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Columbus, NE 68601

Message from the President



The 2022-23 school year was a year of great success in the classroom and in our extra-curricular activities. I truly appreciate the dedication of our students and faculty and the coaches/sponsors for all the hard work they put into The Scotus Way.

The 22-23 school year also included the addition of two alumni on to our teaching staff. Mr. Cody Mroczek (Business) and Ms. Alaina Wallick (English) had a huge impact in the classroom and in the extra-curricular activities that they help direct. Scotus Central Catholic was also blessed to add Mrs. Wendy

Shotkoski (Math) and Ms. Autumn Johnson (Spanish) to our teaching staff. They are not only outstanding teachers but also set a positive example each day with their positive attitude and willingness to help where needed.

The changes to our business curriculum in the areas of Entrepreneurship and Marketing were very popular with our students. They have even started their own store and sold Scotus merchandise. In the 23-24 school year we will be adding new classes in Health Science through a partnership with Columbus Community Hospital. This will allow our students to work toward a CNA certification.

Beginning on July 1st the four Catholic schools in Columbus will join together to form the Columbus Catholic Schools system. All four schools will now be under one corporation and have one set of board of directors. This change will allow us to become a unified K-12 system. We are looking forward to the strategic planning and sharing of resources that will come from this. It will also allow us to raise funds as a system and in the long run lessen any financial burden on our parishes.

Please pray for the continued success of our Catholic schools. Our schools provide a safe environment for our children to come to know, love and serve our Lord. We need great Catholic schools more than ever.

God Bless Jeff Ohnoutka Executive Director, Columbus Catholic Schools

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PROCESS 2022-2023

Each year Scotus Central Catholic develops a school improvement plan. This plan focuses on the areas of reading, writing, climate, crisis/safety and Catholic identity. From each of these areas a yearly action plan is created and committees meet monthly to monitor the progress of the school in their assigned areas. Scotus Central Catholic also goes through a formal accreditation process every five years conducted by Cognia. This formal visitation provides our school the opportunity to have an outside source analyze areas of teacher development and effectiveness, curriculum offerings and school climate and culture. In February, the group from Cognia visited our school for two days. Scotus Central Catholic received very high marks and has been accredited for the next five years. Cognia representatives were especially pleased with the roles that our lay campus ministry has played in our school and with the creation of a career and college readiness program.

DEDICATED LEADERSHIP 2022 - 2023

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FINANCIAL REPORT Fiscal year July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023

General Fund

The fiscal year budget concluded with a positive balance of \$111.00.

Budgeted Revenue Parent Tuition	\$1,172,527	Budgeted Expenditures Salaries & Benefits	\$3,015,288		
Parish Tuition Assistance* Endowment/Scholarships Transfer from SEF Fundraising/Athletics/Other Total	\$ 807,616 \$ 705,842 \$ 335,000 <u>\$ 534,984</u> \$3,555,969	Contracted Services Materials/Supplies/Athletic Gala Total	\$ 201,354 \$ 279,327 <u>\$ 60,000</u> \$3,555,969	CAFETERIA The cafeteria budget conclu negative balance of \$40	ded with a
*Same as previous year <u>Actual Revenue</u> Parent Tuition Parish Tuition Assistance Endowment/Scholarships Transfer from SEF	\$1,162,579 \$ 807,616 \$ 704,064 \$ 351,564	<u>Actual Expenditure</u> Salaries & Benefits Contracted Services Materials/Supplies/Athletics Gala	\$3,044,224 \$224,259 \$325,590 \$59,544	Budgeted Revenue Budgeted Expenditure Actual Revenue Actual Expenditures	\$508,843 \$508,843 \$467,893 \$514,817
Fundraising/Athletics/Other Total	<u>\$ 627,905</u> \$3,653,728	Total	\$3,653,617		

NOTE: 36 Scotus students were eligible for the federal free (n=27) and reduced (n=9) lunch program compared with a total of 34 the previous year.

ENROLLMENT & TUITION ASSISTANCE

Enrollment for the 2022-23 school year was 373 - representing an increase of 2 students from the previous year. The student body was comprised of the following religious affiliations: Roman Catholic (345), Other Denominations (28) Tuition for 2022-23 was \$3,600 for all grade levels. There were no fees charged.

At the start of the 2023-23 school year, \$164,873 was distributed in tuition assistance to 276 students. Most of this assistance was need-based and represents a 14% increase over the previous year. A look at the last 15 years of enrollment history:

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2008-09	360	2016-17	373
2009-10	368	2017-18	364
2010-11	382	2018-19	350
2011-12	401	2019-20	352
2012-13	397	2020-21	375
2013-14	396	2021-22	371
2014-15	363	2022-23	373
2015-16	371		

PARISH TUITION ASSISTANCE

The three Columbus parishes support the annual Scotus budget with parish tuition assistance—effectively providing a scholarship to each Scotus student that was valued at \$2,165 in the 2022-23 fiscal year. St. Anthony parish provided \$157,536; St. Bonaventure provided \$300,000 and St. Isidore provided \$350,080. In addition, parish tuition assistance is supplemented with the annual income distribution (\$204,596 in 2022-23) received from the Walter & Josephine Rambour endowed fund. This endowed fund has a corpus value of \$3,142,881 and it was created to support the parishes by assisting with their annual tuition assistance support to Scotus Central Catholic.

CHILDREN'S SCHOLARSHIP FUND 2022-23 CSF Scholarships

Participation in the **Children's Scholarship Fund** program continued, and the Columbus parishes raised \$19,527.73 during the 2021-22 school year. The money was sent to Omaha and in return the Columbus Catholic schools received back a total of \$35,300 in scholarships benefiting 42 students for the 2022-23 school year. A summary of the scholarships follows:

	<u>School</u>	<u>Student #</u>	Award Total
	Scotus Central Catholic	13	\$ 10,100
	St. Anthony	16	\$ 13,700
The Columbus parishes raised \$26,093.74 for CSF during	St. Bonaventure	9	\$ 7,500
the 2022-23 fiscal year and scholarship totals for the 23-24	St. Isidore	4	\$ 4,000
school year will be stated in the next annual report.	Total	42	\$ 35,300

ENDOWMENT - Market Values and Distributions Fiscal 2022-2023

Combined endowment fund market values at the conclusion of the fiscal year (June 30, 2023) were \$9,681,509 including \$6,950,645 (locally managed funds) and \$2,730,864 (funds managed through the Archdiocese.) Overall, the endowment market value was up \$348,842 from the same date in the previous year. During the fiscal year, a total of \$34,912.70 was added to the endowment, including interest and transfers. Of this amount, \$28,584.56 was restricted to endowed scholarships and \$6,328.14 (includes checking account interest) was added to the general endowment. Fiscal year distributions received by the school totaled \$526,874.89.

Locally Managed Funds 6/30/23						
Fund Name/Year Created	Corpus	Market Value	Distribution	26-Yr Distribution		
			2022-23	Total (1998-2023)		
Original Fund*/1980	\$1,518,002	\$2,078,315	\$103,189.00	\$1,484,746		
Rambour Parish Investment/1997	\$3,142,881	\$4,011,963	\$204,596.00	\$3,074,971		
Gerhold Teacher of the Year/1998	\$ 196,387	\$ 332,069	\$ 16,987.00	\$ 254,367		
Feik Technology/2000	\$ 260,320	\$ 456,213	\$.00	\$ 213,593		
Scotus Music Scholarship/1995	\$ 60,000	\$ 72,085	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 12,842		
Total	\$5,177,590	\$6,950,645	\$326,271.00	\$5,040,519		
Archdiocesan Managed Funds 6/30/23						

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Fund Name/Year Created	Corpus	Market Value	Distribution	26-Yr Distribution		
			2022-23	Total (1998-2023)		
Dowd Trust/1977	\$ 124,160	\$ 144,150	\$ 8,147.35	\$ 154,990		
Anonymous Fund/1988	\$1,010,000	\$1,348,780	\$ 76,232.99	\$1,579,113		
Fr. Price Scholarship/1986	\$ 8,634	\$ 12,064	\$ 681.84	\$ 13,803		
Gerhold Family Fund/2010	\$ 375,081	\$ 522,677	\$ 29,541.71	\$ 260,363		
ACNM/2000	\$ 498,995	\$ 703,193	\$ 86,000.00	\$ 590,530		
Total	\$2,017,472	\$2,730,864	\$200,603.89	\$2,598,799		
Total All 10 Funds	\$7,195,062	\$9,681,509	\$526,874.89	\$7,639,317		

*Co-Mingled Funds in Original Endowed Fund 6/30/2023

Name	Corpus	Established
George & Jeanette Maguire Scholarship	\$16,394.00	05/1988
Fr. Price Scholarship	\$ 2,507.08	09/1989
Eleanor M Loshbaugh Scholarship	\$ 5,000.00	05/1989
Sheridan Gladfelter Scholarship	\$ 5,050.00	12/1989
Louis & Elaine Buggi Scholarship	\$72,441.58	12/1995
Gene G. Witt Scholarship	\$20,520.00	12/1999
Duane Swoboda Scholarship	\$10,000.00	03/2000
William & Edna Boettcher Family Fund	\$51,210.00	12/2002
Lee & Shirley Hroza Family Athletic Scholarship	\$27,479.00	01/2009
Kathryn Kuta Sweenie Humanitarian Award	\$ 8,345.00	12/2009
Ben & Virginia Nosal Fund	\$26,753.92	12/2009
Manny & Millie Cimpl Family Scholarship	\$20,000.00	06/2012
Jeanne Kopetzky DeRuyscher '71 Fund	\$ 8,600.00	03/2014
Helen Shadle Scholarship	\$20,000.00	04/2016
Debbie Zuerlein Schraer '69 Scholarship	\$20,185.00	11/2016
Marvin & Marlene Styskal Family Scholarship	\$ 5,800.00	09/2017
Kevin & Jacquie Ingemansen Family Scholarship	\$26,513.97	12/2017
Marilyn Gangel Scholarship	\$23,028.70	09/2018
Don & Joan Sokol Scholarship	\$12,000.00	10/2018
Jim Puetz Scholarship	\$36,855.10	10/2018
Kevin & Jacquie Ingemansen Family Scholarship B	\$ 5,066.00	01/2020
Leonard & Cec Feehan Family Scholarship	\$21,739.89	03/2020
Henry & Betty Heimann Family Scholarship	\$24,569.00	03/2021
Patricia (O'Hearn '72) Cieloha Mem. Scholarship	\$10,543.60	09/2021
TJ Wrigley '06 Scholarships (2)	\$12,000.00	11/2022

In addition to the endowed scholarships, the endowed funds provide annual restricted support. The William L and Edna Boettcher Family Fund provides annual income divided equally between the media center, instrumental and vocal departments. The Ben and Virginia Nosal Fund, and the Jeanne Kopetzky DeRuyscher Fund both provide annual income supporting the schools' general scholarship fund.

POST-SECONDARY PLANS OF 2023 GRADUATES

Enrolling in a 4-year college - (n=42), 65% Enrolling in a 2-year college - (n=19), 29% Joining the Military - 2 Entering the workforce - 1 Intl. Student Returning Home-1

IN STATE INSTITUTIONS

Capital Beauty School- 1 College of St. Mary- 2 Creighton University- 1 CCC, Columbus- 7 Hastings College- 1 Mid-Plains CC- 1 NECC, Norfolk- 9 Peru State College- 1 SECC- 1 University of Nebraska, Kearney- 4 University of Nebraska, Lincoln- 10 University of Nebraska, Omaha- 10 Wayne State College- 6

OUT OF STATE INSTITUTIONS

Benedictine College- 1 Hillsdale College- 1 University of South Dakota- 2 University of Kansas- 1 Kansas State University- 1 University of Missouri- 1



COMMENCEMENT 2023

Joining the ranks of Scotus alumni and alumnae this spring were 65 graduates. Claire Rickert gave the senior address. Fr. James Heithoff gave the homily. Named as the Spirit of Scotus Award winner was Jackson Faust, son of Cory and Tricia Faust. Thirty graduates had each earned 30 or more college credits from Central Community College prior to graduating from Scotus. Named to the Omaha World Herald All West-Central Academic Second Team, was Thomas Melliger (pictured below), and selected as Honorable Mention were: Jackson Faust, Jasmine Jackson, and Hailey Steffensmeier.



STANDARDIZED TESTING

51 of the 58 members of the Scotus Class of 2022 took the ACT test. (Information on the Class of 2023 will not be available until late in the year, 2023.) The 2022 ACT Class Profile composite score for Scotus was 23.9. 2022 sub scores compared with the Nebraska (state) and national averages were:

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	<u>Scotus</u>	State State	<u>Nation</u>
English	23.1	18.6	19.0
Mathematics	23.8	19.1	19.3
Reading	24.0	19.8	20.4
Science	24.1	19.6	19.9
Composite	23.9	19.4	19.8

According to the American College Testing Program, a student's potential success in college can be predicted by their ACT scores; and ACT has established college readiness benchmark ACT scores for College English Composition (18 on the ACT English Test), College Algebra (22 on the ACT Math Test), College Social Science (22 on the ACT Reading Test) and College Biology (23 on the ACT Science Test.) Attaining a benchmark ACT score will predict that a student will have a 50% chance of receiving a B or higher or a 75% chance of receiving a C or higher in the corresponding college courses.

	% of Scotus Students with ACT	% of Nebraska Students with ACT
College Course Area	Benchmark Score or Higher	Benchmark Score or Higher
English	78%	51%
Mathematics	63%	30%
Reading	63%	37%
Science	61%	31%
All Four Course Areas	51%	20%

Scotus Central Catholic High School admits students of any race, color, and national or ethnic origin

SEF 16

The very first Scotus Education Fund drive (SEF 1) began in 1969 with the goal of providing a resource to keep tuition as low as possible for our school families. Traditionally the SEF campaigns have involved three-year pledges. SEF 16 launched in the fall of 2020 with a goal to raise \$1,275,000 to support tuition assistance for three school years (\$1,050,000), underwrite school safety improvements and COVID response measures (\$100,000) and to replace the Dowd Activity Center floor (\$125,000.) SEF 16 pledges totaled \$1,231,052 (payable over the calendar years 2021-2023.) Work on the Dowd Center court was completed in the summer of 2021.

OTHER FUNDRAISING

The 2022-23 Annual Appeal goal was \$150,000 to raise the salaries and benefits offered to our teachers in all four Columbus Catholic Schools. The appeal was successful, raising \$253,204 from 614 donors. (Annual appeals are conducted in years when an SEF drive is not conducted.) The Shamrock Lottery had net proceeds of \$12,385.66 which was directed to Scotus' Seton Scholarship Fund. The 2023 Gala was presented for the third year at the St. Bonaventure Parish Center and the event was a success raising \$305,000—which included \$27,306 dedicated for the science wing restroom remodel project. The 16th annual Shamrock Open was held was held on June 3, 2023, with 85 participants and a net of \$12,850 for the bus lease fund. Scotus also participated in the third annual archdiocesan sponsored "Joy of Giving Day" on April 26. Net proceeds from the event totaled \$589.11 and were divided equally among the four Columbus Catholic schools to support the purchase of instructional materials. The Scotus Booster Club's annual **Boutique** had more than 1,600 guests and had net proceeds of \$17,572.94. Scotus did not receive any matured planned gift distributions in the fiscal year.

ANNUAL GIFTS

Scotus received annual gifts between 7/1/2022 and 6/30/2023 totaling \$145,845.39. \$59,430.14 was directed to endowed or annually funded scholarship funds, \$24,685 to support the remodel of the chapel, \$23,307.50 for the bus lease program, \$3,550 for the building fund, \$2,800 for STEAM, \$11,075 for the general fund, \$3,939 to purchase athletic training equipment, \$2,307.90 to support the purchase of more Word on Fire bibles, \$1,745 for the musical, \$1,600 for Stations of the Cross, \$1,500 for One-Act, \$1,154.85 for life insurance policy premiums (policies owned by the school), \$1,000 for the business department, \$500 for campus ministry, \$350 for a trout fish tank, \$300 for fine and performing arts, \$276 for the cafeteria and \$6,325 for the unrestricted endowment.

A summary of other donations/fundraising received in the fiscal year 7/1/22-6/30/23 follows:

2022-23 Gift Activity	N	et Raised
Annual Appeal 2021-22	\$	281
Annual Appeal 2022-23	\$	253,204
Annual Fund	\$	145,845
Children's Scholarship Fund	\$	26,094
(For 2023-24/ all 4 Catholic Schools)		
Gala 2023 for budget	\$	277,694
Gala 2022 for remodel project	\$	27,306
Joy of Giving	\$	589
(For all 4 Catholic Schools)		
SEF 16	\$	288,608
SEF 17	\$	8,800
Memorials (some restricted)	\$	31,749
Shamrock Lottery	\$	12,386
Shamrock Open	\$	12,850
Planned Gifts	\$	0

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OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

• Jeff Ohnoutka completed his 7th year as president and 18th year at Scotus and during the year was named **Executive Director** of the Columbus Catholic Schools. Effects of the **pandemic** were negligible and the government supported free lunch program ended at the start of the school year. Faculty and staff receiving **years of service recognition** this year included: 5 years – Betsy Rall, Sunny Lancaster. The recipient of the 25th annual **William and Barbara Gerhold Family Teacher of the Year Award** for a Columbus Catholic Schools teacher was Carmen Johnson. Carmen has taught Family & Consumer Science and Religion at Scotus for 34 years.

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• Scotus welcomed the following new staff members for the school year: Autumn Johnson, Spanish; Cody Mroczek '17, Business; Wendy Shotkoski, Mathematics and Alaina Wallick '18, English. Assistant Principal, Brady Vancura '11 was also named principal at mid-year. At the end of the 2022-23 school year, Scotus said farewell

to part-time development assistant, Janice Rosenquist. Scotus and the Columbus Catholic Schools also welcomed Erin Schmidt as the new Director of Development and Family Engagement. Erin joined John Schueth, Scotus Development Director and Taylor Dahl, Marketing Director, in the CCS advancement office.

• State Championship Banners. All the state championship banners were taken down in the Dowd Activity Center. The space that was behind the banners was covered in new white panels and new state championship banners for each NSAA activity were installed on the south wall of the gym. Each new banner displays the state championship years for the activity. In addition, the large, framed state championship photos were switched out with downsized framed pictures to provide more space and uniformity in the hallway outside of the Dowd Activity Center. The original framed photos were sold.

• During the summer and fall, at the inspiration of several adorers, a major remodeling of the **Chapel of the Immaculate Conception** took

place, entirely funded by donations. Work included new flooring, tabernacle space, altar, confessional, area for votive candles, painting of the walls and window treatments, spot lighting for the stained-glass windows, artistic painting around the statue of Mary, framed devotional paintings and furniture for adorers.



• The 15th annual alumni/nae soccer tournament was held on August 5-6, 2022, with 138 players in the men's and women's divisions. The 40th annual alumni/nae basketball tournament on March 24-25, 2023, had 168 men & women participate. The 16th annual Shamrock Open had 85 golfers. The 2022 Homecoming King and Queen were Jack Faust, son of Cory & Tricia Faust and Ashley Hoffman, daughter of Chris '77 & Julie (Sokol '89) Hoffman.



• **STEAM**. Curriculum in this program continued to evolve; one example was the introduction of welding. (See above picture.)

• **Campus Ministry.** The Rock Talk program completed its 4th year. Dana Ritzdorf completed her 3rd year as campus minister. Fr. Jim Heithoff completed his second year as a part-time staff member. During the school year, Mass was offered on Tuesdays and Fridays each week in the school chapel at 7:20 a.m. and a rosary on Mondays and Thursdays. More than 80 students with their families participated in the Life Chain in Columbus on October 2nd. We did not send students to the March for Life in Washington DC for a third year in a row. The student body attended Mass together once each month.

• In **District Music**, Scotus students earned 19 Superior (I) and 7 Excellent (II) scores. Lily Humphrey & Caroline Klitz received an Outstanding Performance Honorable Mention Award. Both the **senior high band and the junior high band** participated in the Lions Club Parade in Norfolk. Both bands received Superior rankings. The senior band finished 1st in Class B and the junior high band finished 2nd. The Band held their 28th annual Dinner Concert with more than 750 guests attending.

• Named the 23rd annual Alumna and Alumnus of the Year was Pat Novicki '78. Inducted in the Shamrock Hall of Fame were Jordan Chohon '12 (athlete) and Jon Brezenski '98 (coach.) • 36 students received **Academic All-State** honors during the year. The Scotus Chapter of the **National Honor Society** had 81 members.



• For the third year in a row, **Scotus Journalism** (pictured above) captured the Class B State Journalism Championship. Individual state titles were earned by Jessica Jackson (Advertising), Jasmine Jackson (Headline Writing), Libbie Brezenski (Newspaper News Writing), Jack Faust and Nick Zoucha (Broadcast News Story), and Ava Cremers and Neleigh Sliva (Broadcast Feature Story.)

• Hudl. A Hudl Focus camera was installed in the Pawnee Park Stadium and in the Dowd Activity Center. The cameras were used to live stream games at Pawnee stadium and any event held in the Dowd Activity Center on the school's YouTube Channel.

• At the state **Class B speech meet**, sophomore Jessica Jackson was the state champion in Program of Oral Interpretation (our first state champion for Scotus in 12 years.) Jessica also captured a fifth-place medal in Entertainment. Scotus senior Jasmine Jackson earned state runner-up in Persuasive Speaking and finished in fifth place in Program of Oral Interpretation. **The Shamrock One-Act** cast, and crew won the Class B-4 district championship with their performance of "The Addams Family." At the state competition, the team finished in sixth place. The **Scotus Mock Trial** senior team finished 2nd at district and failed to advance to state. A cast and crew of twenty-four students presented **"Annie the Musical"** on February 10-12.

• Scotus parent, **Jim Pillen**, was inaugurated as Nebraska's 41st state governor on January 5, 2023. Jim and his wife, Suzanne, are parents of Sarah '99 (Jerod Trouba '99), Brock '01 (Sarah), Polly '04, and Izic '23. The Pillen family attended Mass together at their Columbus parish, St. Isidore, before traveling to Lincoln for the ceremony.

• At State Cheer the Scotus **cheer squad** finished 9th in Game Day out of 19 teams and 6th in Non-Tumbling out of 14 teams. At state, the **Flag Corps/Dance team** finished ninth in Jazz (C1/C2) and 17th in Hip Hop (C1.)

• During **National Vocations Awareness Week**, Scotus held an assembly for senior high students to learn more about vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life. Guest speakers from Omaha and Lincoln shared their life stories. Scotus offered its **annual Blood Drive**, and 73 productive units were collected by the Red Cross.

• **Participation** in athletic activities included: JH volleyball (44), V volleyball (40), JH football (40), V football (65), JH cc (15), V cc (22), softball (4) boys tennis (6), speech (30), JH speech (8), one-acts (38), mock trial (27), swimming (3), JH girls basketball (34), JH boys basketball (31), JH boys wrestling (14), V wrestling (21), V girls basketball (29), V boys basketball (32), JH girls track (50), JH boys track (48), V girls track (28), V boys track (41), girls soccer (32), boys soccer (28), girls' golf (13), boys golf (15), baseball (8) and girls tennis (1).

• The Shamrock girls' golf team placed 3rd at state in Class C with junior Cecilia Arndt earning the 4th place medal. Junior Jude Maguire finished in 35th place at state boys' cross country. In the Class A state tennis tourney, CHS #1 doubles Blake Wemhoff and Alex Zoucha, both Shamrock seniors, lost in their first match. #2 Doubles senior Shamrock Bohden Jedlicka playing with Carter Goc won their first match and lost the second. Volleyball ended with a 15-16 season; football ended its season at 6-4. Senior Jack Faust played in the Shrine Bowl. Freshman wrestler Hunter Brunkhorst earned a bronze medal at districts and advanced to compete at the NSAA Class B state wrestling championships where he finished 1-2 and a season record of 36-21. The **boys' basketball** team finished the year at 17-8. The **girls' bas**ketball team had a 19-6 season record. At state boys golf, Nick Fleming earned a 6th place medal and Patrick Arndt finished tied for 16th place. The girls' softball team finished 14-23 with four Scotus girls participating. Girls' soccer finished 13-5 and a final state ranking of 6th place. The boys' soccer team finished 14-3 with a final state ranking of 5th place. Named to the OWH All-Nebraska second team was senior Libbie Brezenski. Libbie was also named to the all-state Class B first team. Sophomore Izzie Kadavy was named to the all-state Class B second team. For the boys, senior Frank Fehringer was named to the all-state Class B first team and senior Trenton Cielocha was named to the all-state Class B second team. At state track, the boys' and girls' teams each scored two points. The baseball team ended their season with a 10-14 record. In the 2022-23 NSAA Cup final standings for Class C, the Scotus girls finished in second place and the boys finished in fifth place. For the Class C All-School Division Cup Scotus placed fourth. Named as the 2022-23 Scotus Athletes of the Year were Maysa Kuhl and Jack Faust (pictured at right).



Mission Statement

Scotus Central Catholic High School assures all students the opportunity to receive a faith-based Catholic education through academic excellence and diverse extracurricular activities.

Highest Recognition Levels for SEF 16 Pledges (payable 2021-2023)

Legacy. \$40,100 +

or \$100,000+ Anonymous Pillen Family Farms

Founder. \$25,000 - \$40,000

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Lynette Topinka Goins Memorial Scholarship (Quinn VunCannon, Henry Chard) Genene Wieser Hayden Vocal Music Scholarship (Cecilia Arndt, Logan Erickson) Mike & Chip Kaup Scholarship (Salette Adame-Hernandez, Joshua Bixenmann) Tim "TK" & Paula Kelly Family Scholarship (Jack Dierman) Jeff Podraza Memorial Scholarship (Kyra Bowen) LaVern Mroczek Memorial Scholarship (Libbie Sliva) Pyramid of Success Scholarship (Alex Dush, Aven Hernandez) Scotus Booster Club Scholarship (Libbie Brezenski, Mason Roberts) **Dean Soulliere Family Scholarship** (Rebecca Kosch, Leslie Medina) Scotus Teachers Organization Scholarship (Sierra Kravig) Curt Tenopir Memorial Scholarship (Alex Dush) Named as recipients of locally funded scholarships were: Bon Shadle Scholarship (Alex Zoucha) **Central Community College Transition Advantage Scholarship** (Allison Wemhoff, Jace Nelson) **Central Community College Committed to Your Success Scholarship**

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WHAT OUR SUPPORTERS ACCOMPLISHED Fiscal 2022-2023

Thank you for your wonderful investment in the education of our students and the future of our school. You have truly accomplished great goals in the Scotus 2022-2023 fiscal year! In addition to the list below we had many donations for the STEAM Lab, bus lease fund, general fund, scholarships, and specific programs at the school.

Support for Columbus Catholic Schools teacher salaries & benefits Tuition Assistance	
Replacement of State Championship banners and framed photos &	
paneling of Dowd Activity Center Walls, LED lighting in Little Theater and	
northwest wing hallway, minor repair of roof flashing, sidewalk repair	
Contributed \$335,000 in Tuition Assistance	
Completion of Chapel Remodel	Private Donations
Contributed \$807,616 in tuition assistance	Columbus Parishes
Support for the bus lease fundIndividual Gift/AnnualAppeal/ Shamroc	ek Open 2023, Booster Club