

The Trinity

Dear Alumni and Friends,

As we enter this season of Lent, the Berks Catholic family is reflecting on the Holy Father's words from his Lenten message: "the season of Lent in this Jubilee Year be lived more intensely as a privileged moment to celebrate and experience God's mercy" (Misericordiae Vultus, 17). At Berks Catholic, we are looking for ways both individually and as a school to be more merciful to those most in need.



In December, we kicked off our *Excellence Faith Future* Capital Campaign in response to our surging enrollment growth to ensure human formation and academic success of our Saints long into the future. Generating \$9 million over the next three years requires each of us to look into our heart, as those who have gone before us, to realize that, to a great extent, it is through Berks Catholic High School that our Saint's faith blossoms and grows, our Church gains strength; it ensures future leaders and solidifies the future of Catholic education. The proposed three-story Learning Center will consist of a cafeteria expansion on the lower level, two classrooms and a Learning Commons on the first floor, and six classrooms on the second floor. In addition, a balcony is proposed for the auditorium to allow for over 1,000 seats, and the main stadium will get a new track and artificial turf. The *Excellence Faith Future* Campaign will position Berks Catholic for growth and success long into the future.

Academically, we have recently won the Berks County math competition, and we placed second in the Berks County STEM competition. We also have announced to our families that for the

2016-2017 school year, we will be launching our 1-1 iPad initiative to further enhance the 21st Century Learning environment that exists at Berks Catholic. We have one National Merit Commended Scholar. Twenty-five of our students were also recognized by the College Board for their achievement in the AP exams (five AP Scholars with Distinction, three AP Scholars with Honors, and 17 AP Scholars).

Athletically, the football team won the District III Championship, Girls Tennis

won the District III Championship and individually Lin Robertson placed third in the State. At the top of our fall athletic accomplishments was the Girls Volleyball Team, who completed an undefeated season winning the division, county, district and state championships.

Year after year, colleges and universities continue to recognize the quality of our students with over 125 colleges having visited campus this year and our seniors being admitted into some of the most highly selective colleges and universities in the country that are a great fit for them and their families. Fun is also abundant at Berks Catholic. The theater department is busy preparing for the spring production of "Annie." As you can see our four pillars of God, Family, Academics and Fun continue to be the backbone of all that we do here at Berks Catholic. Our Saints are on the move. Stop by and see us; we would love to show you around and share all that is Berks Catholic High School. God bless you and your families and Go Saints!

Sincerely,

Tony Balistrere
Principal



PRESIDENTIAL SAINTS LEAD THE WAY



John Foster (BC 2012)

junior year, I was elected as Executive Vice President of the Residence Hall Council (the Student government for resident students). Student Government Association is the overarching governing body for the 10,000 students of Duquesne University.

I am majoring in History and International Relations with a dual concentration in U.S. Foreign Policy and Security Studies.

In addition to Student Government, I serve as a Eucharistic Minister for Campus Ministry and am a member of the Debate Team. In academics, I am a member of Phi Alpha Theta (History Majors Honor Fraternity) and Sigma Iota Rho (International Relations Majors Honor Fraternity).

In my free time, I give tours to prospective students and families in addition to alumni. If you are ever in the mood for a cheesy joke and happen to be in Pittsburgh, come to Duquesne and be a part of my tour! In December, I was selected to be an intern for the U.S. Department of State for the upcoming summer. I will spend my summer months in Washington D.C., working with diplomats and State Department officials.

I will graduate in May 2016 and pursue a Master's Degree in International Affairs. I just heard from my top graduate program, The Fletcher School at Tufts University located in Medford, Massachusetts, where I will receive my Masters of Arts in Law and Diplomacy, an extremely selective and highly rigorous program. I am the first Duquesne student to be accepted to the Fletcher School at Tufts University.

My future goal is to work for the State Department in any capacity and become an International Lawyer. I have a great interest in Security Studies and International Conflict and Negotiation.

My Berks Catholic education helped me get where I am today.

During my junior year at Central Catholic it was announced that Holy Name and Central were to merge. During this transitional time, I became co-Student Body President of Berks Catholic with Joe Appleton

— what a truly challenging yet rewarding experience. My BC education gave me the tools to communicate passionately yet effectively and gather outside perspectives when dealing with challenges. Living true to the motto of “God, Family, Academics, Fun,” these four words summarize my experience. I use the talents that God provided me; I want to continue to make my family proud and rely on their support; academics always is at the forefront and coincide with this experience; and lastly it is truly fun and rewarding knowing you are making a difference on your campus.

I would be remiss if I didn't credit the Berks Catholic community in believing in my ability in making a difference. There's the old saying that it takes a village to raise a child, which is extremely true. From debate prep with Mr. Davis to spiritual direction with Fr. Bortz and Mr. Lanciano to long and encouraging talks with Mrs. Perez, Mrs. Smith, and Mrs. Heintz, these are what I carry near and dear to my heart as a stepping stone and reminder that there are people who believe in me and my ability to go out and make a difference. My greatest debt and gratitude goes to my best friends, who are brothers to me and Berks Catholic Class of 2012 alums, Donovan Jack, Michael Reiley, Tyler Hafer, Greg Stricker, Nick Lentz, Tyler Arabia, and Marquis Marshall who keep me humble, grounded, and motivated for all of us to work hard now, become successful, retire early and golf while we reminisce of our joint memories of Central, BC, and life experiences.

My advice to current students at Berks Catholic.

My advice is simple: Believe in yourselves and step out of your comfort zone, because it is when you step out of your comfort zone you will truly grow. Some of my best experiences come from doing things I never thought I had the ability to do! If you have the positive mentality that the future can be better than what it is currently and you have the ability to improve it, you will truly make a difference.

Lastly, but most importantly, remember why you are doing what you are doing; it is very easy to get caught up in the popularity and recognition. Always remember that you are a servant leader and leading by serving those around you. In addition to this, you are a student leader, which means academics come first. Also, have fun in embracing new challenges, utilize the talents that God has given you, and make your family proud. There are people who believe in you; I know I do!

Is there anything else you would like to share about yourself, what do you do outside of school for fun?

And on a personal note.

Outside of school I am learning to play the saxophone and learning to become fluent in Spanish. My library is full of political biographies and autobiographies, which I love to get lost in!

I am the President of the Student Body at Kutztown University, the largest university in Berks County with over 9,200 students, as well as the 33-member Student Government Board, which is the executive branch of the SGA (all 180 student clubs and organizations at KU).

KU is one of fourteen State System Universities in PA.

I first ran for an open seat on Student Government in November 2012, to fill a vacancy as a College of Education Representative. My first term began in January 2013, during my second semester as a freshman at KU. During my sophomore year on the Board, I was to head the 6 Education Representatives, as well as serve as the student on our University Enrollment Management Committee. By winter of my sophomore year, I knew I wanted to be the strong voice for KU students not only on campus, but in Harrisburg, where cuts were being made to education.

My campaign for President kicked off in February 2014 with the slogan #Sco4Pres. Several of my campaign promises were to bring a major event to KU, fight to bring our voting poll back to campus, and advocate for our student clubs and organizations to make them stronger and more diverse. On April 22, 2014, I was elected President.

Being 20 years old, I was the youngest Student Body President KU has had in a very long time. During the 2014-2015 school year, to honor my promises, I worked hard to secure a Homecoming concert, "Chance the Rapper," the first artist to perform at KU in five years. Last month, Chance the Rapper became the first independent artist to perform on Saturday Night Live. At some points, tickets sold

at 100 per hour. I never saw KU students that happy, and it was a great show.

Last Election Day, I led a march to the voting poll five miles away as I did this Election Day to protest the Berks County Commissioners relo-

cating it off our campus. (I am still fighting it!) I also helped to advocate for students and proper education funding in the capitol throughout my first term. In April 2015, I ran for reelection and won in a landslide. I was humbled and honored to be reelected by my fellow students. I promised the KU students I would not stop fighting for their voice as long as I attended KU.



Joe Scoboria (BC 2012)

I also was instrumental in bringing tailgating to KU. I helped introduce an amendment to the policy that would allow students of age to safely tailgate on campus in the Andre Reed stadium parking lot. It was a success and many more students attended games this fall! I have one more semester as a student and as President, and I plan on making it my best one yet!

I am pursuing a dual major certification in Special Education and Elementary Education and a minor in History. I will be teaching 1st Grade at Richmond Elementary School for my first placement of Student Teaching this spring. At KU, I enjoy studying and reading education policy, hanging out with my friends, going for runs, being a student worker in the Office of Government Relations, volunteering for the Joe Sestak for U.S. Senate campaign, attending KU sports events, heading down to the shore with my friends for a weekend before it gets too cold and right when it finally gets warm again, and attending Church at our beautiful St. Christopher Catholic Newman Center, where I am a lector. After I graduate in May 2016, I plan on obtaining a teaching job in the Reading area and begin applying to Graduate schools for Education Public Policy.

Although I was not involved in Student Council in high school, I was involved with Student Ambassadors and other organizations to give back to the community. **In my three years at Central Catholic and my senior year at BC, I developed the important skills I needed to**

succeed in college. Not only did the rigorous academic curriculum help me achieve in the KU classroom (I have a cumulative 3.5 GPA going into my final semester), but CC and BC also helped make me a mature, professional, and vocal leader on campus. One teacher from BC I would like to credit for helping me pursue my ambitions is Mr. Sparks, who is a KU alum. I was in his Contemporary Issues class my senior year, where I was able to speak about current events unfolding around the world. Mr. Sparks encouraged me to speak up even when others doubt. He always used to tell me that if you remain silent while seeing an injustice, you are taking the side of the oppressor. I still keep in contact with Mr. Sparks.

My advice to current students at Berks Catholic.

I would tell BC students to enjoy their time in high school, and take in as much of BC as you can. You are only in high school once, so don't worry about the small things, because you don't need to have life figured out by the time you're 18! Even though you will meet many new people in college and have an awesome time, you will always have your high school friends to come back to you during breaks! Follow your dreams into college, the military, work, or wherever you go. Just know that you can always change and always make decisions to take you down different paths, just make sure they are good ones.

And on a personal note.

December 27, 2016 was the fifth anniversary of my Godfather, the late State Senator Mike O'Pake, passing away. He was the longest serving member of the PA legislature before he died. He was my Godfather, mentor, and friend. I remember helping him during his final reelection campaign leading up to the 2008 Election. He always told me to help make a difference for good in the lives of others. I think it really hit home this year as I remember him and his public service. Mike was the Student Body President his senior year at St. Joseph's University, and I pass the O'Pake Fieldhouse (a building named after him on the KU campus) every day at school. I know he is in Heaven, and I will keep helping others in his memory.

50 year Reunions

In the Fall of 1964, when Holy Name High School was built, students from Central Catholic were divided: Students on the North side of 5th Street stayed at Central Catholic, and Students on the South side were to switch over to the new Holy Name. Seniors had the option of finishing their last year at Central Catholic or moving to Holy Name. Reading Catholic students all went to Holy Name.

Prior to the opening of Holy Name High School in September 1964, Father Forster started the process of blending the students who had originally gone to Central Catholic and Reading Catholic to be one cohesive class, the first graduating class of Holy Name. Two class officers were chosen from each previous class (CC and RC), and, over the summer, student council members helped to prepare the new building for the school year. Resources were limited, thus, to begin to build school spirit, a demonstration basketball team was started.

"We were a unique group in that we were inspired to function as a single group before we ever arrived [at Holy Name] and felt ownership of our school from day one. As a result, the bonds grew quickly and are still strong after all this time. Unlike any other class since, we set the foundation. We were in the gym when Father Loeper named us the Blue Jays, and we held the first pep rallies, role modeling school spirit for the grades to follow. We cleaned when there was no one else to do it and cataloged text books when there was no librarian. We were and are still proud of our contributions to set the school on the right path."

~ Gail (Symanowicz) DiBlasi (HN 1965)



Mike and Rosemary (Hart) Shannon (HN1965)



John and Maura (McGrath) Ciabattani (HN1965)



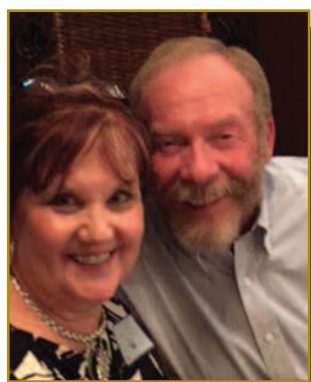
Bill Auchter, Dennis Trump, John Chudavon and Greg Calabria (HN1965)



Cynthia (Wisniewski) Chudavon and Carol-Ann (Jagielski) Searfoss (HN1965)



Barry and Gerri (Guzowski) Seidel (HN1965)



Candace and Greg Calabria (HN1965)



Gail (Symanowicz) and Peter DiBlasi (HN1965)



Diane Lloyd and Paul Keturakis (HN1965)

The students from Central Catholic saw benefits from the new building as well.

"My favorite memory of my time at Central Catholic was when we performed 'The King and I' in December 1964 of our senior year. We performed at Holy Name because they had a stage. Prior to that, at Central Catholic, we just had singing with the students standing on bleachers, the musicians in chairs on the gym floor, and those with tickets just lined up in chairs on the gym floor. So in December 1964, we were able to do a complicated Broadway play for the first time. Although our class had many activities in which to participate, the class play was special because it brought together dozens of students in one great effort that made a once-in-a-lifetime memory."

~ Maggie (Deemer) Raymond (CC 1965)



CC 1965 Reunion Committee:
Joe Rutolo, Linda (Olanin) Smith, Linda (Kane) Rathman, Mary Anne Fleckenstein Gilbert, Betsy (Killingner) Hafer, Steve Rathman, Theresa (Klang) Gaumer, Maggie (Deemer) Raymond



Kathy Stankiewicz, Bill Whalen (CC 1965)



Joe and Michele Rutolo, Carmela (Capellupo) and Tom Beaver (CC 1965)



Joanne Nangle, Elise Suppan, and Linda Olanin (CC 1965)

Both classes celebrated their 50 year class reunions in 2015. The Holy Name Class of 1965 celebrated on Saturday, September 12th at Anthony's Trattoria in Reading, and the Central Catholic Class of 1965 celebrated all weekend with golf and a picnic supper at the Heidelberg Country Club on Friday, September 18th and continuing with Mass followed by Dinner and Dancing at the Crowne Plaza in Wyomissing on Saturday, September 19th. Congratulations to all of our Class of 1965 Blue Jays and Cardinals! And thank you for the foundation on which Berks Catholic now is built!



Linda Rutkowski, Lynn Billings, and Carol Kidder (CC 1965)



John Luppino and Kathy Stankiewicz (CC 1965)



Anne Marie Kondek and Ray Fisher (CC 1965)

The Central Catholic Class of 1965 Reunion Committee presented a generous donation of \$6,565.65 from their Class to the Excellence Faith Future Capital Campaign.



Pictured from left to Right are (row one with hands on check) Mary Anne Fleckenstein Gilbert, Margaret (Deemer) Raymond, Joe Rutolo, Linda (Kane) Rathman, (second row) Betsy Woytovich (BC Development Director), Betsy (Killinger) Hafer, Theresa (Klang) Gaumer, Steve Rathman, Linda (Olanin) Smith, Sylvia (Schmura) March, Father Gene Ritz (BC Chaplin) and Tony Balistrere (BC Principal).

For more information, please contact Betsy Woytovich at 610-374-8361 ext 231.

The Central Catholic Class of 1965 would like to extend a challenge to all Reading Catholic, Central Catholic, and Holy Name classes to honor their schools' legacies and make a class donation to Berks Catholic's Excellence Faith Future Capital Campaign.

EXCELLENCE ▾ FAITH ▾ FUTURE



Holy Name Undefeated Football Team of 1975

Front Row left to right- Jim McDermott, Fred Ciabattani, Paul Goldberg, Phil Gallen, Head Coach David Rugh, Tom O'Neil, Scott Hettinger, Tim Yoder Back Row left to right- Richard Gippich, Pete Gippich, Duane Landau, Dave DeBeck, Asst. Coach David Booth, Rick Marz.



Holy Name High School Class of 1995 Twenty-Year Reunion



2015 Men's Basketball Alumni Turkey Shoot



2015 Women's Basketball Alumni Turkey Shoot

HALL OF FAME 2015

Marisa Yapsuga Gilbert – Central Catholic 1989

Marisa was a standout three-sport athlete at Central Catholic. She began her playing career as a freshman playing on the Varsity basketball and softball teams. After a very successful sophomore season, Marisa expanded her athletic excellence to the Field Hockey field. During her four-year career, Marisa earned numerous honors at Central and in Berks County. Marisa was a Berks

Catholic and throughout her professional career, her greatest accomplishment is her family and three children, who stand with her today.

Jack McCloskey – Central Catholic 1960

Coach McCloskey was a star basketball player at Central Catholic and Kutztown University. Jack coached for 33 years at North Schuylkill and Boyertown, compiling an overall record of 250-132 while winning 3 league titles. During his coaching career at Alvernia, he



2015 Berks Catholic Hall of Fame Inductees: Gerry Orlando on behalf of his brother Frank Orlando (CC 1965), Sandy Gerhart on behalf of the late Mitch Gerhart, Jack McCloskey and Peg McCloskey on behalf of the late Jack McCloskey (CC 1960), Marisa Yapsuga Gilbert (CC 1989), Dan Daly (HN 1975), Mike Heller (CC 1968), Doug Sanders (HN 1979), Adelle Schade (HN 1989), and Scott Hettinger (HN 1976)

County All-Star player in Basketball and Softball. She earned All-County and Honorable Mention honors in all 3 sports. For her excellent play, Marisa was awarded the prestigious Female Athlete of the Year distinction in 1989. Marisa Yapsuga Gilbert was at the top of her class both in the classroom and on the playing field and was the best athlete in the class of 1989. Marisa was an assistant basketball coach for four years and assistant field hockey coach for one year at Central, while also teaching Physical Education at St. Catharine of Siena and Holy Guardian Angels schools. Although Marisa receiving much success during her tenure Central

was the “winningest” coach in Alvernia history, posting 227 wins in 12 seasons. In 1997, the Crusaders reached the NCAA Division 3 Final Four under Coach McCloskey’s leadership. His winning percentage ranks as one of the top all time in Division 3 basketball. Coach McCloskey is a member of the Alvernia University Hall of Fame, the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame, and the Berks Catholic Hall of Fame. Coach McCloskey passed away in 2012. Berks County lost a great man and a great athlete in 2012.

Mike Heller – Central Catholic 1968

Mike was a 3 sport star at Central Catholic from 1965 until 1968. Voted outstanding

athlete at Central in 1968, Mike lettered 4 years in golf and was a 2 year letterman in basketball and baseball for the Cardinals. He was an American Legion All-Star shortstop and star golfer at Albright College. Mike was named MVP in golf at Central and Albright. He won the Reading Country Club championship 4 times, the Golden Oaks Country Club Championship, BCGA Partners title 3 times, the BCGA Amateur title twice, the Hawley Quier Memorial Championship at Moselem Springs 4 times, nine WBCGA mixed championships, WCPGA Mixed titles 3 times, the Reading Country Club Match play championship 6 times and the GOCC Match Play title in 1996. Mike has served as the BCGA Treasurer since 1994.

Adelle Schade – Holy Name 1989

Adelle was a standout three-sport athlete at Holy Name. She was a four-year letter winner in basketball while earning all-division and all-county honors in 1987, 1988, and 1989. Adelle scored 1180 points in her career at Holy Name, earning the Coaches Trophy in 1988, MVP award in 1989, and Holy Name’s Most Outstanding Athlete Award in 1989. Adelle was also a letter winner in Track and Field and Softball. She earned Most Valuable Player honors in Softball in 1989 and was named to the All-Berks team in 1988 and 1989 for her excellent play. Adelle was a longtime coach at Conrad Weiser High School. She has taken a break from coaching and is currently teaching at Conrad Weiser while pursuing her PhD at the University of the Sciences researching in the Department of Orthopedic Surgery at Thomas Jefferson University.

Dan Daly – Holy Name 1975

Dan was the starting fullback and middle linebacker for Hall of Fame Coach Dave Rugh and the Blue Jays 1974 Inter-County league championship team. Dan led the Jays and finished second in Berks County in rushing with 1198 yards and had over 1300 total yards from scrimmage. He was named All-

County running back in 1974 and 1975. He was also named All-League at Linebacker. As Co-Captain of the Basketball team, Dan earned All-County honors, averaging 10 points per game as a point guard for legendary Coach Lloyd Wolf. Dan was a four-year member of the varsity baseball team. As the team’s catcher, Dan was the field general for the Jays and was the coach on the field. Dan was heavily recruited after a very successful senior season of football. He chose Albright College where he earned All Mid-Atlantic Conference honors at fullback for the Lions, and was team captain his senior year. As a junior, Dan led Albright in receiving and scoring and was 2nd in the conference in rushing. In 1977 Dan was named Albright’s Outstanding Player on Offense. That year Dan was also the kicker for the Lions. Dan spent over 20 years serving the BCIAA as a basketball official. Dan worked 2 County Finals, worked District and State tournament games, and worked District 3 and PIAA Championship games. Dan would like to thank his family, teammates, coaches, and especially his teammates from the 1975 undefeated Holy Name team.

Scott Hettinger – Holy Name 1976

Scott Hettinger is a legend in the Holy Name Blue Jay Football family. Scott was a three-sport all-star for the Blue Jays. On the football field, he earned All-County honors at Wide Receiver and Defensive Back and was selected to the Berks County All-Star game, starting at both positions. Scott was the only Holy Name athlete to ever be selected for the Pennsylvania Big 33 game. Only a handful of Berks County Athletes can say they played on the Big 33 team. He earned a starting position and led Pennsylvania to a win vs. the Ohio All-State team. In baseball, Scott was a four-year letterman who earned the coaches trophy and the Most Valuable Player trophy for his outstanding play at 3rd base and catcher. In track and field, Scott earned the Most Valuable Player trophy once again. Scott was an outstanding all around three-sport athlete! His biggest accomplishment came in 1976 when he accepted a full Division 1 Scholarship to play football for Joe Paterno at Penn State University. In 1976, Scott played in the Gator Bowl vs. Notre Dame. In 1977, Scott became a Penn State Letterman and played in the Fiesta Bowl vs. Arizona State. In 1978 Scott played in the Sugar Bowl for the National Championship vs. Alabama. Finally, in 1979, Scott started at Wide Receiver and played in the Liberty Bowl vs. Tulane. After an outstanding four-year career at Penn State, Scott was signed by the New York Jets. Scott is the 3rd Blue Jay with NFL experience inducted into the Berks Catholic Hall of Fame!

Frank Orlando – Central Catholic 1965

Frank played four years of varsity football and baseball at Central Catholic. During his career, he helped Central win three league titles. He became of four-year starter at Kutztown University, where he was instrumental in Kutztown winning the State Championship in 1966. He played on many high-level baseball and softball teams over the

years. He was inducted into the Kutztown University and Pennsylvania Sports Halls of Fame. He was an official for many years, including umpiring a State Championship game and a USA-Canada Olympic game. He was president of the BCIAA for 10 years and was on the PIAA District 1 Board of Directors.

Doug Sanders – Holy Name 1979

Doug was a star athlete for the Holy Name Blue Jays in the late 1970s. During his playing career at Holy Name, Doug won numerous awards and earned athletic honors in each of the three sports that he excelled in. It was his football prowess that earned him 1st team All-Berks County at Tight End and 1st team All-Berks at Middle Linebacker. In 1978, Doug was named Berks County Lineman of the year in 1978 by the Touchdown Club of Reading, the most prestigious award for lineman in Berks County. Doug earned varsity letters and excelled in football, basketball, and baseball. Doug continued his football career at the United States Merchant Marine Academy.

Mitch Gerhart

Mitch Gerhart was a great friend of Central Catholic, Holy Name, and Berks Catholic High Schools! He was loved by everyone who came into contact with him. Mitch held many titles during his life. He was a son, husband, cousin, uncle, nephew, but to everyone he was a friend.

Mitch was the voice of Berks County Sports and his voice was heard by hundreds of thousands of people over a span of five decades. Mitch began his announcing career at Albright College in 1979. In 1981, Mitch began his career at WEEU and the Reading Eagle Company as a Sports Reporter. From 1984 to 2014, Mitch was the WEEU Sports Director, producer, newsman, play-by-play sportscaster, and was part of Charlie and Company, WEEU’s morning show. Mitch was the Play-by-Play and PA Announcer for Kutztown University Football, FC Revolution Soccer, Reading Rage Soccer, the Reading Phillies, Holy Name High School, and Berks Catholic High School. He also was a correspondent for many sporting events throughout the region, including the Betsy King Classic, US Olympic Team trials for Cycling, Triple Crown of Cycling, the Reading Royals, and the Reading Express indoor football organization. During that time, Mitch won dozens of awards in his field. Mitch was a familiar face and friend of everyone at Berks Catholic. Since our first athletic event in 2011, Mitch was the voice of Saints Boys and Girls Soccer, Boys and Girls Lacrosse, Baseball, and Softball. Mitch always made each game that he did for the Saints very special. Mitch was a funny, kind, loving, caring, and very spiritual man. He loved his wife Sandy more than everything in the world. He loved his family, he loved his friends, but just as much, he loved all of you! Mitch left this world in late 2014, but his impression and impact will be with Berks Catholic Athletics and the Berks Catholic Community forever. Thank you Mitch, for everything!

Berks Catholic Hall of Fame Nomination Form

I would like to nominate this person because:

NOMINEE			
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Email this completed form to Bill Hess, Athletic Director, at bhess@berkscatholic.org or mail to Bill Hess at Berks Catholic High School, 955 East Wyomissing Blvd., Reading, PA 19611.

IN MEMORIAM

Brian Alexander (HN)
Maria Medaglia (HN 1983)
Lori Lefebre (HN 1980)
Therese (Brown) Zuchowski (CC 1979)
Brian Button (HN 1975)
Frank Schwab (HN 1974)
Christine (Levandowski) Mazurie (HN 1973)
Rosemary (Schaab) Deegan (HN 1973)
Richard Heller (CC 1973)
Charles Pilkerton (CC 1973)
Robert Cavanna (CC 1972)
Judith (Kuzinski) Deisher (CC 1971)
Anthony Talarico (HN 1968)
David Burky (HN 1967)
Mary Ann (Shaud) Graul (CC 1967)
Veronica Drexler (CC 1966)
Marie (Raiti) Green (HN 1965)
John Manzolillo (RC 1964)
Kathleen McDermott (CC)

Joseph McQuaite (CC 1964)
Philip Balas (CC 1963)
Kathryn Brailer-Goffi (CC 1963)
Patricia (Korytkowski) Beidler (CC)
Nancy (Balliett) Adam (CC)
Carole Delp (CC 1961)
James Huck (CC 1960)
Joseph Kasprzewski (CC 1964)
Janet (Wagner) Dolan (CC 1959)
Joseph Menet (CC 1958)
Thomas Weaver (CC)
Mary (Glass) Bielawski (CC 1956)
Robert Holland (CC 1955)
Judith (Grant) Nuding (RC 1956)
Geraldine (Weiss) Seaman (CC 1955)
John Bauscher (CC)
Peter Farrier (CC 1952)
James Carrigan (CC 1951)
Shirley (Worrall) Krug (CC 1951)

John Milaneck (RC 1951)
Bernice O'Reilly (CC 1951)
William Berkey (CC 1950)
Emidio Camilli (CC 1950)
Bertha Hish (RC 1950)
Stella (Dybalski) Macey (CC 1950)
Joseph Stiber (CC 1950)
Anthony Meridionale (CC 1949)
Jean (Hannon) Roland (CC 1948)
Joseph Kunstek (RC 1948)
Helen (Zalegowski) Ganter (CC 1947)
Cherie Townsend (Welch) Elias (CC 1946)
Claire (Schweitzer) Fessler (CC 1945)
William Schaeffer Jr. (CC 1943)
Alberta (Schower) Schwartz (CC 1940)
Angela Levanti (RC)
Rose Seelig (RC)
Ethel (Wurster) Manderbach (RC)
George Stavarski (RC)

If you would like to make a gift in memory of a deceased classmate, please send to Betsy Woytovich at Berks Catholic, 955 East Wyomissing Blvd., Reading, PA 19611.

SAGE AWARD



Congratulation to Nicole (Chiarelli) Smith (CC 1989), Director of Admissions and Marketing , for her efforts in helping Berks Catholic to earn a \$5,000 Sage award from the Healey Education Foundation for highest increase in actual number of students. Nicole is pictured here with Kevin Martin, VP Board of Directors and Enrollment Committee Chairman.



ANNUAL FUND

Did you receive your Annual Fund solicitation? Did you respond generously? The Annual Fund provides essential support to many areas at Berks Catholic including the general operating fund and the angel scholarship fund, which helps families who otherwise could not afford a Berks Catholic education. Your Saints Annual Fund gift is always welcome. Please mail your check payable to Berks Catholic High School to Berks Catholic, 955 East Wyomissing Blvd, Reading, PA 19611 Attn: Development or make an online donation at berkscatholic.org.

EXCELLENCE ▾ FAITH ▾ FUTURE

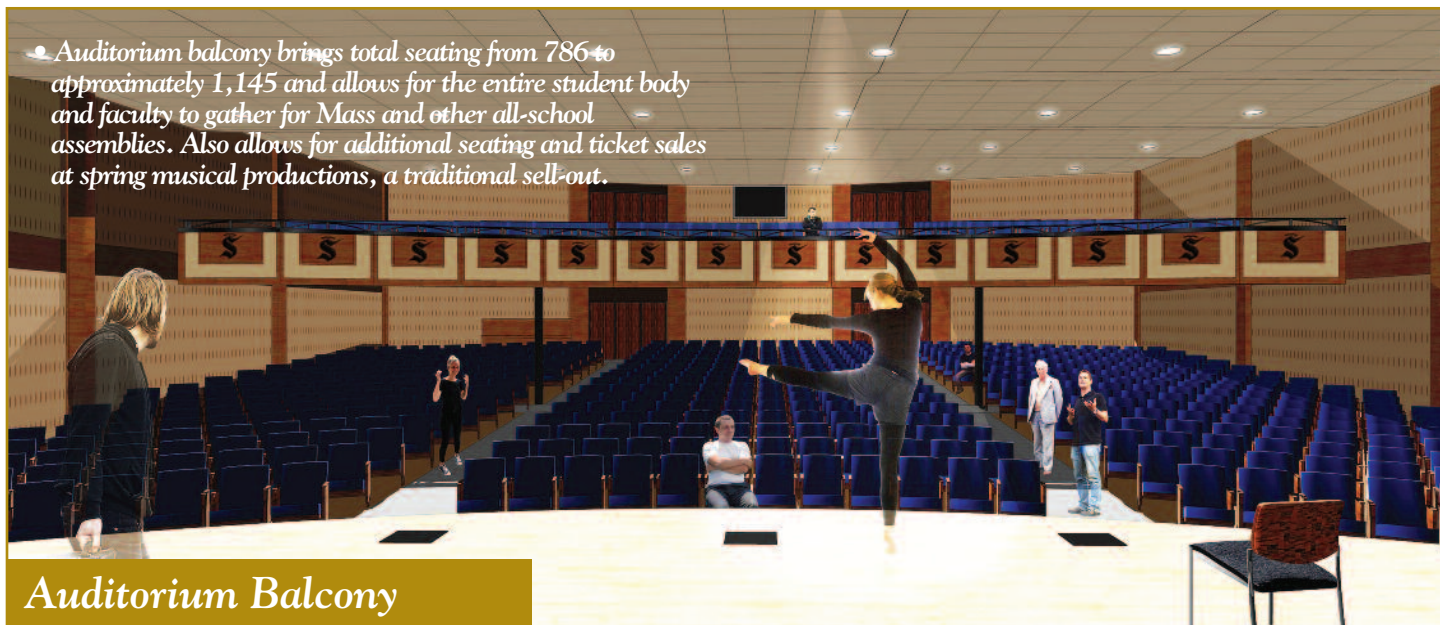
Berks Catholic High School was founded on July 1, 2011, and the Saints emerged from the union of Central Catholic and Holy Name High Schools with over 75 years of secondary Catholic education in Berks County. Our legacy alumni from Central Catholic and Holy Name are today's leaders in religious, education, medical, legal, business, industry, family and community sectors throughout our region and beyond.

Since our formation in 2011 we have grown by 7.6% in enrollment and project a continued trend in enrollment growth totaling over 23% growth from 2011-2012 through the 2023-2024 school year. These projections are based on historical data showing a 72% matriculation rate from our partner schools and a 25 student influx into the freshmen class from non-partner schools each year. We expect our enrollment to reach physical space capacity for the 2015-2016 school year, thus, as a temporary action,

Learning Center



- 2 additional classrooms on first floor in large, open 21st Century learning space where students can benefit from small-group or large-group instruction.
- 6 new classrooms on the third floor with optimal learning space allows for class sizes to remain in the mid-to low-20s.
- Open space is outfitted flexibly for future classroom expansion if needed.



Auditorium Balcony

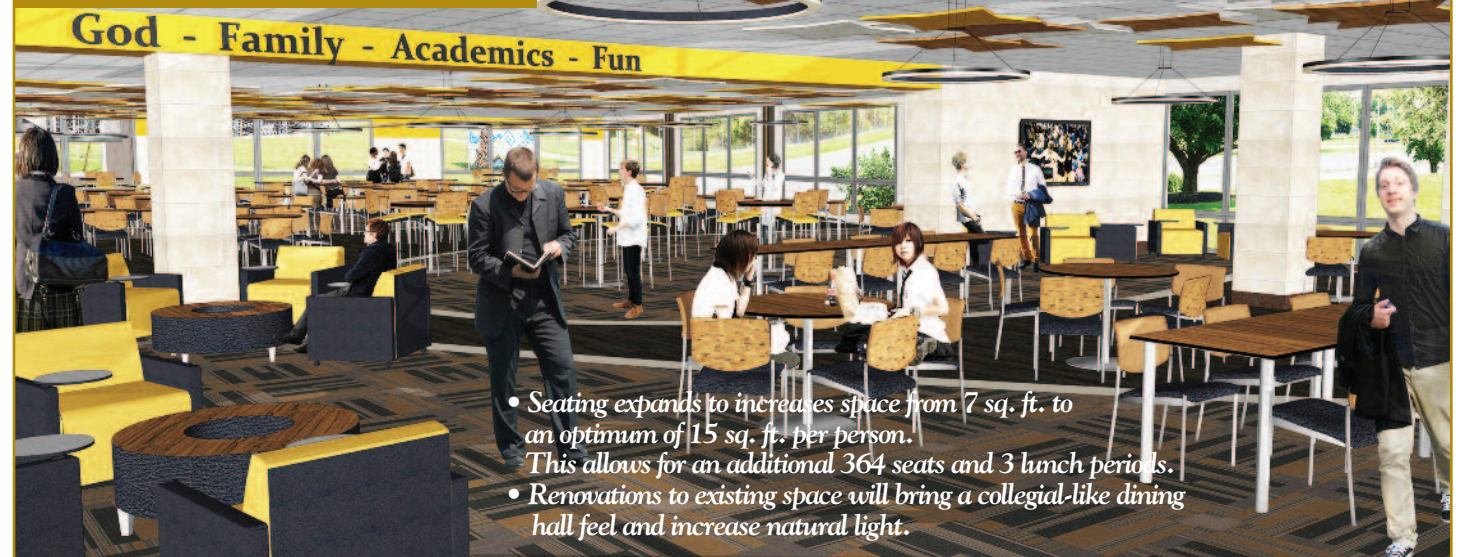
- Auditorium balcony brings total seating from 786 to approximately 1,145 and allows for the entire student body and faculty to gather for Mass and other all-school assemblies. Also allows for additional seating and ticket sales at spring musical productions, a traditional sell-out.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

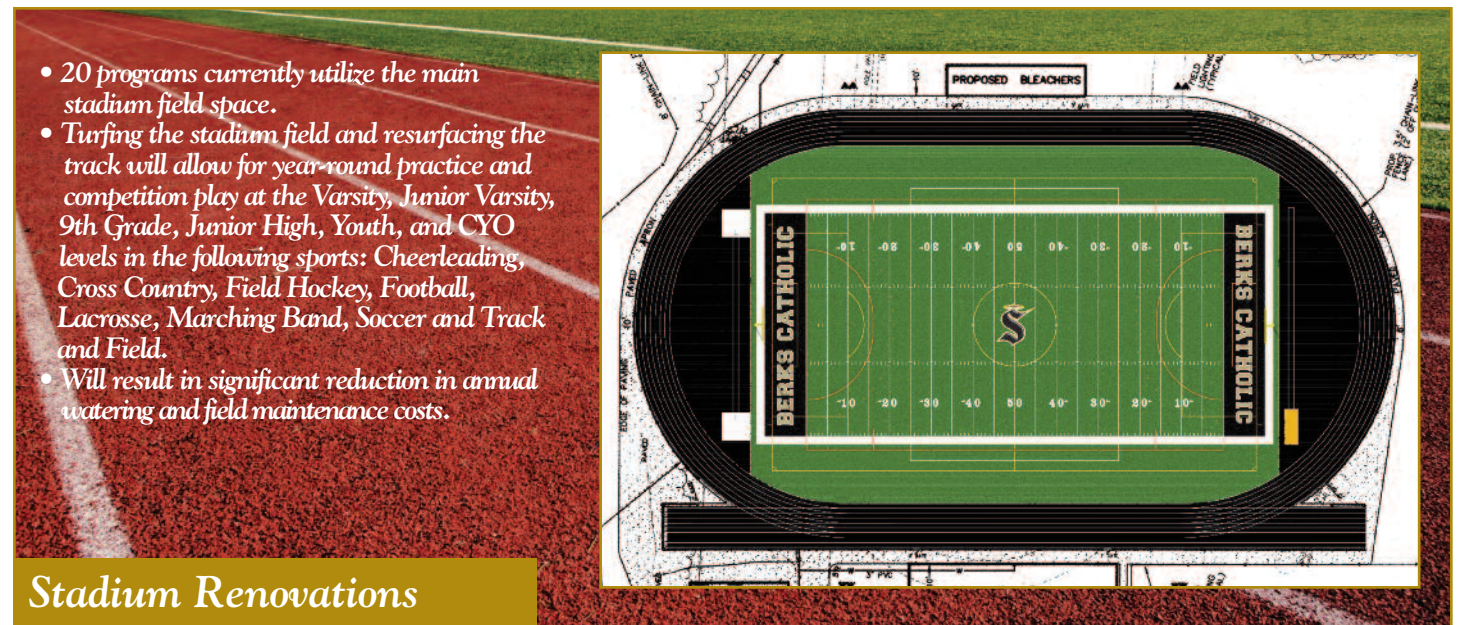
we are re-purposing existing space for five additional classrooms and more seats in the cafeteria. But, this will not be sufficient for the future growth. Our auditorium has a current capacity of 786 people, and our current enrollment is 796. Our track has exceeded its usable duration and we are now servicing over 20 varsity, JV, Junior, Youth, and CYO programs on our main stadium field which is stressing it beyond its limits.

Through the dedicated and committed efforts of the BCHS internal and external communities, we can continue to provide the very best for our students. By securing \$9 million, the *Faith Excellence Future* campaign will provide the facilities and resources necessary to complement the curriculum to meet our strategic goals. For more information or to discuss your personal gift to the Capital Campaign, please call Betsy Woytovich at 610-374-8361 ext 231. Please also check out our video by clicking on Capital Campaign at BerksCatholic.org.

Expanded Cafeteria



- Seating expands to increase space from 7 sq. ft. to an optimum of 15 sq. ft. per person. This allows for an additional 364 seats and 3 lunch periods.
- Renovations to existing space will bring a collegial-like dining hall feel and increase natural light.



- 20 programs currently utilize the main stadium field space.
- Turfing the stadium field and resurfacing the track will allow for year-round practice and competition play at the Varsity, Junior Varsity, 9th Grade, Junior High, Youth, and CYO levels in the following sports: Cheerleading, Cross Country, Field Hockey, Football, Lacrosse, Marching Band, Soccer and Track and Field.
- Will result in significant reduction in annual watering and field maintenance costs.

Stadium Renovations



Mike Duddy (HN 1988, BC Parent), Kevin Hughes (BC Parent), Kris Krieger (BC Parent), Kevin Schroder (BC Parent), and Matt Stitzel (HN 1988) get ready to tee off.

Golf Outing 2015



Tom McFadden (HN 1987) and Pat Doyle (HN 1988, BC Parent) watch to see whose ball is closest to the pin.

The 2015 Swing Fore the Saints Golf Outing at Golden Oaks Golf Club in Fleetwood was a huge success and a fun day for all of our Saint alumni! Once again, the weather was perfect, and 156 golfers came out to support Berks Catholic. Over \$12,000 was raised for financial aid for Berks Catholic Students.



Save the Date for the 2016 Golf Outing: September 15, 2016.

Golfers enjoy a buffet dinner and awards ceremony following a day of golf.

EXTRAVAGANZA 2015, MARDI GRAS-LAISSEZ LES BONNE TEMPS ROULER



Members of the Berks Catholic Class of 2016 served as greeters at Extravaganza



Mardi Gras-Laissez les bonne temps rouler, was a huge success



Extravaganza 2015 Chairs with Father Gene Ritz, Chaplin, and Tony Balistrere, Principal; Dino and Debbie Ioannidi, Ray and Cindy Zdradzinski, Jeff and Kim Huntsman.

Extravaganza 2015, Mardi Gras-Laissez les bonne temps rouler, was a huge success, raising over \$194,000, including \$49,850 toward the Emotional Appeal, which will allow us to replace the bleachers in Wolf Gymnasium this summer.

A special thanks to all of our volunteers, sponsors, donors, and attendees, and to our chairs, Jeff and Kim Huntsman, Dino and Debbie Ioannidi, and Ray and Cindy Zdradzinski, for

all of their hard work and dedication. And Congratulations to Dr. Frank Franco and Mr. Gregory Flemming (CC 1955), who were honored that evening for their dedication to Berks Catholic and to Catholic education in Berks County for many years.

Save the Date for Extravaganza 2016:
October 7, 2016 with Preview Party
October 6.

IN MEMORIAM Archbishop Francis B. Schulte

December 23, 1926 - January 17, 2016

The Berks Catholic Family is mourning the loss of Archbishop Francis B. Schulte, a beloved member of the Central Catholic Faculty from 1954 until 1961.

Francis Schulte was born in Philadelphia and attended Saint Joseph's Preparatory School and studied for the priesthood at Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary, Overbrook. Father Schulte was ordained a priest on May 10, 1952 by the Most Rev. John O'Hara, Archbishop of Philadelphia. His further education included the University of Pennsylvania, Oxford University (England), and the Harvard Graduate School of Education.



Following his tenure in Reading Father and then Monsignor Schulte served as Assistant Superintendent and Superintendent of Schools for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia from 1961-1980.

He was named Auxiliary Bishop of Philadelphia in 1981, Bishop of Wheeling-Charleston, West Virginia

in 1985 and Archbishop of New Orleans, Louisiana in 1989. All appointments were from the now Saint John Paul II. As a bishop and archbishop he served as the chairman of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Education.

Archbishop Schulte remained in touch with many of his students from Berks County whose lives he impacted as a priest and educator. "Father Schulte" spoke of his assignment at Central and his time in Reading as the "Camelot" of his priesthood.

The Berks Catholic family would like to extend an invitation to a Memorial Mass which will be held on Thursday, April 7, 2016 in the Franco-Post Auditorium at 8:45a.m.

UPCOMING CLASS REUNIONS

HOLY NAME CLASS OF 1976

**October 1, 2016 at Third & Spruce,
West Reading, 6-10 pm**

We are looking for "lost" classmates. If you know anyone for whom we do not have an address or contact information or for more information about the reunion, please call Patrick Larkin at 610-407-7126 or plarkin@msn.com or check out our Facebook page, "Class of 1976 40th Reunion." We are also having a "pre-reunion" golf outing at Reading Country Club (earlier that Saturday), currently we have tee times for 5 foursomes starting at 10:03 am. Please call Patrick for more information about golf as well.

CENTRAL CATHOLIC AND HOLY NAME CLASS OF 1966 – COMBINED 50TH YEAR REUNION

**October 29, 2016 at Fish Pond West
in Leesport, PA**

We are looking for "lost" classmates. If you know anyone for whom we do not have an address or contact information or for more information about the reunion, please call Greg Albrecht at 610-779-6304 (home) or 610-413-0435 (cell) or Karen Bocchio Smith at 610-670-7813. More information will be coming soon.

If you are planning a Berks Catholic, Central Catholic or Holy Name reunion and would like to list more information about the reunion here for your classmates to find, please contact Betsy Woytovich at 610-374-8361 ext 231 or bwoytovich@berkscatholic.org.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Friday & Saturday - March 18 & 19
Berks Catholic Performing Arts Spring Musical, "Annie"

Show times:

Friday, March 18 at 7 PM

Saturday, March 19 Matinee at 1:00

Saturday, March 19 at 7 PM

Tickets: \$10 adults, \$8 senior citizens and students

Ticket Sale Hours: Sunday 1-5

Ticket booth located across from BC Auditorium

Tickets can also be ordered by mail or online.

See the Berks Catholic website for more details.

Friday April 8, 4-6 PM
- Berks Catholic Alumni Get-Together

All Holy Name, Central Catholic and Berks Catholic graduates welcome!

Third & Spruce Café, West Reading

For more information or to RSVP, contact Betsy Woytovich at 610-374-8361, ext 231 or bwoytovich@berkscatholic.org.

**Thursday April 28, 8:30 AM - Grandparents Day
Mass and Breakfast**

Grandparents of all Current Berks Catholic Students

**Sunday, June 26, 2 PM - Third Annual Berks Catholic
Alumni Get-Together at the Shore**

All HN, CC, and BC graduates and families welcome.

The Princeton, 2008 Dune Dr, Avalon, NJ

For more information or to RSVP, contact Betsy Woytovich at 610-374-8361, ext 231 or bwoytovich@berkscatholic.org

**Friday, September 16 - 6th Annual
Swing Fore the Saints Golf Outing**

Golden Oaks Golf Club, Fleetwood

8:00 AM & 1:00 PM shotgun starts/4-person scramble

For more information, contact Betsy Woytovich at 610-374-8361, ext 231 or bwoytovich@berkscatholic.org

Friday, October 7 - Berks Catholic Extravaganza 2016

Preview Party Thursday evening, October 6

For more information or to make a donation contact Danielle Fowler at 610-374-1695 or extravaganza@berkscatholic.org

**Friday, October 21 - Berks Catholic Homecoming Game
& Festivities 2016**

For more information, contact Betsy Woytovich at 610-374-8361, ext 231 or bwoytovich@berkscatholic.org



ATHLETIC HIGHLIGHTS

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Congratulations to the Girls Volleyball Team, who won the following titles with an undefeated season:

- Division Champions
- County Champions
- District Champions
- State Champions
(Berks Catholic's first-ever state title)



Girls Volleyball Undefeated Division, County, District and State Champions

And to the following players for special recognition:

- All-State AA
 - Olivia Blankenbiller
 - Caitlin Crespo
 - Lexi Leddy
 - Devon Merritt
- Berks County Player of the Year
 - Devon Merritt
- All-County
 - Olivia Blankenbiller
- All-District 3 AA – First Team
 - Devon Merritt
 - Olivia Blankenbiller
- All-District 3 AA – Second Team
 - Lexi Leddy

All-Division 2

- Caitlin Crespo
- Lexi Leddy

All-Division 2 Honorable Mention

- Olivia Zdradzinski

All-Berks First Team Defense

- John Reedy (DL)
- Isaac Lutz (DB)

Second Team Defense

- John Paulik



Football District Champions

FOOTBALL

Congratulations to the Football Team who were District Champions, received the 2015 football officials' sportsmanship award, and were undefeated in their regular season!

And to the following players for special recognition:

Player of the Year – Offense Back

- Isaac Lutz

All-State AA

- Isaac Lutz

Berks County All-Academic Team

• Terry Derr, Owen Dubble, Dante Fuchs, Brandon George, Alex Gunderson, Matthew Hagelbarger, Reed Hirneisen, Matthew Hughes, Justin Huntsman, Nick Kuzma, David Jones, Trevor Leamer, Cooper Lutz, Isaac Lutz, John Paulik, Brandon Perez, Manny Ramirez, John Roussel, Marcus Wilson

All-Berks First Team Offense

- Isaac Lutz (RB)
- John Reedy (TE)

Honorable Mention

- Quarterback- Terry Derr
- Running Back – Cooper Lutz, Marcus Wilson
- Wide receiver – Tanner Pajakinas
- Center – Mike Tauber
- Guard – Michael Fey, Ryan Glanski
- Tackle – Nick Kuzma
- Linemen – John Blanco, Bobby Cressman
- Linebackers – Brandon George, Trevor Leamer, Marcus Wilson
- Backs – Cooper Lutz, Tanner Pajakinas

All-County First Team

- Erich Buerkert

All-County Second Team

- Tim Cronan
- Nicholas Gallen

All-County Honorable Mention

- Mark Rivera
- Dante Fuchs

WATER POLO

All-State

- Charley Sticker
- Elizabeth Gaspari

All-County

- Elizabeth Gaspari
- Charley Stricker

CROSS COUNTRY

All-Division

- Olivia Iswalt
- Jake Stoltzfus
- Annie Moser

FIELD HOCKEY

All-Berks Division II

- Mathilde Govers

Honorable Mention

- Mia Corbacio
- Taylor Hafer
- Allie Hutchinson

PA Coaches Association All-Academic Team

- Annie Paulik
- Lauren Close

- Taylor Hafer
- Abigail Wolfe

GOLF

All-County

- Oliver Hanley

All-Berks I

- Vince Burke
- Nick Dinnocenti
- Tucker DiPiazza
- Kyle Zeller

GIRLS TENNIS

Congratulations to the Girls Tennis team who won the following titles:

- Division Champions
- District Champions

And to Lin Robertson, the District Singles Champion!

And to the following players for special recognition:

- All-County
 - Lin Robertson

All-Berks II

- Catherine Maher

And Congratulations to the following athletes for special recognition in their sport:

BOYS SOCCER

All-State

- Erich Buerkert



Girls' Tennis District Champions

Congratulations to the 2015 Homecoming Court



Congratulations to the 2015 Homecoming Court: Taylor Hafer, Julie Mengle, Christa Albert, Olivia Blankenbiller, Samantha Kane, John Reedy, Andrew Hobson, Luke Ha, Brian Kominick, and Kevin Duncan.



And a special Congratulations to our 2015 Homecoming King and Queen, Luke Ha and Christa Albert



SUPER SAINTS

Berks County Business Club (BC²) - District Recap

The Berks Catholic Business Club had a strong showing in their second DECA District 6 competition. The Berks Catholic contingent had 15 of 24 entrants qualify for the state competition in Hershey March 1st, 2nd and 3rd. The Berks Catholic contingent secured 6 first-place finishes, 3 second-place finishes, and 4 third place finishes. Listed below are the Berks Catholic Competitors and their area of specialty...

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

Issac Nawa – Principles of Business Management and Administration (1st Place)
Francisco Acosta – Accounting Principles (1st Place)
Will English – Business Finance Series (1st Place)
Kevin Duncan – Business Services Marketing (1st Place)
Brian Kominick–Retail Merchandising Series (1st Place)
Evan Silber – Principles of Business Management and Administration (2nd Place)



The District Team

Jake Stoltzfus – Marketing Management (2nd Place)
Jacob Coralnick – Principles of Finance (3rd Place)
Matthew Perez – Food Marketing Series (3rd Place)
Branden Perez – Retail Merchandising Series (3rd Place)
Yunseo (Sebrina) Lee – Principles of Marketing (4th Place)
Gabriela Morcelo – Principles of Hospitality and Tourism (4th Place)
Catherine Stanko – Job Interview (4th Place)
Dylan Patrick – Sports and Entertainment Marketing Series (6th Place)

TEAM EVENTS

Addison Wright and Sophia Promutico – Buying and Merchandising (2nd Place)
Aiden Parisi and Matt Slezak – Financial Analysis (2nd Place)
Matt Roussel and Tim Rosenhoover – Financial Analysis (3rd Place)
Marc Rivera and Evin Twyman – Marketing Communications (5th Place)



Highest Individual Scores (1st and 2nd)



Second Highest Team Score Overall

SUPER SAINTS

Berks County Interscholastic Math Championship



Lang Wang, Jonathan Gramley and Min Kwak, 2015 Berks County Interscholastic Math Champions.

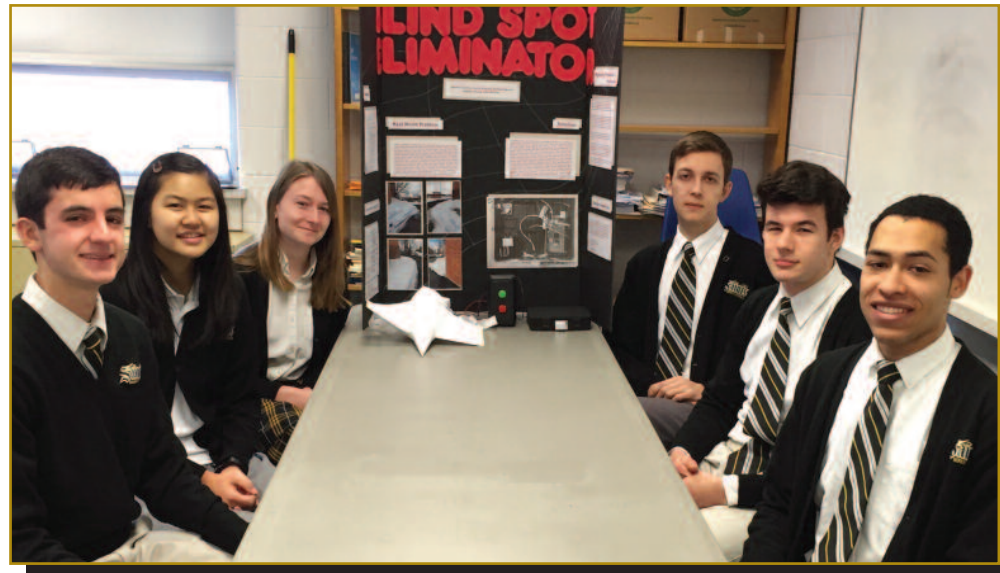
Berks Catholic won the 2015 Berks County Interscholastic Math Championship held at Penn State Berks on November 15, 2015. BC had the individual winner, Lang Wang, and also won the team championship, Lang Wang, Min Kwak, and Jonathan Gramley. Lang won a cash award, trophy and plaque and Min and Jonathan received a trophy each. The Berks County Interscholastic Mathematics Championship traveling team trophy is currently displayed at Berks Catholic.



Julie Mengle was nominated to represent Berks Catholic in Berks County's Outstanding Young Women competition. Julie was third runner up and won a \$500 scholarship!

STEM Team

Jonathan Gramley, Rachel Kopecky, Baotram Nguyen, Matt Slezak, and Jacob Stoltzfus were among 25 high school students to participate in the Berks County finals of the second annual Governor's Pennsylvania STEM Competition, which was held at Berks County Intermediate Unit in May. STEM stands for science, technology, engineering and math. With a theme of "building a stronger Pennsylvania," students were tasked with creating STEM projects aimed at improving the community.



SAINTS IN SERVICE



The National Honor Society organized a food drive through Berks Catholic students donated over 2,100 cans for the Greater Reading Good Bank through the Notre Dame Club.



Mrs. Kim Staub and the Berks Catholic Pro Life Club organized and ran the 2015 Berks Catholic Blood Drive. Thank you to all those who donated.



Saints washing dishes after serving breakfast at Opportunity House before school.



Rachel Bechtel joins other Saints in spending time students at Oliver's Boys and Girls Club in Reading.



Berks Catholic students spending time in prayer and adoration as the impending storm thwarted our busses from making the annual trip to the March For Life. The entire student body had the opportunity to participate throughout the entire day.

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, indicate where you would like your donation to go, and mail to:

Berks Catholic High School, Attn: Office of Development,
955 E. Wyomissing Boulevard, Reading, PA 19611

Credit Card

Credit card payments can be made at www.BerksCatholic.org/annualfund or by phone at 610.374.8361 with Visa, MasterCard and Discover.

Angel Scholarship Fund

Through the Angel Scholarship Fund, Angel donors can contribute toward the tuition of a specific student or to the general tuition assistance fund in which case donations are dispersed to students with the greatest financial need.

Capital Campaign

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- 8 additional classrooms
- Auditorium expansion
- Multi-media learning commons
- Additional seating and upgraded cafeteria
- Stadium field turf and new track

Support from our stakeholders speaks strongly to the confidence that they have in our mission. Your commitment to the *Faith Excellence Future* campaign will allow us to further this mission, which is centered on four pillars of God, Family, Academics, and Fun.

EITC/OSTC

Businesses can reallocate PA state tax dollars to help provide scholarships and financial aid to Berks Catholic students through EITC and OSTC. The Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) and the Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credit

(OSTC) programs allow businesses to receive a 90% tax credit (if donating for two consecutive years), for a donation which provides tuition assistance for families at Berks Catholic. You can also view information online at www.newpa.com/eitc or www.newpa.com/ostc.

Endowment Fund

The Berks Catholic Scholarship Endowment Fund provides 5% of principal each year for scholarships. It is broadly diversified and actively managed. Gifts can be accepted at anytime into the Endowment Fund through cash or stock contributions.

Extravaganza

Extravaganza is the annual major fundraiser for Berks Catholic. The first Extravaganza was such a success that 30+ years later, we are still enjoying this fun-filled event, which is worked on year round and on average raises \$150,000 to \$200,000 each year. Extravaganza is a silent and oral auction with a sit-down dinner, hundreds of silent and live auction items, and much more. Over the past 30+ years, Extravaganza has raised over \$4 million for our catholic high school. For more information about Extravaganza, to make a monetary donation, or to donate an item for auction, please contact Danielle Fowler at 610-374-8361, ext 239 or extravaganza@berkscatholic.org.

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.

In Memoriam

Gifts can be made in memory of a deceased loved one who has designated Berks Catholic as the recipient of gifts upon his or her death. Donations can also be made in memory of any deceased Berks Catholic, Central Catholic, or Holy Name classmate.

Matching Gifts

Matching gifts are a very important source of support. 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. 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.

Planned Gifts/St. Nicholas Society

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. 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.

Saints Annual Fund

The Saints Fund is the cornerstone of philanthropic giving at Berks Catholic High School. The Saints Fund is a dependable source of unrestricted gifts that can be applied to the areas of greatest need. Student scholarships and financial aid, curriculum enhancement, athletics, and arts and music resources are just some examples of support provided by the fund. It is vital that the Saints Fund continues to grow in order for Berks Catholic to be able to provide an excellent education in a Christ-centered environment to students in Berks County.

Swing Fore the Saints Golf Outing

The Swing Fore the Saints Golf Outing is a day of camaraderie, fun, and golf for alumni and friends of Berks Catholic, Central Catholic, and Holy Name, all in the name of supporting Berks Catholic High School. Sponsorship opportunities start at \$100. All proceeds from the golf outing go toward financial aid at Berks Catholic.

United Way

Gifts to United Way can be designated to Berks Catholic High School.

Advertising/Sponsorship Opportunities

Advertising/Sponsorship Opportunities include the Gym Banners, the Swing Fore the Saints Golf Outing, the Fall Program Book, Extravaganza, and the Spring Musical.

For more information about any of these ways to support Berks Catholic High School, please contact Betsy Woytovich at 610-374-8361, ext 231 or bwoytovich@berkscatholic.org.



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