



CCS LINES

November 2023



Growing our community through engagement

From Columbus
Catholic Schools
Executive Director
Jeff Ohnoutka

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to help or donated items for the Mass, Dash and Burger Bash. It was really a great day. We especially owe a debt of gratitude to Fr. Harrison and Fr. Heithoff for presiding over a Mass that the wind definitely tried to raise havoc with.

By our count we had over 400 people at

National Honor Society inducts 31 new members



The 2023-2024 National Honor Society.

On Thursday, October 26, 2023, 31 new members were inducted into the Scotus Chapter of the National Honor Society at Scotus Central Catholic High School.

the event. It was great to see all of the families who attended. I also want to thank those members of our Columbus Catholic School community whose children have graduated but were there to show their support. I know our development team will be planning more events for the future and I look forward seeing more days like this.

Have a great November!

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](#)



**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? CURRENT 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! 

The new inductees were two juniors: Andrew Melliger and Jacob Rother, and 29 sophomores: Ryan Allen, Addison Beiermann, Ava Bettenhausen, Camila Carrizales, Helene Chard, Isabella Chasteen, Giselle Chilapa-Bello, Jake Demuth, Lola Doerneman, Peter Faltys, Mia Fehringer, Hannah Heinrich, Kate Hendricks, Kayla Hoffman, Hudson Kloke, Michael Krienke, Lily Lancaster, Sophia Langan, Alejandra Lopez-Martinez, Sophie Parker, Valeria Rodriguez, Jackson Romberg, Josie Rother, Jillian Rusher, Addison Schumacher, Thomas Settje, Audrey Stoner, Elizabeth Stoner, and Jacqueline Stoner.

Membership in National Honor Society is based upon the characteristics of scholarship, leadership, service, and character. Those sophomores, juniors, and seniors who had a cumulative Grade Point Average of 93.0% or higher and who had no offenses/violations (as described in the Activities Training Rules) were eligible and invited to become candidates.

The candidates filled out a form to show their own personal attributes and accomplishments as they apply to the four characteristics.

The faculty council consisting of Angie Rusher, Laura Salyard, Tyler Linder, Pat Brockhaus, and Joan Lahm selected the new members from those who filled out the candidate form.

For the 2023-2024 school year, there are now a record number of 84 sophomores, juniors, and seniors who belong to the Scotus Chapter of National Honor Society. The Scotus Chapter of National Honor Society is sponsored by Mrs. Dusel-Misfeldt. Congratulations to all newly inducted members!

Hats for sale!

The Scotus Entrepreneurship & Marketing classes have hats for sale. Students create and design their own leather patches through the Scotus STEAM lab. Right now there are various designs with different color combinations of hats for \$20. Hats will be sold at various home activity games or in Mr. Mroczek's room (220).

If you or your business is interested in your own logo/design please reach out to cmroczek@colcath.org to get your order started.



2023-2024 yearbook online ordering

Thanks to the development office, we can now offer online payment for yearbooks! We usually do a formal yearbook sales event in January, but with online ordering, you can purchase your 2023-2024 yearbook anytime! **The deadline will be Friday, January 19th.** If you are interested in getting this taken care of now, please order using this link: [Yearbook Ordering for 23-24](#). (2023-2024 yearbooks are passed out in August 2024 at orientation.)

As always, we have been busy this first quarter taking photos at almost all home events, and we have those photos online for purchasing. If you would like to view or order photos, here is the link to get started: [Journalism Photos](#).

Join us at Bid-A-Bag!

Join us this Thursday for the Scotus Booster Club Big-A-Bag event at the KC Hall. Silent auction, bid on bags, accessories and more. \$20 entry with drinks, appetizers, desserts and more!

Purchase tickets here

Proceeds from this event will help support student activities. If you have questions, contact Erin Schmidt at eschmidt@colcath.org. Spread the word!

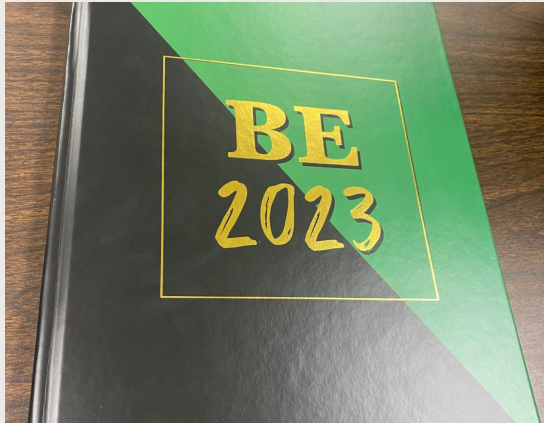
The graphic features a central text area with a Scotus logo at the top. Below the logo, it reads "SCOTUS BOOSTER CLUB EVENT" and "Bid-a-Bag Ladies Night Out". The event details are: "NOVEMBER 2ND, 2023 THURSDAY EVENING | 6-9PM @ KC HALL". Ticket information: "\$15 Presale Ticket or \$20 at the Door | Signature Mock-tail Drinks | Cash Bar | Appetizers | Desserts | Must be 21+ | Bring your friends!". A "SCAN ME" QR code is provided. The event highlights include: "SILENT AUCTION | BID ON BAGS, ACCESSORIES, SUNGLASSES, & JEWELRY | PRIZES | SOCIAL TIME | FUN!". At the bottom is the Scotus logo. To the right of the text are three images: a collection of colorful bags and accessories, a brown handbag, and a striped tote bag with flip-flops and sunglasses.

Scotus Craft Boutique

The Scotus Craft Boutique will be held at Scotus Central Catholic on Sunday, December 3rd, 2023 from 9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M. Please mark this date on your calendar and offer your time and talent to help us make this year's event another success!

All proceeds support our school and students. If you have questions, email scotuscraftboutique@gmail.com.

If you have any questions, please contact Angie Rusher at arusher@colcath.org.



St. Anthony's Monthly Teacher Letter

Each month a teacher from St. Anthony's provides a write up regarding things that are happening in their room. Check out Ms. Sokol's 2nd grade write up, [here](#).

If you are willing to volunteer, [click here](#) to sign up! Your time is very appreciated.



[CLICK HERE TO DOWNLOAD THE NOVEMBER LUNCH MENU](#)



To The Principal's Office

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

As we head into the month of November, we center our hearts on gratitude for all the blessings God has bestowed upon us. After our Lord & our faith community, we are so thankful for the students, staff, and families that choose to make St. Isidore School their educational & faith 'home'.

We spend so much time together, that it truly feels like an extended family inside these walls. We help each other learn, grow, and become the best version of ourselves. We celebrate joyous occasions, share sadness and loss, and all the moments in between. We are truly better together! Thank you for being part of this family.

November also launches our school's saint studies! We are so thankful to have heavenly men, women and children who befriend us and pray for us. Be ready to

help your children figure out the mystery "Saint of the Week" during the month of November!

School Improvement Goals - We are continuing to work on improving our Reading achievement. We aim to have every grade at or above the 70th percentile on the STAR Test by April. Encourage your children to read at home by setting aside comfort-level reading time for your whole family, read aloud to your children before bed, and use Lexia at home. Our second goal is to increase our school families' attendance at Sunday mass, and increase family prayer time. Be sure to schedule & set aside time for those as well!

Creating good routines for worship, prayer, and reading can help us stay focused on our values & priorities, regardless of what life throws at us. Please include our school & staff in your prayers, too.

St. Isidore, pray for us!

Important Dates:

November 1- Winter dress code begins November 3 - No School, Faculty Faith Formation

Nov. 7 - Banking in School

Nov. 10- Veteran's Mass

Nov. 13 - Dollar Dress Down

Nov. 21 - Thanksgiving Mass

Nov. 22, 23, 24 - Thanksgiving Break

-Amy Evans, St. Isidore Elementary Principal



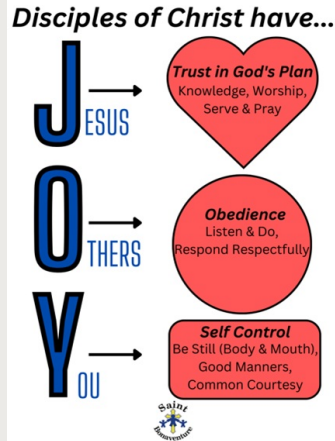
As part of our continuous school improvement process, our school staff has discussed critical skills that all people (including our students) need to have in order to become a disciplined child of God.

Last year, we adopted a framework that identified such skills, and this framework is posted throughout our building. The framework gives us a common language when working with our students. The overarching framework puts Jesus first and is a reminder that when Jesus is first in our lives, we experience true JOY (even in the midst of suffering).

How do we know that Jesus is first in our life? We desire to come to know Him more, we take regular time to worship Him (Sunday Mass), we spend time daily in prayer, and we reach out to those around us in service. These are the four marks that indicate we are striving to put Jesus first in our life.

Below is the framework we are using, and we encourage parents to use the same terminology as well. Today, I have touched on the information in the heart. I will continue to touch on the other parts in future messages.

-Cheryl Zoucha, St. Bonaventure Elementary Principal



St. Bonaventure Night of Entertainment

Join us for a night of fun and entertainment at St. Bonaventure Church's Night of Entertainment! This exciting event will take place at the Ramada by Wyndham Columbus Hotel & Conference Center, located at 33rd Avenue, Columbus, NE.

ORDER TICKETS

Wear your best Red, White or Blue!

4:30PM - Mass at St. Bonaventure Church
5:15PM - Social/Silent Auction
6:30PM - Dinner
7:30PM Grand Auction
Entertainment by Hotel Desperado to follow

Purchase Scrip Today

Scrip is a gift card fundraising program in which schools purchase gift cards to local and national businesses at a reduced rate and supporters purchase said gift cards from the schools at face value. Scrip is sold before and after each weekend Mass at all three of our local parishes. If you want to purchase Scrip online, contact your school administrative offices.

Considering supporting Scrip fundraising by purchasing gift cards for your everyday expenses and gift giving needs. Scrip provides \$85,000+ annually which supports the general budgets for each of our three elementary schools.

85,000

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42,573



CONTACT SCHOOLS FOR MORE INFO

ADVANCEMENT

Dash For Cash Lottery

There are 18 days left to sell tickets! The drawing for the \$1,000 cash winner will be November 17th at 12:30 PM. All unsold and sold tickets must be returned to Mr. Mroczek by 8:30 AM on November 17th.

All of the proceeds support the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Fund, which helps with need-based tuition scholarships for current Scotus students. Also, thank you once again to St. Joseph Parish, Platte Center, for sponsoring this lottery.

SEF17 update

School Excellence Fund is now underway to support our Columbus Catholic Schools! As of October 31st, we have raised \$1,096,301.75 towards our goal of \$1.5 million dollars. Your investment in the education of our students through this fund drive will accomplish many important goals.

Please make a pledge to the fund drive by filling out your pledge card that arrived 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!

Also a big thank you to our Scotus National Honor Society students who have volunteered to help with the annual appeal phon-a-thon! Students will be phoning alumni, alumnae and area parishioners on the following dates: November 7, 8, 9, 12, 13, 16, and 19. We hope you will take their call, consider a donation and ask for a Scotus update!

Mark your calendar for the Scotus Gala 2024:

The 43rd annual Gala dinner/auction is set for Saturday, April 13, 2024 and our co-chairs are: Clete & Lisa Borchers, Dr. Scott & Kelly Cameron and Roger & Jill Krienke. Vice-chairs are: Mike & Kim Dreesen, Fred & Carrie Maguire, Jack & Lisa Meers.

If you would like to participate by donating an item for the silent or oral auctions, volunteer to help, or if you wish to receive an invitation to attend, please contact our co-chairs, vice-chairs, or Erin Schmidt in the Scotus advancement office: or 402-564-7165 ext. 154 or eschmidt@colcath.org.

Your involvement will be key to our event's success and that's why we urge you to mark your calendars today!

1,500,000

SCHOOL EXCELLENCE FUND

1,096,301

Pledges as of 10-31



PLEDGE CARDS HAVE ARRIVED IN THE MAIL.

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

**Harvest of Harmony Parade Results:
High School Marching Band**
Rating: Superior (I)

**Columbus Parade Results:
Junior High Marching Band**
Rating: Superior (I)

Upcoming dates:

Nov. 10: High School Band performance for Veteran's Day at Brookestone Acres

Dec. 3: Band (gr. 5-12) Bake Sale at the Scotus Mothers' Boutique

Dec. 11: Band Christmas Concert (5th -12th grade) Scotus Activity Center

Now that marching season has end, we are looking forward to our Bake Sale held at the Scotus Craft Boutique on Sunday, December 3rd and our Christmas Concert on Monday, December 11th in the Scotus Activity Center. The Concert will include performances by the Jazz Band, Sr. High Band, Jr. High Band, 6th Grade Band, and 5th Grade Band. Thank you for your continued support and we hope to see you at our concert!

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:

- StuCo Meeting - Wed. Nov. 1, Room 126, 7:40 A.M.
- TEAM SCOTUS- Thur. Nov. 2
- Bid-A-Bag- Thur. Nov. 2, Knights of Columbus Hall, 6:00 P.M.
- NO SCHOOL- Fri. Nov. 3
- FIERCE ATHLETE RETREAT - Thur. Nov. 9.
- Campus Ministry Meeting - Thur. Nov. 9, Little Theater, 7:30 A.M.
- TEAM SCOTUS- Fri. Nov. 10
- One Act Competition - Sat. Nov. 11, York
- First Day of Winter Sports Practice - Mon. Nov. 13
- One Act Competition - Mon. Nov. 13, Humphrey St. Francis
- JH Quiz Bowl - Wed. Nov. 15, Seward
- Campus Ministry Meeting - Thur. Nov. 16, Little Theater, 7:30 A.M.
- DRESS DOWN DAY- Fri. Nov. 17
- Science Fair - Fri. Nov. 17, Memorial Hall, 1:00 P.M.
- One Act Public Performance - Fri. Nov. 17, 7:00 P.M.
- FBLA Meeting - Tue. Nov. 21, Room 209, 7:40 A.M.
- Junior Chamber Interviews - Tue. Nov. 21, Memorial Hall, 9:00-11:00 A.M.
- NO SCHOOL THANKSGIVING BREAK - Wed. Nov. 22 - Fri. Nov. 24
- Alumni Volleyball Tournament - Sat. Nov. 25, Activity Center, 8:00 A.M.
- TEAM SCOTUS - Tue. Nov. 28
- NHS Meeting - Tue. Nov. 28, Little Theater, 7:30 A.M.
- Rock Talk - Wed. Nov. 29
- Campus Ministry Meeting - Thur. Nov. 30, Little Theater, 7:30 A.M.

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

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November Guidance & Careers Information

Ms. Brichacek Notes:

- 2nd Semester Student Schedules: Ms. Brichacek will visit each grade beginning the last week of November to hand out 2nd semester schedules.

CCC Online College Courses:

- Registration for Spring CCC courses begins on November 20th. Contact Ms. Brichacek if you are interested.
- Here is a list of common college course offerings (look under Popular General Education-Online Offerings) [CLICK HERE FOR LIST](#).

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