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Dear Alumni and Friends,

The excitement surrounding the Class of 2020 becoming the 100th class to graduate from Central Catholic has unfortunately been sidetracked by the COVID-19 concerns. It quickly became obvious that events and activities planned for this spring would be postponed, canceled, or moved digitally to fight this common enemy.

I hope all of our alumni, families, and friends have been blessed to stay healthy through this difficult time and have found comfort in each other and in their faith.

At Central Catholic, I feel for all the students, faculty, and staff whose “normal” academic and athletic lives have been greatly disrupted. But it hasn’t surprised me that our faculty and students have been meeting the challenges of continuing their education virtually in many creative ways.

Central Catholic High School has withstood a great number of challenges in its 100-year history. We’ve made it through the Great Depression, multiple wars and recessions, and the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. Now as we face this unprecedented health crisis, we will get through this the way we have always dealt with adversity - with our faith and with support from the Irish family.

Many of our alumni have contributed selflessly to our community and our world to overcome these difficult times. We are so grateful for our medical professionals, first responders, and anyone who has been on the frontlines caring for us and keeping us safe. Central Catholic will continue to stand strong after this crisis is over, and we will continue to impact our community and enrich the lives of our students and families.

Our Centennial Celebration, originally scheduled for May 17, was one of several events that was affected by this crisis. We have rescheduled it to Sunday, September 20, 2020. The event will begin with Bishop Daniel Thomas celebrating Mass at 2:00 p.m. in the CCHS Sullivan Center, with food and entertainment to follow on campus.

This will be an opportunity for all our alumni and friends to come together and celebrate the rich history and tradition of Central Catholic High School over the last 100 years. In the meantime, we hope you enjoy the stories in this issue of Scarlet & Gray, as many of our alumni reflect on the impact that Central Catholic High School has had on their lives.

We look forward to celebrating our 100 years of graduates, and we look forward to celebrating YOU. Thank you for your ongoing loyalty and support. It has been our students, faculty, staff, alumni, friends, and benefactors over the years that have made Central Catholic High School a place to call home.

In Christ,

Kevin F. Parkins
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 Head of School





Central Catholic Centennial Celebration!

The Class of 2020 will be the 100th class to graduate from Central Catholic High School. To mark this exciting milestone, we are inviting members from all our graduating classes to a Centennial Celebration. Originally scheduled for Sunday, May 17, it will be now be on September 20.

At the celebration, Bishop Daniel Thomas will celebrate Mass in the CCHS Sullivan Center. After Mass, alumni and friends are invited to an Open House and Parking Lot Party featuring food trucks and entertainment. Music will be provided by a variety of groups with CCHS connections. The school building will be open for tours, and Centennial Yearbooks and commemorative T-shirts will be available.

The 100 Year Celebration
September 20, 2020

Mass at 2 p.m.
Open House 3:30-7:30 pm

Music, Live Entertainment,
 Food, Drinks and Spirits for Purchase

Purchase your 100th Year Celebration Yearbook and T-Shirt

For more information, please contact Jim Olsen at 419-266-4422 or jolsen@centralcatholic.org

Rain or Shine

We hope to see you there!

Irish Reflections

To honor our 100 years of graduating classes, we talked to a variety of alumni about what they have been doing since their days at CCHS, and what it means to them to be a member of the Irish Family.

Harold Hoffman - Class of 1943

Harold Hoffman '43 didn't come back to Central Catholic much in his first 75 years after graduation, but in the last two years that has changed quite a bit. When his wife, Nancy, passed away 1 ½ years ago, Harold decided he didn't want to stay at home and shut himself off from the world. He likes to get out and do things.

One of the things he decided to do was to visit Central Catholic to see the plaque that honors CCHS alumni who lost their lives in the service of our country. One of Harold's classmates, August Muenzer, was killed when he served in the Air Force. Harold met with **Jim Olsen '69**, Central Catholic's Alumni Coordinator, and had a tour of the building that he hadn't visited in many years.

During the tour, Harold found out about the upcoming Centennial Celebration, and he ended up joining the planning committee. He also attended our Veterans Day assembly in November and enjoyed talking to students about his own service in the Navy.

When he was a student at Central Catholic, Harold served at Masses and worked behind the scenes for the play and musicals. He was in the Catholic Action Group and enjoyed his classes in mechanical arts. Harold says, "I wasn't the best student or



the worst student, but I really liked school at CCHS. I liked the sisters who taught me, I went to all the football and basketball games. The school was full of understanding people and a lot of good kids."

Harold went on to the University of Notre Dame to major in engineering. After one semester he was drafted into the Navy, and he served aboard a ship that went to Pearl Harbor. On the way, his ship was traveling at night and was caught in a storm. It ran into another ship, damaging some of its water-tight doors. Because of the damage, Harold's ship went into dry dock in Hawaii instead of going on to Okinawa. He considers himself very lucky to have avoided that area of heavy combat

where many of those serving with him lost their lives.

Once he returned from service, Harold decided that engineering wasn't for him, and he changed his major to business. He got his degree in business and accounting and went on to work in accounting for Toledo Pressed Steel and Sun Oil, where he met his wife.

Harold and Nancy were married for 65 years. They have five children, nine grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, and two more on the way. He plans to continue getting out and doing things, including celebrating with Central Catholic on September 20.

Roland "Ron" Beltz, Class of 1962 - Centennial Yearbook Coordinator

Ron Beltz '62 sings with Central Catholic's Alumni Glee Club. When the call went out for alumni to organize the Centennial Celebration, Ron thought the Glee Club would be perfect to help with the celebration. So he attended the first planning meeting with the purpose of offering the Alumni Glee Club to sing.

At the meeting of volunteers, he realized that they needed staff to produce a special yearbook commemorating the occasion, so he volunteered to help with the yearbook. He jokes that he was the last to sit down when a call for an editor went out, so he ended up with the assignment. He also joined the food committee, since he has over 30 years of experience in food service.

"The committee and I felt the centennial yearbook had to be a summary of all 99 past books, which would be a difficult task," Ron said. "There were over 30,000 pages to look through and close to 90,000 photos. As editor, I looked through each book at least four times and picked a summary of pages to scan into the computer. From those 1,000 pages, I chose photos to put into the centennial yearbook. I did some original color photography for the campus section and other color pages. The staff and I joke that we will have our phones disconnected the day the book is released because we probably forgot a memory that

someone felt was important, but we did our best.

"Since we organized the classes by decades, I wrote a summary of each decade as well as dedication pages, faculty, activities, and a huge sports section. Because of production costs, we had to decide on color vs. black and white pages and a total number for the book. The staff worked many hours compiling faculty histories and other information.

"My work was about five months long. Eric Stockard [CCHS VP for Institutional Advancement] even gave me my own cubicle for work. The printer had specific specifications and formats for the pages, so I had to make sure each of those were correct. Michele Jurek [CCHS Communications Coordinator] was very helpful serving as copy editor and fact checker."

As he and the staff summarized each of the previous yearbooks, they found many facts and events that they didn't know about, so the task gave them a more in-depth education about their alma mater. At the back of the centennial yearbook, they included two pages of trivia that they found interesting. Personally, Ron said that through this project he found that he was part of a long tradition of Centralites who have a unity of spirit and purpose.

Ron's education after high school prepared him well for this centennial yearbook project. He graduated from the University of Detroit in 1967 with a degree in journalism after spending three years studying architecture. His specialty at the time was yearbook production. As an underclassman, he was assigned to counsel high school teachers who were new to high school yearbooks and help them organize and produce their books. He was also on an educational staff that traveled in Michigan and Ohio teaching yearbook production to schools in various cities. One stop was in Toledo. He was the photo editor and managing editor of the UD yearbook and several other publications.

In 1967, Ron was a reporter for the Dearborn Press and he covered the Detroit Riots for the paper. It turned out to be very dangerous - he was shot at and jabbed with a bayonet. But he found it extremely interesting to attend news conferences with international reporters and representatives assigned to evaluate the situation for the President.

After college, Ron worked for three years with Libbey Owens Ford in public relations as a national news writer. In 1970, he opened Northwood Studio, specializing in senior and underclass photography with many schools under contract. He retired in 2000.

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Ron Beltz with his wife Nancy at the Trevi Fountain in Rome

He and his wife began a food concession business that grew to seven trailers and several dozen employees. They retired from that in 2015 but still dabble in kettle corn.

Although Ron wasn't part of the Glee Club at CCHS, he worked on the stage crew. His passion for singing began in college, and he was in a group that traveled the country singing concerts and even sang at the New York and Montreal World Fairs.

"As I was looking through all the past yearbooks and the progress made in courses and studies, I realized



Ron and members of the yearbook committee: Bottom left to right-Veronica "Roni" Zak '62, Jackie Black '57 and Mary Noggle '57. Top left to right-Eric Stockard '75 and Ron Beltz '62.

that two courses I took at Central have served me well for 58 years: mechanical drafting with Sr. Mary Imeldine, and believe it or not, Latin. The principles Sr. Imeldine taught in class applied to not only the architecture classes, but the journalism classes at UD. I still use them today in photography and artwork layout. Latin has served me well in writing and traveling the world. Using that Latin vocabulary, I am always able to figure out some words in a foreign country. We just returned from Rome, Malta, Cyprus, and Athens, and Latin came in handy in deciphering signs, menus, and directions. We have been very fortunate to have traveled to 58 countries so far."

Josette (Lacure) McCarthy - Class of 1972



Kevin '04, Ryan '02, Josette '72, Tim, Conor, and Daniel '06 McCarthy.

across the stage at UT in August of 1983, four months before their second son, Ryan, was born.

Their third son, Kevin, came along in May of 1986, and their fourth and last son, Daniel, in December of 1987. Three of their four sons attended CCHS. Josette tells people that she has had many careers - a radiographer, stay-at-home mom, event coordinator for the CCHS Dinner Auction, Admissions Coordinator and Director of Student Activities at Central Catholic - and now she is enjoying retirement and grandchildren.

Josette claims she was rather shy in grade school, but Central Catholic brought her out of her shell. She learned how to take failure in one area and turn it into success in another. She ended up editor of the Centric her senior year, which she wouldn't have time for if she had been a cheerleader, Glee Club member, or class officer. She took a speech class her sophomore year that taught her confidence and how to get up in front of a crowd and speak.

Josette wanted to be a part of the CCHS Centennial Celebration planning because of her love for CCHS and her desire to give back.

Josette's Central Catholic memories are of trying to get involved in everything she could. "I tried out for cheerleading, but didn't make it so I became a faithful fan in the stands," she recalled. I was in the Freshmen Girls' Chorus and wanted to go on to Glee Club, but didn't make the cut so I volunteered for committees for the musical, costumes, scene crew, make-up. I ran for class office and lost, so I volunteered for various class committees. Sensing a theme?

"It didn't matter if I was front and center, I found a way to get involved and loved every minute of it. One of my biggest memories was helping King Arthur with costume and accessory changes back stage for *Camelot*. I was a freshman and cannot remember how I got this 'job' but it was an incredible experience being that involved in the production. It was on me to be sure he had the right tunic and crown for the various scenes!

"Another great memory was beating St Francis for the Irish Knight my senior year. A couple of guys in our class started collecting money from students a few weeks before the game to hire a plane to fly over the Glass Bowl during the game with a sign that said 'GO IRISH BEAT ST. FRANCIS' We were down 0-6 going into the 4th quarter and no plane had shown up. Many were thinking the guys had been scammed, when all of a sudden there it was. While the plane was overhead, we scored, kicked the extra point, and ultimately won the game!"

After graduation, Josette attended Mercy Hospital School of Radiologic Technology, graduated in two years, and started working. She wanted to complete her bachelor's degree, so she took classes at night at the University of Toledo. She married Tim McCarthy (a St. John's Jesuit graduate) in 1977, moved to Columbus for two years, and then went back to working at Mercy Hospital and taking night classes at UT. Their first son, Conor, was born in January 1982, and Josette walked

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"Describing CCHS is always tough," she said. "When I was working with Admissions, we used to say it is a feeling that you just have to experience to understand. The faculty is dedicated and hard working, the diversity of the student body reflects real life, and if you desire to, you can have an incredible learning and growing experience."

"About five years ago, Central Catholic's Valedictorian, a student with autism, spoke about coming to CCHS and planning to 'blend in with the walls.' He spoke about being embraced by his classmates and concluded that Central Catholic is the only school where your classmates won't let you sit back and blend in."

Bill Clark - The Voice of the Irish
Carol Clark

Christi (Clark) Grime - Class of 1997

Jason Clark - Class of 1999, and Vicky (Jagodzinski) Clark - Class of 1998

Kati Clark - Class of 2002

Fans of Central Catholic football and basketball probably know Bill Clark as the Voice of the Irish. He calls the games on the radio, making those who can't attend feel like they're at the game in person. It's hard to believe that as excited as he gets when our teams win, and as much as he advocates for the school, Bill is actually not a Central Catholic graduate. Neither is his wife, Carol.

Bill graduated from St. John's Jesuit and Carol is a graduate of Notre Dame Academy, both in 1971. But their kids all attended CCHS, and that's how they got to be such great fans.

When their daughter, **Christi '97**, was in sixth grade at St. Joan of Arc, the family began following the Lady Irish basketball team and fell in love with those girls and the spirit of Central Catholic. They also started attending CCHS spring musicals. Both came into play when it came time for Christi to choose a high school.

Bill said that Christi had a few heartbreaks with sports along the way, and she decided to pursue another path. Once at CCHS, she joined the Glee Club and was president her senior year. She graduated with honors.

"We were somewhat surprised when **Jason '99** told us he didn't want to attend St. John's with the other 90%

of the boys from his class at St. Joan of Arc," Bill said. "He was signed up to take the High School Placement Test at SJJ but backed out. As it turned out, Jason had made friends playing basketball with several guys who were going to go to Central and he decided to join them. He played basketball at CCHS and was also involved in the school musicals during his time there. He has never looked back."

When it came time for **Kati '02** to choose her high school, there was no doubt where she would go. She wanted to play basketball and volleyball and did both during her time at CCHS. She, too, loved her years at the school.

Despite the fact that none of their children chose to attend either of their alma maters, Bill and Carol completely supported their decisions. “We were thrilled with our children’s choice of CCHS...and they never wavered,” said Bill. For our family, CCHS was the perfect fit because of what they had to offer in regards to academics, spiritual growth, athletics, and extracurricular activities.”

Their children’s activities also meant that Bill and Carol became involved at Central Catholic. Carol was the parent president of the Glee Club and helped with the musicals. She was also the parent rep for the girls’ basketball team and helped with team dinners. Bill and Carol volunteered in the early years of the annual Dinner Auction and were honored to serve as Honorary Chairs. Years later they received the Golden Shamrock Award for their service.

Their kids are now grown and have careers and families of their own. Christi works part time at the YMCA but is returning to teaching now that her kids are in school full time. She and her husband, Brian Grime, have 8-year-old twins, Ella and Colton, who attend Dorr Street Elementary. Jason works for EnviroChem, and his wife **Vicky Jagodzinski ’98** is a pharmaceutical rep. They have three children: Lily - 14, Sophie - 11, and Ben - 9. They attend Christ The King. Kati is an RN at Toledo Hospital in the pre-admissions department and has four children: Jackson (CCHS Class of ’24), twin 11-year-old girls, Maddie and Reese, and Eli - 7. They attend St. Patrick of Heatherdowns.

But Carol and Bill are still involved at Central Catholic, with Carol attending events and games, and Bill calling them. Broadcasting Irish sports has been an absolute blast for Bill during the past 20 years. He had already been doing games around the Toledo area since 1993 when Mark Tooman ’75 (CCHS Director of Marketing at the time) approached him to do CCHS games exclusively. In 2000 when Greg Dempsey was hired as the new Head Coach, Bill began his Irish football broadcasting career.



Front row (L-R) Brian Grime, Christi Grime ’97, Ella Grime, Maddie Stricker, Reese Stricker, Kati Clark ’02, Eli Stricker (on lap), Sophie Clark, Colton Grime, Ben Clark, Vicky (Jagodzinski) Clark ’98, Jason Clark ’99. Back Row (L-R) Jackson Stricker ’24, Carol Clark, Bill Clark, Lily Clark.

Bill is honored to be called the “Voice of the Irish.” This year he began to air CCHS boys’ and girls’ basketball games on the radio as well. He enjoys hearing from alumni and fans who comment on the broadcasts and say how much they enjoy the commentaries...especially family members from out of town. He asks listeners to text the broadcast booth during games to tell him where they are listening from. Bill has heard from Tennessee, Connecticut, Hawaii, California, Canada, France, Italy and this past year, Japan.

In addition to the games, Bill has also been honored to emcee the Sounds of Christmas, the football postseason banquets, the Hall of Fame induction dinners, and the Annual Dinner Auction. He also had the opportunity to teach a broadcasting course at CCHS for several years, which he said was very fun and rewarding.

So even though Bill and Carol came from schools that are usually seen as CCHS rivals, they say they felt immediately welcomed into the Irish Family. “Central Catholic promotes such a family feeling that it’s very easy to become ALL IN as members of the Irish Nation. In fact, most people think we both graduated from Central Catholic High School!”

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Chris was on the rowing team in high school, and he did his work-study in the technology resources office at Central Catholic. He then worked there the rest of the summer and a couple days a week after school to pay down his tuition. That led to a full-time technology position at CCHS for several years after graduation.

He graduated from the University of Toledo with a degree in business and information systems. Chris is now the president of Flyght, a unified technology company for restaurants, retailers, hotels, and self-storage facilities. His company builds, installs, maintains, and supports a variety of network-based point of sale, payment, infrastructure, security, and compliance technologies.

Chris said he wanted to get into a line of work that included monthly recurring revenue, and he was able to use his technical knowledge to make that happen. “I was at a pizza place downtown in Toledo one evening drinking \$2 Guinness pints (because as a poor 24-year-old, you go where the \$2 pints go), and the point of sale system for the restaurant went down. I fixed the problem, got some free drinks, and the following week, the owners of the business called and wanted my help to install a new point of sale solution. That was the start. Since then, I’ve gone on to become elected to the board of my industry association, win multiple partner of the year awards in our vertical [business niche], and broaden our product scope from 2 products to 12.”

Chris Rumpf - Class of 2001



Although Chris said he has never been much for structured education and often felt bored in school, he is so grateful to have had such fantastic educators in high school who were comfortable to recognize that and allow him the autonomy to learn in his own ways. That freedom was so important to him becoming the entrepreneur that he is now, and he said it’s been a special kind of privilege to now see some of the teachers who educated him back then become his friends now.

“I stop by once in a while and get my hands dirty, but for the most part, Central Catholic lives in me through my friendships,” Chris said. “My closest friends are still the half-dozen or so folks who I held close in my teenage years. I coached the CCHS rowing team for five years off and on over the last decade, so there have been times where I’ve found myself involved more than I do today. But no matter the time that’s passed since my

last visit, it makes me happy to still see familiar faces everytime I say hello.”

Chris splits his time between Austin, Texas; Maui, Hawaii; and Toledo. He recently got married, and in his free time, he runs, bikes, learns French, travels, plays the guitar, and even tours occasionally with a band.

“All I want to do is eat kick-butt Asian food and listen to the best music ever,” he randomly said. “I think everyone should attend Burning Man at least once and travel to Japan for at least a week. Otis Redding’s Dock of the Bay is the greatest song ever written. David Sedaris is my favorite writer, and Tommy Boy has always been my favorite film (I’m a sucker for vaudevillian slapstick.) I make traditional Polish and German food every Christmas, and prefer pies over cakes but cookies over pies.

“All in all, it’s pretty much the best life ever.”

Jasmine is a co-founder and CEO at Five to Nine, an event management software for organizations to manage, centralize, and measure their events and programs. The software works as an employee retention platform that increases workplace engagement and employee connectivity, while providing analytics to drive people strategy. The platform creates exciting and unique social experiences to connect local and traveling professionals.

The idea for the company came when Jasmine realized that organizations did not have effective tools for event planning and communications. "I worked at a company as an IT consultant, but I also led our volunteer and community outreach initiative," she explained. "Through this, I saw how hard it was to coordinate and plan these types of activities across a large organization.

"I had a hard time adjusting to my surroundings and building my social and professional circles. I considered how many of my co-workers felt similarly, and this led to my 'aha' moment. I thought about how technology could help companies create a more welcoming onboarding experience that introduced new employees to their coworkers and city.

"We found that even though technology has made us more connected than ever, social isolation is an emerging problem. Our company wants to tackle social isolation and provide an environment for diverse professionals to thrive both socially and professionally."

Her efforts have led to Jasmine being named one of Forbes 30 Under 30 for 2020. This distinction recognizes the top young entrepreneurs in business and industry across the country.

The recognition has brought a lot of press and awareness to what Five to Nine is looking to accomplish. "We just finished raising our seed round of \$1.2 million with backers such as Morgan Stanley and the CEO of LinkedIn," Jasmine said. "The plan is to use our financing to scale our company's growth and team."

The company currently has over 2,000 members and is continuing to grow with its action-packed member socials and events. Jasmine and her company have been featured in TED, Chicago Inno, the Chicago Tribune, Technori, and Bootstrapping in America.

Jasmine's leadership ability began at Central Catholic where she was student council president, and a member of the National Honor Society, the Insignis Society, and the Gospel Choir. "Gospel Choir was my best experience," she recalls. "It gave me both leadership opportunities and an amazing community of support. I enjoyed my ability to grow creatively and lead alongside peers.

"Central Catholic was great because I had the opportunity to lead in so many ways. I had the chance to express my ideas and love for learning in many ways. Plus, I loved my AP classes, which pushed me to excel academically. I loved my time at Central Catholic. I grew a ton spiritually and personally. It was an awesome time in my life."

Jasmine Shells - Class of 2009



Jasmine earned a BA in accounting and international business from the University of Notre Dame, and an MBA from the University of Chicago Booth School of Business.

While she was a student in college, she co-founded BeaUtiful, a program for inner-city teenage girls in South Bend, Indiana. The program provides young ladies with access to positive college mentors and role models, offering seminars and workshops on higher education, positive self-image, and conflict resolution. The program is still running at the University of Notre Dame to date.

Jasmine continues to serve the community, teaching students about entrepreneurship through volunteering and speaking engagements. She has a passion for connecting people, and she loves to inspire others to create their own opportunities and take the leap. You never know where it might lead.

"I never imagined Five to Nine would be what it is today, but that's why I always encourage people to not fall in love with ideas, but to fall in love with solving problems. That's the key to building something cool."

Alumni Memories

We invited alumni and friends to contribute their memories and short stories about their experiences at CCHS. Here are the submissions we received:

"I joined CCHS in 1956 as did my husband to be, not knowing that at that time. We dated for a few years and he went on to the University of Wyoming. He came back to Toledo, and we got married March 16, 1962. We were married for 53 years, until he passed February 12, 2015. So you can say we were high school sweethearts. I loved my time at CCHS. It is still the best school in Ohio. Thank you and congratulations on 100 years. I have many happy memories and still many friends from our years at Central Catholic. God Bless CCHS!"

Patricia (Pero) Pieczynski and Robert "Bob" Pero, Class of 1960

"Working at the same school my daughter attended was the most memorable experience for me. There were the moments when I was able to watch them from a distance unseen and have an insight into their school life and play, something most parents never get to glimpse. I love hearing 'Hi Dad!' throughout the hallways as she walks by on her way to her next class. Mae, you became my best friend in high school and I will always remember that. Love Dad."

Mr. Jim Kennedy, CCHS Director of Technology

"The Sisters of Notre Dame have been at CCHS for 100 years. Four religious communities of Sisters began Central Catholic, and the SNDs are the only ones still here."

Sr. M. Berneta Schneider, SND, CCHS theology teacher



When thinking of my CCHS years, 1961 through 1965, the memories are resplendent with youthful enthusiasm and creating innumerable friends. My parents [classes of '40 and '43] continually asserted that the college years would be the finest, but they were incorrect. Perhaps I studied too little and socialized too much, but somehow the classes were sufficient to gain admission and completion at UT.

Three standout memories:

1. The Operettas.
2. President Kennedy's Assassination 11/22/63
3. Senior English with Sister Marie Celine

The good friends then are great friends now, but too far removed. Thank God for Central!

Chris Hunter, Class of 1965



"When I began working at Central Catholic in 2001, it was fun seeing some of the teachers I had still working there. They made me feel welcome, as if I had just seen them yesterday. I slowly began to feel comfortable calling them by their first names and working with them as colleagues.

"After a 'hiatus' from 2014-2019, I came back to work at CCHS. I now have the perspective of a graduate, an employee, and a parent, and I have immensely enjoyed sharing my daughter's senior year with her at Central Catholic. I love that I've been able to see her in the halls, get to know her classmates and teachers, and see her experience many of the same wonderful Irish traditions that I experienced in my time as a student.

"My job focuses on writing about the positive things that are happening at Central Catholic and promoting CCHS in the community. This keeps me very busy since there are so many great things going on here! I love what I do because I love Central Catholic and the people that I get to work with. I wouldn't have the passion to do this anywhere else."

Michele (Landin) Jurek, Class of 1986, CCHS Communications Coordinator

“My time at Central was a great experience. Classmates and the host of teachers I had were fantastic. I remember especially Father Fuqua and Father Blank. Fr. Fuqua would chalk down an eraser while discussing a matter, and throw it at whoever would fall asleep. Fr. Blank, a great and knowledgeable teacher, knew a little bit about most things we would ask him about. Since the advent of the Scarlet & Gray magazine, I can still feel very connected to Central after all these years. Most of the social graces I learned at Central from my teachers served me well for my 55 years in funeral service as a licensed embalmer and funeral director in both Indiana and California. Thank you for the opportunity to share.”

Bill Van Horn, Class of 1955

“The Show: *West Side Story*, The Place: The State Theatre, The Year: 1968. This show changed the direction of my future when I saw CCHS do this musical at the State Theatre! I was all set and ready to attend another high school when I saw *West Side Story*. Thank God I enrolled at Central Catholic, which connected me to my mentors - Carolyn Seeman, Jerry DePrisco, Eve Weiher, and choreographer, Craig Barrow. These fine arts coaches, mentors, and musicians created a world like no other place. The music building is where we prepared for the very competitive, very magical place called the professional stage! We did not get there alone. No, we had graduates such as Terry Augello, Jim Stein, John Seeman, Craig Barrow, Casey Biggs, Theo Fried, and so many more professionals with Actor’s Equity! Our mentors often sacrificed time with their own families to prepare us for a career like no other. So to all those students missing their performance this year, and how appropriate that it was *The Wizard of Oz*, always know that you were given tools that also help you persevere and prepare for life. Yes Irish performers, ‘There is No Place Like Home!’ Go Irish!”

Kathleen Jaworski - Belsole, Class of 1972

Stage Director at CCHS - 9 years

Fine Arts Director/Instructor and Performer with Actor’s Equity

“It is said that you have to get inside something to truly understand it. For the past two years I have had the opportunity to ‘get inside’ the halls of Central Catholic and see the interaction of our students first-hand. I am very impressed with the way students interact with each other on a daily basis. We are blessed to have a real community within the halls of our school, one that is diverse in backgrounds and interests.

“It is important that people learn to take care of themselves. What is impressive about our students is how they look after each other. The true benchmark of a community. Not unlike the way our alumni have looked after their Alma Mater. Going forward, I have great confidence that these students will excel since they are following in 100 years of our alumni footprints.”

**Jim Olsen, Class of 1969,
 CCHS Alumni Coordinator**



“I was in the class of 1963. Our senior pictures were taken two days after my younger sister passed away from her third brain tumor. My grandmother meant well by taking me to her hairdresser for the funeral, which unfortunately for me was a DISASTER. For over 50 years I’ve had to live with the degrading results of my senior picture. Kids/classmates even now can be cruel. No one ever knew of my sister’s passing and evidently never remembered what I really looked like. This is a picture taken of me during my senior year. Too bad that didn’t make the yearbook!”

Diane (Brancheau) Pease, Class of 1963



Alumni Memories

“My grandfather, John Welter, was a big memory of CCHS.

You see, back during the Depression, my grandfather was looking for work. I was told he applied to be a maintenance man at Central Catholic, but they could not pay him. But they offered him a home for his family at 52 Mettler Street next to the high school. It has since been torn down. My grandparents, Agnes and John Welter, raised six girls and a boy on the school property.



My fondest memories of CCHS include living next to the school until I was about five years old, when my grandfather died. The football team dedicated their last game to him while he was in the hospital and even signed a game ball for him, which was in the display case for many years.

When my father returned from WWII, Mom and Dad moved in to help my grandfather. Living there, I remember babysitting animals for the biology teacher over the summer, blowing a clarinet one of the band members allowed me to do after band practice, riding bikes in the parking lot, and pretending ticket stubs from the car sale were speeding tickets. I also walked Principal Monsignor Harrington to his car quite often.

Six of my aunts - Alberta, Roselyn, Rita, Mary Agnes, Dorothy, and Betty - and Uncle Merlyn Welter all graduated from CCHS. I was recently told that Merlyn used to help grandpa and made a deal with one of his teachers that he would polish her classroom floor if she would seat him next to a cute girl he had a crush on. That girl, Eleanor Beckler, became my aunt and godmother!

My mother lost her class ring and only a few years ago, it was recovered and mentioned in your CCHS news magazine. I was able to contact someone and luckily, my brother and I were given a tour of our old home before it was torn down. There was another family that lived in the house after me. I remember Mom asked me to leave some of my doll furniture for their little girl, and years later we graduated in the same year, 1967.

A number of cousins, like myself, returned and graduated from CCHS. So you see, the John Welter Family has many many memories of the school, and our pictures are in those old yearbooks.

Jan (Higgins) Kozbial, Class of 1967



My picture hangs in the Hall of Fame.
 My grades were in the Hall of Shame;
 I even failed freshman religion!
 I hated school from the first day of kindergarten
 Until the last day of college.
 I had fun.
 I did it my way.

**Ron Linker, Class of 1963,
 University of Toledo 1967**



“Since I am 81, high school was a long, long time ago. I’m afraid I didn’t take much about school very seriously except friends and fun. I did write a lot of poetry for the Centric. My junior year (1955), Sister Anthony asked me to write an essay for the local advertising contest at the Toledo Blade. I couldn’t be bothered, but she kept pestering, so the night before it was due I sat down to write something for her. In our busy house of 10, counting my parents, I could not find a working pen so I wrote it with a stub of a pencil. I wrote what I thought the world would be like if there were no advertising, no pictures on cans of peaches with dripping syrup, just the word, “Peaches.” And nothing like the Burma Shave signs that made a road trip more fun. Later, Sister told me I had won honorable mention, and she was pleased but said I could have done better if I had only tried. That is true of so many things in life, isn’t it? I wish I had tried harder for her sake, but the faith she showed in me served me well all through my life. I will always remember her fondly.”

Patricia (McCarty) Schemenauer, Class of 1956

What were you involved in as a student at Central Catholic?

I played basketball for a couple years, golf all four years, was in the Gospel Choir my senior year, and Sideline Spirit.

How did you get involved in the CCHS Gospel Choir and what was the experience like?

So most people don't know that I didn't really sing in public growing up. I pretty much kept it to myself until my junior year of high school when I put up a video on Facebook. I ended up putting up a few more videos, and during the summer going into my senior year, my golf coach Sean Cullen (who still works at CCHS) was like "Why the heck aren't you in Glee Club or something?" and he basically pressured me into joining something (haha). I ended up choosing Gospel Choir because I loved the soul and feeling the music had. I was pretty scared of singing in front of people, so I needed that push from Coach to step out of my comfort zone.

When did you realize you could sing?

I've been singing for as long as I can remember, but it was always just to myself when I was growing up. I never really performed for anyone because I was too scared of what people would think. I knew that I was a decent singer and that I enjoyed singing, but never knew I was above average until I posted that video on Facebook my junior year of high school and it got a good response. And then once I started singing for people and seeing their reactions, that's when I started to realize more that I had a talent. In high school, I didn't do any performing outside of Gospel Choir, but I started to get into performing on my own more once I got into college.

What have you done since graduating from CCHS?

I attended the University of Dayton and got my bachelor's degree in psychology. I worked at a couple random jobs during college summers, and after graduating from UD I started pursuing music (writing and releasing songs, playing shows, etc.) full time. I made it to the top 13 on season 17 of The Voice, and I just moved to Nashville in the first week of March.

How did you get into The Voice competition? Can you tell us about the process and the experience?

I was contacted by The Voice's casting team, and they suggested I try out. I went to Nashville for an audition, then made it to the next round of auditions, which was probably around 300 remaining people, and from there made it to the Blind Auditions, which is the first round on TV. I had the greatest time ever during my entire experience on The Voice. From the excitement of performing on TV, meeting the celebrity coaches, and all of that, from living in the hotel with all of the other contestants and forming lifelong friendships, it was just such an amazing experience. Not to mention, seeing all of the support I received from Toledo and especially CCHS was so cool.

What did you learn from the experience? What opportunities will it open up for you?

I grew so much as a performer. Once you go through the anxiety and pressure of singing on live television for millions of people in a competitive setting, every other performance becomes a little bit easier and comfortable. I've found it's been easier to be more relaxed and more myself on stage. The Voice has definitely opened up some opportunities for me. I've been able to play some cool shows around the country (as well as in Toledo, where I got to kick off the Promedica Winter Concert Series), I sang the National Anthem at the Detroit Lions game, it paved my way to moving to Nashville because I made friends and connections that live here, and stuff like that. It just has opened doors that weren't there for me before I was on the show.

Why are you moving to Nashville and what will you do there? Are you pursuing a musical career?

I moved to Nashville to be immersed in a songwriter/music culture. This is where I'll write songs with amazing people, find super talented musicians to play shows with me, stuff like that. It is just a good place to be when your dream is to become a star.

An Interview with Max Boyle '14 - Contestant on NBC's The Voice



What are your family connections at CCHS? I know you have a lot of family that are alumni.

I've had a ton of family go through CCHS. Both my parents, my 5 older siblings, my grandparents, and many of my cousins, aunts, and uncles attended CCHS.

What was it like coming back to perform in October at CCHS? How much did the support mean to you?

Coming back to perform at CCHS was AMAZING. I honestly had no clue what to expect or if anyone really cared about what I was doing, but the energy in the front gym was so awesome. It was great to come back and talk about how Central helped me get to where I'm at, and hopefully inspire some people. And I can't thank Carey Scarbrough enough for putting all of that together and really spearheading the support I received from CCHS during this whole process.

What would you say to current CCHS students or alumni about pursuing your passion?

If you love something or have a talent, pursue it. Whether as a full time job, part time, or just a hobby, just make time for it in your life. If you really love doing something to where you can't imagine doing something else, especially in the arts or gigging industry, then work your tail off. I am constantly doing vocal exercises, writing, practicing, playing shows, etc. If you want to be great, you have to grind it out. You can will your own goals to come true, it is just about how hard you are willing to work at it. This is what I'm trying to live by right now, because to be honest, even though I had success on a TV show, I still haven't done much in the real music industry. So right now, for me, it is about building upon little victories and just working hard. Every successful person I've talked to has had one common theme when giving me advice, and that is you have to be willing to work harder than anyone else to get where you want to be.

Veterans Day Recognition



Central Catholic honored alumni and friends who are military veterans with a Veterans Day program. The students learned a lot by hearing about the veterans' experiences and being able to ask them questions one-on-one.



Grandparents Day

Central Catholic celebrated Grandparents Day in November with Mass in the Sullivan Center followed by a light breakfast for the students with their grandparents.



Students in the News

Central Catholic Welcomes Georgia, the Emotional Support Dog

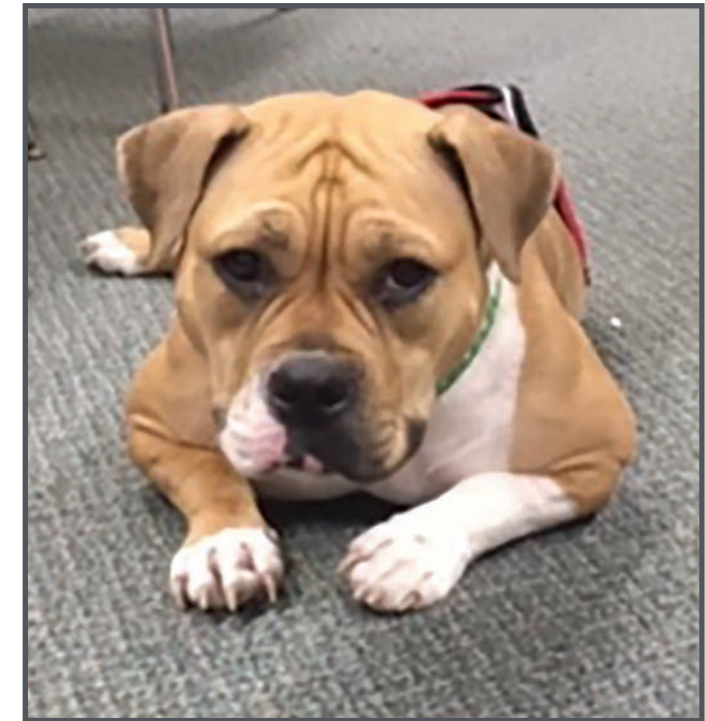
Central Catholic's psychology and sociology classes have been working with a 1-year-old English bulldog named Georgia as she trains to become an emotional therapy dog.

Georgia was a stray from Atlanta, Georgia that was relocated to the Lenawee Humane Society in Adrian, Michigan. Unfortunately, Georgia had an infection from her time as a stray, and it was not treated until she arrived at the Humane Society. The infection partially eroded the bones in her back legs, causing her to lose some use of her legs.

Kristin McKinley, Central Catholic's psychology and sociology teacher, has a background in animal and child psychology from the Ohio State University. She saw Georgia on the Lenawee Humane Society website and knew the dog would be a great fit as a personal pet and as an emotional therapy dog for her classes at Central Catholic.

Georgia and Mrs. McKinley completed emotional support dog training classes, and Georgia arrived at Central Catholic in November. The students helped further her therapy training, helped her get used to using a wagon and special wheelchair for mobility, and prepared her to visit other schools or hospitals. The dog resides predominantly in Mrs. McKinley's classroom during the school day and goes home with her each evening.

The students welcomed Georgia with great excitement. They said that Georgia helped calm them down when they felt stressed, and that just knowing she was in the building brightened their day.



Advent Pilgrimage

On December 20, Central Catholic students, faculty, and staff made their annual Advent pilgrimage to Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral to celebrate Mass. This tradition began in 1973 and is a chance for the entire Irish family to come together in a most sacred place as we prepare for Christmas.

National Letter of Intent Signing Day



Congratulations to these Central Catholic student-athletes who were recognized for their commitments to continue their education and athletic careers at the collegiate level.

- Ava McQuillin** - University of Toledo, *Tennis*
- Kate Ellis** - University of Findlay, *Basketball*
- Othello Semaj Cross** - Lafayette College, *Football*
- Sydney Alford** - Owens Community College, *Volleyball*
- Jonzell Norrils** - University of Akron, *Football*
- Carter Fouty** - United States Air Force Academy, *Football*



Students in the News

Kairos

The senior class grew closer to each other and in their faith on their Kairos retreat in March.



Irish Dance Team Earns Third State Championship!

Central Catholic's Irish Dance Team (IDT) earned its third consecutive large group hip hop state championship at the OASSA Regional and State Dance Competition in February. The group also competed in jazz for the first time and placed second in the small group jazz division. IDT is coached by Central Catholic graduate, Nicole Toland, Class of 2008.

IrishThon

CCHS students participated in IrishThon and raised over \$10,000 for Mercy Children's Hospital, our local Children's Miracle Network hospital, which treats children from our area and provides life-saving care to sick and injured kids in need.



Central Catholic Student Nominated for TOPSoccer Buddy of the Year



Owen Traver, a senior at Central Catholic and a member of the Fighting Irish soccer team, was nominated as Toledo TOPSoccer's Buddy of the Year for his volunteerism. Toledo TOPSoccer is a dynamic program for any athlete facing special cognitive, physical, and/or emotional challenges, allowing them to experience the game of soccer along with other players in their peer group. Participants of TOPSoccer include children and adults with conditions that impair mobility, strength, and/or comprehension.

Central Catholic soccer players have worked regularly at TOPSoccer events, assisting participants both on and off the field and helping them experience the social opportunities created through the sport.

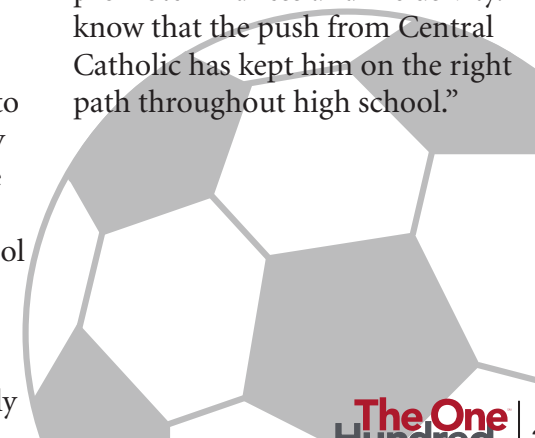
Owen has been volunteering with TOPSoccer for many years, and five years ago as an 8th grader he was paired with Zoe, who was in 5th grade. Zoe has cognitive impairments with a memory deficit, so seeing the same buddy each week was very valuable. According to Zoe's mother, Cindi, the pairing has helped Zoe continue to improve and progress and feel more included. Zoe is now a freshman at Anthony Wayne High School.

This fall, Owen offered to take Zoe to her homecoming dance. Her family was thrilled that she would have the opportunity to mingle with typical peers and be a part of her high school event, and consider it a thoughtful, selfless gift from Owen.

"The effort that Owen and his family

have made has had a larger than life impact on our family," Cindi said. "Zoe is such a fantastic little girl that is so fortunate to have the Travers rooting for her in an already tough world for kids with disabilities!"

Owens' mother, Kacie Traver, said, "I hope that CCHS continues to push students to live outwardly for others, volunteer their time and talents, and promote kindness and inclusivity. I know that the push from Central Catholic has kept him on the right path throughout high school."



An Interview With Mrs. Julie McCourt - CCHS Campus Minister

This is Mrs. McCourt's first year at Central Catholic. She worked in pastoral ministry at Corpus Christi University Parish, Loyola University Chicago, St. Louis University, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, and St. Ursula Academy in Toledo before joining us at CCHS.

What is your educational background?

I graduated from Notre Dame Academy in 2002. I attended the University of Toledo and earned an undergraduate degree in religious studies. I earned my master's degree in pastoral ministry from Loyola University Chicago.

What inspired you to become a campus minister?

I was involved in the life of the church from childhood and knew since around second grade that I wanted to work for the Catholic church. When I entered college, I spent the majority of my time at Corpus Christi University Parish involved with the Catholic Student Association and fell in love instantly. I knew that ministry with high school and college students was exactly where I needed to be!

How has your experience been so far at CCHS?

I cannot express enough how much CCHS feels like home. My grandpa, aunt, sister-in-law, cousin, two younger brothers, niece, and many grade school and high school friends all attended CCHS, and the Irish family has been a part of my life for a long time. The students continue to impress me each day with their warmth, curiosity, honesty, and family feel, and the faculty and staff are kind, competent, fun to be around, and possess an infectious spirit and love of CCHS that is palpable and contagious.

Working alongside Priest Leader, Fr. David Kidd has truly been a delight, and not only have we learned to build an awesome team and campus ministry program, but we've become fast friends. My friendships with colleagues are truly one of the gifts I treasure most about this place. I have really enjoyed learning about the ways in which we can best develop programming around prayer, rest, service, and spiritual growth for students, faculty, and staff.

What is the purpose of the classroom time you spend with the freshmen?

I have enjoyed my weekly time with the freshmen so much and truly value the ways in which I have been able to learn their names, personalities, and stories, and develop meaningful relationships with each of them. It has given them an opportunity to take a break from their theology curriculum and spend time in conversations around faith, bringing in speakers on topics such as servant leadership, and beginning basic skills in goal setting and personal reflection. We have a team of faculty and staff who help students build skills in areas such as conflict management, social media, confidence, self love, vision and goal setting, and basic people skills.

When you are not teaching, what do you do at CCHS?

When I am not in the classroom, my time is spent developing retreats, working with our service and justice program, administration team meetings, networking with local community partners, liturgy planning, and most importantly (and most of my time!) meeting one on one with students and providing pastoral care. My favorite days are the ones where my schedule is filled with students who have appointments with me or just drop by to chat.

Football Coach's 200th Career Victory!

Fighting Irish head football coach, Greg Dempsey, earned his 200th career victory on October 25 against rival St. Francis de Sales. The game was also Central Catholic's 16th straight victory in the annual battle for the Irish Knight trophy!

In Coach Dempsey's 20th season heading up the Fighting Irish for his alma mater, the team won the TRAC championship with a 12-0 league record and were regional champions. Dempsey has led the team to three state titles.



Can you talk about your family life and what you enjoy outside of Central Catholic?

My family is my favorite priority and truly my deepest joy. My husband, Mike, and I have been married for 10 years and have two boys, Riley and Hudson, who are in first and second grade at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, which is also where my brothers and I went to grade school. It's such a delight to watch my kiddos grow up in the same halls that my family did! Mike and I are very involved at OLPH and serve on various committees at the parish and school. The majority of our free time is currently spent absorbed in 1st and 2nd grade sports and putting down roots back home in Toledo after living in Chicago and St. Louis for a decade.

My greatest interests revolve around food, faith, and fitness, and I find myself spending my free time learning how to be better committed to health, happiness, and holiness. My newest endeavor has been the world of Soul Core (www.soulcore.com), where I am being trained as a leader to pair core strength training and stretching to the movements of the rosary. I'm eager to watch this unfold in my life! I really enjoy reading books about personal growth and development, spending time with family and friends, and taking any opportunity I can to learn the life stories of the people around me.

1950s

Art Brubaker '55 recently retired from Huntington Bank NW Ohio Headquarters as their Director of Loss Control Services. In that position he provided specialized safety, OSHA, and industrial hygiene audit compliance services for major Huntington industrial clients located throughout the United States. Prior to working for Huntington, Art held leadership positions in safety, security, and loss control services at both Owens Corning Fiberglas and Owens Illinois World Headquarters.

Catherine (Katafiasz) Macaro '57 was honored by the Toledo-Poznań Alliance, the sister cities alliance of Toledo and Poznań, Poland, at its annual Dożynki (Polish harvest celebration) at the Lourdes University Franciscan Center in October. Katie and her brother, Carl, illustrated and wrote the book *Polska: Poland, a Book to Color*, which went international when President Carter and his wife took copies of it to Warsaw, Poland and donated them to an orphanage. Since then, Katie has written and illustrated more than 30 books and donated the marketing and publishing rights to the Polish Cultural Center of Northwest Ohio. She was one of the founding members of the Toledo-Poznań Alliance and designed its logo.



Members of the Class of '61 met at Bravo's restaurant to celebrate Christmas with prayer, good conversation, good food, and a good time, including donations to Mom's House. They also sang Happy Birthday to classmate Don Pickard. Those celebrating were **Mary Pat (O'Neil)** and **Bob Perlinski**, **Don Pickard**, **Mike and Diane (Hoover) Wagner**, **Kathy (McCarty)** and **Mike Moeller**, **Maury** and **Penny Collins**, **Joan Keller**, and **Mike Alt** with his wife Sue.

1960s

Larry Tomczak '61 and his son **Damian Tomczak '91** are members of the Westgate Toastmasters Club and were featured in its newsletter after they gave a presentation together to the Oregon and Northwood Rotary Club.



They spoke about Damian's near-fatal car accident over 23 years ago that changed the lives of their family. After the accident, Damian was in a medically-induced coma for 30 days to minimize brain damage. After multiple surgeries and years of occupational, speech, and physical therapy, he is functioning independently. Part of his therapy included joining Toastmasters, which both of his parents belonged to, and it helped him meet new people, develop communication and creative thinking skills, and increase his socialization and self-confidence. Larry and Damian want to pay it forward and inspire others who are dealing with traumatic brain injury.

AlumnEye



Members of the Kerscher family visited Central Catholic in the fall to take a last ride on the building's original, historic elevator before it was removed from service. The elevator was installed by the Kerscher Elevator Company and has been in use since the building opened in 1928. Three of the grandchildren of the Kerscher brothers who incorporated the Kerscher Elevator Company graduated from Central Catholic. They are **William "Bill" Kerscher III '63**, **Linda (Kerscher) Kerwin '67**, and **Ken Kerscher '68**. Central Catholic's new Schindler elevator installation was complete in March.



1990s

Matthew J. Shanahan '90 was elected mayor of the Village of Tontogany on November 5. He previously served on Village Council and was a member of the parks and finance committees. After obtaining a bachelor's degree in recreation and resource management from the University of Toledo in 2003, Matt spent 25 years in the non-profit industry with youth camps, Boy Scouts, and fundraising. He served as president of the Otsego Elementary Parent Teacher Organization and coached Tontogany baseball for eight years. Matt and his wife Katie moved to Tontogany in April 2004. They have two boys, Danny and Jackson, who attend Otsego schools.

Fr. Scott Woods '99 returned to his alma mater to celebrate Mass with Central Catholic students in March.



1970s

Several members of the **Class of '74** walked with the students on the annual Advent Pilgrimage to Rosary Cathedral in December. The class began the tradition of the Pilgrimage in December 1973. Pictured left to right are: **Monsignor William Kubacki '70**, **Fr. David Kidd** (CCHS Priest Leader), **Timothy Powers**, **Judy (Lynch) Kopaniasz**, **Pat (Staskiewicz) Haupricht**, **Tim Pedro**, and **Deacon Kevin Moebius '99**.



Eric Stockard '75, CCHS Vice President of Institutional Advancement, visited with several alumni and former teachers at Tony Packo's. Please contact Eric Stockard at estockard@centralcatholic.org or Jim Olsen at jolsen@centralcatholic.org to let us know about alumni and faculty gatherings.



2000s

Anthony Pattin '03 is a pharmacy law professor at the University of Toledo. He has incorporated a teaching method to help students better understand the material they need to know to pass the Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination. His methods have resulted in UT's recent class of pharmacy graduates to have a 100 percent passage rate for the test, which none of the other 142 accredited schools across the country matched. All 76 graduates who took the exam in 2019 passed on their first attempt. Their success has not gone unnoticed. Anthony has received calls from other universities asking how he is teaching the material to his students.

Ellen Herman-Kimball '06 was formally named head women's volleyball coach at the University of Connecticut. She had been serving as interim head coach since February 2019, and prior to that was an assistant coach for the Huskies for five seasons. Ellen had a standout volleyball career at Ohio University and graduated with a Bachelor of Health Administration in 2010 before playing professionally in Europe. She also serves as the Director of the Connecticut Volleyball Institute.

Jacob Garber '08 is an aerospace engineer, living and working in Fort Collins, Colorado.



Alexa Galernik '14 and **Ryan O'Hearn '14** were married in August 2019 and took wedding photos at the place they met and fell in love during their junior year. They said Central Catholic will always be one of the most special places in their lives and in the lives of their families.

2010s



Simone Green '19 was named the Great Midwest Athletic Conference Athlete of the Week in February. Simone is a freshman at the University of Findlay and a member of the track team. She won the long jump event at the Findlay Alumni Classic with a distance of 5.77m (18' 11.25"). That performance tied her for a rank of 13th in Division II, and her distance ranks eighth all-time in conference history. She also won the triple jump with a mark of 10.94m.



Justin Schiets '19 was awarded the Bob Eberly Distinguished Service Scholarship by the Toledo/Wistert chapter of the National Football Foundation. The award, named for the executive director of the foundation chapter, recognizes an individual who has made contributions to football, local athletics, and the promotion of the ideals of the chapter. Justin was presented with a \$2,500 scholarship at the 58th annual NFF Scholar Athlete Banquet. Justin is a redshirt freshman linebacker at Bowling Green State University. He also led a car wash fundraiser to benefit the Boys and Girls Club as part of a freshman leadership class, and he was named Male Student Athlete of the Month for February.

Reunions

1945 - July 14, 2020 at Inverness Country Club. Paul Hood is the coordinator.

1950 - TBD. Joan Rogge and Lucy Raftery are the coordinators.

1955 - September 13, 2020 at Brandywine Country Club. Ed Hoover, Virginia Heiser and Louise Brubaker are the coordinators.

1960 - October 10, 2020 at Nederhouse Country Club in Ohio. **Postponed** due to COVID-19. Contact person is Mary Grana-Jones at merrily922@bex.net.

1965 - Reunion scheduled for June 20, 2020 has been postponed. Future date TBA. Contact person is Patti (Blauvelt) Erdman.

1970 - August 29, 2020 at Brandywine Country Club. Additional events TBD. Contact person is Bob Valigosky at bvcchs50@gmail.com.

1975 - September 18 & 19, 2020.

1985 - July 31, 2020 private cruise on the Sandpiper and August 1, 2020 reunion at the Toledo Sailing Club. Contact person is Carolyn (Guzman) Fitzenreiter at Carolyn.Guzman@gmail.com.

1990 - Tailgate September 18, 2020 at CCHS vs. St. John's football game. Reunion September 19, 2020 at Central Catholic High School. Contact person is Brooke Williams.

2000 - Fall of 2020. Events TBD. Contact person is Kristin (Szycka) Brunek.

2010 - October 3, 2020 site TBD. Contact person is Ann Justen at annjusten@gmail.com.



Class of '62 first reunion in Ft Myers FL, March 4. Attendees: Bill Donovan, Bobbie Lowe Schroeder, Kathleen Mattimoe Iott, Sharon Veigel Urzykowski, Terrie Coci Albert, Don Koberstein, Jack Seitz, John Schick, and Joe and Jan Thieman. We are planning on annual reunions to include residents, snow birds and vacationers. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Bobbie at 419-340-6999.



Our Offices of Institutional Advancement and Alumni Relations can help with your reunion plans! Please contact **Jim Olsen** at jolsen@centralcatholic.org or call 419-266-4422 for reunion planning, including:

- Mailing lists
- Design of save-the-date postcards and invitations
- Website posting
- Invitation mailing
- Tour of the school*
- Mass
- Providing yearbooks and school newspapers
- Tailgating sites at football games
- Assistance with class gifts and scholarships

*Please note: Individual or group tours of the school can be scheduled through Jim Olsen at any time, even if you're not attending a class reunion.



Central Catholic High School Athletic Department Golf Outing



The golf outing to benefit the CCHS Athletic Department will not take place as originally planned. However, we will still hold a fundraising event to be announced.

Alumni

- 1939**
Maureen Frances O'Connor
Florence R. (Hauck) Sheroian
- 1941**
Rita D. (Pollauf) DeNies
- 1942**
Eleanore Ruth (Justen) Hiller
- 1943**
Florceta M. (Weirich) Obee
- 1944**
Ray A. Murnen
Margaret "Peggy" (Pilzecker) Tams
James W. White, Sr.
- 1945**
Thomas L. "Sam" Irmen
- 1946**
Sally (Zuber) Baker
- 1947**
Richard P. Anderson
Marilou (Amstutz) Kasparian
Dr. Terence J. "Terry" Mohler
Mary A. (Vas) Sinay
- 1948**
Robert Thomas Ronau
- 1949**
Theresa (Boyarski) Perz
Sally M. (Eggleston) Caldwell
DeShetler
Rev. Raymond C. Sheperd
- 1950**
Thomas Roger Cross
Walter W. Cross
John W. "Jack" Landin
Thomas F. "Tom" McHugh
- 1952**
Beverly A. (Romatowski) Bishop
Mary Theresa (Kelly) Flahie
John Stephen Gercak
Owen F. Gibbons
Kathleen J. Goetz
Muriel (Weik) Lechlak
Katherine "Kay" (Beeker) Patterson
John A. Pigott, M.D.
Donald A. Quertinmont
- 1953**
Dennis J. "Denny" Cassin
James P. "Jim" Desmond
Thomas James Flahie
Inez E. (McNutt) Gorsuch
Janese Ann "Ginger" (Rober) Hays
Robert J. "Bob" Meegan
Dolores Stockner
- 1954**
Nancy G. Brough-Cuthbertson
Mary Jane (Stifel) Dzienny
Patricia (Michalak) Muszynski
Suzanne Marie (Flynn) Petsche
Barbara A. (Suchala) Piotrowicz
Francis L. "Frank" Skeldon III
- 1955**
Marilyn "Hodge" (Waclawek)
Michelson
Jeanette Marie (Michaels) Raker
William "Bill" John Stelzer, Sr.
- 1956**
Patricia Ann (Garber) Grabinski
Carol J. (Bauer) Zilba
- 1957**
Mary M. (Hoover) Eberlin
Ronald David Matthews
Adelaide C. (Clifford) Vanlandingham
- 1960**
William F. Bihn
Paul A. Brothers
Gerald J. "Jerry" Demski
Thomas P. Grime
Carole Anne (Sobota) Krause
Gerald L. "Gerry" Seitz
- 1961**
Susan E. (DuGai) Heuerman
Janet Marie (Benson) Knott
- 1962**
Marilyn T. (Michalak) Miller
Frances Rosalie Nowak
- 1963**
Genevieve A. "Genny G"
(Schlagheck) Koberstein
- 1964**
Edward "Sonny" Lepiarz
Lawrence J. "Larry" McHale
- 1965**
Judith "Judy" (Czyzewski) Bialecki
Suzanne Elizabeth (Borgess) De Santis
Michael L. Hanudel

In Memoriam

- 1968**
Laura M. (Bass) Scherer
Mario Pietro "Pops" Wallace
- 1969**
Catherine "Kitty" M. (Arquette)
Barnett
Tom Dever
- 1970**
John C. Hodak
- 1972**
James F. Wood
- 1977**
Stacey Jo Auler
- 1978**
Jeffrey P. Hamm
- 1979**
Thomas J. "TC" Campbell
- 1982**
Angela M. "Angie" (Knack) Holtz
Robert E. Newman III
- 1984**
Stephen J. Scarbrough
- 1986**
Michael Carl "Mike" Weber
- 1990**
Joe Bader
- 1997**
Elizabeth "Liz" Barrett Shook
- 1998**
Trisha Lynn Hamilton
- 2011**
Ryan Anthony Cleghorn
Benjamin C. Riester
- 2012**
Alexander James Padilla

Friends

- Martha Jane (Botkin) Axe
- Donald A. Bensman
- Ann Bishop
- Florence "Clare" (Manion) Hankenhof
- Donald J. "Don" Kirkham
- Agustin "Auggie" Mendoza
- Madelaine "Lynn" Vogl

*This section lists the Central Catholic alumni and friends who we have lost since the last publication of Scarlet & Gray. To report a death, please contact Central Catholic High School at 419-255-2280 or email jmccoy@centralcatholic.org. Please remember Central Catholic High School in your will.

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Ways to Give.

Coach Thomas F. "Tom" McHugh - Class of 1950

May 13, 1932 - November 27, 2019



The award is presented yearly to one male student athlete who has lettered in at least two sports, has maintained at least a 2.0 grade point average after seven semesters, maintained a good discipline record, and is the top-ranking athlete at CCHS.

In 1983, Tom was the third person inducted into the Central Catholic High School Athletic Hall of Fame. The family is planning to create an academic scholarship at Central Catholic in Tom McHugh's name. A memorial Mass is also in the works.

Family Memories

"My dad spoke fondly about his days at Central Catholic. He shared many stories, and I accompanied him many times on trips to Toledo where he met with old friends like Ducky Lewis who coached at CCHS with my dad. Frequently this was at OB's Bar & Grill where he would always run into many old friends, and where I would enjoy what I thought were the best hamburgers in the world. He played fullback at CCHS and led the city in rushing and scoring. He was heavily recruited coming out of high school, including a strong push by Ohio State, but when Notre Dame and legendary coach Frank Leahy came calling, there was no doubt where an Irish Catholic football star was going to go.

"He also spoke fondly about playing basketball at CCHS and mentioned Don Donoher and 'Specs' McCloskey. One of his top memories was the 8th grade basketball championship team at St. Agnes where he and Don led the

way to victory playing against 'Specs.' When my dad passed, I called Don Donoher and told him that the last story my dad told me was about the 8th grade championship. Incredulous, Don said that he was staring at a picture of himself and my dad holding the championship trophy from that game as we were speaking.

"The best thing about CCHS is that it is where he met my mom, Ida Dorfmeister. She is the one who told my sister, Kathy, and I that our dad's nickname was 'Touchdown Tommy.' They dated as juniors and started going steady as seniors. My mom went to college at Toledo University, but they remained together and got married after my dad played one year of professional football in Ottawa, Canada.

"Kathy and I were born during my dad's coaching days at CCHS. He was the head coach for 8 years, including winning the state championship in 1962, with a squad that Woody Hayes declared was the best high school team he had ever seen. There are so many coaches and players during those years that he talked about and stayed in touch with through the years. They were also undefeated in 1960 and ranked 8th in the state.

"Because my Dad coached three sports at Kenyon College, and I played football and basketball, we weren't able to go to CCHS games together. I remember visiting the school during the summer and working out on the practice football field throwing footballs.

"I was a senior in college and remember distinctly when my dad was inducted into the Central Catholic Athletic Hall of Fame. It was a superbly organized event by CCHS with many friends honoring my dad with speeches. There were Kenyon College, Mt. Vernon, Ohio (where we lived), Notre Dame, and Central Catholic friends who attended along with our family. His speech was very heartfelt and expressed how much all of the relationships that were built through the years meant to him. I remember the CCHS marching band attending and playing the Notre Dame fight song which was much appreciated, and certainly struck a chord with me. My Mom did a great job creating a scrapbook about the event and this was shared at the wake.

"My Dad took me to a Notre Dame game in 1969 and I have been a die-hard Notre Dame fan ever since. His roommate senior year was John Lattner who won the Heisman trophy, and they remained close throughout their lives. The national championship was in 1953 when they went undefeated and my dad was a senior. The captain of the team, Don Penza, gave my dad the game ball from the final game. The ball was in our family room as I grew up, and ultimately my dad gave it to the Morris Inn on Notre Dame's campus. In the late 1980s my dad and I developed a tradition of attending one game every year, which typically meant a Friday to Sunday agenda. We maintained this for 25 years and attended some of the all-time classic games including Miami in

1988, Florida St. in 1993, and Stanford in 2012. It was through those trips that I met countless former players or classmates.

"My dad was grateful for all of the experiences at CCHS, and he'd say meeting my mom (Ida) was the most important one. The tremendous accomplishments as a player and coach brought a sense of pride, but also gratitude for the door it opened to Notre Dame and so many relationships. It was really the relationships that he treasured the most versus victories, awards, or accolades. The humble 8th grade championship at St. Agnes is the one he talked about most, but I think it was really the relationship with Don Donoher that was the true treasure in that story."

"I think he was different as a dad than as a coach. He was supportive and caring, while gently trying to lead you in the right direction. As I got involved in athletics, he was encouraging but was careful not to push me if I wasn't really interested. As I became serious about athletics in high school, he frequently made it a point to say that it was more important to be a good person than it was to be a good player. He impressed upon me the importance of being prepared and doing your best."

Kevin McHugh, Tom's son

"As a dad, he never seemed as demanding or tough as was described by his students and players. Even though he had an authoritarian style



of parenting, he was warm and caring, especially when I was sick. I remember him holding me and carrying me around all night when I had the chickenpox around age 5, and then at age 7 when I had a tonsillectomy. He was consistent, protective, and supportive and would always be willing to help me if I needed him."

Kathy (McHugh) Larkins, Tom's daughter



CCHS Memories

“Coach McHugh was always a disciplined coach and demanding of his players, but he emanated a love for CCHS. He taught discipline and desire for success, and he led by example and lived out what he expected from his players. He had loyal coaches and kids that believed in what he was coaching, which resulted in a state championship.

“When I played under Coach McHugh at Central Catholic, we had a game in Racine, Wisconsin. On our way back home, we stopped and watched Notre Dame play against USC, and after the game he took us on a tour of the campus. It was very impactful on all the players.

I never had Tom McHugh as a teacher, but I did have him as a study hall monitor. He had the same disciplinary attitude as when he was coaching. He was one of the very few lay teachers that CCHS had at the time, and he played kind of a father role for students. He was demanding and authoritative, he had expectations and consequences for not filling those expectations. But he was consistent. He helped us as players to choose the right colleges, and he was a good facilitator in that regard. He really took care of kids. He did his job as a coach, but he was also concerned about our futures. He wasn't trying to build up his record. He was trying to do things the right way.

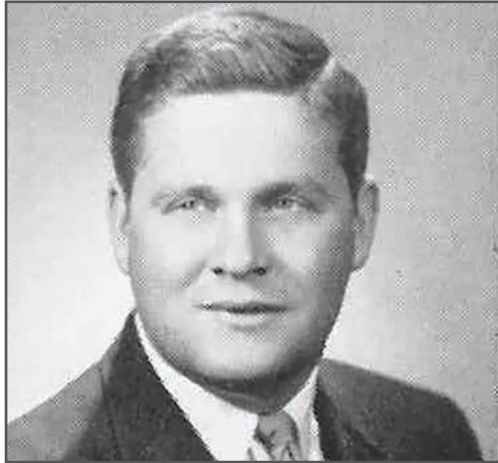


“Tim Dever created the Tom McHugh award to encourage kids who lettered in three sports like Tom did. The award was meant to recognize the outstanding athlete of each class, and it was named after Tom because he set the standard.

“I went to the University of Dayton and played football, and we played against Xavier when Tom was coaching there. He always stayed in close contact with Central Catholic, attending football games and speaking at banquets. The last time he was at a CCHS football game was when Gallagher Stadium opened and they honored the 1962 state championship football team. I also saw him often at the Class of 1963 annual golf outing.

“There are a lot of stories about Tom McHugh that I can't repeat, but I always appreciated how he took care of his players and did things the right way.”

**Dennis Bolbach,
Class of 1963**



“Attending CCHS back in the 1980s as a student-athlete, I knew Tom McHugh was a legend as an athlete and as a coach at Central Catholic High School. His playing abilities took him to Notre Dame, and his leadership abilities brought us our first state football championship. I was fortunate to get to know Coach



McHugh personally upon returning to Central Catholic as head football coach in 2000. We definitely developed a good bond from our love for the school to our individual experiences as the football coach at Central Catholic. I knew Coach McHugh was a legend as an athlete and coach, but I was happy to get to experience the legendary person he was. He always reached out to check in with me, and it was always special to talk or visit with him.”

**Greg Dempsey, Class of 1990,
Fighting Irish Football Head Coach**

CCHS Theology Teacher

Connie Peebles taught theology at Central Catholic for 11 years. Many students and faculty members will remember Connie's love for everything related to Star Wars. But most of all, she will be remembered for the countless lives she touched and the lasting impression she left on so many of her students.

Here are a few of the many messages left by former students on Connie's Facebook page:

“Mrs. Peebles ALWAYS had a huge smile on her face, ALWAYS had encouraging words for all her students, gave some of the best advice, and was ALWAYS there whenever we needed something. Mrs. Peebles I want you to know that you were the BEST teacher a student could ask for, a GREAT second mother to everyone you came across, and you had a BEAUTIFUL soul. You will truly be missed. You made my 4 years at Central Catholic some of the BEST years and I'm so glad I was able to meet such a wonderful person.”



“Mrs. Peebles was truly an angel that God blessed us all with to teach us and be an amazing influence in our lives. Never in my life have I met someone so real, pure, and beautiful in every aspect. She really helped me a lot in high school to find my faith in God, as well as myself, again.”

“She literally made me believe I could actually change the world. She gave me space to ask and think big questions about God.”

“Connie Peebles taught me the true meaning of empathy. I would not be the person I am today if I had not known her. She knew exactly what it means to be a teacher.”

“Because of you, I graduated from the most incredible high school in the area. Because of you, I had the courage to use the musical gifts God gave me in every way I could. Because of you, I am stronger today. You helped me process my past. You encouraged my faith when all I could do was let it fall apart. You made me believe I could break the cycle. You instilled a confidence in me that has brought me this far and will continue to carry me farther.”

Connie graduated from Cardinal Stritch High school in 1983 and earned her master's degree in theology from Lourdes University. She was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Parish. She and her husband Troy were married 30 years and had a son, Joseph, and a daughter, Dani.

Class of 1984
Member of CCHS Board of Directors

Dr. Stephen Scarbrough was in the biotech industry for the last 15 years, serving for the past four years as the Senior Director of Medical Affairs for Sage Therapeutics in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Steve lived a life rooted in the Catholic tradition. He earned his bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Toledo and later, a degree in nursing from Mercy College. He went on to obtain his MBA from the University of Findlay, and earned his Doctorate in Health Sciences in 2018 from A.T. Still University.

Steve and his wife of 29 years, Carey, have two daughters who also graduated from Central Catholic - Elena (Scarbrough) Breininger in 2012 and Olivia Scarbrough in 2016. Carey currently works as Central Catholic's director of student activities.

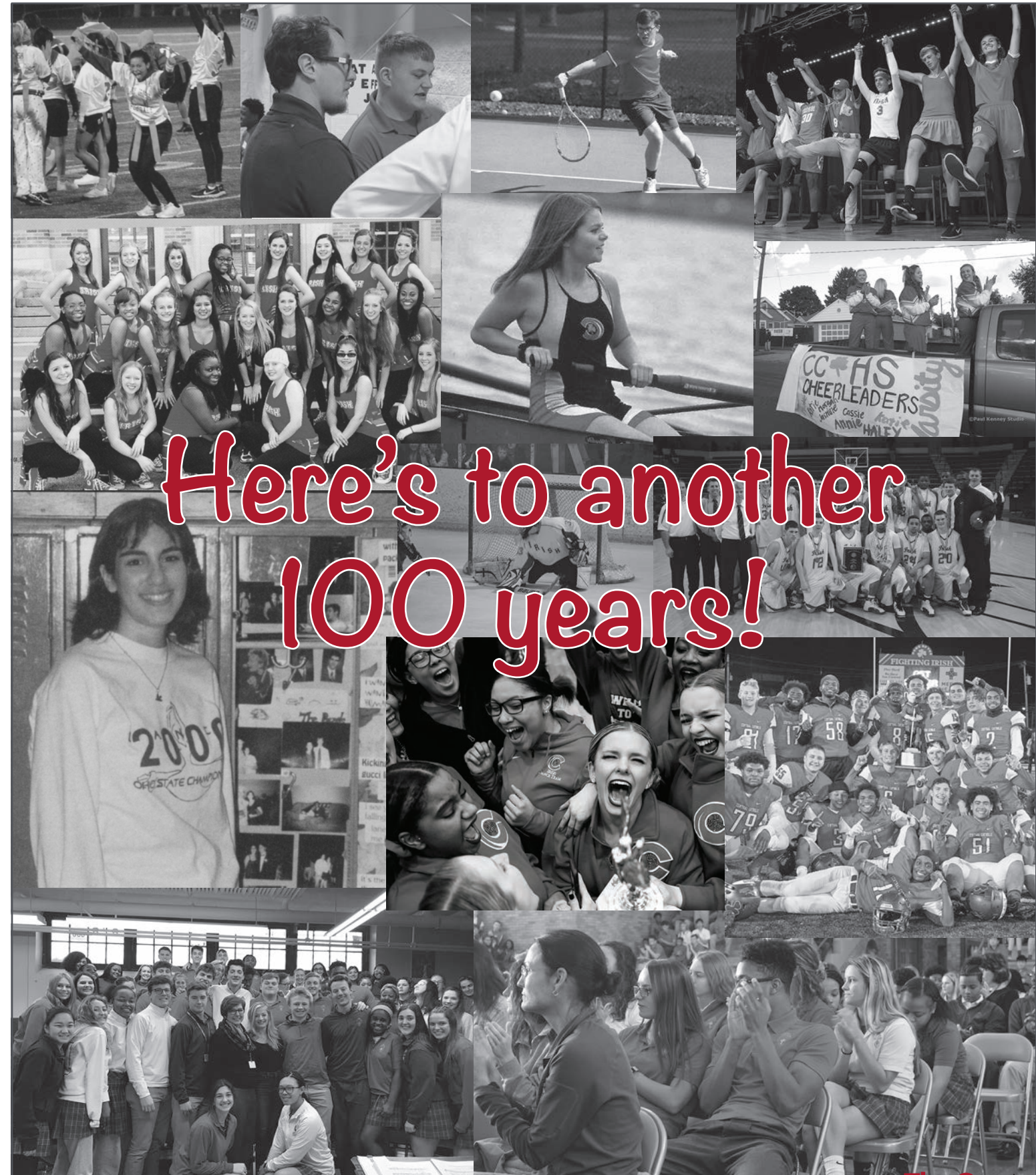


Steve served on Central Catholic's Board of Directors for several years and was a loyal supporter of

Irish athletics. He consulted with Irish athletic teams, helped secure needed equipment, supported student team managers, and was a generous financial donor. He will be honored with the Citizen's Award at the Central Catholic High School Athletic Hall of Fame induction ceremony in the spring of 2021. He was very moved and humbled when he was informed of the recognition in early January.

"Steve's passing was a tremendous loss to the Central Catholic community. He was a valued member of our board, and his advice has guided and influenced me during my term as board chairman. More importantly, he was one of my closest friends and I will profoundly miss him."

Mike Boyle, Chairman, CCHS Board of Directors





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

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.

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.

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