



## CCS LINES May 2024



### Jeff Ohnoutka awarded as the 2024 Rural Administrator of the Year

On April 12, after a celebration of Mass at St. Anthony Catholic church, Columbus Catholic Schools Executive Director Jeff Ohnoutka was honored as the 2024 Archdiocese of Omaha Rural Administrator of the Year. Columbus Catholic Schools staff were in attendance along with some CCS board members to congratulate him on this prestigious honor.

Ohnoutka has led Columbus Catholic Schools for the last year as the executive director and was an integral

### Senior Notes

Scotus Central Catholic will host the Senior Mass, Wednesday, May 8 in the Dowd Activity Center at 10:10 a.m.

The Senior Awards Ceremony will also take place Wednesday in the Dowd Activity Center at 6:30 p.m.

Graduation will take place in the Dowd Activity Center Sunday, May 12 at 1:30 PM, the ceremony will be streamed **on YouTube.**

part in creating the CCS system. Before his time as executive director, he served as the President/Principal at Scotus Central Catholic for seven years. Before entering administration, Ohnoutka taught for 11 years at Scotus in the history department. He was also the head boys' basketball coach for nine seasons.

Prior to his arrival at Scotus, he taught and coached at Cedar Catholic for seven years. Ohnoutka has spent 25 years in Catholic education as a teacher, coach and administrator.

Ohnoutka's passion for the Columbus Catholic Schools system is unmatched. He is a true believer in Catholic education and how it can change lives forever.

Ohnoutka is married to Deb, a 7<sup>th</sup> grade English and Literature teacher at Scotus, and they have five children: Katie, Ryan, Kristen, Megan and Lindsay, who all graduated from Scotus Central Catholic.

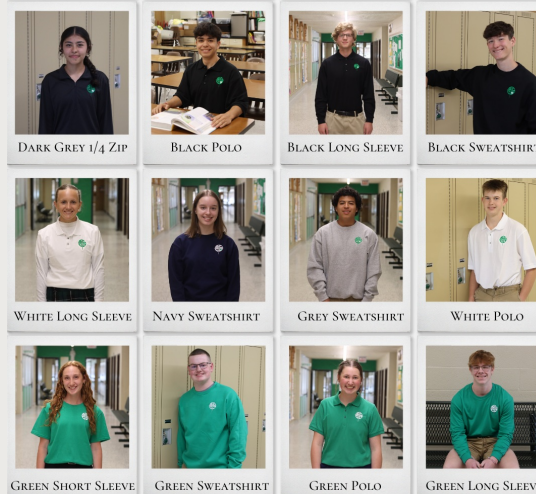
Ohnoutka will formally receive his award at the Archbishop's Dinner for Education in Omaha this fall.



Ohnoutka smiles while thanking the CCS staff and community after being awarded the 2024 Archdiocese of Omaha Rural Administrator of the Year.

## Summer Camps

Summer camps are right around the corner.



Students wearing some of the new uniform items that will be offered to families. Students can start wearing these items in August 2024.

## Purchasing school uniforms online

Starting in August there will be a few updates to the uniform policy at Scotus Central Catholic. For the first time in 30 years we are updating our uniforms!

The biggest change will be adding black and Kelly green as apparel color options in the uniform lineup. We are also adding our Scotus primary logo to each uniform item instead of the "SCC" text. This is an exciting time to make these needed updates for our students.

The updates are listed below. **Note, you are not required to purchase new items this fall. We are not holding a used uniform sale at the end of May.**

- Polos allowed starting in 2024 are Kelly Green, Black, White, Sky Blue, and Hunter Green. **Starting in the fall of 2027, the Hunter Green and Sky Blue polos will no longer be in our uniform rotation.**
- Sweatshirts allowed starting in 2024 are Kelly Green, Black, Grey, Navy Blue and Hunter Green. **Starting in the fall of 2027, the Hunter Green sweatshirt will no longer be**

Basketball, volleyball, football, soccer and wrestling have forms and dates listed for their camps.

More info regarding other activities like band, flags, and cheer will be posted soon. Save the link below to stay informed.

**[CLICK HERE TO VIEW SUMMER CAMP DATES AND DETAILS](#)**

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## Shamrocks compete at District Music

On Friday, April 19, the Scotus band and choir students competed at District Music Contest at Columbus Middle School. All 33 entries received either a superior (I) or an excellent (II) rating. Additionally, the high school band received a superior rating from all three judges, resulting in a I+ score.

**Superior ratings:** Treble Chorus; Abigail Schumacher (Clarinet Solo); Jessica Jackson (Flute Solo); Drumline; Nicole Peterson & Rachel Spawn (Snare Duet); Flute Ensemble; Brooke Krienke & Abigail Schumacher (Clarinet Duet); Mixed Chorus, Saxophone Ensemble; Helene Chard (Baritone Solo); Henry Chard & Lily Humphrey (Vocal Duet); Isabella Chasteen & Giselle Chilapa-Bello (Vocal Duet); Lily Humphrey & Caroline Klitz (Vocal Duet); Nicole Peterson, Amber Spawn, Kalee Ternus (Vocal Trio); Cecilia Arndt (Vocal Solo); Giselle CHilapa-Bello (Vocal Solo), Helene Chard & Olivia Ehlers (Baritone/Bass Clarinet Duet); Kaitlyn Fleming & Leah Fleming (Flute/Clarinet Duet); Henry Chard & Jessica Jackson (Saxophone/Flute Duet); Baritone Quartet; Lillian Miller (Piano Solo); Band.

**Excellent ratings:** Brooke Krienke

- in our uniform rotation.**
- There will be an additional t-shirt available in the uniform rotation starting in the fall of 2024. The t-shirt is Kelly Green with the white Scotus logo in the left corner. This option comes in short sleeve and long sleeve. Students can wear this shirt everyday to school.

You can purchase school uniforms from all four schools online, the link is listed below.

**[Click here to order uniforms](#)**

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## Vacation Bible School

St. Anthony Elementary will be hosting vacation bible school this summer. You may pick up forms at the school or church offices.

June 3-7 from 9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

St. Bonaventure Elementary and St. Isidore Elementary will be hosting a joint vacation bible school at St. Isidore. You may sign up **[here](#)**.

June 3-6 from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

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## Shamrocks compete at State Journalism

On Monday, April 22, 15 Scotus students qualified for the NSAA Class B State Journalism competition. All 15 students came home with medals and the team finished runner-up.

**Individual Medalists: 1st:** Kirsten Sucha (Newspaper Sports Feature Writing)

**2nd:** Josie Sliva & Isabel Zaruba (Broadcast PSA)

(Clarinet Solo); Kaitlyn Fleming (Flute Solo); Henry Chard (Saxophone Solo); Flute Trio; Mixed Clarinet Quartet; Logan Erickson & Lillian Miller (Vocal Duet); Cecilia Arndt & Neve Pavlik (Vocal Duet); Caroline Klitz (Vocal Solo); Nicole Peterson (Vocal Solo); Low Brass/Woodwind Ensemble; Logan Erickson (Viola Solo).

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## Summary of important Summer dates:

**June 6, 2024:** P.E. Uniform Orders Due

**July 12, 2024:** School Uniform Orders Due to receive before school starts

**July 15, 2024:** Last day to order uniforms to have them the first day of school

**July 18, 2024:** Physicals and Immunizations Due

**Aug. 7, 2024:** 7th Grade Shamrock Welcome Day

**Aug. 14, 2024:** Orientation and Picture Day, 8-9 AM

**Aug. 15, 2024:** First Full Day with Lunch Served, 8:15 AM is the first bell

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**3rd:** Logan Erickson (Advertising), Joanna Rusher (Editorial Writing), Mason Gonka & Evan Steffensmeier (Broadcast Sports Story)

**4th:** Ella Hash (Sports News Writing), Jessica Jackson (Photo/Artistic Illustration), Rylie Jarecki (Yearbook Sports Feature Writing), Alyssa Nelsen & Rebecca Kosch (Broadcast PSA)**5th:** Addison Schoenfelder (Action Photography)

**6th:** Jessica Jackson (Editorial Cartooning), Kalee Ternus (Infographic and Photo/Artistic Illustration), Macey Johannes, Addison Schoenfelder, and Isabel Zaruba (Yearbook Theme Development), Joanna Rusher (Broadcast News Story), Joanna Rusher & Isabel Zaruba (Broadcast Sports Story, Broadcast Feature Story)

**7th:** Josie Sliva (Yearbook Theme Copy Writing, Broadcast News Story, Broadcast Sports Story)

## Photos from April



**St. Anthony students students enjoy the partial eclipse on the playground.**



**St. Bonaventure students enjoy the partial eclipse.**



St. Isidore students enjoy the partial eclipse in the parking lot.



Scotus Central Catholic students pose with the NSAA Class B State Runner-Up trophy after the state journalism contest.

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# Thank you for supporting the Scotus Gala!

Thank you to everyone who played a part in making the 43<sup>rd</sup> annual Gala dinner/auction another success! After hosting the Gala in the St. Bonaventure Parish Center the last three years, Gala 2024 returned to Scotus with the dinner and oral auction held in the Dowd Activity Center.

More than 360 guests were in attendance and organizers feel that the 2024 Gala was the most successful to date. The event raised an estimated net of \$375,000 plus more than \$20,000 for the creation of a new health science lab at Scotus and for the purchase of a mini-van to replace a twenty-year-old van the school currently uses.

The grand auction had forty-one amazing items this year including a pheasant hunt for fourteen selling for \$11,000, a private plane flight for six individuals from Columbus to Kansas City for a Chiefs football game selling for \$7,700 and a captain's table for next year's Gala going for \$11,500. This is Scotus' largest annual fundraiser, and the proceeds are used to balance the budget.

Special thanks go to the Gala committee co-chairs: Dr. Scott & Kelly Cameron, Clete & Lisa Borchers, and Roger & Jill Krienke. And kudos to the vice-chairs who also worked very hard this year and will be chairs for next year's event: Mike & Kim (Rickert '98) Dreesen, Fred '91 & Carrie Maguire, Jack & Lisa Meers.

The Gala Lottery first prize winner of \$12,000 was Diane Larson. Winning \$500 each were Barbara (Tognetti '69) Brakenhoff, Lori Przymus, Clete & Dana Kamrath and Jeff & Gaylene Johnson. Gala Raffle winners were Deb (Welker '74) Coan (\$1,500 in grocery gift cards), Annette Hash (\$100 Visa gift card) and Nicole Lindhorst (\$50 Visa gift card.)

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## 17th Annual Shamrock Open

The date for the 17<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:shamrockopen@gmail.com)** or Joe Puetz '01 at **[puetzfinancial@gmail.com](mailto:puetzfinancial@gmail.com)** or John Schueth in the Scotus development office at **[jschueth@colcath.org](mailto:jschueth@colcath.org)**, 402 564 7165 ext. 109.

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## 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.





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## 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!

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## Journalism photos for sale

see the albums.

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

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.

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## Scotus calendar of events and meetings:

- 8th Grade Retreat - Thur. May 2, St. Bonaventure Social Hall
- Campus Ministry Meeting - Thu. May 2, Little Theater, 7:30 A.M. · DRESS DOWN DAY - Fri. May 3 · NHS Meeting - Fri. May 3, Little Theater, 7:30 A.M. · Senior Mass - Wed. May 8, Dowd Activity Center, 10:10 A.M.
- Senior Awards Night - Wed. May 8, Dowd Activity Center, 6:30 P.M.
- Football Meeting - Thur. May 9, Little Theater, 7:20 A.M.
- NHS Officers Meeting - Thur. May 9, Room 127, 7:40 A.M. · Campus Ministry Meeting - Thu. May 10, Little Theater, 7:40 A.M.
- Girls Golf Meeting - Fri. May 10, Media Center Conference Room, 7:45 A.M. · Grades 9-11 Awards Ceremony - Fri. May 10, Dowd Activity Center, 2:30 P.M.
- GRADUATION - Sun. May 12, Dowd Activity Center, 1:30 P.M. · TEAM SCOTUS DAY - Tue. May 14
- SEMESTER TESTS - Wed. May 15 · SEMESTER TESTS - Thur. May 16 · FINAL DAY OF SCHOOL - Thur. May 16
- Last day for teachers - Fri. May 17
- Scotus Girls Basketball Camp - Tue. May 28 - Fri. May 31

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

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## May guidance & careers information

### Senior Mass & Honors Night

- Senior Mass will be on May 8 at 10:10 a.m. in the Dowd Activity Center.
- Senior Honors Night will be on May 8 at 6:30 a.m. in the Dowd Activity Center. This event will be live streamed [here](#).

### 9th-11th Awards Ceremony

- The Awards Ceremony for students in grades 9-11 will be on May 10 at 2:30 p.m. in the Dowd Activity Center. This event will be live streamed [here](#).

### Graduation

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

### 2022-2023 Schedules

- Student schedules for the 2023-2024 school year will be released on PowerSchool during July. An announcement will be sent over SchoolMessenger with an exact date. Drop and add dates and times will also be specified in this announcement.

## Senior Notes:

### Finals Transcripts

- Final senior transcripts need to be sent to each student's final college choice. Seniors, log into your Parchment account, choose your college, request a final transcript and select HOLD FOR GRADES.
- Keep in mind that final grades for every student need to be recorded prior to the release of the finals transcripts, which most likely will be the middle of May.
- Ordering your college (dual) credit transcripts is a separate request to the college. It is mandatory the student makes the request. The college will not allow a representative from the high school to make the request on the student's behalf. There will be a processing fee. The link to make the request can be found here: [CCC transcript request](#).

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