

# Crusader Connections





# DEAR CRUSADER FAMILY,

You hold in your hands a new reimagined Crusader Connections with new sections that will hopefully help you stay up to speed with what is happening on campus at Catholic High School. We hope these will also provide a way for you to catch up with classmates and/or to learn about what fellow Crusaders have gone on to do after leaving the halls of CHS.

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For those of you who have not yet met me in person or via email, I am Rita Lay, the new Director of Advancement at Catholic High, having taken over in June when Jane Moseley retired after 24 years of service. I was not fortunate enough myself to attend Catholic schools but was very blessed that my husband, James, and I were able to send our children, Kyle '13 and Emily '15 to Sacred Heart Cathedral School and then CHS. I fell in love with the Catholic High Family when I was a parent here and cannot express enough how thrilled I am to officially be a part of CHS, especially in the capacity of working so closely with you - the Crusader Family.

We now have over 9,200 alumni and thousands of family and friends who continue to follow Catholic High School. We will not be able to sustain these sections in our publications without input and sharing from you. We have a new "We Want to Hear from You" form on our alumni webpage - [pensacolachs.org/alumni](http://pensacolachs.org/alumni). Please visit this form to update us when you have a new address or something you'd like to share with us - a new job/promotion, newly engaged/married, new baby, unique hobby or recent adventure. Parents of past alumni, please encourage your Crusaders to update their contact information with us by going to the website. We promise to keep you on our mailing list as well 😊

We have so many exciting things happening on campus including the construction of our new Athletic Complex and the new Student Life Center. You will see in a few more pages how well our athletic programs continue to excel as well as our extracurricular and academic programs. For those of you who are from out-of-town please be sure to contact me when you plan to be in town so we can show you around the halls of your alma mater!

I hope you enjoy this Fall edition of the Crusader Connections and I encourage you to reach out to me with your feedback. Please note my contact information provided here and never hesitate to reach out with your questions or information to share. I look forward to hearing from you soon!



Many blessings to all,

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# Welcome

CLASS OF 2024

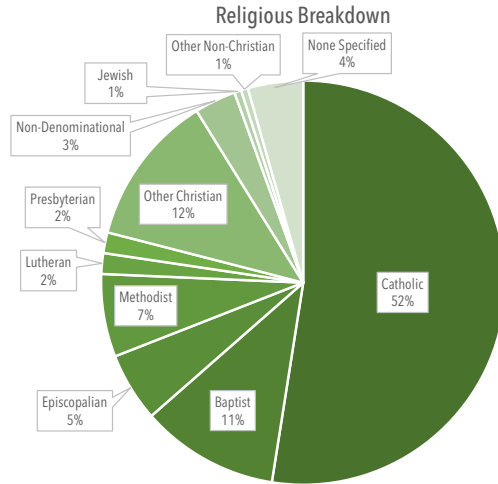
**181**  
TOTAL STUDENTS

**45%** FEMALE  
**55%** MALE

**28** LOCAL SCHOOLS

**3** OUT OF STATE SCHOOLS

**32** LEGACY - HAVING AT LEAST ONE OF THEIR PARENTS ATTEND



Welcome to Catholic High

# Welcome

NEW FACULTY



**Alexandra Brown** - Earth Science & Environmental Science. Mrs. Brown grew up in Pensacola and attended Sacred Heart Cathedral School. She moved away to go to college and work in other areas of the country before moving back to Pensacola last year with her husband, Adam, and their two children. Mrs. Brown has a Bachelor's degree in General Biology from Florida Institute of Technology and a Master's degree in Education from Walden University.

Alexandra & Family



**Devin Dukes** - Adaptive Education Program Assistant & Coach. Mr. Dukes is a former CHS Crusader, Class of 2011. He attended Alcorn State University where he played baseball and football while earning a degree in Physical Education. Mr. Dukes also attended Grambling State University where he coached baseball as a Graduate Assistant while working on his Master's degree in Sports Administration. He is JV Head Basketball Coach as well as Assistant Coach for baseball and football.

Devin Dukes



**Gavin Ennis** - Religion. Mr. Ennis is originally from Pittsburgh, PA and completed his Bachelor of Arts in Theology at the University of Notre Dame in 2018. Following graduation, he joined the Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE) program which brought him to Pensacola where he taught 5th grade at Little Flower Catholic School. He concurrently worked on his Master in Education and was hired this past summer to teach Religion at CHS. He was married this past June to Katie who teaches at Little Flower.

Gavin Ennis



**Matthew Faller** - Mathematics. Mr. Faller is originally from Carlisle, Pennsylvania. He is a 2019 graduate from Villanova University and is part of the ACE Teaching program which brought him to Pensacola. Mr. Faller also brings experiences as a woodworking apprentice as well as farming and public radio to share with our students.

Matthew Faller



**Isabella Henriksson** - English & Cinema. Ms. Henriksson is originally from St. Petersburg, Florida. She moved to Pensacola after graduating from Franciscan University and taught for two years at Little Flower Catholic School before coming to CHS. She comes from a big family, the oldest of six. She loves books, the beach and traveling.

Isabella Henriksson



**Peyton Lipscomb** - 9th & 10th Grade Guidance Counselor. Ms. Lipscomb is a Pensacola native and a Catholic High Alumnus (2009). She earned her undergraduate degree from Mississippi State University and her Masters degree from the University of North Dakota. She worked on several college/university campuses, most recently serving as Assistant Director in the Office of Student Retention at UWF.

Peyton Lipscomb



**Christine Mayeaux** - Religion & Digital Literacy. Ms. Mayeaux was born and raised just "down the road" in Milton. She attended Franciscan University earning a degree in catechetics and theology. Prior to her teaching here this fall, for the past three years, she has been the assistant coach for the Crusader Cross Country Team. She also worked at St. Paul's as a youth minister and as a middle school religion teacher.

Christine Mayeaux



**Paige Sanchez** - English. Mrs. Sanchez has taught at the elementary through college levels and has published several articles on Catholic education, faith, and culture. Before coming to us she taught 7th grade humanities at Sacred Heart Cathedral School in Pensacola. She previously served in the Archdiocese of New York as Associate Superintendent for Mission Effectiveness in the Office of Superintendent of Schools. Mrs. Sanchez, her husband and three sons are parishioners at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart.

Paige Sanchez

## STATE AND NATIONAL MATH AWARDS

Catholic Math League (CML) is a national organization that sponsors a math competition that was begun in 1997. The goal of the competition is to develop test taking skills in participating students in preparation for their annual achievement tests and college entrance exams (SAT and ACT). For the 2019-20 school year, CHS took the 1st Place Award for Schools in Florida for the Geometry category and two of our students took both state and national awards.

Geometry: Lexie Foland and Tyler Ruble, currently Sophomores but Freshmen at the time of the test, tied for 1st Place in Florida (1/190 students). They also took National honors as well, tying for 10th place (10/805)

Algebra I: Lexie Foland placed 2nd in Florida (2/198) and 3rd Nationally (3/1369).

Congratulations to Lexie, Tyler and the CHS Math Department on their outstanding achievements!



Math Award

## NEW TOOLS & EQUIPMENT FOR ROBOTICS CLASS/TEAM

The Robotics team, moderated by Science Teachers Dana Lupton and Keith Edwards, is beginning to receive new tools and equipment that they can use as they gear up for the upcoming Robotics competition season. These recent acquisitions are made possible through the generosity of grants received from the Catholic Foundation of Northwest Florida and Gulf Power Company. Additional equipment is on their wish list with prayers that outstanding grant requests will come through to provide for the remaining items. Best of luck to these Robotic Crusaders!



Robotics teachers get ready to put Crusader stickers on the new tool chest.

## WELCOME TO FORT ROX

Roxanne Bonifay, Guidance Secretary, and Peyton Lipscomb, Guidance Counselor, consult inside "Fort Rox", Roxanne's desk area that has been fortified for social distancing with students.



## ANNUAL REPORT OMISSIONS

During the publication of the 2019-2020 Annual Report there were two known omissions. We apologize for the oversight.

A Named Memorial Scholarship established by Linda Compton Terhaar and Jerry Compton in memory of their parents, Ruth & Ralph Compton, was awarded to Victoria Bruder.

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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" - even though some of fields were a swimming pool, golf course, or court. All of the athletes embraced the challenges of practicing and competing within the COVID-19 parameters and through their determination and perseverance were rewarded with victories. Congratulations Crusaders!

## ATHLETE SPOTLIGHT

Congratulations to sophomore Justin Lyons who won the USTA Florida Bobby Curtis Junior 16s Singles Sectional in October on the USTA National Campus in Orlando, FL. This is one of the most prestigious junior tennis events in Florida. The last player in Pensacola to win this event was back in the 1960s. While tennis is a spring sport at CHS, Justin competes year-round as an individual in the State of Florida. We are so proud of his accomplishment!



Justin Lyons Tennis Champion

## FALL SPORT UPDATES

Like all fall sports, the football team had an abbreviated season with an overall record of 4-4. They represented CHS in the regional semi-finals where they valiantly fought Florida State University High School in a heartbreaker loss 34-27.



The CHS Volleyball team ended their season with an overall record of 16-3, advancing to the regional finals. They are ranked overall #12 in the State of Florida. Highlights of the season include the comeback win against arch rival Gulf Breeze and the win against McGill Toolen. Congratulations to the Lady Crusaders and Coaches Simonelli, Meka, and Dodson!



The CHS Boys Golf Team won regionals and qualified to participate at State. Good job, Guys! Congratulations to Justin Burroughs on this 7th place finish!

Through district play, the Lady Crusaders Golf Team advanced to regionals. Freshman Islay Benoit earned her way to participate at State and finished in the top 30. Way to go, Ladies!

The Swim Team advanced to regional competition where two Crusaders, Lindsey Rauscher and Lily Stockton, qualified for the State meet. Both ladies had a great showing at State - Lily finished 15th in the 100 yd backstroke and Lindsey finished 9th in the 100 yd breaststroke.

The Cross-Country Team finished their season at districts with three Crusaders, Alexis Dillard, Dolan Marcelonis, and Russell Young, advancing to the regional meet. Way to run, Team!

Thank you to the all of our CHS supporters but especially to the student organizations that continually exhibit the Spirit of Catholic High through their contributions during athletic events!



Dance



Cheer



Band



## FRESHMAN STUDENT COUNCIL

The Class of 2024 recently elected the leaders who will represent them on the Student Council. The Freshman leaders elected are Virginia Lee, President; Isabella Llanera, Vice-President; Ava Adams, Secretary; Gabby Goyins, Treasurer; and General Representatives, Natalie Biggs, Mary Grace Manning, and Bryre Thomson. These students will join the rest of the CHS Student Council that was elected last spring to represent the student body to the administration at the school. English Teacher, Julie Remke, is the great moderator of this campus organization.



## SERVICE TO OTHERS

The on-campus chapter of the St. Vincent de Paul Society met together to help with Hurricane Sally clean-up.



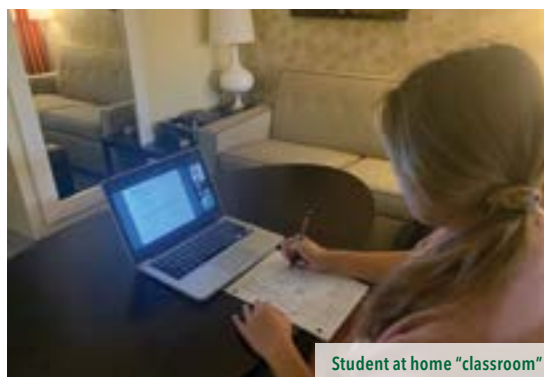
## MASS DURING "THE COVID"

Celebrating Mass is at the core of our Catholic Faith, and as such we have turned to creative ways of being able to participate in school Masses on a regular basis. Thanks to the GREAT Technology Department that we have, we have been able to live stream Masses from our chapel to the classrooms. Eucharist Ministers then disperse with hosts to offer communion to those who want to receive. On October 2, our Mass also included the induction of our Student Council.



## ATTENDING CLASS

Many thanks to our dedicated faculty and wonderful students for their flexibility in moving to online learning during these unprecedented times. We look forward to having you back on campus soon!



Student at home "classroom"



Ms. Rasmussen teaches math remotely

## LET'S GET A LITTLE MADD!

Catholic High School will once again hold their annual Make A Difference Day (MADD) on February 6, 2021. This tradition began for CHS in the fall of 1995 when we joined the national designated day for making a difference in the community. Several years ago, the national movement lost its momentum but CHS has kept it alive in the Pensacola Community. We have moved the event to coincide with Catholic Schools Week and are planning a series of projects in which our students and parents can participate. Please contact Rita Lay, our Director of Advancement, if you are interested in helping with a project or to sponsor the lunch the students will have following their service project. You can reach Rita at 850-436-6400 x103 or rlay@pensacolachs.org.



## CHS MEMORABILIA

As you clean out that closet or go through that box of "stuff" in the attic, if you find any articles with ties to Catholic High School, please consider donating them to the school. Old uniforms, trophies, historical photos, class rings, etc. Items can be dropped off at the office during regular school hours with attention to the Office of Advancement.



Thank you to all of the veterans of the Catholic High School family who have served our country in the military! You and your family's sacrifice are appreciated. CHS would like to document the alumni who have served. Please complete the online form at [pensacolachs.org/served](https://pensacolachs.org/served) or send the attached card to the Office of Advancement at the school. If you are family of alumni who have passed but also served, please complete this form on their behalf. Email pictures to [rlay@pensacolachs.org](mailto:rlay@pensacolachs.org).



### *Alumnus Military Service*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Class of \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Branch(es) of Service \_\_\_\_\_

Years of Active Duty \_\_\_\_\_

Wars and/or Campaigns Served \_\_\_\_\_

## 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.





# By Land and By Sea

We want to start sharing with you on a regular basis -- interesting stories about a CHS alumnus/ae who has a unique job or hobby/adventure experience. We know first-hand about our first featured alumnus because his mother, Melody Lipscomb, our current Front Office Receptionist, shared his adventures with us; it sparked our interest and thought it would be interesting and exciting to start a new series in our periodic publications. We hope you enjoy this article and ask you to forward your unique job/hobby/experience to our Director of Advancement, Rita Lay - rlay@pensacolachs.org.



Tucker Lipscomb, a 2014 Catholic High graduate, has a unique job that takes him out to "sea" on a regular basis and an interesting hobby that has him traversing the "land". After graduation Tucker headed to Galveston Texas where he attended Texas A&M University-Texas Maritime Academy. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Marine Transportation with a minor in Maritime Administration. He graduated in December of 2017 as a licensed Unlimited Tonnage Third Mate Upon Oceans and Near Coastal - which means he could handle big ships both on the open "sea" and near the coasts.

Immediately after graduation, Tucker worked in the petroleum industry for about a year, running an Offshore Supply Vessel that provided fuel, groceries, water, spare parts, etc. to offshore oil rigs in the Gulf of Mexico. He also ran one voyage to Trinidad & Tobago. He currently works on a survey ship based on the US east coast where he is the "Relief Captain", responsible for the safe navigation of the vessel during his 12-hour watch. In maritime verbiage a watch is the same as a shift. He is also the Safety Officer, making sure that all safety inspections, drills/training, and maintenance are conducted onboard. His primary goal is to ensure that the 30 people aboard the vessel arrive safely back to port at the end of the hitch (a.k.a. rotation at sea) alive and with all their limbs. He currently works six weeks on and six weeks off.

During his first year after college, Tucker spent more than 9 months offshore working while at the same time paying for a nice apartment

in Charleston, South Carolina. When he was onshore, again usually for several weeks at a time, he spent a lot of time traveling and began to view his apartment as a wasted expense which led him to start thinking of alternative solutions. After a little over a year in Charleston, he moved his home base back to Pensacola and lived with a buddy.



In June/July of 2019 he began solo hiking the Appalachian Trail (AT), during his periods of time off work. He completed just under 500 miles of the AT, with aspirations of finishing the remaining 1,500 miles in 2020, but COVID-19 came along and altered his plans. During all of his off-time adventures he kept wondering how he could afford to travel around the US/North America full time when he was not at work. He knew staying in hotels for six weeks at a time while moving around would not be reasonable. Initially he considered building out a retired school bus, but after considering the parking, fuel costs, and wanting to go "off-road" at times, he ruled this option out. After additional days of extensive research, he finally decided to buy a van and build it out







days they drove 2,304 miles through eight states. They spent about ten days between the Grand Tetons and Yellowstone National Park. After picking up another classmate from 2013, they continued their travels throughout Colorado and eastern Utah. Tucker has lived out of the van full time and has driven over 6,200 miles. In October he left Vern in a safe storage facility in Colorado and returned to his job offshore. In mid-November they reunited and are currently traveling around Utah, Arizona, Nevada, California, Oregon and Washington. Plans with Vern for 2021, which are all contingent upon COVID-19, include driving the Pan American Highway, a journey from Prudhoe Bay, Alaska to the resort town of Ushuaia at the southernmost tip of Argentina in South America. If this works out, Tucker plans to travel from Ushuaia to Antarctica before returning back to America. Vern the van will be transported back via ship during this time.

Tucker, please keep us apprised of your travels and adventures with Vern the van, and know that your Catholic High Family has you, and all Crusaders - past, present and future - in our prayers!

so he could live out of it full time. He found what he was looking for to start the project but before he made the big purchase, he decided that he probably should bring his parents in on "the plan" before he just showed up with a massive white van. He knew from experience that he needed to have a good plan and be ready with all the answers to the questions they would be sure to have. He sat down with them, shared his proposal and their initial reaction was one of "have you totally lost your mind"! After a few hours of discussion during which Tucker showed them his designs, various layouts and the features he planned to implement, they began to warm to the idea and thought him only "half crazy". Tucker shared that his parents have always been supportive of his decisions even if they have not always seen/had the same dreams.

The following day, on January 4, 2020, Tucker drove to Mobile, Alabama to purchase the van he had researched and spent the next 7+ months building out the van he now affectionately calls Vern. It was during his spare time while offshore, that he spent countless hours reading, drawing, designing, and learning from others who have already completed such projects. Building a van can be quite a challenge and learning how to maximize every inch and understand the engineering capabilities and limitations of design was very important. He cites that nothing is flat and/or square and everything has to be able to withstand the vibration of a constantly moving vehicle. Tucker had 276 online orders, mostly from Amazon and eBay that he had shipped to his parents' house in Pensacola - thankfully they still had his bedroom to store all the "loot".

At one point, Tucker's address in Pensacola was so popular with Amazon that they accidentally shipped him a wheelchair! After talking with Amazon, they told him to keep it because they did not want the expense of shipping it back. Using one of the Core Values he learned at CHS and lived in his family, Selfless Love, Tucker opted to donate the chair to a local charity instead of profiting from his good fortune.

The actual "hands-on" conversion of the van took about 10 weeks collectively while Tucker was home between hitches and Vern was finally ready for her first full blown adventure on August 27. Tucker departed Pensacola and drove to Baton Rouge to pick-up Casey Lowery, fellow Crusader from the Class of 2013. Over the next five



*Do you have a unique job/hobby/experience that you would like to share with fellow Crusaders? Please contact Rita Lay, CHS Director of Advancement - [rlay@pensacolachs.org](mailto:rlay@pensacolachs.org)*

Alumni - share with us your latest news by visiting the Alumni tab on pensacolachs.org - We want to hear from you!

50s

**HAROLD B OLNHAUSEN JR. '52** retired from the El Dorado Chemical Company in 2000. Enjoying retirement in Shreveport, LA.

**CLINTON BLUMER '53** retired from the Department of Veterans Affairs as a CRNA after 36 years. Currently residing in Signal Mountain, TN.

**PENNY RIERA PERAULT '56** is currently living in Basye, Virginia after her husband, Dave, retired from the Navy. They love to be surrounded by family!

**CLARICE KELL '57** worked as the administrator for St. Sylvester Parish for 14 years but currently retired and living in Gulf Breeze. She has a large family and says, "I have been richly blessed through my family."

60s

**CAROLYN KELSON HINES '61** currently resides in Cantonment and is a retired Law Enforcement Officer.

**TOM BALLOU '62** retired US Naval Captain and attorney who practiced mostly environmental law in Texas for 32 years. Now retired and "living the dream" in Hendersonville, NC. Enjoys cars, airplanes and water gardens.

**FREDDIE WILLISTHOMPSON '63** is enjoying retirement - volunteering and spending time with family.

**MARJORIE PAULSEN GAUTHIER '65** retired after teaching in Catholic education for 47 years but continues to grade SAT tests and tutor. She now reside in Virginia and loves to travel.

**CHARLES "CHIP" HINTON '65** played football as a linebacker at UF the year Steve Spurrier won the Heisman. Earned a Doctorate in Food Technology-Poultry Products and after a successful career in the industry, retired and initiated a program to capture wholesome produce for the hungry through the Florida affiliate of Feeding America. One of his many awards is the induction into the Florida Agriculture Hall of Fame. He and his wife, Jemy, live in Brandon, Florida.

**JAMES WATSON '65** retired in April 2020 after 47 years in Sales as a Manufacturing Rep in Building Supplies and Millwork. Currently residing in Canton, GA and shared, "Enjoyed my time at CHS, will always be a part of my life."

**SHIRLEY SLUSHER DESKINS '68** is currently living in New York state, twenty miles from Lake Ontario, Canada. Enjoying taking care of grandkids for military son and daughter-in-law.

70s



Jimmy & Brenda Cusachs

**JIMMY CUSACHS '70** retired after 42 years in National Sales Management in the food industry, and shared, "Every day is an adventure and I must admit that my years at Catholic definitely prepared me for undergraduate and graduate studies. It also prepared me for the discipline and the responsibility necessary to be successful in life. I am truly blessed by all that has been afforded me over the years."

**MICHAEL D'LUGOS '70** retired from Michelin North America. Married to Martha

YOU CAN GET THERE FROM HERE



Penny Perault and Family

for 46 years. Currently resides in Hilton Head Island, SC. He enjoys playing tennis, golf and traveling.

**DAVID "RICK" LITTLE '70** is retired and currently caring for his mother Josephine "Dolly" McVoy, CHS class of 1946, when the school was located in downtown Pensacola. He enjoys spending time with his two grandchildren.

**SUSAN PRESTON THOMPSON '75** recently retired after 42 years as a Dental Hygienist, the last 30 years in the same practice. Currently lives in Tallahassee.

**SUZANNE JILES BARTLEY '79** graduated with another degree in Early Childhood Education and is currently the Director of a private preschool in Melrose, FL. Married with three grown children, two grandsons and a new granddaughter.

**KAREN PEKLO DEANE '79** after traveling around for many years with job opportunities she is back in her home town, Pensacola, to retire. She is the proud mom of a current Junior Crusader.

80s

**JOEY ERWIN '82** is presently the Director of Commercial Real Estate Credit Risk Management at Synovus Bank in Palm Beach County, Florida. He has been married to his wife, Karen, for 32 years and enjoys officiating high school basketball. He is currently the President of the East Coast Basketball Officials Association of West Palm Beach.

**ROBIN GRICE TERLIZZI '82** is the Director of Human Resources & Accounting at her husband's Financial Advisory Firm in Charlotte, NC. They have one teenage daughter.

90s

**KELLY PERSONS BATTLES '92** is teaching high school English in Virginia and has several test prep books published by Kaplan. She has homeschooled her children for 13 years. The oldest will graduate this year with a sophomore and freshman to follow in the coming years. She is also a first-degree black belt in American Taekwondo.

**KATHALEEN COLE '92** is currently serving as the Pensacola Fortis Institute Campus President since 2006 and proud mom of two sons, one a CHS alumnus.

**CYNTHIA JOHNSON '92** is the School Counselor for The Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools. Executive Director and Founder of The Myrtis Simpson Walker Youth Leadership Foundation, Inc. whose mission is to empower youth to become entrepreneurs and leaders so that one day they will empower others to do great things.

**NATHANIEL ROBINSON '99** is a Commander in the U.S. Coast Guard, currently stationed in Coast Guard Headquarters, Washington DC.

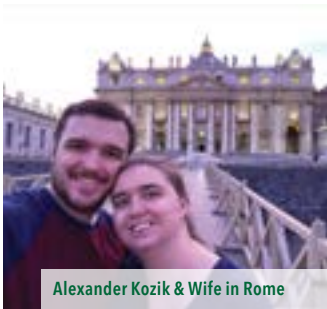


## 00s

**CHRISTOPHER HOLCOMB '03** a former faculty member for eight years at Catholic High School and now studying for the Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee at the St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary in Boynton Beach, Florida since the fall of 2019.

"If, God-willing, I become a priest, then I will be very glad to serve the people back home."

**ALEXANDER KOZIK '08** recently became an instrument repair technician for BioFire Diagnostics. He married in 2018 and he and his wife are expecting their first baby in April 2021. They currently reside in Salt Lake City, UT.



Alexander Kozik & Wife in Rome

**AMANDA JANSEN '09** named as the Director of the Mother Clelia Morning Star High School located on the campus of Catholic High School. The '20-'21 academic year marks the first year as a high school dedicated to students with disabilities in The Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee.



## 10s

**BETSY EHLERS '13** started the '20-'21 school year as the Kindergarten teacher at the Sacred Heart Cathedral School in Pensacola and on May 16 was engaged to Andrew Summerlin.

**JEREMY REEVES '13** for the second year in a row, promoted to active roster of the Washington Redskins. Congrats!

**CODY HENRY '14** and his wife, Amy, welcomed their new son, Bo Ronald Henry, on July 1. Congratulations!



Betsy & Andrew



**SINA FAULK '15** graduated in 2019 from University of North Alabama – played indoor and beach volleyball. Now lives in Atlanta and is the Marketing Manager for X3 Sports, managing social media and events for the 5 fitness clubs throughout metro Atlanta and Athens area.

**EMILY LAY '15** recently took a position with a Commercial Design firm in Reno, NV. She attended Mississippi State University earning a degree in Interior Design in May 2019.

**OLIVER MAJEWSKI '17** recently earned his Commercial Pilots license along with certifications as a flight instructor and flight instrument instructor from the Academy of Aviation in Gastonia, NC. Currently working at Osprey Aviation at the Sonny Callahan Airport in Fairhope, AL.

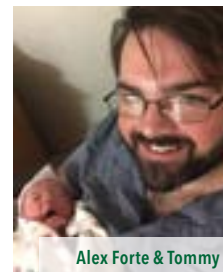


Cody Henry Family



## FACULTY

Algebra Teacher, Alex Forte and his wife, Andrea, welcome their first son, Thomas Benjamin. He was born on October 20 and weighed in at 7 lbs, 6 ounces, and 20 inches long. Congratulations!



Alex Forte & Tommy



Coach Burke, beloved past-faculty and coach, celebrated his 98th birthday on November 12. Happy Birthday, Coach Burke!

## ALUMNI GATHERINGS

Our current pandemic situation has not made it easy for those of you trying to get together to celebrate a milestone reunion. Let's all continue to have patience and pray that we can all celebrate soon!



Check out the CHS website at pensacolachs.org – click on the Alumni tab in the top menu bar and then select Class and Reunion Information. This site also has resources to guide you in planning a class reunion.

Look at the creative logo the Class of 1970 created after several tries of scheduling their get together!



Class of 1963 celebrating 75th birthdays via Zoom

I have heard that several classes have been creative with technology and have hosted "Zoom" conference calls to have "reunions" and to check-up on one another during these unprecedented times.

## CLASS REPRESENTATIVES NEEDED

We are looking for Alumni Class Representatives for the following class years. Do you live in the Pensacola area? Would you like to represent your class to serve as a liaison between your classmates and Catholic High?

1973    1983    1984    1990    2012    2014

The role is not hard—several times a year, the Director of Advancement, Rita Lay, will email you and ask you to spread the word about certain events at CHS, and then conversely, when you have information to share about a classmate, you share back. It is not very time consuming but provides a great single point of contact for the administration at CHS when they need to communicate with your class. We hope to host a Class Representative Reception in the February/March timeframe.

If you have questions or are interested, please reach out to Rita Lay at 436-6400 x103 or rlay@pensacolachs.org.

*Alumni Gatherings*

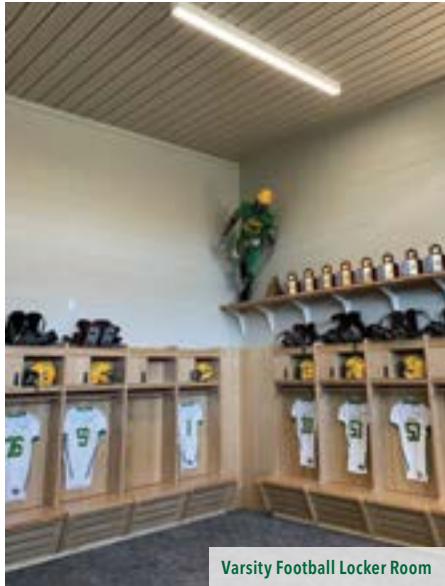


# Building On Faith,

We are so excited that construction is wrapping up on the Athletic Complex and the Student Life Center, the two major buildings that are being funded by our Building on Faith, Family and Tradition Capital Campaign that was kicked-off in 2018. We are so grateful to all of you who have already contributed to making the dreams of this capital campaign a reality! We are planning the dedication of these two buildings on February 10 beginning at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome to join us!

## ATHLETIC COMPLEX

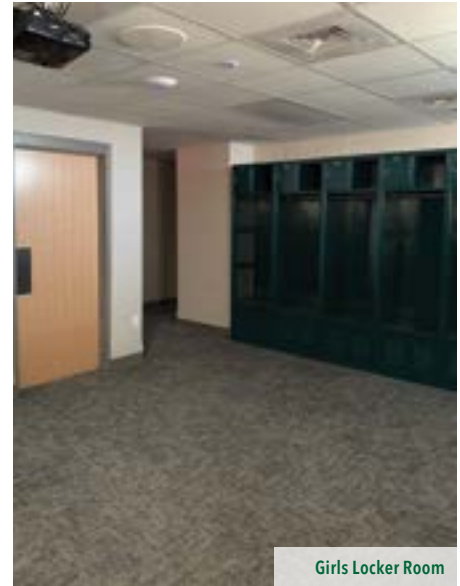
The weightlifting and conditioning programs have transitioned to the new Fitness Center and our remaining Fall and our Winter teams that are in season have begun to use the locker rooms. Our laundry facility is up and running and we are finalizing the use of the entire complex!



Varsity Football Locker Room



Varsity Football Locker Room



Girls Locker Room



Training Room



Girls PE Locker Room



Girls Varsity Locker Room for Indoor Sports



Laundry Facility



# Family and Tradition

## STUDENT LIFE CENTER

The exterior of the building is complete and work continues on the details of the kitchen and other interior work. Current plans are for us to begin use of this facility when we return from Christmas Break in January.



Meeting Room



Courtyard



Main Seating Area With Small Stage



The windows giving a view into the main food service area.

As most of you know, the pandemic has slowed our progress on the overall campaign, as it has with many aspects of our lives over the past nine months. We plan to rejuvenate the campaign in 2021. We have additional dreams we plan to realize as detailed in the school's Master Growth Plan that will enable us to continue our great Tradition of excellence into the future. Visit our website for the latest information – [pensacolachs.org/CapitalCampaign](https://pensacolachs.org/CapitalCampaign)

Thank you for all the number of ways the Catholic High Family shows their support for our beloved school. Here are a few ways you can currently support CHS!

## NATURE CALENDAR to benefit the *Building on Faith, Family & Tradition* Capital Campaign

A special project spearheaded by Mrs. Judy Kaczor, past yearbook adviser and teacher, has resulted in a beautiful limited edition 2021 calendar filled with nature photos taken from the folio of CHS grad, Elton Pride '77.

Earlier this year, Mrs. Kaczor discovered an on-line site of nature photos taken by Elton. She called him with an interest in buying some of the prints but then had the idea for a calendar that could be a fundraiser for the current Capital Campaign. Elton was on board and sent the remainder of his folio for photo selection. Mrs. Kaczor reached out to four past Charisma yearbook editors to see if they would be interested in working on this project. All jumped on the opportunity and throughout the year, the team balanced working on the calendar along with "normal" life. They worked together across three states using various technologies and the strengths and talents each had to offer. They worked through several challenges including a hurricane and, of course, COVID 19! The results of the team effort are spectacular and we hope you will want one! They would make a perfect Christmas gift!



Bishop William Wack, Sister Kierstin, and Coach Robert Burke are also celebrated in the full color calendar. The alumni favorite 'blue' photo of Catholic High at Night taken by Charisma senior portrait photographer Frank Hardy is also included.

Limited edition calendars are available in the CHS office for a minimum donation of \$25. All proceeds will benefit the *Building on Faith, Family & Tradition* Capital Campaign. Arrangements can also be made for shipping if you are from out of town. Please contact Rita Lay, Director of Advancement, at 850-436-6400 x103 or rlay@pensacolachs.org, if you need assistance.

## 50 FOR 50

Our thirty-second Annual Campaign is well underway. If you have never donated to the Annual Campaign and need a good excuse to get started, why not consider donating \$50 in honor of Sister Kierstin's 50th Jubilee? 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.

### CARES ACT: Charitable Giving Incentives

Congress recently passed the CARES Act, an economic stimulus program that includes incentives for individual and corporate donors who are interested in supporting 501(c)(3) charitable organizations.

- The CARES Act allows you to take a charitable deduction of up to \$300 for those who take the standard deduction.
- If you itemize your deductions, the new law allows for cash contributions to qualified charities such as Pensacola Catholic High School to be deducted up to 100% of your adjusted gross income for the 2020 calendar year.
- For corporations, the limit on charitable deductions for cash contributions in 2020 is increased from 10% to 25%.
- Considering a charitable distribution from your IRA? The CARES Act suspends required minimum distributions (RMD) in 2020, but you still have the option to direct up to \$100,000 per year from your IRA to a charity.
- As always, we encourage you to consult with your financial advisor regarding charitable giving.

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



Donations can be made securely online by going to pensacolachs.org/annualgift or by completing the following form and sending it, along with a check, to the school. Thank you in advance for your generous support!

**THANK YOU!**

### 2020-2021 Annual Gift-Giving Campaign

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

My gift is in memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to Pensacola Catholic High School



Your prayers are requested for these members of the Catholic High family who have died since the publication of the 2019-2020 Annual Report:

**Robert "Bob" Bunner**  
(9/25/20 Ashton, PA)  
Father of TJ Bunner '90

**Bromley Clegg Dyson**  
(5/12/20 Pensacola)  
Father of Peter A. Dyson '81

**Matthew Michael Ferraro**  
(10/18/20 Pensacola)  
Brother of Rose Marie Ferraro Castro '56

**Larry Butler Goff**  
(11/18/20 Pensacola)  
Father of Payton Goff '17

**Neil Graydon**  
(5/21/20 Pensacola)  
Husband of Mary Leary Graydon '50

**James Guy "Jimmy" Haley**  
(9/23/20 Pensacola)  
Father of Patricia Haley Westfall '67

**Patrick Joseph "PJ" Jones**  
(11/17/20 Pensacola)  
Father of Nora Jones Emling '99

**Dr. Frederick J. Karkowski '81**  
(10/15/20 Columbia, MD)  
Brother of Rick Karkowski '85

**Deborah Ray Kings**  
(9/1/20 Pensacola)  
Wife of Terry S. Kings '76

**Helen B. Nass**  
(9/17/20 Pensacola)  
Mother of Jennifer Nass Self '77, Bridgette Nass Harris '78 and William H. Nass, Jr. '80

**Edwin Gordon "Buck" Pohlmann '65**  
(9/7/20 Lincolnshire, IL)  
Husband of Catherine "Katy" O'Donnell '66  
and Brother of Deborah Pohlmann '68

**Wayne Randall '72**  
(9/6/20 Pensacola)

**Ronald Lee Thompson '60**  
(8/26/20 Pensacola)  
Brother of Joyce Thompson Steadman '64

**Henriette Poire Ward**  
(10/6/20 Pensacola)  
Mother of Theresa Diane Ward Marsh '63 and Yvette Ward Cashio '66

**Jessie Lee Williams**  
(7/17/20 Pensacola)  
Mother of Clyde Williams '75 and Claude Williams '76

### *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 \_\_\_\_\_

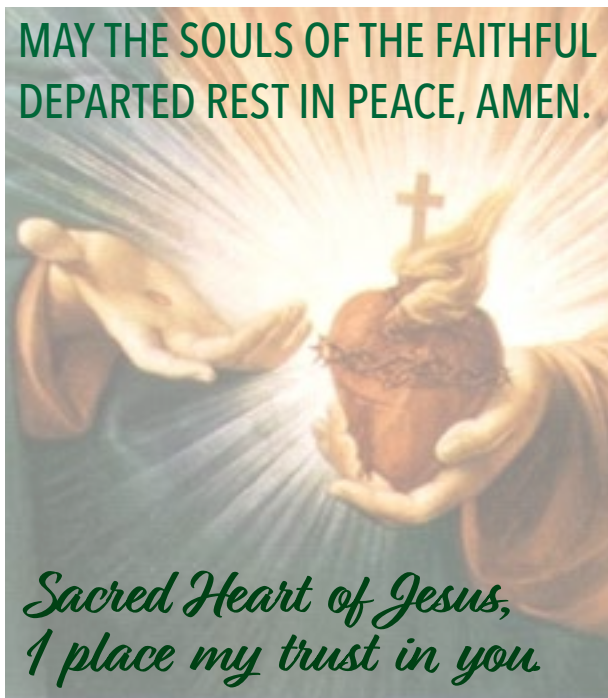
Association to CHS \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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



*Sacred Heart of Jesus,  
I place my trust in you.*



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## *Save the Dates*



Catholic Schools Week, February 1-5



Make a Difference Day, February 6



New Building Dedication, February 10



Annual Mass/Fish Fry, March 12



Starry, Starry Knight Auction, March 27

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