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Monsignor Rosie

by Reilly Traynor



RBC welcomes Monsignor Joseph Rosie to our community. Pastor Rosie grew up as a devout Catholic in New Jersey and studied the Catholic teachings at St. Andrew's Seminar, at Seton Hall University.

Rosie was ordained to the priesthood in June 1990 in his home parish of Sacred Heart. Rosie is familiar with the RBC community, as he worked as the school chaplain from 1991-1994. His presence and leadership in the community during these tough times is automatically felt. Welcome, Monsignor Rosie.

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Red Bank Catholic Safely Adapts to COVID-19

by Julia Shaffer

The Red Bank Catholic Casey family returned for full in person learning on September 14, 2020 after six months of being remote. Several precautions have been taken by the faculty and students to ensure everyone is safe and can have a successful in-person school year.

To start the day a daily COVID-19 screening form is due by 7am to ensure safety before students even enter the school. Random temperature checks are done by every entrance as students come into the building.

Every classroom is stocked with hand sanitizer and disinfectant spray which is sprayed on each desk before class, and is to be wiped off by the students upon arrival.

Staircases have been set to one way directions to reduce

exposure. Each teacher is required to record a seating chart daily in the event contact tracing is necessary. The cafeteria has limited lunch tables to six people per table, and protective shields have been installed between students.

Several new technologies and advancements have been added to the classrooms to elevate the learning of students who have chosen to remain in a remote learning experience. The Owl and Yeti microphones have been added to classrooms to give students the full in school experience from home.

Students at home are projected on the white boards and the Owl allows them to see the students in class to make it feel as though they are with their classmates in person. The Yeti microphones ensure that students not only hear the teacher

speaking, but also hear their classmates, so that they can be a part of the class discussions from home.

These efforts by the administration and faculty, with student cooperation, have proven to be successful and effective.

Thanks to everyone for abiding by the new protocol and COVID-19 guidelines, we will continue to see each other more frequently for in person learning.

Everyone, please continue to wear your masks and stay safe.



The Owl has proven a useful tool for virtual students and teachers.

Red Bank Catholic Caseys Fulfill Signing Day Dreams

by Reilly Traynor

On Wednesday, November 11, ten RBC student-athletes signed their National Letters of Intent to continue furthering their athletic and academic careers at their respective colleges. Much hard work occurred to get these athletes to where they are today.

Aubrey Silverman (Fairfield University), Kelly Degnan (Elon University), and Katie Hansen (St. Michael's College) all signed to play soccer.

Lindsay Mazzucco (Quinnipiac), and Reilly Traynor (Duke University), signed for lacrosse. Tess Darnell (Columbia University) has signed for



Tess Darnell signing her National Letter of Intent to Columbia U.

track and field, and Julianne Kopec (Temple University), has signed for both track and field, and field hockey.

Basketball players Sophia Sabino (Fordham University), and Antonia Panayides (Monmouth University), have also

signed.

The baseball team's starting pitcher, Shane Panzini, signed with the University of Virginia.

On February 3, three of our football players also signed letters of intent.

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EDITORIAL

2020 Presidential Election

by Julia Shaffer

Democratic candidate Joe Biden and his running mate, Senator Kamala Harris, defeated Republican Donald Trump and Vice President Mike Pence in the 2020 presidential election.

History was made as Senator Kamala Harris, the first African-American and third female vice presidential nominee, became the United States' first African-American, South-Asian, female vice president.

This election saw the highest voter turnout since 1900, with each candidate receiving more than 74 million votes each. Biden received more than 81 million votes which is the most votes a U.S. presidential candidate has ever received.

Because of the ongoing pandemic, several voters cast their votes early by mail to avoid crowded polling places. As a result of the mail-in ballots, several states had delays in reporting their votes.

It was not until four days after the election that news networks projected the winners of the election. The results of the election were not certified for each state and Washington D.C. until December 9, and the presidential electors formally cast their votes on December 14. Biden and Harris were inaugurated January 20, 2021.

Electoral College

The Electoral College is a process of the meeting of chosen electors to vote for the president and vice president. It consists of 538 electors, and each state is allotted electors based on the number of members a state holds in the House of Representatives, plus two for the number of senators a state

has. The District of Columbia is allotted 3 electors and is seen as a state for election purposes.

Electors are chosen by the candidate's political party in each state. Each candidate running for president has their own group of electors known as a slate which is chosen by their political party in each state.

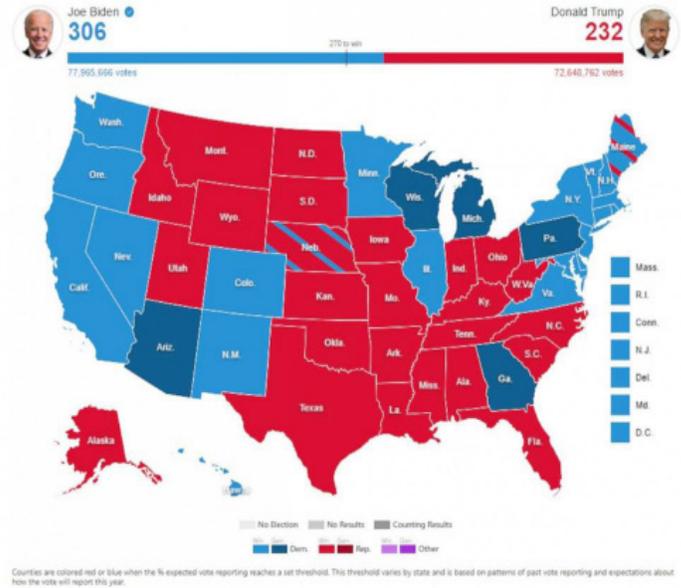
When we vote for a presidential candidate, we are actually voting for our candidate's electors. All states except for Maine and Nebraska give all the state's electoral votes to whichever candidate wins the state's popular vote. Maine and Nebraska, however, have a version of proportional representation.

Every ten years, a population census is taken to ensure representation for each state is fair based on the state's population. When the number of representatives a state holds in the house changes, so does the number of electoral college votes that state holds.

Each state's electoral votes are counted in a joint session of Congress on January 6, and the vice president announces the results. The president-elect takes the oath and is sworn in on January 20, 2021.

This year, despite the shocking incident of insurrection by extremist groups on our nation's Capitol Building on January 6, our joint Congressional representatives still formally counted the votes, with then Vice President Mike Pence announcing the results.

Our Congress showed us that day that our United States democracy must remain a constant in American lives in order for us to maintain the free society that our forefathers envisioned.



Above are the Electoral College results by state. Blue indicates a win for Joe Biden and Red indicates a win for incumbent President Donald Trump.

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FEATURES

Senior Class Displays Halloween Creativity



The senior class shows their Halloween spirit and creativity. Willy Wonka, Charlie, and the Oompa Loompas, Despicable Me characters, Tess Darnell and Catalina Pena as Travis Scott and Kylie Jenner, Car Wash Inflatables, Gru and Agnes from Despicable Me, and Dan Deflores and Mike Prudente as rednecks.

Who's That Featured Casey (or Caseys?) Two Distinguished Seniors

by Julia Shaffer

Senior Casey's *Lindsay Mazzucco and Alex Scaramuzzino* participated in this year's Leukemia and Lymphoma Society (LLS) Student of the Year Campaign, which is a six to eight week initiative where teams of students participate in a fundraising challenge to benefit the LLS. Lindsay and Alex raised money by hosting their own fundraisers, including school bake sales, dress down days, and asking local businesses, families, and friends for donations. At the end of the eight week initiative, the Student of the Year Campaign held an event for all participants where the LLS announced the total amount that had been raised by students all over New Jer-

sey. Overall, Lindsay and Alex raised over \$14,000. Lindsay says, "We were very excited to be a part of something bigger than us, and fundraise to help others fight for a cure." Throughout this period Lindsay and Alex learned leadership, communication, marketing, and financing skills that they will take on to the next chapters of their lives. Alex says, "The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society Student of the Year Campaign wasn't only a chance to raise money for those affected by leukemia, but also to learn important life skills I can apply to every aspect of my life." Congratulations Lindsay and Alex.



Lindsay Mazzucco and Alex Scaramuzzino at the Students of the Year Banquet celebrating their accomplishments.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

COVID Friendly Night of Monologues

by Casey Destefano

On November 23, 2020, RBC's After School Theater Program performed "A Night of Monologues." The performance took place outside in the RBC parking lot, following COVID protocols.

The program was directed by Ms. Mary King with technical direction by Robert Rutt.

The cast was led by seniors Tessa Linkletter, Grace Allison, and Andrew Simoes.

Performers included Daniela Del Tufo, Victoria Forte, Ri-

ley Manfredi, Jack Sisk, Stecey Cadet, Sophia Nazareno and Vanessa Corso, while the dedicated tech crew, Sam Garcia, Dillon Larkin, Olivia Maddalone and Serena Orlando did an amazing job.

It was an entertaining evening, and the students' showed their versatile range of acting skills, performing a classical piece, *Cyrano de Bergerac* as a rap, speeches from *Spoon River Anthology*, modern pieces, Shakespeare, and even song.



The Red Bank Catholic After School Theater Company perform their *Cyrano* rap during the Night of Monologues outside the chapel.

Christmas Spectacular a Success

by Casey Destefano

The RBC Performing Arts Department and the administration worked diligently to allow the Red Bank Catholic Dance Company and Dance Department to perform their annual Christmas performance this year.

While some guidelines had to be implemented in order for the show to continue, RBC gave a successful performance Sunday December 13, 2020. The remarkable show was a collaboration between the members of the After-School Dance Program, the Dance Department, Dance Company, and After-School Theater.

Although the show was held outdoors, and there was limited space for spectators, the weather was beautiful and, with all the advanced technology we have, parents had the opportunity to watch a live stream of the performance.

The cast performed the entertaining annual "Multiplying Santa" number, where the performers dress as Santa. A couple of other numbers that have been seen before included "Reindeer", "Shoppers", "Jingle Bell Rock", and "Ave Maria," which was also performed at

the freshman convocation this fall.

There were some wonderful singers, including Carmen Gemellaro, Shane Kirchner, Afrodite Kholouris, and Grace Allison, serving up renditions of various classic Christmas songs.

At the end of the show, the cast put on a living nativity. The performers portrayed Jesus, Mary, the Angels, and the Kings with the gifts.

Readings and Carols

Under the direction of choir director Ms. Melody Blasenheim, the Red Bank Catholic choir members performed their annual Christmas concert, *Readings and Carols*, a beautiful compilation of Christmas songs, both religious and classic.

This year's show was done virtually, but still maintained the atmosphere of a formal concert. Students sang solo, together as a choir, and even played instruments during the program.

This concert lifted the spirits of all who viewed it, breathing much-needed, magical Christmas cheer for the season.

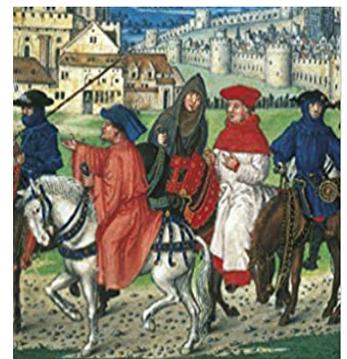


The Christmas Spectacular ended with a beautiful finale portraying a solemn rendition of the Nativity scene, set by Mary's Garden.

Tell-Tale Book Review

by Olivia Morin

One of the most beloved works in the history of English literature, *The Canterbury Tales* by Geoffrey Chaucer, continues to enthrall all its readers. In this classic, Chaucer details an epic journey through medieval England, in which characters participate in a story-telling contest to pass the time. Tales told by the Knight, the Miller, the Reeve, and the Nun, among others, portray timeless, fascinating fantasies still recounted and enjoyed today. A must read, *The Canterbury Tales* will captivate the mind from dusk till Chanticleer's crow.



SPORTS

Girls Soccer Central East G State Non-Public Champions Over SJV

by Jane Salcedo



Girls soccer team after their win over SJV in the State Championship.

Skillful and dynamic, the Red Bank Catholic Girls Varsity Soccer Team has once again proven that they are a powerhouse in the Shore.

Despite facing the adversity of the global Covid-19 pandemic, the girls did not let this unusual year ruin their chances of becoming champions.

As their season progressed, it became clear that the team had talent and a great mindset

to enable them to achieve their goals.

On Sunday, November 22, the Caseys were up against the Saint John Vianney Lancers for a shot at the NJSIAA Conference State Championship.

In order to get to the final round, the Caseys were able to defeat Mater Dei (9-0) and Trinity Hall (8-0).

RBC ended up crushing Saint John Vianney 4-1, with goals from Morgan Cupo, Emma Bruther, and Gianna Romeo.

Emma Bruther's goal was more than just any ordinary goal, for her outstanding performance enabled her to win Jersey Sports Zone Girls Goal of the Year.

It is safe to say that all senior members can walk away from high school soccer with memories that will last a lifetime.

Overall, the girls team showed extreme dominance in all of their games. The team leaves their season with a record of ten wins, four losses.

Best of luck to the seniors.

Boys Soccer Prevails For 2020

by Reilly Traynor

The Red Bank Catholic Boys Soccer Team showed strength in the face of adversity this season, navigating a tough schedule.

The Casey team was led by seniors Michael DeLeonardis, Diego Volpe, and Sam Murphy.

The team showed strength in games against Holmdel, Ocean Township, and Shore Regional.

The boys played twelve games, with the seniors leading through experience, and the underclassmen ready to take the lessons from their captains into next year.

The competition included Raritan, Rumson Fair-Haven, Shore Regional, St. Rose, Manchester, Homdel, Monmouth Regional, and Ocean Township.

Team captain Sam Murphy noted, "The back of our jerseys state 'hard work beats talent when talent fails to work hard,' which became a mantra for this year."

Sophomore center midfielder Christian Condon stands out as a promising young player for the future of the team.

Best of luck to the departing seniors in college.

Field Hockey Ranks Sixth

by Tess Darnell

With a season total of 54 goals and twenty-three assists throughout fifteen games, the Caseys field hockey team proved that this pandemic would not bring them down. Together the girls dominated with a final ranking of sixth out of all Non-Public New Jersey schools.

Leading her team, senior Julianne Kopec had an astonishing thirty-two goals and seven assists. Kopec also made First Team All Shore.

Alongside Kopec, senior Gabriella Goehring stepped up with fifteen goals and seven assists.

This dynamic duo of Kopec and Goehring both made the 2020 Shore Conference Coaches' All Division Team.

In the goal, sophomore Bella Hurta had one hundred and twelve saves, leading her team to nine wins. First year player, junior Molly Malone, also distinguished herself with four goals and one assist.



Julianne Kopec scores goal against Ocean Township.

On the girls' Senior Night versus Holmdel, the Caseys blew out the competition with a score of 9-2.

Kopec will continue her field hockey career playing Division 1 hockey at Temple University next year.

Congratulations to everyone on the team for an amazing season despite the odds. The team laid the ground work of excellence for next year's team.

Girls Cross Country Remains

Champs/ Boys Race Hard

by Tess Darnell

With a season different from past years, multiple accomplishments were made by the Cross Country team. Leading the team, sophomore Cate DeSousa ended with the third all around time at RBC, 18:53 in the 5000 meter. Junior Kate DeFilippis also shone with a time of 19:40 this season. Junior Elena Dimitri finished the season with a time of 20 flat. Leading their underclassmen, seniors Kase Torchia and Jane Salcedo ended with personal bests of 20:33 (Torchia) and 23:51 (Salcedo). The Caseys remained undefeated as Central A Champions and Non-public South A Champions.

For the boys, Cooper Hagriss led with a time of 17:18 in the 5000 meter. Freshman Patrick

Coyle scored his first year with a time of 17:38 and a 2.1 mile time of 10:49. Junior Dillion Larkin, and freshmen Fletcher Hagriss and Dylan Giorciari ended with personal bests this season also. Together the boys had a big win, 27-28, over Monmouth Regional.



The RBC Girls Cross Country team poses before a meet.

SPORTS

Girls Tennis Forges Onward

by Maggie Howard



Gretchen Grunbaum of the 2020 girls' tennis team before a match.

Although Covid 19 definitely had a negative effect on all sports this year, the tennis season still continued while taking the necessary precautions.

The girls varsity tennis team of the 2020 season consisted of nine girls ranging from freshmen to seniors.

The team consisted of Kristina Gambiano, Gretchen Grunbaum, Isabella Holavach, Ashley Mian, Kaitlyn Noonan, Elizabeth Povalski, Maria Ryan, Kaitlyn Trageser, and Lauren Yu.

The junior varsity tennis

team of the 2020 season consisted of only six girls: Veronika Baksht, Alexa Kiernan, Brooke Marinelli, Victoria McGuire, Ella Whille, and Claudia Woner.

They lost the few matches they were able to participate in. The odds were not in their favor, however they continued to persist and have fun while doing it.

Congratulations to the three seniors on the team, Maria Ryan, Kaitlyn Trageser, and Lauren Yu, that successfully graduated from their high school tennis careers.

Signing Day continued...

by Julia Shaffer

On February 3, three more Casey athletes signed their National Letter of Intent to continue their academic and athletic careers at the Division 1 level.

All three played football for the Red Bank Catholic Caseys. Showcasing Red Bank Catholic's football success, Quarterback Anthony Boriello signed with Wake Forest University, lineman Jake Louro signed with Elon University, and kicker Michael O'Connor signed with Rutgers University.

Congratulations to all Casey signees on this momentous step to both athletic and academic fulfillment on the next level.

Best of luck to all.



Football Caseys Stand Strong

by Reilly Traynor



Defensive player Dan Brewton prepares to take the field.

The Red Bank Catholic Football Team was faced with many challenges this year.

Between losing senior starters, and faced with COVID troubles, there were many questions to answer this season.

But the football team dealt with these challenges with leadership under the new head coach Michael Lange.

"We had to learn a new offense," noted team captain Anthony Boriello. "But I give a lot of credit to the coaches. They developed a great design for the

players we had."

With the shortened season, the Caseys played a six game schedule, posting a winning 4-2 record, playing against tough teams, including wins against RFH, Mater Dei, Middletown North, and Long Branch.

The Caseys were led on offense by seniors Anthony Boriello, Luke Guidetti, Mike O'Connor, and on defense, by seniors Jake Louro and Dan Brewton.

Underclassmen shone for the Caseys as well, with junior Alex Bauman, and sophomores Najih Rahman and Sabino Portella impressing on the offense.

Our football team continues to rack up success through tough play despite adversity. The seniors have left a great legacy for the underclassmen to continue the successful run.



Kicker Mike O'Connor ready for Rutgers.



Quarterback Anthony Boriello signed with Wake Forest University Located in Salem, North Carolina. Left-Jake Louro signs with Elon.

