



# CCS LINES

## August 2024



### Welcome Back!

From Columbus  
Catholic Schools  
Executive Director  
Jeff Ohnoutka

Welcome back! I hope that you and your family had a great summer. Our schools are busily preparing for the start of the 24-25 school year. I look forward to greeting our teachers on Aug.12th and our students on the 15th. I especially want to welcome all of our new students and families. I am confident that you will find Columbus Catholic Schools to be filled with people who want to see your children succeed and provide a safe environment for them to get an education rooted in our faith and

### Back to School dates

#### **Scotus Central Catholic: 7th Grade Shamrock Welcome Day August 7:**

August 7 - 9:00-11:30 (students with last name beginning with A-L)  
August 7 - 12:30-3:00 (students with last name beginning with M-Z)

For more information on pre-orientation, click [here](#).

#### **7th-12th Grade Orientation Wednesday August 14th:** (Starts in the Dowd Activity, one hour sessions)

8 a.m. - 9 a.m. 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation

9 a.m. - 10 a.m. 8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> Orientation

values.

I also want to welcome our new teachers to the CCS. We have some incredibly talented people joining us this year and we are fortunate to have them. Please continue to pray for our schools and all those associated with them.

We do extremely important work here and we put our trust in God to continue to bless that work. See you in the schools!

-Mr. Ohnoutka

## Purchase Scrip

We are extending an invite to all Columbus Catholic Schools families and staff to sign up for Scrip. What is Scrip? Our elementary schools purchase gift cards at a discounted rate, you purchase the gift cards from our schools and your money goes back to the school!

[Click here to download the form](#)

**Gift Card (Scrip) Fundraising**  
Explained

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**Help our school! Help our Parish!**

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We sell the gift cards at face value. Ex. We sell the \$100 gift card for \$100.

The school makes a profit on the sale of the gift card. Ex. We make a \$5 profit.

10 a.m. - 11 a.m. 10<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> Orientation

11 a.m. - 12 p.m. 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation

### 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Picture Day:

Wednesday, August 14 in the cafeteria

### First day of classes:

Thursday, Aug. 15 – Mass Schedule

### Scotus Booster Club Kickoff Dinner:

Tuesday, August 20 - 6 p.m. KC Hall

### St. Anthony Elementary:

#### Fall Registration:

Monday, August 5 - 11 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
Kdg-6th school registration, drop off paperwork, pay lunch/activity/H&S dues, volunteer signup.

#### Preschool Informational Pickup:

Monday, August 5 - 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

#### School Open House and Social:

Wednesday, August 14 - 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

#### First day of classes:

Thursday, Aug. 15 – Noon Dismissal

#### Pre-K & Preschool First Day:

August 19 (Pre-K) August 20 (Preschool)

### St. Bonaventure Elementary:

#### Fall Registration:

Thursday, Aug. 1 in the social hall

a. 4 p.m. – 6 p.m. **(returning families)**

b. 6:30 p.m. – **(new families)**

#### School Open Houses:

Tuesday, Aug. 13: K-6, 5-6:30 p.m.,  
Preschool 6-7:30 p.m.

#### First day of classes:

Thursday, Aug. 15 – Noon Dismissal

#### Pre-K & Preschool First Day:

## Physical Forms due ASAP

Please remember that all Scotus students in grades 7-12 must have a physical and parent consent form completed before participating in athletics. [CLICK HERE TO DOWNLOAD THE FORM](#). **Forms are due immediately.**

If you have questions, please contact Merlin Lahm at [mlahm@colcath.org](mailto:mlahm@colcath.org) Please turn in forms to Holly Thompson in the main office.

The first day of fall practices is Monday, August 12th. Students can't practice until their forms are turned in.

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## Fore! Play in the Shonka Open

Saturday, August 17 is the Shonka Open, sponsored by the Scotus Booster Club. This golf outing is a great way to start the school year with fellow Shamrocks.

Not a golfer? Join us at 5 for a meal and fun, tickets for non-golfers are \$25. There are also sponsorship opportunities as well!

All proceeds go towards the Booster Club to support our activities.

[Click here to sign up](#)

Tuesday, August 20

### **St. Isidore Elementary:**

#### **Fall Registration:**

August 6-7, 8:30-5:30: Kdg-6th school registration, drop off paperwork, pay lunch/activity/H&S dues, volunteer signup.

#### **Kindergarten Parent Meeting:**

Tuesday, August 13, 5:30: School library

#### **School Open Houses:**

Wednesday, August 14: K-6, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Preschool 5:30-7 p.m., Preschool parent meeting at 7 p.m. in the school library.

#### **First day of classes:**

Thursday, Aug. 15 – Noon Dismissal

#### **Pre-K & Preschool First Day:**

Monday, August 19

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## The Shamrock Green Room Podcast

The Shamrock Green Room Podcast is a podcast dedicated to all Shamrocks. Whether that's a current student, teacher, alumni, or supporter, we want to hear their stories on why Scotus is a special place in education.

As the school year starts, students will produce different segments about their current life at Scotus, weekly recaps and more.

Please consider subscribing at the links below.

[Apple Podcasts](#)  
[Spotify](#)  
[YouTube](#)



## You're invited to our Shonka Open!

Join us at our Annual Scotus Booster Club Golf  
Tournament, Meal & Social. Everyone is invited!



**18 holes** of fundraising fun, with all proceeds going directly  
to The Scotus Booster Club - \$100 per golfer.

When: **Saturday, August 17, 2024**

**Noon Registration, 1PM Shotgun Start**

Where: **Quail Run Golf Course, Columbus, NE**

**Not a golfer?** Join us at 5PM for the Meal: raffles, split the pot,  
food, drinks and fun. Non-Golf Event Ticket \$25.



**THE SHAMROCK  
GREEN ROOM**

## Homecoming

Homecoming week is August 26-30 at Scotus. The coronation will take place after the football game against Aquinas at Pawnee Park stadium. The week will end with the dance on the 31st at Scotus.

Follow our social media channels for more information regarding themes and other Homecoming activities.

## 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](#)

[CLICK HERE TO VIEW THE AUGUST LUNCH MENU](#)

## Notes from the Principals

August is here and that means we are approaching a new school year with rejuvenated students and staff returning to the halls of Scotus Central Catholic. I am excited to see all of our students on the 15th and equally excited to see parents at different events throughout the year.



This year we have five new teachers joining us as Shamrocks...

- Heidi Field will be teaching physical education and strength training.
- Michael Rerucha will be teaching 10th and 11th grade history.
- Danielle Urkoski will be teaching 8th and 10th grade English.
- Molly Wallish will be our new campus minister.
- Alexis Wilch will be teaching Spanish.

I'm excited to see these new Shamrocks mesh with our current staff and collaborate together on classroom planning and instruction. If you see any of them at Scotus or in the community, please introduce yourself!

This summer, we completed a few new upgrades in the Dowd Activity Center. Last spring, a decision came to replace the scorers table, scoreboards, and add shot clocks and a video board. Installation began in late June. The video board will be able to run advertisements, play student-created content, show presentations and more. These upgrades will make the Dowd Activity Center even better moving forward.

Homecoming this year will fall during the last week of August (August 26-30). The coronation will be Friday evening after the Aquinas football game at Pawnee Park Stadium. The dance will be held Saturday the 31st, at Scotus.

Enjoy the remaining days of summer and we look forward to seeing you in the halls of Scotus Central Catholic soon!

### **-Brady Vancura, Scotus Central Catholic Principal**



Where did the summer go? St. Anthony was a busy place. In June, we had Vacation Bible School with over 100 children and over 40 volunteers. A few weeks after that we had our annual Angels Academy with 50 students. It was such a fun week full of all kinds of STEAM activities. We ended the week by going to the Edgerton ExplorIt Museum and Plainsman Museum in Aurora. The teachers involved are already making plans for next year.

During the summer, we also received new security doors on both ends of the hallway. These doors were paid for with a security grant from the state and also SEF (School Excellence Fund) dollars. The social hall was also repainted with the help of volunteers. New blinds were ordered, and they should be installed by the end of September. This project was funded by the Home and School, Knights of Columbus, and St. Theresa's Sodality.

I am looking forward to having the students and staff back in the building. Their energy and enthusiasm is contagious. Each school year is a journey that we are on together to learn and grow in our faith. We are excited to welcome our new staff members Kelsie Hupp, music and Sandy Demuth, 2nd grade. We are also looking forward to welcoming our new students in preschool and in the grade school.

This fall, the 2nd graders will be using a new social studies textbook. The students in K-2nd grade will be using a new writing program. The teachers are looking forward to implementing these new materials.

Thank you for all of the many different ways that you support our school! Be assured of our prayers for you this school year.

**-Amy Sokol, St. Anthony Elementary Principal**



The lazy days of summer are almost at their end. While the kids are possibly saddened by this thought, our staff is busy working to ready the school for a great year ahead!

As with every year, we welcome some new faces to our building. We have several new families joining our school family, as well as several new staff members. New staff include Miss McKenna Hoefer (grade 1), Miss Jenna Preister (grade 3), Mr. Matt Wallish (grade 6), Mr. Michael Madej (grade 6), Mr. Ryan Baker (PE), and Mrs. Allison Ryan (para).

Our new classroom teachers have been meeting with their mentors throughout the summer to help with transitioning to our school, and mentoring will continue for these teachers as the year progresses. We are so excited about the caliber of teachers that are joining us, and we hope you can welcome them all to CCS!

Our maintenance team has also been working hard over the summer months! Hats off to Mr. Jeff Beerbohm, Mr. Joe Schoenfelder, Mr. Bob Soulliere, and Mr. Tim Hottovy for their efforts in preparing our building and grounds. A big thank you also goes out to Mrs. Susie Kobus and Mr. Eric Kluever for their volunteer work as they completed paint work all in preparation for our school year. I am so grateful to have such a wonderful team of people to work with! A couple noticeable improvements that were made include the painting of Rooms 8 and 12 (including a new look to the closet doors in Room 8), new carpet in Room 8, and a new red stage curtain in the social hall.

Finally, our Home and School Board has recently met to plan engagement activities for the year. Representatives will be present at our Aug. 1 registration to help our parents sign up for volunteer opportunities, and they will provide a little treat at our Aug. 13<sup>th</sup> school open house. Thank you to all of our parents who organize and carry out activities for our school families! By working together, we will have an awesome school year ahead!

**-Cheryl Zoucha, St. Bonaventure Elementary Principal**

The end of summer is rapidly approaching, and we are almost ready to welcome students and staff back into the building. It has been a busy summer at school, which included some great updates! The classroom projector project is now complete thanks to the 2024 Shrimp Peel



funds. We have new LED lighting in our hallways thanks to SEF donors. Classroom 2B and the Student Support rooms received new carpet thanks to another generous donor. The Lowry lot, a small play area on the NE corner of school, will be ready for individual classroom/grade level usage in August.

We will welcome 209 students to our classrooms on August 15th. We also welcome several new staff members. Five new teachers will be joining us this year:

Mrs. Przymus (3rd grade,) Mrs. Hron (3rd grade,) Mr. Baker (PE,) Miss Hupp (Music,) and Mrs. Downs (Reading Interventionist.) We welcome two new paraeducators: Mrs. Samek (kdg,) and Mrs. Forney (3rd-5th grades.) The remainder of our staff has returned and everyone is excited for a successful year ahead!

The Parish Hall project is continuing, and our construction entrance will continue to be the "ramp doors" this fall, which are now under an awning. At some point this year, hopefully around January, we will start using the new hall entrances, and the school's secure entry/buzzer will be back to its original location, next to the school office.

Big lunch changes are coming! This year we will be allowing students to bring sack lunches from home whenever they choose. Our cafeteria will offer one hot entree per day, and we will NOT offer any "Cold Lunch" options this year since we are allowing sack lunches. *We will remain an Allergy Aware building, due to students with life-threatening allergies.* **We request that all student sack lunches and snacks be peanut-free, and there will be a very strict No-Sharing rule.** If students are found to be sharing food, they will be restricted from bringing a sack lunch for a period of time, so please remind your child of the No-Sharing rule if they choose to bring a lunch or snack from home.

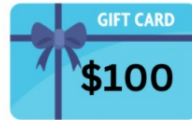
For all of our allergy students, parents can choose to have them sit at a peanut-free table in the cafeteria (they can invite a friend with a school lunch to sit with them,) or sign a waiver allowing them to sit with their classmates. Any shared treats for birthdays or class parties must be peanut free, store-packaged & unopened, with an ingredient label attached. No homemade or home-prepared foods are allowed for class sharing! Watch nutrition labels for the bold ingredients (peanuts), or the disclaimer "May contain peanuts," and please do not send those items to school, as they will be sent back home.

Our office will keep an open door for all of our parents and parishioners for questions, conversations, or to help with all your Scrip gift card needs. We are excited for another great year partnering with your family. Enjoy the remaining summer days!

**-Amy Evans, St. Isidore Elementary Principal**



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## ADVANCEMENT

### Bid-A-Bag

Join us one week from today at the Scotus Booster Club Bid-a-Bag event, Thursday, August 8th at Scotus in the cafeteria. Step into a world of excitement and generosity at the 2024 Bid-A-Bag event hosted by the Scotus Booster Club on August 8 from 5:30-8:30 at Scotus. Join us for an evening of fun and fundraising as we showcase a dazzling array of handbags up for auction, with all proceeds supporting our students.



[Register here](#)

[Online Auction](#)





SCOTUS BOOSTER CLUB  
INVITES YOU TO:

**LADIES  
NIGHT**  
*Bid-a-Bag*

ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TO  
SUPPORT SCOTUS CHEERLEADING  
SQUAD

THURSDAY, AUGUST 8, 2024  
5:30PM - 8:30PM | 13 & UP \$25 | 12 & UNDER \$5  
SCOTUS CAFETERIA  
APPETIZERS & BEVERAGES





**Scotus Central Catholic Picture Day is Wednesday, August 14, 2024**

**Proofs:** About 1 to 2 weeks after Picture Day you will receive a **Proof** of your student's **2 poses**.

The Proof has the **Website** and **Password** to place your order **online**.

If you do not wish to pay with a credit card: **Still place the order online** and select **Cash** or **Check** as the **method of payment** upon checkout. Place cash or check in the **Payment Envelope** that came with your Proof. Write your **Order Confirmation Number** from your online order on the **Payment Envelope**.

The Picture Packages you order will arrive approximately **2-3 weeks after the Due Date** printed on the **Proof**.

**Family Plan:** When you pay for two children in your family, this qualifies you for a **FREE** package of equal or lesser value for all other children in your family.

If you qualify for the Family Plan, please email [info@pegasus-si.com](mailto:info@pegasus-si.com) with the two **Order Confirmation Numbers** that have been **paid** in full **along with the Order Confirmation Number** for the order that is **FREE**. Please be sure **to order** and **send email** prior to the **Due Date** on the proof to avoid any late fees – Do **NOT** wait for all student's proofs as deadline dates may vary if they attend another school or are a Retake. Your **FREE** order is **ON HOLD** until you email the Confirmation Numbers.

For the 3rd order or more, use payment type **FAMILY** and click **APPLY**, then submit your online order.

**Retakes:** If you prefer to have a retake, you may do so for any reason on Retake Day. Wait until you get your **RETAKE Proof** to place an order at that time. If you decide to order from your original Proof rather than the Retake, you'll receive a late fee, as it is past the Order Due Date.

**Due Date:** On your proof is an Order Due Date. If you submit your order **AFTER** the Due Date, you'll have a \$10 late fee and late orders can take up to 6 – 8 weeks after ordering.

**Pegasus School Images**

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**Note to separated or divorced parents:** *Mom and Dad may receive different **PASSWORDS/Proofs** ONLY IF your student tells the photographer: "I need 2 sets of proofs"*  
*To help your student remember to request this, you may use this Reminder Slip.*

**ONLY For parents living separately: Fill out information below & have your student give this note to photographer while sitting at the camera for school pictures on**

**Scotus Central Catholic Picture Day -- Wednesday, August 14, 2024**

Please provide **TWO Order PROOF FORMS** for:

**STUDENT'S NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Grade** \_\_\_\_\_  
to allow Mom and Dad to order separately.

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.

**Molly Wallish 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 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](#) for more information!

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## 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.

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## Scotus calendar of events and meetings:

- 7th Grade Shamrock Welcome Day -Wed. Aug. 7, Little Theater, 8:30 a.m. - 10 a.m. (last names A-L) | 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. (last names M-Z)
- Bid-A-Bag - Thur. Aug. 8, Scotus Cafeteria, 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

- Last Day For Drop & Add -Fri. Aug. 9
- Drumline Performance - Sat. Aug. 10, Frankfort Square
- Columbus Days Parade - Sun. Aug. 11, 3 p.m.
- 7-12 Orientation - Wed. Aug. 14
- Senior Parent Meeting - Wed. Aug. 14, Little Theater, 5:30 p.m.
- First day of school-Thur. Aug. 15
- Shonka Golf Open - Sat. Aug. 17, Quail Run Golf Course, 1:00 p.m.
- FBLA Meeting - Tue. Aug. 20, Room 209, 7:30 a.m.
- NHS Officers Meeting - Tue. Aug. 20, Room 129, 7:40 a.m.
- Senior Retreat - Wed. Aug. 21, Timberlake Camp
- StuCo Meeting - Wed. Aug. 21, Room 126, 7:40 a.m.
- Campus Ministry Meeting - Thur. Aug. 22, Little Theater, 7:30 a.m.
- DRESS DOWN DAY - Fri. Aug. 23
- Homecoming Week - Mon. Aug. 26-Fri. Aug. 30
- StuCo Meeting - Wed. Aug. 28, Room 126, 7:40 a.m.
- Rock Talk - Wed. Aug 28, 2:30 p.m.
- Homecoming Pep Rally - Thur. Aug. 29, Dowd Activity Center, 3:10 p.m.
- Homecoming Dance - Sat. Aug. 31 Cafeteria

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

**CLICK HERE TO SUBSCRIBE TO OUR YOUTUBE CHANNEL**

## August Guidance & Careers Information

### Drop and Add

- The last day for drop and add is August 9th. Please submit a request via the form or visit Ms. Brichacek during her office hours.
  - 8/1 8:30-2:00
  - 8/2 8:30-11:15
  - 8/5 8:30-2:00
  - 8/6 8:30-2:00
  - 8/7 12:00-2:00
  - 8/8 8:00-2:00
  - 8/9 8:00-1:30

### Senior Parent Meeting

- The senior parent meeting will be held on August 14th at 5:30 in the Little Theater.

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