



KNIGHT NEWS

ARCHBISHOP HOBAN HIGH SCHOOL MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

JULY 2023



For the first time in nearly 30 years, Hoban's Dome has been refurbished. Originally constructed in the late-90s through the support of generous alumni and friends, the Dome has been repainted, repaired the soffit and restored the stained glass windows. Thank you to Terry Nolan '65 for supporting this beautification project.

A Message from President Chris DiMauro '99





A Message from Principal T.K. Griffith '89

I enjoy playing the guitar when I can, but noticed in the last few years that my muse wasn't calling to me that often. There's a lightness...a playfulness and energy that comes with teaching English full-time that fades away in the heavier load and formal nature of the Principal job. The energy in the classroom is palpable and keeps you young...and it often inspired me to write or play a song that connected to a poem, novel or literary character. Often, the class would enjoy it--or at least they feigned amusement. But I put the guitar down for most of two years.

Last fall, the night before Mum Day, a few students who I had taught in English class as sophomores asked me if I would be willing to sing/play a song for the Mum Day assembly. I had mixed feelings. Flattered on one hand, but scared and not confident on the other. I knew that my muse had left me, but I started to look through my guitar tabs on my phone for something I could recraft. The spirit led me to *Take me Home, Country Roads* by John Denver. I played around with the lyrics all night, recrafted it and the next day the student body sang along while the lyrics on the video board accompanied my mediocre strums and vocals. It was really fun, and will certainly be one of my favorite Hoban memories ever. Had the kids not served as my muse that night, the moment would never have happened. The power of the group pushing each other up spoke again. Here's what we sang:

Almost heaven, Archbishop Hoban

Castle on the Hill, in Akron, Ohio

*Life is good here, better than St Vs
Holy Cross tradition, teaching hearts and minds.*

***Arlington Road, take me home
To the place I belong
Archbishop Hoban, Golden Dome
Take me home, Arlington road***

*All my memories, Mum Day rallies
Mushie Cookies, teachers like Rob Yanko
Blue and Gold, bleeding from our veins
Cross and anchor round my neck, teardrop in my eye*

***Arlington Road, take me home
To the place I belong
Archbishop Hoban, Golden Dome
Take me home, Arlington road***

*I hear a voice, calling from the past
It's Brother James Spooner, checking in on class
He says Class of 23, Running clock-- never take a knee
Carry that torch, Brothers are counting on thee*

***Arlington Road, take me home
To the place I belong
Archbishop Hoban, Golden Dome
Take me home, Arlington road***

I always look for messages in my daily interactions, and the message here really struck me today as I drove down Arlington Road to an empty Hoban on this summer Saturday morning. We need a group to push us out of our comfort zone. We need a group to encourage us to be our true selves. These kids knew there was a part of me that always cherished the creativity of the moment in the classroom...a part that loves engaging a group. They dug a fossil out of me and blew off the dust.

That's what I love about Hoban. I see people do that for each other every day. Student to student, student to teacher, teacher to student, teacher to teacher and staff member to all of the above. The power of the group--the Hoban family--constantly challenges each other to grow, consoles each other in loss, accepts each other for their uniquenesses, gifts and quirks, listens without judgment when needed, but encourages each member to stretch themselves as well. While we are an accepting group, we won't accept anything less than your best self.

The other message was the power of music as prayer. Whether it's a concert, a choir at church or Spotify on your phone, music has a healing power. So many of our students have shown us the way with this when they integrate music into a presentation or performance. Recently, I spent time with the Macinga family at the calling hours for their late father, David. His sudden loss stunned all of us, and I felt for Pam and their three boys, all Hoban Knights: Jake, Jack and Josh. Jack played guitar for a presentation in my English class years ago, and I noticed guitars were arrayed around the funeral home. Jack explained to me how he and his father played together all the time as a hobby, and the guitar was symbolic of their bond and Dave's vibrant life. It was emotional for me when I learned that the next day, Jack played several songs at the cemetery to honor his father, including Cat Stevens' "Father and Son." The courage he showed to honor his father with song...wow...certainly a powerful tear-evoking tribute. I know those boys will honor their father with their lives, as they already stood tall supporting their Mom during this time of grief.

I keep a guitar in the office, and since no one was around today, I just picked it up and played "Arlington Road" and "Father and Son." Truth be told, I had a little tear in the eye.

Knowing that the class of 2023 departed, knowing that for the first time since 1995 I won't be raising a child under my roof as our last of four children, son Andrew, moves off to college. Knowing how much the lyrics of Arlington Road mean to me. Knowing what great sons the Macinga's are...and how they parallel so many great Hoban kids we've come to admire.

It just makes me so excited for the start of the school year in August...when we can create new memories and moments. When we can encourage each other to live for others, to bring hope to the world.

Arlington Road, take me home. To the place, I belong. Archbishop Hoban. Golden Dome. Take me home, Arlington Road.

SCHOOL SUCCESS AND NEWS

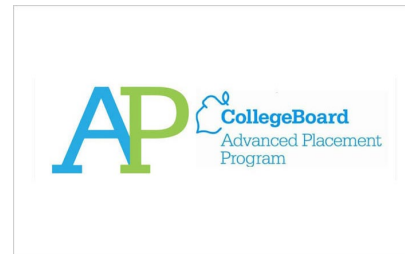
Summer JAM 2023

Many Hoban students participated in Justice Akron Ministry (JAM) this summer. JAM is a three-day social justice summer service project that students can choose to complete while they build community with one another and grow in their faith. During the day, students and adult leaders perform volunteer service at various social service agencies. In the evening, participants engage in fellowship with peers, listen to guest speakers and participate in activities that encourage reflection on the service experience.



Hoban exceeds national average on AP tests

In May, 156 students took a total of 240 Advanced Placement tests. As a whole, Hoban students did exceptionally well on their exams, exceeding the national average in nearly every course. In fact, Mukun Zhou '23 scored a five, the highest possible score on all five of his tests. Overall, 72% of the students passed their AP test with a score of 3 or higher. We are proud of all of their efforts and hard work to achieve within college courses and thankful for our Holy Cross educators who support their learning.



Sustainability Center wins regional award

Hoban's Sustainability Center was awarded a 2022 George and Helen Hartzog Award for Outstanding Volunteer Service by the National Park Service. The 2021-22 class won the Impact Award: Team Category.

This award recognizes multiple volunteers-in-parks who have consistently volunteered and collaborated together, who may have worked on a variety of projects or may have had a more singular focus.



The Center for Sustainability combines a rigorous academic program with field experience, service learning and student interests to allow students the opportunity to develop and test programs in Cuyahoga Valley National Park that address issues related to environmental science, bioethics and/or public health. During its inaugural year, four seniors visited the park once a month to volunteer in service and carry out work related to their research project proposals.

The group's service included planting native trees, collecting native tree mortality data for an Environmental Protection Agency study, taking inventory of logistics and equipment for recreational programming, prepping native grasses and flowers for future park planting, social trail mapping and monitoring through resource management and creek bed stabilization with live willow stakes in a tributary of the Cuyahoga River. Each experience also included recreation and immersion in the park tied to goals in social and emotional learning.

The student projects were a wonderful reflection of the diversity of ways that parks matter to our community. The students' projects included:

- Creating signage and a mapping plan that exceeds Americans with Disabilities Act accessibility requirements to provide elevation and difficulty information beyond current park maps.
- Exploring the new kayaking and water safety focus of Cuyahoga Valley National Park as the water quality has improved.
- Piloting programming on the links between mental health and nature in high school students.
- Researching native wildlife to write and illustrate a children's book in both Spanish and English to increase the resources available to non-native speakers.

Current juniors and seniors interested in this program can still join by contacting Mrs. Bates, Ms. Perrow, or their guidance counselor.



2023 Europe Trip

Forty Hoban students traveled abroad for two weeks in June, visiting Nice, Montecarlo, Florence, Rome, Pompeii, Sicily and Calabria, with Hoban Holy Cross educators Donatella Salvadori, Tim Lucey, Jodi Sulbaran and Melanie White.



Holy Cross Educator Retirements

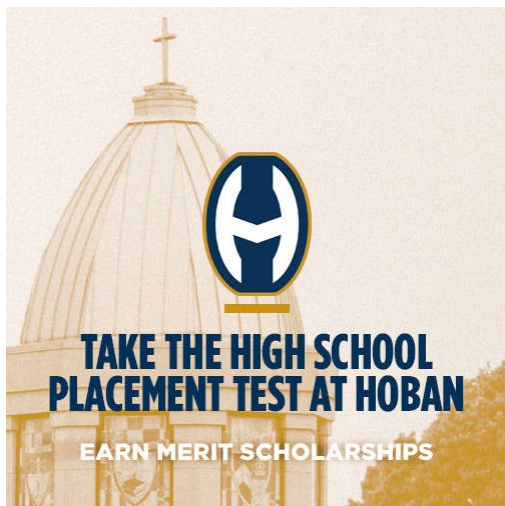
The Academic Success Center said goodbye to two outstanding tutors, Diane Farmer and Judy Mohan. Diane Farmer has spent 23 years serving the Hoban community as a math tutor, a test proctor for students with accommodations, an ACT/SAT proctor, and provided standardized testing preparation for students. Judy Mohan spent 17 years serving in the Science Department at Hoban before retiring and joining the Academic Success Center as a science tutor for the last four years. She was also this year's recipient of the Brother James Spooner Heart & Mind Award. These educators embody the charisms of the Holy Cross and will be truly missed. We are forever grateful for their years of dedicated service to the Hoban community and wish them the best in their endeavors.

Additionally, we wish farewell to the following Holy Cross educators who are retiring or pursuing other opportunities. Thank you for your dedication and contributions over the years, you will be missed.

- Denise Considine: Cafeteria Director
- Micah Kraus: Fine Art Department Chair and Visual Art Teacher
- Greg Pero: Pre-Engineering and Science Teacher
- Jenny Spontarelli: Mathematics Teacher
- Jo Gallo: Auxiliary Clerk

FROM THE ADMISSIONS OFFICE

**HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT TEST
REGISTRATION WILL OPEN ON AUG. 15, 2023**



2023 HSPT Placement Test Dates:

- Saturday, Sept. 23, 2023, 8:30 a.m. - Noon
- Saturday, Oct. 14, 2023, 8:30 a.m. - Noon
- Saturday, Nov. 11, 2023, 8:30 a.m. - Noon
- Saturday, Nov. 18, 2023, 8:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.
(This test date is specifically for students who qualify to receive testing accommodations.)
- Saturday, Dec. 9, 2023, 8:30 a.m. - Noon (The Dec. 9 test date will only be used for admission purposes.)

[MORE INFORMATION](#)

ATHLETICS OFFICE NEWS



NEW 2023-24 DOWED FIELD ATHLETIC SPECTATOR POLICY

Hoban is implementing several changes to improve the safety and security of all spectators during athletic events at Dowed Field. Please read thoroughly as many existing policies have been modified.

TICKETS

All spectators will be required to purchase a ticket. The gates will not be opened for free admission during the second half of contests.

GATES

Spectators will be required to enter through one of three entrance gates. Please reference the image for more clarity. There is NO re-entry to the contest once leaving the gates. This is a safety protocol that will be enforced.

PARKING

We will no longer offer pre-paid parking passes. All spectator parking for football games will be \$10. This change allows Hoban to offer ADA accessible parking and better utilizes total parking lot capacity. Lots A and

B will only be accessible to event personnel. Free parking for students and spectators is available at the school.

STUDENTS

Hoban students will be required to have a student wrist band to enter and sit in the student section during games. Wrist bands will be distributed weekly. More information will be communicated to students and parents at a later date.

STUDENT DROP OFF AND PICK UP

Any student who needs a ride to and from the game is required to be dropped off and picked up in the V-Lot at the school. This change is necessary to not cause traffic congestion on Inman St.

STADIUM EXIT

After games, we ask all spectators to exit immediately. If you are waiting for a student-athlete, we ask you to do so in the parking lot. The team will not be permitted to leave the field until the stadium is cleared.

[ATHLETIC SPECTATOR POLICIES](#)



Hoban earned four top awards at area award show

More than 400 local athletes were honored on June 22 at the 2023 Greater Akron-Canton High School Sports Awards. Ten Premier Awards were presented at the show along with winners in 29 individual sports played in the fall, winter and spring sports season. Hoban student-athletes earned four top awards.

- Boys Team of the Year: **Hoban Boys Basketball**
- Boys Athlete of the Year: **Lamar Sperling '23**
- Offensive Football Player of the Year: **Lamar Sperling '23**
- Boys Golfer of the Year: **Jack Vojtko '24**

The Greater Akron-Canton High School Sports Awards show is part of the USA Today High School Sports Awards, the largest high school sports recognition program in the country.

ALUMNI NEWS



ALUMNI COOKOUT LAST CALL TO RSVP!

As a THANK YOU for your dedication to the Hoban Alumni Association this year, the Hoban Advancement Team invites you to join us for a cookout.

July 27, 2023 | 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Hoban's Wartko Family Pavilion
Food and beverage will be provided.

[RSVP](#)

FIRST ANNUAL ALUMNI KICKBALL TOURNAMENT

All Hoban alumni and friends are welcome to join us for a fun afternoon of kickball on **Sunday, Aug. 6, 2023**. The tournament will begin at 12:30 p.m. at the Wentz Family Foundation Fields on Hoban's campus. A food truck and beverages will be provided. REGISTER BY JULY 31 TO PLAY.

[TEAM RULES](#)



ALUMNI KICKBALL TOURNAMENT

Teams should have a minimum of 11 adults and must have at least one male and one female player on the field at all times. Teams can substitute players at any time during the game. Each team must have a Hoban alumnus captain. All skill levels are welcome!

[REGISTER](#)

come HOME TO HOBAN

SAVE THE DATE
Sept. 9-10, 2023

Come Home to Hoban is a weekend-long celebration with your Hoban family. All graduates and families are invited to join in the festivities to reconnect with old friends and share your blue and gold pride.

[Details](#)

CLASS OF

1958 - 65 YEARS

1963 - 60 YEARS

1968 - 55 YEARS

1973 - 50 YEARS

1978 - 45 YEARS

1983 - 40 YEARS

1988 - 35 YEARS



MILESTONE REUNIONS

The Alumni Office can help
you plan your reunion!

Contact Kristen Robinson at
advancement@hoban.org or
330.773.8620

CLASS OF

1993 - 30 YEARS

1998 - 25 YEARS

2003 - 20 YEARS

2008 - 15 YEARS

2013 - 10 YEARS

2018 - 5 YEARS

Hoban announces Athletic Hall of Fame inductees

Hoban is proud to announce the Class of 2023 inductees into the Hoban Athletic Hall of Fame. Established in 1989, The Hoban Athletic Hall of Fame honors accomplished student-athletes, coaches or athletic benefactors who exemplify Hoban's Holy Cross core values and have demonstrated outstanding performance, both on and off the field. Honorees are chosen by a dedicated committee that gives prayerful consideration to all nominations. The induction ceremony is held biannually and names are immortalized on a plaque in the Nolan Concourse outside the Barry Gymnasium. This year's recipients will be honored at an induction ceremony on Sunday, Sept. 10, 2023 at Guy's Party Center.



ARCHBISHOP HOBAN
HIGH SCHOOL

**ATHLETIC HALL
OF FAME**

CLASS OF 2023
INDUCTEES

HOBAN.ORG/ATHLETIC-HALL-OF-FAME

 WILLIAM (BILL) ANDREWS '82	 KIM (GIVENS '92) MADDEN	 KRISSY (SOKOL '10) DARLING
 LATROY LEWIS '12	 GREG MCMULLEN '12	 LUKUS STRICKER '17

The Hoban Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2023 Induction Ceremony

Sunday, Sept. 10, 2023

12-4 p.m. (doors open at 11:30)

Guy's Party Center | [500 E. Waterloo Road, Akron](#)

[RSVP TO ATTEND](#)

The 44th Annual Alumni Golf Outing was held on June 24. Thank you to all who participated and congratulations to the winning teams!

First place team was Brandon Beck, Dylan Feltovich, Patrick Lowrey and Isabella Mineo

Second place team was Jackson Alexander, Joe Alexander, John Alexander and Mike Alexander.

[View Photos.](#)





Calling all Hoban alumni!

Now is the time to update your contact information. By taking two minutes to fill out the contact form, you will always be in the know about what's happening at Hoban.

Receive all the latest on:

- Upcoming Hoban events and activities
- Opportunities to get involved: networking with other alumni, hosting student field trips and presenting to a class
- Hoban Knights' successes: alumni, student and Holy Cross educator spotlights

We hope to reconnect with you in ways that matter to you.

[Fill out the form!](https://hoban.org/alumni-update)

FROM THE ADVANCEMENT OFFICE

EXTRAVAGANZA 2024
ARCHBISHOP HOBAN HIGH SCHOOL
GOLF OUTING
4TH ANNUAL

SEPT 22
FRIDAY | 2023

REGISTER YOUR FOURSOME TODAY!

The Extravaganza Golf Outing is Friday, Sept. 22! We have had sold-out crowds the last three years, so register early. Check in opens at 8 a.m. and golf begins at 9 a.m.

Extravaganza is a year-round effort and we need your support to provide Hoban students with the best opportunities. Proceeds support financial assistance, campus renovations and guarantees the Hoban experience continues—educating the hearts and minds in the Holy Cross tradition.

[REGISTER](#)

Progress update on Phase II of campaign

It's been a busy summer so far. By the start of school, all the classrooms in the main corridor of the second floor will be fully outfitted with new furniture, LED lighting, carpet, paint, technology and dry erase boards.

Thank you to the Hoban maintenance team and the students working on the summer work crew! This project would not be possible without all your hard work.

[Learn more](#) about Phase II of the campaign—the construction of a new, state-of-the-art student center and a new 13,400-square-foot competition gymnasium on the southwest side of campus.

If you would like information about how to



become involved, visit everyknight.org or email everyknight@hoban.org.

[WATCH A VIDEO MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT CHRIS DIMAURO '99](#)

IT'S TIME TO GET YOUR LUCKY NUMBER!

Purchase a Lucky Number to be part of our 52-week drawings, beginning Monday, Aug. 28. Even if your number is pulled, it can be drawn again. Only 300 numbers will be sold. The grand prize will be announced on June 28, 2024.

The Lucky Number Club is a great way to support students at Hoban. Get your lucky number now to be eligible for all drawings. The first drawing date is Monday, Aug. 28.

LUCKY NUMBER CLUB

- 50 DRAWINGS: \$100
- NEW YEAR DRAWING: \$500
- GRAND PRIZE: \$1,000
- SECOND PRIZE: \$500
- THIRD PRIZE: \$275
- FOURTH PRIZE: \$175

Questions? Email advancement@hoban.org or call 330.773.8620.

[PURCHASE YOUR LUCKY NUMBER](#)

FRIDAY, SEPT. 22, 2023
EXTRAVAGANZA GOLF
OUTING

FRIDAY, JAN. 19, 2024
EXTRAVAGANZA A KNIGHT
OF SPIRITS

SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2024
EXTRAVAGANZA 2024



Anyone interested in volunteering at the Golf Outing on Sept. 22 should contact [Michael Marz](#).

There is an Extravaganza follow-up/early planning meeting the evening of Thursday, Aug. 10. We are also always looking for gift donations for all of the events. Those interest may contact [Michael Marz](#).

Pay it forward to the next generation

Set your intentions and pay it forward to the causes you care about. When you create your estate plan with our partner, FreeWill, you can have peace of mind about your future and support the next generation of Hoban students

[Get started on your free plan today!](#)



[Calendar of Events](#)



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