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On the cover: Ian Mathews, class of 2021, leads the varsity Vikings Football Team onto Deimel Field for the team's season opening game against Jordan High School on September 4, 2020. The Vikings kicked off the season with a victory, beating the Red Jackets 34-6. Under the leadership of Coach Dwight Jones, at the time of printing this issue of *The Yawp*, the Vikings were 5-0, the best start to a season since 2007!

On this page: As part of our school's reopening plan, we started the 2020-2021 school year in the Red Zone which meant masks were required to be worn on campus at all times. Careful consideration of and adherence to local, state, and federal guidelines for everyone's health and safety are of highest importance at St. Anne-Pacelli Catholic School.





from our president

It's a GREAT Day to Be A Viking! Whew! 2020 has been a year for the record books.

I am very proud of our school's response to COVID-19. Following guidance from Georgia Governor Brian Kemp, St. Anne-Pacelli Catholic School's last day of on-campus learning for the 2019-2020 school year was Friday, March 13th. Our students didn't miss a day of instruction, thanks to the Always Learning Plan that we launched on Monday, March 16th. We were able to utilize Zoom and Google Classroom for interactive, virtual instruction. Unlike many students in our area and across America, St. Anne-Pacelli students learned new material each and every day to ensure they would be fully prepared for their next level of coursework. Read more about our response to COVID-19 and the health and safety protocols we put in place to successfully launch both on-campus and virtual learning for our current school year on page 5. Reflecting on our school's pandemic experience, I am most proud of the love that is evident in everything we do.

Donning a Viking mask, I was very excited to cut the ribbon on Deimel Field at our first Vikings Football game of the year on September 4th! Read more about our field's $1.3 million transformation with the installation of premium, temperature-controlled, artificial turf and plans to finish stadium upgrades on page 20.

I am grateful to serve as a leader of this wonderful school. It is a blessing to see how God is impacting each and every one of our students' lives. Thank you for being a partner in our mission. Enjoy this issue of *The Yawp*!

Faith in Education,

Ronie Collins

President & High School Principal
PHS Class of 1979

About *The Yawp*: "Now, for those of you who don't know, a 'yawp' is a loud cry or yell," actor Robin Williams proclaimed in the 1989 movie, *Dead Poets Society*. In the film, Williams played the role of English teacher John Keating who inspired his students through his teaching of poetry to make their lives extraordinary. Shortly after the movie, in the early-1990s, a student newspaper named *The Yawp* was developed and existed for several years at Pacelli High School. When creating this magazine, *The Yawp* seemed to be a fitting name due to both its meaning and history on campus. We are so excited about what's happening at St. Anne-Pacelli Catholic School, we're ready to shout it from the rooftops!

from our pastor

Things at St. Anne-Pacelli Catholic School are going great! Our children and young adults were happy to get back into a routine. Yes, they are happy to be back! Because of the quality and expertise of our faculty and administration, our school is able to offer both online and in-person classes. While the number is fluid, around 10 percent of our students and their families opted to take classes online at the start of the 2020-2021 year. There is a happy but not casual spirit in our school when it comes to staying healthy and safe. All of our students and staff wear masks all day. Even our little ones have learned to wear their masks covered with cartoon characters and sports team logos. The students and staff take social distancing seriously and our hallways are not ever overcrowded because dismissals are staggered. Traffic patterns are clearly marked on the floors of the corridors. Everything is wiped down after each class and there are hand washing stations almost wherever you glance. Each morning an army of volunteers and staff take the temperatures of everyone who comes into the building. I am confident that we are taking every possible precaution to keep our students and staff safe. I am also confident that if there should be a health concern for our students and staff, our faculty and administration could almost instantaneously and successfully revert to an online model which would continue to serve the needs of our students well, just like they did in March. I love our beautiful school!

Fr. Robert Schlageter, OFM Conv.
Pastor



Our friars offered blessings for every student, including these 1- and 2-year-olds, during a Eucharistic Procession on the first day of school.



COVID-19

Our response to the pandemic

As our local community, state, nation, and world continue to cope with the coronavirus pandemic, St. Anne-Pacelli Catholic School students continue to learn and flourish. From day one in these extraordinary times we were ready with a strategic distance learning program which bore much fruit.

St. Anne-Pacelli and the Diocese of Savannah followed the executive order of Georgia Governor Brian Kemp in keeping the school building closed for learning from March 16th through the end of the 2019-2020 school year. Although the doors to the building were closed, the door to education was not! Our dedicated faculty continued to teach new lessons via Zoom and Google Classroom to ensure students met grade level standards and were set up for success for 2020-2021 and beyond. Our counselors continued to support both students and their families during the time of at home learning as well as caring for their social, mental, and emotional needs. Our staff and administration continued to provide support to our faculty and families to ensure they received whatever they needed while still maintaining daily business.

"I have never felt more confident in my boys' education!"
-Sarah Maglione, Parent

The Viking family worked together to embrace new technologies, engage children, and find creative ways to maintain the relationships that make a St. Anne-Pacelli education so special.

We began the 2020-2021 school year on August 10th. Our school's reopening plan addressed many considerations for the safety of our school community. "I am grateful for our School Reopening Task Force made up of administrators, teachers, staff, parents, a medical professional and safety expert, who were all instrumental in the development of this plan," said St. Anne-Pacelli President and High School Principal Ms. Ronie Collins. "Careful consideration of and adherence to local, state, and federal guidelines for everyone's health and safety are of highest importance." We are pleased to be able to offer Mevo Virtual Platform (MVP) Learning as an option for students who are immunocompromised, students who live with people who have underlying medical conditions or those with personal concerns about on-campus learning.

Three zones - green, yellow and red - were formulated for re-entry to on-campus learning. We started the school year in the Red Zone, which meant masks were worn at all times, social distancing guidelines were enforced and increased health and sanitation protocols were practiced, including:

- The temperatures of students, faculty and staff are screened each morning. Anyone with a temperature of 100.4 or higher may not enter the building.
- Since parents can't come inside while we are in the Red Zone, our main office is accessible outside.
- New hand sanitizing stations are available and utilized throughout campus.
- Our elementary grade level classes stay with the same group of students, or homeroom, each day.
- Multiple outdoor classroom and lunchtime spaces were developed and feature new furniture.
- Our Vikings Athletics program follows Georgia High School Association guidelines. Masks are optional for student-athletes during practices and games.

During the first eight weeks of the 2020-2021 school year, there were no reported cases of COVID-19 among students, faculty and staff. We attribute this accomplishment to the extra protocols that were put in place and practiced.





LOWER SCHOOL SCOOP



▲ Read to Succeed

St. Anne-Pacelli 4th and 5th grade students competing in this year's Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl placed 6th out of 32 teams representing area elementary schools on January 25th. Students spent six months reading and quizzing over the 10 nominees for the Georgia Children's Book Awards. Not pictured: Reading Bowl Advisors Mrs. Carol Jones and Mrs. Angela Cheal.







▲ Pacelli Parade

In late-March, administrators, faculty and staff hit the roads for a Pacelli Parade. We visited each student's house in a socially distant drive-by. Horns were honked, hands were waved and air hugs were given!

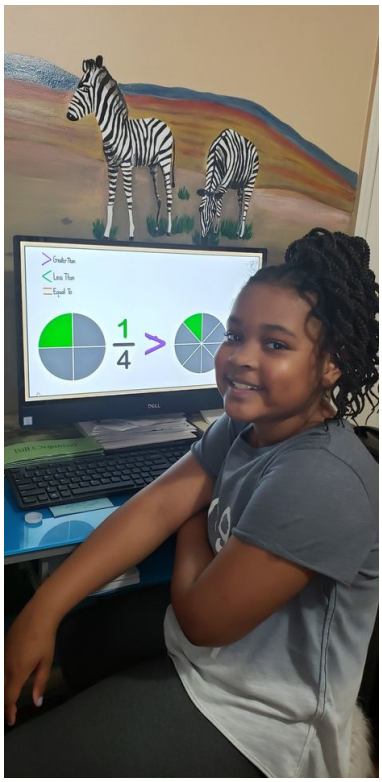
▼ Fired Up About Ceramics

First graders were the first students to complete their ceramics projects using the new Lower School Art kiln! "They were so happy to be able to take home their pinch pots," said Lower School Art Teacher Mrs. Jenna Poole.



▶ Always Learning

Our Always Learning plan in response to COVID-19 engaged students with learning experiences that continued our school's planned learning program, and helped them stay connected with teachers and classmates. These experiences offered authentic opportunities to focus on key concepts, knowledge, and skills. They emphasized interaction and creativity, and involved a balance of on-screen and off-screen tasks that helped connect to previous learning and the current curriculum.



LOWER SCHOOL SCOOP



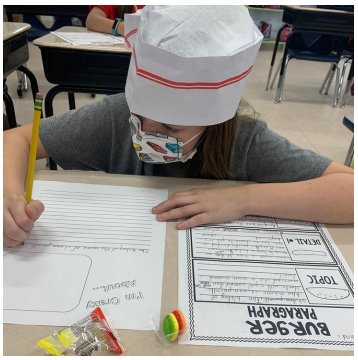


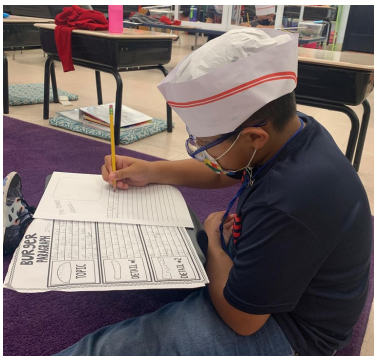




▲ May Crowning

Traditionally, St. Anne-Pacelli Catholic School students in Kindergarten-12th grades attend May Crowning prayer services. During each prayer service, students who embody the qualities of our Blessed Mother place a crown of flowers on a statue of Mary. Since we couldn't gather in-person for our May Crowning, we celebrated Mary virtually. This year's crowners were 2nd grader Lissy May Halinski, 5th grader Theresa Patton, 8th grader Genevieve Carrigee, and 12th grader Maggie Espiritu.





▼ Spelling with Sand

Kindergarten students are using colored sand to practice spelling sight words.



Taking Class Outside ▼

Ms. Paula Frisch's 4th graders worked on a "Reasons for the Seasons" project in Science in August. They used compasses to draw the Earth and to mark northern/southern hemispheres while enjoying one of our campus's many new outdoor learning spaces. Three virtual learners joined the activity, working outside from their homes.



◄ Write it Right Diner

Our 3rd graders are studying the parts of a strong paragraph hamburger style. They enjoyed visiting the "Write it Right Diner" and published delicious paragraphs!

LOWER SCHOOL SCOOP

Celebrating Mass

Our weekly Lower School Masses began in September. A limited number of classes celebrate Mass, socially distanced, inside St. Anne Church, while others tune in via Viking Live in their classrooms. Following each Mass, our friars and Eucharistic Ministers travel the hallways offering students blessings and communion. In this photo, Lower School Principal Mrs. Jocelyn Smith offers communion to 4th graders.



Virtual Visit with Bestselling Author

Our 3rd, 4th and 5th graders enjoyed visiting virtually with Katherine Applegate, Newberry Medal-winning and #1 New York Times bestselling author of numerous children's books, including *The One and Only Ivan*. Each student was gifted a copy of Applegate's new book, *The One and Only Bob*.



Hands-On Science Lesson

Fifth graders are studying the earth's layers with a hands-on laboratory activity using apples as scientific models of the earth. Students sketched and labeled cross-section diagrams of each, and compared and contrasted similarities and differences in the structure of the layers.



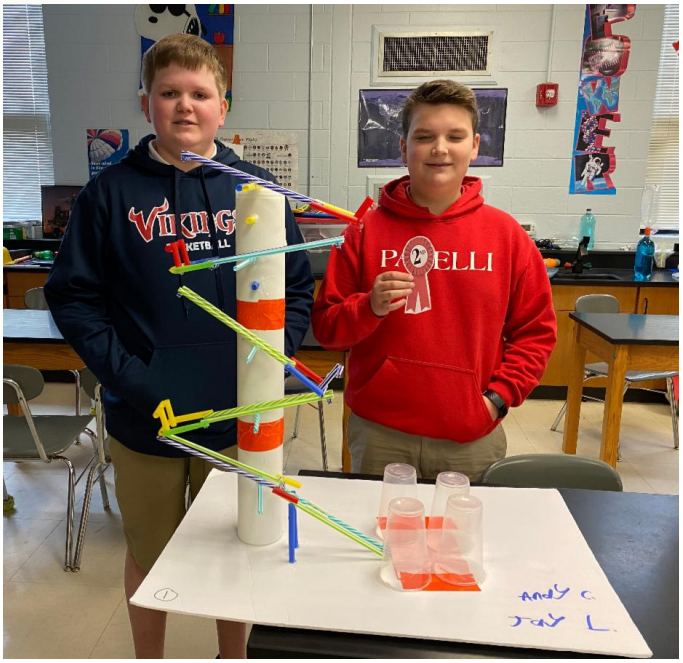


MIDDLE *school*



Knitting for the Needy

Members of our Middle School Crochet Club, coordinated by Middle School Teacher Mrs. Gabrielle Bryant, donated their handmade creations to St. Anne Community Outreach to share with the less fortunate in the cold months of the new year.

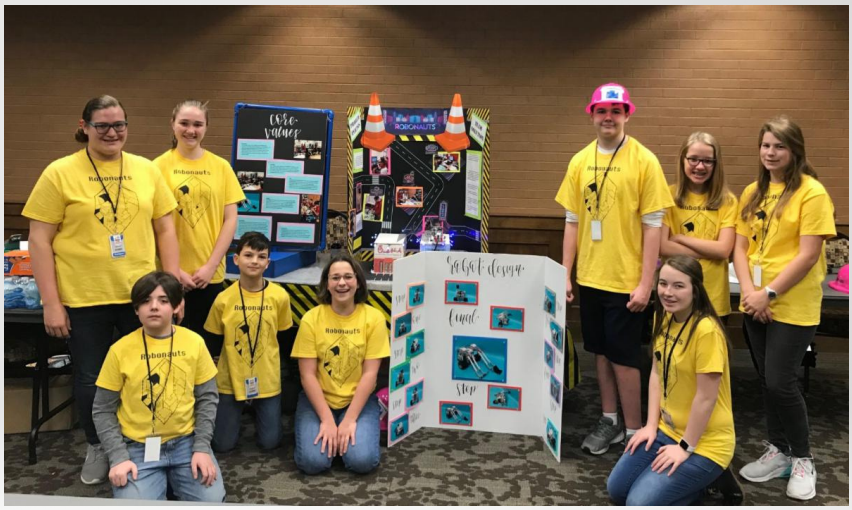


Roller Coaster Challenge

Mrs. Alyson Blair's 7th grade STEAM students participated in a roller coaster building project using a variety of materials, including ping pong balls and straws.

Robonauts Represent

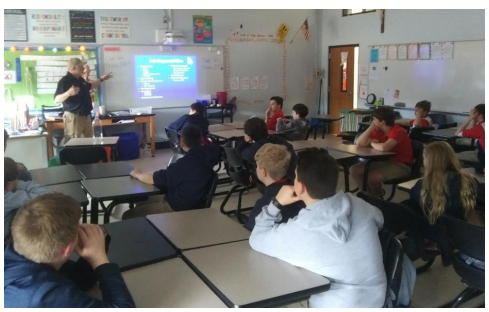
Our Middle School Robotics Team competed in a Super Regional Competition in late-January at Columbus State University. They previously won best robot design to qualify for this second round of competing. They represented our school well, and their creativity, hours of hard work, and dedication were evident. A huge thank you to faculty sponsor Mr. Scott Chandler for his guidance and efforts.



Go Fish!

Students honed their casting skills at our new Middle School Fishing Club's first meeting in late-January. At their second meeting, students learned how to tie fishing knots. In early-March Mr. Brent Hess, a Fisheries Biologist who works in the fisheries management division of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, visited and spoke to students about fishing rules and regulations. The club, organized by Middle School Teachers Mrs. Alyson Blair, Mr. Johnny Brown and Mrs. Jenna Poole, continued to meet virtually during Always Learning.







MIDDLE SCHOOL MEMORIES



▲ Super Speller

St. Anne-Pacelli student Nash Maglione competed at the State Spelling Bee on March 13th, after earning 1st place in the Region 6 Bee in February!

▼ Faith in Education

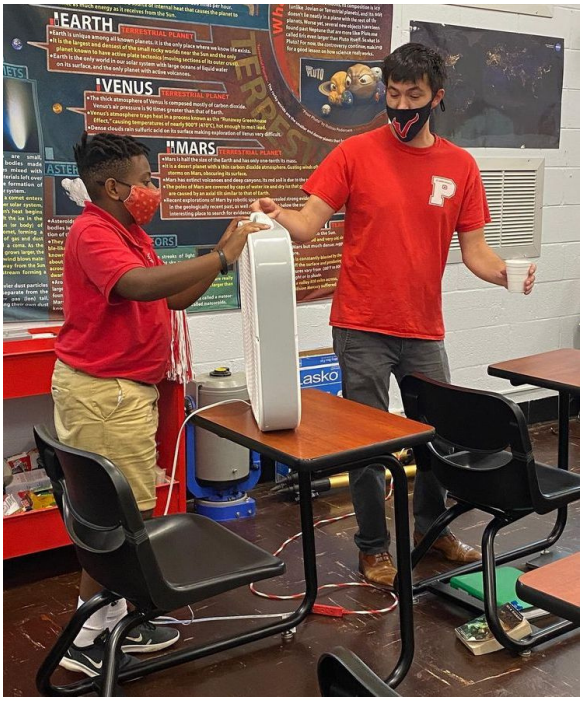
Our Middle School Friends of Mary Rosary Prayer Club meets weekly, both on campus and virtually, with Mrs. Mary Denise Espiritu to pray the rosary and ask the Blessed Mother to bring the needs and intentions of our school community to her son.





▲ Number Crunchers

Mrs. Amanda Reynolds' 8th grade Math students have fun reviewing for a test with a Whack-a-Mole game.



▲ Composition of Comets

Mr. Johnny Brown's 6th grade scientists are learning about the composition of comets.

"Thank you, Viking family, for planting the seed of coding."

BRETT MURPHY-DAWSON
PARENT



COVID CODING ENTREPRENEUR

St. Anne-Pacelli student Joseph Dawson launches a business, thanks to the coding he learned in our middle school! "I was originally going to ID Tech, a coding and technology camp, but since the pandemic happened my Dad asked me if I had any 3D printing experience. I said, 'Yes!'" Joseph noted. "Then, he asked me if we should do business together. Considering the natural businessman I am, I said, 'Yes!'"

The Garage Guys' Ear Savers create ear savers that come in handy for those whose masks are too loose and don't properly fit over their nose or are too tight. The hook extensions allow for the mask fit to be adjusted as needed."It has been such a joy watching Joseph become more knowledgeable on how to use the 3D printer," says his mom, Dr. Brett Murphy-Dawson.

He has been changing the different colors of filament independently, making the needed adjustments to the printer when the product doesn't come out the way he desires, deciphering which type of filament is more pliable, and waiting patiently for the 3-4 hours it takes to create his products.

Joseph has always had a gift for drawing; creating various designs such as the Viking V has allowed him to use his skills to make the design when he cannot find a template. In addition, he is learning how to keep up with his orders, write out his receipts, and deliver his products in the mail."

Joseph has sent his products to customers as far away as Texas, Baltimore, and California. Dr. Murphy-Dawson would like to especially thank St. Anne-Pacelli Middle School Coding Teacher Mr. Scott Chandler, saying, "Your shared wisdom is helping the community in more ways than you may have ever imagined."

THE YAWP

High School



Students Stomp Out Poverty

St. Anne-Pacelli families kicked off Catholic Schools Week by donating 2,283 pairs of shoes in an effort to Stomp Out Poverty! The new and gently-used shoes were presented to St. Anne Community Outreach to share with the less fortunate in our community. The campaign was led by our Viking Outreach Leadership Team (VOLT). Members of VOLT, a St. Anne-Pacelli High School service club, are tasked with ways to educate, inspire and mentor their school community about the needs of St. Anne Community Outreach clients.



Photos by Mike Haskey, Ledger-Enquirer

Our School is a Fan Favorite!

For the 3rd year in a row, St. Anne-Pacelli Catholic School is a winner in the Favorite Private School category of the *Ledger-Enquirer*'s Readers' Choice Awards! Thank you so much for voting for us!!

Ledger-Enquirer READERS' CHOICE BEST OF 2020 AWARDS

HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS



Ducks Unlimited ▲

Members of our Pacelli Ducks Unlimited Chapter met in January 2020 to install several wood duck boxes at Oxbow Meadows. The students constructed the boxes at a previous meeting. Ducks Unlimited is the world's leader in wetlands and waterfowl conservation. Did you know Pacelli is the only high school Ducks Unlimited Chapter in Georgia?



March For Life ▲

Members of St. Anne-Pacelli High School's Pro Life Club participated in the 2020 March For Life in downtown Columbus on January 22nd.

New Mock Trial Club ▶

Congratulations to our High School Mock Trial Club for earning 4th place at the regional competition in February in Albany, Georgia! Elizabeth Turner won best attorney in Round 3 and Enrique Dickerson won Best Witness in the same round. Samuel Brewster won Best Witness in Round 1. Attorney & Coach Neal Callahan and Mock Trial Club advisor Mrs. Wendy McReynolds prepped student prosecution and defense attorneys, as well as witnesses, for the competition.



Study Abroad Experience ▼

St. Anne-Pacelli High School French students enjoyed a four-day, exciting study abroad experience in the Canadian region of Quebec in February 2020! During their trip, they visited Montreal and Quebec City where they experienced a diverse culture, visited historical places and practiced their French skills. From riding a dog sled, to shivering in an ice hotel, to eating maple syrup in a sugar shack, they had a wonderful time!











Congratulations, Class of 2020!

The St. Anne-Pacelli Catholic School Class of 2020 graduated from high school in private ceremonies at St. Anne Church, surrounded by as many as 5 family members, on June 4, 6, and 12, 2020. Congratulations to our graduates:
Irina Emily Avila*†, Christopher Thomas Bates*ₒ†, Nathaniel Walker Blevins*ₒ, Datu Gonez Bonayon*†,
Sarah Elisabeth Bouthillier*ₒ, Judith Grace Boyd*, Jasmine Chanelle Braddock*ₒ, Samuel Peter Brewster*ₒ,
Adelyn Grace Chaney*ₒ, Lauren Alexandria Coleman*ₒ, John Parks Cunningham*†, Dezmond Michael Lewis Dixon*,
Blake Evan Dugan, Margaret Clark Espiritu*ₒ†, Troy David Espiritu*ₒ†, Daniel Brooks Forlinesₒ, Madeline Orion Ginter*ₒ,
Joseph Vernon Green*ₒ, Lola Jeanette Harmon†, Jocelyn Rose Hilmes*ₒ, John William Johnson,
Benjamin Michael Kempffer*ₒ, Thomas Michael Landeche*ₒ†, Jack Luis Lopez*ₒ†, John William McCamy,
Katherine Ellen McKenna*ₒ†, Taylor Reese McKenna*ₒ†, Lajayvion Daniel Quaydonavin Menefee, Briella Ann Morales,
Maria Isabelle Morales*, Christopher Patrick Nell, Holden Merritt Nowell, Noah Andreu Nugent*ₒ,
Nicholas Alexander Oliver*ₒ†, Jackson Reid Pierce, Hailey Faith Rice*, Meredith Nicole Robertson*ₒ, Sophia Rose Spano*ₒ†,
Reece William Tharpeₒ†, Braeden Elisabeth Theriault*ₒ, Xin Yue Tu*, Jack Zhouli Wang, Samuel Shae Ward,
Brayden Joel Wood, and Isaias Wilmer Zamudio-Facio
* Denotes Honor Graduate | ₒ Denotes membership in National Honor Society | † Lifers (K-12 Catholic Education)



Meet Our Valedictorian

Our Class of 2020 Valedictorian is Nicholas Alexander Oliver. Nick graduated with a 4.5278 GPA. Nick was the President of the National Science Honor Society, and holds membership in the National Honor Society and the National English Honor Society. He is an AP Scholar with Honor and was a member of the Math Team. Nick is an Eagle Scout, and has served as an Altar Server. Nick is attending Georgia Institute of Technology majoring in Industrial Engineering.

HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

Twins Tie for Salutatorian



Twins Maggie and Troy Espiritu share the title of St. Anne-Pacelli Catholic School Class of 2020 Salutatorian. Both took different paths of study in school and ended up with the exact same GPA, 4.4911. The twins agree that when it came to school work, they both helped one another. "We had heard that Troy received the title first, so it was really a special moment to hear that we had both tied for it," said Maggie. "I've always had a special bond with Maggie, but in particular, our parents have had a great role in instilling great values, hard work, and making sure that we had our priorities straight," said Troy.

Maggie is majoring in English and minoring in Spanish and Dance at the University of Georgia, while Troy is attending Georgia Tech where he is majoring in Industrial Engineering.

Virtual Visit



Mrs. Wendy McReynolds' High School Marketing students were able to Zoom and MEVO with Beth Malafa Kurman, Head of Experiential Marketing at Under Armour's Global Headquarters in Baltimore, Maryland. Mrs. Kurman shared her career path to her current position and her most memorable experiences in her career. Her favorite was organizing the release of the 2016 Stephen Curry shoe and the pro basketball player's European and Asian tours.

Mrs. McReynolds' students did research on Under Armour leading up to the virtual visit and submitted questions that Mrs. Kurman answered, some of which were regarding Under Armour's new product releases, the state of Under Armour's stock prices and what will be the company's focus for the future.

Vikings Go To College



In October, our juniors and seniors were given opportunities to take the SAT and ACT on our campus. They took the standardized tests used for college admissions in a socially distanced setting in The Land, our school's gym. "When other testing opportunities are shutting down, our Vikings got to take a step towards college and scholarships," said High School Guidance Counselor Mrs. Kristin Turner.

HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

Homecoming 2020

Although Homecoming looked a little different this year, it was still lots of fun! Activities included themed dress up days, a pre-game paint war, and a "Mask-erade" Homecoming Dance. The Vikings Football Team scored a 48-14 win against Randolph-Clay High School during our September 18th Homecoming Game on Deimel Field!



These high school teachers dressed up as characters from *Hocus Pocus* for our Walt Disney Wednesday theme.



Students in grades 8-12 were invited to participate in a Homecoming pre-game Paint War on Gallman Field.



Congratulations to our Homecoming 2020 Queen Sophia Wise & Homecoming King Ian Mathews!

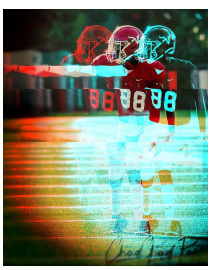
Literature is Lit

In our 12th grade Survey of Literature and Composition Class, students participated in Literature Circles in which they chose from four Dystopian novels to read. “They participated in a simulation that brought the dystopian elements of propaganda, fear, conformity, total government control, constant monitoring, and oppression to life,” said English Teacher Ms. Brittany Davidson. Students had to abide by strict (and ridiculous) laws such as greeting their teachers with "I am eager to learn today," addressing one another by last name, and only carrying items in their right hand. “Our seniors took the laws very seriously, even reporting the ‘criminal acts’ their friends were committing throughout the school day! We had a great time bringing dystopian literature to life.”

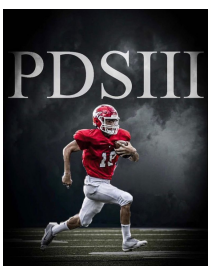


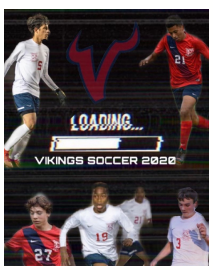
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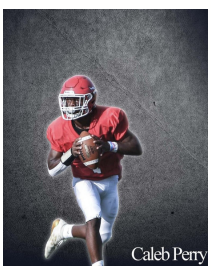
Our High School Digital Media students are learning about graphic design. Check out some of their recent work!











ST. ANNE-PACELLI CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Number of students in Preschool - *12th Grade*

727





53% male





47% female



61%



students are Catholic

Percentage of college acceptances

100%



50+ clubs and activities



Over 85% of students participate in one or more of our *14* sports



20 Number of Dual Enrollment courses offered

Founded in 1868 by Sisters of Mercy



Percentage of students who participate in service projects

100%

Number of AP courses offered

22



24% of students have an active duty or retired military parent



Average Class Sizes



Preschool & Pre-K3	Pre-K4-5th grade	6th-8th grade	9th-12th grade
10	20	18	13





DEIMEL FIELD

GETS $1.3 MILLION MAKEOVER



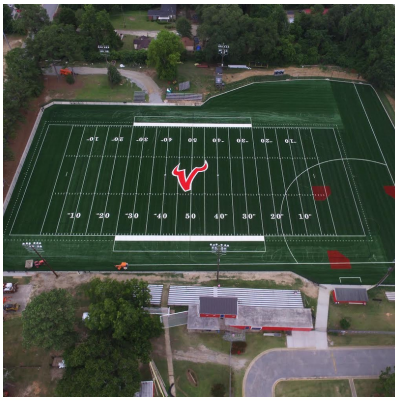
Deimel Field serves as the playing site for St. Anne-Pacelli Catholic School's Vikings Baseball, Vikings Football, Lady Vikings Flag Football, Vikings Soccer and Lady Vikings Soccer teams. On May 5, 2020 leaders from St. Anne-Pacelli and St. Anne Church broke ground on Phase One of Deimel Field's renovations, a $1.3 million renovation. Phase One of the renovations included the installation of a state-of-the-art synthetic turf field by FieldTurf; on June 18, 2020 the first piece of turf was laid! Using its latest infill innovation, CoolPlay, FieldTurf significantly lowers the temperature of the playing surface. Other enhancements in Phase One include a new baseball backstop between dugouts; goal posts; soccer goals; baseball clay mound; foul poles; home plate; and fencing with gates around the field's perimeter. Additionally, upon learning that the integrity of our present lights, poles and wiring, which date back to the early-1960s, the installation of new lights on Deimel Field was prioritized in Phase One and accomplished in October 2020.



We still need the resources for Phase Two - the replacement of spectator seating, an upgraded concession stand, new scoreboards, and the remodeling of restrooms. This will cost $600,000. At the 15th Annual Deimel Legacy Ball on February 1, 2020, we excitedly kicked off the very last phase of our Capital Campaign – *The Viking 600*. That night, we asked the over 400 people in attendance to lend their support to our students and pledge $1,000, payable over four years, as their gift to this crucial campaign. We were humbled and blown away by the response. Close to 100 couples and attendees pledged $210,500! In 20 minutes, we met a third of our goal, and donations have continued to come in.



It is our hope that the anticipation of the completion of our new athletic fields will excite you to raise the funds needed to pay off the lighting and complete the other projects of Phase Two. Please join us and invest in the future of St. Anne-Pacelli Catholic School by making a gift or pledge to *The Viking 600*. The goal of the campaign is have 600 families pledge $1,000 payable over four years. No gift is too large or small. Every dollar counts! Through your generosity and the generosity of others every St. Anne-Pacelli Catholic School student will benefit from the gifts we receive. **You can make a pledge or donation online at http://weblink.donorperfect.com/Viking600.** Thank you for your support!











VIKINGS ATHLETICS

Top left: Isaias Zamudio-Facio, Brayden Wood and Ben Kempffer (Class of 2020) will continue participating in athletics at the collegiate level! The school hosted a signing ceremony on July 17th to celebrate Zamudio-Facio's decision to play soccer at Point University; Wood's decision to play soccer at the University of Montevallo; and Kempffer's decision to play soccer at the University of North Georgia.

Middle left: Class of 2021 Ian Mathews has offers to play football at multiple colleges, including Duke University, University of Arkansas, Vanderbilt, Georgia Tech, Florida State University, University of South Carolina and more. Stay tuned to see where this Viking's next steps will take him!

Bottom left: We're launching a Lady Vikings Flag Football Team!

Above: Our JV and Varsity Lady Vikings Volleyball Teams hosted a **PINK OUT** in October in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Both teams won their "Dig Pink" games against LaGrange High.

New Spiritwear Shop

Get excited, Vikings...our Booster Club has a new online Spiritwear Shop! You can now purchase customized, Pacelli-branded apparel and accessories, year-round. Items purchased will be shipped directly to your home. Check it out here: www.BeAViking.com/spiritwear.

A percentage of each Spiritwear sale is donated back to our school in the form of BSN Sports credit. These donations will be used to purchase items for our middle and high school sports teams. The Vikings Booster Club helps raise funds for St. Anne-Pacelli Catholic School's athletic programs. Recently, the Vikings Booster Club helped finance: renovations to the gym and weight room; field upgrades and maintenance; training equipment and uniforms; a basketball shooting machine; and safety equipment for fields and the gym. The Vikings Booster Club also provides volunteer support before, during and after games, and for fundraising events. To learn more about how you can be a Vikings Booster Club member, visit www.BeAViking.com/booster-club. Thank you for your support!





In Memory of Fr. Jeremiah McCarthy

Born to Life: May 14, 1953 | Ordination to the Holy Priesthood: June 11, 1978 | Born to Eternal Life: August 27, 2020

On Thursday, August 27, 2020, God called Father Jeremiah J. McCarthy, J.C.L. home. Fr. McCarthy was pastor at St. Anne Church from 2013 until 2018. He battled a serious lung illness called pulmonary fibrosis and cancer for the last couple of years. Fr. McCarthy was a dedicated servant of Christ. His legacy will live on in all the lives that he touched. He always had a warm smile to greet you and an Irish sentiment to share. He will be greatly missed!



PACELLI LOVE STORIES

By Julie Davis

Everyone remembers their first love but it is estimated that fewer than 2% of people actually marry them*. So what is it like to find that rare relationship that endures past the teenage years? We asked two Pacelli High School sweetheart couples to share their stories.

Julie Walters '87 and Allen Brinkman '87 met in Mrs. Danielly's homeroom at the beginning of their 8th grade year. Allen was a new student who already had his eye on Julie thanks to a St. Anne yearbook belonging to his sister. Julie and a friend came over to welcome Allen to the school and he said, "I knew then she was not only pretty but also polite and thoughtful." A year later they went on their first date to see the movie *The Outsiders* at Columbus Square Mall. They continued to date and during their senior year, Julie was assigned to tutor Allen during study hall. Allen recalled, "I was assigned a pew at the entrance of the school and Julie was given the task to tutor me during that period. I still credit that time on the pew as the point where I started to mature and find the right path in life."

After graduating from Pacelli, Julie went to Mercer University, graduating in 1991 and receiving her master's degree in 1994. She worked in healthcare marketing and human resources before devoting her time to her family as a stay-at-home mom. Allen attended Columbus State University, also graduating in 1991, and has had a successful career in banking.

The couple married in 1997, 17 years after meeting for the first time. When asked about their marriage, Allen said, "We have been fortunate to have a compatible and loving relationship. The foundation we built, whether intentional or unintentional, is one of the most important reasons. We started out as great friends; we knew each other as friends first, so the relationship was organic."

Have there been challenges? Not really, says the couple, other than dealing with infertility. They were able to overcome that hurdle together, however, as evidenced by their four sons - Jake and Lawton, 18 year-old twins; Hudson, age 16; and Walker, age 10. "Our focus has always been on our family, whether it was the two of us starting out or the six of us now. We are blessed we got it right so many years ago. As teenagers at St. Anne-Pacelli, we found the perfect person to grow up with and grow old with."







Photos: Julie and Allen at Pacelli High School's Prom (top); Julie and Allen today (middle); and the Brinkman family (bottom)





Twenty years after Julie and Allen tied the knot, Marisa Nunez '13 and Alex Fernandez '13 started their married life together. That wedding was also a long time in the making. Marisa and Alex first met when they were 4 years old in a preschool class. On the first day of Kindergarten at St. Anne, Marisa and Alex were happy to recognize a familiar face in each other and have been friends ever since.

During their sophomore year of high school, the couple began dating. Since neither of them was old enough to drive, parents chauffeured them to the movies or dances. Marisa commented, "Our first dates were just as sweet and awkward as they are supposed to be when you're 15 and can't drive yourself to the movie theater. If we could make it past that phase, we can survive anything!"

Survive they did. Upon graduating from Pacelli in 2013, Marisa earned a degree in Psychology with a minor in Spanish from Samford University and a master's degree in Social Work from The University of Alabama. Alex headed off to the US Air Force Academy, graduating with a degree in Aeronautical Engineering and then moving to Texas for pilot training. Fostering a long distance relationship was a challenge for the couple and Alex recalled, "It took many late night phone calls, creative date ideas and quality time together during the few times a year we saw each other." Both Alex and Marisa credit a relationship rooted in faith as the key to getting through difficult times. "We gave our relationship to God pretty early on," says Marisa. "We truly believed that if He called us to it, then He would give us the grace to lead us through it."

The Air Force has taken the couple to RAF Lakenheath, United Kingdom, where Alex flies the F15E-Strike Eagle. While they are physically far from their St. Anne-Pacelli roots, the couple says the bond they formed with their friends and each other at St. Anne-Pacelli is still strong. "Just the other day a video popped up on Alex's phone," said Marisa. "It was some blooper video from a project in Religion class and we could not stop laughing. Sometimes one of us will bring up a story about 5th grade and our friends stare at us in confusion and amazement. We forget how unique it is to have so many formative experiences in common. When we meet up or check in with friends from Pacelli, it's special to know they aren't just my old high school friends but they're our friends. That's a gift."

If you and your spouse were Pacelli High School sweethearts, please send your story to Tiffany Shreve, Director of Advancement and Alumni Relations, via email at tshreve@sasphs.net. We'd love to highlight more Pacelli Love Stories!

*Source: Brandon Gaille Marketing, 2017





VIKING VOLUNTEERS

St. Anne-Pacelli Catholic School wouldn't be the same without our dedicated Viking Volunteers! From taking temperatures at the entry gates to home athletic events, to assembling new tables for our outdoor classroom spaces, many hands make light work. "Our volunteers make a huge, positive impact," said Volunteer Director Shannon Sorrell. "They are committed to making a difference in our school community."

This year, St. Anne-Pacelli Catholic School recognized two volunteers for their service to our school. Brittany Davis, pictured at top right, was named Volunteer of the Year in May 2020. Brittany graduated from Pacelli in 1999. She is mom to 7th grader Jadyn Davis and is an active member of our Home & School Association. Although involved in many areas, Brittany has managed our Charleston Wrap Fundraiser, which typically raises between $8,000 and $10,000 every year for our school.

Congratulations also go to Brian Sillitto for being our



2020 recipient of the Doug Harris Spirit Of a Viking Award! Pictured above, Brian graduated from Pacelli High School in 1990 and has been faithful about sharing his time and talents with his alma mater and St. Anne Church. He is the voice of Vikings Football, serving as our public address announcer during each home football game. Brian can also be found on the court in The Land, volunteering his time as a line judge during our Lady Vikings Volleyball games.

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We have a long history of academic excellence at St. Anne-Pacelli Catholic School. Over the past five years, the graduating classes have averaged $1.9 million per year in academic scholarships. Our students regularly win academic competitions and our standardized test scores are consistently in the top 25 percent in the nation. For these reasons and many more, we think an investment in St. Anne-Pacelli is truly a smart move! We are grateful for the loyal support of those who have shared their resources with St. Anne-Pacelli this past year! Your generosity allows the mission of St. Anne-Pacelli to be realized, students to flourish, and the Viking tradition of excellence to continue. **Thank you for sharing your gifts!**

Tiffany Shreve

Director of Advancement and Alumni Relations

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Our new Diocese of Savannah Bishop, Most Rev. Stephen Parkes, was surprised with an all-school pep rally on Deimel Field during his first visit to our campus on October 13, 2020. At the end of the event, he gave fist and elbow bumps to students.

ADOPT-A-VIKING

For the 2019-2020 school year, St. Anne-Pacelli Catholic School awarded over **$620,000** in tuition assistance to **215 students** from PK4 to 12th grade. These students accounted for 27% of our school families and on average received an award totaling $2,100.

Tuition assistance at St. Anne-Pacelli comes from a variety of sources but mainly from the Deimel Legacy Ball and GRACE Scholars. But did you know you could also "Adopt-A-Viking?"

This program has grown in both recognition and popularity from its inception a few years ago by a dedicated donor to our school. You too can help a child reap the life-shaping rewards of a Catholic education! The Adopt-A-Viking program enables anyone, including local businesses and benefactors, to help families overcome their challenge of tuition. Through this program, you can help provide the resources needed for a child to attend St. Anne-Pacelli Catholic School.

How do I contribute?

Adopt-A-Viking provides several levels of gifting across the grade levels of our school or any amount you are able to give.

Donors have the option to designate their sponsorship to students from a specific parish or allow the St. Anne-Pacelli Tuition Assistance Committee to identify the greatest need.

Donations can be made by check or credit card online at **weblink.donorperfect.com/adoptaviking20**.

For more information, please contact Tiffany Shreve at 706-561-8232 ext. 323 or tshreve@sasphs.net.

Thank you for your support!

GRACE SCHOLARS NEARS $1,000,000

BY TIFFANY SHREVE, DIRECTOR OF ADVANCEMENT AND ALUMNI RELATIONS

In the midst of a global pandemic, you can count on one thing to remain certain - St. Anne-Pacelli Catholic School remains committed to forming knowledgeable, faithful and responsible Catholic citizens who compassionately serve others. While our students were Always Learning, our parents appreciated the sense of normalcy provided to their children by our school. The need to support our students, current and new, has never been greater. Some of our families have been adversely affected by the economic environment our country is in due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and students seeking a Catholic education need financial support. GRACE Scholars fulfills this need and is a critical piece of our tuition assistance portfolio.

Since GRACE Scholars was established in 2009, **$956,515.00** in contributions has been designated to help students attend St. Anne-Pacelli Catholic School. This year, we strive to exceed **$1,000,000** raised in support of our Vikings, but we need your help!

GRACE Scholars (GRACE) is a designated student scholarship organization (SSO) in Georgia which allows Georgia taxpayers who donate to GRACE the ability to receive a 100% tax credit on state income taxes. You are telling the state of Georgia how to spend your tax dollars! Thanks to the Georgia State Legislature, the statewide cap on tax credits increased to $100 million in 2019 from $58 million in 2018, and will remain at $100 million until 2028. In 2019 and 2020, of the over 20 SSOs in the state of Georgia supporting Georgia private schools, the $100 million cap was not met. That means that there were state tax credits available to taxpayers and tuition assistance money available to our school that we did not claim!

Please help us claim it this year!

GRACE a Child with a Catholic Education!

Follow these three easy steps:

1. By December 15, 2020 pre-register for your 2021 tax credit online at www.gracescholars.org. When completing the form remember to designate your contribution for St. Anne-Pacelli!

- Please note you do not need to know what you will owe on your taxes to pre-register; your tax liability will decrease, or your refund will increase, based on your approved tax credit and contribution. For example, if you make a pledge, are approved for, and contribute $500, if you normally owe on your taxes, your tax liability will be reduced by $500. If you normally receive a refund, your refund will increase by $500.
- Based on how you file taxes you could contribute up to $2,500. Owners of interests in pass-through entities ('S' corporation, LLC or partnership) can give up to $10,000. 'C' corporation and taxable trusts can give up to 75% of estimated tax liability. If you own a business and receive a K1, we'd love to talk with you!

2. In January 2021, you will receive an approval letter from the state informing you of your available tax credit. It's at this time that you will make your contribution. You will have 60 days from the date of your letter to make your gift to GRACE Scholars (not to St. Anne-Pacelli directly).

3. When you file your 2021 state income taxes (in early-2022), you will receive a dollar-for-dollar credit on your state taxes for your contribution. You can also claim this donation on your federal return, if you itemize, under "state and local taxes."

To learn more details GRACE Scholars, Inc., please visit www.gracescholars.org or contact St. Anne-Pacelli Catholic School Director of Advancement Tiffany Shreve at 706-561-8232 ext. 323 or tshreve@sasphs.net.

ONCE A VIKING, ALWAYS A VIKING

Bernadette Bowick Coker, Class of 1976, and her husband, Don, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary, and her 62nd birthday, with a trip to Ft. Walton Beach in September!

1

Mary Eileen Devitt, Class of 1979, is the new USAID - US Agency for International Development /Lebanon Mission Director! "US Embassy Lebanon Chargé d'Affaires Win Dayton administered the Oath of Office in a ceremony on September 8th at the US Embassy in Beirut. Mrs. Devitt will be working over the next two years to advance America's interests in Lebanon while delivering meaningful assistance to better enable the Lebanese people to overcome the painful circumstances they are presently facing."
- USAID Lebanon

2

Alex Pugh, Class of 1992, customized Viking V key chains for each of our 45 graduates of the Class of 2020 as a graduation gift to them! Alex enjoys pen turning along with creating other wood-related crafts, producing these items as a side business. If you are in need of any customized items, please reach out to Alex via his personal Facebook page (Alex Pugh).

3

Brian Sillitto, Class of 1990, in January, was included in Georgia Trend's list of "100 Most Influential Georgians of 2020." Brian is the Executive Vice President of Economic Development at the Greater Columbus Georgia Chamber of Commerce.

4

Amy Sherald, Class of 1991, was featured in *Vanity Fair* magazine for her oil-on-linen portrait memorializing Breonna Taylor, who was tragically killed this summer. In 2016, Amy won the Outwin Boochever Portrait Competition, the first woman and first African American to win.















5

David O'Brien, Class of 2002, serves as the FieldTurf Regional Director of Construction and Estimation for the Southeast. He oversaw Deimel Field's renovation this summer. We are so grateful to David and his team for the care they have taken to bring Deimel Field up to a state-of-the-art facility.

Jonathan Vogler, Class of 2005, produced the five-part series, "The Comedy Store," for Showtime Network. "The Comedy Store" is a documentary highlighting some of the biggest names in comedy and the history of The Comedy Store, the setting which launched the careers of an array of stars!

Mark (Dre') LeGree, Class of 2007, will be inducted into the Appalachian State Athletics Hall of Fame, Class of 2021!

6

Chanté Barber, Class of 2010, is a Captain in the US Air Force, serving as an Acquisitions Officer in Los Angeles. She reflected on her time at Pacelli as a student-athlete and provided advice to current student-athletes in February marking the 34th Annual National Girls & Women in Sports Day.

Charles Durr, Class of 2012, is currently working on his Masters of Divinity in Theology while caring for my family and infant son. While pursuing his degree online, he works for the largest Screen Printer and Embroider in the state of Texas and 8th largest in the nation. He wrote to St. Anne-Pacelli President Ms. Ronie Collins over the summer, saying, "Thank you from the bottom of my heart for everything that you are doing to promote the betterment of Catholic Education.... The lessons of diligence, attitude, and the importance of relationships that I learned from St. Anne-Pacelli help me daily to be the best representative that I can be for my job and my faith."

7

Lauren Rudesheim, Class of 2013, is a nurse in the Emergency Department at AnMed Health in Anderson, South Carolina. She earned a bachelor's degree in Biology with a minor in Chemistry from Anderson University, and then went back to school to earn a Nursing degree. Lauren hopes to enlist in the US Army and become a US Army Nurse.

Andy de Rojas, Class of 2014, was accepted into the Doctorate of Physical Therapy Program at Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine (Suwanee, Georgia campus).

Claire Gottfried, Class of 2015, earned a bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education from the University of Georgia and is currently pursuing a master's degree in the same area.

Ryan Jones, Class of 2015, graduated from Mercer University in May of 2019 with a bachelor's degree in Biology. He recently completed his first semester of graduate school at Georgia State University where he is working toward his master's degree in Public Health.

Maddie Ray, Class of 2015, won a Southeast Emmy Award for Historical Documentary through her work on "Casanova Killer." She's also recently engaged!

Jake Smith, Class of 2015, graduated from Kennesaw State University with his bachelor's in Science in Biology with an emphasis on Molecular Ecological Genetics. He's been doing extensive research for the Biology Department at KSU, and he has interned with Dohler International for the last two years.

DeAndre Bowman, Class of 2016, graduated from Georgia State University. DeAndre has one more year left of eligibility playing football as he begins graduate school at GSU.

Kyle Brena, Class of 2016, graduated from Young Harris College with a Bachelor's of Science in Biology. He maintained a 3.96 GPA while playing baseball at Young Harris.

Mary Beth Brewster, Class of 2016, graduated from the University of Georgia with a 3.95 GPA and a degree in Exercise and Sports Science. She started graduate school in May at Augusta University working on her master's degree in Occupational Therapy. She's also recently engaged!

Ben Davis, Class of 2016, graduated from Davidson College with a bachelor's degree in Economics with a focus in Digital Studies/Communication. He has accepted a position as a financial advisor with Axa Equitable in Charlotte, NC.

Mikal Marble, Class of 2016, graduated from Thomas More University in Kentucky, where he played football, with a bachelor's degree in Psychology. He's now pursuing his master's degree in Social Work at The University of Kentucky.

Hannah Parker, Class of 2016, graduated from the University of Alabama Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor's of Science in Political Science. She's attending Mercer University School of Law with a 40% tuition scholarship.

Tori Green Patchin, Class of 2016, graduated from Columbus State University with a bachelor's degree in Kinesiology with concentration in Exercise Science. Tori is the assistant studio manager at Orangetheory Fitness in Columbus. She married Hunter Patchin on September 26, 2020.

Dale Riley, Class of 2016, graduated from UGA with a bachelor's degree in Business Marketing from the Terry College of Business. He will be starting a new job in Atlanta soon.

Mary Schlies. Class of 2016, graduated from the University of Georgia magna cum laude with a degree in Accounting and a certificate in Personal and Organizational Leadership. She interned with Ernst & Young in the Atlanta office this summer and has returned to UGA to complete her master's in Accountancy and serve as a graduate assistant this fall.

Hannah Graves, Class of 2019, is studying Early Childhood Education at Columbus State University. She's also an aide in preschool and on the Extended Day staff at St. Anne-Pacelli Catholic School this year.

Maggie Espiritu, Class of 2020, is a member of the 2020-2021 University of Georgia Georgettes Dance Team!

OUR PAST GUIDES OUR FUTURE

Catholic education in Columbus, Georgia traces back over 150 years from when the Sisters of Mercy first established St. Joseph's Academy in downtown Columbus. In that time, trailblazers have steered the growth of Catholic schools in Columbus to where we are today - as the only preschool to 12th grade college preparatory Catholic School serving southwestern Georgia. Thousands of graduates have left their mark and shaped the Viking spirit in our school and in our world. Each alumni is a gift making your alma mater stronger and better each day. You are a part of our family forever! #OnceAVikingAlwaysAViking!

Lost Alumni

Over the years we have unfortunately lost touch with some of our Viking Alumni. We'd love to re-establish our relationship with them and learn what they are up to today. Lists of Viking Alumni whose information is lost can be found at www.BeAViking.com/alumni. If you are able to help us locate our missing alumni, please contact Tiffany Shreve at tshreve@sasphs.net or call 706.561.8232, ext. 323.

Stay Connected

We hope you stay connected with us, letting us know about your successes in life, where you find yourselves, and what exciting things you are doing. Please update our Alumni Directory at www.BeAViking.com/alumni-directory and send any pictures to tshreve@sasphs.net. Follow us on Facebook on our official Alumni Page, www.Facebook.com/OnceAViking.

In Memoriam

Vikings we've lost in the last 12 months

Babette Kimsey Ducharme, Class of 1979, passed away in September 2020

Bryon Kockx, Class of 1981, passed away in December 2019

Mr. Dutch Kockx, longtime and beloved Pacelli principal, passed away in January 2020. His family extended their thanks to all of the Pacelli alumni that attended the funeral to show your love and support.

Maureen Mize passed away in September 2020. She will be remembered by many as one of the "St. Anne School Lunch Ladies," retiring in 2002 after having worked 15 years in the school's cafeteria.

Ed Poole, Jr., Class of 1969, passed away in July 2020.

Russell (Rusty) Taylor, Class of 1981, passed away in October 2019.

Kevin Phillip Thompson, Class of 1993, passed away in February 2020.

Coach Jim Walsh passed away in April 2020. He served as the Vikings first-ever football coach.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

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