

The 2022-2023 school year has begun and with it great opportunities for the Steubenville Catholic Schools. We welcomed a new administration at Bishop Mussio Junior High and Steubenville Catholic Central High School which includes a number of CCHS alumni who are serving in an administrative and leadership capacity for our Catholic school system.

Fr. Michael Gossett (Class of 2001) is now serving as the Pastoral Administrator for CCHS and Bishop Mussio Junior High. Fr. James Dunfee (Class of 1975) will continue to serve as the Pastoral Administrator for Bishop Mussio Elementary. Jude (Entinger) Lucas (Class of 1973) has come out of retirement to take on the role of principal at CCHS. She is supported by Morgan (Lewis) Hunter (Class of 2008), who is serving as Vice Principal; and Jamie (Lamantia) Ross (Class of 2005), who has been the Guidance/School Counselor since 2019.

At the elementary school, Theresa Danaher will continue to serve as principal, a role she has held since 2004, which began at All Saints. Sandy Morelli (Class of 1973) will be supporting Theresa as part-time Vice Principal.

Although the start of our school year at the high school and junior high was delayed by a week due to an electrical issue, the elementary school did begin as expected on August 22nd welcoming 335 students at the elementary school alone. On Monday, August 29, the high school welcomed 242 students, and junior high welcomed 148 students.

Moreover, we are in the final stages of phase one of the high school chapel renovation awaiting the flooring for this project and doors to complete this initial stage. The high school athletic locker room has been upgraded with new lockers and a fresh paint job. Some of our other plans include the installation of new bathrooms on the second floor of the junior high wing as well as renovations to our existing student bathrooms. Once the chapel project is complete, we will begin raising funds for the Student Center for Academic Success (which will have a naming opportunity) and for renovations to our STEM lab. We are also examining opportunities to expand and provide more classroom space to accommodate our growing elementary school. Stay connected with us to learn more about this project. We hope to have big news coming soon!

We are also launching the **St. Aloysius Giving Society** which invests in our **Steubenville Catholic Schools**. We chose to name our giving society after St. Aloysius Gonzaga as he is the patron saint of youth and students, and because of his strong ties to our CCHS history and heritage.

St. Aloysius is one of the saints carved atop the tower of the high school. The high school was dedicated on September 10, 1950. The saints that watch over the school entrance are St. Thomas Aquinas, the Blessed Mother, and St. Aloysius Gonzaga. Additionally, there was a St. Aloysius (St. Al's) Club at the high school which was active primarily in the 1950's and 1960's. **We have established this monthly giving program, The St. Aloysius Giving Society, to honor our past, to celebrate our present, and to prepare for our future.** For more information on our giving society, contact me at 740-264-5538.

As you can tell, there is a lot going on in our Steubenville Catholic Schools, none of which would be possible without the ongoing support of our alumni, family, and friends. We thank you for being part of our growth and progress. We are truly grateful for all the ways in which you invest in our schools!

Many Blessings,



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A Brief History on St. Aloysius

Our Blessed Mother, flanked on either side by Saint Thomas Aquinas, the Patron of Catholic Schools and Scholars and Saint Aloysius, the Patron of Youth, looks down from the summit of the tower of Catholic Central High School. Under the heavenly guidance of these three holy ones the students of Catholic Central study, work, play, and PRAY each year.

- taken from the 1962 yearbook



Did you also know that there was a St. Aloysius (St. Al's) Club at the high school? This club, which was active primarily in the 1950's and 1960's, elected student officials and organized weekly school dances. The dances took place on the 3rd floor of the Catholic Community Center. It cost \$0.25 to get in and DJ's played music and the students danced the night away.



New Traditions



CCHS and BJKM Jr High students welcomed the new school year with our flag raising, which also included the participation of the elementary school from their campus. We opened with a prayer by Fr. Joshua, our band played the National Anthem, and we all said the pledge of allegiance. We look forward to making this a yearly tradition and want to give a special thank you to Mr. Ferris (our custodian) for coming up with the idea!

Crusaders in the community

Jefferson County Youth Coalition Member & CCHS student, Ellen Rohde, helped members from the United Prevention Partnership pass a proclamation at the Jefferson County Commissioners meeting on August 11, 2022! This proclamation recognized International Overdose Awareness Day in Jefferson Co. on August 31st.

Jefferson Co. Youth Coalition



A food drive was organized by the Crusader Marching Band members in their parishes for The Friendship Room in Steubenville. Nonperishable foods were donated at masses, and the items were gathered by the Band members for delivery. Items were graciously received by Molly and Seamus McGovern.

Pictured are 2022-2023 Crusader Marching Band members: P.J. Inverso, trumpet; Maisy Symington, alto saxophone; Jillian Bucci, flute and Crusader Band President.

Our Crusader Football players were working "Overtime" spending time with the residents at Dixon Healthcare in Wintersville! They did an awesome job!
Thank you to BJ Fallon, Brayden Rauch, Cody Karver, Daniel Bolster, and Toby Rusciano



and in the classroom!

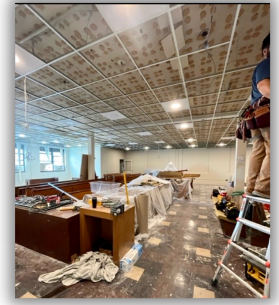
Students at the elementary school meet monthly with their guardian angels to perform a variety of activities. The older students are paired with the younger ones and both groups enjoy the benefits of their time together.



Chapel Renovation Nearing Completion

Earlier this summer, the Chapel Renovation Project began at Catholic Central High School. This project has been a massive undertaking by Mike Sullivan and his team that was made possible by generous supporters, alumni, and the donations from the CCHS community. The school was able to raise upwards of \$150,000 for this necessary reconstruction of the chapel. Father Michael Gossett has been the chaplain for seven years as CCHS, and the need for these renovations cannot be understated. There was a time that students and faculty were kneeling in the hallways to participate in adoration because the current chapel was far too small. CCHS's newly reconstructed chapel, located on the second floor inside the library, will seat 120 people. Some of the improvements that have been implemented are new drywall, ceiling grids, updated flooring, and fresh coats of paint. There will be an added wall with the stained glass windows, donated by Father Richard Tuttle (Class of 1968) originally from Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish in Smithfield, Ohio.

The project is expected to be completed this fall. Catholic Central is excited for the students, faculty, and community to be able to gather comfortably in the newly renovated chapel to pray and worship. This could not have been possible without the generosity of the Crusader community. There are still sponsorship and donor recognition opportunities for the confessional, music ministry area, and the sacristy. If you would like to invest in this initiative, contact Jennifer Parker at 740-632-1567.



New Outdoor Learning Classroom

The elementary school was able to purchase picnic tables and benches for a new outdoor classroom made from recycled plastic milk jugs through a grant from The JB Green Team. Since the materials for the outdoor classroom are manufactured from recycled plastic, this project will be the starting point for increased education on conservation and recycling. Utilizing resources from The JB Green Team and Valley Converting, we plan to incorporate lessons at each grade level to raise awareness, better inform our families and increase recycling efforts.



In case you missed it...

New student orientation



Newly upgraded athletic locker room

Elementary back to school pool party



2022 Homecoming Court

Alumni Spotlight



Jack Blake, CCHS Class of 2022 and former 4-year member of the Crusader Band is now a Baritone player for the marching band of the University of Notre Dame, The Band of the Fighting Irish! To join the 300 member band, Jack was required to submit and pass a video audition in July just to be invited to attend Notre Dame's band camp, which was held last week on campus. During band camp, his improvement and performance were constantly evaluated. Jack was informed that he passed his auditions, evaluations, and interviews, and was called in to get fitted for his band uniform. Jack Blake is now a performing member of The Band of the Fighting Irish. Great going, Jack; you make us proud! The CCHS community congratulates you on your accomplishments and will keep you in prayer as you travel with FIGHTING IRISH!

Joseph Zinno (CCHS Class of 2018) '22 COE, of Steubenville, Ohio, graduated in May 2022 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering, minors in Engineering Entrepreneurship and Mathematics, and a concentration in Dynamic Systems. A Dean's Meritorious Service awardee and the inaugural recipient of the Engineering Entrepreneurship Student Achievement Award, Zinno worked on an international service project in Madagascar through the Villanova Engineering Service Learning program, and also participated in a Student Justice Experience to Jamaica with Mustard Seed Communities. He was inducted into Pi Tau Sigma, the International Honor Society for Mechanical Engineers. Zinno was a New Student Orientation Counselor for three years, was involved with the Buddies program for four years where he served as a member of the Executive Board, and has served on the Engineering Student Council all four years. He was the recipient of two Innovation Fund Grants through the Institute for Innovation and Entrepreneurship to found and pursue his own venture. Zinno will spend his Fulbright year in Lahti, Finland, as a master's student in the Industrial Design Engineering Programme at LUT University.



Please join us in congratulating our Catholic Central High School Crusader Athletic Hall of Fame 2022 Induction Class. The Hall of Fame dinner and induction ceremony was held on Thursday, September 22, 2022.

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Bill Nurczyck
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The Class of 1982 held their reunion the weekend of July 8/9th.



The Class of 2002 met on Aug 5/6th for their 20 year reunion.



The Class of 1992 held their 30 year reunion on July 30th.



July 16th, the Class of 1967 celebrated their 55 year reunion.



Class of 1965 met for their 75th birthday reunion on September 2/3rd.

2022 Reunions