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A Fond Farewell

We extend a fond farewell to the class of 2025 as they graduate and move on to college, the military, trade school, or the job market. Four years go by so fast. This class made their mark in many areas, including excellence in academics, athletics, and the arts. We know that they will bring all of their cherished memories of high school with them. While it is sad to see them leave, we also know that they must move on to do great things and distinguish themselves in the world.

Goodbye and good luck to the class of 2025. RBC will always remember you.

Once a Casey, always a Casey!

Flag Football at RBC!

Below: Payton Cox runs past a defender toward the goal.



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Performing Arts Students Go West to Disney

By: Rhiannon Hill

This year the Caseys went on an exhilarating trip to Los Angeles. The choir, theatre, and dance programs of Red Bank Catholic took on Los Angeles by making us proud from all the way across the country.

The programs visited the city while taking in all the cultural aspects of LA. They visited the Warner Brothers Studio, which showed behind the scenes of many famous and iconic Hollywood movies and shows. This gave the students another perspective of how the film industry operates. The students also had fun going on rollercoaster rides, shopping, and spending time with each other. Another awesome moment was when they saw the famous Hollywood sign.

For the seniors, it was bittersweet because this trip truly wrapped up the spectacular four years that they spent with each other.



Theater, choir and dance students visited the Hard Rock Cafe in Los Angeles. They got a slice of history and culture by seeing all of the great sites that Disneyland and Los Angeles, California have to offer. And, of course, they performed.

Senior dance captain Huntyn Shaheen, said that, "Red Bank Catholic Dance has given me such amazing memories and friends. It is very bittersweet because I am leaving some of my best friends behind."

Lastly, the dance program went to Disneyland and performed in the middle of the park for bystanders passing by.

They got to experience the arts in a new environment through hands-on experience.

Below: The performing arts students pose in front of an iconic Hollywood studio facade.



FEATURES

Winter Sports: A Complete Recap of the Season

By: Kiera McNerney and Grace Heaton

The Red Bank Catholic Winter Sports Programs excelled this season, setting records and achieving huge milestones.

RBC Boys and Girls Track Teams had a strong season. For the girls, Rhiannon Hill, Kiera McNerney, Grace Heaton, and Charlotte Heaton qualified for the Meet of Champions in the 4x800, placing 3rd overall with a time of 9:26. At New Balance Nationals, Ava Bataglio, Rhiannon Hill, Charlotte Heaton, and Grace Heaton competed in the DMR; Kiera McNerney ran the freshman 800; and Emma Mercus, Rhiannon Hill, Grace Heaton, and Charlotte Heaton ran the 4xMile. Amelia Berent and Shylah Davis both ranked in the top 15 in the conference for sophomores in the 55m and 400m. Ava Bataglio and Alexa Lakeman finished among the top 20 senior runners in the 400m. Kiera McNerney stood out as the #1 freshman in the conference for the 400m. The 4x400 relay team posted the 7th fastest time in the entire conference, and Maggie Franznick secured the 7th best long jump overall.

For the boys, all the distance runners had personal bests in the mile.

The Boys Basketball Team opened their season against Marlboro High School with a victory of 71-64. Ryan prior scored his

1000th point in the game against Lawrence High School. RBC took on their rivals against RFH, winning 61- 55. Ryan Prior and Sean Saxton played a great game against RFH, combining 35 points after being down 14. On Feb. 19 the boys had Senior Night at Jackson Memorial and won 63-47. Their season came to an end against Notre Dame, losing 63-48.

The Girls Basketball Team had a great season, starting off with a victory over St. Joseph by the Sea. They dethroned the top team in the shore, winning the Shore Conference title, as Addy Nyemcheck led the team with 14 points against St. John Vianney, and Tessa Carmen made 3 clutch free throws. Seniors Tessa Carmen, Christina Liggio, and junior Addy Nyemcheck scored 1000 career points. The girls finished 27-5 in a season full of tough competition, and came close to an NJSIAA title, losing by one point to a tenacious Paul VI team.

The Swim Team ended with a record of 6 wins and 2 losses. Key swimmers Hayden Gill, Isabella Kopp, Natalie Dapra, Olivia Wheeler, and Emma Esser all qualified for the New Jersey Meet of Champions, “a massive accomplishment,” as said by coach Shannon Kearney. The team placed 2nd overall in the Monmouth County Championships. Senior captains Olivia Wheeler, Nora Bolstad, and Liv Scaglione will be sorely missed.

The Competition Cheer

Team kicked off their season with a first place victory in their division. They competed at St. John Vianney, bringing home a second place win and competed at Howell, also bringing home second place. Throughout the season the girls’ hard work and dedication qualified them a spot at states. They competed at states very well, and won 4th place. The girls finished their season off strong.

RBC Wrestling had a successful season with many wins and accomplishments. Rob Connelley earned his 100th win and became a 2025 District 27 Champion, along with Frank Romeo, Joseph Vezzosi, Michael DiBiase, and Cole DeAngelo. Anthony Russo and Luken Ramos qualified for Regionals. RBC also made history by winning its first-ever district title. Bravo, Caseys.

The RBC Ice Hockey Team, coached by Yves Heroux, ended the season with an 8-14 record and went 2-6 in the Shore North

League. They had notable wins over Freehold Township and Wall, but faced tough losses against teams like Southern Regional and St. John Vianney.

Offensively, Mikey Gemellaro led the team with 20 goals and 18 assists (38 points), followed by Gio Gemellaro with 12 goals and 14 assists (26 points).

Other key contributors included Luke Crooker and Logan Josko.

Despite a challenging record, several underclassmen stepped up, showing promise for the future.



Christina Liggio looks to pass the ball to an open teammate.

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THE LIST

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Boston University Danielle Barbutti	Florida Atlantic University Allison Hage	Anna Cardiello	University of Rhode Island Nora Bolstad Abigail K Josko	Ariana Garmany Sean Minarick Haley Moran Maya Thompson
Brookdale Community College Sofia Bottino Braden Dente Gianna Gitterman Sophia Lasater Francesca Lipari Carmine Tartamella	Florida State University Sienna Fieramosca Olivia Hage	Angelina Guccione Sarah Hailu Finnegan McCarthy William McMullin Sienna Sheridan Melanie Silva	Rider University Robert Connelley	University of Tennessee-Knoxville Connor DeFilippis Talia Snedecker
Bucknell University Monica Haynes Luke Meyers	Florida Southern College Alyssa Snow	Montclair State University Nicholas D'Auria	Roanoke College William Dodds	Tulane University of Louisiana Fiona Baughman
The Catholic University of America Sarah Moser Gavin O'Malley Sophia Rossi	University of Florida Katherine Bauman Cailin Naughton	Moravian University Tess Beams Jamie Gutridge Matthew Lonczak	Rochester Institute of Technology Johanna Icasiano	Ursinus College Justin Spitzfaden
University of California-Santa Cruz Alexandra Weber	George Washington University Ava Bataglio	United States Naval Academy Christina Liggio	Sacred Heart University Ben Aiuto Abigail Benning Malia D'Altiero Olivia Farro	Villanova University Morgan Trageser
College of Charleston Alexandria Campillay	High Point University Charlotte Heaton Olivia Jaeger Luca Veltri Zoe Zavolas	University of New Haven Rhiana Thomas	Mackenzie Lynne Ketchow Baileigh Regan Frank Romeo III Andrew Sweeney	University of Virginia Ryan Prior
Clemson University Ava Guastella Joseph Palmer	Hofstra University Lana Rudolph	University of New Hampshire-Main Campus Lily Artherholt	Saint John's University-New York Claudia Grace Weber	Virginia Tech Gregory Gassoso Isabella Palmieri Olivia Scaglione
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Colgate University Christian Radic	James Madison University Reese Cavanaugh Molly Fox Audrey Haugh Petra Suth	New Jersey Institute of Technology Elijah Okonkwo	Salve Regina University Francesco Sinatra III	University of Wisconsin-Madison Michael D'Apolito
Columbia University -City of New York Brianna Lynne Santangelo	Lafayette College Jack Keefe	The New School Alexa Tietjen	San Diego State University Olivia Wheeler	
Commonwealth University	Lehigh University Max Dantoni	New York University (NYU) Andrew Apgar	University of Scranton Abirah Napoleon Kylee Noriega	Undecided Joseph Cali Brylee Hans Rhannon Hill Isabelle Melilli Richard Wallace III
Bloomsburg, Lock Haven and Mansfield Patrick McGonnell	Lynn University Sofia Russo Chloe Wetzel	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Alexander Hammond Nicole Knox	Seton Hall University Anna Accardi Mamoun Chater Emily Fisher Mia Makar Michael Makar Riley Mandeville	
Cornell University Grace Buckman	University of Massachusetts-Amherst Sydney Lithgow	University of North Carolina at Charlotte Meghan Cardoza		
Dartmouth College Christian Sherman		North Carolina State University at Raleigh Sean Saxton		
		University of Notre Dame Lily Hagan Dylan Passo		

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

The Casey Players Present: *Into the Woods*

By: Sienna Sheridan & Anna Accardi

Who ventured into the woods? The Casey Performing Arts did! The Broad Street Auditorium turned into a magical forest as the RBC Performing Arts Department presented their spring musical, *Into the Woods*.

The story follows a baker (Michael Makar) and his wife (Francesca Rannuci), who are on a mission to break a curse that has left them unable to have a child. A witch, (Emma Tava) tells them they must gather four magical items: a cow as white as milk, a cape as red as blood, hair as yellow as corn, and a slipper as pure as gold.

As they venture into the woods, they cross paths with familiar characters like Cinderella, (Sarah Moser), Jack from Jack and the Beanstalk, (Matthew Block), Little Red Riding Hood, (Mia Makar), and Rapunzel, (Evangeline Foukas).



Olivia Rich, stepping in as Milky White (Jack in the Beanstalk's cow), performing through puppetry.

The first act wraps up with everyone seemingly satisfied, but the second act takes a darker turn. As the characters face the results of their choices, they must come together to confront a giant, and the reality of their actions.

The company of actors was incredible, and one unique performance, among many, came from Shayna Amundarain, who brought the character of Milky White the cow to life through puppetry and voice.

Sister Marge Scarpone lent her voice as the Giant, adding even more depth to the production.

The show blended humor, drama, and emotion, keeping audiences entertained while also delivering meaningful lessons about life and responsibility.

Behind the scenes, the tech crew worked tirelessly to create smooth transitions, special effects, and lighting that captured the whimsical (and sometimes eerie) tone of the show. The live orchestra, conducted by Mr. Macirowski, gave the music the energy and emotion it needed to shine.

Led by Director Ms. Jeanne Montano, Producer, Choreographer, and Costume Designer Mrs. Kelly Gemellaro, Set Designers Carla Valentino and Jordan Berke, Music Director Mr. Andrew Macirowski, and Technical Director and Head of Lighting and Sound Mr. Robert Rutt, the Casey Players brought the fairy tale world

to life through all of their talent, leadership, and hard work.

All in all, the cast, crew, and staff came together to create an unforgettable experience. From rehearsals to the final curtain call, their dedication was clear. Once again, the Casey Players proved just how strong and connected the program really has become.

Bravo, Caseys.



Michael Makar as the baker enters the woods to get items to meet the witch's demands.

2025 Count Basie Awards

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

The program grows stronger every year. The play, *The Real Inspector Hound*, was nominated for Outstanding Set Design of a Play-Robert Rutt and Jordan Berke, Outstanding Supporting Performance -Female-Comedy-Anna Accardi and Sarah Moser, Outstanding Company in a Comedy, and Outstanding Production of a Play. The musical *Into the Woods* was nominated for Outstanding Featured Ensemble Group, The Royal Stepfamily, and Outstanding Lead Performance, Female-Frankie

Ranucci.

Update- The Basie Awards took place May 21 and results are in.

Senior Anna Accardi won for Outstanding Performance in a Female Identified Role-Comedy in a play-*The Real Inspector Hound*. Anna's complete grasp of her character and spot on facial expressions made for a winning and deserved accomplishment. Robert Rutt and Jordan Berke won for Outstanding Set Design of a Play-also *The Real Inspector Hound*. Special Awards Mentions went to Johanna Icasiano-Student Stage Manager, and Shayna Amundarain-Student Director. Congrats to all.



Cast members and ensemble of *Into the Woods* flank Niko Sakelaris, as the Prince, and Sarah Moser, as Cinderella in a musical number. While the two meet and fall in love as per the fairy tale, life encroaches upon all of the characters. Cinderella, in particular, has many questions about her relationship with regard to her own fulfillment.

SPORTS

Baseball Triumphs

By: Sienna Sheridan



Senior AJ Sciametta gets ready to bat. He will be attending Felican University for baseball.

Building upon the momentum from the previous year, the Caseys have demonstrated remarkable consistency and resilience. With a current record of 18-7, the team has outscored opponents 58-11, achieving double-digit scores in all but one game, and allowing one run or fewer in four contests.

The pitching staff has been anchored by seniors Ryan Prior and Luke Meyers, who have quickly established themselves as the team's aces. Prior's synergy with junior catcher Aiden Funk, a second-year starter, has been instrumental in the team's defensive strength.

Offensively, the Caseys have been formidable. Senior second baseman AJ Sciametta and senior shortstop Max Dantoni have provided veteran leadership, while junior third baseman Drew Cannon and junior outfielder Jake Frankel have contributed significantly to the team's run production.

Frankel, in particular, has showcased his power-hitting capabilities, including a multi-home run game against Ranney.

On May 20, RBC won the Monmouth County Tournament, defeating CBA 8-3. Ace Luke Meyers saved the day in relief pitching to ensure CBA would not stage a comeback.

Boys Tennis

By: Amanda Foster

Red Bank Catholic's Boys Tennis Team has had a strong rebuilding year. The team has four key players: sophomore Jayson Cinquegrana, senior Thomas McNamara, sophomore Alex Parker, and senior Carter Wackrow. The team has shown immense effort in each of their matches, and even had a close game against Neptune earlier this season, with a close 3-2 loss. Hopefully, what the sophomores have learned will carry them through next year.



Senior Carter Wackrow delivers a powerful return to his opponent.

Flag Football

By: Amanda Foster

Red Bank Catholic Flag Football has been on the rise. The team was only formed last year and has already accomplished making it to the playoffs in just seven games. The team is led by Coach Lange, Coach Porzio, and Coach Ambrose for both a JV and Varsity team. As the years progress, flag football is becoming more popular, although it does have different rules in comparison to football. In the game, the players grab the flag rather than tackling their opponent. The level of difficulty, spin moves, and impressive interceptions allowed the Caseys to achieve a playoff run this season.

Softball Crushes

By: Sienna Sheridan



Senior Lily Hagan appears intent on slugging the ball into the outfield.

The Red Bank Catholic Softball Team has continued its tradition of excellence, winning the Shore Conference crown after a 15 year drought, defeating Colts Neck 9-1, on May 19. Boasting a 19-4 overall record, they have dominated the Shore A North division with a 9-1 mark. Led by standout senior Grace Lombardi, who is batting an incredible .589 with 9 stolen bases, and UNC-bound senior Nicole Knox, hitting .455 with 7 stolen bases, the Caseys have been a force both at the plate and on the field. Senior pitcher Lily Hagan, following up her dominant 2024 campaign, holds a stellar 1.60 ERA, while junior MacKenna Savage and senior Jayden Kane have added depth and power to a well-rounded lineup—Kane leading the team with 5 home runs.

Season highlights include a nine-game winning streak and statement victories over top programs like Watchung Hills and Colts Neck. Their blend of seasoned senior players and rising underclassmen assures them a strong post-season run.

Boys & Girls Golf

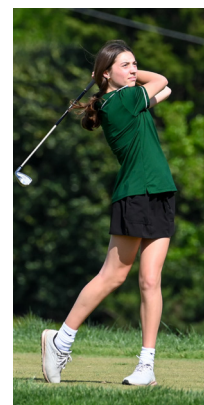
By: Sienna Sheridan

Under the guidance of Head Coach Kevin Gaul, the RBC Boys Golf Team achieved a commendable 6-2 overall record, with a 4-2 standing in the competitive Shore B Central Division. Senior leaders Andrew Torregrossa and Braden Dente provided experience and consistency, while junior Cole Collins and sophomore Chace Schell contributed significantly to the team's success. Notably, Torregrossa's impressive 79 at the Monmouth County Tournament set a high standard for the team.

The roster's depth, including juniors Matthew Asfendis, Joey Farrell, and Teagan McCarthy, as well as sophomores Gavin Biasi, Charlie Boedinghaus, and Rocco Bon-giovi, showcases the program's promising future.

Coached by Rob Connolley, the RBC Girls Golf Team faced challenges this season, concluding with an 0-12 record in the Shore A Central division. Despite the setbacks, the team displayed determination and growth.

Senior Alyssa Snow provided leadership, while sophomore Penelope Lopez and junior Alina Lucas continued to develop their skills. Freshmen Kaylee Brand and Lily Cascella gained valuable experience, setting the stage for future success.



Freshman Lily Cascella solidly drives the ball.

SPORTS

Girls Track

By: Amanda Foster

The Red Bank Catholic Girls Track Team sprints to the finish line as their season comes to an end shortly. Thus far, the team has accomplished amazing achievements at their track meets; whether it was a running time or a throwing distance, the Caseys came for a fight.

At the Penn Relays, the Caseys ran with purpose. The meet resulted in two high school girls of the 4 x 800 prelims, accomplishing a time of 9:39.22. In this relay event, the team placed 43rd.

Another meet the Caseys participated in was the Monmouth County Relay where the Caseys racked up fantastic results, having multiple teammates place. Senior Kennedy Miller placed 1st in the shot put in the Girls Championship with a 35-5. Miller also placed 2nd in discus with a 118-11 for the Girls Championship as well. Other track athletes who deserved recognition is the Relay Team which placed 2nd with a time of 4:11.59 in the 4 x 400 Meter Relay in the Girls Championship. The relay team also finished in first place for the 4 x 800 Meter Relay with a time of 9:53:76.



Junior Savannah Salsman finishing the race.

Boys Track Relays

By Amanda Foster

The Red Bank Catholic Boys Spring Track Team has put up an exceptional performance this past season. All runners, throwers, and members of the spring track team had notable performances.

Freshman Josiah Numa had a time of 11.83 seconds in the 100 meter dash at the A-Central Division Championships, placing him in the top 20 for times in RBC history. The Boys Relay Team also had an advantageous season.

At the Sprint Medley Relay, the boys relay team, run by Colin Gaines, Bryse Martin, Josiah Numa and Adam Pyndus, had a time of 4:00.71, ranking 9th in RBC's SMR records.

At the Penn Relays, hosted by the University of Pennsylvania, the team ran a tough meet.

In the Boys Championship, the Relay Team in the 4 x 800 Meter Relay placed fourth with a time of 8:47.26.



Freshman Bryse Martin dashes to the finish line in the Sprint Medley Relay.

Boys Volleyball

By: Amanda Foster

Red Bank Catholics Boys Volleyball is a hardworking and determined team led by Andrew Hanniffy. Currently, the team has a record of 1-21. The team's first win was over Donovan Catholic by a 2:1 win. Though the Caseys have faced a few losses this season, each player continues to put in full effort at every game. Some competitive match up games that the Volleyball Team has gone up against was St. John Vianney High School, Holmdel High School, and Asbury Park High School, which all resulted in a hard fight for the Caseys. It is known that the team is sophomore-dominated; these players will no doubt return next season stronger than ever and it is exciting to anticipate how next season will play out.



Senior Jesse Plumaker drives the ball to a teammate to send it over the net.

Boys Lacrosse

By: Amanda Foster

As the Boys Lacrosse season progresses, the Caseys fight hard. So far, the team's stats are 4-15, with two wins against Colts Neck and Point Pleasant Boro High School. Though the team has faced challenges on the field, it does not discount all the work they have done thus far. Freshman Wyatt Curley has made 159 amazing saves and Julian Littman has had 49 saves. both as goalkeepers. This year's team is led by Coach Don Femminella.



Sophomore Jack Denver passes the ball to his teammate.

Girls Lacrosse

By: Amanda Foster



Senior Malia D'Alterio takes the ball to the goal.

The Red Bank Catholic Girls Lacrosse Team has truly put their hearts and souls into the game, and this season it most definitely showed, as they won their division championship. Currently, the team leads the season with a record of 11-8. The team continues to push through, coached by Kimberly Williams and led by team captains Malia D'Alterio, Molly Fox, and Morgan Trageser. Senior Malia D'Alterio has made 44 goals so far this season, and Alexandra Rogers has made 52 goals. Sophomore Cecilia Granatelli, goalie, has been a major contributor to the team as well, with 78 total saves this season.