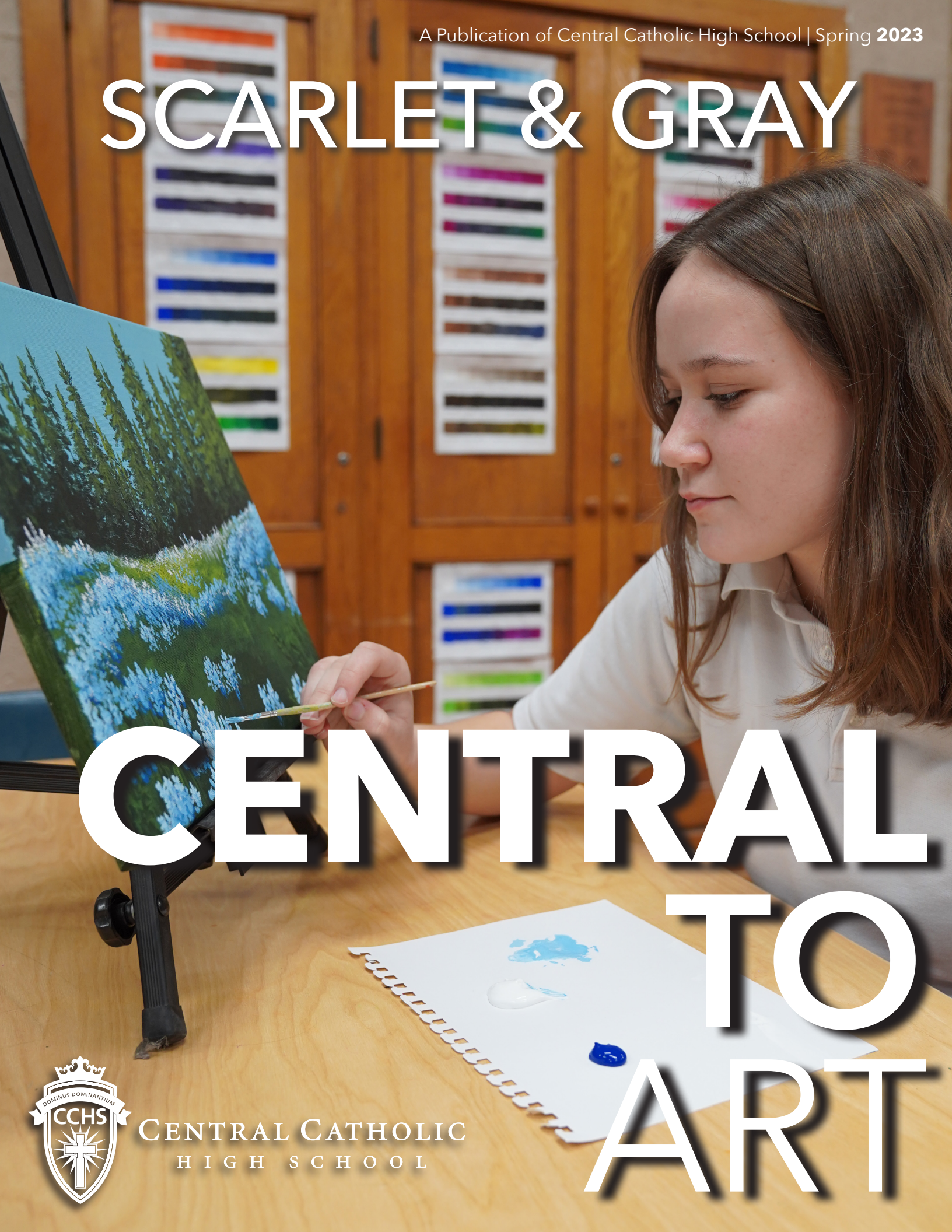


SCARLET & GRAY



CENTRAL TO ART



CENTRAL CATHOLIC
HIGH SCHOOL

A student with curly hair is shown from a high angle, focused on drawing a horse on a piece of paper. The student is wearing a grey hoodie and is using a black pen. The drawing is a simple line drawing of a horse's head and neck. In the background, there are several books, including one with a red cover and a yellow hand logo. The scene is set on a wooden desk.

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Dear Alumni and Friends,

It never ceases to amaze me how quickly the school year goes by. When I addressed you in the last *Scarlet & Gray* magazine, Central Catholic was in the midst of fall activities and thinking about the upcoming holidays. Since that time, our Fighting Irish football team won the Division II state championship, the Irish Dance Team (IDT) won its 5th state hip hop championship, and we've inducted 32 new members into the National Honor Society. Now it's the fourth quarter, students are practicing for the 94th spring musical, and we are planning graduation for the Class of 2023!

Another event that we look forward to each spring is the Festival of Lively Arts (FOLA), showcasing the talent of our students. You are welcome to come to Central Catholic on April 20 beginning at 5 p.m. to see some of our students' beautiful artwork and listen to musical performances. You will truly appreciate why we say Central Catholic is Central To Art.

Central Catholic is very proud of its art program. Our students are so talented, and our teachers are dedicated to our students' success. In this issue, we're taking a closer look at our arts program and how the classes prepare our students for their careers, both in the arts and in other fields. We also feature many alumni who have gone on to various art careers. We thank them for sharing their talents to make the world a better place.

As we rapidly approach the end of the school year, we ask to keep our students and staffuly in your prayers. The work performed at CCHS is imperative and we appreciate your support and prayers, and know that you are in our prayers as well.

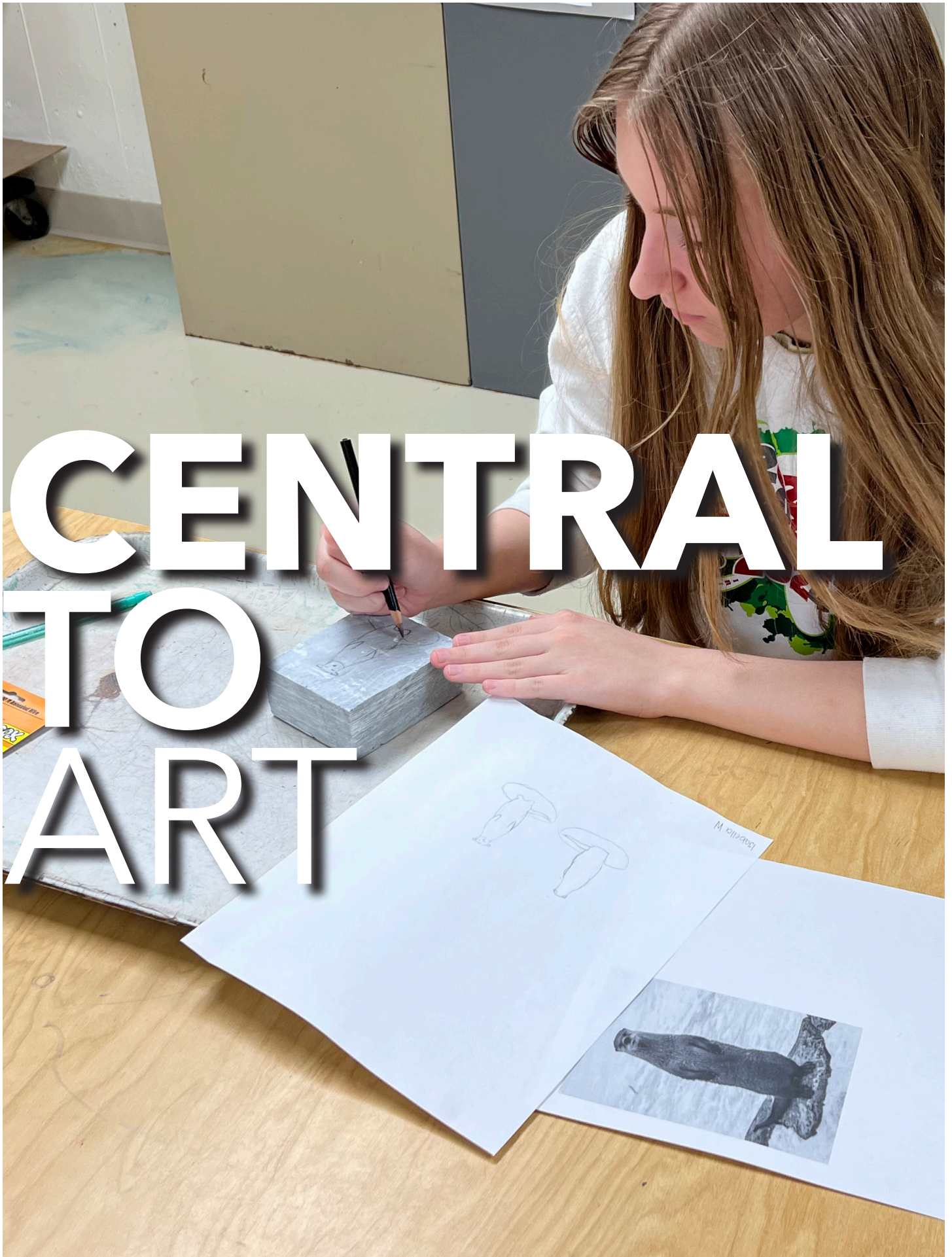
In Christ,



Kevin F. Parkins
Head of School



CENTRAL TO ART



Some students come into the Central Catholic art program through the Art Fundamentals course that they take to meet their fine art requirement, and that may be the only art class they ever take. Others find out they enjoy art and go on to take a few more courses. And then there are those who take as many art classes as they can fit into their schedules, and they plan to pursue a career in the art field. The art program at Central Catholic is prepared to educate all of them.

The teachers in the art department have over 50 years of combined experience teaching art at Central Catholic. Patty Bartkavage is the art department chair, and she teaches Advanced Art (Honors), AP Art and Design, Graphics, Art Fundamentals, 3D Modeling & Animation, and Drawing & Painting. She earned her B.F.A. in studio art, and her B.Ed. and M.Ed. in art education from the University of Toledo.

“The most inspiring thing about being an art teacher is witnessing that ah-ha moment when a student creates something they never thought they could, and are proud of their accomplishments,”

Patty said. “At Central Catholic, students, faculty, staff, and administration will do whatever they can to ensure that each student can thrive. I see examples of it on a daily basis and I am blessed to be here.”

Kendra Hudson teaches Art Fundamentals and Ceramics & Sculpture. She earned her Bachelor’s in Education from Bowling Green State University, and a Master’s in Art Education from the University of Toledo. She said, “I developed a love for the arts at a very young age, and have always wanted to share that passion with others.”

For those students who take art classes at Central Catholic but don’t plan to go into an art career, the

skills that they learn can carry over into other areas. The creativity and critical thinking that art requires are great assets to have in any career. Students applying to medical school may all be at the top of their academic classes, but those who know how to think creatively and come up with innovative solutions are more likely to stand out. And specific classes, such as 3D Modeling & Animation, can help in an engineering or related career.

Students who take art classes at CCHS and go on to major in art have said that they were more than prepared for college. The workload and deadlines that they experienced in high school equipped them for the pace of their college classes. The variety of creative projects that students are exposed to in their Central

Catholic art classes often helps them decide what type of art they want to focus on for their career.

CCHS hosts an annual Festival of Lively Arts (FOLA) each spring to share our student artwork with the community. Students who take four years of art classes are recognized as art majors

and honored at their senior honors assembly and graduation ceremony.

The art teachers at Central Catholic want people to know that art classes are not just schedule-fillers. The skills that students come away with are useful in a variety of careers, not just careers in art. And if students do decide to pursue an art career, “It doesn’t mean you have to live in your parents’ basement for the rest of your life,” said Bartkavage. “Art can be a viable career and you can make money.”

To prove that point, we spoke to several alumni who work in the art industry, and we’d like to share their stories.



Advanced Art Class students pose for a picture outside the newly-remodeled art classroom on campus.



L to R - Ross Schira and his father, Bob, working with framing supplies at For the Love of Art.

Photo courtesy of Sylvania Advantage.



Bob Schira's watercolor painting, "Lake Ontario Sunrise."

Bob Schira, Class of 1972, has been the owner of For the Love of Art since 1995. The shop offers art matting and framing supplies and services, as well as art classes for children and adults. He recently acquired a medical office next door to the shop and is expanding its classroom space, and he will open an art gallery featuring his work and that of former students and other local artists. Bob earned a BFA from the University of Toledo and was a graduate assistant while earning his MFA at Bowling Green State University. He has taught art at BGSU and the University of Toledo, and he is an adjunct faculty member at Lourdes University. He works in many art mediums, including watercolor and charcoal. He planned to retire from the store last spring, but he missed it so much that he wanted to go back. He and his son Ross invite you to visit the store at 4027 N. Holland Sylvania Road in Toledo. If you mention Central Catholic High School, you will receive a 10% discount on anything you purchase!



Vanessa (Gasiorowski) Neeb Snyder, Class of 1972, is retired from a career in fine art. She worked as Curator of Graphics and Exhibits at the Toledo Zoo and as Creative Director at Toledo's Imagination Station. She managed the designers and builders who were responsible for the print materials used for marketing, daily business, wayfinding, and educational components in the exhibits. She now paints full time and sells her work.

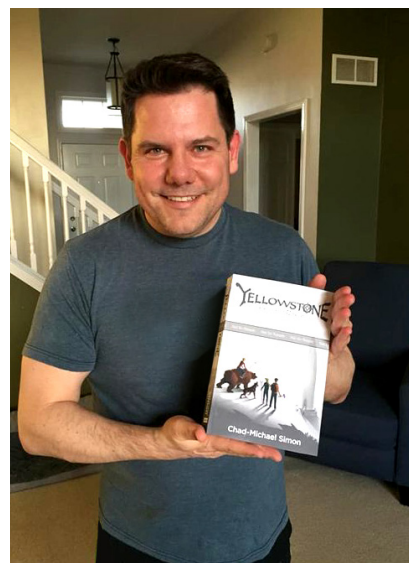


Jeff Frye, Class of 1989, is a freelance artist who does custom commissions. His art can be found at www.fryefineart.com. While he was growing up, his interest in art was squeezed between sports and friends, and he did mostly pencil drawings and sketches. His passion for art was fueled in college at the Art Institute of Pittsburgh where he learned different painting and illustration techniques. After getting his graphic arts degree and working as a graphic designer, he detoured away from art to start a family, pursue a building trades career, and move across the country. In 2017, his passion for art was reignited when he met Iris Scott, a contemporary American finger painting artist, and attempted his first finger painting

of his niece strolling along the beach. After several custom commissions and originals, he is now driven to make each painting unique while continuing to grow and develop as an artist.

Jeff's art mixes impressionism with a hint of realism so that each piece has a different focus and feel. He loves painting animals with their natural textures and contrasts, especially wildlife. Finger painting allows him a true hands-on experience, and he hopes his passion is transferred through each piece to draw the viewer in and make an emotional connection. He now lives in Arizona and is currently working on developing a series of original wildlife paintings with a focus on endangered species.

Chad-Michael Simon, Class of 1990, is a senior concept artist at Root, a part of Accenture. For 24 years, he has been creating Learning Map visuals for clients across many industries, including Pepsi, Verizon, DTE, and Bank of America. His personal work is line art illustration and comic book style. He earned a Bachelor of Art from the University of Toledo, and in 2019 he published *Yellowstone: The Bears of Caldera*. The project was originally a comic strip idea from 1995 that evolved into a middle grade fantasy adventure novel, and it's available on Amazon. He now lives in Tecumseh, Michigan with his wife and children. When Central Catholic celebrated its 100th anniversary in 2020, Chad-Michael designed a timeline of significant CCHS events from its first century. You can view more of his art at [instagram.com/yellowstone_boc](https://www.instagram.com/yellowstone_boc).





Kelly (Weik) Brown, Class of 1992, is a mixed media artist living in Maumee. She graduated from the Columbus College of Art and Design with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree, majoring in illustration. She established a faux finish and mural business, Art by Kelly, in 2001. She apprenticed for a year in 2002 with Murals 'n More in Toledo and then trained at the Martin Alan Hirsch Decorative Finishes Studio in Louisville, Kentucky in 2003, as well as at Patricia's Decorative Arts Studio & Academy in Dayton, Ohio in 2007. Kelly has done faux finish and mural work for numerous residential clients and local businesses, including the Fat Fish Blue Home of the Funny Bone restaurant and comedy club in Perrysburg, El Tipico restaurant in South Toledo, and all three Carpets by Otto showrooms in Perrysburg, Holland, and Toledo. She won the *Toledo City Paper's* Best Artist for 2021.

After years of working on full size walls, hand painting murals and faux finishes, she is happy to refocus on creating artwork on paper, canvas, and wood panels, and creating tiny miniatures. Kelly is also the marketing and design director for her family's flooring store, Carpets by Otto. See more of Kelly's artwork at www.artbykelly.com and www.minimiscellaneous.com.



Rebekah Erford, Class of 1999, works in production for film and television. Most recently, she has worked on *Outer Banks* (Netflix), *Echoes* (Netflix), and *Welcome to Flatch* (The Pilot - Fox). She attended Wright State University and earned a BA in theater studies. She planned to move to New York City for theater, but she discovered the huge filming presence in Wilmington, North Carolina and eventually moved there.

Rebekah began her time in Wilmington by working as an intern production assistant on an independent movie. She has since worked as a production assistant, production secretary, assistant production coordinator, travel coordinator, and production coordinator. Production involves making sure everyone on the project is receiving all the paperwork and information they need, including anything from batteries to flight and hotel arrangements. She has also traveled to Atlanta, Albuquerque, Charleston, and Barbados for her job.



Her projects have included features (*Nights in Rodanthe*, *We're the Millers*), movies of the week (*Christmas in Conway*, *Smile as Big as the Moon*), series (*Outcast*, *Thirteen Reasons Why*, *Outer Banks*), and limited series (*Echoes*).



Renaldo Carter, Class of 2001, works as a substitute art teacher at Navarre Elementary School. His art ranges from pop culture paintings, to portraits, to charcoal drawings, and his artwork is available for sale at www.OsheaArt.weebly.com.



Isaac Klunk, Class of 2004, does live caricature entertainment and studio caricature art. He creates digital caricatures that people commission of their family, pets, etc. He has done a lot of portraits of dogs and families, sometimes with unique themes. People have requested that he draw them as a team of superheroes, for example, or draw their dog as a knight in a fantasy setting. He is available for hire to do live caricature entertainment at events, including birthdays, wedding receptions, graduation parties, etc. You can check out his art, contact him, and commission a caricature at www.iklunk.com.



As a senior at Central Catholic, Isaac took the Advanced Honors Art class with Patty Bartkavage. The class focused on helping students prepare a portfolio if they were interested in submitting one to college art programs. "I was harboring a lot of self-doubt about whether I was skilled enough to go to an art school at all," Isaac recalled. "One day I was helping Ms. Bartkavage move something to another room, and she asked if I was planning to go to art school after I graduated. I responded with 'Yeah I think so' or something to that effect. 'GOOD,' she responded emphatically, with her eyes flashing to emphasize the word. That was such a small thing, but I remember it making this really big difference that she believed in me and my work like that. It gave me a lot more confidence in my eventual choice to go to Savannah College of Art and Design and, who knows, might have helped to push me over the edge into it." Isaac earned a BFA in sequential art, with a minor in illustration.

Andrea Price, Class of 2012, has a BFA from the University of Toledo and works as the Arts Services Manager for the Arts Commission of Toledo. She has her own arts business and is working on her masters in art therapy. She is an eclectic and passionate artist with experience in various disciplines, including drawing, painting, printmaking, photography, and fiber art. The major themes of her work focus on social justice in relationship to people of color, especially within the Black community. She is hopeful and fighting for a world of equity through her art that acknowledges and celebrates the vast amount of cultural diversity that God intentionally created.



Andrea created a mural for a local non-profit organization and has created crocheted rugs and sewn pillows for different individuals. She sewed masks during the Covid-19 pandemic. She participated in her first artist market in 2022 selling rope, crocheted, and coil bowls. For more information, visit www.andreaandherart.com.



Stephen Estes, Class of 2016, works in video production. He has created multimedia content for the Toledo Walleye and Mud Hens and has received two Addy (American Advertising) Awards for videographer. He also started his own company - Estes Productions, LLC - which specializes in sports, wedding, and corporate videography. He graduated from the University of Toledo in 2021, majoring in media communication. He was a member of the football video staff, creating content for the

team's in-house and social media use. Stephen also does replay and camera production for ESPN and the University of Michigan. This past fall and winter, he produced content for the Central Catholic state championship football team and the boys' basketball team. He also created the Fran Krompak documentary video that is part of her tribute display in the CCHS Sullivan Center. Find him on Instagram [@estesproductionsllc](https://www.instagram.com/estesproductionsllc) and on YouTube at [estesproductions7566](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7566).



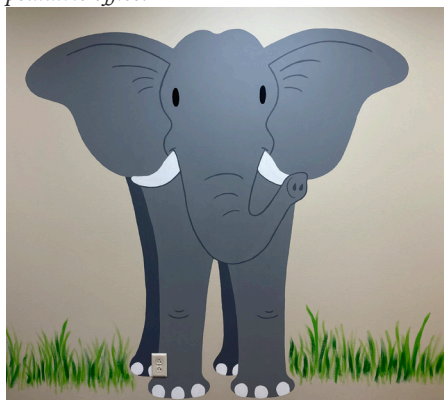
Anthony Wright, Class of 2014, is a filmmaker. His two Independent feature films, *Renegade* and *Monarch*, won awards at film festivals. He studied film and communications at the University of Toledo, but his film making journey began back in elementary school when he shot backyard Indiana Jones films using his family's VHS camera. A week before college started in 2014, he heard there was an open spot on the University of Toledo's football video crew. He spent his college career shooting coaches' film and highlights for the team. This experience taught him how to stay on his toes and capture amazing moments, which motivated him to shoot weddings. He filmed his friend's brother's wedding in the fall of 2018 and after that, he received many inquiries. In 2022, he shot his first destination wedding in Puerto Vallarta Mexico. His classmate, **Alexis Ryan '14**, was the bride. He recently began shooting his next road trip film, *The Ride to Nowhere*, which will be feature length. For more information, check out [Anthony Wright Films](https://www.facebook.com/AnthonyWrightFilms) on Facebook.

Hailey O'Mara, Class of 2019, works in the Central Catholic marketing and communications department as a graphic designer. She also teaches the yearbook class and a graphic design class. Hailey earned a bachelor's degree in graphic design from Xavier University. She also worked in social media and graphic design as the creative lead for Xavier's student Instagram account. As the graphic designer at Central Catholic, Hailey creates marketing materials for the school and helps promote activities and events related to our students, staff, and community.

"Graphic design is something that I fell in love with while attending Central Catholic," Hailey said. "I have always been an artist, but wanted to use my skills in the digital/business world, and being able to come back to one of my favorite places is such an honor!"



Some of the animals Megan painted for the pediatric office.



Megan painted this couple as a wedding gift.

Megan Jurek, Class of 2020, is a junior art major at Lourdes University. Over her Christmas break in December and January, Megan painted several murals at Oregon Pediatrics (located at Bay Park Hospital), where she used to be a patient. The waiting room and the hallways were just blank walls, and the staff was looking for something to make their patients feel more comfortable and happy when they visited.

"The imaginative art that Megan created in our space has had such a positive impact on our office, not only for our pediatric patients, but for staff as well," said Rebecca Halbur, office manager at Oregon Pediatrics. "It can be scary coming to the doctor, but walking into our door and seeing a big friendly elephant has been a welcome distraction! As the kids make their way down the hall to their

exam room, they're greeted by bright and fun animals that bring such smiles to their faces."

Megan has also painted a mural in an exam room at Humane Ohio and another for a baby's nursery. She does art commissions, including portraits of pets, people, houses, businesses, etc. She has illustrated six children's books, draws cartoons and comic strips to share on social media, and occasionally teaches drawing and cartooning classes for children. She also works part time as a statue painter at Driscoll's Garden Gifts & Memorials in Toledo.

After graduation from Lourdes, Megan hopes to continue her freelance artwork. She can be reached at meganthecartoonist@gmail.com, and on Facebook and Instagram at *Megan the Cartoonist*.



Ray with his most recent book and *Chicken Soup for the Soul - Gratitude and Attitude*, in which he also had a story published.



Ray holding a flag that was flown over the U.S. Capital. He received it for his 89th birthday from Gus Bilirakis, Florida Congressman.

Raymond Weaver '52 currently resides in an independent living facility in Palm Harbor, Florida. He and his wife, Ellie, have been married 63 years and have two children and six grandchildren. Ray is an author and released his 12th novel last fall, *The Adventures of Dancing Matilda and Lonesome Road*. He has also had six stories published in *Chicken Soup for the Soul* books. His latest story, "New is Nice," is in the *Magic of Christmas Chicken Soup for the Soul* that was released October 10, 2022 and is currently in bookstores.

On September 20, 2022, Ray went on the Honor Flight of West Central Florida to Washington D.C. in thanks for his six years of service in the U.S. Army. He recently wrote and submitted a story to *Chicken Soup for the Soul - Angels* about his guardian angel, Bob, who accompanied him on the Honor Flight.



From top left: Mike Alt, Sue Alt, Bob Moore, Ken Kipker, Daniel Saad, Diane Beauch, Corinne Kobylak, Joan Keller (at the end).

From top right: Bill Flynn, Ruth Flynn, Kathy Bonfiglio, Arlene Kipker, Ruth Browning, Joyce Vest, Mary Pat Perlinski.



In November, **Ted J. Ligibel, PhD '67** received the *James Marston Fitch Preservation Education Lifetime Achievement Award* from the National Council for Preservation Education. This is the highest honor one can receive in his profession. Ted started his career in historic preservation in Toledo in 1974 and went on to become quite active nationally as an activist and then a university educator. He has been involved in several local preservation efforts, including the Stranahan Estate, Valentine Theatre, and Fallen Timbers Battlefield. Ted has also written numerous works on history, architecture, and historic preservation, including books about the Maumee River Valley, Clark Lake, and the Toledo Zoo. The Fitch award recognizes his 45+ years in historic preservation, including 30 years as a preservation educator at the University of Toledo and 20 years as director of Eastern Michigan University's Graduate Historic Preservation Program. He is now Director Emeritus of that program.

The **Class of 1961** holds monthly brunches. Here is a picture from their November gathering at Reynolds Garden Cafe. If you are interested in joining the group, contact Michael Alt at mikefishone833@gmail.com.



The **Class of 1972** holds monthly luncheons at varying locations. The January lunch took place at Ventura's Mexican Restaurant. Follow the class Facebook page for information about future lunches.



Several CCHS graduates take an annual golf trip to Las Vegas on Super Bowl weekend. They include (L to R) **Mark Wagner '75**, **Bill Montrie '69**, **Bill Rhodus '75**, **Mark Tooman '74**, and **Tom Montrie '75**.



Scott Brescol '74 lives in Arizona and met up with his second cousin, CCHS senior **Brian Bishop**, and the Irish boys' basketball team when they played in the Cactus Jam Tournament in December. The Fighting Irish won the 2022 tournament championship with victories against Peninsula (Washington), Central Bucks East (Pennsylvania), and Cleveland Heights at Sunnyslope High School in Phoenix.



This fall, the CCHS **Class of 1997** celebrated its 25-year reunion with a variety of events throughout the week to cater to all. Reunion highlights included a tailgate feast at Central Catholic followed by an Irish victory over Fremont Ross. Alumna **Christina (Huntzinger) Knestrick** hosted a football viewing party in her lovely home. The celebrations culminated in a fete at private social club TolHouse, hosted by member **Reginald Temple**. Thank you for sharing your time and talents **Allison (Materni) Armstrong, Christina Conway, Deanna Meeks-Devalt, Kelly Perz-Cox, Niecy Purely, and Rachael Stochine**. This milestone celebration wouldn't be possible without you. To stay up to date on future events, join the "CCHS Class of 1997" group on Facebook.



Courtney (Mix) Davis '00 was inducted into Villanova's Athletic Hall of Fame on January 28. She was a scholarship member of the Villanova Wildcats women's basketball team that went 28-6 and upset perennial national power UConn to win the Big East Tournament in 2003, later advancing to the 'Elite Eight' of the NCAA Tournament. The team made the NCAA Tournament in each of her four seasons, and she ranks third in program history in career rebounds and fifth in blocked shots and made free throws.

Courtney played basketball and volleyball for four years at Central Catholic, earning Division I first-team All-Ohio recognition as a senior. The Irish basketball team made it to the state 'Final Four' her sophomore and junior years. She is also a member of the CCHS Athletic Hall of Fame. She and her husband Raymond have four sons, and the family lives in Wilmington, Delaware.



Jennifer Springer '00 and **Eric Melssen '00** are engaged and plan to be married in September 2023 in Huron, Ohio. They currently live in Sandusky. Jennifer is a registered nurse and works at Promedica as an educator, and Eric works for Provident Funding in their appraisal department.

Bri'anna Phillips '13 graduated from Paul Mitchell the School Toledo in the summer of 2019 and received her Cosmetology License of Ohio in 2021. She now works at a shop called Black Beauty in Toledo. She had the opportunity to meet with former Toledo Mayor Carty Finkbeiner at a community meeting regarding what will make the community excel. She is interested in furthering her cosmetology education for teaching.



Ross Friar '18 earned math and computer science degrees on a four-year ROTC scholarship at Xavier University. He graduated as a distinguished honor graduate in the top 10% of all ROTC cadets in the nation and was selected to be a cyber officer. He started his Cyber Basic Officer Leader Course last May and graduated second in the class. Ross was selected to be a member of the 780th Military Intelligence Brigade at Fort Meade, Maryland, with the potential of switching over to the cyber national mission force. The 780th conducts cyberspace operations to deliver effects in support of Army and joint requirements and is the only offensive cyberspace operations brigade in the U.S. Army. The cyber national mission force is the U.S. military's joint cyber force charged with defending the nation in cyberspace through offensive and defensive cyberspace operations.



Hayden Klatt '18 is part owner of Tiedtke's Coffee in Maumee, which started roasting under the Tiedtke's name in October 2015. During his time at Central Catholic, he was a student of science teacher **Mrs. Kim Bremer**, and his classmate was Kim's oldest daughter, **Callie Bremer**. Outside of teaching, Kim loves baking, especially cookies. A few months after Tiedtke's Coffee opened, Mrs. Bremer and her daughter visited, and they discussed having her supply the shop with baked goods. She formed Bremer's Biscuits, and the shop started carrying her products the next week. Stop in for some great coffee, and treats like salted chocolate chip cookie bars, sugar cookies, magic cookie bars, and amazeballs!

"We will continue working with Mrs. Bremer for as long as we can," said Hayden. "She makes fantastic baked goods at a great price, and I have yet to hear anything but great reviews from our customers on her products. We love to include as many local companies as possible throughout our business, and it's tough to get any more local than your high school teacher!"

GIVING SPOTLIGHT

Margaret "Peg" (Palmer) O'Hearn, Class of 1957

It would be difficult to find a bigger fan of Central Catholic High School than **Peg O'Hearn '57**. She is such a big fan of everything having to do with Central Catholic, in fact, that she even has a room in her house dedicated to the school. Peg and her husband, Jim, have five children who are also graduates - **Kelly '81, Michael '83, Sean '85, Brian '88, and Patrick '93**. Her father, **Francis Palmer**, graduated in **1930**, three of her siblings, several cousins, and some of their grandchildren also attended Central Catholic.

"I've always loved Central Catholic and I never considered going anywhere else," said Peg. "It's always easy to be there. Everybody gets along. It's obvious that people like to be there and they like each other. And you get a great education. That's what Central Catholic is all about."

Peg was a social worker for Catholic Charities when **Fr. Marty Donnelly '56**, who was the principal at CCHS at the time, asked her to come to work as

a teacher. She went on to teach in the theology department for 25 years, teaching the marriage course and a class in personal morality. She also worked in the Central Catholic admissions department and as an assistant to the dean before she retired in 2002, and she worked as a substitute teacher even after retirement. "I had great bosses and never had any problems with any of the students while I was working there," said Peg.

Peg and her family have supported Central Catholic in many ways over the years, attending sporting events and fundraising events, and donating to the Annual Fund. It was only natural that they would also want to start a family scholarship, and Peg came up with a simple way to do so.

"I have some stocks that I inherited when an aunt passed away, and it came to the point that I needed to take a minimum distribution each year. Normally, I'd have to pay taxes on the distribution, but instead of doing that, I'm having the amount rolled over into the scholarship fund. This way, I can help students get a great education and not have to pay those taxes."

Peg's plan is just one option that donors can use to benefit CCHS students. Many of our students rely on scholarships and tuition assistance to attend Central Catholic to experience the outstanding Catholic education that would otherwise be out of their financial reach. If you are interested in



impacting our future leaders, please consider a gift to Central Catholic High School.

There are also many traditional ways that you can contribute. You can make a direct gift through the secure online giving page of our website at www.centralcatholic.org/support if you'd like to give to our Annual Fund or make a memorial gift.

If you'd like to support Central Catholic in another way, please contact me, Eric Stockard, at **(419) 255-2280, ext. 1057** or email estockard@centralcatholic.org. I can help you donate to a specific Central Catholic program or department, make a planned gift, set up an endowment, or include Central Catholic in your will.

Thank you for your consideration and generosity. Please know that you are in our prayers, and we are grateful for your partnership in our important mission.



By Eric Stockard '75, Vice President for Institutional Advancement



IRISH EVENTS



94th Spring Musical - *Cinderella*

The Central Catholic music department will present its 94th spring musical, *Cinderella*, based on Rodgers & Hammerstein's production, May 5-7, at The Valentine Theatre. Tickets will be sold through the Valentine Theatre box office at (419) 242-2787 or online at www.valentinetheatre.com.

Join us for this amazing tradition showcasing our talented Central Catholic students!



Athletic Department Golf Outing

Central Catholic's annual Athletic Department Golf Outing will take place Friday, June 2 at the Valleywood Golf Club in Swanton.

To register to golf in the outing, or to become a hole sponsor and/or event sponsor, please visit interland3.donorperfect.net/weblink/weblink.aspx?name=E352213&id=65. Contact Jim Olsen at (419) 266-4422 or jolsen@centralcatholic.org with any questions.



Registration for golf
outing



NextGen Night with the Mud Hens

Join the Central Catholic NextGen Alumni Group to watch the Toledo Mud Hens take on the Buffalo Bisons on Thursday, June 8 at 7:05 p.m. NextGen is taking over the outfield picnic area at Fifth Third Field for the event. The cost is \$11 per person. Feel free to bring your whole family!!!

Please check your alumni emails and follow CCHS on social media for updates about this event and how to register.

Established in 2020, the NextGen Alumni group serves to re-engage graduates and give back to the Central Catholic community as we embark on the next hundred years of Irish education. The group welcomes CCHS graduates from 2000 to today. To learn more about the NextGen Alumni group, please visit www.nextgenalumni.org.

IRISH EVENTS

UPCOMING CLASS REUNIONS



ALUMNI
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The Office of Institutional Advancement can help with your reunion plans. Please contact **Jim Olsen** at jolsen@centralcatholic.org or call **(419) 266-4422** for reunion updates and planning assistance.

The following classes have their reunions coming up this year:

- 1957** Friday, Aug. 11: Picnic at Olander Park, 1-6 p.m.
- 1963** Friday, Sept. 15: Golf outing, school tour, tailgate on veranda, football game vs. De La Salle Collegiate;
Saturday, Sept. 16: Dinner 6-11 p.m. at Parkway Place
- 1968** TBD
- 1971** Friday, Oct. 13: Tailgate
- 1973** Friday and Saturday, Oct. 13 and 14
- 1976** TBD
- 1978** Saturday, Sept. 16
- 1983** TBD
- 1988** Friday, July 21, 6-11 p.m.: Glass City Metropark Pavilion;
Saturday, July 22: TBD
- 1993** Friday, Sept. 22: Tailgate;
Saturday, Sept. 23, Noon: School tour, reunion 6-10 p.m. at TolHouse on Summit St.
- 2003** TBD
- 2013** Friday, Sept. 15: Football tailgate;
Saturday, Sept. 16, 6 p.m.: Location TBD

Graduation DVDs Available for Purchase

Would you like to take a walk down memory lane and relive your CCHS graduation?

RGB Productions, Inc. has DVDs of Central Catholic graduation ceremonies for the classes of 1986 through 2004.

If you are interested in purchasing a DVD, please email gbollin@gmail.com for all the details. The cost is \$30, which includes shipping.



Central Catholic - Home of Champions

The Central Catholic Fighting Irish have been bringing home championships for over 100 years, and the last year has been no exception. Here are the highlights:



2022 Division II
4x100 State Champions



2022 Division II 4x200
State Champions

Girls' Track & Field

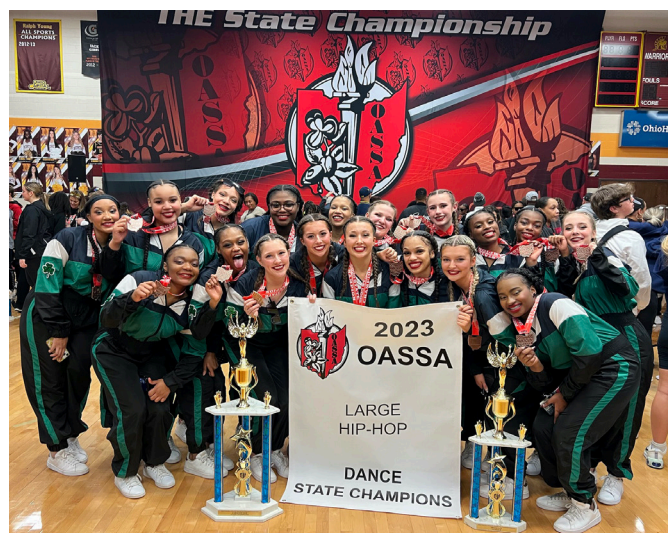
The Irish captured Division II state championships in both the girls' 4x100-meter relay and 4x200-meter relay. Tianna Davis, Taylor Scribner, Jara Johnson, and Nyla King crossed the finish line first in the 4x100-meter relay with a time of 48.59, while the team of Davis, Scribner, Mary Ellis, and King placed first in the 4x200-meter relay with a time of 1:41.04.

Football

The Fighting Irish football team won the Division II state championship on December 1 by defeating Akron Archbishop Hoban 28-21. This was the 5th state championship in program history (1962, 2005, 2012, 2014, 2022).



2022 Division II State Champions



Irish Dance Team (IDT)

- 2022 Small Jazz State Champion
- 2022 Large Hip-Hop State Champion
- 2023 Large Hip-Hop State Champion
- 2023 "Best Sportsmanship Award"

The Central Catholic Irish Dance Team (IDT) won a state title in large group hip-hop at the 2023 OASSA State Cheer and Dance Championships. CCHS earned its fifth state crown in six years in hip-hop, winning in 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2022. The Irish also won the "Best Sportsmanship Award" as voted on by the other teams and coaches.

Girls' Basketball

2021-22 TRAC Champion
2022-23 TRAC Champion

The Central Catholic girls' basketball team repeated as Three Rivers Athletic Conference champions in the league's final season. They finished the season with an overall record of 22-2, 13-1 in the TRAC.

Boys' Basketball

2022-23 TRAC Champion

The Central Catholic boys' basketball team finished the final season of the Three Rivers Athletic Conference with a share of the championship. The state ranked Fighting Irish (20-5, 11-3 TRAC) split the TRAC title with Whitmer.

SuperFella

Congratulations to the Class of 2023 SuperFella, Ty'Waun Clark!



Student-Athletes Sign Letters of Intent

So far this school year, seven Central Catholic student-athletes have been recognized for their commitments to continue their education and athletic careers at the collegiate level. Congratulations to these talented seniors!

Braden Awls - Football, University of Toledo

Brian Bishop - Football, University of Toledo (Preferred Walk On)

Ty'Waun Clark - Football, Tiffin University

Chris Edmonds - Football, Bowling Green State University (Preferred Walk On)

Mary Ellis - Track & Field, University of Findlay

Chico Johnson - Basketball, Drake University

Cody Schuberg - Football, Carnegie Mellon University



Central Catholic Inducts 32 New Members into National Honor Society

A total of 32 new members were recently inducted into Central Catholic High School's Raymond G. Kirsch Chapter of the National Honor Society in Krompak Hall. Sophomores and juniors become candidates for the National Honor Society by attaining a cumulative grade-point average of 3.75 or higher. The faculty then votes on membership according to four criteria: scholarship, leadership, service, and character.



Gospel Choir Makes Triumphant Return to Central Catholic

The Central Catholic Gospel Choir originally formed during the 1984-85 school year and was directed by teacher Ms. Gwendolyn Winfree (now Evans). Dwayne Hammond later took over as director and led the choir until 2016. After he left, the Gospel Choir did not continue, but last year a small group of students approached the CCHS administration about bringing it back. They began meeting at lunch and after school, and they performed at a few school Masses.

This school year, **Dawn Scotland '10** began teaching Spanish at Central Catholic. She had been a member of the Gospel Choir as a student at CCHS, and she decided to become the new director. She said the group now has about 20 students and is very student-led, but she helps pick out the songs that students perform and helps them choose their solos.

“I’m very excited to help bring the Gospel Choir back!” said Scotland. “The Gospel Choir was such a big part of my life and my experience at Central Catholic. I hope to provide the same opportunity for our students now.”

The Gospel Choir still meets during lunch, but next year partial class credit will be offered for the after-school class (similar to Marching and Performing Band). Many students have shown interest in joining the choir, and having it as a class will allow them more practice time as well as academic credit.

“I joined the CCHS Gospel Choir because I thought it would be fun,” said senior RJ Maddox. “I like to sing and I wanted to get

involved in more school activities. The experience so far has been really positive and exciting. We always have fun during practice but still get things done. I think it’s important for Central Catholic to have a Gospel Choir because it brings culture and tradition to the school. It is also another good way for people to get involved.”

“I wanted to join the Gospel Choir mainly because it is a family tradition,” said senior Jayla Watson. “All of my cousins were in it when they went here, so I was excited to be a part of it too. I love the Gospel Choir. We meet every week during our lunches and it’s really fun. It is also a great chance to get to know others around you. I think it’s important for Central Catholic to have the Gospel Choir because I feel like it gives others who may not be Catholic a chance to praise God just through music. It used to be a great program and I’m excited that we are able to have that experience again.”

So far this year, the Gospel Choir has performed at several school Masses, at the Veterans Day assembly, the Thanksgiving Prayer Service, the Sounds of Christmas show, and the CCHS Black History Month assembly. Next year, they plan to add public performances at churches and community concerts.

“I am ecstatic about bringing the Gospel Choir back to CCHS,” said Principal Morgan Delp. “In addition to showcasing more of our students’ incredible talents, their performances help our entire Irish family to worship God in a meaningful and engaging way. Their group also adds an important element into our performing arts program. I am grateful for our students and Ms. Scotland - their enthusiasm and dedication has made this rebirth possible.”



31st Annual Scholarship Gala is a Great Success!

Central Catholic's 31st annual Scholarship Gala, Run for the Roses, took place March 18 at the Pinnacle in Maumee. Thank you to everyone who attended and supported our event. Your generosity helped us raise over \$300,000 for the student scholarship fund!

We appreciate our honorary chairs, **Joe Shrader '79** and the Shrader Family. We thank our general chair, **Shelly Seymour '89**, for her dedication, and our student ambassadors who helped with the event and talked to guests about their experiences at Central Catholic. We are also grateful to the presenting sponsors, Joe Shrader and the Shrader Family, Mercy Health, and TDC.

Over 400 guests enjoyed an elegant dinner and the Glee Club's performance of the alma mater and a selection from the upcoming 94th spring musical, *Cinderella*. Other activities included gaming tables with raffle prizes and an online silent auction, which included vacation packages, tickets to sporting events, golf packages, jewelry, electronics, restaurant gift cards, tailgating supplies, Irish spirit wear, and so much more. Judy Turner, grandmother of CCHS junior Sarah Turner, was the winner of a raffle for a Hilton Club vacation.

The highlight of the evening was the exciting horse race event, featuring celebrity jockeys Priest Leader Fr. David Kidd, Head of School Kevin Parkins, Principal Morgan Delp, CCHS Board Chair Gary Thompson, Greg Dempsey - Athletic Director and head football coach of the state champion Fighting Irish - and sister Berneta Schneider, retired Central Catholic theology teacher and department chair. Guests bid on the horses and became "owners." Dice were rolled and the horses moved toward the finish line based on the numbers on the dice. The winning horse was Gary Thompson's, and his owners received half the money raised in the horse race event. The other half went to the scholarship fund.

The winner of the seven-day, six-night stay for two at the luxurious Makai Club Resort in Kauai, Hawaii was announced at the end of the evening. Maureen Stevens was the big winner of the trip, which includes accommodations and airfare through a Delta Airlines voucher and is valued at more than \$5,000. She and her husband, Mike, are the parents of **Kimberly Stevens '16**.



Mike and Maureen Stevens, winners of the trip to Hawaii.

IN MEMORIAM

Alumni

Rosemary (Byersmith) Harroun '41	David P. Connelly '55	Dr. John A. Soto, Sr. '63
John G. Hilkins '45	John G. Harron '55	Daniel L. Gladieux '64
Ronald S. Spilis '48	Daniel J. Lewandowski '55	David L. Pawlicki '65
Margaret "Marge" (Byrd) Zuccarell '48	Marla (Delp) McGhee '55	Dennis R. Amrhein II '67
Patricia (Leahy) Bade '49	Richard Warnke '55	Marcine (Lewandowski) Gudakunst '67
Joseph D. Kay '49	Donald E. Kwiatkowski '56	William G. Wiener II '67
Norbert F. Hamernik '49	William A. Peters Sr. '56	Patrick M. Scott '72
Jacqueline (Eickholt) Craig '50	Robert J. Biniak (Biniakiewicz) '58	Casey Dodson Sr. '73
Gerald (Jerry) Wilhelm '50	Michael O'Brien Jones '60	Pamela (Perz) Kreft '73
Janet (Fogg) Desmond '51	Thomas A. Smalley '60	Clare Hanusz '86
Viola (D'Angelo) Redding '51	Daniel R. Wozniak '60	Brian C. Rome '86
Richard G. Janes '52	Judith (Gasiorowski) Blochowski '61	Janelle (Campbell) Nash '97
Nancy (Lowe) Khalaf '52	Suzanne (Kruzel) Kelly '61	Donald N. Mousoulis '03
David W. Noe '52	Patricia (Hipp) Kwiatkowski '61	Christopher B. Spearman '08
June (Mansor) Roshak '54	Donald A. Reineke '61	Salina E. Matz '10

Friends

Theresa A. Pakulski

Theresa worked in the main office at CCHS and was a Band Booster from 1967-70. She was the mother of Bill Pakulski '70 and Barbara (Pakulski) Houghtell '71.

Phyllis Sturek

Phyllis taught English at Central Catholic and was the advisor for the school newspaper. Her husband, Bob, was a teacher and coach at CCHS for many years, and their three daughters - Sandy, Corry, and Julie - are all CCHS graduates.

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Vision

We envision a community of disciples who are rooted in the Gospel, motivated by a lifelong pursuit of knowledge, and inspired to transform the world.

Mission

Central Catholic High School, a diverse learning community rooted in Catholic tradition, prepares students to excel academically, grow socially, and mature spiritually.

Fight Song

Cheer, cheer for old Central
High,

Let to the winds her banners
will fly,

Send a volley from on high,

Shake down the thunder
from the sky.

What though the odds be
great or small,

Old Central High will win
over all,

While her loyal sons and
daughters March on to
victory...

Rah! Rah! Rah!

Alma Mater

We love you, Alma Mater,

We always will be true,

With Mary ever guarding

Your doors with mantle blue.

We're thankful for your light
so bright

That helps us on our way.

Your spirit leads us onward

With banners red and gray.

We'll cherish you forever

And love you Central High.

All praise to you, our Mother,

We love you, Central High.