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St. Anne-Pacelli Catholic School 2nd grader Leah Avila's favorite subject is Math. Leah says, "I love coming to school here because we get to have fun! We play games, color and have a fun time learning!"

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Value of Catholic Education



"As products of a Catholic education from 1st to 12th grade, we knew from the moment we had children that we wanted them to be raised in the same setting we had. We truly value the importance of not only having a solid education, but also sound virtues as both will carry our children far as they go into adulthood. St. Anne-Pacelli Catholic School has met our expectations in these areas and we have been blessed for all three of our children to attend here since Kindergarten."

—Drs. Brett Murphy-Dawson and Gary Dawson, pictured with their children St. Anne-Pacelli Catholic School 10th grader Jordyn, 8th grader Marcel and 5th grader Joseph

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Mission Statement: St. Anne-Pacelli Catholic School, through Catholic formation and academic excellence, is committed to the spiritual, intellectual, and physical development of the students entrusted to our care.



PRESIDENT'S NOTE

It's a great day to be a Viking! Welcome to the first issue of St. Anne-Pacelli Catholic School's new annual publication, *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 famous 1989 movie, *Dead Poets Society*. In the film, Williams played the role of English teacher John Keating who inspired his students to make their lives extraordinary. Shortly after the movie, in the early-90s, 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. We are so excited about what's happening at St.

Anne-Pacelli Catholic School, we're ready to shout it from the rooftops! So, today, *The Yawp* is one of many opportunities to help you stay connected with St. Anne-Pacelli Catholic School.

The 2016-2017 school year is off to a great start! We are excited to share some of our recent accomplishments with you:

- **Expansion of Dual Enrollment Program:** St. Anne-Pacelli Catholic School is now partnering with Columbus State University and Georgia Military College in the Move on When Ready dual enrollment program that allows high school students to earn college credits while working on their high school diplomas.

- **One-to-One Device High School:** Recognizing the importance of technology and the invaluable role it plays in education, St. Anne-Pacelli Catholic School is now a one-to-one technology device high school. Each of our high school students has his/her own Chromebook and utilizes it every day in classes.

- **Academic Achievement:** All students in grades 6 through 8 scored above the national average in all content areas of the Terra Nova™ Third Edition achievement test, taken in March 2016. In addition, most students in grades 1 through 5 scored either at or above the national average in Reading, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies.

- **Athletics:** At St. Anne-Pacelli Catholic School, students are encouraged to participate and have an opportunity to play a sport in every season of the academic year. Our athletic program begins in elementary school, as young as 3rd grade. Middle school athletes compete in 11 sports, and high school students may choose from 12 sports, the newest being swimming. More than 80 percent of our high school students participate in at least one sport.

Research tells you that students who graduate from Catholic schools go on to stay friends and stay connected longer in their lives than children attending any other school – public or private. I believe this is true because of the many opportunities Catholic school students experience, such as sharing Mass, getting to know smaller class sizes, and faith-based education.

Thank you for your continued support of St. Anne-Pacelli Catholic School and for being a part of a family that can say, "Every Day is a Great Day to Be a Viking!"

Peace and all good things,

Ms. Ronie Collins

St. Anne-Pacelli Catholic School President & High School Principal
Pacelli High School Class of 1979



Little Vikings

**By Sheryl Ivey, St. Anne-Pacelli Catholic
Preschool Director**

St. Anne-Pacelli Catholic Preschool expands Catholic education in Columbus, and the surrounding area, by starting with early childhood, ages 1 to 3. The Preschool's age-appropriate curriculum encourages developmental growth in Language, Art, Music, Science, imaginary play, social skills, large and small motor skills, self-help skills, language skills and pre-Math skills. The student-to-teacher ratio is 8:1. Our Preschool has had a waiting list since opening in August 2015.



Every day is exciting at St. Anne-Pacelli Catholic Preschool!

Whether studying ABCs and 123s in English and Spanish, enjoying visits from special guests—including the Mayor of Columbus, or creating masterpieces with glue, paint and markers, our Little Vikings are getting a great education in a safe and caring environment. One of the students' favorite times of the week is "Music with Mr. Madeo," St. Anne-Pacelli's Lower School Music and Band Instructor.



St. Anne-Pacelli Catholic Preschool student 2-year-old Bo Kaup enjoys exploring on the playground!



Two-year-old Lola Vincent has fun playing with an activity cube!



PK3-2nd grade teachers pose for a fun picture on St. Anne-Pacelli Catholic School's new PK3-2nd grade playground. Installed at the beginning of this school year, the playground was purchased by funds raised by the St. Anne-Pacelli Home & School Association in 2015-2016.

Devoted to Deimel Hall

By Katie Robinson, 1st Grade Teacher and Viking Alumna

I've had the pleasure of working in Deimel Hall, which houses St. Anne-Pacelli Catholic School's PK-2nd grade classrooms, for seven years. Each day, administrators, teachers and families are working together to provide the best Catholic education possible for our students. Our curriculum is rigorous and students are held to high standards. We have Christ-centered classrooms that promote moral foundations and enable each child to learn in a safe, caring environment. We are a community of learners that meets each child where they are, and guides them in achieving their full potential. Our school's core values of Faith, Honesty, Loyalty and Respect, are not just words on banners hanging in our halls, but the character traits we teach and learn here every day.

New Club on Campus

By Cindy Roth, 1st Grade Teacher

First and 2nd grade students are learning to play cards in a new after-school club! Many card games reinforce skills students are learning and developing in class – such as Math, memory and strategy. The St. Anne-Pacelli students participating in Card Club are learning to play 10's, Old Maid, War and Rummy. These games can be played with a simple deck of cards, and incorporate learning and lots of fun!



St. Anne-Pacelli Catholic School 1st grade teacher Mrs. Cindy Roth teaches Andrew Horstman, Luke Townsend and Emmy Morales how to play War during a new after-school card club for 1st and 2nd grade St. Anne-Pacelli students.

Sisters of Mercy Make Lasting Impression

By Patricia Young, 3rd Grade Teacher and Viking Alumna

Sr. Catherine McCauley's desire was a just world for all; to serve and shelter the uneducated women of Ireland. Encouraged to establish her own religious order she hoped to combine the prayerful ways of the Carmelites and the labors of love of the Sisters of Charity. With the Corporal Works of Mercy in mind, she named this order: Sisters of Mercy.

The Sisters of Mercy came to America in 1843 and arrived in Columbus, Ga. in 1962. They opened a small school – St. Joseph's Academy – downtown. St. Joseph's Academy served as both a day school and boarding school. The school grew and the Sisters taught. As the Catholic population expanded, land was purchased and the now named Holy Family School was established until St. Anne Parish was built and the school renamed.

All the while, the Sisters of Mercy guided and taught the children, among them some who would become teachers and would return to teach at the same school.

The school continued its growth and merged with the high school, eventually becoming St. Anne-Pacelli Catholic School. The population of Sisters of Mercy dwindled but their service remained a respected and inspirational component of those who followed them to teach in some of the very classrooms in which they taught.

I was the recipient of their teaching. I attempt to follow in their footsteps – teaching others of compassion and service. I now teach in Mercy Hall and in the Sisters of Mercy Classroom. I am honored to be here, where they have been.



Mrs. Patricia Young is teaching 3rd graders in the St. Anne-Pacelli Catholic School classroom dedicated to the Sisters of Mercy.

Kinderkeepers

By Barbara Lambert, 5th Grade Teacher

Fifth grade students are paired with Kindergartners, walk hand-in-hand to church each Thursday morning, and sit together to celebrate Mass. Fifth graders model good church behavior and gently correct younger students. These pairs develop a special relationship. This is a great way for 5th graders to demonstrate stewardship while they develop leadership skills.

St. Anne-Pacelli Catholic School 5th graders Gavin Fox and Ayanna Walker are serving as Kinderkeepers to Kindergarten students Jaxon O'Loughlin and Minami Kan this year.





Fifth Grade Field Trip Fun

By Emily Miller, 5th Grade Teacher

St. Anne-Pacelli Catholic School 5th graders visited the National Civil War Naval Museum in Columbus, Ga. this fall to enhance their study of the Civil War and Reconstruction. One of the most interesting facts that they learned is that their home city, Columbus, played an important role in the development of the Confederate Navy. A Confederate naval shipyard was located on the banks of the Chattahoochee River, just behind where the current Coca-Cola Space Science Center currently sits on Front Ave. The CSS Jackson, an ironclad ship, was built here in Columbus. It was burned by Union forces in 1865 and later recovered from the Chattahoochee River in the 1960s. The remains of her impressive hull are on display in the museum.

St. Anne-Pacelli Catholic School 5th graders stand in front of a full-scale reproduction of the CSS Water Witch, a wooden-hulled, sidewheel gunboat in the US Navy during the American Civil War, on display at the National Civil War Naval Museum.

National History Day

By Hollie Queener, Middle School Social Studies Teacher

St. Anne-Pacelli Middle School Social Studies Teacher Mrs. Hollie Queener, shares her thoughts on National History Day, an academic competition that encourages more than half a million students around the world to conduct historical research on a topic of their choice, and being the state of Georgia's 2016 Patricia Behring Teacher of the Year.

National History Day (NHD) offers the opportunity to explore many different mediums, encounter many different sources, and exchange new and creative ideas on a subject that is sometimes viewed as irrelevant and boring.

As a middle school teacher, I have the unique opportunity to inspire young minds. The idea that you are only one small being in a vast world can be overwhelming at any age, but especially as a pre-teen. Truly embracing this idea that you can create something influential and bring about change is powerful! History is merely a great story about man, alone, and I have the great privilege of sharing the mystery and magnitude of mankind's profound ripples.

Being a historian is more than memorization and recall. Being a historian begins by first understanding what it means



St. Anne-Pacelli Middle School Social Studies Teacher Mrs. Hollie Queener is named the state of Georgia's 2016 Patricia Behring Teacher of the Year and St. Anne-Pacelli Catholic School student Chloe Boyd earns 2nd place in the Documentary category at the state-level National History Day Contest at Mercer University in Macon, Ga., on April 23, 2016.

to be a good citizen. NHD empowers my students to become independent, self-starting young adults and those qualities will forever have an impact on them as they go out into the world as productive young citizens.

Student Shares Bird's Eye View



Aerial photo taken at St. Anne-Pacelli Catholic School 2016 Homecoming Game by Hayden Preston



Aerial photo of St. Anne-Pacelli Catholic School 2016 Homecoming Pep Rally by Hayden Preston

Hayden Preston, a 7th grade student at St. Anne-Pacelli Catholic School, began flying drones at age 12 when his father surprised him with one as a Christmas gift. After practicing most days of each week, rebuilding parts after numerous crashes, and a lot of research, it was apparent that Hayden had a passion for flying drones.

For Hayden's 13th birthday, he received a professional caliber drone with an ultra-high definition camera and the ability to fly longer and farther while getting professional grade photos and video. Word spread quickly that Hayden was a drone pilot registered with the FAA and approved to fly under certain guidelines. This led to numerous requests for aerial photos and videos from friends, neighbors and local businesses.

Hayden recently flew his drone during St. Anne-Pacelli's Homecoming pep rally and at halftime during the September 23, 2016 Homecoming Game.

Hayden's plans are to become a professional drone videographer/photographer as he continues to pursue a commercial license in the future. He also plans on building a custom drone and competing in drone races throughout the southeast. Look for Hayden flying his latest drone at various St. Anne-Pacelli functions throughout the school year.



St. Anne-Pacelli Catholic School 7th grader Hayden Preston is a drone pilot registered with the FAA.



St. Anne-Pacelli Lower School Principal Mrs. Jocelyn Smith visits the 9/11 Memorial with her sons Logan and Dylan, 5th graders at St. Anne-Pacelli, on a recent trip to New York City.

Remembering 9/11

By Mary Denise Espiritu, Middle School Religion Teacher

On Monday, September 12, 2016, I was spending the first few minutes of each class discussing the events that took place 15 years ago on 9/11. I was talking about why it's important that we remember and then followed up with a brief video timeline. During my 4th period, Lower School Principal Mrs. Jocelyn Smith happened to stop by for an impromptu observation. When I mentioned that all adults remember where they were at the time of the terrorist attacks, I asked Mrs. Smith if she would share with the children where she was. I knew that she was from New York, but I had no idea that she was actually in the city at the time of the attacks. She went on to describe some first-hand accounts to the children that were surreal. You could've heard a pin drop as she discussed knowing people that were trapped in subways, and even losing a close friend who was a firefighter. Surprisingly though, I don't think that any of the children left that day feeling anxious or upset. When Mrs. Smith shared her experience, she focused on the bravery, patriotism, kindness and love that she had witnessed people showing each other. She told stories of her future husband getting helped by a stranger and getting a ride out of the city because he was stranded. She shared stories about people at nearby shoe stores handing out shoes to people as they ran by and had lost their own. She even described how she had been a volunteer EMT on her college campus and was able to go to Ground Zero and hand out water bottles in the immediate aftermath. From a historical perspective, it was amazing for the children to hear a first-hand account, but what was really beautiful and touching was to hear the stories of compassion and courage that she witnessed during that time. Her description of people clinging to their faith in God and to each other was truly inspiring!

Welcome, Carla!

St. Anne-Pacelli Catholic School recently welcomed freshman Xinyue "Carla" Tu from Lu'an City, Anhui, China. The International Language School of Columbus partnered with St. Anne-Pacelli with the purpose of fulfilling its mission to bridge the gap between dreams and success; to be an advocate and support system for international students who pursue study abroad opportunities in the U.S.; and to increase diversity by introducing Chinese language and culture to the local community.

Carla plans on completing high school at St. Anne-Pacelli with the goal of having a strong foundation to enter an American college of her choice. St. Anne-Pacelli Catholic School was selected because of its strong college preparatory program and its caring, welcoming environment.

Carla is living with the Miller family during her time here in the United States. Mrs. Emily Miller is a 5th grade teacher at St. Anne-Pacelli. Dr. Louis Miller works with the Department of Defense and is an adjunct professor in the Psychology Department at Columbus State University. The Miller's oldest daughter, Samantha, attends the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, and their youngest daughter, Li Mei, is in 4th grade at St. Anne-Pacelli. Carla has reported to her new American family that she feels very safe at school. She says she's excited to continue to learn academics and culture, and is very happy to be a part of the Viking family!



St. Anne-Pacelli Catholic School freshman Xinyue "Carla" Tu is pictured with one member of her host family, St. Anne-Pacelli 4th grader Li Mei Miller.

Scholarship Honors Spirit of Mikey Jacobs

By Jeffrey Klotz, High School Science Teacher

Being the high school advisor for the Science National Honor Society (SNHS), which I brought to St. Anne-Pacelli Catholic School in 2012, I had always wanted to give back to this wonderful place. In fact, I felt I owed it to the school and the people who had welcomed me as a fellow Christian into comparative nirvana. I had an idea in the back of my mind to start a scholarship. God made a path that led me to my dear friends, Wendy and Tom Jacobs. In 2015, the SNHS Mikey Jacobs Scholarship was born, and its first recipient was Rita de Rojas, Class of 2016.



Wendy & Tom Jacobs and St. Anne-Pacelli High School Science Teacher Mr. Jeffrey Klotz present the 1st Annual SNHS Mikey Jacobs Scholarship to Rita de Rojas (Class of 2016). Rita is currently a freshman at Mercer University.

During his days at Pacelli, Class of 2011 graduate Mikey Jacobs was an all-state kicker for the Vikings football team and earned the nod as the *Ledger-Enquirer* All-Bi-City boys soccer player of the year. He was also a member of the golf team and a loyal outdoorsman. Mikey died in February 2014 after battling an aggressive form of cancer. He left behind Tom, his father, and mother, Wendy, three brothers — Chris (Class of 2009), Kevin (Class of 2015) and Johnny (Class of 2017) — and his extended Viking family.

I don't know how one "brags" about an accomplishment like the SNHS Mikey Jacobs Scholarship since it is shrouded in the most horrible of tragedies. However, this scholarship is the crowning achievement of my 10 years at this school. Others might believe it is the countless number of students I have taught and in whose lives I have made a difference. Well, that's pretty awesome, too; but every time I think of Mikey, I cry. I can't help myself. I think God wanted something good to come out of this tragedy and I like to think the scholarship is that good.

So we are doing something good in the high school, we're giving away \$1,000 to a graduating college-bound senior who the faculty feels embodies Mikey's spirit - someone who, like Mikey, will one day leave behind a legacy of determination and happiness.



Freshman Katyah Hall and Justin Jackson get a hands-on lesson in half and whole steps during their Foundations in Music elective course.



High school students turned crime scene investigators document a mock crime scene in the courtyard during their Forensics elective class.

Exciting Electives

By Justin Jackson, 9th Grader

This year, there are many new interesting and exciting electives for 9th-12th grade students at St. Anne-Pacelli Catholic School. From Blogging, to Forensics, to Fitness for Life, there's something for everyone! Music lovers are especially fond of Foundations in Music. In this new elective class, students study concepts of music and how to play instruments. Mr. Austen Serrano, 3rd grade St. Anne-Pacelli Catholic School teacher's assistant and music producer, teaches Foundations in Music to high school students. Under his guidance, students are learning how to read, write and perform music. Mr. Serrano's real-world experience is keeping Vikings in tune with the music production industry.

St. Anne-Pacelli High School Electives

AP Art History	Meteorology
AP Studio Arts 2D	Oceanography
AP Studio Arts 3D	Geology
Visual Arts/Art Fundamentals	Astronomy
Creative Writing	Forensic Science
Athletic Training	Anatomy & Physiology
Publish This!	Psychology
Writing for the Stage	Sociology
Blogging	Health/Physical Education
VikingTalks	Kinesiology
Journalism	Fitness for Life
Yearbook	Current Events
Ceramics	Drama
Film and Literature	Foundations in Music

Student's Artwork Selected as Bikers Battling Cancer Logo

St. Anne-Pacelli sophomore Luke Bostick designed this patch which was chosen as the official logo for this year's Bikers Battling Cancer, a fundraiser for the West Central Georgia Cancer Coalition. The motorcycle ride began October 1, 2016 and covered approximately 9,500 miles over the course of 20 days, from Florida to Maine across to Seattle down to Los Angeles and then back to Columbus.



Viking Athletics



By Hart Mizell, Assistant Athletic Director

St. Anne-Pacelli Catholic School student-athletes are back on the courts and fields for winter sports workouts, games and matches.

In April 2016, Buster Connally replaced former Athletic Director and Head Football Coach Alan Griffin, who departed at the end of the 2015-2016 school year to become the Athletic Director at White County High School. Connally has been a high school coach for the past eight years of his career, with seven years at St. Anne-Pacelli and one year at Hardaway High School. In addition, he has taught middle and high school Literature at St. Anne-Pacelli.

Vikings Football welcomed alumnus and Viking great Mark “Dre” LeGree to the program as its new head football coach in November. LeGree was hired at the end of the 2015-2016 school year and served as defensive coordinator during the varsity team’s 2016 season, is a Lower School PE instructor and teaches a Life Skills course to middle school students. After graduating from Pacelli High School in 2007, LeGree played football at Appalachian State and was selected by the Seattle Seahawks in the 5th round of the 2011 NFL Draft. After the NFL, LeGree played for the Canadian Football League. Coach LeGree brings a professional knowledge of the game to a football program that has made the playoffs in three consecutive seasons.



Vikings Volleyball continued to grow under the leadership of new Head Volleyball Coach Evelyn Hester. The varsity team finished its 2016 regular season in 2nd place in the region and advanced to the Class A state volleyball playoffs. The Vikings Middle School Volleyball Team doubled in size this year. As a result, St. Anne-Pacelli formed a 6th grade team and a 7th/8th grade team, in addition to the high school’s junior varsity and varsity teams.

Vikings Cross Country sprinted to the finish line with a program that continued its growth from 2015. Vikings Cross Country hosted the 2nd annual Turkey Trot 5K and 1 Mile Fun Run on November 5, 2016 in conjunction with the Vikings Soccer program.

Beginning with the 2016-2017 season, Viking Athletics adds a new team to its growing list of programs:

Vikings Swimming. Look for boys' and girls' high school swim teams to create a splash this December!

Vikings Basketball enjoyed success in 2015-2016, reaching the state quarterfinals for the first time in school history, and is looking forward to an exciting season under the leadership of Coach Connally and new community coach Corry Black.

Vikings Soccer reached the state semifinals for the second consecutive season last year, and hopes to take one step closer to a state championship in 2017.

Vikings Baseball will expand its schedule in 2017 to bring the program some exciting contests, including a Diamond Day on Deimel Field. Vikings Golf is building on the successes of a young core from 2016.

Viking Athletics, *continued*



The **Vikings Tennis** program contains student-athletes from the 3rd grade through high school, competing against athletes and schools from around the county.

Vikings Wrestling returns several participants that made it to the state level of competition in the previous year.

The **Vikings Cheerleading** program offers three seasons of the sport for both middle and high school students. Spirit Cheer is held during football and basketball season, as the girls support the athletic teams in the fall and winter. Competition Cheer is offered for cheerleaders with dance, tumbling and stunting experience to compete against other schools throughout the state.

The **Lady Vikings Dance Team** is open to girls in grades 8-12. The Dance Team performs during half time at all our home Varsity Girls and Boys Basketball Games. The Dance Team helps boost school spirit during basketball season.

2016 GHSA Cooperative Spirit Sportsmanship Award Presented to St. Anne-Pacelli Catholic School

St. Anne-Pacelli Catholic School is honored to be one of the 48 Georgia High School Association-member high schools in the state that received the 2016 GHSA Cooperative Spirit Sportsmanship Award. The award honors schools that demonstrated exemplary sportsmanship during the 2015-2016 school year.

“At St. Anne-Pacelli Catholic School, we prepare our students to be leaders by instilling core values of faith, honesty, loyalty and respect. We strive to incorporate these values in everything we do – whether it’s in the classroom or on the athletic field,” said St. Anne-Pacelli Catholic School Athletic Director Buster Connally.

The 2016 GHSA Cooperative Spirit Sportsmanship Award was presented to St. Anne-Pacelli Catholic School on Thursday, September 22, 2016 in front of high school students during lunch.

Coach Connally and St. Anne-Pacelli Catholic School President and High School Principal Ms. Ronie Collins accepted the award from Ken Pope, who represented the sponsor of the award - Georgia's Electric Membership Cooperatives.



Once a Viking, Always a Viking

Third Generation Vikings

“This parish and school mean so much to our family. They became a second home to our mother, and years later, a second home to us. We know that our grandparents and mother would be proud that we are continuing the legacy by having our children learn the same faith and values. Even though our mother is no longer here, we feel a little bit of her spirit is in these halls, watching St. Anne-Pacelli become a second home to our own children.”

-Jason & Brad Davenport



Brothers Jason (Pacelli High School Class of 1998) and Brad Davenport (Pacelli High School Class of 2002) hold a photo of their late mother, Linda Davenport (Pacelli High School Class of 1975), and are surrounded by their children – future and current St. Anne-Pacelli Catholic School students. Pictured from left: Millie (to begin Kindergarten in 2017-2018 year) and Wren Davenport (current 1st grader) are Jason's daughters; Gracie (current Kindergarten student) and Gordon (current PK3 student) are Brad's children.



Bernadette Bowick Coker (Pacelli High School Class of 1976) with daughter Lindsay Coker Anderson (Pacelli High School Class of 2000) and grandson Jacob Anderson (St. Anne-Pacelli Catholic School Class of 2029)

“Our family loves St. Anne-Pacelli Catholic School. We’ve been a part of the St. Anne-Pacelli family for over 50 years! I started here in 1964 as a 1st grader and we’re now on our 3rd generation. My five brothers and sisters and I all graduated from here, as did our three children. Now our grandson is in Kindergarten and his sister will begin in 2019. St. Anne-Pacelli is not only a school in which you receive a stellar education, it’s home. It’s truly like a family and it embodies our Catholic faith, which, of course, no public school can do. It’s a place where you make friends who will be in your heart, like family, forever.”

-Bernadette Bowick Coker

Homecoming 2016 Highlights

Homecoming is an annual time for us to celebrate those who came before us...the Vikings who had a role in making our school the wonderful place it is today. It is a time for us to celebrate our school, and we certainly have a great deal to celebrate! A record number of alumni enjoyed reconnecting with friends during this year’s social. The classes of 1966, 1976, and 2006 organized reunions and had fun catching up on old times.



Congratulations to our 2016-17 Homecoming Queen Presley Auer and Homecoming King Matt Oliver!

Stay Connected!

Alumni are a very important part of our school's history, and serve as an inspiration for current students. Our graduates helped shape the Viking spirit and will be a part of our family forever.

We hope you will stay connected to your alma mater in the following ways:

- Visit BeAViking.com and our alumni Once a Viking Facebook Page frequently for updated information about the school
- Attend the annual Alumni Social held at Homecoming each Fall
- Keep your information in our Alumni Directory updated: BeAViking.com/alumni-directory
- Plan or attend your Class Reunion
- Donate to the school
- Pray for St. Anne-Pacelli faculty and students

Alumni Business Directory

St. Anne-Pacelli Catholic School is in the process of developing a Vikings Alumni Business Directory! In our continuing efforts to support our graduates, we invite all alumni-owned small businesses and services to submit their information to be included in this new user-friendly resource: BeAViking.com/alumni-business-directory.

Alumni News & Notes

Alumni, please send us your news about milestones, jobs, promotions, and awards to fellow alumna and St. Anne-Pacelli Catholic School Alumni Director Katie Mann (Class of 2004): kmann@sasphs.net.



Campus Beautification

Viking 500: Race to Replace Campaign Yields New Floors for High School

Thanks to a successful campaign, the red and white tiles in the main high school hallways at St. Anne-Pacelli are stunning! The goal of the Viking 500: Race to Replace spring 2016 campaign was to raise \$25,000 to complete this project. Each \$50 contribution helped purchase one package of tile and pay for the costs associated with its installation. The Viking 500 theme meant every \$50 lap purchased helped the school come closer to reaching the 500 laps/\$25,000 campaign goal. In the end, the more than \$27,000 raised was used to pay for re-flooring the main high school hallways and some high school classrooms. Thanks to Pacelli High School alumnus Greg Majewski (Class of 1988) for leading this very successful campaign and to all who participated in the Viking 500: Race to Replace!



Mother of Mercy Courtyard Gets Makeover

Restoration work is complete on St. Anne-Pacelli Catholic School's statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary, located in the high school's Mother of Mercy Courtyard. Columbus State University graduate student Charles Fowler spent several months during the 2015-2016 school year making the broken beautiful. He removed old paint, rebuilt Mary's fingers, and sealed the statue's cracks prior to repainting the Blessed Mother. Thank you to all who attended the fall 2015 fundraiser, A Dinner with Barbara Dooley, to support this project. Special thanks to Pacelli High School alumnus Richard Coger (Class of 1995), owner of ProCare Lawn Maintenance, for his work to beautify the landscaping in our Mother of Mercy Courtyard over the summer months.



Donor Acknowledgements: Thank You for Making a Difference!

We have a long history of academic excellence at St. Anne-Pacelli Catholic School. The Class of 2016 was offered over \$2 million 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.

If you are interested in helping to further the mission of St. Anne-Pacelli, there are several ways you can make an impact:

1. By making a gift to our **Annual Fund**, you will be supporting all areas of St. Anne-Pacelli from curriculum to facilities to technology. This unrestricted gift allows us to use the money where it is needed most.
2. Maybe you are interested in helping students attend St. Anne-Pacelli. A **scholarship donation or endowment** can help make a child's dream a reality. What a great way to memorialize someone special in your life or celebrate a specific interest!
3. If you live in the state of Georgia and pay state income tax, you are eligible to participate in the **GRACE Scholars** program. Through this program you may redirect a portion of your state income tax dollars to provide scholarships at St. Anne-Pacelli Catholic School.

We are grateful for the loyal support of those who have elected to share their resources with St. Anne-Pacelli. Your generosity is critical to allowing St. Anne-Pacelli to continue its tradition of excellence. Thank you to the following donors who showed financial support in the following areas during the period from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016:

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