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April 2024



Columbus Catholic Schools welcomes new hires for 2024-25

We are excited to announce new staff members that will be joining the Columbus Catholic Schools faculty for the 2024-25 school year.

Michael Rerucha will teach 10th and 11th grade History at Scotus Central Catholic. Rerucha is a David City native, and will graduate from Wayne State College in May.

Danielle Urkoski will teach 8th and 10th grade English at Scotus Central

Tuition Assistance Information

The application process is ongoing 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.

Catholic. Urkoski is a Grand Island native and graduated from Wayne State College.

Kelsie Hupp will teach vocal music at St. Anthony and St. Isidore. Hupp is a Cedar Rapids native and will graduate from Wayne State College in May.

McKenna Hoefler will teach 1st grade at St. Bonaventure Elementary. Hoefler is a Columbus native and Scotus Central Catholic graduate. She will graduate from Wayne State College in May.

Michael Madej will teach 6th grade at St. Bonaventure Elementary.

Jenna Preister will teach 3rd grade at St. Bonaventure Elementary. Preister is a Lindsay native and will graduate from UNK in May.

Matt Wallish will teach 6th grade at St. Bonaventure Elementary. Wallish is a Lincoln native and graduated from UNL.

Haylee Korth will teach 3rd grade at St. Isidore Elementary. Korth is a Schuyler native will graduate from USD in May.

Lori Przymus will teach 3rd grade at St. Isidore Elementary. Przymus is a Genoa native and graduated from UNL.

Register to bid on Gala items

You can now register and bid on silent and super silent Gala auction items online at the Qtego link below. To bid on grand auction items, you need to be present or have a proxy bidder at the Gala, Saturday, April 13th.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

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2024-2025 Registration is now open

Registration for all four Columbus Catholic Schools is now open. See the links below to register online!

[SCOTUS CENTRAL CATHOLIC REGISTRATION](#)

[ST. ANTHONY ELEMENTARY REGISTRATION](#)

[ST. BONAVENTURE ELEMENTARY REGISTRATION](#)

[ST. ISIDORE ELEMENTARY REGISTRATION](#)



Prom info



Scotus Central Catholic senior Ashlee Leffers smiles during the blood drive on March 5.

March Blood Drive

The Scotus Chapter of National Honor Society was once again in charge of the Red Cross Blood Drive. With 87 donors who came through the doors, we collected 73 productive units.

[Click here to read more about the blood drive.](#)

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

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

Post Prom will be held at the Columbus Fieldhouse following Prom.

Incoming 7th grade orientation

Incoming 7th graders will have an afternoon orientation and tour at Scotus Central Catholic on Monday, April 8th from 12:30-3:15.

Students will eat lunch at Scotus, then meet with staff and discuss important details about being a student at Scotus. This should wrap up around 3:15.

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.

Photos from March



St. Anthony students Kyson Hopen and Jaxon Schmit had a busy day as principal for a day on March 6th.



St. Bonaventure students celebrated literacy spirit week and wore the colors of the rainbow in remembrance of God's promise to Noah on March 14th.



St. Isidore students at Mass on March 22nd.



Scotus Central Catholic students cheer during the spring activities pep rally on March 12th.

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



To the Principal's Office

Wow, where has the school year gone? The fourth quarter of the school year is off to a great start. I hope that everyone had a rewarding and fruitful Lenten season in preparing for the Resurrection of our Lord. The last day of school before Easter Break, our students always have the chance to participate and witness our seniors perform the Live Stations of the Cross. It is powerful to see our students place

themselves into Jesus' journey and help our student body reflect on the death and suffering that Jesus endured.

As our school year winds down, we hit the busiest time of the year. Our seniors are preparing themselves for their last month of high school. I hope that they take the time to reflect on their journey at Scotus and embrace the little amount of time they have left together as a class.

We have some of our major events of the school year coming during the month of April and early May. Our upperclassmen have the opportunity to celebrate prom on April 6th. As we lead into the end of the school year, we will have Senior Awards Night on May 8th to celebrate the academic and athletic excellence of our Seniors. On May 10th, we will hold our 9th-11th grade awards day beginning at 2:30 to honor their achievements. And lastly, our seniors will become Shamrocks forever on May 12th as we celebrate Graduation.

During the month of April, we will gather as a Scotus community on April 13th to celebrate our annual Scotus Gala. I want to thank all of our volunteers, committee members, and staff for their hard work in preparing for this important event for our school. I look forward to a wonderful night in "Boots and Bling."

-Brady Vancura, Scotus Central Catholic Principal



Happy Easter! May the love of the Risen Christ bring you peace and joy! As the students were learning about Jesus' passion, one student was curious about how heavy the cross was that Jesus had to carry. Mrs. Carstens said she didn't know for sure but noticed a little girl in the class had her hand raised. Mrs. Carstens called on her, and she said, "Jesus' cross was so heavy because he was carrying all of our sins." Wow! The lessons that we learn from our students each day.

It is hard to believe that this school year is quickly slipping away! We celebrated First Communion on Sunday, March 17 with 23 St. Anthony Parish 2nd graders. It was a beautiful day, and the children were so excited.

We ended after school STEAM with 59 students participating. Saints on the Sprint will begin on Thursday, April 4. The students will train, two days after school each week, to run a 5K on Friday, May 3. We will incorporate this with our Walk for Education. The students will raise money to help pay for online programs such as Lexia, No Red Ink, and Accelerated Reader for next school year.

We had 15 students in 4th-6th grade do very well at the Catholic Daughter's Education contest. They received 26 awards. All the students and teachers put a lot of time into their entries. They start working on their entries in December. This contest is a great opportunity for us to share our talents.

Bo's Night out is Thursday, April 4 from 5-8.

Thank you for the many ways that you support our school!

-Amy Sokol, St. Anthony 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.

BIDDING IS NOW OPEN. CLICK HERE TO REGISTER AND START BIDDING ON SILENT AUCTION ITEMS.

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.

Alumni Events

144 men and 14 women returned to Scotus for the 41st annual Shamrock alumni/nae basketball tourney last weekend. Participants also enjoyed a celebration banquet after the tourney concluded in the Scotus cafeteria. Thank you to all who attended and organized this successful event!

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.

17th Annual Shamrock Open

The date for the 17th Annual Shamrock Open has been set for Saturday, June 1, 2024 with a shotgun start at 1 pm. The tournament will be held at Tiburon GC in Omaha, and it is open to everyone! Players can count on a tourney known for its

excellent flight and flag prizes, good food and exceptional camaraderie!

Sponsorships are available and especially encouraged from class years and Shamrock business owners. Funds raised through the event are used to support the Shamrock athletic program. [Click here to view more information regarding the event.](#)

For more information about registration or becoming a tourney sponsor, contact Nick Puetz '97 at: shamrockopen@gmail.com or Joe Puetz '01 at puetzfinancial@gmail.com or John Schueth in the Scotus development office at jschueth@colcath.org, 402 564 7165 ext. 109.



Upcoming Band dates

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)

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:

- TEAM SCOTUS - Tue. Apr. 2
- StuCo Meeting - Tue. Apr. 2, Room 126, 7:45 A.M. · JH Track Meet - Tue. Apr. 2, Pawnee Park, 9:30 A.M.
- State Journalism Meeting - Wed. Apr. 3, Room 213, 7:45 A.M. · Campus Ministry Meeting - Thu. Apr. 4, Little Theater, 7:30 A.M. · NHS Meeting - Fri. Apr. 5, Little Theater, 7:40 A.M.
- PROM - Sat. Apr. 6, Memorial Hall
- Senior Privilege Day - Mon. Apr. 8
- Incoming 7th grade orientation - Mon. Apr. 8, 12:30-3:15 · TEAM SCOTUS - Wed. Apr. 10
- FBLA State Leadership - Apr. 11-12, Kearney
- NO SCHOOL - Fri. Apr. 12
- Gala - Sat. Apr. 13, Dowd Activity Center
- Flag Corp Tryout Meeting - Tue. Apr. 16, Band Room, 7 A.M. · StuCo Meeting - Wed. Apr. 17, Room 126, 7:40 A.M. · Campus Ministry Meeting - Thu. Apr. 18, Little Theater, 7:30 A.M.
- DRESS DOWN DAY - Fri. Apr. 19
- District Music at CHS - Fri. Apr. 19 · Flag Corp Tryouts - Mon. Apr. 22 - Fri. Apr 26
- NSAA State Journalism Contest - Mon. Apr. 22, Northeast CC · FBLA Meeting - Tue. Apr. 23, Room 209, 7:40 A.M.
- Rock Talk - Wed. Apr. 24, 2:30 P.M.
- Band Concert - Wed. Apr. 24, Dowd Activity Center, 6 P.M.
- TEAM SCOTUS - Fri. Apr. 26 · NHS Officer Meeting - Tue. Apr. 30, Room 127, 7:40 A.M.

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

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[April guidance & careers information](#)

7th Grade Orientation

- Incoming 7th Grade Orientation parent meeting will be held on April 8th at 5:30 in the Little Theater.

Honors Night & Achievement Assembly

- Senior Honors Night will be on May 8th at 6:30 in the Dowd Activity Center. 9th-11th Grade Achievement Assembly will be held at 2:30 in the Activity Center on May 10th. A list of 9th- 11th students being honored during the assembly will be posted at school.

Graduation

- Graduation will be May 12th at 1:30 in the Dowd Activity Center.

Earn early college credits

- Students wanting to take college credit courses over the summer, should contact Ms. Brichacek asap! Classes fill up fast!

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