

# The Trinity

## Message from the Principal

Dear Alumni, Parents and Friends:

At Berks Catholic we were filled with so many blessings during the Christmas season, and we wish you and your family an abundance of blessings for the New Year. We continue to build on our four pillars of God, Family, Academics, and Fun. Our Holy Father has declared this year as the year of Faith. In response to his decree Father Bortz has made

Holy Mass available to our students on a daily basis and through many generous donors we are able to provide all of our students with the latest Theology curriculum supported by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.



We are continuing to grow together as a family and celebrating our history by creating Memorial Hallway. Currently, framed collages of all the graduating classes from both Central Catholic and Holy Name hang in the Franco-Post Auditorium Hallway and we will gradually add additional mementos from both schools.

Academically, four students are National Merit Semi-finalists and over 100 colleges have visited to recruit our students. Fun is also a large part of what we do at Berks Catholic. Early in November students enjoyed celebrating spirit week, and close to 400 students danced away at the Morp over Thanksgiving. Students

are also excited about the upcoming winter ski trip to Vermont. The theater department is busy preparing for the spring production of *Beauty and the Beast*.

We are currently working with the Catholic School Development Program to strengthen our efforts in Enrollment Management, Marketing, Development, and Finance. Through our partnership with them we are also establishing our first Board for Berks Catholic.

We are blessed by our past, we are excited about the present, and looking forward to what the future holds at Berks Catholic. God Bless you and your family, and Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

A stylized handwritten signature in black ink.

Tony Balistrere  
Principal



## HALL OF FAME 2012

*On October 26, 2012 some very special athletes were recognized for their athletic excellence and their contributions to their respective alma maters, Central Catholic High School and Holy Name High School.*

### Dr. Richard Flannery – Central Catholic 1950

His presence at athletic events throughout Berks County for the past 6 decades has made him a familiar face and household name among the Berks County athletic community. Dr. Richard Flannery was a track and basketball athlete who won the first Gene Venzke mile in 1950. He was later clocked with a time of 4:28.7 for the mile and was runner up at the state championships in Harrisburg. Flannery attended Oklahoma State University, Kutztown University, Temple University, and Florida University. At Oklahoma State, he was runner-up in the Missouri Valley Conference two mile run. Dr. Flannery had a 27-year amateur basketball career and won 17 scoring titles. He once scored 92 points in a single game for Mt. Penn. He coached Track and Cross Country at Boyertown HS, winning 53 straight Cross Country dual meets over a 4-year period and compiled a 132-22 overall record. He was the meet director for the Venzke Relays for 10 years.

Dr. Flannery was an educator for 39 years including a teacher/principal at Boyertown HS, principal for 14 years at Reading High School, 5 years at Sacred Heart School in West Reading and Athletic Director/Dean of Students at Alvernia College. He was named Educator of the Year in 1971. He served four years in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War. Dr. Flannery was named Executive Director of the Berks County Interscholastic Athletic Association in 1998 and is currently the third President of the PA Sports Hall of Fame.

### Sue Wright Lackman – Holy Name 1988

Sue starred in field hockey, basketball, softball, and track and field. Although Sue made an impact in all sports that she played, she made a name for herself on the hardwood. Playing for coach Kevin Calabria, Sue was selected All County First Team for her play in both her junior and senior seasons. Sue was named MVP her junior and senior year and was a 4-year letter winner in basketball. Sue earned a total of 10 varsity letters during her playing career at Holy Name. Sue was the all-time lead scorer in Holy Name History with 1256 points during her career. She went down as one of the all-time greatest girls' basketball players to ever play at Holy Name. She was named the Most Outstanding Female Athlete at Holy Name in 1988.

After graduating from Holy Name, Sue went on to Alvernia College, where she earned a BS in Computer Information Systems. Sue is the proud mother of 5 children and is currently a Director with The Pampered Chef.

### Tom Powers – Central Catholic 1947

Tom had an outstanding athletic career, earning 12 varsity letters in basketball, baseball, track, swimming, and football. In basketball, he set a Central single season scoring record with 322 points and led the Cardinals to a 40-11 record during two seasons. In baseball, he batted over .300 four straight seasons. Tom declined a professional contract from the Philadelphia Phillies in order to attend Columbia University. He was the starting guard at Columbia University as a senior, when the team was the undefeated Ivy League Champion and ranked as high as third in the nation that season. He also earned 3 varsity letters in basketball and 2 letters in baseball.

After graduating from Columbia, he turned down tryout offers from the Boston Celtics and the Brooklyn Dodgers to enter the Air Force, where he became one of the top athletes in the U.S. military. Tom was inducted into the Pennsylvania State Sports Hall of Fame and the Berks County Sports Hall of Fame. The Thomas E. Powers Scholarship for Excellence is awarded in his name to a graduate of Berks Catholic High School.

### Robert Reese – Holy Name 1972

Bob Reese was a 3-sport athlete at Holy Name High School. During his athletic career he earned varsity letters in cross country, track, and basketball. In cross country, Bob was a top 10 medalist in the league championship meet and finished in the top 20 in the state under the leadership of legendary coach Tony Dadamio. In track and field, Bob was a member of the 2 mile relay team that set the school record and also ran the 880. He participated in the 2-mile relay at the state championships and won the state title in 1972.

He was one of the best basketball players of his era at Holy Name. He was a 2-year starter for Coach Lloyd Wolf, where he scored over 900 points during his career. Bob earned 1st Team All-City and All-Suburban League Honors in 1971 and 1972 and was a starter on the 1970 State Championship Team. He was named to the All-State team in 1972. Also in 1972, Bob was named Most Outstanding Male Athlete at Holy Name. He earned a full scholarship to play basketball at Mount St. Mary's College. At the Mount, Bob was a 4-year starter. During that time he was a team leader and named All-Mason Dixon League for his excellent play.

Bob is currently an Executive Sales Representative for Liberty Mutual Insurance, where he has been employed for 30 years.

### Charles “Babe” Tulley – Central Catholic 1948

One of the greatest all-around athletes in Central Catholic High School history, Mr. Tulley was a 4-sport athlete. He lettered in football, basketball, baseball, and track for the Cardinals. He earned 12 letters overall and was named top athlete at Central Catholic after the 1947-1948 school year. The Cards were 59-17 during his 3-year basketball career under legendary coach Joe Schaaf. He was selected as the MVP and captain and was the top scorer during his senior year.

Mr. Tulley played 4 years at first base and catcher. He batted over .350 on teams coached by Frank Gaglione and Joe McLaughlin. Mr. Tulley was the starting end on the football team and led the team in receptions and touchdowns. He was also an outstanding half miler on the track, earning runner up in the Central Penn track meet in the 880.

Mr. Tulley continued his athletic career at Scranton University where he was a 3-year starter in basketball, 4-year starter in baseball and as the team captain, and batted over .300 for his career.

Later he was selected All-European defensive player in basketball. Mr. Tulley gave back to his community in many ways. Among the many teams that he coached, he led 8 teams to the CYO Championship in baseball and softball. He was also a long-time swim meet official in Berks County.

### Jeremy Gibney – Holy Name 1995

Jeremy was a member of the varsity soccer, basketball and tennis teams during his playing days at Holy Name High School. He earned 9 varsity letters overall while at Holy Name. Jeremy is most famous for his play on the tennis court, where he single-handedly dominated the Berks County Tennis scene from 1993 to 1995. During those years, he was the County Singles Champion twice, doubles champions 3 times and helped lead his team to County Championships in 1992 and 1995. Jeremy had the most wins in Holy Name history and was the team's Most Valuable Player.

Currently, Jeremy is the full-time dad of Noah, Owen, and Giffin.

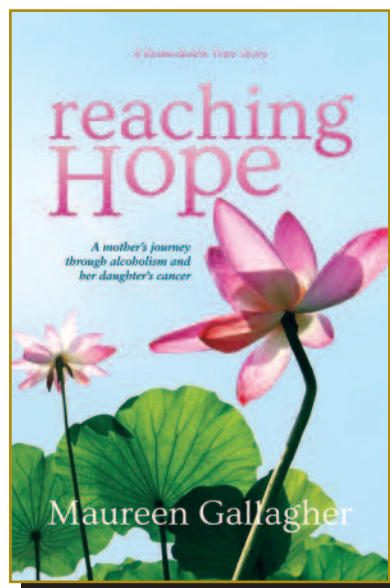


***Congratulations to the 2012 Class of the Berks Catholic Athletic Hall of Fame, (from L to R) Robert Reese, Jeremy Gibney, Charles “Babe” Tulley, Sue Wright Lackman, Richard Flannery, Tom Powers.***



## Alumna gets Published

Maureen (Gallagher) Fey, a 1984 graduate of Holy Name High School, has published her personal story titled *Reaching Hope – A Mother's Journey*. The book is the amazing true story of Maureen's journey, from the depths of alcoholism and her daughter's recurrence of cancer to finding the hope and happiness her family so desperately sought. Throughout their search for accepting life's hardships, and faced with yet another battle to fight together, it's through their sheer determination and courage, and the strength and support of others, that her family overcomes frightening odds to reach that beautiful light at the end of their long, dark journey.



At Christmastime in 2005, Maureen's ten-year-old daughter was diagnosed with leukemia. Five years later, the cancer resurfaced and their lives would never be the same. "When most teenage girls were complaining about cramps, headaches, and broken fingernails, Elizabeth was wrenched with pain from radiation... When other teenagers were planning their weekends and going to parties, Elizabeth was having overnight chemo treatments and morphine drips... When most other teenagers were complaining about getting out of bed, Elizabeth was hoping she had the strength to get out of bed..."

Her story will inspire you with the realization that, whatever challenges you must face, even in the darkest hours there is always hope.



After graduating from Holy Name, she went on to Immaculata University and received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics in 1988. Maureen was born and raised in Reading, PA, and currently resides in Reading. She is the mother of two children, both students at Berks Catholic High School. Her son, Michael, is a freshman and her daughter, Elizabeth, is a senior.

Since graduating from college, she has worked in the retail and apparel industry for more than 20 years, though she has held a couple of positions in both advertising and human resources. Her current position as a Credentialed Trainer with The Reading Hospital & Medical Center began in October 2012 and she is responsible for training the staff and assisting in the facilitation of the organization's database systems.

While she'll be the first to tell you that life holds no guarantees or promises of tomorrow, she and her children live each day to the fullest, doing what they love. Watching movies and sports together, going to the beach in the summer and relishing in creating their own traditions as they go. She is also an avid supporter of THON, the Penn State Dance Marathon held each February in State College, PA, which benefits children and their families who are affected by cancer and treated at Penn State Hershey Medical Center. Her favorite motto is "Accept, then do", realizing that you can't change the world, but you can change yourself in order to deal with whatever life puts on your plate on any given day.

On November 3rd, she held a book signing at Berks Catholic where her daughter, Elizabeth, senior, and son, Michael, freshman, were in attendance. You can purchase the book through Amazon.com, and it is also available on e-readers. Congratulations to Maureen and her family on a great accomplishment!!

Maureen and children Elizabeth and Michael at the book signing at Berks Catholic on November 3, 2012.

## ALUMNI UPDATES | WINTER 2012

### 1974

**Joseph Rowan** has a small role of Reporter Gary in the film, "The Campaign" which stars Will Ferrell. He plays a recurring role in the HBO series, "Treme", and has appeared in the A&E series, "Breakout Kings." Joseph has also guest starred on the series "Boston Legal" and "Gilmore Girls."

### 1979

**Marcia (Kutzer) Dumancas** was fea-



tured in June/July 2012 issue of "The Woman Today" for her and her family's dedication to the military. Marcia entered the Air Force after high school, where she met her husband, Richard. Her two children and daughter-in-law are also in the Air Force.

### 1985

**Lauren Ashburn** was featured in the July 16, 2012 issue of the Reading Eagle in Dan Kelly's *Kelly's Korner*. Lauren is founder and editor-in-chief of the website Daily Download and a former managing editor of USATodayLIVE and Gannett Newspapers. She was interviewed on July 5th by the host of the "PBS Newshour" and is considered an expert in news, social,

and digital-media. Lauren had worked as a reporter, producer, and anchor, before founding Daily Download. It is an online and video guide to the Web with the purpose of analyzing websites and blogs to help people get through the enormous amount of information.

### 1988

**Nina (Wolf) Balistrere** is the Director of Dance at the Yocum Institute of the Arts Education in Wyomissing. She is teaching ballet, pointe, Jose Limon modern and choreographing as the Artistic Director for the Yocum Dance Company.

### 1989

**Julieann (Beitinger) Putt** and her husband, Neil, are the proud parents of Sarah-Anne Elizabeth. Sarah was born on June 17, 2012 and weighed 8 lbs, 11 oz. Julieann and Neil feel very blessed and love every minute of parenthood.

### 1991

**Christina (Maurer) Seyfert** and husband Noah had their third child, a girl named Noelle Lilly, on September 14, 2012. She joins her 7-year-old brother Symon and 9-year-old sister Lily.

### 1994

**Stacey (Schuster) Comishock** and husband Christofer welcomed their third child Reid Michael on December 5, 2011. He was 8 lbs 12.5 oz. He joins big brother Ryan (8) and big sister Livia (5).

### 1995

**Dan Brandt** accepted a new position as legislative director in U.S. Senator Pat Toomey's office. Toomey said, "Dan joins our office with a deep understanding of Pennsylvania and an impressive resume of economic and budgetary issues."

### 1996

**Shaun Einolf** was married on October 20, 2012 to Janet L. Reetz. The following alumni were members of the wedding party – Mike Boylan (1996), Chris Boylan (1997), Sam Calabria (1999) and Noelle (Einolf) Vilardo (2000).

### 1997

**Anna Beaver** was featured in the Art section of the Reading Eagle. Art correspondent, Ron Schira, picks her "Hair of the Dog" as one of the must-see exhibits. Twenty-three of her works in this collection were displayed at the newly-opened Awesome Dawgs canine training salon in Alsace Township. Anna works as a hairstylist and is fairly new to the art scene. She adapts hair (human and animal) to her methods of painting and printmaking in order to incorporate organic life into her art.



1998

**Jennifer Hoffa** welcomed her 2nd son, Braxton Lee Rabold on September 15, 2012. Braxton joins brother, Ashlen



Jarrold Rabold who is now 6 years old. Congratulations to Jennifer Hoffa and Jarrold Rabold!

**Tara Lutz** is engaged to Earl Miller, Jr. Earl is a graduate of Governor Mifflin High School and Lincoln Technical Institute in Allentown. He earned an associate's degree in architectural design. He is the owner of Miller Lawn-care and he works for Wyomissing Borough. Tara attended Northampton Community College. She is employed by Salon at Boscovs East, and she is the owner of Dance Boutique in Temple.

**Marissa (Jacobson) Roach** was married on September 25, 2010 to Matthew Roach. On May 3, 2012 they welcomed daughter Madelyn Mackenzie.



1999

**Elizabeth "Lisa" (Kuhn) Chandler** and her husband, Jed welcomed their third daughter, Jessa Elizabeth, on August 17, 2012. Lisa is a nurse practitioner and works in the Oncology Department at Johns Hopkins Hospital. The Chandler Family lives in White Marsh, Maryland.

2001

**Kristine (Reis) Craig** was married on July 2, 2010 to Scott Craig, II from Boyertown. Their daughter Morgan Reis was born on March 7, 2010 and son Syril Jackson was born on October 15, 2012. Kristine is a Sergeant 1st Class in the US Army and Scott is a Staff Sergeant in the US Army. They are both stationed at Fort Polk, Louisiana.

2002

**Nicole (Zawidski) Good** and her husband Danny welcomed their first child Hailey Josephine on January 17, 2011

2003

**Danielle "Hope" Hertzler** and Frank Perry were married on August 25, 2012 at St. Benedict's Church. Frank is a graduate of Lancaster Catholic High School and Penn State University. He received his bachelor's degree in electrical engineering, and he works as an electrical engineer for WABCO Reman Solutions in Rochester, Minnesota. Hope is a graduate of the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, New York. She is a food and beverage manager for the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. Hope and Frank reside in Novi, Michigan.

**Sean Rhoads** was married earlier this year and is currently completing his last year of law school at Drexel University. In the spring he will be interning at the Philadelphia Immigration Court, part of the US Department of Justice.

**Mike Thompson** and Lindsay Mohring have planned a September 2013 wedding. Lindsay is a graduate of Governor Mifflin High School. She earned a master's degree in occupational therapy from Alvernia University, and is employed as an occupational therapist at St. Joseph Medical Center, Bernville. Mike earned a masters' degree in public administration from Norwich University, Northfield, VT, and is a project manager for Tweed-Weber, Inc., Reading. The couple plans to reside locally.

2004

**Rachel Neiheiser**, and three Berks Catholic seniors: Jordan Neiheiser, Lindsey Schlight, and Sarah Schlight, organized a Sweatshirts for Sandy collection and dress down day on Friday, November 16. Through the generosity of the students, faculty and staff they raised over \$1,600 and collected more than 800 sweatshirts to help a middle school in Union Beach, NJ, that has been displaced due to Hurricane Sandy. Pictured is Rachel presenting the check to the principal.



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2008

**Justin Abodalo** received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Middle Eastern Studies and law and society from Hood College in Frederick, Maryland. He was also an inductee into the Ionic Society for academic excellence and service.

**Colleen Eliff** received her bachelor's degree in speech language pathology and audio from Ithaca College in New York.

2010

**Victoria Foanio** was awarded an annual \$4000 scholarship by the Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Victoria is a student at Albright College.

2011

**Herman de Haan** is a sophomore at Susquehanna University. He is majoring in computer science and mathematics. This past summer he presented research at the Landmark Conference Summer Research Symposium at Moravian College in Bethlehem.

**Elizabeth (Andruzak) Jackson** (1968), **Matthew Thomas** (1987) and **Rebecca (Hoffmaster) Sheidy-Henninger** (1990) have opened a business together in Kutztown, PA. U3: Body, Mind and Spirit is a team of healing professionals offering counseling for individuals, families and couples; clinical hypnotherapy services; Reiki energy healing; and natural skin care. U3 also offers workshops, classes and support groups. Visit them online at [www.u3-healing.com](http://www.u3-healing.com).



## Alumnus returns to talk to students



Tyler Reddy, a 2008 graduate of Holy Name High School, now lives in Denver, Colorado, and works at a prestigious golf club doing event planning and management. After graduating from Holy Name, Tyler went on to Towson University where he graduated with a degree in Business and Sport Management in May 2012. He came to Berks Catholic in September to talk with juniors and seniors interested in Towson University and the field of Sport Management. Tyler optimized his time at Towson and had some great internships and work experiences in the field of athletic marketing and management, and he shared those experiences with the students.

While talking with the Berks Catholic students, Tyler mentioned the importance of networking in college because you never know who you will meet. He encouraged students to talk to teachers and advisors, because they are there to help them succeed. Through networking, Tyler was able to meet people that helped him get internships with sports magazines, in sports radio, and to even work with the Superbowl. He explained that sometimes you have to take the not so glamorous jobs because they could get you to where you eventually want to be in life.

After some discussion about the sports management field and Towson University, Tyler gave a piece of advice to the students and said "do something you love to do" and "don't be afraid to try something new."



## Extravaganza 2012 | Christmas in New York

Extravaganza was held on October 11 and 12, 2012 at Berks Catholic High School. This annual two-day event is our biggest social *fun*-draiser that both celebrates and advances the mission of Berks Catholic High School. We began on Thursday evening with Preview Night where parents, alumni and friends bid on silent auction items and the homeroom basket auction. On Friday evening, the dinner and live auction was held, which included hors d'oeuvres, open bar, silent and live auctions, raffle drawing, music and entertainment. The co-chairs were Fred and Barb Ciabattoni (1978), and Jon and Annie DiCerio (1980/1981).



Extravaganza was a great success and raised over \$161,000, of which \$43,000 was raised through the Emotional Appeal to ensure that our students have the most updated Theology curriculum as put forth by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. All funds raised at Extravaganza go directly back into the school.



## Alumna recalls her Olympic medal

Melanie Skillman-Hull (Soltysik) graduated from Central Catholic High School in 1972 and 16 years later would earn a bronze medal in the 1988 Olympics in Seoul, Korea. While at Central Catholic Melanie was a member of the cheerleading team for basketball, yet outside of school she would shoot archery and this would be the sport to take her to the Olympics.

When she was about 10 years old her family, including her father Bernie Soltysik, a 1947 Central Catholic graduate, began archery as a family sport after a friend told her parents it was a good way to relieve stress. Instead of leaving Melanie and her siblings with a babysitter, her parents brought them along. Bernie would become Melanie's coach and when she was going for the gold Sherwood Schoch helped coach her as well.

Archery was introduced to the Olympic Games in 1900, but disappeared after 1920. It wasn't until 1972 that Archery was reinstated as an Olympic Sport, the year Melanie graduated from Central Catholic. Although it wasn't until a friend attempted to make the 1976 Olympic team that Melanie decided she too wanted to make a run for the Olympic team. She attempted in both 1980 and 1984. She came close both times, but third time's a charm and in 1988 Melanie went to Seoul as a part of the women's Archery team.

While preparing for the Olympic trials and the Olympics, Melanie would spend 3 to 4 hours every day shooting. She traveled around the country to compete in Archery events in order to prepare herself to be able to compete in the Olympic trials. During this time Melanie was working full-time for Godiva Chocolates in Reading, and they supported Melanie's efforts towards her Olympic dream. They would reimburse her for any travel, food and living expenses while she was competing and training for the Olympics. Melanie said she accredits that support to the reason she was able to make it to the Olympics.

While in Seoul, she made the individual semi-finals and missed the individual finals by just a few points. It was in the team event that she and her teammates would succeed and receive a bronze medal. According to Wikipedia, 15 nations competed in the women's archery event in 1988 and 12 made it to the semi-finals, Melanie and the USA team being one of those 12. Going into the semi-finals the USA women's team was ranked 4th behind Korea, Soviet Union and Chinese Taipei respectively. After the semi-finals Chinese Taipei dropped off and the USA team moved up to 2nd place. In the final round USA would tie for silver with Indonesia, which would then take them into a tie-breaker where Indonesia would slide past Melanie and her teammates to take the silver.

Melanie said she enjoyed her time with her teammates in Seoul and will always remember standing on the podium to receive her bronze medal. Although, as they were leaving to get on the bus Melanie's medal unscrewed and started rolling down the parking lot, and she said running after that medal is something she certainly will never forget. Today her bronze medal and Olympic memorabilia are



The bronze medal hangs in Melanie's dining room as a daily reminder of her hard work and dedication.

memorabilia are framed and hanging in her dining room as a reminder of her hard work and dedication to the sport of archery.

Today Melanie lives in Reading, PA with her husband James Hull, son Brian Hull, father Bernie, and their three dogs. Her daughter Tara Skillman lives in Virginia. She enjoys riding horses and walking her dogs over shooting, but will always have that bronze medal to remind her of those days in Seoul.



## FALL SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

### VOLLEYBALL

This was the second season for Berks Catholic Girls' Volleyball. The Saints were tied with Brandywine in league record but by the "tie breaker rules" won the division with a better Power Rating. Berks Catholic beat Fleetwood (3-0) in the County semi-finals and lost to Exeter (0-3) in the Berks County Championship match. The Saints beat ELCO, Trinity and Brandywine in District 3 play before losing the District Championship match to Delone Catholic 2-3. The Saints made it to the Final 8 in State play, beating Lansdale Catholic (3-0) before losing to Pope John Paul (0-3). The Volleyball team finished league play with a 11-1 match record and a 16-4 match record for the season. Including tournament play, Berks Catholic finished the season with an 85-31 game (set) record.

### FOOTBALL

In just its second year of existence, the football team went into the Backyard Brawl a perfect 9-0. Head Coach Rick Keeley led the team into the playoffs hungry after a week 10 loss at archrival and top seed Wyomissing. The season was highlighted by a last-minute stop of a two-point conversion to beat Schuylkill Valley 21-20, and Coach Keeley reaching a milestone by coaching his 300th game.

The Saints defense, anchored by linebackers Nick Waligurski and Eric Fellin and Defensive Linemen, Kobe Foy and Pietro Gaspari, came up big time and time again. On offense, Jack Huntsman carried the ball much of the time and rushed for nearly 1000 yards. Jack and his backfield mates have had a good year running behind the line of Tomas Aguilar, Josh Peffley, Jaron Burke, Pat Wood, and Cullen Wright. Playmakers Chris Warren, Cooper Kutz, and Carsen Allen have made big plays on offense, defense, and special teams and add a lot of speed to a team with good team speed.

### GIRLS SOCCER

Under the leadership of new Head Coach Tabitha Reed, the girls' soccer team enjoyed a successful season finishing 10-7. That record was good enough to qualify for the District 3 playoffs. Led by a strong group of seniors, the Saints were very competitive in every game. Seniors Morgan Lutz and Jordan Neiheiser were leaders on and off the field. Sophomore Brook Wentzel did her part in helping the Saints to a winning season. The Saints look to build on this season and go deep into the playoffs next fall.

### GOLF

The golf team had another productive year on the courses throughout Berks County. Taylor Butto, Tyler Stoney, Mike Stelmach, Jake Lloyd, Ross Pilliod, Austin Zientek, Brett Huntzinger, Kyle Zeller and Nick Dinnocenti provided some nice shots and helped the Saints complete their second winning season in a row. The team finished 3rd in the Division with a record of 6-3. In the County Team Tournament they finished 5th out of 7 teams. Taylor Butto finished 4th in Berks County, Ross Pilliod finished 4th in Berks County, and Tyler Fasig finished 7th in the County. Taylor, Ross and Tyler all competed in the District tournament. Taylor finished 6th and earned a medal at the District Tournament. Austin Zientek, Kyle Zeller, and Taylor Butto were all named to the All Berks Division II Honorable Mention Team.

### CHEERLEADING

Once again our Saints Cheerleaders were awesome. Head Coach Marci Zambito had her squad clicking on all cylinders. Their athleticism, spirit, and enthusiasm were evident every time they were in the spotlight. The girls practiced for hours each week and were at the top of their game on Friday nights. Seeing them cheer in front of a packed crowd was a joy and they are big reason why our school is the best school in Berks County. Great job to all of our cheerleaders!

### BOYS SOCCER

The Boys Soccer team, led by first year Head Coach Mike DePaul was as competitive as any team we had competing this fall. For a team with only two wins, they came out every night and never quit. Six of their losses were by 1 goal. The boys didn't let that deter their effort. Even after injuries to 2 key players, seniors Trevor DePaul and Alex Feehan, they continued to work hard throughout the season and refused to hang their heads. Their effort on the field is what we are most proud of. The season ended on a great note with a win over Conrad Weiser under the lights in Robesonia.

### FIELD HOCKEY

The Field Hockey team had another great year and qualified for the Berks County playoffs and District playoffs for the second straight year. Coach Schutt led her team to a 13-win season and had some impressive performances along the way. The Saints were one of the top scoring teams in Berks County, scoring 60 goals in 21 games. Defensively, Cianna Corbacio was great in goal. The Saints Defense only allowed 30 goals, 5th best in the County. After a loss to Wilson in the county playoffs, the Saints regrouped and went on to win their first round District 3 Playoff game against Susquenita. They ended their season by losing to Oley Valley in the second round. The Saints have a good core group of talented players returning and look to build on their success next season.

### TENNIS

Once again, the girls' tennis team represented Berks Catholic well throughout Berks County, District 3, and the state of Pennsylvania. The Saints finished the regular season with wins against every opponent they faced, except their backyard rival and eventual District Champs, Wyomissing. Led by Mariah Wardius, Lin Robertson, Spenser Corson, Tara Huemmrich, Maddy Toulland, Lauren Firely, and Andrea Eways the Saints easily made it through their regular season schedule to qualify for the County Playoffs. The girls lost in the AA County Final to eventual County Champion Wyomissing. Heading into District 3 playoffs, the Saints were looking to make a run at the team title. Once again, we faced backyard rival Wyomissing and the result was the same, a close match that could have gone either way. To start the state playoffs, the team traveled to Altoona to take on Westmont Hilltop. The girls had a great ride home after the win and made it back to the sweetest place in the PA Tennis world, Hershey Racquet Club. At Hershey, the Saints defeated Sewickley Academy in the PIAA quarterfinal match and set up a date with Mercyhurst Prep in the semifinal. After a loss in the state semifinal, the Saints doubles team of Mariah Wardius and Lin Robertson continued to have great success deep into the playoffs. On November 2, the duo was back in Hershey winning their first two rounds to reach the District Championship. Mariah and Lin won the District Championship at Hershey and competed in the State Championship. Dis-

trict Gold and State Silver were the only things sweeter than chocolate in Hershey this fall.

### CROSS COUNTRY

The boys and girls cross country teams started in August with a goal to be a tough competitor for Berks County opponents. With big wins over Reading High, Tulpehocken, Oley, Fleetwood, and Hamburg, they did not disappoint. The girls, despite missing a number of key runners due to injury or illness, finished 11th out of 16 teams. The boys had a number of nice performances, but finished a little lower than expected (13th out of 16 teams). There were quite a few very strong runners; among them, Emily Reedy, Ellen Moser, and Jake McGranaghan. The Saints made us proud in the Berks County meet at Kutztown University and had about 2 dozen runners qualify for the District meet in Hershey.

### WATER POLO

Berks Catholic is fortunate to have athletes compete in sports that are not offered by the school. Andrew Beane, James Flynn, Joseph Gaul, Kevin Lattanzio, Cole McGrath, Meredith Nally, Mariselle Parisi, Sarajeon Reinert, Emma Santoni, and Lauren Skorupski were members of the Reading High Water Polo team. The Red Knights competed with the best of the best and finished with a 1-7 record. Our Saints were a valuable part of the team. They played tough throughout the season and were rewarded with a big win against Pottsville in the season finale.





## Seven Auchter Children Trudge through Reading Park on Their Way to Central Catholic

By Karl Auchter, 1948



Karl | 1948

All seven of the Auchter children from the years 1942 to 1964 have made the walk from 338 N 11th Street in Reading to Central Catholic High School.

We walked from our home for a block and a half arriving at Walnut Street. The park across the street was diagonal and we walked for two blocks past the squirrels, up

probably twenty steps, and across Double Street by the City Flower Garden. After one half block we approached the fish pond, then very quickly the band shell and continued the walk for about a half mile. At this point looking ahead we could see Hill Road and Central Catholic High School. The back street was Clymer Street where the nuns lived in a new building. This was the back of the school.

On Hill Road, the gym was there, which was the shortest basketball court of all twenty-five schools. In between the school was the entrance to the usual cloak rooms. Upstairs was the commercial room where the monthly schedule and the



George | 1944



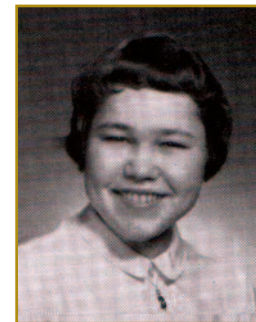
John | 1945



Josephine | 1951



James | 1956



Louise | 1961



Bernard | 1964

current yearbook was worked on. This building was three stories and was connected to the new buildings. This was for the classrooms. The principal's and disciplinarian's offices were in the old building with all marble floors.



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## Berks Catholic Homecoming King and Queen

### Patrick Wood

Patrick is the son of Michael and Carolyn Wood and is a member of St. Ignatius Parish. Patrick plays football and baseball for the Saints. He plans to study Engineering in college.

### Tara Huemrich

Tara is the daughter of John and Bridget Huemrich and is a member of Holy Guardian Angels Parish. Tara is a member of the Tennis and Lacrosse teams. She plans to attend college and study Finance and Economics.

## Berks Catholic Junior Earns Eagle Scout

As a member of the Boy Scouts of America, Berks Catholic junior Hunter Kruppenbach wanted to earn the rank of Eagle Scout, a rank only about 4% of Boy Scouts will earn. In order to do so he needed to complete a project that he would select, plan, coordinate and execute from beginning to end. So he decided a few years ago, as a freshman at Holy Name High School, that his high school needed a place where students, staff and visitors could pause for a moment and reflect in a place away from the chaos of the busy school. So he decided to build a grotto dedicated to Mary.

Several volunteers took time to help Hunter design and build the grotto. Tom Wambaugh helped to design the project from scratch and Joe Madden provided advice on the brick wall. Tim Kolasa from Gethsemane Cemetery helped Hunter to plan the grotto. Berks Catholic Chaplain, Fr. Tom Bortz was a vital part in the project. Fr. Bortz introduced Hunter to Entech Engineering president Matthew Lloyd, who helped to organize Hunter's information and introduced him to key contacts that would help in the completion of the grotto, Brent Atkins and Mark Manowczak. Many other volunteers came out to help build the grotto.

Hunter explained, "The purpose of the grotto is to provide a solemn place of prayer away from the school which can be very noisy and hectic. The grotto helps us honor Mary with her deserved glory and prayers."

On September 23, 2012, Fr. Tom Bortz dedicated the grotto to Our Lady of Lourdes. Now all students, faculty, staff, parents and visitors to Berks Catholic can benefit from the calm and reflective atmosphere the grotto provides.



Tony Balistrere, Principal; Fr. Tom Bortz, Chaplain; Hunter's mom and Hunter in front of the grotto dedicated to Our Lady of Lourdes.

## WISH LIST

There are many items that our faculty and staff would love to have, but these items do not fit into our budget for the year. Therefore we have created a Wish List of these items. If you are interested in helping to provide Berks Catholic with these items please contact Nicole Gingrich, Director of Institutional Advancement, at 610-374-8361 ext. 231 or [ngingrich@berkscatholic.org](mailto:ngingrich@berkscatholic.org). Your kindness and generosity is very much appreciated!!

### OUR ACADEMIC NEEDS...

**iPad for English Department: \$600.** The use of an iPad would be beneficial to the teachers so that they could download materials that apply to current topics students are learning about and allow them to include video lectures, interactive quizzes and a photo gallery. The iPad would con-

tain all this work on one tablet and be used as part of the literature units done in class.

**Books for English Department: \$600.** The AP class would like to have students read *The Book Thief*, which has a beautiful message about life, tolerance and morality.

**Calculators for Math Department: \$144.** 12 Texas Instrument TI-30XIIS model calculators are needed for students in Algebra and Trigonometry classes.

**Naviance Program for College Planning: \$3,175.** Naviance is a college and career planning software that helps connect academic achievement to post-secondary goals. Its comprehensive college and career planning solutions optimize student success, enhance school counselor productivity and track results for school administra-

tors. By utilizing this software, the school will greatly reduce paper and postage costs as well.

### OUR MUSICAL NEEDS...

**Set of Tympani: \$2,500.** This instrument would be used for concert band, show orchestras and when Berks Catholic hosts festivals for band.

### OUR ATHLETIC NEEDS...

**End Zone Camera: \$4,800.** The football team desires an end zone camera to film each game and practices.



## Field Hockey Alumnae Game

In August, during sports camp, several alumnae came out to Berks Catholic to compete against the current Lady Saints Field Hockey team. The following alumnae were present:

### Holy Name Players

Jenna Mastromarino – 2003  
Laura Koch – 2003  
Annie Koch – 2005  
Gretchen Koch – 2006  
Rachel Mastromarino – 2006  
Colleen Eliff – 2008  
Chrissy Marabella – 2008  
Jenny Marabella – 2009  
Lauren Mastromarino – 2009

### Central Catholic Players

Christina Patrick – 2008  
Meredith McConnell – 2009  
Elena Serpico – 2010  
Katie Patrick – 2010  
Becca Reinhart – 2011  
Kristen Kardoley – 2011  
Liz Jones – 2011

### Berks Catholic Player

Sawyer Butto – class of 2012



It was really great to get a good representation from the legacy schools – coming together to play as teammates and “fellow alumnae”! A lot of these alumnae either played in college or played club in college and it was a very competitive game. In the Varsity against alumnae, in the first half Berks Catholic was up 3-1. Then in the second half JV played alumnae and were down 5-3. The final score of the game was Alumnae 6 Berks Catholic 5!

## Basketball Alumni Game

On Thanksgiving morning, November 22, 2012, former basketball players from Central Catholic, Holy Name and Berks Catholic came together and played a few games. Members of the current Berks Catholic team were also there and gave them a preview of what to expect this season!



## WALL OF CHAMPIONS



The athletic successes of both Central Catholic and Holy Name now hang in the gymnasium at Berks Catholic High School underneath the scoreboard. The information contained on the Wall of Champions is a representation of the banners that used to hang in the gyms at Central Catholic and Holy Name. We will always remember and honor the history from which we were born!

## Senior, Allie Krieger, Volunteers in Haiti

During the summer of 2012, Berks Catholic senior, Allie Krieger spent 8 days in Haiti volunteering with the Missionaries of Charity, the religious order founded by Mother Teresa of Calcutta. On Friday, September 23rd, Allie spoke to the entire student body about her trip and what it meant to her to serve the people of Haiti.

She began her presentation with a slideshow of pictures depicting the poverty, sickness and death that is rampant throughout Haiti and explained to the students that the Missionaries of Charity are “God’s light shining through despite what is shown in the pictures.” Allie would begin each day of her service trip bright and early at 6 am with breakfast, and then she and all the other volunteers would get into a truck that would take them to a different Missionaries of Charity location where they would volunteer for the day.

One of the locations was Mother Teresa’s hospital for the sick and dying where many babies and children found themselves and relied on the missionaries and volunteers to provide care and show them love. The hospital had no electricity, and there were usually two babies to a crib and almost 20 cribs in a single room. Due to the lack of support there would only be one nanny in each room, which means that there is one person looking after 40 sick babies and children. Because there aren’t enough people, the children receive very little stimulation and when volunteers like Allie are there it allows the children the opportunity to receive the love and care they desire.

Allie also spent time in the orphanage where children whose parents cannot take care of them are given an opportunity to be adopted. These children craved attention and Allie remembers them just running up to her and the other volunteers looking for hugs and to be held. “That was all they wanted” she said.

The entire trip for Allie was rewarding, and she wanted to convey to the Berks Catholic students how lucky we are and how our basic needs for food, water and shelter are things we take for granted, yet these are things many people in Haiti do not have. She said, “I thank God for everything I have.” She hopes to go back again next summer and volunteer again with the Missionaries of Charity.



## Berks Catholic represented in Berks County Outstanding Young Woman Scholarship Program

On October 6, 2012, Shannon Coveleski competed against eighteen girls in the Berks County’s Outstanding Young Woman Scholarship Program. The Berks OYW Program strives to empower young women and help them achieve their true potential. After spending months preparing, on the night of the competition, Shannon demonstrated her interviewing skills, physical fitness abilities,

vocal talent, and poise and presentation. Along with her scholarship and achievement, Shannon was judged on these categories. Her favorite category to compete in was the talent because she got to sing one of her favorite songs, “Home,” from the musical Beauty and the Beast. Shannon says that the best part of her experience was being able to get to know the other girls because they all became such good friends in the end; it never really felt like a competition. She also says that it was such an honor to represent Berks Catholic and to show Berks County what a strong, excellent, and driven school we have.





## Central Catholic Class of 1958 Reunion

After their 50th reunion, the Central Catholic class of 1958 decided to host a reunion every year. Here they are celebrating 54 years! Photo by PhilMar Photography (Phil Marabella, HN '79). If you would like Phil at your next reunion you can contact him at philmarphoto@comcast.net or 484-955-6098. Photos are printed on-site...take it home with you after the reunion.

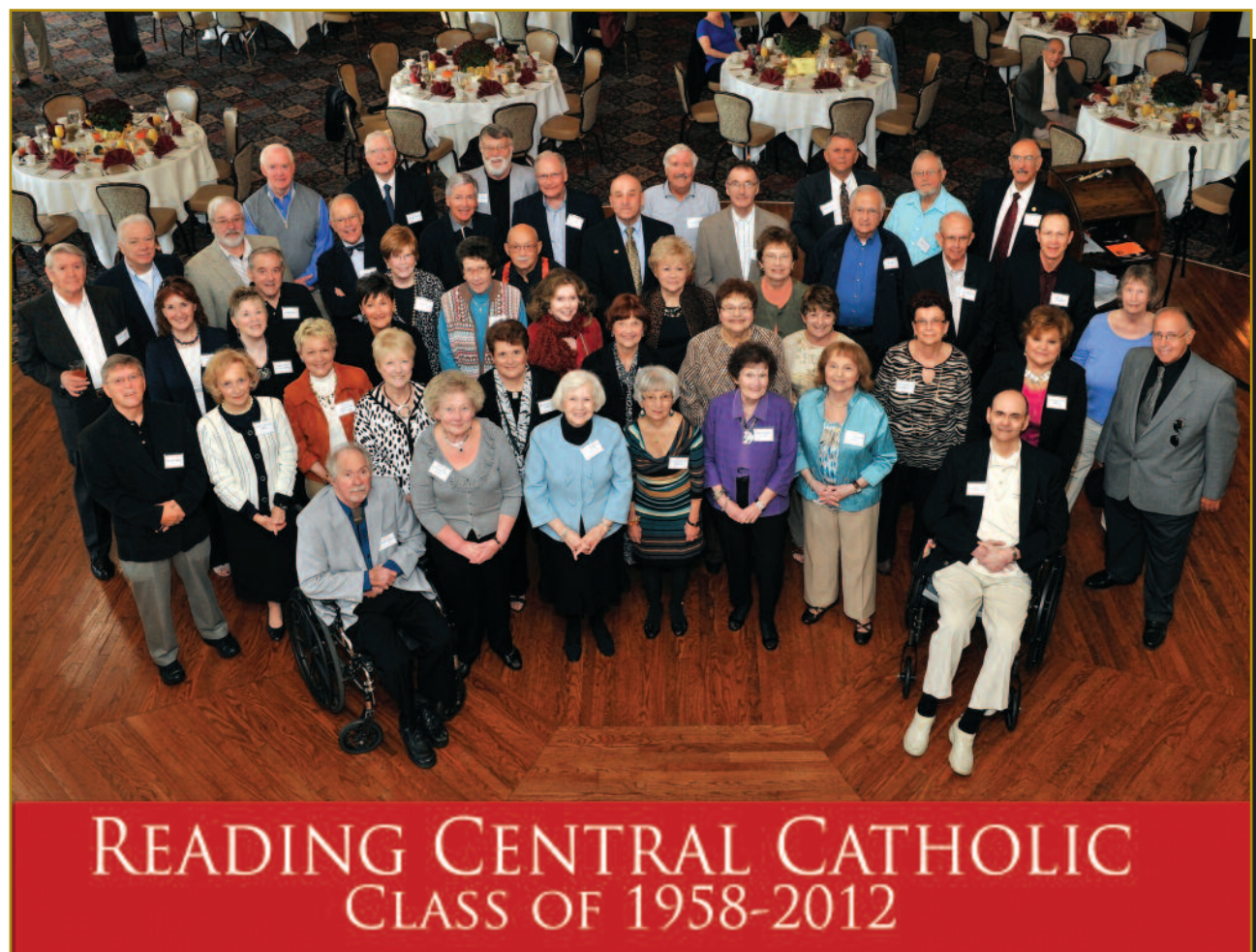


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## Holy Name Class of 1972 Reunion



## Upcoming Events

- Sunday, January 27  
– Berks Catholic Open House from 2-4pm
  - Friday, April 12 and Saturday, April 13  
– Spring production of *Beauty and the Beast*
  - Saturday, April 13  
– Meeting for Alumni Association
  - Thursday, April 18  
– Grandparents Day at Berks Catholic
  - Saturday, May 4  
– Alumni Family Day at the Pittsburgh Pirates\*
  - Sunday, June 9  
– Alumni Family Day at the Lehigh Valley Iron Pigs\*
  - Sunday, July 28  
– Alumni Family Day at the Reading Fightin Phils\*
- \*More info will be available soon at [www.berkscatholic.org/alumnievents](http://www.berkscatholic.org/alumnievents) in regards to ordering tickets for these upcoming alumni events!

## IN MEMORIAM

- William Soltis '50**
- Gregory T. Matetich '83**
- Shirley "Fannie" Hess**
- Anne M. Kubinak (Raven) Ludwig '57**
- James Gallen '46**
- Raymond Kase, Sr. '47**
- Mary (Killinger) Sullivan '46**

## SWING F<sub>ORE</sub> the SAINTS... 2nd ANNUAL GOLF OUTING



Alumni, Friends and parents came out on September 14th to Golden Oaks Golf Club for the second annual Swing Fore the Saints Golf Outing. Over \$8,000 was raised for scholarships for Berks Catholic students.

Congratulations to all of our winners:

1st Place: Brad White  
Tom White  
Rick Kirkpatrick

Closest to the Pin Women: Diane (Daly) Luchetta, 1976

Closest to the Pin Men: Rick Kirkpatrick  
Long Drive Women: Natalie (Parisi) Bell, 1985  
Long Drive Men: : Craig Szablowski, 1978

A special thank you to everyone who came to Golden Oaks to support Berks Catholic and to our golf committee: Pete Gipprich, Phil Gallen and Bernie Wrobel!







WAYS TO GIVE

There are several different ways to support Berks Catholic High School. Below are the different methods you can use to make a donation to Berks Catholic, and any of these gifts can be designated for the Annual Fund, Angel Scholarships, Extravaganza, Scholarship Endowment Fund, or the program of your choice.

CHECK

Make checks payable to Berks Catholic High School and indicate where you would like your donation to go, and mail to:

*Berks Catholic High School  
Attn: Institutional Advancement Office  
955 E. Wyomissing Boulevard  
Reading, PA 19611*

CREDIT CARD

Credit card payments can be made through PayPal, a secure donation website, or by phone at 610.374.8361 with Visa, MasterCard and Discover.

GIFTS OF STOCK

If you have owned a stock for more than 12 months and it has appreciated in value during that time, you would incur a capital gains tax by selling it. However, if you give that stock to Berks Catholic as a gift, you avoid the capital gains tax and can also claim an income tax deduction for the full fair market value of the gift up to an amount equal to 30% of your adjusted gross income. Any unused deduction may be carried forward for up to five years. Electronic Transfers of Shares of Publicly Traded Stock and Mutual Funds Shares of publicly traded companies and mutual funds may be transferred electronically to Berks Catholic.

PLANNED GIFTS

Leave your mark on Berks Catholic! A planned gift is a "forever gift", one that will live on for generations. It doesn't affect your current cash flow of assets and it is easy to change if your circumstances change. Plus, it may save you estate taxes later. Best of all, you have the satisfaction of leaving a legacy that will last "forever" at Berks Catholic.

You can make a planned gift in a number of ways:

- Bequest
- Charitable Gift Annuity
- Charitable Remainder Trust
- Charitable Lead Trust
- Life Estate Reserve
- Insurance Policy Beneficiary

If you have already included Berks Catholic in your estate plans, please let us know.

MATCHING GIFTS

Thousands of companies and corporate foundations match gifts to non-profit institutions such as Berks Catholic. Also, matching gifts are a great way to increase support of Berks Catholic without additional out-of-pocket expense.

Matching gifts are a very important source of support. You can double or even triple the value of your donation and enhance your total for giving society membership, by simply notifying your employer of your gift to Berks Catholic. You may be eligible to submit matching gift claims from both your own and your spouse's employer for the same gift. Contact the human resources office at your employer, your spouse's employer, or even your former employer, if you are retired, to inquire about their matching gift program.

EITC/OSTC INFO

Did you know that your company can help provide scholarships to Berks Catholic students through tax credits? Businesses in the state of Pennsylvania can reallocate money from their state taxes to financial aid at Berks Catholic High School. The Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program and the Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credit (OSTC) program allow businesses to receive a 90% tax credit (if donating for two consecutive years), and families at Berks Catholic receive tuition assistance.

For more information on the program please contact Nicole Gingrich, Director of Institutional Advancement, at 610-374-8361 ext. 231 or [ngingrich@berkscatholic.org](mailto:ngingrich@berkscatholic.org).

You can also view information online at [www.newpa.com/eitc](http://www.newpa.com/eitc) and [www.newpa.com/ostc](http://www.newpa.com/ostc).



ALUMNI NEWS

We would love to know what you are doing. Send us a few sentences to keep us up-to-date on marriages, children, graduations, and other accomplishments. If you know of a graduate who is not receiving a copy of The Trinity, please send their name and address below or call 610-374-8361 ext. 231. PARENTS: If your graduate is no longer living at home, please forward their current mailing address.

NAME(First/Maiden/Last)

Graduate of (circle one)    Central Catholic    Holy Name    Berks Catholic

CLASS YEAR

ADDRESS

CITY/STATE/ZIP

PHONE

EMAIL

News and Notes to be published in The Trinity (pictures welcome)

Return to: Nicole Gingrich, Director of Institutional Advancement, Berks Catholic High School, 955 E. Wyomissing Blvd., Reading, PA 19611 or email [ngingrich@berkscatholic.org](mailto:ngingrich@berkscatholic.org).

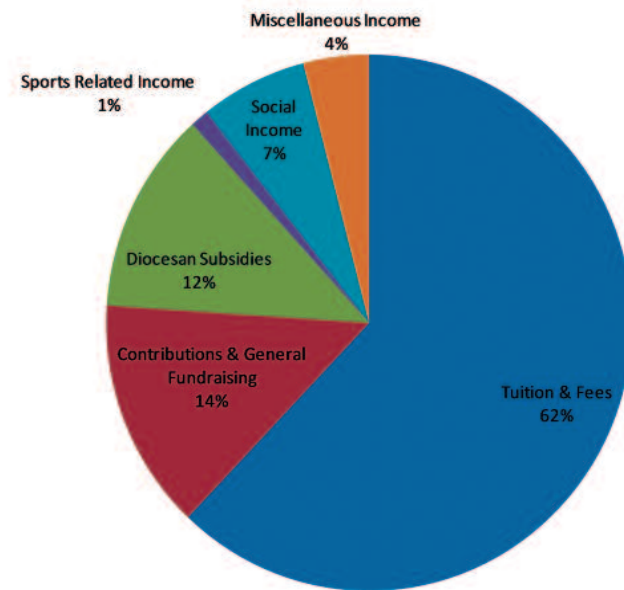


## 2011-2012 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

### OPERATIONAL INCOME

Tuition & Fees	3,862,587.00
Contributions & General Fundraising	868,775.00
Diocesan Subsidies	762,381.00
Sports Related Income	69,439.00
Social Income	408,541.00
Miscellaneous Income	250,497.00

**TOTAL OPERATING INCOME** 6,222,220.00



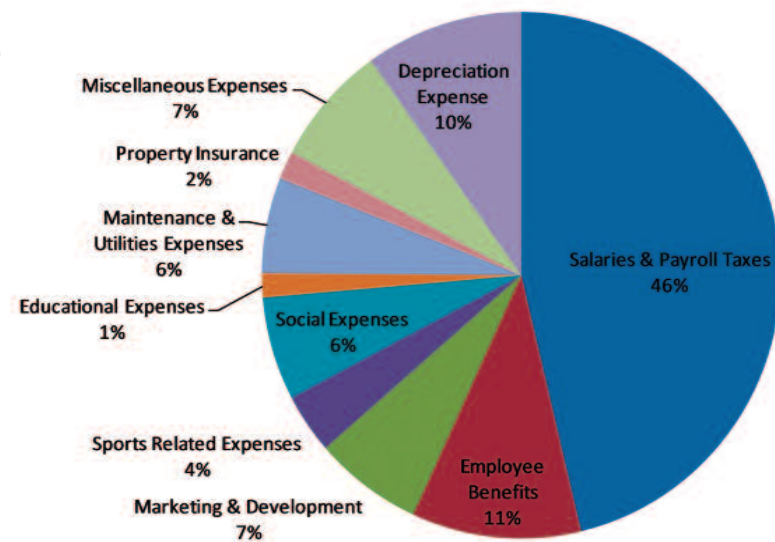
OPERATIONAL INCOME

### OPERATIONAL EXPENSES

Salaries & Payroll Taxes	2,821,798.00
Employee Benefits	641,170.00
Marketing & Development	412,068.00
Sports Related Expenses	225,369.00
Social Expenses	388,009.00
Educational Expenses	90,130.00
Maintenance & Utilities Expenses	359,383.00
Property Insurance	105,420.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	453,509.00
Depreciation Expense	598,038.00

**TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES** 6,094,894.00

**NET INCOME** 127,326.00



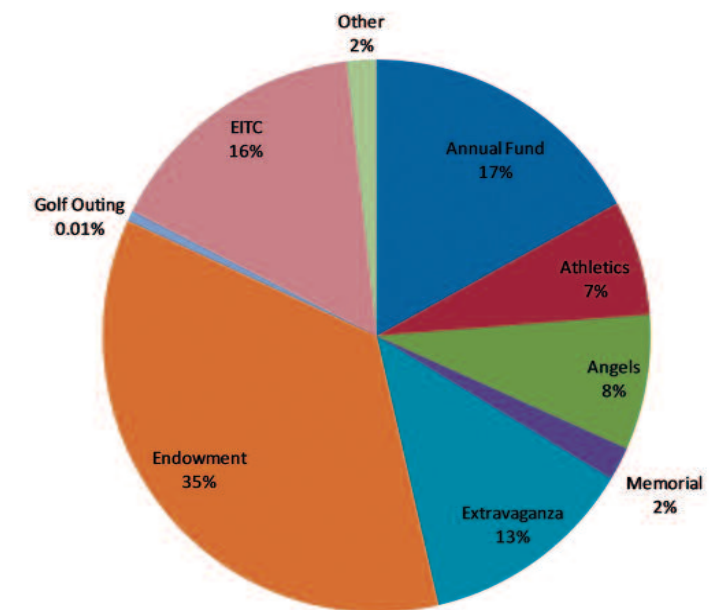
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## 2011-2012 FUNDRAISING

### FUNDRAISING

Annual Fund	157,770
Athletics	62,355
Angels	73,350
Memorial	18,070
Extravaganza	117,906
Endowment	328,539
Golf Outing	5,781
EITC	146,110
Other	16,238

**TOTAL** 926,119



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\$80.00 each



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610-374-8361 ext. 244

## St. Nicholas Society

We invite you to join the St. Nicholas Society and help secure the future of Berks Catholic High School. Take the lead...the future of Berks Catholic depends on leaders like you who share a deep commitment to Catholic education and life-long learning.

Making a planned gift to Berks Catholic can be one of the easiest, most fulfilling ways to become a significant partner in the Berks Catholic mission. Planned gifts provide multiple opportunities for you to support Berks Catholic, while also receiving tax and other financial benefits. There are many options that can provide you with income payments and also a charitable deduction. All of these gifts help to ensure a secure future for Berks Catholic.

Annual support from donors, keeps Berks Catholic operating each school year. A gift through a will or living trust, and other planned gifts go an important step further. They provide the foundation of Berks Catholic with long-term financial security, thus ensuring that Catholic secondary education will be provided for generations to come.

There are a variety of ways to structure a planned gift without compromising your personal financial goals.

Gifts can be made in the following ways:

- Wills and Bequests
- Retirement Plan Gifts
- Insurance Policy Beneficiary
- Gifts of Real Estate
- Charitable Gift Annuity
- Charitable Remainder Trust
- Charitable Lead Trust
- Securities

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