

CRUSADER CONNECTIONS

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DEAR CRUSADER FAMILY,

As we move through another blessed year at Pensacola Catholic High School, I am filled with deep gratitude for each of you who make up our incredible Crusader community. Whether you are a current parent, alumnus, past parent, or friend of CHS, you are an essential part of who we are and who we continue to become.

This year, for our annual theme, we have centered our hearts and efforts on our Core Values: Selfless Love, Commitment to Excellence, Personal Integrity, and Commitment to Service. These values are not simply words on a page—they are alive in our classrooms, on our athletic fields, in our campus ministry programs, and in the daily interactions of our students and faculty. It has been inspiring to witness our students grow not only academically, but also spiritually and morally as they strive to live out these values in meaningful ways.

Through service projects, academic achievements, and faith-filled moments, our Crusaders continue to demonstrate what it means to lead with love, act with integrity, and serve others with humility. None of this would be possible without your continued support, prayers, and encouragement. You help us form young men and women, formed by their relationship with Christ, and prepared to make a difference in the world as true witnesses to Him.

We hope you enjoy the stories and updates in this edition of our Crusader Connections which highlight the many ways our students are living out our Core Values each day. We love hearing from you—please consider sharing updates about your life and how Catholic High has impacted your journey by visiting our “We Want to Hear from You” form on our alumni webpage at pensacolachs.org/alumni. Parents of alumni, we kindly ask that you encourage your Crusaders to stay connected with us as well.



Thank you for your continued love and support of Catholic High School. It is a true blessing to remain connected with so many members of our Crusader Family, past and present. Please know that you are always in my prayers, and I ask that you continue to pray for our school family as we carry forward our Mission rooted in faith and guided by our Core Values.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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

Our Core Values

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.

PERSONAL INTEGRITY – We recognize the importance of being honest and Christ-like in making decisions and in the way we conduct ourselves.

COMMITMENT TO SERVICE – We believe that to serve others is to serve God and that serving God is the greatest thing that we can do in life.

Front Cover Photo – Recent picture of the finished Field Sports Complex. See page 14 for additional information.

CRUBOTICS

On April 24-26, the Pensacola Catholic High School Robotics Team, **CRUBOTICS**, competed in the 13th Annual Gulf Coast Regional MATE (Marine Advanced Technology Education) competition, hosted by Dauphin Island Sea Lab. CHS had teams compete in both the Ranger and Navigator classifications. The 16 members of the Crubotics team, divided between the two classifications, spent a combined 600 hours 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 fourth in their respective divisions. Many thanks to STEM Coordinator and Science Teacher, Dana Lupton, and Science Teacher, Michelle Armentrout-Pike for moderating the teams and helping them prepare for and maneuver this year's competition. Congratulations Crubotics! Pictured: Combined Teams with their ROVs. Left to Right – Front Row: Olivia Jens, Elizabeth Johnson, Lily Warbington, Sam Wilderman, Olivia Carlson; Second Row: Connor Roberts, Dominic Carter, Rylan Clark, Jacob Bobe, Caleb Bobe, Lucas Ruble, Riley Gander; Back Row: Connor Aird, Jeremiah Fisher, Oliver Stewart, Henry Bowersox, Silas Riner.



MATH TEAM SHINES



On Friday, March 6, Northwest Florida State College hosted its 38th Annual Math Bowl, bringing together high schools from across the region to compete in mathematics on its Niceville Campus. The competition features team and individual categories, and this year, Pensacola Catholic High School took top honors in both categories - 1st Place Overall Team and Maya Sandfort, 1st Place Overall Individual! Congratulations, Crusaders: Front Row – Jillian Lacour (6th Place Individual), Maya Sandfort (1st Place Individual), Kristen Gaubert, and McKenna Hindman; Back Row – Everett Raybourn, Parker Hodge, Luke Juhas (5th Place Individual), and Ava Galinis (4th Place Individual).

The Math Team also competed in the 52nd Annual Nicolas S. Walker Math Tournament hosted by Milton High School Mu Alpha Theta on April 10. More than 200 students from the tri-

county area, including 24 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. For the first time in Catholic High's history, three sets of siblings were among the competitors: Michael '26 and Elizabeth '29 Baroco, Maya '26 and Rohan '29 Chavan, and Ava '26 and Izzy '28 Galinis. CHS took First Place in Algebra I (Dominic Carter, Mason King, Brady Ley, Chase Singleton, and Beck Taylor) and Third Place in both Algebra II (Izzy Galinis, Shayna Janik, Brody Ryan, Tre Wilderman, and Will Zoesch) and Geometry (Elizabeth Baroco, Caroline Broussard, Rohan Chavan, Emerson Gunther, and Sally Hart). Catholic High also placed Second Overall. Congratulations, Crusaders!



Teachers Maria Green and Alex Forte moderate the Math Team, but a BIG 'Thank you' to the entire Math Department for developing our students all year in their math skills, and special thanks to Teachers Maggie Johnson and Ashley Friday, who assisted the Team Moderators in coaching the "Mathletes" in preparation for this year's events.

QUIZSADERS



The QuizSaders quiz bowl team completed the competition year by finishing third overall in the Escambia County Academic Team Scrimmages. One of our team captains, Vivian Cserep, was a top ten individual scorer in that tournament. The team is looking for new members due to the loss of graduating seniors. Please notify History Teacher and QuizSader Moderator, Mr. Leo Bowersox, if you are interested in joining the team. Pictured are Vivian Cserep, Harper Cserep, Henry Bowersox, Michael Baroco, and Calvin Keefer.

ACADEMIC TEAM CHAMPIONS

Below are the CHS Winter and Spring Teams 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!

Boys Basketball - 3.171	Baseball - 3.623 (4th)	Boys Tennis - 3.505
Girls Basketball - 3.270	Softball - 3.467	Girls Tennis - 3.885 (7th)
Boys Soccer - 3.390	Boys Lacrosse - 3.463	Boys Track & Field - 3.375
Girls Soccer - 3.807 (1st)	Girls Lacrosse - 3.763 (7th)	Girls Track & Field - 3.547

NIGHT TO SHINE



This year, students from CHS participated in not one, but two of the Tim Tebow Foundation's 'Night to Shine' Proms held on February 6 and 13. Students from our sister school, Mother Clelia Morning Star High School, also attended and everyone had a fantastic time. What a great way of celebrating together as brothers and sisters in Christ!

CATHOLIC HIGH RALLY CLUB FINISHES STRONG

The student-led Rally Club at CHS has worked throughout the 2025-2026 school year to raise funds for the Rally Foundation, which supports the fight against Childhood Cancer through Research. A coin drive, grand prize raffle, and split-the-pot 50/50 campaigns were held at various events throughout the year to raise over \$5,000. Their most recent Spring Goldstrong games with lacrosse, baseball, and softball brought in \$1,300 with the grand prize winner receiving a Yeti cooler. Special thanks to Faculty Moderator, Keith Haynes, who is also a graduate from the Class of 1993.



NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY GATHER EASTER BASKETS

It is an annual tradition of the Pensacola Catholic High School National Honor Society to make and collect Easter baskets for the children in our community. This year students created and gathered 190 Easter baskets that were distributed to the Gulf Coast Kids' House and the Lakeview Center on Holy Thursday. A BIG 'Thank you' to Faculty Moderators, Chris Gulig and Brittany Franz, for assisting the students with this special project that aligns with our Core Values of 'Selfless Love' and 'Commitment to Service.'

BLOOD DRIVES

During the 2025-2026 academic school year, CHS held two Blood Drives during which 53 students donated blood impacting the lives of 159 individuals who needed blood in our community.



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

We are grateful to have the opportunity every year to celebrate our Catholic School Heritage! During the last week in January, the nation celebrates 'Catholic Schools Week' (CSW) during which we take time throughout the week to celebrate our heritage as a Catholic School. Principal Sister Kierstin Martin, along with Campus Minister, Rebecca Carter, and the rest of the Religion Department Faculty, collaborate to create an agenda of activities that focuses on a different aspect of Catholic education on each day -- students, volunteers/parents, faculty, community, and history. Special prayers, lessons, and fun activities help to make the week memorable. On Wednesday, Bishop William Wack was joined by seven other priests from the Diocese to celebrate Mass in thanksgiving for our wonderful schools in the Diocese. Everyone enjoyed the week, participating in the planned events and experiencing gratitude for everyone who makes Pensacola Catholic High the special place that it is! Pictures show students after receiving a piece of cake on Student Appreciation Day and Bishop Wack with other celebrants during the Catholic Schools Week Mass.



STUDENTS RECEIVE SACRAMENTS DURING THE EASTER SEASON

Congratulations to Ethan Crandall '27 who was Confirmed and received his First Communion when he was received into the Church in mid-March, and to Corben Wells '29 who was Baptized, received Confirmation and the Holy Eucharist, and was welcomed into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil on April 6. Special thanks to Religion Teachers, Carol Cox and Conor Mulcahy for leading our OCIA program this year that helped to prepare Ethan and Corben for the Sacraments and entrance into the Church.



Ethan Crandall, on the right, with his friend and Confirmation Sponsor, Ryan Fayard.



Corben Wells, on the right, with his friend and Godfather, Theodore Juhas.

EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSION & ADORATION



We wish to thank all of the local Priests who helped us with our Eucharistic Processions that preceded our days of Adoration of the Blessed Eucharist throughout the year.

STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTIONS

CHS Student Council elections for the 2026-2027 school year were held in March.



Students elected to the Big Four who will lead the entire Student Council beginning next Fall in their respective roles – left to right: Julianne Adams-President, Lily Campus-Vice-President, Lane Grissett-Secretary, and Jake Bates-Treasurer.

THE BISHOP'S CUP RETURNS TO PENSACOLA CATHOLIC HIGH

On Thursday, January 29, the CHS Boys Basketball team hosted the Panthers from St. John Paul II High School, which is located in Tallahassee, Florida, for the second meeting of the basketball 'Bishop's Cup.' During the first meeting of the teams in 2025, the Panthers won the game and kept the trophy in Tallahassee. This year, the Crusaders claimed the trophy with a decisive victory over the Panthers with a score of 49 to 36. Way to go, Crusaders!



The **ANNUAL EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATION & FISH FRY** was held on March 27. This year there was a record seven Alumni Priests who came back to concelebrate the Mass with Bishop Wack, including Fr. Pat Foley '64, Fr. Stephen Bosso '70, Fr. Jim Dane '70, Fr. Nick Schumm '96, Fr. Roger Lopez '97, Fr. Chris Holcomb '03, and Fr. Peter Jutras '14. It was so great to have so many of them here for the celebration! The weather was great, and Alumnus Jack Grimley '17 provided entertainment. We are very grateful for Coach Matt Adams and his team of 'Batter Babes' and 'Fry Daddy's' for cooking the fresh fish and hushpuppies, as well as the PR Committee 'Fishettes' for planning the event and serving! If you did not make this year's event, we hope to see you next year on March 19, 2027!

STUDENTS PRESENT LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS



On Wednesday, April 1, 94 students were cast members in the Living Stations of the Cross, reenacting the final hours of Christ's life before He was crucified. This year's reenactment was based on the Scriptural Stations of the Cross created by Pope St. John Paul II in 1991. This 14-step meditation on Christ's Passion is based on biblical accounts rather than the traditional beginning with the Agony in the Garden of Gethsemani and concluding with Jesus' burial. Students performed the Stations seven times during each class period of the day so that each Religion class would have the opportunity to attend and meditate on the events of Christ's Passion. The performance included live music provided by the CHS Music Ministry group. Special thanks to Campus Minister, Rebecca Carter and Director of Music, Denny Turner, for their leadership in directing this most beautiful and meaningful performance.

'IN FULL BLOOM'

The Junior Class hosted this year's prom with the theme 'In Full Bloom'. Juniors and Seniors, along with their dates attended on April 11. This year's event was held in the Tolan Family Student Life Center and Eric Nickelsen Courtyard on the CHS campus. Jack Phillips and Kate Johnson were crowned King & Queen during the evening's festivities. The students had a wonderful time dancing, playing corn hole, and just hanging out with their friends! 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!



SOUNDS OF THE SPOTLIGHT – A MUSICAL SHOWCASE



The Pensacola Catholic High School Performing Arts Department performed a Musical Showcase, 'Sounds of the Spotlight,' on Friday evening, April 17. Students performed a variety of acts that showcased each performer's talents including musical solos and duets, dancing duets, and several short acting skits that displayed both comedic and dramatic acting. The CHS production was the culmination of the talents of many including Faculty members: Producer - Denny Turner; Set Design - Leo Bowersox; Sound Design - Tom Baroco. Student assistants included: Director - McKenzie Taylor; Crew - Ava Bullard and Isabella Andrews; and Student Cast, pictured (L-R): Lucia Filippini, Elizabeth Baroco, Isabella Johnson, Milana Trotter, Ada LeBeau, McKenzie Taylor, Emerson Neff, Ava Rogers, Lilyan Patterson, Andrea Aria Pita, and Aurina Roat.



The **SPORTS MEDIA SOCIETY**, moderated by Coach Keith Haynes, had an outstanding year showcasing student talent, school spirit, and community service. The group continued producing The Shield: Crusaders Sports Podcast, recording 20 episodes throughout the school year featuring student-athletes, coaches, and special guests from across the Crusader community. This year also introduced a new tradition, the "Shield Showdowns," where podcast hosts playfully challenged CHS athletic teams in friendly competitions that brought plenty of laughs and school spirit. The podcast team consisted of Colton Guillot, Brandon Doidge, Graham West, Jenna Kisner, Natalie Jackson, Ellie Piedmont, and producer Jackson Snyder. Episodes can be watched by going to beacons.ai/chstheshield. In addition to their media efforts, the Sports Media Society also organized the "Play It Forward" sports equipment donation drive, led by senior Lennon Lusane. The initiative collected equipment to support youth in need throughout the local community, reflecting the group's commitment to service both on and off campus.



The **SPANISH CLUB**, moderated by Spanish Teachers Concepcion Jimenez and Raul Vellos, held their annual Cinco De Mayo celebration after school on May 5. Students had a grand time taking turns at the pinata and eating Mexican themed snacks.



On May 5, Sister Susan Graham, ASCJ and Student Leader, Nicole King, who's a 2025 CHS grad, spoke with our Seniors who will be attending Pensacola State College or the University of West Florida about the Catholic Argos organization which is active through the Nativity of Our Lord Catholic Church Parish. They offer wonderful spiritual, academic, and social activities for local college students. We pray all of our students will remain active in their faith life once they leave CHS!

We are once again thrilled at the accomplishments of our Winter and Spring sports programs! They did a phenomenal job representing the Catholic High Crusaders on the field/court during this year's season! Here are a few pictures from the action-packed seasons and highlights from our teams that had noteworthy seasons! Way to Go, Crusaders!

Many thanks to Coaches Mike Dimick and Matt Hayes for leading the **BOYS BASKETBALL AND GIRLS BASKETBALL** programs respectively. The Boys finished as District 3A-1 Runner-Ups and advanced to the Regional Quarterfinal game where they finished their season. The Girls advanced to the District Semifinal game where their season came to a close.

The **BOYS SOCCER** Team led by Coach Jack Martin was the Class 3A, District 1 Champion with an overall record of 14-6-1. They advanced to the Regional tournament in which they beat Bolles in a Quarterfinal game and advanced to play in the Regional Finals in which they lost in a tough match against Santa Fe, 1-0.



Coach John Guidroz led the **GIRLS SOCCER** Team to an overall record of 15-3-3. They were Class 3A, District 1 Champions, as well as Regional Champions. They advanced to the State Final Four in which they lost in the Semifinal game to Monteverde Academy.

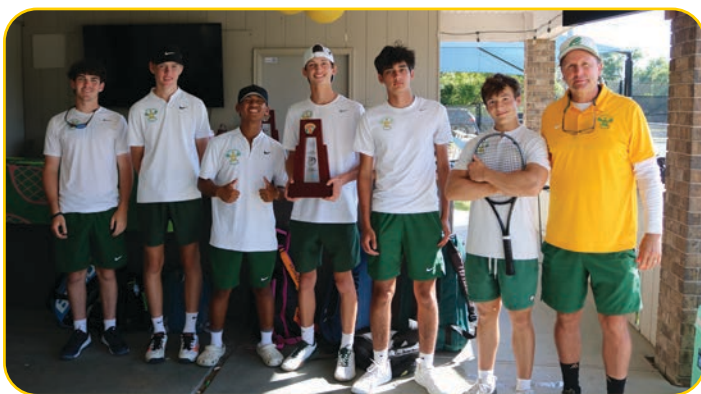
Coach Cory Middleton, in his first season as Head-Coach, led the **BASEBALL** Team to an overall record of 16-11. They were Class 2A, District 1 Runner Ups and advanced to the Regional Quarterfinal game in which they lost to Bolles in a close, one-run match-up.

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.

Both the **BOYS & GIRLS LACROSSE** were Class 1A, District 1 Runners-Up and advanced to play in the Regional tournament. The Boys, led by Coach Dan Hopson, finished the with an overall record of 12-9, and were eliminated in the Regional Quarterfinals in which they lost to Bolles. Coach Leigh Frosch led the Girls to an overall record of 11-9 and saw elimination in the Regional Quarterfinal game against Oak Hill.



Coach, Geoff Watts led the **BOYS AND GIRLS TENNIS** Teams through another great season. Both teams were Class 1, District 1 Champions advancing to the Regional tournament. In Regionals, both teams advanced to the Semifinal matches against Maclay. The Girls lost, but the Boys brought home the Regional Championship and advanced to the State Tournament at which they ended their great season.



The Crusader **WEIGHTLIFTING** Team, led by Coach Ji Theriot, qualified seven athletes to this year's State Tournament – Thomas Brown and Max Webster in the Olympic classification; Kaleb Mager and Max Steinlicht in the Traditional classification; and Shawn Carreon, Sam Gray, and Colton Weeks in Olympic and Traditional classifications. The collective Team was the Class 1A Region Runner-Up.



Under the guidance of Head Coach Troy Fauchaux, the CHS **TRACK AND FIELD** teams had another exceptional year. They competed in several local meets and came away with both team and individual medals. In the District 2A meet, the Girls placed third and the Boys placed fourth. A total of 13 individuals earned District Champion medals, and 25 athletes qualified for Regionals. At the Regional meet, the Girls 4 x 100 Relay team were the Champions out of the 29 teams that competed, and the Girls Team placed 7th overall. The Boys placed 9th overall among the 28 Boys Teams competing. Ten students qualified to compete in ten separate events at the State Meet (information in parenthesis indicates how they finished at the State Meet): Savannah Broughton, Natalie Jackson, Jillian Lacour, Addison Manning, and Danielle Gulley(Alternate) – Girls 4 x 100 Relay (5th); Johnathan Showers – Long Jump (6th); Emerson Gunther – 1600M (10th); Aubree Baldwin – Javelin (11th); Savannah Broughton – High Jump (13th); Myles Davis – Triple Jump (13th), Ian Louis – 100M Dash Ambulatory; 200M Dash Ambulatory, and 400M Dash Ambulatory; and Addison Manning – Long Jump.



We are so grateful for all of the Coaches, Assistant Coaches, Administrators, and Parents who make our collective athletic program the awesome program that it is. We could not do it without all of you – THANK YOU!



2025-2026 Hall of Fame

ELLA ADAMS



Being inducted into the CHS Hall of Fame is a tremendous honor. I am grateful to my family, friends, mentors, and God for guiding me to this moment. My experience at Catholic High has helped me grow both as an individual and in my faith. I will always be thankful for the opportunities I've been given. – **ELLA ADAMS**

ABIGAIL BARZACCHINI



What an honor it is to be in the CHS Hall of Fame! Catholic High has provided me with countless opportunities and meaningful relationships with teachers, students, and alumni. I am truly grateful to be part of the CHS family and will carry these experiences with me always. – **MICHAEL BAROCO**

Catholic High has provided me with incredible opportunities to grow into a responsible Christian young adult. I am very honored to be inducted into the Hall of Fame and grateful for the amazing support and spirit of Pensacola Catholic High. I will always cherish the memories and relationships I've made at CHS. – **ABIGAIL BARZACCHINI**

LILYANA DAY



I am honored to be inducted into the CHS Hall of Fame. Over the past four years, I have gained meaningful experiences, formed lasting friendships, and discovered new passions. I am grateful to every classmate, friend, teacher, coach, and community member who made my CHS experience truly special. – **MAYA CHAVAN**

I am humbled to be inducted into the CHS Hall of Fame and honored to be among such distinguished peers. I am deeply grateful to God and His grace, as well as to my family, teachers, coaches, and friends for their constant support and encouragement. This recognition is a reflection of their impact, and I will always cherish the memories and lessons from my time at Catholic High. – **LILYANA DAY**

CADEN JASSO



Being named a Hall of Fame inductee is a great honor. I am grateful for the memories, friendships, and support from the Catholic High community in making my time here so special. Representing CHS in the classroom and on the field is something I will always cherish. – **COLTON GUILLOT**

I am so grateful for the memories, friendships, and support from my coaches, teachers, and teammates who have helped me grow over the past four years. I will always cherish my time at Catholic High and am truly honored to have been named to the Hall of Fame. – **CADEN JASSO**

LENNON LUSANE



Over the past four years, CHS has helped me grow in faith and knowledge while making me a welcomed member of the Catholic High Family. I am grateful for the people and experiences that have shaped me and prepared me for the future. I am so honored to be inducted into the Catholic High Hall of Fame. – **JILLIAN LACOUR**

During my time at Catholic High, I have grown in both my faith and understanding of myself. This community has challenged and supported me, giving me the love and the environment that I needed most. I will always treasure the experiences and friendships from my time at CHS, and I am honored to represent my class in the Hall of Fame. – **LENNON LUSANE**

It is a true honor to be inducted into the Catholic High Hall of Fame. I am incredibly grateful for the people and experiences that made my time at CHS so meaningful. The lessons I've learned about perseverance and personal growth will stay with me always. I am proud to have represented CHS throughout my high school career. – **REED RHODES**

MICHAEL BAROCO



MAYA CHAVAN



COLTON GUILLOT



JILLIAN LACOUR



REED RHODES



JIM EDLER '93 INDUCTED

Every year, Catholic High School proudly continues the tradition of honoring an alumnus or alumna who has exemplified the CHS Core Values of Selfless Love, Commitment to Excellence, Personal Integrity, and Commitment to Service long after leaving the halls of the school.

The selection process begins with the Alumni Committee developing a list of nominees, which is then approved by school administration. From there, one outstanding alumnus is chosen, and plans are made to recognize the recipient—often through a well-planned and meaningful surprise at a Catholic High event. This year's announcement took place during the Annual Alumni Eucharistic Celebration, a fitting setting given the strong alumni presence and spirit of community.

This year's inductee, Jim Edler, Class of 1993, was indeed surprised. A member of a milestone graduating class—the same year Catholic High School was named a Blue Ribbon School of Excellence—Jim's connection to CHS has spanned decades and countless roles.

During his time as a student, Jim was an excellent scholar who was actively involved in campus life. He participated in Basketball, Football, and Baseball, demonstrating dedication both in the classroom and in athletics. After graduating, he remained in Pensacola, attending Pensacola State College before transferring to the University of West Florida, where he earned his Bachelor of Science degree.

Jim's commitment to Catholic High began again shortly after graduation. In the fall of 1998, he returned to campus as a teacher and coach, serving on both the Football and Baseball coaching staffs. Just two years later, he transitioned into administration and later took on the role of Senior Class Moderator. In 2012, Jim was named Assistant Principal, a position he continues to hold with dedication, leadership, and care for the CHS community.

Throughout his years of service, Jim has consistently exemplified the very best of Catholic High. Whether in the classroom, on the sidelines, or in the halls of administration, he has modeled generosity, loyalty, dedication, and a sense of humor that brings joy to those around him. His willingness to give his time and talents—both during and beyond the school day—has made a lasting impact on students, families, faculty, and alumni alike. Most importantly, Jim has embodied the spirit and mission of CHS in every role he has held, serving as a daily example of what it means to be a Crusader.

Jim was joined for this special occasion by his wife, Wendy; their son, Trey '25; his brother, Nathan '98; his father, Jim Edler, Sr., and other extended family members, all of whom shared in celebrating this well-deserved honor.

Please join us in congratulating Jim Edler, the newest inductee into the Catholic High School Alumni Hall of Fame!



1993



FIRST FACULTY PHOTO



2026



Jim when he received his award with his brother, Nathan '98; his father, Jim Sr.; his wife, Wendy, and their son, Trey '25.



Trey dresses as his father and Melina Snyder dresses as Sister Kierstin for Homecoming Court skits in October of 2024.

CHS ANCESTRY

We are working on a special project to document the full ancestry of those who are attending/have attended CHS. We are focusing on the direct lineage through a parent, grandparent, great-grandparent, etc. It would be way too overwhelming to include connections through siblings, aunts, uncles, cousins, etc. at this point! We hope you saw in our most previous edition of this publication; we have started with our current students and have begun the process of working backwards, but we are relying on our Alumni to help us! If you are part of a family that is multi-generations who attended/are attending CHS, please send our Director of Advancement, Rita Lay - rlay@pensacolachs.org, an email with the names and graduation dates so we can expand the documentation in our records.

 *We want to hear from you!*

We have started an Alumni Email Newsletter and would like to make sure you are receiving it. We would also like to include any personal accolades you have received, wonderful places you have visited, etc., in this publication and/or the email newsletter. Please use this form to update your email address and/or tell us what you have been up to. 😊 The webform can be found on the CHS Alumni page at www.pensacolachs.org/alumni or use the QR code to the right to go directly to the webform on your phone.



HERE'S WHAT WE HAVE HEARD FROM YOU RECENTLY---



KELSEY THORSEN DEASON, RN, MSN, and a member of the Class of 1995, was recently promoted to RN-Director of Critical Care at Ascension Sacred Heart Pensacola. For nearly two decades, Kelsey has progressed in her career at Ascension, including her most recent position as Director of Nursing Acute Care. She has also provided oversight for eight medical-surgical units, championed evidence-based practice initiatives, strengthened patient safety standards, and led large interdisciplinary teams in delivering exceptional clinical outcomes. She has been recognized through several honors, including the Florence Nightingale Award and the Ascension Service Commitment Champion Award (July 2025). This looks like several CHS Core Values in action!

KATLIN BASS '11 and her 2-year old daughter, Braelyn, live in Pensacola where she works for the City.

NATHAN BICKERSTAFF '15 lives in Milton from which he commutes to work as an Electrical Engineer at Eglin Air Force Base. He was recently engaged to Baylee Sellers.

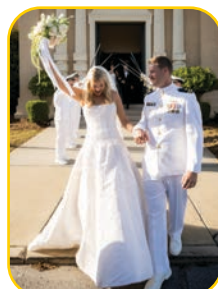
THE GRAMMER SIBLINGS, LEXIE '15, LONDON '17, AND CHANDLER '20 have all been busy pursuing their educations that all began at the University of West Florida. Lexie attended for her undergraduate studies where she was inducted into the Kugelman Honors Program and completed her honors thesis. She recently graduated top in her class from the FSU College of Medicine and will soon begin her four-year OB/GYN residency at Ascension Sacred Heart Hospital in Pensacola, following in her father's footsteps. Landon earned both his undergraduate and Master's degree in Criminal Justice, graduating with honors in December 2025. Chandler, like his sister, attended for his undergraduate studies where he was also inducted into the Kugelman Honors Program and completed his honors thesis. He has been accepted into the FSU College of Medicine and will begin medical school in May 2026.



GREEN & GOLD WEDDING BELLS



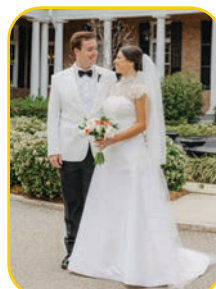
ISERMAN WEDDING



MAJEWSKI WEDDING



HARMON WEDDING



PRICE WEDDING



RICHMOND WEDDING



MCGHEE WEDDING

Congratulations to our alumni who have recently married!

JARED ISERMAN '13 married Sarah Stroup on October 4, 2025 at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Pensacola. They will soon be relocating to Tennessee where Jared will begin medical school at Lincoln Memorial University. They are also expecting a baby boy in September.

BRAM MAJEWSKI '13 and **KIT WARE '18** were married at Christ Episcopal Church on April 11, 2026.

SEAN HARMON '14 married Chrissy Edgerton from Orlando on August 16, 2025.

PATRICK PRICE '14 married Sara Jenkins from New Orleans on March 7 at the Academy of Sacred Heart in New Orleans.

GABRIEL CLUNE '14, now Mrs. Richmond, was married on April 17, 2026 at Saint Joseph's Co-Cathedral in Thibodaux, Louisiana. She married Jeffrey Richmond originally from Tampa.

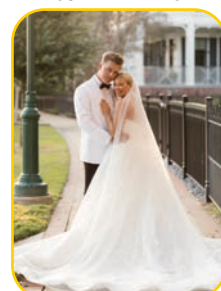
JAMES MCGHEE '14 was married on April 11 in Austin, TX, the hometown of his bride, Katie Walker.

PAIGE MOUGEY '15 married Graham Guirl, originally from St. Louis, on May 2, 2026. The ceremony was at St. Michael's Basilica followed by a reception at the Pensacola Country Club.

WALKER MUTZ '16 was married on November 2, 2024 to Elizabeth Brooke Swearingen from Pensacola.



GUIRL WEDDING



MUTZ WEDDING

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GROWING ALUMNI FAMILIES!



FORTE FAMILY



EDWARDS FAMILY



BANFELL FAMILY



GEYER FAMILY

JACQ BLAY FORTE '04 and her husband, Raymond, welcomed their fifth child, Kevin Augustine, in March. His siblings, Teresa '29, Clare '39, Dom '35, and Jude '32 were so excited to welcome him, as well!

STEPHANIE DRICKA EDWARDS '09 and her husband, Christian, helped their 5-year old daughter, Sophia, welcome her sister, Olive on October 6, 2025.

JACE BANFELL, JR. '13 and his wife Savannah welcomed their first child, Jace Banfell, III on April 9, 2026. He weighed in at 8lbs 1oz and 21in long.

CORRECTION - This photo of the Geyer Family was first published in the Winter edition of the Crusader Connections, which was mailed in January. We identified **AVERY '13** as an Alumnus, but we missed indicating that wife and mom **JAMI ZETTLER GEYER '17** is also an Alumna. We apologize for that, Jami! We do hope your baby girl, Aspyr Alexa, is doing well!

REUNIONS & REUNION PLANS

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

The following classes have plans "In the Works"

CLASS OF 1967 - Early plans are underway for the 60th Reunion in 2027.

CLASS OF 1971 - Plans are underway for the 55th Reunion, the weekend of June 5-7.

CLASS OF 2006 - Early plans are underway for the 20th Reunion in 2026.

CLASS OF 1975 CELEBRATES 50TH REUNION

The Class of 1975 held its 50th Class Reunion this past October. The two-night event attracted several classmates. On Friday, those who were already in town met up at the home of Jeff and Mary Margaret (Brinkman) Halverson for cocktails. For the main event, held at the Pensacola Yacht Club, over 80 were in attendance, including more than 50 classmates and their spouses/guests. The beautiful evening began with a dinner at 6:00 pm, followed by dancing. The entire weekend was nothing short of epic! Another Alumna, Molly (Walters) Ravenscraft '09, was also in attendance. She helped us capture the event in pictures and video so that we can all enjoy the memories for many years! Our Facebook page has a link to see all the pictures...Pensacola Catholic High Class of 1975. Everyone said they are looking forward to the next!!!



CHS MEMORABILIA

If you have articles with ties to Catholic High School and you are ready to pass them on, please consider donating them to the school--old uniforms, trophies, historical photos, class rings, etc. We are especially interested in Senior Mementoes from the Classes of 1953 through 1970 when there was no official yearbook but Senior classes put together books with Senior portraits. Items can be dropped off at the office during regular school hours with attention to the Office of Advancement.

We are so grateful!

We are so deeply blessed to have the faithful support and generous donations from the Catholic High Family! We cannot fulfill our Mission: To develop responsible Christian individuals by providing the finest in Catholic education, without you!

We recently wrapped up the **STARRY, STARRY KNIGHT AUCTION** that was held online in March. This year's event raised approximately \$69,200. This would not have been possible without Nina Blay who helped to coordinate the event, along with our Auction Chairs and their committees: Amy Piedmont-Acquisitions, Laura Adams-Sponsorships, Jennifer Cobb-Data Entry, and Maggie Randall-Photographer. We are very grateful to our Sponsors and Merchandise Donors, as well as all the bidders who participated in this year's event!

It is very exciting to have shared with you the cover photo of this periodical, the most recent photo of the new CHS Athletic Field Complex. The grass is taking root and we hope to start using the fields this summer! This project, as well as all of the projects that have come before this one, would not be possible without the generous donors to our current **BUILDING ON FAITH, FAMILY & TRADITION CAPITAL CAMPAIGN**. Much has been completed, but with your continued help, even more is yet to come. Please visit the website - pensacolachs.org/capitalcampaign to learn more about what we have completed, our plans for future projects, and to access the donation page. You can also use the QR code below to access the information via your phone. 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. If you are interested in Naming Opportunities, please contact our Director of Advancement, Rita Lay at 850-436-6400 x103.



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Our thirty-seventh **ANNUAL GIFT-GIVING CAMPAIGN** will run through the end of our fiscal year, June 30, 2026. We are so grateful to those who have given to this year's campaign already, and to those of you who are faithful in giving every year!! If you have not given and would like to, donations can be made securely online through your checking account or credit card by going to pensacolachs.org/annualgift or by sending a check made payable to PCHS to the school. The QR code below can also be used to access the Donation Form directly, via your phone.

COMMEMORATIVE BRICKS - We have only a few available spaces 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. 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. Use the link pensacolachs.org/bricks to access the webform to order and pay for your commemorative brick(s).

STOCK TRANSFERS - Donations that include a stock transfer can be gifted to Catholic High and applied to any one of our campaigns. Please contact Merrill Lynch at 850-434-7013 to initiate the request. Please contact Rita Lay, Director of Advancement at CHS, via rlay@pensacolachs.org once you have made the request.

MATCHING GIFTS - Does your employer offer matching gifts to non-profit organizations? Please don't forget to inquire with your company and submit your donations to them so they can magnify your gift to Catholic High!



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COMMEMORATIVE
BRICKS

Your prayers are requested for these members of the Catholic High Family who have died since the publication of the 2026 Winter Crusader Connections Memorial 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



Gloria Robbins Knopf '43 (8/13/25 Tucson, AZ)



Harry L. Babb '46 (8/13/25 Fairhope, AL)



Barbara Humphreys MacPike '50 (2/12/26 Fort Walton Beach, FL)



Clinton Blumer '53 (4/28/26 Signal Mountain, TN)



Thomas Eugene Kane '53 (2/4/26 Pensacola)
Husband of Diane Dargaz Kane (d) '53, and Father of Maureen Kane Racine '79, Brenda Kane Kelly '80, Timothy Kane '81, and Eileen Kane Moore '87.



Alfred 'Joe' Caprara, Jr. '54 (2/7/26 Pensacola)



Ruth Mary Johnson Chadbourne '54 (2/17/26 Pensacola)
Mother of Edward M. Chadbourne Jr. and Caroline Chadbourne DeMaria '78 and Sister of Martha Johnson McLellan (d) '56/PS



Barbara Myers Snapp '55 (10/15/25 Kankakee, IL)
Sister of Dorothy Myers Hammac '57 and Ken Myers '73



Warren Walker Jr. '59 (4/5/26 Pensacola)
Brother of JoAnne Walker Zettler '57, Donald Walker (d) '60, and Paul Walker '62



Donald Dowd '60 (12/5/25 Cumming, GA)
Brother of Valerie Dowd Fitzpatrick '58 and Dennis Dowd '64



Shirley Ann Young Donohue '61 (11/12/25 Montgomery, AL)
Sister of Brenda Young '59 and Toni Young Eicher '60



Joan Merritt Fox '62 (12/12/25 Frederick, MD)
Sister of Wayne Merritt (d) '56, William Merritt (d) '58, and Diane Merritt Haddock '65



Marcia Greene Bottenhorn '63 (11/15/25 Loudon, TN)



Nancy Stansell Hall '63 (2/14/26 Mount Pleasant, SC)
Sister of James Stansell (d) '60 and Susan 'Sue' Stansell Stanko '67



John W. Wanek '65 (2/18/26 San Jose, CA)
Brother of Joe Wanek (d) '60 and Jim Wanek '65



Ed C. Gund '67 (7/1/24 Washington, DC)
Brother of Ted Gund '64, Nancy Gund '71, and Charles Gund '76



Richard "Ricky" Brush '70 (02/2026 Thailand)



Dana Rochelle Spivey '74 (4/23/26 Pensacola)
Sister of Roxanne Spivey Bonifay '70 and Rhonda Spivey Pulley '79 and Daughter of Romaine Sanchez Spivey (d) '50



Mark Stephen Castro '80 (2/26/26 Pensacola)
Son of Rose Ferraro Castro '56, Father of Nicole Castro '11 and Brianna Castro '13, and Brother of Anthony Castro '74



Peter Gerard Newhouse '80 (1/31/26 Pensacola)
Brother of Patricia Newhouse Lento '67, Paul Newhouse '73, and Jane Newhouse Preau '75



Walton Patrick White '97 (12/17/25 Pensacola)
Son of Bill '63 and Peggy Fell White '63 and Brother of Pier White '90, Petra White Farrell '93, Paige White Roodhouse '02, and Perryn White McLeod '03



John Harrell Jacobi '01 (5/12/25 Roswell, GA)
Brother of Frances Jacobi Noyes '04



Clayton Conner '05 (03/23/26 Baton Rouge)



Jarryd Kristopher Golden '06 (02/23/26)
Brother of Juliana Golden '01 and Jordan Golden '04



Caitlin Laine Babinski Breault '21 (12/21/25 Pensacola)

FAMILY

Margaret Augusta Ford Bennett (1/6/26 Pelham, AL)
Mother of Peter Bennett '92 and Robert Bennett '93

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

Margaret Ann "Peggy" Boyden (1/28/26 Savannah, GA)
Wife of William Boyden '57

Nancy English (2/25/26 Pensacola)
Mother of Thomas English '80, Brian English '86, and Jeffrey English '90

Bishop Rene H. Gracida (5/1/26 Texas)
First Bishop of Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee

John Jenista (12/13/25 Pensacola)
Father of John Jenista '06 and Courtney Jenista Plesher '08

Denise Roney Kupczyk (11/6/25 Shelbyville, TN)
Mother of Robert Kupczyk '91

Iris Nieto Lay (2/6/26 Milton)
Grandmother of Kyle Lay '13 and Emily Lay '15

Barbara Belardinelli Loux (1/16/26 Pensacola)
Mother of Jackie Loux Blackmon '74

Msgr. Michael Patrick Mooney (4/10/26 Pensacola)
Past Faculty/Retired Pastor of Nativity of Our Lord

Albert A. Post (3/23/26 Pensacola)
Father of Albert 'Tony' Post, Jr '93, Chad Post '94, and Claudine Post Feig '96

Joseph Frank "Joe" Reinauer, Jr (5/1/26 Pensacola)
Father of Leigh Reinauer Thrash '92 and Jill Reinauer Dahlgren '94

Terri Sanfilippo (5/5/26 Pensacola)
Mother of Samantha Sanfilippo '07

Valerie Celeste Schumm (2/9/26 Pensacola)
Mother of Fr. Nick Schumm '96 and Janelle Schumm Bumgardner '01

Mary Mitchell Stanhope (2/22/26 Pensacola)
Mother of Chuck Stanhope (d) '82

Anna Mary Toomer Sullivan (1/1/26 Pensacola)
Mother of Ann Sullivan Chavan '94 and Grandmother of Maya Chavan '26 and Rohan Chavan '29

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 _____
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Address of relative _____
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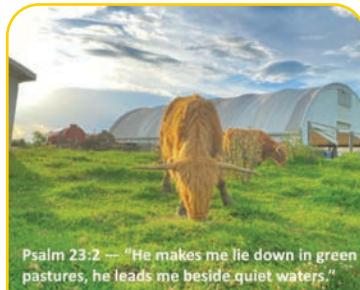
SAVE THE DATES:

Grandparents Mass – Sep 11
Make a Difference Day – Sep 26
Homecoming Game/Tailgate Party – Oct 9

Memorial Mass – Nov 9
Food Drive – Nov 2-18
Fun with Santa – Dec 5



Bishop Wack & Sister Kierstin at the March Eucharistic Celebration



Psalm 23:2 – "He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters."

Gracelyn Weißenmayer '27 won the student juried Photography Club Photo Contest.



The Juniors, Class of 2027, were the victors in the interclass Dodge Ball Tournament held on April 22.



Annual Fish Fry Festivities

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