



CCS LINES

March 2024



Grow in your Faith over Lent

This year, our Campus Ministry chose **Hope of the Poor**, a ministry that serves the homeless in Omaha and Mexico City, as the recipients of our school-wide Lenten almsgiving efforts. Students can make donations in the jars in their Religion classrooms and at the front desk! We will also take a collection at our all-school Masses, which will go toward this mission.

FYI for Lent (Opportunities to make more time for Jesus):

- St. Bon's is adding a 12:10 Mass Tuesdays-Fridays
- Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 6 PM at all three parishes (Spanish Stations of the Cross at

Tuition Assistance Information

The application process has started for tuition assistance for the 2024-2025 school year. Applications are open now through April 26th. A copy of your 2023 tax returns needs to be submitted with the application.

If you have any questions, please contact Sunny Lancaster at slancaster@colcath.org.

7 at St. Bonaventure)

- Reconciliation - Keep an eye on Bulletins for when they're offering Penance Services!

March 21 - Lenten Retreat

March 27 - Living Stations of the Cross at Scotus Central Catholic

PILLARS OF LENT

PRAYER
WHAT IS IT? PRAYER is the action that leads people to God. We take time away from the distractions of the world, to turn to God, to contemplate, to listen and talk to Him, to read His words and meditate on them, to be one with Him. Prayer gives meaning to Lenten practices, which should draw us closer to Him.

FASTING
WHAT IS IT? FASTING is restricting consumption, depriving yourself of both good and bad things for the glory of God. This means normally watching what you eat, on a day that it is practiced, one regular meal and two small ones. During Lent, we fast on **Ash Wednesday and Good Friday**. ABSTINENCE is practiced all Fridays of Lent.

ALMSGIVING
WHAT IS IT? ALMSGIVING is the action that leads us Christians to see others, love them, listen to them and them our time, help, advice, money, shelter, company, affection. It is not limited to giving material goods. It is the gift of self. It is based on **CHARITY**, to love God and others as oneself. To give alms is to be united to Christ in his poverty.

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BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC YOUTH SERVICE

St. Bonaventure Potato Smash/Nacho Bash fundraiser

St. Bonaventure Elementary is hosting a Potato Smash/Nacho Bash fundraiser on Saturday, March 16th at the St. Bonaventure Parish Center. Doors open at 5 P.M., there will be a baked potato bar, nacho bar, desserts, and lemonade.

General admission tickets for adults are \$12, \$6 for students. Proceeds from this event support the general budget.

CLICK HERE TO PURCHASE TICKETS

Save The Date
 April 13 | 2024
SCOTUS GALA
fundraiser
 Silent Auction / 4:45 p.m. | Dinner/Live Auction 7:00 p.m.
 Bring your "boots and bling" to Scotus Central Catholic and help support our students.

Bring your Boots and Bling to the Scotus Gala

The 43rd annual Gala dinner/auction is set for Saturday, April 13, 2024 and the event will return to Scotus Central Catholic with the dinner and live auction hosted in the Dowd Activity Center! **Everyone is invited!**

PURCHASE TICKETS HERE

The Gala helps the Scotus general budget. It's the largest fundraiser of the year and requires all of us to assist in different ways, whether that's attending the event and bidding on items, to volunteering your time and talents, your help is appreciated!

If you have any questions, please email Erin Schmidt at eschmidt@colcath.org.

PROM
 April 6, 2024

ST. BONAVENTURE ELEMENTARY PRESENTS:

POTATO SMASH/ NACHO BASH



SAT.
MARCH 16,
ALL AGES
WELCOME!

5 - 8 P.M. | St. Bonaventure Parish Center

Baked Potato Bar, Nacho Bar,
Desserts, and Lemonade.

51 Raffle, Split the Pot, and
Cake Walk



Buy tickets by scanning the QR
code.



All proceeds will go towards supporting the general budget at St. Bonaventure Elementary (personnel costs, facility needs, instructional materials, utilities, etc.)

Prom info

Prom will be held on Saturday, April 6, 2024, in the Scotus cafeteria.

- 6:30 p.m. - Doors open
- 7:30 p.m. - Dinner
- 8:30-11:30 Dance

Please take time to review the dress code for formal dances, found in the Student/Parent Handbook. These dress code rules apply to both Scotus students and their outside dates.

Smart GEN Society workshop, March 19

The Smart GEN Society is hosting a workshop for parents about learning how to keep your child safe online. This event will take place Tuesday, March 19 at 5 P.M. at Scotus. We highly encourage all parents to attend this workshop.

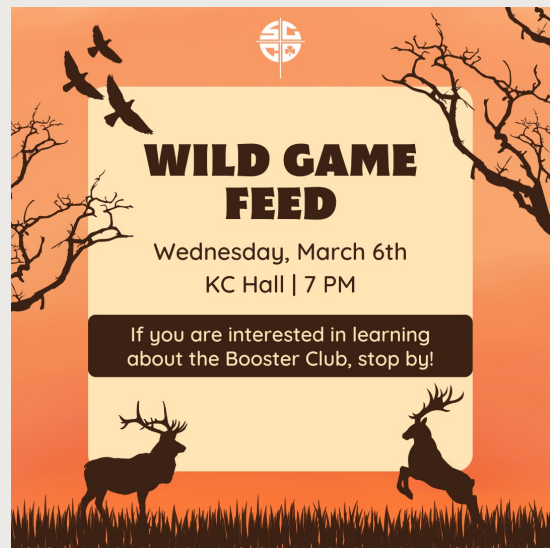
The key points from this workshop are...

Digital Branding: How to build a positive digital brand to protect reputation and future opportunities.

Communication: How to create open lines of communication with your kids about online safety.

Safety: How to protect your family's privacy, safety and mental health.

[Click here to learn more about the Smart GEN society.](#)



Wild Game Feed, March 6

The annual Scotus Booster Club Wild Game Feed is next Wednesday at 7:00 at the Knights of Columbus Hall.

Come out and have some great food and you'll get the chance to learn more about the Booster Club. Spread the word!

Do you want to join the Booster Club?
[Click here.](#)

Incoming 7th grade orientation



Learn How to Keep Your Child Safe Online



Tuesday, March 19, 2024
5-6 p.m.



Scotus Central
Catholic High School
1554 18th Ave.
Columbus, NE 68601



Smart GEN Society



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Incoming 7th graders will have an afternoon orientation and tour at Scotus Central Catholic on Monday, April 8th from 12:30-3:15. More information regarding the afternoon will be sent later this month.

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April | 13 | 2024

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Photos from Ash Wednesday



St. Anthony students listen to Fr. Heithoff's homily.



St. Isidore students prepare for communion.



St. Bonaventure students praying during Mass.



Scotus Central Catholic senior Tori Dush receives ashes during the Ash Wednesday Mass at St. Bonaventure.

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



To the Principal's Office

Springtime brings joy to all of us! As we anticipate warmer weather, we can't help but feel a little more light-hearted. Here at St. Bons, class field trips will begin, we have a Spirit Week planned, and Kindergarten Round-up brings optimism and excitement as a new group of students come to

visit our school. All these events bring us joy!

But, of course, this joy is only fleeting. The real, long-lasting joy can only be found when we have given our hearts completely to Jesus.

In my previous two reports, I gave some more information about the JOY framework that we have adopted here at St. Bons. This month, I will comment on the “Y” of this framework. True Disciples of Christ put themselves last and put Jesus and others as the first priorities. That means humbling ourselves and realizing we are not the “center of the universe.” In order to put others first, we must learn self-control.

Self-control involves knowing that we are always in control of our bodies. For example, there are times when it’s appropriate to talk, and there are times when we must be silent. There are times when it’s appropriate to run, and there are times when we must sit still. There are appropriate times to be silly, and times when we must be serious. Knowing and learning self-control (being in control of our bodies and mouths) is an important skill to learn at a young age. As children grow and mature, the use of self-control will become even more important (Do I take the drugs or not? Do I engage in risky or immoral behaviors or not?). Learning self-control actually makes us freer as we become the disciples Christ calls us to be.

Wishing you all a holy Lent as we all strive to become better disciples of Christ!

-Cheryl Zoucha, St. Bonaventure Elementary Principal



It's March! Lent, Shrimp Peel, Spring Break, Daylight Savings time, spring sports, Kindergarten Roundup, Holy Week... March is a BUSY month!

This time of year holds so much anticipation and waiting for the joyous promises to come, in both the resurrection of Christ our Lord, and the birth of a new season. While all seasons- even the gloomy ones- serve a great purpose, it is so exciting to see changes start coming to life this month, in our church, in our homes, and in nature. We shouldn't just watch the changes, but should be active participants in helping to mold ourselves and our world into God's vision of what we should be. It's never perfect; it's always a work in progress! March is a time when that work starts to come to life and be visible to those all around. It's a great time to reflect, rejoice in the progress we've made, and continue working to align ourselves with God's plan.

We will soon begin talking about spring assessment season, and end-of-year activities. The students and teachers have been working so hard on their reading comprehension goal, so we are anxious to see the growth we've made this year! Thank you for all the support you give to our school. Your prayers, volunteerism, work at home, donations, and unending support, keeps St. Isidore School growing and thriving!

March dates:

Stations of the Cross (in church) 2:45pm on 3/1, 3/15, 3/22

Shrimp Peel 3/1
Sweet Harvest "Restaurant" Day 3/6
Spring Break 3/7-3/11
Dollar Dress Down Day 3/14
Wear Green for St. Patrick 3/18
Kindergarten Roundup (**No school for PS & K students**) 3/27
Easter Break 3/28-4/1

-Amy Evans, St. Isidore Elementary Principal

ADVANCEMENT

Join us at the Gala!

The 43rd annual Gala dinner/auction is set for Saturday, April 13, 2024 and the event will return to Scotus Central Catholic with the dinner and live auction hosted in the Dowd Activity Center.

Everyone is invited to attend—you don't need an invitation to join us for this important and fun-filled annual fundraiser! Let's fill the Dowd Center and help us reach our net goal of \$250,000 which is part of the Scotus annual budget and very necessary to cover the cost of operating our school!

PURCHASE AND RESERVE SINGLE TICKETS OR A RESERVED TABLE SPONSORSHIP AND MORE HERE.

PURCHASE GALA LOTTERY TICKETS HERE (Chance at a \$12,000 grand prize!)

PURCHASE GALA RAFFLE TICKETS HERE

If you would like to attend, participate by donating an item for the silent or oral auctions or volunteer to help, please contact our co-chairs, vice-chairs, or Erin Schmidt in the Scotus development office: or 402 564 7165 ext. 114 or eschmidt@colcath.org.

Children's Scholarship Fund Update

To date we have raised \$14,405.52 locally for CSF-Omaha and the donation period ends on 6/30/24. Last year we contributed \$26,093.74 and received \$40,400.00 in scholarships benefiting 50 students.

SEF17 Update

As of 2/29/24, the campaign had pledges totaling \$1,320,970.97. You can donate to SEF17 to help us reach the finish line by click [here](#).

Alumni Events

The alumni basketball tourney and dinner will be on March 22-23 at Scotus. The Shamrock Open Golf Tourney is set for June 1st at Tiburon GC in Omaha. To date we have three class reunions scheduled, 1964 (May 31-June 1), 1969 (Aug 9-10) and 1974 (Aug 16-18) and there are several other classes just beginning the reunion planning process.



Band news

March 16: Centennial Conference Honor Band & Choir at Lincoln Lutheran Junior High Honor Band in York

April 13: Jazz Band performs at Gala

April 19: District Music Contest (high school band and drumline) at CHS

April 24: Spring Band Concert (grades 5-12)

April 27: Elementary Honor Band at Neligh-Oakdale

May 12: Graduation (grades 8-11)

Dinner Concert: We served over 850 people at the dinner concert. Thank you to everyone for making it run smoothly! It was a fun night and the costumes awesome!

Conference Honor Band: Lincoln Lutheran will host the Centennial Conference Honor Band and Choir on March 16. The concert will begin at 4pm and

is open to the public.

Scotus band members selected into the Conference Honor Band members are: Olivia Ehlers, Nicole Peterson, Ian Karges, Abby Schumacher, Helene Chard, Rachel Spawn, and Grace Faltys.

Elementary Honor Band—The following students will represent Scotus in the Neligh Elementary Honor Band on Saturday, April 27. Jude Reed, Baylee Zywiec, Noah Miller, Steven Heibel, Shanita Nkoume, Blaise Head, Rhegan Bowns, Bella Faltys, Adelyn Beller, Pearl Hicks, Alyssa Beiermann, Alex Sandoval, Oisín Dillon, Lizzy Sidwell.



(Above) The band performs at the Band Dinner Concert last month.

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 24-25 school year!

Offer the gift of your time to invest in our teens and join the awesome team of RockTalk leaders! RockTalk started in 2019 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:

- St. Isidore Shrimp Peel - Fri. Mar. 1, Scotus Cafeteria, Doors open at 6.
- Mr. Shamrock - Sun. Mar. 3, Memorial Hall, 7 P.M.
- Cheer Tryouts - Mon. Mar. 4 - Fri. Mar 7, 7 A.M., Memorial Hall
- Blood Drive - Tue. Mar. 5, St. Bon's Social Hall
- TEAM SCOTUS - Wed. Mar. 6
- StuCo Meeting - Wed. Mar. 6, Room 126, 7:40 A.M
- 12:07 Dismissal/End of 3rd Quarter -Thu. Mar. 7
- SPRING BREAK - Fri. Mar. 8 - Mon. Mar 11
- TEAM SCOTUS -Tue. Mar. 12
- Flag New Team Meeting - Thu. Mar. 14, Room 466, 7:20 A.M.
- NHS Meeting - Thu. Feb. 29, Little Theater, 7:40 A.M.
- PreACT Testing 8th Grade -Tue. Mar. 19
- Rock Talk - Wed. Mar. 20, 2:30 P.M.
- Campus Ministry Meeting - Thu. Mar. 21, Little Theater, 7:30 A.M.
- DRESS DOWN DAY -Fri. Mar. 22
- PreACT Testing 10th Grade - Fri. Mar. 22
- FBLA Meeting - Tue. Mar. 26, Room 209, 7:40 A.M.
- 7th Grade Field Trip to Schram Park - Wed. Mar. 27
- Live Stations of the Cross -Wed. Mar. 27
- Stations of the Cross -Fri. Feb. 23, St. Bonaventure, 2:30 P.M.
- Easter Break -Thu. Mar. 28 - Mon. Apr. 1

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

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March guidance & careers information

Senior Notes

- Please keep a close eye on scholarship deadlines as March rolls around!

Class Registration for 2024-2025

- All future 9th-12th graders for the following school year have begun class registration. Please be mindful of the due dates for registration forms.

9th grade forms- Due March 12

10th grade forms- Due March 7

11th grade forms- Due March 6

12th grade forms- Due March 4

Save the Dates!

- Senior Honors Night and Activity Awards Night will be on May 8th at 6:30.

- 9-11th Grade Achievement/Activity Awards will be on May 10th at 2:30.

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