



Crusader Connections

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CATHOLIC HIGH



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DEAR CRUSADER FAMILY,

What a wonderful year it has been at Pensacola Catholic High School! As I write this letter, we only have three weeks left in the school year and by the time this goes to press, even fewer. We have had such a very blessed year learning about and being 'The Body of Christ.' Guided by our Campus Ministry & Religion Department we have used the Seven Corporal Works of Mercy: to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, give alms to the poor, shelter the homeless, visit the sick, visit the imprisoned, and bury the dead; to demonstrate ways in which we can be the 'Body of Christ.' Through the great planning and teaching of our exemplary faculty and the works of our wonderful students in class and extracurricular activities, we have demonstrated ways in which we can all be the hands and feet of Christ on earth. I want to thank all of you, the Catholic High Family, for your assistance when we called on you for help -- you all mean so much to us. It was wonderful to see so many of you at our Annual Eucharistic Celebration and Fish Fry in March for what I believe was a record-breaking year for attendance!

We always hope that you enjoy the information and stories that we share with you in each edition of our Crusader Connections. We continue to rely on you to send us updates on 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. We promise to keep you on our mailing list as well!

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 of the Crusaders who have blessed our school for many years and who have helped us to be 'The Body of Christ' for those around us.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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



MATH TEAM CONTINUES LEGACY

The 49th Annual Nicholas "Nicky" S. Walker Math Tournament, hosted by Milton High School, was held on Friday, March 31, with the Catholic School High Math Team competing along with Escambia, Gulf Breeze, Milton, Navarre, Niceville, Pace, and Tate High Schools. Teams from each of these schools 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. This is the 14th consecutive year that CHS has won the top honors at this tournament. CHS also took 1st Place in the Geometry, Algebra II, and Calculus categories, as well as 2nd Place in the Algebra 1 and Pre-Calculus events. Congratulations to the team's members listed below as well as the entire Math Faculty at Catholic High School led by Department Chair, Maria Green. Mrs. Green and her fellow Math Teacher, Eric Requet, joined the team on Tournament Day. Teams: Algebra I - Maya Chavan, CJ McGowan, Riley Parker, Aston Tanner; Algebra II - Aidan Baker, Ace London, Caroline Royles, Owen Soletcher, Emma Thompson; Geometry - Jaylin Charlery, Clark Hubbert, Jillian Lacour, Maya Sandfort, Melina Snyder; Pre-Calculus - Mariana Contreras, Mackenzie Dobhan, Nate Flores, Finn Fritz, Harper Hubbert; Calculus - Lexi Foland, Elizabeth Owens, Tyler Ruble, and Quentin Wright. Way to go, Crusader Math Team!



▲ Math Team 2023 and Calculus Team - For the first time since CHS has competed in this competition, CHS wins First Place in the Calculus category thanks to Seniors Tyler Ruble, Quentin Wright, Elizabeth Owens, and Lexi Foland!

Robotics Team PLACES FIRST #1 ... Again!



▲ Crubotic Team members who competed in the Gulf Coast Regional MATE competition.

CRUBOTICS, our CHS Robotics Team, once again competed in the Gulf Coast Regional MATE (Marine Advanced Technology Education) competition, hosted by Dauphin Island Sea Lab in April. Crubotics, with over 20 members strong, competed in two different classifications. The

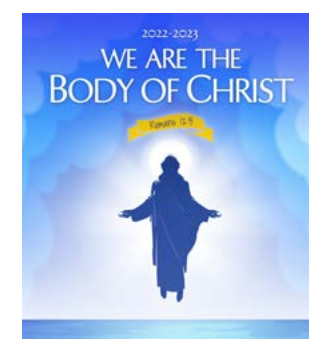
Ranger and Navigator teams spent a combined 1,400 hours using the engineering process to plan, build and test two Remotely Operated Vehicles (underwater robots) to accomplish simulations of real-world scenarios such as making scientific observations as well as removal of obstacles and placement of simulations of solar arrays and wind turbines. This year's theme was aligned to the "United Nations Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development." It was intended to inspire our global community to embrace environmental, social, and governance (ESG) efforts to create a sustainable future on our ocean planet (materovcompetition.org). For the second year in a row, the Ranger team won First Place in their division and earned an invitation to the MATE International Competition which this year is being held in Longmont, Colorado from June 20-25. Congratulations, good luck, and safe travels!

QUIZSADERS



◀ (Left to right) Luke Junck, Quentin Wright, Porter Hanley, Max Hubman, Tyler Ruble, George Golubev, Levi Junck, Clark Hubbert, Harper Hubbert. Not Pictured: Alastair Casler

Pensacola Catholic High School's quiz bowl team, the Quiz-Saders, completed their second year of competition in March. The team placed second overall in District 8 of the Florida Quiz Bowl Association. District 8 included teams from Escambia, Pensacola, Washington, Tate, and Pine Forest High Schools. Team Captain Tyler Ruble scored the second-most points of all players within the district and the team qualified for the state tournament.



ON THE COVER - STUDENTS LIVING OUT CHS VALUES AND SCHOOL THEME: 1) Students clean up grave sites at St. Michael's Cemetery during the annual Make a Difference Day event. 2) Sophomore students in Mr. Romano Kidd's Religion class created a prayer chain for prisoners at the Century State Penitentiary. The prayer chain, containing almost 150 links of individual strips of construction paper with words of encouragement, a bible verse, or a short prayer, was hung in a room where the prisoners participated in a spiritual retreat. 3) Members of the St. Vincent DePaul Club at Catholic High, moderated by Religion teacher, Mrs. Karen Manning, finished with making 450 sandwiches for the Alfred Washburn Center, take a moment to pose prior to delivering their meals.



▲ In March, National Honor Society members and Student Ambassadors visited Oakcrest Elementary and the Global Learning Academy, our Partner-in-Education schools, to read to students in celebration of Dr. Seuss' birthday.



Academic Excellence

Students Welcome Visitors from Brazil



On January 24, thirteen students from Brazil visited the Catholic High School campus to experience first-hand what it is like to be a high school student in the United States, and in this case, a Catholic High Crusader. The event was part of a U.S. Department of State Youth Exchange program that was hosted by the Gulf Coast Diplomacy Council, a non-partisan, nonprofit organization that strives to facilitate and strengthen the connection, collaboration, and fellowship between the people of the Gulf Coast and the global community. Students came to the CHS Student Life Center where they were welcomed and then paired with one of the Catholic High Student Ambassadors. Students from both sides became fast friends during their initial introductions and then they attended classes with their CHS counterparts where they actively participated in class discussions and also answered questions about their life and school in Brazil. The visitors also ate lunch at Catholic High School during their Ambassador's lunch break where they were also introduced to additional students in a more social atmosphere. Many hugs and phone numbers were exchanged when the students left campus shortly after lunch to move on to their next activity. It was a great experience for everyone involved!



CHS CELEBRATES National Catholic Schools Week

JANUARY 29 - FEBRUARY 4



Catholic High celebrated Catholic Schools Week with the rest of the nation in giving thanks for all aspects of a Catholic Education. The theme was Faith, Excellence, Service with each day of the week focusing on a different aspect with special prayers, lessons, and celebrations. Students participated in an Essay Writing Contest on their favorite service activity as well as a Poster Decorating Contest that focused on Service, particularly the Corporal works of Mercy that are part of our school theme this year. On Tuesday, some students were recognized as being an "Extra Special Person" due to their demonstration of the CHS Core Values. On Wednesday, Bishop William Wack, presided over Mass held in the school gymnasium. CHS students as well as representatives from the other area Catholic Schools--St. John's School, Little Flower School, St. Paul's School, Sacred Heart Cathedral School, and the Mother Clelia Morning Star High School-- participated in this celebration during which we gave thanks to God for our schools! On Friday, faculty, students, and parents alike were all excited to bring back the traditional SWAP Day that had not been held since 2019. On this day, parents attended school in place of their students. It was so wonderful to host our parents again for this great event and our parents had a good time coming "back to high school." It was a fabulous week learning and celebrating our heritage of being a Catholic School!

JUNIOR / SENIOR



LIVING STATIONS

On April 5, in keeping with CHS tradition, Campus Minister, Mrs. Rebecca Carter, directed a group of over 60 Crusaders who took part in performing The Living Stations. The Campus Music Ministry group also provided music during the presentation. This year's original script incorporated the meaning of the Seven Corporal Works of Mercy- to feed the hungry, to give drink to the thirsty, to clothe the naked, to give shelter to travelers, to visit the sick, to visit the imprisoned, and to bury the dead--into Christ's life and Passion.



On-Campus Happenings

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Student COUNCIL ELECTIONS

(From Left to Right)
Isabella Llanera - Vice-President
Virginia Lee - President
Cooper Meckler - Secretary
Jack Barter - Treasurer

On Friday, March 24, the CHS Student Body elected the 'Big 4' that will lead the Student Council during the 2023-2024 school year.

It was "One Last Disco" - the theme for the CHS Prom hosted by the Junior Class for their graduating Senior Class of 2023. Students and chaperons alike had a great time dancing and making memories at the event that was coordinated by the Junior Class Prom Committee and moderator, Mrs. Lara Chavez. Zack DeJesus and Lisa Laster were voted by their Senior Class to be Prom King and Queen!

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!

WEIGHTLIFTING – The 2023 Weightlifting team sent five athletes to compete at the Regional competition in Port St. Joe with one who

qualified to compete in the State Championships. Coach Matt Adams, assisted by Coach Kerry McDowell, led the following athletes to the regional level - Nathaniel Sturgis '25, Cooper Theriot '23, Bryant Kyte '25, Jonathan Flynn '26, and Desjon Robertson '24. Desjon Robertson went on to compete at the State level and placed Second in the Heavyweight Division. Congratulations to our 'Strong Crusaders!'



CRUSADER LACROSSE – Both the BOYS LACROSSE team, led by Coach

Garrett Purcell, and the GIRLS LACROSSE team, led by Coach Chloe Weinmann, won their District Championships that qualified them to play in the Regional Quarterfinals. The Boys team won their match-



up in the first regional game against Trinity Catholic but lost to Bolles in the Regional Semifinal game. They ended their season with an overall record of 15-3. Similar to their male counterparts, the Girls team won their first regional game against Bolles but ended their season in the Regional Semifinal game against Ponte Vedra. They ended their season with an overall winning record of 14-5. Congratulations on a great season for both teams!



TENNIS TEAM MAKES HISTORY AT CATHOLIC HIGH with State Runner-Up Finishes

CHS TENNIS – Under the direction of Coach Geoff Watts, both the Boys and Girls Tennis Teams progressed through District and Regional play earning the District Championships and then the Regional Championships to earn the right to compete in the State Tournament. Once there, both teams competed valiantly and each came home as State Runner-Up. Individually, in Singles competition, Justin Lyons '23 finished as Overall State Boys Semi-Finalist and Gabby Goyins '24 finished as State Girls Runner-Up. This is the first time the Tennis Team has advanced this far in State competition. Congratulations on a phenomenal season-- we could not be any prouder!



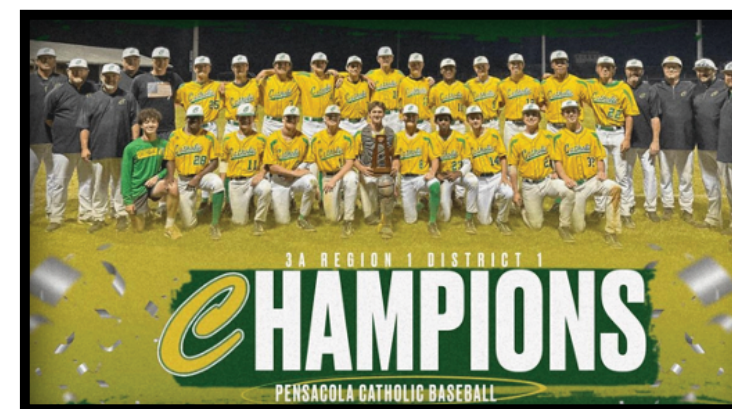
CHS SOCCER – The Boys Soccer team, led by Coach Martin, and the Girls Soccer team, led by Coach Mark Yepishin, each won their respective District Championships qualifying them to compete in the Regional Quarterfinal games. The Boys team lost in their Regional Quarterfinal match-up against Maclay and likewise, the Girls team lost to Florida State University High School in their Regional Quarterfinal. Congratulations to both teams for a great season!



CRUSADER TRACK + FIELD – The CHS Track & Field team competed in the District Track Meet on April 26 in Panama City where thirteen athletes qualified for the Regional competition. The Regional Meet was held at Hodges Stadium in Jacksonville on May 3. The students and the events they competed in at Regionals: Aidan Baker (1600m & 4x800m), Mariana Contreras (4x800m), CJ Floyd (4x100m alt.), Addison Garrett (4x800m), Tim Gully (Shot Put), Koby Howard (4x100m), Trevor Janik (800m & 4x800m), Isabella Johnson (4x800m), Jacob Kohn (4x800m), Xander McLaughlin (1600m, 3200m & 4x800m) Charles Nettles (4x100m), Jayvion Showers (4x100m & Long Jump), Xavier Thompson (100m & 4x100m), and Elizabeth Watson (4x800m). Congratulations to Jayvion who qualified to compete at State in the Long Jump.



CATHOLIC HIGH BASEBALL – Coach Richard LaBounty has returned to the helm as Head Coach of the CHS Baseball Team and under his direction had a sensational season! They won the District Championship against Marianna and advanced to the Regional Quarterfinal game against Trinity Catholic where their season ended. They ended their season with an overall record of 19-8. We love our Crusader Baseball and cannot wait until next season!



CHS SOFTBALL – While the CHS Softball Team, led by first-year Coach Holly Brown, was eliminated in the Semi-Final round of the District tournament, they had an awesome season achieving an overall record of 13-8. We look forward to seeing you next year!

CHS BASKETBALL – The Boys Basketball Team under CHS first-year Coach, Mike Dimick, had a building year and we look forward to seeing them next year. The Girls Basketball Team, under CHS first-year Coach, Bill Ferguson, did earn the chance to play in the District tournament but were eliminated in a very close first game against Maclay. They ended the season with double digit wins for the first time in many seasons, and Coach Ferg says, "the future looks bright."

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

Adyson Adams

Adyson Adams was named to the All-Area First Team in Girls Basketball, a phenomenal accomplishment for a sophomore. On January 20, Adyson also reached a milestone in her High School career by hitting the 500 point mark in a CHS 57-41 win against Pensacola Christian. Twenty-five of those points were by Adyson. She finished her sophomore year with a total of 581 points. Way to 'Stand Out', Adyson!



Sports Highlights

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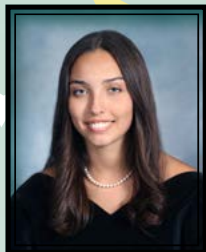


Hall of Fame 2022-2023



Some of my favorite memories are Make a Difference Day, football games, and the Stocking Mass. I am forever grateful for the teachers and administrators who have paved a great path for me at Catholic High and are always there for me. I am honored to be a member of the Hall of Fame, and I am so thankful for all Catholic High has done for me. Pensacola Catholic High School will always be my second home. - **Grace Bradshaw**

It is a huge honor to be inducted into the CHS Hall of Fame. CHS will always have a special place in my heart through the memories and the relationships I have created with the faculty, staff, and fellow students. I want to thank every coach, teacher, and classmate that has helped me to get to the place that I am today - **Zack DeJesus**



Pensacola Catholic High School has brought me so many invaluable experiences and memories. I'm incredibly grateful to be part of the Hall of Fame! CHS, our school, has worked very hard to create a positive and welcoming environment, and I'm so happy to have been a part of it! - **Lexi Folland**

I was extremely honored to be selected for the CHS Hall of Fame. The CHS Core Values of Personal Integrity, Commitment to Service, Commitment to Excellence, and Selfless Love, are beliefs I will bring with me for the rest of my life. Thank you, CHS, for the best four years of my life! - **Will Krehely**



It is a privilege to be chosen to the 2022-2023 Catholic High School Hall of Fame alongside the other inductees. Catholic High will continue to hold a special place in my heart, even after I graduate - such great memories with the wonderful members of the CHS family - **Ellie Litwak**

I have met some wonderful people through my experiences at Catholic High! I am grateful for the mentorship of my teachers. I am forever grateful that Catholic High is not just a school focused on education, but its mission is to serve others and build a community of students who have servant hearts! - **Eleanor Medlock**



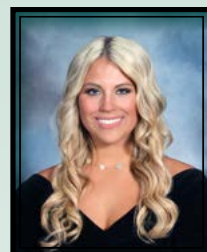
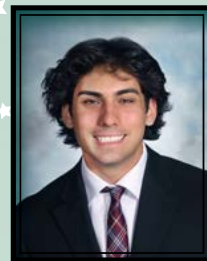
It is such a huge honor to have been selected for the 2023 Hall of Fame! I am so grateful for the memories and friendships that I have made at Catholic High. I also feel very privileged to have become a Eucharistic minister during my time here. It has played a key role in helping me to grow in my faith during my time at Catholic - **Juliet Messerly**

I am very humbled to be inducted into the 2023 CHS Hall of Fame. I am also extremely grateful for the Catholic High teachers who have helped make my educational experience such a great one. I will forever remember all that I have learned at CHS, both the "book learning" and life lessons. - **Tyler Ruble**



During my time at Catholic High School, I have been so fortunate to have interacted with a significant number of incredible people. Getting to know my fellow classmates, coaches, and teachers has really shaped me into who I am today, and I will forever be grateful. It is an incredible honor to be a part of the 2022-2023 Hall of Fame! - **Caroline Struck**

It is a true honor to be inducted into the CHS Hall of Fame. I am so glad that I was able to be a part of the Catholic High family, who helped to shape and lead me to where I am today. I am truly happy to call Catholic High my second home. - **Ian Sullivan**



ALUMNI HALL OF FAME

MaryAnn Bickerstaff '81



1981 SENIOR PORTRAIT



For the past 26 years, it has been a tradition of the CHS Alumni Committee and the School Administration to honor a fellow Catholic High School alumnus who continues to embody the CHS Core Values of Selfless Love, Commitment to Excellence, Personal Integrity, and Commitment to Service long after leaving the halls of the school. Now, with more than 9,500 graduates of Pensacola Catholic High School, it can be a daunting task to select members who stand out among their fellow alumni, as we have so many alumni who are exemplary in their own right. The process begins with the Alumni Committee nominating an individual whose name is then passed on to the

School Administration for approval. The award is usually announced at the Annual Eucharistic Celebration and/or Fish Fry. We usually surprise the recipient of the award after the Mass during a brief presentation, so it was not unusual for this year's recipient to be surprised. However, as the current Chairperson of the Alumni Committee, she thought we would be honoring another alumnus. She and the larger Alumni Committee submitted a name for consideration, but a smaller subset of the committee approached the Administration with her name, and so some additional sneaking took place to pull off the surprise - and it worked! MaryAnn Bickerstaff from the Class of 1981 is this year's inductee into the Catholic High School Alumni Hall of Fame, and she was surprised! Her husband, David, who was her high school sweetheart and graduated with her in 1981, was a big help in pulling off the surprise. He invited her mother, Catherine Humphreys, who is a graduate of 1948, a former staff member at Catholic High, and already a member of the Alumni Hall of Fame. Actually, this is the first Mother/Daughter combination to have been named to the Alumni Hall of Fame. MaryAnn's children, who are all alumni, were also part of the surprise, as they traveled to see their mother's induction and to be a part of the surprise - Emily, a 2011 graduate, and Keegan, who graduated in 2017, traveled from St. Augustine, and Nathan, a 2015 alumnus. MaryAnn's family is full of legacy Crusaders, and some of her siblings were also on hand to share in her surprise - Catherine Barker '73, Geralyn LaPorte '74, Annette Carapelucci '75, Nancy Pursell '77, Arthur Humphreys '79, and Fred Humphreys '85.



BICKERSTAFF FAMILY AT EMILY AND TAYLOR'S WEDDING: DAVID '81 & MARYANN '81, KATHRINE HUMPHREYS '48, EMILY '11 & TAYLOR, NATHAN '15, AND KEEGAN '17

MaryAnn came to CHS as a freshman in the fall of 1977, and we already knew that she was a legacy. She was involved in several activities while on campus, including the Math Club and the Anchor Club, which was a service-oriented organization. She served as manager to the Girls Basketball Team and was elected to be the Senior Class Secretary. After leaving Catholic High, MaryAnn attended the University of West Florida, where she earned her Bachelor's degree in Special Education. In 1986, she began her career at The Arc Gateway (see more about The Arc Gateway on page 13) as an Infant-Toddler Development Specialist and in 1990 was named their Director of Children's Services, a role she has cultivated and grown.



HIGH SCHOOL SWEETHEARTS AT THE SENIOR PROM

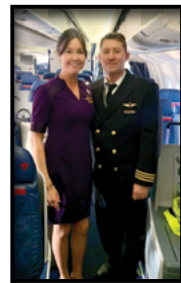
She leads and motivates her team so that they have a vital impact on the lives of children and their families every day! MaryAnn serves and has served on various boards throughout the community, giving freely of her time and talents to help individuals and organizations alike. MaryAnn has also given of her time and talent selflessly to Catholic High School. When her children were here, she chaired the PR Committee, and she and David both assisted with the annual Make a Difference Day and Football Boosters. She has been an active member of the Alumni Committee for many years and is currently serving as the committee's Chair. MaryAnn is a shining example of what it means to be a Crusader through and through - Congratulations to the 35th inductee to the Catholic High School Alumni Hall of Fame!



TAYLOR'S SELFIE OF THE FAMILY INCLUDING GRANDSON BENNETT

Alumni Hall of Fame

Rebecca Williams Edmondson 1996 and her husband, **Keith Edmondson 1995** are both employed by Delta Airlines, she as a Flight Attendant and he a Pilot. They will occasionally "meet in the sky" when they have the same routes.



Natalie Rivas Gossett 2005 has been living the life of a Navy wife with her three children for the past few years and has lived in Guam, Rhode Island, and currently Virginia. She received her Small Business Entrepreneurship Certification in 2019 and will be starting Culinary School soon.



Jason Worrell 1998 attended the University of Florida where he graduated with a B.A. in Architectural Design as well as a Master of Architecture. He now lives in Orlando, FL where he manages his own firm, Worrell Design-FX. He has worked on several projects within the Pensacola-Tallahassee Diocese including St. Dominic's in Panama City and St. Paul's in Pensacola. He is married and has a son, Clark.

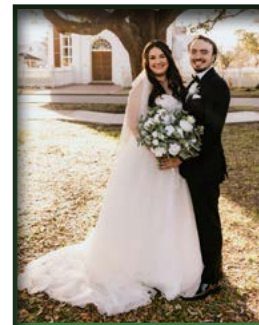
Katherine Getty 2008 attended the University of Florida after leaving Catholic High and moved to Washington, DC where she has resided for nearly 10 years. She has pursued a career in government affairs through which she works to help develop strong public policy, especially in the public health and biodefense arenas. She has also launched the "Your Good News" Podcast, out of the idea that there is good news around each of us but is sometimes hard to see. She enjoys running, exploring the DC area with her cat - Nancy Reagan- and dog - Lady Bird (Johnson)



David Akintonde 2013 On May 6, David Akintonde graduated from the Florida State University Law School after completing his undergraduate degree at FAMU. He was the President of the FSU Student Bar Association and was honored with the Raising the Bar award which is awarded to the graduate who best exemplifies the school's core values.



CRUSADER Love



The DeMatteos
FEBRUARY 4, 2023
Both alumni from the Class of 2017, **Matthew DeMatteo** and **Madelyn White** exchanged vows at St. Paul's in Pensacola.

The Balettes
APRIL 22, 2023
Emily Emmons and **Matthew Balette**, both alumni from the Class of 2015 were wed at St. Michael's Basilica in downtown Pensacola.



The Ishees
JANUARY 28, 2023
Lindsey White Class of 2011 and **Ben Ishee** were married in Pensacola.



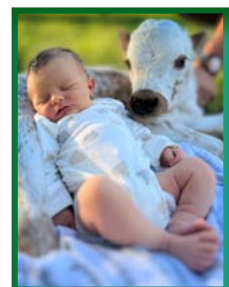
Answered Prayers

Nathaniel Robinson '99, and his wife Leigha, adopted their daughter, Sloane Collins, at birth in May, 2022. She was born at 29 weeks and spent 63 days in the NICU, but you'd never know it. Her resiliency has been remarkable to witness. Msgr. Michael Reed baptized Sloane at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart. The Robinsons will make a military move to Savannah, GA in July, 2023.



Valerie Remich Matheny '09, and her husband, Tanner, celebrated the birth of their first child, a boy, **John Charles**, on November 21, 2022. He weighed 7lbs 9oz and was 20.5 in. long.

Angela Kiger Gilmore '09, and her husband, Derek, welcomed their first child on January 1, 2023, a daughter, Elizabeth Marie weighing 7lbs 6oz and 20 inches long.



Clayton Vannoy '13, & **Hailey Bates Vannoy '14**, welcomed their first-born son on April 13, 2023. Bowman Clayton weighed in at 8lbs 7 oz. He is pictured with Stetson, the baby calf born on the family farm, who shares his birthday.



TO THE ALUMNI WHO HAVE WELCOMED A FUTURE CRUSADER TO THEIR HOMES.

Congratulations! May God bless you and fill you with wisdom as you raise up Godly children!

We want to hear from you!
It is always so good to hear from CHS Alumni from all over the globe! Please update us using the webform found on the CHS Alumni page at www.pensacolachs.org/alumni or use the QR code at bottom left to go directly to the webform.



Kim Che Huynh 2013 In January 2023, Kim Che Huynh was promoted to Captain in the US Army while stationed at Fort Bragg in North Carolina. She is pictured with her mother, Kim, and her sister, Vivi '16. Thank you, Kim Che, and all Crusaders who serve or have served in our nation's military! You are true examples of our Catholic High motto: "Pro Deo et Patria"- "For God and Country."

Brook LaBounty 2016 On May 7, Brook LaBounty graduated from Emory Law School in Atlanta, GA after earning her undergraduate degree from the University of Central Florida. She plans to work for the Kilpatrick Townsend Law Firm after she passes the bar.



Parker Kotlarz 2018 This past March, Parker Kotlarz was selected as the University of Florida's outstanding scholar and was awarded every available award in UF's engineering program. He completed his degree in Biomedical Engineering and will be heading to his dream school, Harvard Medical School, to pursue his path to becoming a neurosurgeon.

ARC GATEWAY ALL KINDS OF ALUMNI Connections

On April 5, the ARC Gateway, which serves over 1,200 children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities locally by providing life changing programs, held their Annual Meeting. Alumna, **Amanda Jansen Drews '09** was honored with the Educator of the Year Award.



Amanda Jansen Drews '09

Amanda is serving in her third year as the Director and Lead Teacher at our "sister" high school - the Mother Clelia Morning Star High School. Also honored that evening by The ARC Gateway as the Employer of the Year was Vannoy's Tires Inc. Tire Pros. This local business is owned and operated by the Vannoy family including Jeff and Beverly Bell-Vannoy '78 and Clay Vannoy '13. This recognition is awarded to businesses who believe that all individuals should be given the opportunity to work. As a side note, as mentioned in the Alumni Hall of Fame article, **MaryAnn Bickerstaff '81** works at the ARC Gateway, but we also have two other alumni that



Clay Vannoy '13 pictured far right next to his father Jeff and grandfather Gordon respectively.

EUCCHARISTIC + FISH FRY Celebration



This year's Annual Eucharistic Celebration and Fish Fry were held on Friday, March 24, in the Ruth Johnson Chadbourne Chapel and the Nickelsen Family Courtyard. A record number of more than 600 fish meals were consumed while members of the CHS Family visited with one another. Bishop Wack presided at the Eucharistic Celebration assisted by Alumni Priests - **Jim Dane '70**, **John Licari, '72**, and **Nick Schumm '96**. Other alumni assisted with the Mass and then joined the rest of the crowd that was in line for the fish that was being prepared by **Coach Matt Adams '00** and his team of "Batter Babes", and the "Fry Daddies", all of whom are faculty or alumni. The Public Relations committee team, more affectionally known as the "Fishes" 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 and to our generous food vendors



who provide us delicious sides to accompany the fish as a donation or at a significantly reduced price - Sonny's Navy Blvd, Saigon Market, and Joe Patti's. Sincere appreciation also to **Tom Baroco '93** for providing entertainment that included both **Fr. John Licari '72** and **Jack Grimley '17** sharing in some of the "song action" that night!



Girls Basketball Banquet CELEBRATES 1976-1978 CHAMPIONS

The CHS Girl's Basketball team held its annual banquet on March 8 in the Catholic High Student Life Center. Coach Bill Ferguson invited the Championship teams from 1976, 1977, and 1978 to be their guests. Beverly Bell-Vannoy '78 was the guest speaker and provided great words of encouragement and motivation for the young team. Pictured from the Championship Teams from left to right, along with our current Team and Coach Ferguson, are **Leslie Payne Scott '77**, **Ann Prevatt '79**, **Carol Payne Myers '78**, **Coach Virginia Holland**, **Kim Henderson Cooper '79**, and **Beverly Bell-Vannoy '78**.

CLASS OF 1971 Reunites!



The Class of 1971 finally celebrated their belated 50th reunion the weekend of March 24-26. The planning committee included **Jimmy Crooke**, **Margie Diettel**, **Bess Denny Abernathy**, **David Spivey**, **Tom Verploegen**, **Walker Anderson**, and **Maureen Hutchinson Dunlap**. They planned events that were enjoyed by approximately 55 classmates and their guests over the course of the weekend. Per Jimmy Crooke, "The fun started Friday night at the annual CHS fish fry beginning with Holy Mass concelebrated by Bishop William Wack and several alumni priests. The food and fellowship were outstanding and a great reminder of the closeness of this championship class. The night ended with a tour of the campus - a whole lot different than it was 50+ years ago - which was very moving and even brought a few tears to some eyes. The celebration continued Saturday night at V. Paul's Italian Ristorante. The heavy hors d'oeuvres were top notch and everyone had plenty to eat...and drink! Our disc jockey, Fun Photo Booth, and door prizes added to the fun and nobody wanted to leave. The weekend celebration concluded the same way it began with Holy Mass celebrated by fellow alum Fr. John Licari at St John the Evangelist Catholic Church. We look forward to our next gathering which cannot come soon enough!"



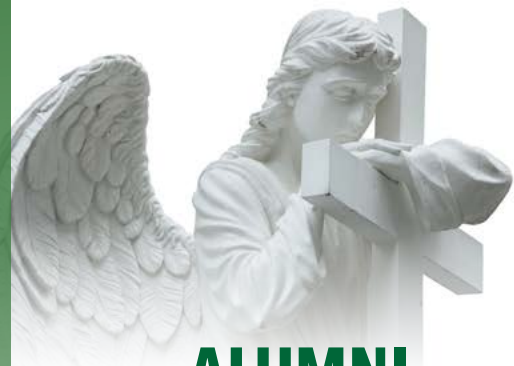
PLANNING A REUNION? WANT TO CHECK IN ON YOUR CLASS?

The Alumni page on the CHS Website is a great resource for finding information about plans for your Class Reunion. Go to 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.



In Memoriam

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



ALUMNI



Josephine "Dolly" McVoy Little '46
(1/30/23 Pensacola) Mother of David Richard "Rick" Little '70



Rosalie Fauria Rouchon '49
(1/20/23 Pensacola)



Shirley Marion Quina Bender '50
(4/3/23 Pensacola) Wife of Lewis Bender, Jr. '50 (d)

Barbara Mayne Dulion '51
(12/23/22 Pensacola) Mother of Denise Dulion '77, Jeanne Dulion Thorn '80, Michael Dulion '89, Sister of Howard Mayne '56, and Wife of Leon "Buster" Dulion '50 (d)



William R. Moore, Jr. '51
(11/7/22 Pensacola)
Father of Kathryn Moore '84 and Teresa Moore Beck '86

Charles Edward Skinner, Sr. '56
(12/16/22 Pensacola)



Frederick James McCluskey '59
(1/29/23 Pensacola) Father of Fred McCluskey, Jr. '88

Franklin "Frank" Benjamin Gomez, Sr. '60
(3/14/23 Gulf Breeze) Husband of Judy Brown Gomez '61



Robert Joseph Holihan, Jr. '63
(12/4/22 Summerville, SC) Father of Robert J. Holihan, III '91

James "Jim" William Joiner '63
(4/28/23 Pensacola)

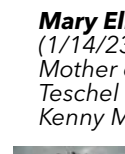


William Donald Westmoreland '66
(11/16/22 Jacksonville)

John Matthew Broadley '71
(2/9/23 Pensacola) Brother of Robert Broadley '71



Sandra "Sandy" Gail Kimberl Brewer '73
(3/1/23 Pensacola) Wife of Don Brewer '70, Daughter of Mabel Katherine Milsted Kimberl '45 (d), and Sister of Steve Kimberl '69, Kathy Kimberl Parish '72, Joseph Kimberl '79, Julie Kimberl Webb '80, Mark Kimberl '82, and Chris Kimberl '86



Mary Elizabeth Morgan Teschel '74
(1/14/23 Pensacola) Wife of Terry Teschel '68 (d), Mother of Claire Morgan Konishi '02, Vincent Teschel '04, and Sister of James Morgan '66, Kenny Morgan '69, and Sally Morgan Gilbreath '77



Ariyell Tristan Thomas '18
(3/12/23 Pensacola)

FAMILY

Martha Kay Rimes Bailey
(2/6/23 Pensacola) Mother of Wendy Bailey Shannon '77, Beth Bailey '78, and Clair Bailey Beaver '79

Michael Joseph Burke
(1/27/23 Pensacola) Husband of Carla Sheats Burke '61 and Father of Karen Burke Manning, CHS Faculty

Joanna Campbell
(12/6/22 Pensacola) Mother of Will Sturges Campbell '96

Harold Norman "Hal" Easter
(2/5/23 Pensacola) Father of Lisa Easter Swan '90

HPatricia Cutts French
(3/8/23 Pensacola) Mother of James Patrick French '79 and Sister of Michael Cutts '76

Elaine Patricia Pulito Goley
(1/4/23 Rochester, NY) Wife of Ron Goley '65

George Matthew Hahner
(3/29/23 Pensacola, FL) Brother of Sarah Hahner Manning '96

Betty Ann Bishop Harwood
(1/12/23 Pensacola) Mother of Patricia Ann Harwood Newquist '69, Odus Earl Harwood '70, Mary Lou Harwood Martin '71, Lewis Dale Harwood '74, and Bonnie Lee Harwood '76, and Sister of Sr. Jane Estelle Bishop OSB '53

Ashton J. Hayward, Jr.
(2/8/23 Pensacola) Father of Christine "Chris" Hayward Yurchukonis '80 and Ashton J. Hayward III '87

John Hogg
(5/7/23 Cumming, GA) Husband of Jean Kintz-Hogg '79

Dolores L. Hommeland
(3/28/23 Pensacola) Mother of Donald Hommeland, III '89 and Jacob Hommeland '99

Lucia Lynne Trent Howe
(3/6/23 Pensacola) Wife of Dr. Lawrence W. "Toby" Howe '72

Leonila Jimeno Llanera
(2/10/23 Pensacola) Mother of Jonathan "JoJo" Llanera '86 and Melissa "Lissa" Llanera Goldgewicht '89

Edward "Eddie" Matthews
(4/14/23 Pensacola) Husband of Kathy Whibbs Matthews '72 and Father of David Chase '02, Virginia Chase Ralls '04 and Eddie Matthews '12

Georgia A. Sanders Payne
(1/11/23 Pensacola) Mother of Philip Payne Jr. '74, Christopher Payne '76, Leslie Payne Scott '77, Carol Payne Myers '78, Paul Payne '80, Lynda Payne '81, and Kathleen Payne '85

In Memoriam Continued...

Joyce Ellen Rand Roberts-King
(2/15/23 Pensacola) Mother of Deborah Roberts Stewart '70

Geraldyn G. Silva
(12/13/22 Roanoke, TX) Mother of Stephanie Silva '72 (d), Cindy Silva Martin '74, Joan Silva Czarniak '75, Ralph Silva, Jr. '78, and Nathan Silva '81

Debbie Weller Turner
(5/3/23 Pace) Wife of Hill Turner '73, Mother of Richard Turner III '01 and Harris Turner '04, and Sister of Diane Weller '80

John Lawrence Welk
(12/17/22 Pensacola) Husband of Belle Sanchez Welk '63

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 _____

Swap Day RE-VISITED

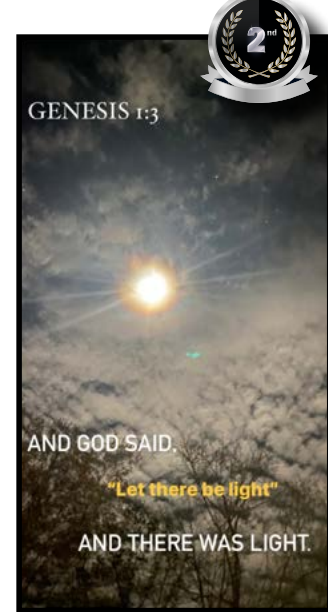
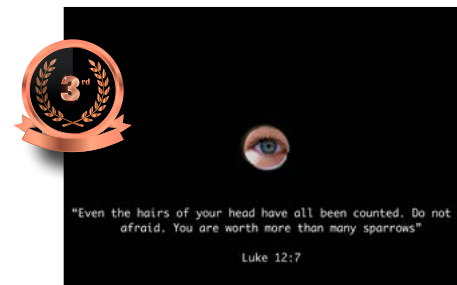
During Catholic Schools Week as previously noted on page 4, CHS parents were invited to swap places with their students. On the Wednesday before Swap Day, CHS Junior, Scott Sanderson, approached his mother, April Sanderson who is the fourth-grade teacher at St. Paul's, and asked her if he and fellow Junior classmates, Natalie Biggs and Jackson Kohr, could sub in her classroom. April said, "I asked my principal if this was a possibility and she said yes." The CHS students immediately put the wheels in motion. They found their eighth-grade sweatshirts, met with April on Thursday night, and then planned their morning with the students. They created a Kahoot, which is an interactive game-based learning tool, that they used to teach the class with a substitute teacher, Terry Walker. They also participated with the students during their PE class. Another parent, Lisa Struck, is the second-grade teacher at St. Paul's, and similarly, Senior Caroline Struck



spent the day in her classroom. CHS students and St. Paul's students all had a grand time learning from each other, and there is talk of making this an annual event! Mrs. Julie Wilson, the kindergarten instructional aide posed with the special CHS substitute teachers - Caroline, Jackson, Natalie, and Scott.

PHOTO CONTEST

The CHS Photography Club which is an extracurricular organization offered to all Catholic High students who want to participate hosted its Annual Photography Contest in April. The nineteen students who submitted a photo took an original photograph that best personifies their selected verse from the bible, and then the entire CHS student body submitted a vote for their favorite. Winners are shown below, Robert Pennebaker '25 - 1st Place, Alyssia Schuka '26 - 2nd Place, and Mary McGovern '24 - 3rd Place.



SENIOR CLASS BREAKING RECORDS



A record number of Seniors, 22, have signed athletic scholarships to play their sport at the next level. Six of our athletes were featured during their signing day in our Fall publication. Above is a picture of those not yet featured and even then, we are missing a few because they are out representing Catholic High at a sports competition. We are equally proud of all of our scholarship athletes and are working to bring a comprehensive photo to you in the Annual Report. Pictured below left to right: Lexi Foland-Volleyball-MIT, Johah Cook-Baseball-Springhill College, David Chavez-Golf-Virginia State University, Michael Smith-Baseball-Prairie View A&M University, Andrew Bosarge-Basketball-Mobile College, Ethan Lett-Football-North Greenville University, Marcus Coffee-Football-Savannah State University, Ja'Bril Rawls-Football-Florida State University, Jordan Bartlinski-Soccer-Lees McRae College, Will Krehely-Baseball-Meridian Community College, and Alexis Parscal-Soccer-Pensacola State College. Not pictured: Tim Gullely-Football-Arkansas State University and Barry Neff-Men's Volleyball-Kansas Wesleyan University.

More Crusader News

In Memoriam

Catholic High is so blessed to have such a wonderful Crusader Family that supports us in so many ways! Whether it be through volunteering at our various events, participating in various fundraising events hosted by our teams or clubs, participating in our Auction, or donating to our Auction or Annual Gift Giving Campaign—we are forever grateful!

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Between January of 2018 through the end of 2022, Catholic High School raised \$4,882.42 through the Amazon Smiles program. This was a portion of the sales that our CHS Family purchased on Amazon during that timeframe. Unfortunately, in February of this year, Amazon suspended its Amazon Smiles donation program indefinitely citing financial challenges. The good news is that ShopRaise, a similar program that partners with over 1,000 national retailers, can help us fill the gap. Whether it's shopping for daily essentials like groceries, buying furniture, or even booking a trip, the ShopRaise app lets your everyday shopping turn into profit for Catholic High! To access the Catholic High landing page to create your account and get started with ShopRaise, type pensacolachs.org/shopraise in your browser. Be sure to also download the ShopRaise mobile app too, so your shopping via your phone is also linked to Catholic High. To help us get started ShopRaise will make a \$5.00 Bonus Donation to CHS when you shop using the ShopRaise app for the first or next order of \$50.00, but the bottom line is that if you spend at least \$50 shopping at one of their retailers, via the app, and you keep the items, CHS will get \$5 plus the usual retailer percentage on the total of your purchase! Be sure to share this information with friends and family as anyone, anywhere, can support Catholic High through their purchases via the app. Let's see how quickly the everyday shopping of our Crusader Family can add up to extra funds to support our wonderful school! We will report out on a regular basis to share how your purchases are supporting CHS!

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YOUR CONTINUED KINDNESS AND SUPPORT!



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-fourth 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, 2023. Any donations received after this date will be applied to the 2023-2024 Annual Campaign that will officially kick-off in the Fall.



**COMMEMORATIVE
BRICKS**

We still have Commemorative Bricks available for placement in front of the gym entrance. 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. 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. Type 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

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**STARRY,
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AUCTION**

This year's online event was once again a huge success. 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 who made this year's online auction such a great success, including our enthusiastic bidders who helped us bring in more than \$80,000! 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!

CORRECTION



Several, more than one or two, came forward to let us know that this is not Saint Stephens but St. Michael's church where we believe the initial planning meeting for Catholic High School was held.

If you have articles with ties to Catholic High School; old uniforms, trophies, historical photos, class rings, etc., please consider donating them to the school. We are especially interested in Senior Mementoes from 1953 through 1970, when there was no official yearbook and Seniors put books together with Senior portraits.

Items can be dropped off at the office during regular school hours with attention to the Office of Advancement.

In the last edition of the Crusader Connections, we posted the numbered pictures below to see if any of you were there or if they sparked a memory you wanted to share. It is always great to hear back from you, so keep those responses coming!



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1. Perry Comeaux, Marcia Greene Bottenhorn, and Tootie Ruggerio Wanek from the class of 1963 reached out to share that this is their classmates, intently participating in class. - Jackie Guillaume Culbertson, Teresa Storm McIntosh (d), David Ray, Chip Fuller, Bob Holihan (d), Diane Davenport Huning, Morrissey Marich (d), and Bill White.

2. Carrie Schroeder Simmons, the twin of Ingrid Schroeder Hewette, emailed to let us know that picture two was from the Christmas Assembly in 1992, the first semester of her and Ingrid's Senior Year - 1993. Carrie remembers, "we had a "fun class"!

3. Crusader mascot from the '89-'90 Student Handbook

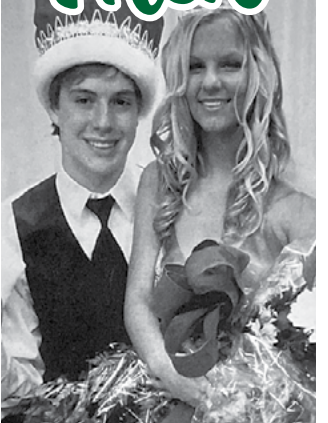


WHAT ABOUT THESE PHOTOS?



Spark any memories?
Do you know their origin?
If you know anything about these photos or have a memory to share, submit your email to rlay@pensacolachs.org.

Then + Then



(^ Chris Pyle & Stacy Ptacek)

WE SHARED PICTURES OF THIS YEAR'S PROM ON PAGES 4 & 5 SO WE THOUGHT WE WOULD SHARE THESE "VINTAGE" PROM PICTURES FROM 1950 & 2005.

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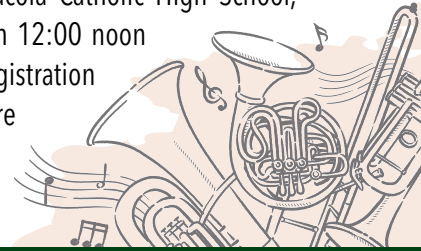


The Catholic Foundation of Northwest Florida has awarded Catholic High School a \$10,000 grant award that will be used to help purchase new furniture for the STEM Innovation Center. We thank all those who contribute to The Catholic Foundation of Northwest Florida and the Grant Committee for these funds!

Upbeat! MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND CAMP

Upbeat! Middle School Band Camp is just what our name implies; a positive, energetic, fun camp that encourages students to excel. It is open to all students currently (22-23 school year) in 8th grade or younger who already play a band instrument. Our team of educators, conductors, and professional performers will provide instruction in full band, instrument coaching, master classes, and clinics in maximizing practice time and preparing for auditions.

This year, our camp will be held at Pensacola Catholic High School, June 19 - 23, 2023 from 9:AM CT through 12:00 noon CT. Cost for the entire week is \$125.00. Registration opens soon and runs until all seats are filled. For more information, please email UpbeatMusicCamps@gmail.com.



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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.

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