



"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,

We have been blessed by the return of sunshine in the Ohio Valley! It is wonderful to see the delight of the students as they spend more time outside. It reminds us of the fasting and sacrifice of Lent giving way to the joyful celebration of Our Lord's Resurrection! We wish a very happy Easter time to you all!

Life here at our Steubenville Catholic Schools continues to be full, with our students ever growing and pursuing excellence. We find much joy in watching them grow and develop their talents and gifts through their studies, sports, the arts, as well as in the prayer and sacraments we are able to have here as a Catholic School. We are hopeful that their formation in the values of selfless giving, hard work, and sacrificial love will help them to continue to grow into faithful citizens and leaders of good character on whatever path God is calling them to. We pray that they be true men and women of Courage, Character, Heart and Spirit long after their time here.

Thanks to all of you who give your time, talent, and donations to make BJKM Elementary, BJKM Jr. High, and CCHS a reality for our students. We are so grateful for your continued support. You turn our vision of providing the best Catholic education and the Crusader experience for our children and young people into something real, and we look forward to continuing the growth of our schools in both size and excellence.

We hope you enjoy catching up on 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

THE CRUSADER ANNUAL FUND

Making our Tradition of Catholic education happen.

Too many people do not give monthly because they think their gift doesn't make a difference.

Our monthly donors make the Crusader experience possible for our students year after year.

Even a small monthly gift has a tremendous impact on our students, transforming excellence in academics, athletics and the arts from a dream into a reality.

The Crusader tradition of Catholic education matters because it prepares students for higher education, their careers, and ultimately to become better disciples of Jesus Christ.

If you are called to make a difference and invest in the future of our young people by becoming a monthly supporter of our students via the Crusader Annual Fund, go to:

www.steubenvillecatholicschools.org

and at the top left click:

Give Today



Thank you for your generous support of our Crusader students!

May God Bless you and Let's Go Blue!





Music in Our Schools

"Every year the National Association for Music Education dedicates the month of March to Music Education Advocacy. Many school music programs across the country suffer from budget cuts, lack of school support, or an absence of desire from the community. We here at the Steubenville Catholic Schools are very blessed to have students who have been given an abundance of musical gifts, a strong team of music educators who work tirelessly to develop each student's unique abilities, a very supportive administration who ensures sufficient time for instruction and performances, and a community who encourages the development of the gifts of artistic beauty in our students. There are many opportunities to hear the results of the hours of hard work put in by our students.



The annual Music in our Schools Month Concert is an opportunity for our performers to share their talents. It also gives our parents a chance to catch a glimpse of the robust music program we offer at our schools, and most importantly for our students to cheer on their peers and celebrate each other's musical talents. Music is a gift from God. Let us take this Spring to celebrate the musical gifts God has bestowed on us."

-Zeke Paulowski

BEAUTY AND THE BEAST JR.

Disney's *Beauty & The Beast Jr.* is playing at Lanman Hall at CCHS from Friday, April 26th through Saturday, April 27th at 7:00pm. The 60-minute musical, designed for middle school-aged performers, is based on the 1994 Broadway production and Disney's 1991 animated feature film. The BJKM 5th & 6th Grade Drama Club cast and crew includes 60 students led by a sister duo Mrs. Kayla Becca and Mrs. Renee Wnek. Mrs. Becca also creates and teaches the choreography and Mrs. Wnek is the music director. The Bishop Mussio Drama Club was started in 2021. This will be their third production.



For information on purchasing tickets please visit or call the Elementary school office for reservations at 740-264-2550. Tickets will cost \$5 for children and \$8 for adults. Livestream will also be available for \$10.



The Secret Garden



CCHS proudly presented *The Secret Garden*, a stage musical with book and lyrics by Marsha Norman, music by Lucy Simon, and based on the novel by Frances Hodgson Burnett. The story was set in the early years of the 20th century. Mary Lennox, an English girl born and raised in the British Raj, was orphaned by a cholera outbreak when she was ten years old. She was sent away from India to the moors of Yorkshire, England, to live in the manor of a brooding uncle she had never met. There, her personality blossomed among the other residents of the manor as they brought new life to a long-neglected garden. The cast featured Maisy Symington as Mary Lennox, Daniel Free as Archibald Craven, Jack Leonard as Dr. Neville Craven, Thomas Symington as Colin Craven and Emiliana McCalister as Lily.

The entire cast and crew totaled over 80 students on stage and behind the scenes. The show was led by Director Joe Hahn with Assistant Director Naomi Nelson; Kimberly Nicolosi stepped in as the vocal music director and choreographer; Zeke Paulowski directed the orchestra; Emily Ward was stage manager, assisted by Elizabeth Schmiesing, forming a great production team. *The Secret Garden* pleased people of all ages!

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2024!



We Celebrated our Parishes



...celebrated our Nation



...celebrated our Community



...celebrated our Vocations



...celebrated our Faculty, Staff, & Students



...celebrated Mass Together



BISHOP BRADLEY APPOINTS NEW CCHS & BJKM JR HIGH PRINCIPAL



Bishop Paul J. Bradley, apostolic administrator of Steubenville, announced the appointment of Deacon Thomas Graham as principal of Catholic Central High School and Bishop John King Mussio Junior High School, Steubenville, effective July 1. Deacon Paul D. Ward, director of the diocesan Office of Christian Formation and Schools, said, "With his many years as an educator and community leader, Deacon Graham is a strong choice for this position. He has the faith, experience, and skills needed to move the schools forward in a positive direction."

Deacon Graham has a master's and a doctorate in sociology from Kent State University, with specialization in analyzing educational systems and policies; a MSW in clinical social work from the University of Pittsburgh; and a master's in theology from St. Joseph's College in Maine. He also has a degree in secondary education with a teaching license.

The deacon was a full-time professor at Franciscan University of Steubenville for 30 years and Dean of Academics at Eastern Gateway Community College, Steubenville, for five years.

Deacon Graham was a commissioner of Jefferson County for 20 years and a member of the Toronto school board for 10 years. He has served as a deacon in the Diocese of Steubenville since 2016.

Deacon Graham replaces Jude Lucas, who announced her retirement earlier this year after 22 years of service as an educator for the Steubenville area Catholic schools. The diocese expresses its gratitude for her dedication.





Adam Martello (CCHS '10) stands out as a testament to the values of service, accountability, and a deep-seated pride in Steubenville Crusader roots.



Adam Martello Class of 2010 Forever a Crusader

At CCHS, Adam actively participated in sports and leadership. He played football, was the manager for the boys' basketball team, and served in both Senior Student Government and Rotary Youth Leadership.

After his time at Central, Adam graduated in 2014 from The Ohio State University with a BA in Economics and then earned his law degree at Duquesne University. Adam has always loved his hometown of Steubenville and ultimately chose to reside and establish his law practice here in November 2017, immediately following his passing of the Bar Exam. He has a general practice which focuses on real estate, probate, estate planning, small business, and criminal defense.



Adam with the other board members of the Steubenville Catholic Schools Foundation.

Adam was the Assistant Coach for the CCHS Boys' Basketball Team from 2015-2017. Since 2018, he has been the Assistant Men's Basketball Coach and Director of Recruiting for Franciscan University of Steubenville.

Adam also serves as the solicitor for Cross Creek Township and the village of Adena. He is also a Defense Attorney for Adult and Juvenile Drug Court Programs, which provide opportunities for drug and alcohol addicted individuals to receive treatment for their addictions as an alternative to incarceration.

Adam is especially proud of being one of the founding members of the Steubenville Catholic Schools (SCS) Foundation, a stand-alone, separate entity with the mission to perpetuate and advance the Steubenville Catholic Schools system.

To this day, Adam cherishes the camaraderie he shares with teachers and fellow students, emphasizing the unique sense of pride in wearing the blue and gold. Looking back, he particularly notes the effect of Mrs. Diorio and Ms. Naptes on his character growth and faith journey. Certainly not to be forgotten are the impacts Mrs. Rigaud, Mrs. Duck, Mrs. Lally, Coach Copeland, and Ms. Costantini had on his educational and character development.



Adam presenting on the U.S. Legal System to current Crusader Students

In advice to current Crusader students, Adam reflected, ***"We had a coach that used to tell us 'Always remember who you are and where you came from.' To me, that meant that no matter where life takes you, stay humble, remember that you are a Crusader, and when you have a chance to give back, give back."***



Legacy of Faith Capital Campaign Update

Thank you to everyone who has helped us reach 70% of our goal in just 6 months!

\$868,000
Institutional Investment

\$828,391
Raised (\$576K Received)

\$1.69 Million Raised & Committed!

**\$2.4 Million
Total Goal**



Be a part of this investment in our future.

Write your check to **"SCS Foundation"** and mail to:
SCS Foundation, PO Box 1484, Steubenville, OH 43952

See more, track our progress, or give today online at: www.steubenvillegatholicsschools.org/legacy-of-faith/



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The **CCHS Class of 1973**
Had an **awesome** reunion last summer!



Upcoming Alumni Events

Class of 1964 Reunion
Friday, May 31st &
Saturday, June 1st 2024

Class of 1974 Mass
Wednesday, August 28th 2024

Class of 1984 Reunion
Saturday, July 20th 2024

When's your next reunion?
For information on upcoming events, or for help planning your class reunion, contact Mike Schmiesing at **740.2645538 x 119** or email us today at:

cchs.alumni@steubenvillecatholiccentral.org

PICK 4 RAFFLE

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

1st drawing will be Monday, April 1, 2024 & continue daily until the final drawing on August 25th.

The daily prize is \$125.00 and special prizes will be given on the following dates:

April 15, 2024	\$500
May 24, 2024	\$1,000
July 4, 2024	\$1,500
August 25, 2024	\$3,500

Scan here to purchase tickets online!

