider myself truly blessed to have been inducted into the Catholic High School Hall of Fame. I am forever grateful for the many valuable lessons which I have learned throughout my time at Catholic. My Catholic High education has undoubtedly prepared me for the future which lies ahead of me, whatever it may be. Over my past four years at Catholic High, not only have I received a phenomenal education, but I have also made countless memories that will surely last me a lifetime. My favorite of which was the time I spent covered head to toe in green and gold paint rooting for the 'Saders football team underneath the glorious Friday Night Lights at Gorecki-LeBeau Stadium! – Zack Vrendenburg



## FRIENDS FOR LIFE

Recently members of the Class of 1958 invited Sister Kierstin Martin and Rita Lay, Director of Advancement, to a luncheon at the Pensacola Yacht Club. Several members of the class traveled from out of town to attend the special occasion. After a delicious lunch was served the group presented Sister Kierstin with a gift that the group had been custodians of since 1988 – a scale model of the original Pensacola Catholic High School that was located on the corner of Garden and Baylen Streets in Downtown Pensacola. A fitting gift for the 80th Birthday of Catholic High!

Not much is known about the origin of the model – Who made it? How old is it? Was there a purpose for the model? Here is what we do know -- When “The Class of CHS”, which they affectionately like to call themselves,



MC, Allen Bizzell, leading the discussion on the 'magic time machine'

was planning their 30th class reunion in 1988, they learned that Fr. John Licari, their former Religion Teacher, had a model and asked him if they could borrow it for the event. They sent classmates Sandra Barberi Johnson and Bernadette Gangloff to pick it up from Fr. Licari. Allen Bizzell recalls that his classmates “charmed Father Licari into donating the model to the class for safekeeping.” So, for the next 34 years, the model was used during class reunions and get-togethers to help classmates remember “the good ‘ole days”. Classmates took turns being the custodian of the model between events. The Class of 1958 is the last class to graduate from the “original” Catholic High School, after spending all four years there. Their Junior classmates that year started in the Fall of 1958 as Seniors at the “new” Catholic High located on West Scott Street. The 1958 classmates remember referring to the new school as being “out in the boonies” as West Scott Street was still a clay dirt road. They believe that the model was a gift to Father Licari or another of the teaching priests when the old school was torn down soon after the new school opened.

Allen Bizzell, who served as the Master of Ceremonies at the luncheon, said “The school model has served as a “magic time machine” for those who attended the school as it sparks vivid memories of the wonderful years spent there.” The building was previously an Elk’s Lodge before being used as a school. There is evidence in pictures of an elk bust above the door that flanked the Baylen Street entrance. The entrance with the Cross flanked Garden Street, and classmates remember, was rarely used. The entrances at the back of the building with the parking lot and asphalt basketball court were the most used entrances. The Chapel was located on the second floor in the location behind the cross, and the two-story wing to the left held the cafeteria on the first floor and the Auditorium on the second floor.

Classmates at the luncheon also shared some interesting stories about some of the memories held in the model classrooms --- in the third-floor classroom, top right, classmate Charlie Williams almost killed them all because he forgot to turn the gas off following a chemistry experiment. Oh, and if viewing from the back, a few of the unnamed classmates remember spending some time in the office on the first floor, left middle window—the Principal’s Office!



Photo of Original School

During the time spent sharing at the luncheon, classmates also reminisced about the good education and values they were taught while they were there. Allen said, “We entered as carefree teenagers but emerged four years later with an education set of values that enabled us to be responsible and successful in what turned out to be a warp-speed world.” Fred Donovan, who hosted the group at the Yacht club, recalled that the Faculty and Staff had a way of guiding the students that was invaluable. He distinctly remembered a meeting with Sister Consuella when at the time, he was considering going to either Notre Dame or Georgia Tech. She told him, “you are good at math and physics so you need to be an engineer!” That meeting shaped his decision to attend Georgia Tech and the career/business he ultimately pursued. Robin Bosso Bellan, who is known by the group as the “glue” that keeps them together said, “We formed lasting relationships with one another and we are still good friends.” The classmates that live in the Pensacola area get together for lunch on a regular basis at least once a month. A BIG THANK you to the Class of 1958 for passing on this piece of Catholic High history for all of us to see. Soon, the model can be viewed by visiting the Catholic High Media Center/Library on campus.



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# NEWEST ALUMNI HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE



Senior Portrait

In the fall of 1997, the Catholic High Alumni Committee launched a new initiative, the Catholic High Alumni Hall of Fame, to honor Crusader alumni who stand out among the more than 9,200 graduates of Pensacola Catholic High. To date, 33 exemplary alumni have been inducted into the Hall of Fame for their embodiment of the CHS Core Values of Commitment to Excellence, Commitment to Service, Personal Integrity, and Selfless Love and for their generosity, commitment, and loyalty to Catholic High. Since the Spring of 2020, the Alumni Committee has attempted to induct the 33rd honoree but because of COVID-19 and repeated scheduling challenges, it did not officially happen until the Committee surprised this alumnus at his work place on March 9.

Congratulations to 1987 graduate **Peter Mougey**. While at CHS, Peter was active in a number of extracurricular activities—both athletic teams and other service/interest clubs. He was an accomplished swimmer for all four years on the CHS Swim Team as well as a varsity Basketball player and Track Team member. He belonged to several Service organizations including the Interact Club, a youth extension of Rotary International, and the Anchor Club. He was also a member of the Spanish, Drama, and Speech Clubs, Student Council and Campus Ministry.

After graduation from CHS, Peter attended Creighton University, a Jesuit university in Omaha, Nebraska, on a swimming scholarship where he

earned his bachelor's degree in Finance. He later received an M.B.A. from the University of Portland and his Juris Doctor degree from the Cumberland School of Law, Samford University. Peter is currently a shareholder and Chair of Levin Papantonio Rafferty's Securities and Business Litigation Department. He advocates for the "little guy", using CHS Core Values Selfless Love and Personal Integrity, working tirelessly to litigate and arbitrate on behalf of his clients who have been victims of fraud or have helped expose fraud through whistleblowing. His efforts to help the disadvantaged do not stop in the courtroom.

Peter has been involved all across our community in various initiatives that display his Commitment to Service which is the final of the four CHS Core Values. He and his wonderful wife, Katrina, have founded the Heart of Pensacola non-profit that focuses on helping those who need help meeting their everyday nutritional needs. He has been a board member and President of "The Arc" which serves the people of our community with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

As a "Real Men Wear Pink" advocate for the American Cancer Society he has helped to raise funds to bring awareness and financial support to cancer patients locally. He has served on numerous other boards and committees that have helped to enrich the lives of those around him.

Peter took on the role of being a CHS parent when his oldest child, Paige—Class of 2015, entered Catholic High in the Fall of 2011, a role that continued for him until his two youngest children graduated, Madison—Class of 2017 and Peter Jr.—Class of 2020. During those years Peter, along with Katrina, was very active as a parent helping with various events, especially our annual auction when it was a live event—serving on numerous committees and acting as the 'Master of Ceremonies' a time or two. Peter and Katrina were both actively involved in and staunch supporters of their three children's athletic teams at CHS, always visible in the stands and on the sidelines. The Mougeys are also very actively involved in and supportive of our ongoing Annual Campaign and our Capital Campaign that continues to help us complete some very much-needed additions and renovations to our campus.

In his life's roles as a husband, father, professional, and community member Peter exemplifies what it is to be a Crusader—Once a Crusader, Always a Crusader!



The Mougeys - Peter, Katrina, Madison '17, Paige '15, Peter Jr. '20



Rita Lay, Katrina Mougey, MaryAnn Bickerstaff '81, Kathy Belanger '64, Sister Kierstin, Peter Mougey, Tootie Wanek '63

IT'S A SMALL WORLD



**Amy Hayden Emerson '92** (left) is now a 5th and 6th grade Math teacher at St. Henry's Catholic School in Nashville, TN. After graduation from CHS, Amy attended Western Kentucky University where she earned her degree in Education. She moved to Nashville to take her first teaching job, she met her husband, and Nashville is home now. She and her husband have two sons. In February

during a Catholic Schools Week event at St. Henry's, she and a volunteering parent struck up a conversation and discovered that they both had a connection to Pensacola Catholic High School! The parent is **Christen Weigel Christian '04** who moved to Nashville with her husband, and after seeking advice on good Catholic schools in the area, decided on St. Henry's. She has three small chil-

CAREER/JOB/RETIREMENTS

**Marianne Guest Carlton '70** retired in 1994 after serving 20 years as a Musician in the U.S. Navy. She is now finishing her last year of teaching at Pensacola State College where she teaches in the Music Department.

**Philip Payne '76** recently retired from American Airlines where he was a pilot for 32 years based out of Dallas/Fort Worth and Miami. He also served for seven years in the U.S. Air Force.

**Kevin Trees '87** retired as a Sergeant from the Louisville Metro Police Department in August 2019 after 21 years of service. During his years wearing "the badge" he served on patrol, on the Dive Team, the Air Unit and the Homicide Unit.

**Drew LaBounty '13** was recently named as Baseball Assistant Coach/Recruiting Coordinator for the Red Wolves of Arkansas State University in Jonesboro, AK.



**Jessica Meredith '13** was promoted to Technology Recruiter at Facebook(Meta) based out of Chicago.

ENGAGEMENT/WEDDING

**Lindsay White '11** was engaged to Ben Ishee over Easter weekend. Congratulations and happy wedding planning.

**Maggie Bird '08** and Eugene Smith '06 were married in November 2021 at the Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel in downtown Pensacola.



**Baseball Coach Seth Currie '08** and Math Teacher, Ashley Friday, were married on December 11 at the Barkley House in downtown Pensacola with a reception at 5Elevn Palafox.



**Claudia Carlson '13** joined Brian Morris in Holy Matrimony on September 4, 2021 at St. Thomas More Catholic Church in Pensacola followed by a lot of celebrating in Seville Quarter.



Many blessings to our Crusader couples for their 'Happily Ever After'!

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YOU CAN GET THERE FROM HERE

dren ranging from 6 years to 6 months so if Nashville remains home for these two Crusader Alumni, it looks like Mrs. Emerson may be teaching some of Christen's children. --As a side note, the Eric & Nina Blay '78 family also have a connection to St. Henry's in Nashville--they were parishioners and Jacq Blay Forte '04, Allee' Blay '05, and Charles Blay '08 attended the school for the three years that they lived in Nashville. CHS Connections are everywhere!

**Once a Crusader, Always a Crusader** - On March 28, previous CHS teammates, **John McDowell '20** (left) and **Will Butler '19** (right) took to the field in opposition to one another when the Auburn Tigers played the Florida Gators in Orlando.



NEW BABY - FUTURE CRUSADERS

Crusaders **Thomas Wilkinson** and **Taylor Busch Wilkinson**, both from the Class of 2014, welcomed their second child, Avila Jane, on December 18. Big sister, Anneliese Dawn (1/23/2020), was excited to gain a playmate -- Congratulations to the growing Wilkinson family!

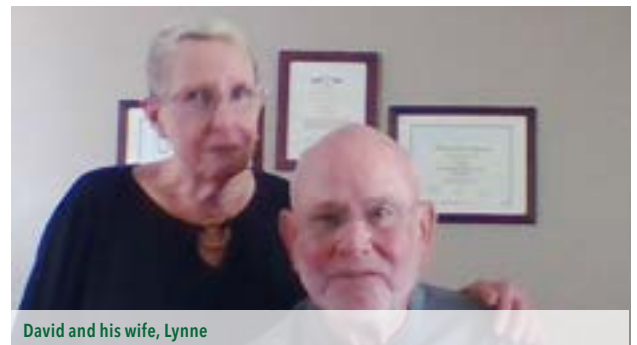


Math Teacher, **Mary Katherine Gottstine** and her husband, Travis, welcomed their first future Crusader, a little girl. Caroline Patrick Gottstine was born on December 26 weighing 7 pounds, 5 ounces and was 19 inches long. Other CHS Connections -Religion Teacher, Shannon Gottstine (Travis' Mother) is Caroline's 'Gigi'! And, past parent, Dr. John Grammer delivered little Caroline.



NATIONAL RECOGNITION

In June 2022, CHS graduate, **David Wells '63**, will be awarded and recognized as one of the newest recipients of the SNMMI-TS Fellowship presented at the 2022 SNMMI Annual Meeting in Vancouver, British Columbia. The purpose of this Fellowship Program is to recognize members of the Society of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging for their service to the Society as well as their outstanding contributions in the field. Fellowship is bestowed upon only a small percentage of the 15,000 members worldwide with the aim to preserve the honor associated with being recognized as an SNMMI Fellow. CHS congratulates David on this prestigious soon-to-be National Recognition.



David and his wife, Lynne

## CLASS REPRESENTATIVE RECEPTION

In February, after several cancellations and postponements, the Alumni Class Representatives were welcomed by the Alumni Committee for a reception in the Tolan Family Student Life Center. Our wonderful CHS Drumline greeted the Representatives from each of our graduating classes as they arrived at the Nickelsen Family Courtyard. Student Ambassadors led tours for those who had not yet seen the recent changes around campus, and Mrs. Lupton was also on hand to showcase the current STEM Innovation Center. Alumni Committee Chairman, Mary Ann Bickerstaff '81, officially welcomed Representatives, and then Matthew Varias, Student Council President, shared a welcome along with his entertaining comparison of student life now versus



'then'. Sister Kierstin expressed her gratitude for all that the Representatives do to help keep all of our alumni "plugged in" to what is happening around campus. She said, "We are so grateful for our alumni and always love it when they come back to see us." Rita Lay, Director of Advancement, also shared available resources to the group for reaching out to classmates and planning reunions before they enjoyed the rest of the reception goodies and caught up with one another. The group tries to meet every 2-3 years to share ideas and lessons learned when planning and holding class reunions. If you are interested in getting involved with this group, please contact Rita Lay, rlay@pensacolachs.org.



## CLASSES OF '60 & '61 SHARE A JOINT REUNION

After both classes missed their 60th reunion because of the pandemic, members of the 1960 & 1961 CHS graduating classes teamed up resources to celebrate together! This really isn't unusual as there are several "cross-over" couples in those two years, meaning they married an alumna/us from the same year or a year plus or minus. They started their time together on Thursday, April 21, meeting at Seville Quarter for an initial "catch up". On Friday, Alan McMillan '60 and his wife, Gloria, hosted an event at their home in Pensacola, and on Saturday classmates met up for a final time at Calvert's in the Heights. The classmates wish to thank Woody Soderlind '60 and Gloria Bellanova Durant '61 for their leadership in organizing the celebrations!



## CLASS OF 1984 HOLDS 38TH REUNION

The 1984 Crusaders had a great turnout for their two-night events held on March 25 and 26. Friday night, Michael and Ann Williams hosted the gathering at their home in Pensacola. They had quite the spread, organized by Jeanne (Hilbert) Lazzari, Molly (Laritz) Cobb, Joe Ludvigsen and Michael Williams. Classmates reminisced and reconnected on the porch and around the firepit while feasting on a menu of seafood gumbo, fried shrimp, and beef brisket/Boston butt, all prepared by master chefs Jeanne and Vic Lazzari, Michael Williams, Richard and Bryant Cobb. Joe Ludvigsen designed shirts and koozies with the '84 class year and beachy hometown themes as well. The second night was hosted by Freddy and Leslie Donovan at their beach house on Pensacola Beach. Freddy Donovan fried up some tasty fish and provided the trimmings while classmates soaked up the lovely sunset on our beautiful Pensacola Sound. Here are a few pics of the group, but feel free to visit their class FACEBOOK page Pensacola Catholic High School Class of 1984 | Facebook. Classmates who were unable to attend the event this year are especially encouraged to contact the group as they strive to continually update contact information for future events and reunions.



### Planning a Reunion? Want to check in on your Class?

The Alumni page on the CHS Website is a great resource for finding information about plans for your Class Reunion and/or to find resources needed to help you plan your reunion. Go to [pensacolachs.org/alumni](https://pensacolachs.org/alumni) and then click 'Alumni' on the menu bar to gain access to the 'Class and Reunion Information' page. Please contact our Director of Advancement, Rita Lay, if you have questions or need additional assistance - [rlay@pensacolachs.org](mailto:rlay@pensacolachs.org).

Your prayers are requested for these members of the Catholic High family who have died since the publication of the Fall 2021 Crusader Connections.

**ALUMNI**



**Lucille Kane Holbert '44**  
(01/24/22 Pensacola, FL)  
Sister of Peggy Kane Milsted '52



**Donald R. Crist, Sr. '51**  
(12/28/21 Crystal River, FL)



**Mary Fox Kelton Sylte '52**  
(4/22/22 Pensacola)  
Sister of Edwina Kelton Burchardt '59 and Mother of James Sylte '75, Andrew Sylte '78, Lee Ann Sylte Hind '81, and Jill Sylte '91



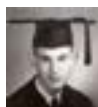
**James Brent Watson, Jr. '52**  
(12/21/21 Pensacola)  
Father of Elizabeth Watson Yancy '85, Mary Brent Watson '87, and Judith Watson Jones, '90 and Brother of John Watson '62 and Catherine Watson Merced Hensarling '66



**Elizabeth Josephine Collins Tanner '53**  
(9/5/21 Pensacola)



**Patricia Catherine Collins Brown '53**  
(12/9/21 Pensacola)  
Mother of Beth Brown Mackin '80, Janet Goodall-Brown '82, and Martin Brown '85



**Hunter James Pfeiffer '55**  
(12/11/21 Pensacola)  
Brother of Philip A. Pfeiffer '52



**Richard Lake Everitt '56**  
(4/1/22 Pensacola)



**Mary Ann Coker '59**  
(12/14/21 Pensacola)



**C. Moseley Oliver Soule '59**  
(1/1/22 Pensacola)  
Father of Moseley Soule '83, Meg Soule Busch '85, Caroline Soule Mueller '86, and David Soule '88. Brother to Gay Soule Duncan '55, Jean "Bunny" Soule Gamble '61, and Cindy Soule Davis '68



**Jeremiah "Jerry" Scarritt Fell '60**  
(2/1/22 Pensacola)  
Husband of Mary Ann Bowen Fell '60 and Brother of Peggy Fell White '63 and Angela "Pookie" Fell '69



**Terry Sanchez Lupton '60**  
(6/19/20 Pensacola)



**Ann Guttman Korb '62**  
(1/25/22 Pensacola)  
Sister of Louis "Luke" Guttman '66 and James "Jim" Guttman '69



**Harry Huelsbeck, Jr. '63**  
(4/2/22 Pensacola)



**Terrance Denny '70**  
(4/20/22 Pensacola)  
Brother of Joan Denny Valle '71



**Charles Kwasin '72**  
(3/16/22 Pensacola)



**Teresa Lou Emmanuel '73**  
(1/13/22 Pensacola)  
Sister of Angela Emmanuel Guillaume '61, Brunie Emmanuel '66, Joanne Emmanuel '68, Donna Emmanuel '69, Michael Emmanuel '77, and Tim Emmanuel '80



**Dyna Paffe Boland '75**  
(1/8/22 Pensacola)  
Wife of Chuck Boland '74, Mother of Kimberly Boland '98, Christopher Boland '02, and Kaitlyn Boland '14, and Sister of Annette Paffe Mills '67, Brenda Paffe Kirschner '69, Jim Paffe '71, Claire Paffe Johnson '73, and Elaine Paffe Curran '76



**David Ralph Bird III '79**  
(4/6/22 Pace)  
Brother of Martha Bird Gardner '71, John Bird '73, Martin Bird '75, James Bird '77, Michael Bird '77, and Jeff Bird '80



**Angela Elizabeth Denmon '79**  
(1/8/22 Pensacola)



**David Brian Herring '79**  
(2/18/22 Pensacola)



**Kelly Donovan '96**  
(10/29/21 Pensacola)  
Sister of Corey Donovan '92



**Joseph Paul Rogers '02**  
(2/7/22 Alexandria, VA)  
Brother of Katie Rogers '09



**Jesse Hopper '11**  
(3/4/22 Kahului, HI)  
Sister of Emily Hopper '13



**Demarius Dontay Nickerson Sr. '18**  
(12/3/21 Pensacola)



# FAMILY

**Michael Bass**

(12/6/21 Pensacola)  
 Father of Blakely Bass '93

**Evelyn Irene Verinica Morrissey Bloomer**

(4/17/22 Pensacola)  
 Mother of James Bloomer '66, Thomas Bloomer '68, Timothy Bloomer (d) '71, Michael Bloomer (d) '72, Donna Bloomer '73, Barbara Bloomer Fuller '76, and Christopher Bloomer '79

**Frank Carmack Bozeman Jr.**

(1/11/22 Pensacola)  
 Father of Frank Carmack Bozeman III '82, William Pyle Bozeman '84, and Thomas Anderson 'Andy' Bozeman '86

**Christopher Flounlacker**

(1/2/22 Pensacola)  
 Brother of Paul Flounlacker '22

**Marjorie Ann Clark Higgins**

(4/7/22 Winter Springs, FL)  
 Past Faculty/Staff from 1976-1994

**Brenda Hill**

(1/7/22 Birmingham)  
 Mother of Kelli Hill '96 and Sister of George E. "Ellis" Humphreys, Jr. '75, Mark A. Humphreys '77, and Michael J. Humphreys, Sr. '77

**Francis Joseph Johnson**

(1/18/22 Pensacola)  
 Husband of previous faculty Ann Dolores Johnson (d) and Father of Patricia Johnson Marchione '72, Kenny Johnson '75, Stephen Johnson '77, Susan Johnson Emmanuel '78, Larry Johnson '80, Theresa Johnson Bruno '81, and William Johnson '83

**Betty Hollender King**

(4/17/22 Gulf Breeze)  
 Mother of John-Paul King '95

**Gerald Allen McGill**

(2/2/22 Pensacola)  
 Father of Stephanie McGill Sudduth '00

**Ashley Dewitte Pace III**

(3/3/22 Pensacola)  
 Husband of Judy Ruggerio Pace '66 and Father of Ashley D. Pace IV '93 and Angela Grace Pace Forth '96

**William F. Pelletier, Jr.**

(4/23/22 Tampa)  
 Father of William "Billy" Pelletier III '89, Kristin Pelletier Hughes '91, and Brian Pelletier '94

**Robert David Preston**

(12/24/21 Pensacola)  
 Brother of Richard A. Preston '56

**Karen Foley Sapp**

(2/20/22 Pensacola)  
 Sister of Father Patrick Foley '64

**Chester Stanhope**

(12/31/21 Pensacola)  
 Father of Chester "Chuck" Stanhope, Jr. '82

**Margaret Brumfield Vinson**

(11/30/21 Pensacola)  
 Mother of Wendy Vinson Lamar '69, Patti Vinson Wheeler '72, Chris Vinson '74, Tom Vinson '77 and Mother-in-Law of Terry Wheeler '72

**Michael George Walker**

(4/15/22 Pensacola)  
 Husband of Yvonne Zoellner Walker '63 and Father of Philip Walker '89 and Jason Walker '94

Memoriam entries include any graduated alumni, their spouse, their children, their sibling or parents only, unless specifically provided to CHS in a mailed/emailed notification. (d) indicates previously deceased.

## In Memoriam

Have you recently lost a family member whom you would like to have remembered during our annual CHS Memorial Mass in November? Please mail or email the following to rlay@pensacolachs.org.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date of death \_\_\_\_\_

Location of death \_\_\_\_\_

Association to CHS \_\_\_\_\_

Closest relative \_\_\_\_\_

Address of relative \_\_\_\_\_

City, state, zip \_\_\_\_\_

MAY THE SOULS OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED REST IN PEACE, AMEN.



## EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATION & FISH FRY

This year's Annual Eucharistic Celebration and Fish Fry were held on Friday, March 25, in the Ruth Johnson Chadbourne Chapel and the Nickelsen Family Courtyard on the campus of Catholic High. It seems like we had record crowds for both, but it may be because it has been a while since everyone felt good about "getting out and about". Regardless, it was so nice to see everyone out reconnecting with members of the Catholic High Family! Bishop Wack presided at the Eucharistic



Celebration assisted by Alumni Priests -- Pat Foley '64, John Licari, '72, and Nick Schumm '96. Other alumni also assisted with the Mass - Greeters - Raynee Bouillion '77 and Mary-Ann Bickerstaff '81; Readers - Kathy Belanger '64 and Tootie Wanek '63; Prayers of the Faithful - Sarah Carruth '65 and Roxanne Bonifay '70; Gift Bearers - Greg & Margaret Whibbs '76/'77; and Pianist - Camille Woods '03. Soon to be Alumna, Sonja Nelson '22 was Cantor. At the conclusion of Mass, Sister Kierstin took a few minutes to publicly recognize Peter Mougey '87 for his recent induction into the Alumni Hall of Fame and to also congratulate Father Pat Foley on his 50th Jubilee as a priest.



Following the Mass, attendees joined the rest of the crowd that was in line for the yummy fish that was being prepared by Coach Matt Adams '00, the "Batter Babes", and the "Fry Daddies". The Public Relations committee, led by Jennifer Haines '87, whose members are also known as the "Fishettes" for this annual event, cheerfully served the hungry crowd! BIG THANKS to all those who served on these "crews" to make the Fish Fry a wonderful event! We also want to send a warm THANK YOU to our wonderful food vendors who provide us delicious sides to accompany the fish at a reasonable price - Sonny's Navy Blvd, Saigon Market, and Joe Patti's. Thanks also to Coach Troy Faucheaux, for his assistance in finding us a source for the 'hard to find' mullet this year! Alumnus Jack Grimley '17 was the wonderful entertainment during dinner. Mark your calendars for next year's event - March 24, 2023

## STARRY, STARRY KNIGHT AUCTION

If you attended this year's Fish Fry you were also able to preview the majority of the items included in the Starry, Starry Knight Auction that took place virtually between March 26 to April 3. We will publish the names of our wonderful Sponsors and Merchandise Donors in our Annual Report later this summer, but on behalf of Sister Kierstin, Auction Coordinator, Nina Blay, and Auction Co-Chairs Laura Adams and Keri Medlock, we want to say "THANK YOU"! We are so grateful for all of the people who made this year's online auction such a great success, including our enthusiastic bidders. We are still processing the expenses from the event but anticipate our total proceeds to be near \$74,000! This is the largest parent led fund raiser that we have every year and the proceeds enable us to continue our tradition of pursuing excellence and the highest quality education for our Crusaders!

## COMMEMORATIVE BRICKS STILL AVAILABLE

Thank you to those who have recently purchased a Commemorative Brick for the outside entrance to the Gym. They have been received, but we are waiting on our Brick Mason to have the laborers/time to install them. In the meantime, we continue to take orders for additional bricks. There are now only 50 available spaces so get your order in soon! These bricks are a wonderful opportunity to celebrate family milestones and to honor or memorialize loved ones. Buy a brick engraved with the year you graduated, when your child(ren) graduated, in honor of your favorite teacher, in memory of fallen classmates, a special person in your life, etc. Looking for the perfect holiday birthday, or graduation gift? A commemorative Catholic High brick might be just the thing to create a unique and lasting memory visible for you and your family to admire for a lifetime. The



\$250 clay bricks are 8" X 8" and will accommodate engraving of up to 6 lines with a maximum of 21 characters per line. Use the link pensacolachs.org/bricks to access the webform to order and pay for your commemorative brick(s). Once we have an order for five or more bricks we will place the order with the brick company. All proceeds from the sales will go to the Building on Faith, Family & Tradition Capital Campaign.

## SUPPORTING CHS

### 2021-2022 Annual Gift-Giving Campaign

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My gift to the Annual Campaign is \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Thank you so much to all members of the Catholic High Family who support our Mission throughout the year(s) in our various campaigns and fund raisers. Our thirty-third Annual Campaign is still underway. You can donate securely online (even from your phone) via credit card or ACH transaction by going to pensacolachs.org/annualgift, or send your check and this completed form to the Office of Advancement at the school. This campaign will continue to run until June 30, 2022. Any donations received after this date will be applied to the 2022-2023 Annual Campaign that will officially kick-off in the Fall.

**Catholic High School is deeply grateful for your continued kindness and support!**

In the last edition of the Crusader Connections we posted the numbered pictures below to see if any of you were there or to see if they sparked a memory you wanted to share. We received a response from Michelle Myers '76 relative to picture number '3'. She thought it might be some of her classmates from the graduating class of 1976, but because this picture was in the 1972 yearbook we don't believe those students would have been on campus - one year shy! **Thank you, Michelle, for sharing your thoughts.**

Here is what we do know about these photos and for fun we have posted some current similar photos. If you know any additional information or have a memory to share, submit your email to [rlay@pensacolachs.org](mailto:rlay@pensacolachs.org).



1 - An aerial photo of CHS students we believe to be taken in 1989 or 1990 as there is a '90 on the Visitor's side fence created with solo cups. CHS President Msgr. Terrell Solano and Principal Sister Kierstin Martin spearheaded the taking of this picture for potential marketing opportunities.

2 - The cast of the Living Stations during 2003 and below it is the cast of the Living Stations 2022.

3 - Students from 1972 "hanging out" on the lawn. This picture was the front and back cover endsheets for the 1972 yearbook. We do not know the students identities. For fun we had Mr. Moriah Seaman, Director of Communications, recreate the photo after 50 years with some of our current Seniors" - Zach Dobhan and Zach Vredenburg in the background with Nigel Graham and Alexis Dillard in the foreground.



## THEN AND NOW

Photos from the 1962 Prom and this year's prom - 60 years later.

1962 - Crossing Moon River, Senior Class Officers - Karen Brown Majewski, Vice-President; Vince Whibbs, President; Nancy Schuldt Cherry, Secretary; Tommy Bizzell, Treasurer.

2022 - See You on the Slopes, Prom King and Queen - Zach Vredenburg and Isabelle 'Ella' Little-Anoai

If you have articles with ties to Catholic High School and you are ready to pass them on, please consider donating them to the school--old uniforms, trophies, historical photos, class rings, etc. We are especially interested in Senior Mementos from the Classes of 1953 through 1970 when there was no official yearbook but Senior classes put together books with Senior portraits. Items can be dropped off at the office during regular school hours with attention to the Office of Advancement.



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\$90 before 6/1 - \$100 after June 6-9 9am-12	\$100 per Session Boys - June 13-16 9am-12 Girls - June 20-23 9am-12	\$100 per Session Session 1 - June 6-9 9am-12 Session 2 - July 11-14 9am-12	\$100 per Session July 25 - 28 Session 1-Grades 3-5 8:30-10:30 Session 2-Grades 6-8 10:45-12:45
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