

"Be men and women of courage and conviction... Walk the second mile... In the food He gives you, you will find your strength... Pray for one another... THAT is the spirit of Central!" - Bishop John King Mussio

Dear Alumni, Parents, and Friends,

As we prepare for this Christmas Season, we reflect with gratitude on all the people who have been making Catholic education possible during our time here at CCHS, BJKM Junior High and BJKM Elementary. There have been many changes over the years, but in the midst of these, our Crusader tradition of Catholic education that inspires Christian discipleship and service runs strong. It runs in our teachers in the classrooms, in our coaches on the field, in our directors on the stage, and in everyone who makes the Steubenville Catholic Schools work for the students and families we serve.

None of this would have been possible without your love, prayers, and support.

Catholic Education does not happen by default. It happens because our staff, parents, alumni and benefactors choose to make the sacrifices to bring it to reality.

Thank you for being a part of our Crusader family over the years.

Our marketing team has started a monthly e-blast in addition to this quarterly newsletter to give you another opportunity to see what is going on here at CCHS, BJKM Jr. High, & BJKM Elementary. You can sign up for this by updating your contact information on our website. We want you to see how we are striving to form our young people into Crusaders of courage, service, reliance on God, and prayer in the vision of Bishop John King Mussio.

We are growing and need help replacing the part of the roof at CCHS that is over the Junior High wing, as well as replacing the current Annex at the Elementary with an expanded building more suitable for our increasing class sizes. See more on in this newsletter about how you can help our Legacy of Faith Campaign make those goals a reality for our students.

We hope you enjoy seeing what our students and teachers have been up to over the past several months. Never hesitate to reach out to us.

Many blessings,

Judith Lucas

Principal, CCHS & BJKM Jr. High

Theresa Danaher

Principal, BJKM Elementary

48 OHIO SCHOOLS AND 615 TEACHERS RECEIVE GOVERNOR'S THOMAS EDISON AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN STEM EDUCATION

**CONGRATULATIONS TO BJKM JR. HIGH TEACHERS:
MEGHAN MARSHALL
TIFFANY DOBSON**



The Ohio Academy of Science selected 48 Ohio schools and 615 teachers to receive The Governor's Thomas Edison Awards for Excellence in STEM Education and Student Research for their accomplishments during the 2022-2023 school year. Each school will receive a special Governor's Award certificate, and each teacher will receive a complementary membership to The Ohio Academy of Science. The Technology Division of the Ohio Development Services Agency funded the program.

First established in 1985, the Governor's Thomas Edison Awards recognize Ohio schools and teachers who stimulate scientific student research and technological design and extend experiential opportunities beyond traditional classroom activities. The Ohio Academy of Science initiated this educational partnership program in cooperation with The Office of The Governor and The Technology Division of The Ohio Development Services Agency to recognize schools and teachers for excellence in STEM education and scientific student research.

About The Ohio Academy of Science - Founded in 1891, The Ohio Academy of Science (OAS) is a membership-based, volunteer driven, not-for-profit organization. The Academy is the leading organization in Ohio to foster curiosity, discovery, innovation, and problem-solving skills. OAS members are as diverse as the science taking place in Ohio, and OAS programs support STEM research among pre-college and college students through the professional scientific community. For more information about the OAS, please visit its website at <http://www.ohiosci.org>.



CCHS NAMED TO ADVANCED PLACEMENT SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

CCHS recognized for student success in Advanced Placement program while broadening access.

College Board, which expands access to higher education, announced that CCHS has been named to the Advanced Placement® Program (AP®) School Honor Roll, earning SILVER distinction. The AP® School Honor Roll recognizes schools whose AP programs are delivering results for students while broadening access. Schools can earn this recognition annually based on criteria that reflect a commitment to increasing college-going culture, providing opportunities for students to earn college credit, and maximizing college readiness.

CCHS had 60% of seniors who took at least one AP exam during high school, 40% of seniors who scored a three or higher on at least one AP exam, and 5% of seniors who took five or more AP exams! They currently offer nine AP courses with six instructors and plan to continue adding more AP course offerings to their curriculum in the next few years.

"AP represents an opportunity for students to stand out to colleges, earn college credit and placement, and potentially boost their grade point averages," said Trevor Packer, head of the AP program. "The schools have shown that they can expand access to these college-level courses and still drive high performance – they represent the best of our AP program."

College Board's Advanced Placement® Program (AP®) enables students to pursue college-level studies—with the opportunity to earn college credit, advanced placement, or both—while still in high school. Through AP courses in 38 subjects, each culminating in a challenging exam, students learn to think critically, construct solid arguments, and see many sides of an issue—skills that prepare them for college and beyond.



We welcomed Catherine Bosley and the Jefferson County Juvenile Task Force for a very informative assembly titled – “FOREVER & FOR ALL TO SEE: OUR DAY OF DIGITAL EVERYTHING”.

The goal was to fuel a mindfulness about the fact that there is so little room for a “what was I thinking moment,” online or off, before it could become attached to you “forever and for all to see,” one mouse click away.

Catherine Bosley is an Award-Winning Journalist that has teamed up with The Jefferson County Juvenile Task Force and is comprised of several agencies that work with the youth in our county to come together to address issues that are being faced day to day with our youth.



Agencies that were represented during this assembly were the Jefferson County Juvenile Court, The Prevention and Recovery Board, Family Recovery, Jefferson County Sheriff Department, Jefferson County Health Department, Ohio State Highway Patrol, OHIO BCI, Local Law Enforcement, ALIVE Shelter, and A Caring Place Advocacy Center.



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meals**
a simple solution
to world hunger



Grades 4-12 had a special visit from Calum MacFarlane-Barrow (son of the founder of Mary's Meals, Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow). He travelled from Scotland to Steubenville to share the story of Mary's Meals and recognize our community's little acts of love that have spread globally. We were able to present them with a check for \$1,662 that we raised so far this year!



Our Elementary was blessed to have a representative of each branch of the military participate in our Veteran's Day Program. Fifth grade student council led the event under the direction of Mrs. Marian Barker. Mr. Sam Johnston, our band director, represented the U.S. Army. The other three branches were represented by three Bishop Mussio Elementary parents: Mr. Bryan Esary, U.S. Navy; Mr. Justin Neeper, U.S. Marines; and Mr. David Irvin, U.S. Air Force.



Our students in grades 3-12 honored local WWII Veteran Stanley Galaszewski whose remains were recently identified and sent home to Steubenville to be laid to rest next to his mother in Mount Calvary Cemetery. We stood together along Sunset Blvd. as the funeral procession traveled from Mosti Funeral Home to take him to his final resting place.

Disney and Pixar's **FINDING NEMO JR.** Played at Lanman Hall November 17 THROUGH SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2023. THE CHARMING 60-minute musical, DESIGNED FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL-AGED PERFORMERS, WAS BASED ON THE BELOVED 2003 PIXAR FILM **FINDING NEMO**. THE 7TH AND 8TH GRADE CAST INCLUDED 48 TALENTED STUDENTS LED BY EZEKIEL PAULOWSKI, KAYLA BECCA, RENEE WNEK, AND CHRISSY DIMICHELE.



Legacy of Faith

The 1950's were a time of growth and investment in our Steubenville Catholic Schools.

1949 saw the beginning of construction for our current CCHS building, with classes first held in September of 1950. **The people of Steubenville raised the money in two weeks to make this happen.** Nearly 75 years later, their foresight and vision to invest in this facility is bearing fruit for our students academically and spiritually.

We are again blessed with the problem of growth and needing more space– as well as maintaining the facilities that are the platform that enable us to serve our students.



**GIVE ONLINE
TODAY!**



**LEARN MORE
ABOUT THE
PROJECT:**



**WRITING A
CHECK?**

Make checks out to:

**Steubenville
Catholic Schools
Foundation**

**P.O. Box 1484,
Steubenville, OH
43952**

Memo: Legacy

We kicked off our Legacy of Faith Capital Campaign in conjunction with the Steubenville Catholic Schools Foundation on October 15th.

The Steubenville Catholic Schools Foundation was established in 2018 by friends and alumni to support and safeguard the growth and flourishing of our Catholic Schools. They are handling the funds for this project.



This campaign has a goal of \$2.4 Million Dollars to achieve two objectives:

- **Build a new Annex Building for our growing numbers of Elementary students**
- **Replace large sections of the roof on the western wing of CCHS, which includes the Junior High.**

This is addressing the immediate and urgent need to give our students adequate space and an updated roof.

It is also an investment into the coming decades for the maintenance and growth of our schools. Our growing elementary lays the foundation for a successful future Junior High and CCHS.

As of this news-letter **over \$520,000 has been pledged** by generous alumni and friends towards this campaign. **We are so grateful for your support!**

We ask you to prayerfully help us build a Legacy of Faith for our children and young people.

Make a Donation or Pledge today either online or with the included envelope!

Scan on the left to learn more or visit us at:

www.steubenvillecatholicschools.org/legacy-of-faith/



2023 Homecoming

HOMEcoming COURT:

THOMAS BAILLARGEON, BRENDAN GRIMM,
TYLER IALENTI, DANIEL BOLSTER
AND KING KOLBE PALLADINO;
TALIA MARCINO, JACKIE O'KARMA,
ANNA ARAI, ELLA MARAGOS AND
QUEEN ARABELLA BLOOMER.





ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

106.3 The River's Dee Jay's BBQ Ribs & Grill High School Athlete of the Week is Steubenville Catholic Central volleyball player Ava Marcino!

During a win over Beallsville, Ava had 21 kills, two blocks, 24 points, six aces and 15 assists. Ava received a plaque from Tri-Area Trophies in Weirton and a Dee Jay's gift card. Congratulations to Ava Marcino!



106.3 The River's Dee Jay's BBQ Ribs & Grill High School Athlete of the Week is Steubenville Catholic Central soccer goalkeeper Tom Baillargeon!

Tom made 10 saves in the Crusader's 2-1 overtime win against West Muskingum in the Sectional Co-Final. Tom received a plaque from Tri-Area Trophies in Weirton. Congratulations to Tom Baillargeon!

POST-SEASON HONORS FOR FALL 2023 SPORTS

REPORTED AS OF 11/15/23

East District Soccer – Girls

All-District First Team - Jackie O'Karma

Second team - Kathryn Bolster and Sophia Walsh

Honorable Mention - Mary Rohde, Isabella Lee and Carolyn Kuebler

Bri DeChristopher was named the Assistant Coach of the Year in Division III.

Jackie O'Karma and Maria Mitch were selected to play in the East District All-Star game.

OVAC Soccer Honors:

OVAC player of the year for 1A-3A Jackie O'Karma

All-Conference: Kathryn Bolster & Jackie O'Karma

Honorable Mention - Mary Rohde & Sofia Walsh

Carolyn Kuebler & Lydia Hermann were selected to play at the OVAC All-star game. Johnathan Hoover, assistant coach.

East District Soccer – Boys

All-District First Team - Tom Baillargeon

Second Team - Daniel Bolster and Benji Rook

Honorable Mention - Mikey Hernon, Brendan Kuebler and Matthew Dervis

Tom Baillargeon and Mikey Hernon were selected to play in the East District All-Star game

OVAC Soccer Honors:

OVAC All-Conference: Tom Baillargeon and Daniel Bolster

Honorable Mention - Benji Rook and Brendan Kuebler

Tom Baillargeon & Mikey Hernon were selected to play in the OVAC All-star game. Steve Kopcha, assistant coach.



Division 7 East District Football Honors:

Defensive Co-Player of the Year: Brayden Rauch

Co-Coach of the Year: Eric Meek

First Team Offense

Running Backs: BJ Fallon

Linemen: Kody Carver

Defense

Linemen: Peyton Rauch; Brendan Grimm

Linebackers: Brayden Rauch

Defensive Backs: Tommy Pergi

Punter: Daniel Bolster

Second Team Offense

Quarterback: Tyler Ialenti

Defense

Linemen: Noah Hough

Linebacker: Jimmy Hernon

Honorable Mention

Timmy Mihalyo; Matthew Sprochi

Eastern District 5 Volleyball Honors:

First Team Anna Arai

Second Team Ava Marcino

Honorable Mention Natalie Cherepko

Anna Arai played in the Eastern District 5 Senior All-Star game.

OVAC Volleyball All Conference: Anna Arai

DEFELICE BROTHERS PIZZA SCHOLAR ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

DANIEL BOLSTER



SPORTS SCHEDULES AND OUR CALENDAR CAN BE FOUND
ON OUR WEBSITE AT:
STEUBENVILLECATHOLICSCHOOLS.ORG/CCHS/ATHLETICS/

PLEASE JOIN US IN CONGRATULATING
OUR CATHOLIC CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL
CRUSADER ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME
2023 INDUCTION CLASS!



This year we inducted David Smith, Coach Craig Farrar, Nicholas Tuttle, Ginny Mills, Chinedu Achebe, the 1993 State Championship Football Team and the 1994 State Championship Baseball Team into the CCHS Athletic Hall of Fame.

To view the Induction please visit the GO LIVE portion of our website.

More pictures can be found at:
<http://newbroughphoto.com/Collections/741891>



STEUBENVILLE
CATHOLIC
SCHOOLS EST. 1890
CRUSADER MARCHING BAND

The CCHS Crusader Marching Band program is deeply committed to engaging with and supporting our community. Through performances at school-related events, local gatherings, and parades, we provide a festive atmosphere that draws public attention, while supporting our local businesses. Highlights from the past year include our annual food & household items drive for the Friendship Room, performances at nursing homes and senior centers, and playing for the Washington County Special Olympics participants. With a rich history of diverse community involvement, the CCHS Crusader Marching Band remains steadfast in its mission to make a positive impact on our community through the power of music and service.

If you're interested in supporting the CCHS Crusader Marching Band, we invite you to consider sponsoring our upcoming Evening with the Jazz Band event.

THE CCHS CRUSADER
BAND PRESENTS:

AN EVENING
WITH THE
JAZZ BAND

WITH SPECIAL GUEST:
COMEDIAN AUGGIE COOK



Hellenic Hall
Steubenville
April 14, 2024
4 PM – 8 PM

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3RD ANNUAL BAND ALUMNI HALL OF FAME BRUNCH



The CCHS Band Alumni honored Kayla Becca, Don Caiazza, and Jude Lucas with induction into the Band Alumni Hall of Fame on November 29, 2023.

They saw their biggest crowd yet with over 60 Crusader Band Alumni joining together for the celebration. Alumni had the opportunity to meet old friends, view the CCHS BAND Museum Display, and hear from our Hall of Fame members on the impact band can leave.



Alumni Spotlight



Dr. Cara Copeland ('04) was inducted into two honorary dental societies, The American College of Dentists and The International College of Dentists at their respective annual meetings in Orlando, FL in October 2023.

The American College of Dentists (ACD) is the oldest national-level honorary organization for dentists, with only 3% of dentists in the nation nominated for fellowship. Its members have exemplified excellence through outstanding leadership and exceptional contributions to dentistry and society. Fellows must be nominated by two current Fellows and unanimously approved by a distinguished five-member committee.

The International College of Dentists is the preeminent honor society of the world's outstanding dentists in "Serving Others" with chapters in 138 countries. Fellows exemplify the ICD core values of integrity, leadership, and service.

Dr. Copeland resides in Phoenix, AZ with her husband, Bryan and son Dominic. She currently serves as an Associate Professor and Director of Community Service & Outreach at Midwestern University College of Dental Medicine in Glendale, AZ. Her duties include patient care, lecturing, and building community partnerships to provide dental care for the marginalized in her community. Her most recent efforts have resulted in comprehensive dental care for victims of human trafficking and pregnant, unhoused mothers.

Jerome A. Madden ('66) grew up in the Upper Ohio Valley in the 1960's. Jerry holds a B.A. from the College of Steubenville and law degrees from the University of Dayton School of Law and the Georgetown University Law Center. After law school, he served as the sole law clerk for the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Ohio, C. William O'Neill. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps (R) from 1970 to 1976. He has practiced law in Washington, D.C., since 1979, including fourteen years with the U.S. Department of Justice. He is the principal of The Madden Law Group PLLC in Washington, D.C. He lives in Northern Virginia with his wife Cyndi, a retired master elementary school teacher. They have two children, Kelsey and Jack; both hold M.Ed. degrees. They have one grandchild, Jamie MacLennan.

What was the motivation to write this book?

I have long been struck by the fact that as I—part of the leading-edge baby-boomer generation—came of age, the two most important pillars of my youth—the steel industry that supported the local economy and the Catholic nuns who made my parochial education possible—went into a death spiral. The reasons for the decline of each were quite different but they occurred simultaneously. The Steubenville area was a vibrant and thriving community that supported solid middle-class families. The world in which I grew up swiftly disappeared.

When did you decide to write *Steel Valley*?

It's a story I have thought about for at least twenty years. I had the basic idea for the book but could never land on a storyline that I thought would do it justice. A little over a year ago, I was driving in my car while out Christmas shopping and the complete storyline literally dropped into my lap. I went home and typed it up and started writing in earnest last January.

On whom did you base two main characters?

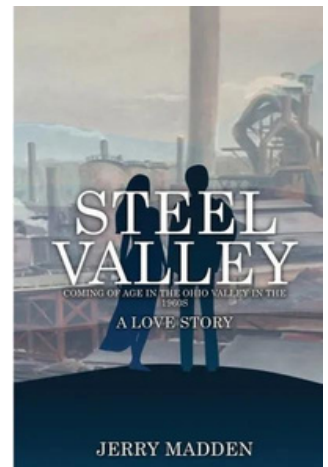
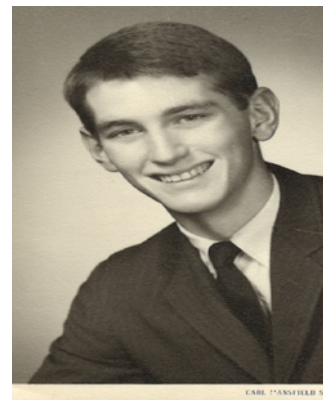
The main male character, Jack Clark, is in some small and not so small ways loosely based on my early years but the rest is fiction. The female muse, if you will, Laurie Carmine, is entirely fictional but in some small but important ways was informed by my personal experiences. The book focuses on first and second generation Irish, Italian, and Polish children of immigrants who emigrated to the U.S. in the mid-to-late nineteenth century through the early twentieth century.

What do you want to most get across to readers about this book?

It's a story that needs to be told and I think it speaks to a loss far beyond the Steubenville area to many, many industrial and manufacturing towns and cities throughout the U.S. These were thriving communities and I think just in the last ten years has the country started to come to grips with what was lost.

Where can the book be purchased?

The book is published on over 30 leading online bookstores, including Amazon, Barnes & Noble, Walmart, Target, Apple Books, Blackwell, James Bennett, iUniverse, Aphrohead, etc.





A Catholic education is now affordable for ALL eligible families in the state of Ohio, grades K-12!

Governor Mike DeWine, Senate President Matt Huffman, and members of the Ohio House and Senate have passed HB33, Ohio's biennial budget. This landmark legislation includes significant changes to the EdChoice Expansion Scholarship program. ALL students in grades K-12 will qualify. If a family's household income is at or below 450% of the Federal Poverty Level, they will be awarded the maximum scholarship amount not to exceed the school's tuition amount per child. If a family's household income is at or above 451% of the Federal Poverty Level, the student's scholarship award will be prorated.

Please see charts to determine the amount for which you will qualify. Income levels are based on household adjusted gross income (line 11 of your 2022 Income Tax Return).



Federal Poverty Level	Award Amount for Grades K-8	Award Amount for Grades 9-12
0 – 450%	\$6,165	\$8,407
451 - 500%	\$5,200	\$7,050
501 - 550%	\$3,650	\$5,000
551 - 600%	\$2,600	\$3,550
601 - 650%	\$1,850	\$2,500
651 - 700%	\$1,300	\$1,750
701 - 750%	\$900	\$1,250
751% or higher	\$650	\$950

Federal Poverty Levels with Gross Annual Amounts								
Number in Family/ Household	200%	450%	500%	550%	600%	650%	700%	750%
1	\$29,160	\$65,610	\$72,900	\$80,190	\$87,480	\$94,770	\$102,060	\$109,350
2	\$39,440	\$88,740	\$98,600	\$108,460	\$118,320	\$128,180	\$138,040	\$147,900
3	\$49,720	\$111,870	\$124,300	\$136,730	\$149,160	\$161,590	\$174,020	\$186,450
4	\$60,000	\$135,000	\$150,000	\$165,000	\$180,000	\$195,000	\$210,000	\$225,000
5	\$70,820	\$158,130	\$175,700	\$193,270	\$210,840	\$228,410	\$245,980	\$263,550
6	\$80,560	\$181,260	\$201,400	\$221,540	\$241,680	\$261,820	\$281,960	\$302,100
7	\$90,840	\$249,809	\$227,100	\$249,810	\$272,520	\$295,230	\$317,940	\$340,650
8	\$101,120	\$278,079	\$252,800	\$278,080	\$303,360	\$328,640	\$353,920	\$379,200
For each additional person add:	\$10,280	\$23,130	\$25,700	\$28,270	\$30,840	\$33,410	\$35,980	\$38,550

Source: Office of the Asst. Secretary for Planning & Eval/US Dept of HHS





Wishing you
a Merry
Christmas
and a
Blessed New
year!



Make sure you stop down on 4th street in front of 4th Street Standard to see our Steubenville Catholic Schools tree!

PICK 4 RAFFLE

Drawing based on the Pennsylvania Lottery Daily Pick 4 evening drawing.

Winners!

Paul Kenny	3682	3/10
Michele Byers	3717	3/21
Mary Petricca Longhi	3983	3/28
Melanie Mantos	3263	4/12
Albert Carapellotti	3088	4/21
Thomas Miller	3051	5/14
Susan Nolan	3536	6/11
Mike Carpico	3262	6/22
Marilyn Izzi	3124	6/26
Anna Mea Mease	3603	7/3
Mark Anderson	3574	7/4
Andy Renforth	3783	8/21
Albert Carapellotti	3088	8/22

The 2023-2024 Steubenville Catholic Schools Fine Arts Presentations in Lanman Hall



CRUSADER BAND

VARSITY SHOW

OCTOBER 25, 2023

CCHS SPRING MUSICAL

MARCH 7, 8 & 9, 2024

JUNIOR HIGH MUSICAL

NOVEMBER 17 & 18,
2023

MUSIC IN OUR SCHOOLS
CONCERT

MARCH 26, 2024

SHAKESPEARE PRODUCTION

DECEMBER 1 & 2, 2023

BJKM ELEMENTARY
DRAMA PRODUCTION
APRIL 26 & 27, 2024

BJKM ELEMENTARY
CHRISTMAS PROGRAM
DECEMBER 6, 2023

CCHS SPRING CONCERT
BAND & CHOIR
MAY 2, 2024

BJKM JH & CCHS
CHRISTMAS CONCERT
DECEMBER 12, 2023

BJKM JH SPRING
CONCERT BAND & CHOIR
MAY 9, 2024

