



CCS LINES

October 2023



Professional

development key for CCS staff

From Columbus Catholic Schools
Executive Director Jeff Ohnoutka

On Friday, Sept. 22nd the CCS teachers had the opportunity to get together for one of our days of collaboration. These days are designed to give the opportunity for teachers to grow in their faith, work together on curriculum and work on school improvement items.

Fr. Taylor Leffler had his first

Rain doesn't damper Homecoming spirit



2023 Homecoming Court: Back: (left to right), Haden Brabec, Evan Kiene, Frank Fehringer (King), Jude Maguire, Jackson Heng, and Rudy Brunkhorst) Front: (left to right) Mary Faltys, Joanna Rusher, Kalee Ternus, Josie Sliva (Queen), Isabel Zaruba, and Ashlee Leffers)
Photo credit: Angie Rusher

Rain fell during the most of the football game Friday night against Arlington but stopped just before the Homecoming

opportunity to speak with and get to know the CCS teaching staff. He spoke on the components of developing a healthy life of prayer. We welcome Fr. Taylor to Columbus and look forward to his presence in our schools.

Being intentional about providing time for our teachers to work together is really important, especially at the elementary school level. It is critical for teachers of the same grade levels to connect and look at what each is doing that works well. We have experienced and talented teachers that are doing great things and that opportunity to learn from each other is key to the success of our schools.

Each of our schools has identified school improvement goals for the 23-24 school year. Part of each professional day is spent working on action plans around those goals. You can expect to hear more on individual school goals from each building principal in the near future.

Have a great October!

Join the Scotus Booster Club!

We are extending an invite to all Columbus Catholic Schools families and staff to join the Scotus Booster Club. The Scotus Booster Club is made up of current parents, alumni, parents of alumni, community supporters, Scotus staff, coaches and activity sponsors.

As a service organization, our mission is to fundraise and provide volunteer support for Scotus Central Catholic.

[Click here to join](#)

coronation. That didn't keep our students from having a great night.

The football team won the game over Arlinton 62-15, with multiple Shamrocks scoring touchdowns and getting playing time. After the game, the homecoming coronation took place.

The 2023 Homecoming court consisted of Haden Brabec, Rudy Brunkhorst, Frank Fehringer, Jackson Heng, Evan Kiene, Jude Maguire, Mary Faltys, Ashlee Leffers, Joanna Rusher, Josie Sliva, Kalee Ternus, and Isabel Zaruba.

The homecoming king was Frank Fehringer and the homecoming queen was Josie Sliva.

The homecoming dance was held Saturday night in the Scotus cafeteria. All in all, it was a great homecoming week for all Shamrocks.

Parent Teacher Conferences

The end of the first quarter is Friday, October 13. The elementary schools have no school on the 13th. Scotus will have a 12:07 dismissal.

Parent teacher conferences will be held at the following times.

St. Anthony's:

- Oct. 18: 3:45-7:00
- Oct. 19: 1:30-7:00

St. Bonaventure:

- Oct. 18: 3:45-7:00
- Oct. 19: 1:30-7:00

St. Isidore:

- Oct. 18: 4:00-7:00
- Oct. 19: 1:30-7:00

Scotus Central Catholic:

- Oct. 18: 4:00-8:00

• Oct. 19: 4:00-8:00

2023-2024
SCOTUS BOOSTER CLUB
MEMBERSHIP DRIVE!

**Join the Scotus
Booster Club!**

MEETINGS: 1ST WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH AT
KC HALL, 7PM, PIZZA PROVIDED, KC BAR OPEN.

WHAT WE DO? FUNDRAISE, SUPPORT SCOTUS
ACTIVITIES & ATHLETICS, PUT ON FUN EVENTS TO
BUILD SUPPORT & FOSTER COMMUNITY.

WHO ARE OUR MEMBERS? CURENT SCOTUS
PARENTS, FORMER SCOTUS PARENTS, SCOTUS
ALUMNI & COMMUNITY MEMBERS.

IMPORTANT DATES:
AUGUST 12TH - SHONKA GOLF TOURNEY
AUGUST 15TH - KICK-OFF DINNER 7PM
OCTOBER 4TH - 250 CLUB CELEBRATION 7PM
NOVEMBER 2ND - BID A BAG EVENT 6PM
DECEMBER 3RD - CRAFT BOUTIQUE 9AM-3PM
DECEMBER 6TH - CHRISTMAS PARTY 7PM
MARCH 6TH - WILD GAME FEED 7PM
APRIL 13TH - SCOTUS GALA ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

JOIN THE FUN: ENTER POOLS & 250 CLUB!

**Join
Here!**



Save the Date: FBLA Food Feud

During the week of October 16th -
20th, FBLA will be hosting a food drive
for the 11th annual food feud between
the SCC and Lakeview chapters. Each
year the chapters collect over 3,000
items which are donated to local
organizations.

Please bring items to the football game
at Lakeview on Friday, October 20th.
There will be a truck at the main
entrance with an FBLA sign near it to
drop off items. Thank you for your
support!

Mass-Dash-Burger Bash!

Columbus Catholic Schools is hosting
our first Mass-Dash-Burger Bash, this
Sunday at 4:00 P.M. at Pawnee Park.

An outdoor Mass will be held at 4:00 in
the stadium. Following Mass, will be a
two mile run/walk and a meal.
Participants may also walk during the
event.

Please consider attending this event
with your family. This will be a fun way
to start the school year in a positive
way.

REGISTER HERE

Unable to attend? Please consider
donating back to support our schools.

DONATE HERE



**SCOTUS VS LAKEVIEW
FOOTBALL GAME**

**FOOD
FEUD**

FANS ATTENDING THE GAME
MAY BRING CANS OF FOOD TO
THE MAIN ENTRY OF THE
STADIUM.

**CLICK HERE TO DOWNLOAD THE OCTOBER
LUNCH MENU**



To The Principal's Office

(each month, two principals will submit a writeup for their respective school.)

It is amazing that we are nearing the end of the first quarter of the school year. As we approach the end of the quarter, we want to remind parents that Parent/Teacher Conferences will take place on October 18th and 19th from 4:00-8:00 PM. This is a great opportunity to collaborate with teachers and learn about the wonderful things that are taking place in the classrooms.

One of the best parts of working at a Catholic school is seeing our students grow in their faith and living out our mission of Know Him, Love Him, and Serve Him. Our Freshman recently completed their class retreat at Camp Moses Merrill in Linwood. Some of our Juniors and Seniors will embark on a service retreat in Omaha which is a wonderful experience to help those in need. One of our new opportunities is our junior high service day that will take place on October 16th. Our students will go throughout our community to assist different people and organizations while also having some different breakout sessions to grow closer to Jesus.

We hope to see our families at our first Mass, Dash, and Burger Bash on Sunday October 1st. This is a wonderful opportunity to bring all 3 of our parishes and 4 schools to celebrate the Lord.

-Brady Vancura, Scotus Central Catholic Principal



Happy Fall from St. Anthony's school! It is hard to believe that in a few short weeks the 1st quarter of this school year will be over. It has been a busy quarter! The 3rd-4th graders went on a field trip to the NE State Fair to participate in the state's largest classroom. They had a great time and didn't even realize that they were learning. The 5th-6th graders went to the Capitol and Memorial Stadium and also participated in an ag presentation. The 1st-2nd graders went to the Helgoth Pumpkin Patch in St. Libory. All of these activities give our students a chance to learn outside of their regular classrooms.

October is the month of the Rosary so we will be going on a Mysteries of the Rosary scavenger hunt along with praying a school Rosary each week. Our school families will also be encouraged to pray the Rosary this month. Many of our classrooms will be creating Rosary books which include all of the mysteries of the Rosary.

Our school will be focusing on the three gifts of giving - time, talent, and treasure this school year. As they learn about each gift, they will also learn about a Saint that modeled that gift. As the students find opportunities to live each gift, they will be given a medal of that Saint they learned about.

Thank you for all of the help and support that you give to our school! We are beyond blessed to be a part of the Columbus Catholic Schools.

-Amy Sokol, St. Anthony's Elementary Principal



School Excellence Fund Drive - SEF 17 is a \$1.5 million campaign which focuses on all four schools within the Columbus Catholic School System. The SEF 17 Fund Drive runs from 2024-2026 and supports the Columbus Catholic School System Strategic Plan. SEF 17 provides funding for academic programming, safety and security upgrades, and helps keep tuition affordable for our families.

Please watch for your pledge card in the mail and contact us with any questions.

WE APPRECIATE YOU!

Erin Schmidt
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All gifts to SEF 17 qualify as a Charitable Tax Deduction.

DEVELOPMENT

SEF17 is underway!

SEF 17 and the *School Excellence Fund* is now underway to support our Columbus Catholic Schools! As of September 29th, we have raised **\$915,460.00 towards our goal of \$1.5 million dollars**. Your investment in the education of our students through this fund drive will accomplish these important goals:

- A. Equip our students with the important values and skills they need to choose a vocation and become active in their parish and community.
- B. Develop programs for High Ability Learning and Academic Intervention/Special Education in our elementary schools.
- C. Keep tuition affordable for every student attending our Catholic Schools over the next three school years.
- D. Provide capital improvements for building accessibility (including an elevator at Scotus) and updating security measures (in all four schools.)
- E. Help our schools retain and recruit excellent teachers.

Please make a pledge to the fund drive when your invitation arrives in the mail or contact the CCS Advancement Office (402-564-7165 ext. 109) if you want to make a pledge today! Together we can accomplish these goals and continue the tradition of academic excellence, faith formation, and service of our Columbus Catholic Schools!



Columbus Catholic Schools Publications

You can read past yearbooks, annual appeals, school board minutes, school newspapers and more on the publications page on our website. Visit columbus-catholic.org, click "about" on the navigation bar, and on the about page, click the publications tab. **Here is a direct link.**





Band News

The second week of September was a busy one for our high school band. On September 10, the high school Drumline made their annual appearance at the St. Isidore's bazaar. We had a great crowd despite the rain and the drumline even had a little choreography to show off!

On September 11, the high school band performed the National Anthem for our school following our morning prayer and the pledge of allegiance. The anthem was a way for our school to remember those lost in the 911 tragedy.

This same week, the high school band performed "Here I am, Lord" and our school's fight song on Spirit Catholic Radio. It was a great opportunity for our students!

Both the Senior High Band and the Junior High Band participated in the Lions Club Parade in Norfolk on Saturday, September 23. It was the debut of the new white Sousaphone, which was purchased with a very generous donation to the band department! Our band keeps thriving with the support of our Shamrock community!

NEW SENIOR HIGH BAND OFFICERS:

President—Neve Pavlik

Drum Major—Ian Karges

Lettering—Caroline Klitz & Abigail Schumacher

Librarians—Becky Policky & Grace Faltys

Accounting—Nicole Peterson, Giselle Chilapa, Charlie Olmer

Lunch/Daily Quotes—Jessica Jackson & Lillian Miller

Uniform Managers—Ian Karges, Henry Chard, Dante Smith, Jacqueline Stoner, Valeria Rodriguez, Aiden Zegar

The band will start selling Scotus license plate brackets this month. They are \$16 a piece. Proceeds go back to the band.

If you would like one, please contact a band parent, Mrs. Cox (kcox@colcath.org), or Taylor Dahl (tdahl@colcath.org.)



Signing up for service opportunities

If your students are looking for service opportunities, reminder that upcoming and ongoing opportunities are posted on our website. See the link [here](#) or contact our Campus Ministry staff.

Dana Ritzdorf
Kelly Koranda
Tyler Linder
Nate Tenopir

We try to keep this updated with different school, church, and community needs that students can take advantage of.

Join a Rock Talk group for the 23-24 school year!

Offer the gift of your time to invest in our teens and join the awesome team of RockTalk leaders! RockTalk started two years ago at Scotus as a movement to connect our students & teachers with Catholic adults in our community (Parents, especially!).



Growing stronger in their faith, the groups spend time sharing prayer, discussing the upcoming Sunday gospels, and getting to know each other. Co-Leaders meet with their group of students one Wednesday a month at the school, the last hour of the day.

Please email [Sarah Doerneman](#) for more information!



Journalism photos for sale

Do you want to support our awesome Journalism students and get a photo of your son or daughter during a school day? How about an action shot from a volleyball game or a pep rally? We are starting to upload fall activity photos online. Click [HERE](#) to

see the albums.

If you would like to support Scotus Journalism and purchase photos, you can use the order form [HERE](#). Let [Mrs. Rusher](#) know if you have any questions!

Your support is greatly appreciated and helps fund our journalism department to purchase new cameras, software and more.

Scotus Calendar of events and meetings:

- Life Chain - Sun. Oct. 1, Pizza Ranch Parking Lot, 1:00-2:00 P.M.
- Mass, Dash, Burger Bash -Sun. Oct. 1, Pawnee Park Stadium, 4:00 P.M.
- CCS Coffee Talk -Wed. Oct. 4, Little Theater, 9:00 - 10:00 A.M.
- TEAM SCOTUS- Thur. Oct. 5
- Service Retreat- Wed. Oct. 11, Omaha
- Campus Ministry Meeting - Thur. Oct. 12, Little Theater, 7:30 A.M.
- End of 1st Quarter -Fri. Oct. 13 (Scotus 12:07 Dismissal, No school for elementary)
- JH Service Day - Mon. Oct. 16, Columbus
- FBLA Food Feud - Mon. Oct. 16, (Contact [Kris Wurtz](#) for more info.)
- TEAM SCOTUS- Tue. Oct. 17
- StuCo Meeting - Wed. Oct. 18, Room 126, 7:40 A.M.
- Parent Teacher Conferences - Wed. Oct. 18, 4:00-8:00
- Parent Teacher Conferences - Thur. Oct. 19, 4:00-8:00
- NHS Officers Meeting - Thur. Oct. 19, 7:30 A.M.
- FALL BREAK: NO SCHOOL - Fri. Oct. 22 - Mon. Oct. 23
- FBLA Meeting - Tue. Oct. 24, Room 209, 7:40 A.M.
- Rock Talk - Wed. Oct. 25, Scotus, 2:30 P.M.
- Campus Ministry Meeting - Thur. Oct. 26, Little Theater, 7:30 A.M.
- NHS New Member Induction - Thur. Oct. 26, Memorial Hall, 7:30 P.M.
- DRESS DOWN DAY - Fri. Oct. 27

To see the full calendar of Shamrock events for October, click [here](#).

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[October Guidance & Careers Information](#)

Senior Notes from Ms. Brichacek

- Many applications for scholarships open on October 1st. Encourage your senior to look into scholarships that are being offered at colleges they are interested in attending. If they need help- schedule a time to visit with Ms. Brichacek!
- Reminder that you can learn about all the upcoming events (meetings, practice times, Team Scotus Days...etc.) on the Scotus calendar. This can be found on columbus-catholic.org on the “Scotus Calendar” tab.

Scholarships

- Scholarships will be posted on the following website. Scholarships are sorted by their due dates.
 - <https://sites.google.com/colcath.org/scholarship23-24/home>

FAFSA Updates

- Where to begin? You and your student will need to create an FSA ID!
 - Why do I need an FSA ID? Student and parent need an FSA ID to fill out the FAFSA application.
 - **[Click here to create your FSA ID.](#)**
- The FAFSA application will open in December, but an exact date has not yet been released.

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