

# Crusader Connections

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# Catholic High



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## DEAR CRUSADER FAMILY,

We have completed the 2024-2025 academic year and are getting ready for the start of the 2025-2026. I am very grateful to be surrounded by the generous and dedicated Crusader family that helps to make CHS the wonderful community that it is! We are so proud of and grateful for our past and present students, and look forward to challenging our future Crusaders as they join us.

I hope you will find the updates and stories in this edition of our Crusader Connections informative and interesting. If you are an alumna/alumnus, be sure to update us from time to time on how you are doing - please visit our "We Want to Hear from You" form on our alumni webpage - [pensacolachs.org/alumni](http://pensacolachs.org/alumni). Alumni/ae parents, please pass this message on to your children who are graduates. I continue to keep you all in my prayers. Please pray for all of us at CHS and may you know the amazing blessings that God continues to shower upon you!

Sincerely yours in Christ,



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



## Students Received into the Catholic Church during Easter

Congratulations to Freshman, Emmalyn Gibson, and Sophomore, Kendall Skitt, upon their reception into the Catholic Church! They were baptized, received Confirmation, and the Holy Eucharist during the Easter Vigil celebration at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart this April. Many thanks to Religion teacher Hannah Stefancik, and Karen Manning, former CHS Scripture teacher, for leading the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) classes this year. Ms. Stefancik was also Emmalyn's Godparent, and Mrs. Manning stepped in for Kendall's Godparent, Kristyn Wing, who was unable to attend.



## National Merit Finalist

Congratulations to Senior Emma Thompson who has been designated a National Merit Florida State University Scholar as a Finalist in the National Merit Scholarship Program for the 2024-2025 academic year! Emma was notified in the Fall of 2024 that she was a Semifinalist and worked closely with the Catholic High Guidance Office to submit a detailed scholarship application which included information about her academic record, participation in school and community activities, demonstration of leadership abilities, employment, and honors/awards received. The nationwide pool of Semifinalists is determined each year by the scores received on the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) in the Fall of their Junior year. They represent less than one percent of U.S. high school seniors, and include the highest-scoring entrants in each state. Emma's scholarship was awarded in the College-Sponsored Merit Scholarship category that falls under the National Merit Scholarship Program. There are approximately 150 colleges/universities currently participating in this category. Congratulations, Emma, on this distinguished award!



Front Cover Photo – Yes, that is snow! The official record from the National Weather Service was 7.6" but several members of the Crusader Family reported ranges of 8-10 inches in and around the Pensacola area. CHS had a record total of four snow days.

**Crubotics**, a.k.a. the CHS Robotics Team, competed in the 12th Annual Gulf Coast Regional MATE (Marine Advanced Technology Education) competition, hosted by Dauphin Island Sea Lab during the last weekend in April. The Crubotics Regional team is 17 members strong and competed in two different classifications. A combined total of 900 hours was spent by the Ranger and Navigator teams to plan, build, and test two Remotely-Operated Vehicles (underwater robots) to accomplish simulated real-world scenarios. The Ranger Team placed second, and the Navigator Team placed third in their respective divisions. The Navigator Team also earned the Buoyancy Award (best attitude). Thank you to STEM Coordinator, Dana Lupton, Math Teacher, Justin Cutchin, and Mac McKinley Class of '24 for moderating the teams and helping them prepare for and maneuver this year's competition. Congratulations Crubotics!



## CHS Competes in 51st Nicholas Walker Math Tournament

On Friday, April 4, the Catholic High Math Teams, moderated by Teachers Maria Green and Alex Forte, competed in the 51st Annual Nicholas S. Walker Math Tournament hosted by Milton High School. More than 200 students from the tri-county area, including 23 from CHS, 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. CHS also took Second Place in the Algebra I event and Third Place Overall. Congratulations! Pictured: Second Place Algebra Team: Drew Collins, Tommy Randall, Shayna Janik, Izzy Galinis, and Stella Watkins. Seniors Emma Thompson, Aidan Baker, and Ace London coached the Algebra I Team.



## Quiz-Saders Take on the CHS Faculty



On the afternoon of Thursday, May 2, Mr. Bowersox and the CHS Quiz-Saders academic competition team hosted the first-ever CHS Student-Faculty Trivia Challenge. This competition was open to all students and faculty. Eight faculty members and 12 students competed in a team-based trivia contest in which a wide variety of academic and pop culture questions were answered. There were many spectators who added excitement to the competition. By a final score of 325 to 230, the student team emerged victorious and were awarded a plaque. The Quiz-Saders team plans to make this an annual event.

## Academic/Athletic Recognition

31st Annual Florida Dairy Farmers Academic All-State Team. This program honors 24 graduating student-athletes, 12 girls and 12 boys from all throughout the state, who excel in both athletics and academics. To be eligible for this award, students must be a graduating senior with a minimum 3.5 unweighted grade point average and earned a minimum of two varsity letters in at least two different sports during their junior and senior year. The selection committee then evaluates nominees based on their athletic participation, academic record, extracurricular activities, community service and essays. Aidan, along with the other honorees, will be recognized at a banquet in June at which each will receive a \$1,700 scholarship. Congratulations, Aidan!



## Academic Team Champions

All 13 of the CHS Winter and Spring Teams were recognized for their academic achievements by the FHSAA. Below are the unweighted GPAs for each team and their rank if placed in top 10. Way to go, Crusader Athletes!

SPORT	GPA	SPORT	GPA	SPORT	GPA
Boys Basketball	3.099	Softball	3.275	Boys Track & Field	3.294
Girls Basketball	3.343	Boys Lacrosse	3.553 (10th)	Girls Track & Field	3.587
Boys Soccer	3.364	Girls Lacrosse	3.674	Weightlifting	3.335 (9th)
Girls Soccer	3.808 (3rd)	Boys Tennis	3.506		
Baseball	3.587 (2nd)	Girls Tennis	3.846 (8th)		

## NHS Helps the Easter Bunny

Members of the CHS National Honor Society are not only academically talented, but they are also dedicated to the CHS Core Value of 'Selfless Love'. Members prepared 192 Easter baskets that were delivered to children receiving care at the Lakeview Center and Gulf Coast Kids' House. Baskets were delivered on Holy Thursday by six NHS members, Seniors Kaitlynn Campbell, Rakibe Islam, Nicole King, Molly McCarthy, and Alexandra Morales, and Junior McKenna Hindman. Thank you, Mr. Chris Gulig and Mrs. Jennifer McCarthy, for moderating the NHS and assisting the students with their projects.



# Catholic Schools Week

Some of this year's Catholic Schools week activities were abbreviated due to the need to make up classroom teaching from the previous week's snow days. However, we celebrated our heritage as a Catholic School nonetheless! The week culminated in Bishop Wack celebrating Mass along with several priests from our fellow Catholic Schools located in the Pensacola area. CHS students as well as student representatives and faculty members from each of the area Catholic schools also participated in the Mass along with the entire CHS faculty and student body.



## Godspell

On Friday & Saturday, April 4 & 5, the Pensacola Catholic High School Performing Arts Department performed the musical Godspell. The story is based on the Gospel of Matthew and follows Jesus as He calls His followers and teaches them through parables and songs, exploring themes of love, acceptance, compassion, and the importance of living a life of service. The CHS production was the culmination of the talents of many including Faculty: Producer - Denny Turner; Director - Katie Aguilar; Musical Director - Tom Baroco; Sets - Leo Bowersox; Media - Peyton Finelli & Keith Haynes; and Vocal Coaches William Guillot & Emily Vickery. The Student Crew consisted of: Ava Bullard, Kam'meren Caldwell, and Matthew Pugh. The Student Cast, as pictured, was: Front Row - Maya Chavan, Madeline Bryant, Milana Trotter, McKenzie Taylor, and Isabella Johnson; Second Row - Olivia Jens, Michael Baroco, and Silas Riner; Third Row - Molly McCarthy, Mercedes Concepcion, and Avery Hale.



## Eucharistic Procession & Adoration

We are so blessed to work at/attend a school at which we can participate in regular Adoration of the Blessed Eucharist. We once again had Eucharistic Processions preceding Adoration each day that it was celebrated throughout the year. We are the Body of Christ!



2025-2026

## ON-CAMPUS HAPPENINGS

## Student Council Elections

CHS Student Council elections for the 2025-2026 school year were held in March. Picture: BIG4 Students pictured were elected to the Big Four who will lead the entire Student Council beginning next Fall in their respective roles - left to right: Kyle Galloway-Secretary, Lily Day-President, Ella Adams-Vice-President, and Ryan Fayard-Treasurer. Class Officers and Representatives were also elected as follows:

Seniors:	President	Lennon Lusane
	VP	Jillian Lacour
	Secretary	Ella Cage
	Treasurer	Kristen Gaubert
	Reps	Ava Galinis, Lilah Messerly, Gabby Moseley, Ellie Nissim
Juniors:	Senators	Ben Brinson, Krissy Chatman, Graham West, Mac Gilmer, McKenna Hindman, Jack Phillips
	President	Julianne Adams
	VP	Lily Campus
	Secretary	Ava Wilson
	Treasurer	Vivian Cserep
	Reps	Kate Aldridge, Cate Carlson, Everett Raybourn, Porter White
Sophomores:	Senators	Lane Grissett
	President	Maryann Pape-Usuga
	VP	Caroline Johnson
	Secretary	Tre Wilderman
	Treasurer	Stella Watkins
	Reps	Jenna Kisner, Jake Bates, Harper Cserep, Brody Ryan

Incoming Freshman will hold their elections in September after they have a few weeks to get to know one another. Congratulations to all of our Crusader student-leaders!



# Rally Club Hits Fundraising Goal

The student-led Rally Club organization at Pensacola Catholic High School led two more fundraisers this Spring to raise funds and awareness to help fight childhood cancer. With guidance from the Rally Gulf Coast affiliated with the Studer Family Children's Hospital at Ascension Sacred Heart Hospital and their Club Moderator, Keith Haynes, who also serves as the CHS Communications Director, the students sold 760 tickets for a raffle "basket"/Yeti cooler valued at over \$1,700 and filled with all sorts of goodies that were 100% donated by local businesses and friends of Catholic High. Club president Kate Johnson and vice-president, Jack Barter were instrumental in the success of this, and the other fundraisers held by the Club throughout the year. Ticket sales culminated at a January CHS Boys Basketball "Goldstrong Game" against Milton High School. Helene Donovan was the lucky winner of the Yeti cooler, but all ticket purchasers were winners as they helped the Rally Club raise \$3,126 on this one fundraiser. In March, they hosted a final "GoldStrong Game" in coordination with the boys and girls' lacrosse teams. With the \$1,000 raised during the Fall "Goldstrong Game" added to their total, the Rally Club managed to meet their year-end goal of \$5,000 raised in the fight against childhood cancer.



## The 'Soiree on the Bay'

The Junior Class hosted this year's 'Soiree', also known as Prom, for the Junior & Senior students and their dates on April 26. It was an evening filled with joy and elegance as the students gathered at the Bayview Community Center. Dacaris Brown and Julia Frosch were crowned King & Queen during the evening's festivities, and the students had a wonderful time! Thank you to Junior Class Moderator, Lara Chavez, and all of the faculty who assisted and/or chaperoned to make this event a special one for our students!



The Cast of Living Stations, 92 students strong including members of Music Ministry, performed seven times on the Wednesday of Holy Week to reenact the final hours of Jesus' last day on Earth as a man. All CHS students attended a performance during their Religion Class that day. Campus Minister, Rebecca Carter, directed the students in close coordination with Mr. Denny Turner, Music Director.



Freshman Jordan Weaver won 1st Place in the 2025 National Congressional Art Competition that, according to Art Teacher, Farley Dodson, is the first time a Crusader has achieved this honor. Beautiful work, Jordan!



For the second year, Pensacola Catholic High School students participated in the Tim Tebow Foundation's 'Night to Shine' Prom held on February 7. Students from our sister school, Mother Clelia Morning Star High School, also attended and all attendees had a fantastic time!



This is such a great event that brings out all members of the Catholic High Family!

# OUR WINTER AND SPRING SPORTS TEAMS HAVE DONE A FANTASTIC JOB REPRESENTING CATHOLIC HIGH ON THE FIELD OR COURT DURING THIS YEAR'S SEASON! WAY TO GO, CRUSADERS! HERE ARE A FEW PICTURES FROM THE ACTION-PACKED SEASONS AND HIGHLIGHTS FROM OUR TEAMS THAT HAD NOTEWORTHY SEASONS!

Both the **Boys Basketball** and **Girls Basketball** programs had winning seasons with overall winning records of 14-9 and 13-11 respectively. The Boys finished as District 3A Runner-Up and the Girls lost in the Semifinal game. The basketball teams are led by Coaches Mike Dimick - Boys and Matt Hayes - Girls.

The **Boys Soccer** Team led by Coach Jack Martin ended their season as District 3A Runner-Up with an overall record of 8-9-2. They lost in a tough quarterfinal game in the Regional Tournament.



The **Girls Soccer** Team, led by first-year Coach John Guidroz, had a remarkable season with an overall record of 19-2-1. They finished as District 3A Runner-Up and advanced to the Final game in Regional play in which they lost by one goal to South Walton, the same team that beat them in the District Final game.

The **Baseball** Team finished their season with a record of 11-13, missing the play-offs for the first time in 28 years, second in the State for the longest streak for play-off appearances. Coach Richard LaBounty, after leading the program for 36-years, is officially retiring, and Coach Cory Middleton, who has been with the program as an Assistant Coach since 2019, will take over as Head-Coach in 2025-2026.



New Baseball Head Coach

Coach Holly Brown returned to lead the Lady Crusader **Softball Team** which had a good season but were eliminated in the quarterfinal round of the District tournament.



Led by Coach Dan Hopson, the **Boys Lacrosse** Team had a winning season with an overall record of 16-4. They finished as District 1A Runner-Ups and competed in the Regional Tournament in which they lost in the Semifinal game.

The **Girls Lacrosse** Team was led by first-year Coach Leigh Frosch and had a great season bringing home the District 1A Championship and an overall record of 19-4. They also advanced to the Regional 1A Final game, the farthest in school Girls Lacrosse tournament play.



In his 20th year as the CHS Tennis Coach, Geoff Watts led the **Boys and Girls Tennis** Teams through another great season! The Boys won the District 1A Championship and the Girls were Runner-Up. Both teams advanced to Regional competition in which the Boys advanced to the Final match, losing 4-3 to Maclay. The Girls lost in the Semifinals 4-0 to Maclay. The Boys #1 Doubles Team, Gannon Davis and Andrew Swan, qualified for the individual draw in the FHSAA State Tournament at which they lost in the quarterfinal round, 6-2, 6-1.



The Crusader **Weightlifting** Team, led by Coach Ji Theriot, once again qualified four athletes to this year's State Tournament - Noah Hamlin, Bryant Kyte, Terius Mason, and Colton Weeks. Congratulations to Bryant who placed 6th in the Olympic classification and 10th in the Traditional classification for his weight class!

Under the guidance of Head Coach Troy Faucheaux, the CHS **Track and Field** teams had a phenomenal year. They competed in several local meets and came away with both team and individual medals. In the District 2A meet, the Boys won the District Championship, and the Girls placed third. A total of 43 individual medals were brought home, with 19 of those as individual District Champions. Additionally, twenty other individual ribbons for placing 4th through 8th were earned, and 24 athletes qualified in 48 events to compete at Regionals. The Regional meet was held at Pine Forest High School, at which the athletes achieved several personal bests, helping the Boys to place 10th out of 30 teams and the Girls to place 12th out of 26 teams. Nine students qualified to compete in the State meet which was held in Jacksonville on May 9 including Zamari Purifoy - 100M & 200M, Aidan Baker - 1600M, Zaden Purifoy - 110 Hurdles, Matthew Ramirez - Javelin, Natalie Jackson - 400M & 4X400M Relay, Railynn Cover - 4X400M Relay, Callie Howard - 4X400M Relay, Cate Carlson - 4X400M Relay, and Addison Manning - Long Jump. The Team placed 12th out of approximately 120 teams, and three of our athletes medaled in the State Meet - Matthew Ramirez, second-Javelin; Zamari Purifoy, fourth 200M; and Zaden Purifoy, fifth 110M Hurdles. Congratulations Crusaders!



BOYS & GIRLS TRACK & FIELD TEAMS



State Qualifiers - Zaden Purifoy, Matthew Ramirez, Zamari Purifoy, Aidan Baker, Callie Howard, Cate Carlson, Natalie Jackson, Rialynn Cover, and Addison Manning (not pictured)

In November, the CHS Administration approved the creation of a new club - The Sports Media Society. Since its inception, the students have hosted 18 episodes of a podcast to cover all things CHS sports-related. They also coordinated a service project, Play It Forward Sports Equipment Drive, through which they collected a truckload of gently used and new sports equipment that they delivered to kids in our community.

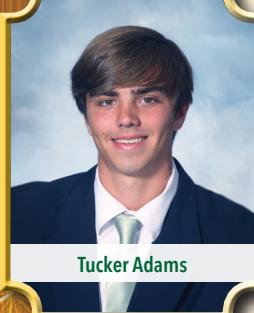


To find episodes of 'The Shield,' go the Athletics page of the CHS website and select it from the dropdown menu or go directly to [pensacolachs.org/athletics/](http://pensacolachs.org/athletics/) and scroll to the Quick Links section on the right-hand side.

**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!**

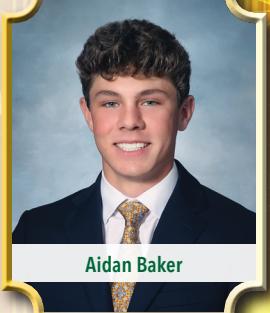


# 2024-2025 Hall of Fame



Tucker Adams

It is an honor to be inducted into the CHS Hall of Fame. Throughout my 4 years here, I created many relationships with teachers and students that I will remember forever. I am truly grateful for all of the memories. I would not be the person I am today without all of my coaches, teammates, and friends I met and grew with at Catholic High. – Tucker Adams



Aidan Baker

The teachers, coaches, administrators, and students of Pensacola Catholic High School have contributed to numerous personal memories and lessons that are beyond meaningful to me. Through all aspects of my academic and athletic experiences at PCHS, I have discovered the true meaning of our core values and school motto, "Pro Deo et Patria." I am honored to be named a 2025 PCHS Hall of Fame inductee. – Aidan Baker



Jack Barter

Being inducted into the CHS Hall of Fame is a tremendous honor. Catholic High has provided me with so much through its curriculum, extracurricular activities, and cherished memories. I have formed a family outside my own and made lifelong friends. This experience has allowed me to grow both as an individual and in my Catholic faith, for which I am eternally grateful. – Jack Barter



Julia Frosch

Being inducted into the 2025 Catholic High Hall of Fame is a distinguished privilege that I owe to my family, friends, teachers, mentors, and God for helping me achieve. By representing our class on the field, in the classroom, and in the community, I am honored and blessed to have been given this opportunity to serve Catholic High for the past four years! – Julia Frosch



Emma Lacour

I am truly honored to be named to the PCHS Hall of Fame. Over the past four years, Catholic High has allowed me to grow and become the person I am today. I have formed so many relationships and have truly become a part of a family. I will forever be grateful for all the memories and opportunities Catholic High has given me! – Emma Lacour



Ace London

It is such an honor and privilege to be named to the 2025 Hall of Fame. My four years at Catholic High have taught me many lessons and provided me with lasting memories. I am incredibly thankful to have had the opportunity to develop relationships with teachers and classmates that will hopefully last a lifetime. Thank you, CHS! – Ace London



Molly McCarthy

I am incredibly honored to be a CHS Hall of Fame inductee! This school has been more than just a place of learning—it's been a home filled with friendships grounded in faith and teachers who have inspired my passion for learning. I'm deeply grateful for the many opportunities I've had to serve others and give back to my community through CHS. This school has left a lasting imprint on my heart, and I'm proud to carry its spirit with me wherever I go. – Molly McCarthy



Jeremiah Shelby

Being named to the CHS Hall of Fame is an honor! CHS has given me many great memories that I will cherish forever. Catholic High School will always have a special place in my heart. All of the students and teachers treat each other like family and always look out for each other. I give deep thanks to every coach, teacher, and administrator for the consistent hard work and constant dedication to make this school the best it can be! – Jeremiah Shelby



Morgan Smith

During the past four years at CHS, I have been blessed to be a part of such an amazing community of teachers and students. This school has allowed me to grow as a student, athlete, and overall person. I am honored to be selected as a 2025 Hall of Fame inductee. Thank you to all the administrators, teachers, and students for making an environment I am blessed to call home. – Morgan Smith



Emma Thompson

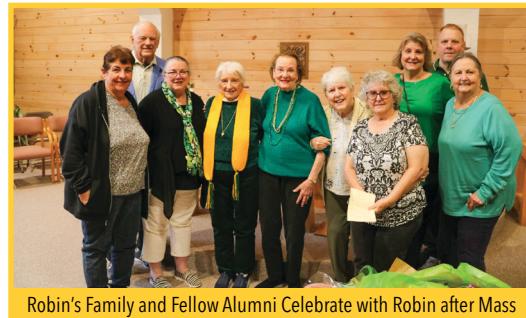
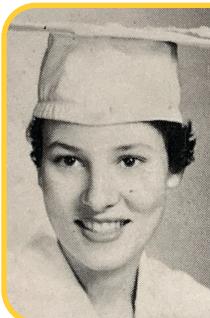
The community of Catholic High School has been integral to my personal development and has pushed me to be the best version of myself. The friendships and relationships I have formed here will impact me for the rest of my life. I am honored to be named an inductee into the Hall of Fame. – Emma Thompson

## Alumni Hall of Fame

In the Fall of 1997, the CHS Alumni Committee launched an initiative to honor CHS Alumni who have continued to embody the CHS Core Values of Selfless Love, Commitment to Excellence, Personal Integrity, and Commitment to Service long after leaving the halls of CHS. During the Annual CHS Eucharistic Celebration & Fish Fry, this year's inductee was announced – Robin Bellan from the Class of 1958.

While at Catholic High, Robin was an excellent student, active in several clubs and in service opportunities. She was a Carnival Queen candidate her Junior year, Homecoming Queen her Senior year, and was also voted 'Best Looking' by her fellow students during her Senior year. After graduation, she attended Florida State University for one year and then returned to Pensacola to marry her high school sweetheart. Robin began her career at C & P Bank and later worked for the City of Pensacola Parks and Recreation Department for 40 years, a job she loved! Through this job she was involved in many of the city's activities throughout the years. She was a founding member of the Downtown Business Women's Club and held many positions on the board of the Pensacola Seminole Boosters. She finished her degree at UWF while working full-time and raising a family. She and her husband raised their children as members of St. Mary's Catholic Church and then later moved to St. Paul's parish. Her daughter, Denise Bertelsen is a CHS graduate from the Class of 1985.

Robin was also a founding member of the Catholic High Alumni Committee and remains active to this day contributing to their initiatives. She is also the "Head Master" in keeping her classmates from the Class of '58 involved – the class that has the distinction of being the last to graduate from the original Catholic High School building located at the corner of Garden and Baylen Streets. With the help of Robin's coordination, her class gathers at least every other month to have lunch. On several occasions, Robin has been quoted as saying "If I was granted a wish to go back in time, I would pick my high school years – I just love Catholic High!" Robin, Catholic High also loves you, and we welcome you as the newest inductee into the Catholic High School Alumni Hall of Fame – Congratulations!



Robin's Family and Fellow Alumni Celebrate with Robin after Mass

The Class of 1958 donated model of original school in 2022

### We want to hear from you!

Alumni, we are planning to launch a new email newsletter before the end of 2025 so that we can include additional pictures and updates to you on a more frequent basis. Please update your email address using this form and also update us on any accolades you have received, wonderful places you have visited, and/or all the wonderful things you are doing. The webform can be found on the CHS Alumni page at [www.pensacolachs.org/alumni](http://www.pensacolachs.org/alumni) or use the QR code to go directly to the webform on your phone.

Scan Here!



### Here's what we heard recently

The Greater Pensacola Chamber of Commerce recently named the recipients

of the 2025 PACE (Pensacola Area Commitment to Excellence) Awards and two of our Alumni were honored. **Brett Aldridge '01** was named Business Leader of the Year, and **Will Condon '05** was named Professional Leader of the Year.

Alumnus **Jason Borcz, Jr. '14** recently visited the CHS STEM Innovation Center, touring the facility and meeting with students. Jason shared insights about his work in quality assurance at the Michoud Lockheed Martin facility where he ensures precision in aerospace manufacturing. His visit was an inspiring reminder of the exciting career paths available in STEM fields.

Brett



Will



### Congratulations to our growing Alumni families!



**Eugene '06 & Maggie Bird Smith '08** welcomed daughter Ella Emerson Smith on April 15, 2025 weighing 8 lbs 3oz.



**Rob '10 & Gabrielle Webb Arnette '10**, along with big sister and brother, welcomed son Arthur Thomas Arnette on April 12, 2025.



**Betsy Ehlers Summerland '13** and her husband Andrew brought home Eileen James Summerlin who was born on April 25, 2025.



**Grace Mossier Puccio '15** and her husband Tyler welcomed their first daughter, Penelope, on July 5, 2024.

ALUMNI UPDATES

## Reunions & Reunion Plans

We always love to see graduating classes get together! If you would like updates posted to the CHS Class webpage, be sure to email details to Rita Lay - [rlay@pensacolachs.org](mailto:rlay@pensacolachs.org). If you are looking for information on your class gatherings, you can always start there - [pensacolachs.org/class-reunion-information/](http://pensacolachs.org/class-reunion-information/)



The **Class of 1960** celebrated their 65th Reunion on April 24-26 with festivities at Seville Quarter, the Oar House, and V Paul's Ristorante. They offered this quote - "Arguably the most spiritual, intelligent, and athletic of all Catholic High classes, the Class of 1960 will always be the gold standard by which the 1941-2025 CHS classes are measured."

The **Class of 1984** had a belated celebration of their 40th Reunion on May 2-3 in the Pensacola area.



The 20th Reunion of the **Class of 2005** is planned for Homecoming Weekend, October 3-5. More information will be coming soon. Please contact Allee' Blay Digby if you have any questions - [alleedigby@gmail.com](mailto:alleedigby@gmail.com).

## Recent Class Gatherings



The Class of 1961 at Calvert's in the Heights, May 2025.



The Class of 1967 at the Oar House, March 2025.

## Supporting Catholic High

### Annual Gift Giving Campaign



**Keri Medlock, Sister Kiestien, and Laura Adams**

We say a BIG "Thank you" to Keri Medlock as she "graduates" from the Starry, Starry Knight Auction after six successful years as the Auction Chair. Another \$72,000+ was raised during this year's online event. We could not have this event without our generous monetary and merchandise sponsors - THANK YOU! Many thanks also to Laura Adams who chaired the Sponsorship Committee and all the other volunteers who made the event so successful!

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-sixth Annual Campaign is still underway and will continue to run until June 30, 2025. Donations can be made securely online (even from your phone) through your checking account or credit card by going to [pensacolachs.org/annualgift](http://pensacolachs.org/annualgift) or by sending your check and this completed form to the Office of Advancement at the school. Any donations received on or after July 1 will be applied to the 2025-2026 Annual Campaign that will officially kick-off in the Fall.

#### 2024-2025 Annual Gift-Giving Campaign

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

Please make checks payable to Pensacola Catholic High School

**Building on Faith, Family & Tradition Capital Campaign** - Much has been completed, but with your help, even more is still to come. Visit the website - [pensacolachs.org/capitalcampaign](http://pensacolachs.org/capitalcampaign) to learn more about our plans and to access the donation page. Alumni, be sure to check out the Alumni Challenge information and help your Class to earn bragging rights as well as recognition on signage at the end of the campaign.

**Commemorative Bricks** - We still have spaces available at the outside entrance to the Gym for Commemorative Bricks. These bricks are a wonderful opportunity to celebrate family milestones and/or to honor or memorialize loved ones. Visit [pensacolachs.org/bricks](http://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.



Annual Gift



Capital Campaign



Commemorative Bricks

# In Memoriam

Your prayers are requested for these members of the Catholic High Family who have died since the publication of the 2024 Fall Crusader Connection. Memoriam entries include any graduated alumni, their spouse, their children, their sibling or parents only, unless specifically provided to CHS in a mailed/mailed notification. (d) indicates previously deceased.

## ALUMNI



**Maryann Richman Long '45**

(12/28/24 Pensacola)



**Dolores Rance Jones '52**

(2/22/25 Charlotte, NC)



**Howard "Bill" Dillison Maines, Jr. '52**

(12/15/24 Pensacola)



**Paul Whitwell Graham, Sr '55**

(12/24/24 Brooks, GA)



**Loice Bernice Clopton Jackson '56**

(3/14/25 Pensacola) Mother of Mercedes Jackson Mallory '75, Terry Jackson '77, Katie Jackson Fitzgerald '78, Alfred Jackson '80, Agnes Jackson Quina '84, Missy Jackson Smith '85, Mary Jackson Price '85, and Sydney Jackson Murphy '92, and Sister of Shelia Clopton Jernigan '57, Johnnie Clopton '63, Joyce Clopton Edgar '65, Gail Clopton Baglioni '68, and David Clopton '72



**Wayne Thomas Merritt '56 (PF)**

(1/16/25 Mobile, AL) Brother of Joan Merritt Fox '62



**Mary Reedy Callahan '59**

(4/11/25 Pensacola) Sister of Kathleen Callahan Lousteau '62 and Patricia "Tricia" Callahan Kouns '63



**Joseph Wanek '60**

(3/3/25 Pensacola) Husband of Frances "Tootie" Ruggerio Wanek '63, Father of Jody Wanek '87, Jennifer Wanek Lyons '89, and Chris Wanek '93, Brother of Sally Wanek Beste '56, James Wanek '65, and John Wanek '65, Grandfather of Sarah Wanek '21, Justin Lyons '23, Matthew Wanek '25, Connor Lyons '25, Carter Wanek '25, and Mallory Wanek '27



**Newman Scott Daniels '62**

(12/16/24 Pensacola) Brother of Rainer Daniels Olafsson '64 and Richard E. Daniels '65



**Joseph Albert Hemmer II '62**

(12/24/24 Pensacola)



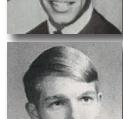
**Margaret Anne "Peggy" Moose Wooten '62**

(8/27/24 Pensacola) Sister of Patricia Moose Henning '56



**John Perry Comeaux '63**

(2/15/25 Carson City, NV) Brother of Margaret "Penny" Comeaux Wagner '64



**Ronald John Pfeiffer '66**

(12/10/24 Pensacola) Brother of Thomas Pfeiffer '70



**Karen "Ginger" Bonifay '67**

(3/24/25 Winter Haven, FL) Sister of Earl Pete Bonifay, Jr. '65 (d) and Timothy A. Bonifay '70 (d)



**Edward Clopton '67**

(3/14/25 Pensacola) Brother of Shelia Clopton Jernigan '57, Johnnie Clopton '63, Joyce Clopton Edgar '65, Gail Clopton Baglioni '68, and David Clopton '72



**Samuel C. McCants '71**

(12/25/24 Pensacola)



**Patrick McKown '72**

(08/12/24 Pensacola) Brother of Pamela McKown Butler '61, Woody McKown '63, and Edward McKown '64



**Ross Alfred Briggs '74**

(4/20/24 Pensacola)



**Philip Michael Boyles '78**

(12/30/24 Pensacola)



**Nick Schellin '14**

(02/21/23 Pensacola)

## FAMILY

### Nancy Ellen Ballou

(10/24/24 Knoxville, TN) Mother of Stephen Smart '74, Robert Smart '76, Suzanne Smart Brown '77, and Melissa Smart Dunbar '79

### James Joseph Barlas

(2/8/25 Pensacola) Husband of Katie Stapleton Barlas '66 and Grandfather of Sarah Wanek '20 and Matthew Wanek '25

### Lorraine "Lorry" Alexander Baroco

(2/21/25 Pensacola) Mother of Catherine Baroco '87, Angela Baroco Eddy '89, Tom Baroco '93, and Cynthia Baroco Perkins '94 and Grandmother to Maria Baroco '19, Joseph Baroco '21, and Michael Baroco '26

### Stephen D. Beckman

(1/13/25 Pensacola) Husband of Marianne Cary Beckman '57 and Father of Dill Beckman '84 and Rhoda Beckman '87

### Peggy Blair

(4/10/25 Skowhegan, MA) Daughter of Melody Blair '70

### Eugene R. "Gene" Borcz

(3/28/25 Pensacola) Father of Jason Borcz '90 and Stacy Borcz Tylavsky '95

### Shirley Bowersox

(2/12/25 Albany, GA) Mother of Leo Bowersox (CHS Faculty)

### Madgalene Frances Brown

(3/22/25 Vicksburg, MS) Mother of Steven Brown (CHS Faculty)

### Patricia "Patti" F. Dye

(4/20/25 Prospect, KY) Mother of Jenna Dye Weelock '95 and Amy Dye Kanning '96

### Evelyn Leona Johnson Guttmann

(12/12/24 Pensacola) Mother of Stephen Guttmann and Rodney Guttmann '87

### Daniel Johnson

(4/30/25 Pensacola) Father of Alumni Jeremy Johnson '12 and Isabella Johnson '26

### David Provoost Kellen

(12/15/24 Gulf Breeze) Husband of Julie Condon Kellen '91

### Carolyn Louise McClellan

(3/29/25 Gulfport) Grandmother of Kyle Lay '13 and Emily Lay '15, Mother of Rita Lay (CHS Staff)

### Grace C. Moon

(2/4/25 Mother of Phyllis Warren (CHS Faculty)

### Tracy Gardner Spivey

(2/24/25 Pensacola) Wife of David Spivey '71

### Joseph "Mark" Stringfellow (PF)

(1/28/25 Gulf Breeze) Son of Bucky Stringfellow '60 and Father of Troy Stringfellow '15 and Luke Stringfellow '18

### Thomas Joseph Winkler

(12/21/24 Pensacola) Father of Liberty Page Winkler '21

### Ethel Linda Zeiler

(4/25/25 Pensacola) Mother of John David Zeiler '90

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## SAVE THE DATES

GRANDPARENTS MASS - SEP 5

HOMECOMING GAME/TAILGATE PARTY - OCT 3

MEMORIAL MASS - NOV 3

FUN WITH SANTA - DEC 6

STUDENT COUNCIL HOSTS "CRAZY" CLASS COMPETITIONS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. BELOW ARE THIS YEAR'S VICTORS.



Kickball - Juniors



Volleyball - Sophomores



Dodgeball - Juniors

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