ATHLETICS NEWSLETTER

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Bears in the Bright Lights

This month's Bear in the Bright Lights is Senior offensive lineman, Blaise Thomassie. This is Blaise's 5th year in the Football Program and he has recently committed to continuing his academic and athletic career at Stanford University. (See Pg.2)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tues., September 30
Liturgy 9:45 - 11:00 AM
9th/JV Football @ Zachary 5/7 PM

Wed., October 1
Golf (A+B) at St. Stanislaus

Thurs., October 2
Men's Club 40th Annual $13,000 Raffle

Fri., October 3
Homecoming Varsity Football vs. Madison-Ridgeland (MS) 7 PM, Alumni Tailgate 4 - 7

Mon., October 6
Varsity Football vs. Liberty 6 PM

Thurs., October 9
Varsity Football vs. Liberty Magnet 7 PM

Sat., October 11
Cross Country Meet (V/JV/8th) 8 AM
Swimming CCSL Cluster Meet #2 8:10 AM



CHS Football celebrates a big win.

Kicking Off The Fall Season

Cur Dog Football began the 2025 season strong by defeating Destrehan and St. Thomas More. A dominant rushing attack led by running backs Jayden Miles and Justin Batiste has propelled the Bears' offense. CHS then traveled to U-High, defeating the Cubs 28-14. Up next, the Bears took a road trip to West Monroe. Despite a hard-fought battle, CHS fell for the first time in 2025 by a score of 27-24. This Friday, the Bears return home to face Madison-Ridgeland Academy (MS) for Homecoming.

On the Cross Country course, Augustin Juneau led the Big Orange Wave to an overall team win at their season-opening meet with a time of 15 minutes and 11 seconds. CHS had five runners finish in the top 20 to cap a dominant performance.

The Vociferous Juggernaut dominated their first weekend of competition. Beginning defense of their state title, the Bears swam a double header on opening weekend. First, CHS defeated rival Jesuit 97.5-72.5 in a dual meet. The next morning, the Bears were back in the pool competing in the CCSL season-opening meet. CHS racked up a dominant 604 points thanks to 31 personal-best times.

The CHS Fishing team traveled to Dorion's Landing to begin the '25-'26 season. Grey Traxler '26 and Tanner Miller '26 earned a first-place victory with 14.65 lbs. For the second year in a row, the Bears were named Team of the Tournament.

Letter From The Athletic Director



We are excited to share the inaugural issue of the Catholic High School Athletics Newsletter. Our fall sports are in full swing, with football, swimming, and cross country seasons underway. Already, the Bears are proudly representing CHS and the Brothers of the Sacred Heart — on the field, in the pool, and on the course.

I feel truly blessed to be part of the Catholic High family and honored to help lead our athletic department into the future. In these pages, you'll see countless examples of the uncommon effort demonstrated by our student-athletes and coaches. Their success would not be possible without the steadfast support of our administrators, faculty, and parents.

Bears in the Bright Lights

Blaise Thomassie



This month we asked our Senior offensive lineman Blaise Thomassie some questions about his time at Catholic High, his experience in the CHS Football Program, and his future after CHS.

Q: What makes you most excited for your Senior year?
A: "I'm excited to make memories with all my friends in my last year. Whether that is in Mu Alpha Theta or in the student section at basketball and baseball games I'm excited to enjoy doing all these things for the last time. "

Q: What are your main goals for Senior year?
A: "For Senior Year I want to have a successful football season playing the best I can each game. I want to make it one of the most dominant seasons that a CHS team has ever done. "

Q: Looking back at your time at Catholic High, what is your fondest memory?
A: "My fondest memory is my time spent in Colorado at CLE. It was a lifechanging experience that I took going into my Junior year. I grew closer to God and grew closer to everyone around me."

Q: What is one lesson you have learned with your time in the Catholic High Football program?
A: "The best lesson I had to learn the hard way was that you are entitled to nothing and have to earn everything you work for. It started my eighth-grade year, my first year playing football. I realized after that season that nothing besides hard work will get me where I want to go"

Q: Looking into your future after High School, what excites you the most? And what scares you the most?
A: "I am extremely excited for my future after CHS. This summer I committed to Stanford to play football and am extremely excited for that opportunity. I am more nervous for the same thing though. The expectations of college football along with going to a university like Stanford is a lot, add to that that I won't know anyone that goes there.

This Month in Pictures



Patrick Dawes '28



William Hardie '28



Alex Williams '28



Cade Guillory '28



FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES (FCA)

"The Fellowship of Christian Athletes" or FCA, is a club that organizes Bible studies, prayer, leadership training, and inspirational events. It offers a lot of opportunities for athletes to connect and grow both spiritually and athletically. If you're an athlete that wants to grow in his faith, this may be the club for you!

What are the goals of FCA?

"Encourage athletes to grow in their faith and relationship with Jesus Christ, provide a supportive community for athletes to share their beliefs, and equip our athletes with resources for spiritual development."
-Coach Caleb Williamson

Get Involved!

If you wish to join, sign up, come to the meetings, and pay the $25 dues!

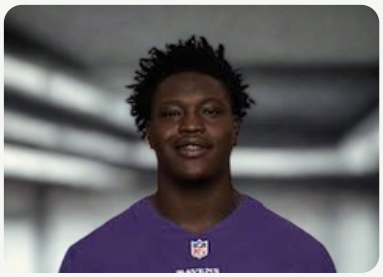
BEARS IN THE WILD



Zach Tom '17 recently signed a 4-year, $88 million contract, including a $ 30.2 million signing bonus , with the Green Bay Packers. He is entering his 3rd year in the NFL.



Clyde Edwards-Helaire '17 played in three preseason games with the New Orleans Saints. On 9/2, he was signed on to the Kansas City Chiefs practice squad.



EJ Jones '22, was drafted by the Baltimore Ravens in 3rd round of the 2025 NFL Draft after playing 3 years at LSU. During summer workouts, EJ suffered a torn labrum and is currently on injured list.



Josh Smith '16 is a utility infielder for the Texas Rangers. In 2024, Josh won the Silver Slugger Award for the utility position. This season, Josh has a .255 AVG., with 9 HR, 34 RBI on 123 hits.



Austin Nola '08 is on the Colorado Rockies. He has 7 Hits, 2 runs, with a batting avg of .184. He is currently on the Albequrque Isotopes.



Aaron Nola '11,younger brother of Austin Nola is a professional baseball pitcher for the Philadelphia Phillies. This year, Aaron has a record of 1-7 with a 6.16 ERA along with 52 strikeouts.



New Coaches

- **Brandon Cazabaun**- Teacher - Sports Medicine, Assistant Athletic Trainer
- **Josef Venus**- Teacher - American History, Civics, and Physical Education, Assistant Coach - Football and Powerlifting
- **Dillon Farrell**- Teacher - AP Comparative Government & Politics, Civics, Assistant Coach - Football and Track & Field
- **Ian Brian** - Teacher - Geometry and Algebra II, Assistant Coach - Baseball and Football
- **Dustin Nothnagel**- Teacher - American History, Special Teams Coordinator - Football
- **Dr. Trey Pinegar**- Teacher - Civics, Assistant Coach - Basketball
- **Terry Corcoran**- Teacher - Civics, Head Coach - Lacrosse