

Crusaders

FALL 2019

the CHS CONNECTION



And the Exciting News is . . . Breaking Ground is a Reality

Catholic High has received wonderful news from the Diocese that our building projects—the new Student Life Center and the Fitness Center/Locker Room project—have been approved!

We have selected our contractor, Bear Construction, and are beginning our pre-construction organizational work so that we can commence the two projects, which will be done simultaneously, in the very near future.

A Groundbreaking Ceremony for the projects will be held on Thursday, December 5, at 8:45 a.m. on the CHS front lawn. Please join us for this wonderful commencement of these exciting additions to CHS!

A BIG thank you to those who have already committed to be a part of our Building on Faith, Family and Tradition Capital Campaign. It is because of you that we are where we are today which is \$2.5 million from our goal, the amount needed to make our all of the dreams identified in the Master Growth Plan come true. If you have not had a chance to make your commitment, we urge you to do so by mailing in the Letter of Intent below or making your pledge on the Catholic High website.

With our improved campus, we will have greater opportunities to build our faith and family and to ensure the tradition of excellence for which Catholic High is known!

Saint Teresa said, “If you want to change the world, go home and love your family.” It won’t be long before our three children don green and gold and take the name ‘Crusader.’ Joining in this inspiring campaign is one way to put our love in action. We can’t wait to see how God works through Catholic High to continue to abundantly bless all future crusaders in the pursuit of His purpose.

*--Raymond and Jacq Blay Forte '04
Future Catholic High Parents*

I found it important to be a part of the Capital Campaign because of my family’s history at Catholic High. My parents entrusted Pensacola Catholic High with the education of their 4 daughters and now I have both of my children at Catholic High. Looking forward to providing the students with a newly renovated facility to better their education.

*--Grace Samson Sullivan '87
Current Catholic High Parent*

I am very excited about the projects that Catholic High has planned and that are beginning. They will make a huge difference for our students and faculty now and for future generations and will help CHS continue to offer the excellence that my wife and our children were very blessed to receive.

*--Richard LaBounty
Current Parent and Parent of Catholic High Alumni*

I am proud to be a graduate of Pensacola Catholic High School. Our high school offers a unique opportunity and attractive features which we need to always keep us competitive. This campaign will give Catholic High the capital needed to improve our facilities and our traditions which are needed for future generations to be able to enjoy the benefits I had many years ago. I encourage the Catholic High family to please read the campaign brochure and please consider a financial commitment. Thanks and Go Crusaders!

*--Eric Nickelsen '62
Parent of Catholic High Alumni*

Becky and I felt that our children received a wonderful education at Catholic High School that prepared them for college and beyond. We believe that this Campaign will enable that tradition to continue in our community for many years to come. The addition of classrooms and office space, the expansion of the existing locker rooms and weight room and the upgrade of the cafeteria have been needed for many years and now are possible with this Campaign. We are honored to be part of this Campaign.

*--John and Becky Tolan
Parents of Catholic High Alumni*

While the academic excellence of CHS is well known and undiminished, the facilities have not been keeping up. The decision to begin a new physical upgrading process was a good and timely one. Our granddaughter, Bailey, will be in one of the very first classes using what will be an expanded campus second to none. We look forward to the new look, to the renewed pride and to many more years of support of Pensacola Catholic High School.

--Linda and Tony Terhaar
Current Catholic High Grandparents and Parents of CHS Alumni

As a former student and current parent, I feel honored to be part of something so special. People before me have given and sacrificed so much so I could have the opportunities that CHS has given me. I feel honored to be apart of something that will benefit so many people to come, and am so excited on the impact that it will have with future Crusaders.

--Matt Adams '00
Current Catholic High Parent



PENSACOLA CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
Building on Faith, Family and Tradition
Letter of Intent

Please complete this form and mail it to Catholic High/Capital Campaign OR make your pledge on the CHS Website

Name _____ Relationship to CHS: ___ Alumni ___ Parent ___ Past Parent ___ Grandparent ___ Friend

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____ E-mail _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Gift of Financial Participation

Total Pledge Amount \$ _____ Pledge Term (Please check): ___ 1 year ___ 2 years ___ 3 years ___ 4 years ___ 5 years

Will pay (Please check): ___ Monthly ___ Quarterly ___ Semi-annually ___ Annually

*To set up credit card payment, please visit the CHS website at www.pensacolachs.org/CapitalCampaign

*(Please check) ___ My company has a matching gift program. ___ Please do not publish my name in recognition materials.

Gift of Prayer

___ Regularly pray the CHS Prayer ___ Pray at Mass for the success of the Campaign ___ Regularly pray the Rosary for the Success of the Campaign

Gift of Service (Time and Talent, Wisdom and Expertise) ___ Volunteer where needed!

Make a Difference Day Celebrates 25 Year Anniversary

One of the educational goals of Pensacola Catholic High School is to provide opportunities for leadership and service within and beyond the CHS community. First begun in 1995 in conjunction with the national Make a Difference Day initiative, a school-wide service project was organized by CHS initially to benefit families in the neighborhoods adjacent to Catholic High. Over the next 25 years, the scope of those affected and benefitting from our Make a Difference Day projects broadly exceeded the immediate CHS neighborhoods.

With no thought of recognition—local or otherwise—the Catholic High Make A Difference Day did not expect their efforts that first year to be noticed much less acknowledged at the national level by USA Weekend! That first year our CHS project was named one of the 50 outstanding projects nationwide. As a result Catholic High's MADD received a \$2,000 donation to further promote our service program.

Over the last twenty-four years the scope of our projects has grown significantly. In 2002 Catholic High's MADD efforts won the attention of the Make a Difference Day foundation and was chosen as one of TEN organizations in the nation—out of more than 2 million people from thousands of service projects—to be honored and as a result was awarded \$10,000 to donate to our favorite charity, Catholic Charities of Northwest Florida.

To all the students, parents, alumni, and faculty who have been involved with Make a Difference Day over the past 25 years, thank you so very much for enabling Catholic High to continue to make a difference in the Pensacola community!





CRUSADER CLASS REUNIONS

The **Class of 1964** celebrated turning 73 on Saturday, October 19, at Nativity Catholic Church's Activity Hall. The group enjoyed great food, fun, and fellowship with classmates from the Pensacola area. Although this is the year of their 55th Reunion, the class will not be having a formal reunion but will continue to have small gatherings. Please email **Ramona Brady** for more details at granmoni@aol.com.



The Class of 1962 photo of one of their monthly DIVA Luncheons.

In 1969, the Crusader Football Team began the season with a new coaching staff that brought high expectations with it. The challenging schedule humbled the Crusaders with losses in the first 3 games though the second and third losses were by a total of only 4 points.

Injuries riddled the roster and only 17 players made the trip for the fourth game. The opponent was the defending District champs, the DeFuniak Springs Walton Braves which was off to a great start and captained by a quarterback (David Pope) that later played four years for the University of Florida.

The good guys prevailed, however, and **Bruce Bell** hit **Jimmy Libbey** with a long pass with 5 seconds left in the game to give the Crusaders the lead for the first time that night. The lead held and the Crusaders were off and running towards their first ever District Championship.

The mighty Crusader defense posted shutouts in four of the next five games with the Crusaders winning their last six games while earning the nickname of the "Big Green Machine."

Unfortunately, late in the playoff game, the powerful Lake City Columbia High School Tigers scored and were successful in running a two-point conversion to end the season for the Crusaders with a record of 6-4 bringing the history making season to an end.



1969 FOOTBALL REUNION PHOTO From L-R top row - Larry Tronu, II (representing his dad Larry Tronu '70); Coach Bucky Stringfellow, Albert Baker '70; Jonathan Kenney (representing his brother Kim Kenney '70), Coach Mike Knicklebine; Head Coach Harrell Harrison; Mike Harris '72; Monty Rollins '71; Frank Castagna '72; L-R Front Row - Shawn Walker (Mgr) '72; Bruce Bell '71; Jimmy Libbey '70; Jimmy Croke '71; Brian Goley '70; Tim Bonifay, Jr. (Representing his dad Timmy Bonifay '70).

The Pensacola Catholic High School **Class of 1979** had a fantastic 40th reunion during the weekend of October 11-13. The festivities began on Friday night with an exciting football game at Gorecki-LeBeau Stadium. The class had a reserved section near the south end zone and was recognized on the Crusader Jumbotron scoreboard. They cheered on the unbeaten Catholic High School Crusaders as they defeated the Pace Patriots 42-35 in overtime.

Following the game, the class convened at the "End of the Alley" bar in Seville Quarter for a welcomed opportunity to celebrate and share memories. Later some classmates moved on to the Waffle House while others retired to the class headquarters at the Pensacola Beach Hilton.

Saturday started with breakfast at the hotel followed by more good times under the umbrellas on the beautiful white sands of Pensacola Beach. The showcase event of the weekend was dinner and dancing in the White Sands Room at the Hilton. During the evening, they enjoyed a



memorable slide show representing the entire class as well as a memorial to the five classmates who have sadly been lost since graduation. The evening ended with more toasts and laughs at the Sandshaker Lounge on Pensacola Beach.

On Sunday, classmates celebrated Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church followed by one final get together at Café Nola for brunch. The class looks forward to another reunion in five more years! There are sure to be additional informal gatherings before 2024 and all classmates are encouraged to keep their contact information up to date with **Judy Garcia LaBounty**, Class Rep, as well as the Pensacola Catholic High School Class of 1979 page on Facebook.



The **Class of 1989** celebrated their 30th Reunion the weekend of July 16-28. The weekend kicked off Friday with a tour of Catholic High where many Crusader memories were made. Later that evening the group met for Happy Hour at The District. The Pensacola Country Club was the destination Saturday night for dancing and heavy hors d'oeuvres. It was out to Portofino Island Resort on Pensacola Beach Sunday for a beach/pool day and to say goodbye after a great weekend.

UPCOMING CLASS REUNIONS

The Catholic High **Class of 1960** will celebrate their Sixtieth Reunion during the weekend of April 16-19, 2020. The full schedule of events will be sent to classmates in the near future. For more information, please contact **Woody Soderlind** at soderlindw@att.net.

The **Class of 1970** will celebrate their 50th Reunion during the weekend of April 17-19, 2020. If you haven't already done so, please respond to **Roxanne Spivey Bonifay** (rbonifay@pensacolachs.org) or **Denise Cahill Brent** (wbrent9@cox.net) so they can get a fairly accurate count of those interested in attending. The committee is working hard to make sure all have a great time. Make sure to look for more info in an email in January and please respond to the committee promptly.

In Memoriam

Your prayers are requested for these members of the Catholic High family who have died since the publication of the 2019 Annual Report:

Julia Louisa Jones Bonifay (10/21/19 Pensacola)
Mother of Clint '76, Linda '78, and Julie '80

Shannon Delores Bosso-Wetzel (7/28/19 Pensacola)
Daughter of Tommy Bosso '63

Manuel F. Caetano (11/17/19 Pensacola)
Father of James '86

Robert DeHaven Coursen, Sr. (11/9.19 Pensacola)
Father of Cathy Coursen Huey '78

Corbett A. Davis, Sr. (11/1/19 Pensacola)
Father of Corbett, Jr. '69 and Bradley '72

Nellie Kuester Frey '44 (9/13/19 Pensacola Catholic High School)
Mother of Jennifer '68 and Barbara Frey Woodsmall '74

Stephen Lewis Garman (10/19/19)
Father of Heidi Garman Amberson '90 and Christian '92

Donald 'Sonny' Gaston (5/18/19 Pensacola)
Brother of Gary 'Gator' '72

Zane Nicholas Gill '15 (11/2/19 Pensacola)

William Andrew Gott (10/6/19)
Husband of Linda McNeil Gott '72

Rhetta Lutz Cecil Giuli (10/20/19 Pensacola)
Mother of Stephanie Cecil Knight '70 and Michelle Cecil Warren '73

Joyce Maxted Grubin '58 (1/16/19 Fairhope, AL)

Bobbie Jo Grissett Howard (10/9/19 Pensacola)
Mother of Michael '71

Martha Ann Hunter (8/5/19 Pensacola)
Mother of Rose Ann Hunter Janis '80 and Tina Hunter Sturdevant '82

John Arthur Kintz (11/16/19 Pensacola)
Father of Tom '78, Jean Kintz Hogg '79, James '80, and Michael '85

Lawrence Krauss, Jr. (11/8/19 Elberta, AL)
Brother of Joan Krauss Burkhardt '66 and Jim '70

Margaret Euphie Landry (9/16/19 Thibodaux, LA)
Mother of Paul '68, Steven '72, and June Landry Rountree '78

In Memoriam

Have you recently lost a family member whom you would like to have remembered in the annual Catholic High Memorial Mass in November? Please complete the following and mail or email it to the CHS Development Office (jmoseley@pensacolachs.org):

Name _____ Date of death _____

Location of death _____

Association to CHS _____

Closest relative _____

Address of relative _____

In Memoriam (continued)

Virginia Joyce Goss McClean (11/3/19 Pensacola)
Mother of Monique '79, Brennan '81, Barrett '82, and Edee McClean Hart '86

Yolanda Cura Ramos (9/8/19 Pensacola)
Mother of Joanna Ramos-Romero '94

Carla Victoria Robinson 9/25/19)
Sister of Jana Robinson Simpson '72

Lawrence Russo, Jr. (8/12/19 Pensacola)
Father of Carolann Russo Holmes '67

Jane Mitchell Scott (11/19/19 Pensacola)
Mother of Patricia Scott Lowrey '78 and Sarah Scott Ellyson '84

Richard Christopher Steen (9/1/19 Pensacola)
Son of Colleen Richardson Steen '54

John Robert (Rusty) Stoll, Jr. '67 (9/28/19 Pensacola)
Brother of Patty Stoll Mitten '72, Gail Stoll Smith '75, and Jane Stoll Birdwell '82

June Catherine Carroll Tronu (10/31/19 Pensacola)
Mother of Patricia Tronu Arrington '68 and Robert '69

Kevin Brian Vickery (11/5/19 Huntsville, AL)
Father of Addison Vickery Chasteen '10 and Austin '11

2019 Grandparents Mass



Crusader Fall Athletics

Coach Matt Adams and our **Crusader Football Team** had an amazing season that, unfortunately, came to an end on Friday, Nov. 22, in a tremendous Regional Finals game. The Catholic High Family couldn't be more proud of the entire CHS Football Program and their outstanding 10-0 regular season! Thank you to the players and coaches for the character, love, and passion shown on and off the field! They handled each step with determination, perseverance, and integrity. Thank you to all our Crusader fans for your unwavering support!!

We are especially grateful to our Senior players whose dedication to one another, their infectious school spirit, and this historic season will forever impact the halls of Catholic High. Their legacy will inspire us all to continue our quest to be committed to excellence in all we do.

We wish all of our Seniors the best... they will be missed tremendously! Until next year...

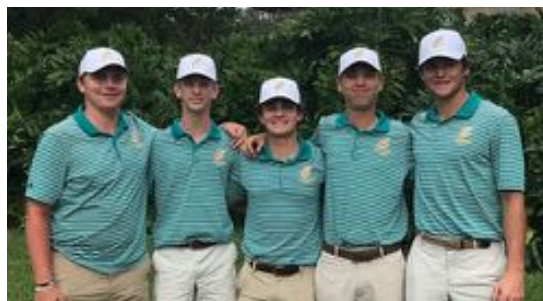


The **Catholic High Swim Team** had 19 swimmers qualify to compete in the district Meet. As a result of their district performance, the team, under **Coach Bernie Roevers**, advanced nine swimmers to regionals, with two later advancing to the State Meet.

The **Lady Crusader Volleyball Team** finished the regular season with a 18-5 record, going undefeated against both Escambia and Santa Rosa County high schools. They were runners-up in the District Tournament, and then won their first round in regionals before suffering a tough defeat in the regional semifinals. Congratulations to **Coach Giulio Simonelli** and his girls for another great season!

Both the **Boys and Girls Cross Country Teams** finished in the top six teams in district play, advancing to the regional tournament. At regionals the boys were competitive but did not qualify for the State Meet, while the girls did advance to the State Meet. Congratulations to **Coach Eric Nelson** and his teams on their accomplishments this year!

The support of the Crusader Football Program by our student body and the cheerleaders, band, and dance team was evident at every football game and pep rally. A 'Shout Out' to the **'Sader Cheerleaders** under **Coaches Samantha Cook and Nikki Fuqua** and the **Crusader Dance Team** under **Coach Heather Smith** for their ability to ignite our Crusader Spirit! **Coach Sara Gordon's Crusader Band** has worked hard this year to make their presence known in the football stands and 'get the fans going' with their lively music!



The **Crusader Boys and Girls Golf Teams** had great seasons with both winning their district competitions. The girls coached by **Mary Duvall**, advanced to regional play before failing to qualify for the state tournament. **Coach John Walker's** Boys Team won the regional title, advancing to the State tournament in which they placed 7th in a field of sixteen. Catholic High is proud of our Girls and Guys Golf Teams and their accomplishments this year.

Now kicking off the **Crusader Winter Sports Season** are the Boys and Girls Soccer and Basketball Teams. Please check the Catholic High website for game dates and times.

GO, CRUSADERS!

The Catholic High Faculty is Cruising toward Apple Certification



After completion of the Apple Teacher Certification credential, in which they must successfully pass eight assessments that evaluate an individual's knowledge of basic Apple hardware and software and their proficiency on 8 different Apple apps, every member of the CHS faculty and administration earned the status of Apple Certified Teachers. Becoming an Apple Certified Teacher increases Apple knowledge and gives those who have been certified a better understanding of IOS and Mac tools while learning to integrate these skills and create a deeper learning experience in the classroom. Apple Teacher Certification is the first step in developing a multi-linguistic and tangible understanding of different digital platforms and applications that can be used throughout a teacher's academic career. Upon becoming an Apple Teacher, each Crusader faculty member is treated with a creative character to parade on the Apple Certification Cruiser as the Tech Team continues to work towards keeping Catholic High ahead in the Technology Race!

Joining **Jennifer Buer** (Media Specialist) and **Melissa Blanks** (Technology Director) on this year's Tech Team are **Willis Cannon** (Technology Assistant) and **Amanda Long** (Technology Coordinator).

2019-2020 Annual Campaign

There are a number of ways to show your support for Pensacola Catholic High School, all of which are most important for the overall benefit of the school. Many people serve on boards and committees. A large number support the many Catholic High activities ranging from attending any one of our varied athletic events to attending and/or providing items for our Night of Knights Auction. A significant number have pledged their support to the Building on Faith, Family and Tradition Capital Campaign.

For the past thirty years Catholic High's Annual Gift-Giving Campaign has been an invaluable support of CHS. It has enabled CHS to enhance our academic programs, to provide educational and technical materials for instruction, to support our tuition assistance program, and to help increase teacher salaries and benefits annually. To those who have made their pledge to this year's annual campaign, thank you for your continued support! And for those who have not yet pledged, we encourage you to do so by completing the form below or by donating on the Catholic High website.

2019-2020 Annual Gift-Giving Campaign

Please return to the CHS Development Office before June 30, 2020. Donations may also be made online on the CHS website, www.pensacolachs.org.

Name _____

Address _____

My gift to the Annual Campaign is \$ _____

My gift is in memory of _____

In Honor of _____

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Congratulations to Catholic High for the HUGE success of their **2019 Food Drive**. Over 48,000--yes, 48,000-- food items and over \$1,500 in cash were collected in the drive whose collection was donated to the St. Vincent de Paul Society for its many food pantries and to St. Joseph's Catholic Church Food Bank.

Special thanks to the CHS Student Council for organizing the drive and to all the Catholic High families who donated and made this Catholic High's most successful food drive . . . EVER!

