

A Tribute to Mrs. Falco

Forty-four years of ensuring the education of Caseys at Red Bank Catholic sadly comes to an end with the announcement of Mrs. Karen Falco's retirement. With a diverse career ranging from being a math teacher to accepting the role of principal, she leaves an incredible legacy and mark on all Caseys. She has prepared students to meet the challenges of the evolving world with resilience and fortitude.

Wherever the future leads her, the Caseys wish her peace, prosperity and happiness. We hope that your future endeavors light up your life with memories that will last a lifetime. Thank you for the unwavering commitment you have given to the RBC community.

Principal Karen Falco



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Choir Students Travel to Nashville, Tennessee

By: Callie Barrett

Red Bank Catholic music students left the classroom and their typical choral repertoire to explore country music in Nashville, Tennessee, during a three-day musical adventure in April.

The trip, planned and organized in partnership with Tour Resource Consultants and paid for by fundraisers, included visits to some of Nashville's most iconic landmarks: a tour of Ryman Auditorium, performing at the Country Music

Hall of Fame, a visit to the Parthenon, a line dancing lesson, and even a show and backstage tour of the Grand Ole Opry. "It was an amazing show with all these different musicians coming out with their own style of music. It was really awesome," said student Nikolas Sakelaris.

While on their backstage tour, students even met country artist Blanco Brown, who performed that night at the Opry.

Perhaps the most memorable experience of the trip was a recording session and tour of RCA Studio B at the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum, widely known as the birthplace of the "Nashville Sound." Students stepped through the historic doors and were instantly immersed in the studio's iconic atmosphere. As they explored the studio, they saw original equipment and studio rooms, and even had the chance to touch the same piano keys and door knobs as Dolly Parton and Elvis Presley.



Choir members visit the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum. This photo had taken place after they took a tour of RCA Studio B and got to listen in on a recording session.

The young musicians then went in for a one-hour recording session, during which they learned about the professional recording process. At the end of the session, the group left the studio with two special souvenirs: a recording of the choir's signature song, "The Lord Bless You and Keep You," and one of the bands playing ZZ Top's "Sharp Dressed Man."

What mattered most to music director Melody Blasenheim-Stevens wasn't the exciting activities, but the chance to expose young creative minds to the world of music and what it has to offer. "Going to a place like Nashville where there's music everywhere not only broadens everyone's horizons as far as the country music genre, but it also opens students' eyes to what's out there in music, as a possible vocation

or avocation," Blasenheim-Stevens said.

Over the three days down south, students were awed and inspired to pursue their talents and passions in the real world. "I think it's so important just in general to support live musicians, but this was like, wow – you walk down the street and there is a new song coming out of every restaurant. It was so awesome," said student Michael Makar about the impact Nashville had on his love for music. "I even started liking country music more."

Although action-packed, the short trip was much more than bus rides and sightseeing. Students and their adult chaperones left Nashville feeling deeply inspired by the heart and power of the music they experienced. These RBC students will use this experience to keep the arts alive.

FEATURES

Winter Sports: A Complete Recap of the Season

By: Kassidy Torchia

The Red Bank Catholic Winter Sports Programs excelled this season, setting records and achieving huge milestones. The winter track, basketball, ice hockey, wrestling, cheer, and swim programs all had very successful seasons.

The **Winter Track** program had a great season. Stand out performances included the six people who qualified for the New Balance Indoor Nationals: Kennedy Miller, Patrick Coyle, Rhiannon Hill, Avery Hargis, Charlotte Heaton, and Grace Heaton. Kennedy put on an amazing performance with the shot put, and Rhiannon, Avery, Charlotte, and Grace ran a fast 4x800 meter. Patrick Coyle ran a personal record and school record of 1:53.72 in the 800 meter and achieved top 20 at Nationals.

Boys Basketball had a few stand out players. Senior captain Colin Cavanaugh and junior Ryan Prior were on all division teams this season. Overall, the boys had a great season of 15 -13.

Our **Girls Basketball Team** was unmatched this season. They are a young team with very talented players, so there are only good things to come for this team next year. The girls were the Non-Public South A Champs, and the Parochial A State Champs for the first time in 7 years over Pope John. To mention another success of this team, they

defeated Saint John Vianney for the first time since 2017 this season. Record-26-5.

The **Ice Hockey** team of Red Bank Catholic, St. Rose, and Donovan Catholic was led by senior captain Connor Harms who led the team in points. They had a great season with big wins against Southern Regional and Red Bank Regional.

The **Cheer Team** was led by senior captains Samantha Weber, Annabella Racioppi, Grace Marks, and Ava Littles. This year in states, the Cheer Team captured fourth place and had the highest score in RBC history. Along with that successful competition, the team placed first in the Jackson Liberty Competition. On top of all of their achievements, the cheer team performed with the Shamrocks, a group of young cheerleaders with autism, at all of the boys basketball games, and taught them how to cheer.

The **Swim Team** had a successful season. On the girls' side, they had a record of 9-1 and made it to the second round of States. Before States, the girls took third at the Monmouth County Championship. The relay of Olivia Wheeler, Hayden Gill, Caitlyn Evans, and Natalie Dapra won their 200 and 400 freestyle relay. They also won in this relay in the Shore Conference Meet. Also at Shore Conference, Olivia Wheeler placed second in the 100 fly and fifth in the 50 free. Caitlyn Evans placed second in the 200 free and sixth in the 100 free. Lastly, Hayden Gill

placed eighth overall at the Shore Conference Meet. Stand out performances for the boys include Charlie Rennard placing second in the 100 fly and fifth in the 50 free, and Dylan Noriega placing sixth in the 500 at the Shore Conference Meet. Captains Stephanie Mahns, Caitlin Evans, and Michael Povalski led this team through a great season. The **Wrestling Team** put on many amazing performances. In Shore Conference, junior Michael DiBiase won the 106-pound weight class title. Junior Frank Romeo placed second in the 165-pound weight class. In Regions, Noah Michaels secured the title of the 120-pound weight class. Lorenzo Portella and Frank Romeo were both region finalists. In State Championships, Noah Michaels won sixth place in the 120-pound weight class, and Lorenzo Portella won eighth in the heavyweight class. Other honors include Lorenzo Portella making first team Monmouth County and

Noah Michaels and Michael DiBiase - second team Monmouth County. Team Record-15-6.

Congratulations to all of our Winter Sports Teams and their amazing achievements.



Senior Tyler Burnham about to score.



Sophomore Lola Giordano leaps to make a layup against Trinity Hall.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Casey Players Present: *The Addams Family*

By: Caitlyn Evans

Director Ms. Jeanne Montano, Choreographer, Producer, and Costume Designer Mrs. Kelly Gemellaro, Set Designer Carla Valentino, Music Director Ms. Melody Blasenheim, and Technical Director, Head of Lighting and Sound, Mr. Robert Rutt, came together to lead the RBC Performing Arts Department as they opened their spring musical, *The Addams Family*.

The musical comedy follows Wednesday Addams (played by senior Gabby LoBosco) who wants to marry a "normal" man, Lucas Beineke (played by junior Matthew Block). After telling her father about her conflict, but hiding things from her mother, relationships are strained and tensions grow. The Addams host the Beinekes (played by seniors Garrett Nolan and Callie Barrett) at a dinner party, where things end up going hysterically askew.

The famous Gomez and



Vanessa Corso as Morticia, and RJ Vanderbrouck as Gomez.

Morticia were played by RJ Vanderbrouck and Vanessa Corso. The comedic roles of younger brother Pugsley (played by junior Mia Makar), Uncle Fester (played by junior Michael Makar), and Grandma (played by junior Anna Accardi) were hilariously portrayed.

In addition to the comics, the iconically silent Lurch was played by senior Scarlett Dawson, who showed that not only could Lurch be brooding and mysterious, but also boast a lovely singing voice.

The musical had audiences on their feet, with its outlandish humor, spooky characters, and fantastic dance numbers.

The Performing Arts Department worked extremely hard to bring the production together, and it showed through the cast's detailed dance numbers, and beautiful vocal performances.

In addition to all this, the tech crew worked diligently behind the scenes to keep things running smoothly and safely. Everyone's hard work paid off in the end, resulting in amazing performances all around.

Even through the stress of the rehearsals and the success of the show, the cast and crew showed everyone the bond they had formed with each other. Congratulations, Performing Arts Caseys.



Gabby LoBosco as Wednesday Addams, belts out a number lamenting the pitfalls of being in love with someone different from her family.



Isabelle Akunwafor leads the chorus of ghostly Addams ancestors in a show-stopping dance of the dead. The chorus of RBC's *The Addams Family* was nominated this year for a Basie Award. Akunwafor assisted Ms. Kelly Gemellaro as a student choreographer, and plans to attend Emory University in the fall.

2024 Count Basie Awards

The Red Bank Catholic Performing Arts Department was nominated for fourteen Basie Awards this year.

The program has certainly grown stronger, with two featured actor nominations and two lead actor nominations for the fall play, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, as well as Outstanding Set Design, and Outstanding Lighting Design, while the musical *The Addams Family* received a slew of nominations.

The musical, *The Addams Family*, garnered many nominations, including Outstanding Chorus, Outstanding Lead in a female identified role, and Outstanding Lead in a male

identified role.

In addition, the musical was nominated for Costumes and Choreography, Musical Direction, and Outstanding Musical Production.

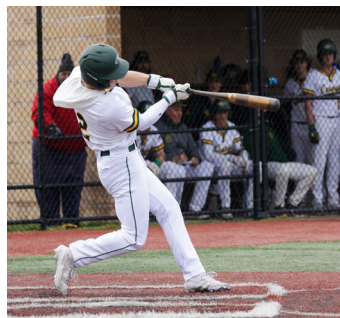
Update- The Awards took place May 22 and results are in.

Our Ms. Kelly Gemellaro won for Best Costumes for *Addams Family*, R.J. Vanderbrouck won for Best Lead Actor as Gomez in *The Addams Family*, and RBC's production of *The Addams Family* won Best Musical. As for the fall play, Francesca Ranucci won best featured female actress for *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Congratulations Performing Arts Caseys on a fantastic year.

SPORTS

Baseball Triumphs

By: Stephanie Mahns



Junior Max Dantoni knocks it right out of the park. He will be attending Rutgers University for baseball.

The RBC Baseball Team came out on top last year, giving them the title of #1 in the Shore. Despite their loss of great players from last year, the Caseys came back to reach for the top for this 2024 season. There were six seniors leading the team this year: Alfred Delia, Brandon Henderickson, Matthew Brunner, James McDonald, Declan Leary, and Sean Griggs. With the talented players on the field along with their head coach Mr. Buddy Hausmann, the Caseys continued to fight for their winning streak. The home opener on April 1, 2024 against rival RFH proved a great start to the season. Starting pitcher Leary, who will be attending the Naval Academy in the fall, pitched a three hitter, helping lead the team to defeat the Bulldogs. With heavy hitters like Delia, who hit the first home run for the Caseys this season, it was not hard for the Caseys to win. With the help of Brunner, Passo, and Dantoni, the Caseys were able to run the bases and earned their victory of 7-2.

As the season unfolded, some key injuries hurt the team, although they made a valiant effort. Pitching was particularly affected, as they lost the NJSIAA Non-Public Championship game to St. Augustine, 12-2. Final record- 18-10.

Boys Tennis

By: Rhiannon Hill

The boys tennis team had an excellent 2024 season. With outstanding victories against Long Branch (4-0) and Neptune (3-2), the Caseys showed their hard work and excellence on and off the tennis court. The Caseys were coached by George Black who diligently mentored and positively impacted the Caseys. The roster included Jayson Cinquegrana (FR), William DeJulius (SR), Thomas McNamara (JR), Vincent Mingalone (SR), Alexander Parker (FR), and Carter Wackrow (JR). Their last match was on May 15, where they appreciated their last memories with their seniors, and reminisced on the special times they have had in the Red Bank Catholic Boys Tennis program.



Senior Vincent Mingalone delivers a powerful return to his opponent. Vincent will be attending Purdue University in the fall.

Softball Crushes

By: Samantha Weber



Junior Lana Rudolph fields the ball with ease and concentration.

The girls softball team had an incredible season, dominating and winning the A Central Division. The team was led by seniors Morgan O'Sullivan, Jordan Terefenko, Abby Zebick, and Ellie Kopec. All of these players will continue their sports careers in college next fall. Season highlights include Morgan O'Sullivan pitching over 100 strikeouts and senior Jordan Terefenko hitting over 100 career hits. Additionally, Junior Lily Hagan has reached over 400 strikeouts pitching this season, while junior Nicole Knox has 136 career hits and counting. The Caseys defeated the top ten teams in the state, including Steinert, IHA, Livingston, and Weehawken. The girls advanced to the Semi-Finals of NJSIAA South Jersey Non-Public A play, but lost a tough one to Notre Dame, 3-1. Final record- 22 wins, 4 losses.



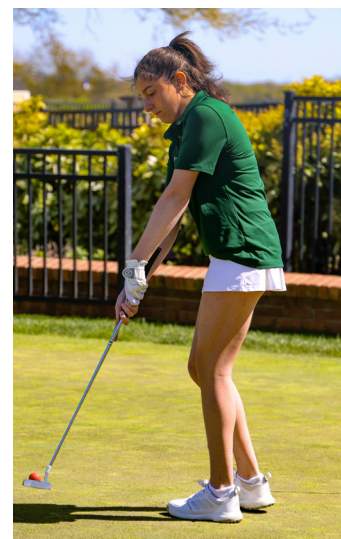
Senior Jordan Terefenko readies to catch the ball with precision.

Boys & Girls Golf

By: Alexa Foster & Ella Dowd

The RBC Girls and Boys Golf Teams are making waves this spring. Seniors Alexa Foster, Julia Garcia, junior Alyssa Snow, and freshman Penelope Lopez shone at the Monmouth County Tournament, placing eleventh overall. Foster hit a personal best of 108, earning her a spot in the Shore Conference Tournament.

Similarly, the boys team welcomed valuable new players who made significant contributions throughout the season. At the Monmouth County Tournament, Andrew Torregrossa led the charge with an impressive 79, closely followed by Chace Shell, Braden Dente, and VJ Muscillo.



Junior Alyssa Snow finishes with one last final drive.



Junior Andrew Torregrossa drives a solid shot.

SPORTS

Girls Track Strong

By: Dado Aw



Freshman Grace Heaton (left) races against her competitor in a meet against RFH.

The Red Bank Catholic Girls Track Team is in the midst of another successful season, with impressive finishes all around. Most recently, the team (Rhianannon Hill, Charlotte Heaton, Grace Heaton, and Avery Hargis) competed at the Penn Relays in the 4x800 relay race.

The Penn Relays is the oldest and largest track and field competition in the United States, hosted annually since April 21, 1895, by the University of Pennsylvania at Franklin Field in Philadelphia. Our Caseys went up against some of the best athletes in the country and placed 12th overall.

Other highlights of the track season include the Casey's competing at the Monmouth County Relay Championships. Junior Maggie Franznick placed 7th overall in the girls long jump finals, while senior Taleah Walker placed 13th overall. Junior Kennedy Miller placed 2nd overall in the girls shot put finals, while senior Kassidy Torchia placed 22nd overall in the shot put finals.

To finish off the Monmouth County Relay Championships, the Caseys' distance relay team placed 2nd overall with a time of 13:05.38.

Congratulations to our girls track team on a triumphant season.

Boys Track Relays

By: Avery Hargis

The Red Bank Catholic Boys Spring Track Team is in the middle of a fantastic season. In both relay and individual events, the team has exhibited hard work and dedication which is showing off in their races. The boys had an amazing season opener at the Big Blue Track and Field Classic at St Joseph's By-the-Sea, placing third in the Distance Medley Relay. The relay consisted of Patrick Coyle, Connor DeFilippis, Andrew Sweeney, and Colin Gaines. Another highlight of the season included Senior Patrick Coyle and Junior Connor DeFilippis breaking 10 minutes in the 3200 and Holmdel High School's Twilight Night of 3200s. Junior Andrew Sweeney and sophomore David Torres both put up PR's at Central-A Divisional of 2:10 in the 800 and 5:39 in the 1600. Coyle also came back and won the Central-A Divisional 800 at Monmouth Regional High School, and also finished second overall in the Monmouth County Boys 800 with a PR of 1:53.

Congratulations to our boys track team.



In the final stretch, determination fuels every step as sophomore David Torres races toward the finish line.

Boys Volleyball

By: Fletcher Hargis

The RBC Boys Volleyball Team finished off their season with a fight. The team doubled in size from last year, and much improvement was seen among all the boys. Last week, seniors Fletcher Hargis, Dan Lezeau, Jack Hopkins, and Franklin Berrios were celebrated on their Senior Night, as they dominated Thomas Edison Energy School. As for the statistics, Jack Hopkins leads in kills, Dan Lezeau leads in blocks, Fletcher Hargis leads in assists, and Eamon Lenahan leads in digs. The team put their all on the court when they played their biggest rivals, Wall Township HS and Middletown North. The RBC Boys Volleyball Team will come back as a sophomore more dominated team next season, led by senior Jesse Plumaker.



Senior Daniel Lezeau spikes the ball over the net to score a point for the Caseys.

Girls Lacrosse

By: Dado Aw

Red Bank Catholic's Girls Lacrosse Team has fought hard throughout this season. The team, led by captains Makenna Graham, Molly Sheehan, and Malia D'Alterio has had some difficulty against some challenging teams this year. However, with the help of senior Makenna Graham and junior Malia D'Alterio, they were able to push through. Graham hit a milestone in her career by scoring her 200th goal and 300th point. The team also had the help of incoming freshmen Alex Rogers and Grace Crowe, who dominated on the offense.



Senior Makenna Graham races down the field looking to make a play and score. Makenna will be attending Marist in the fall to play for their womens lacrosse team.

Boys Lacrosse

By: Caitlyn Evans



Freshman Joe Egan (left) chases after the ball from his opponent.

The RBC Varsity Boys Lacrosse Team has been fighting hard this season. The team is led by head coach Don Femminella, and senior captains Jackson Lu, Gianvito Viola, Connor Harms and Brian Vecchio. The team is also led with a strong defense, and new impressive records set by various seniors: Peter Villare with 100 goals, Gianvito Viola with 300 saves, Connor Harms with 300 ground balls, and Jackson Lu with 100 goals.

The team advanced in the NJSIAA Tournament by defeating Donovan Catholic and St. Joes Hammonton, but lost to Rutgers Prep, 15-3. The boys racked up 10 wins, 10 losses.