



CCS LINES

September 2024



Homecoming 2024

Homecoming was held this year at the end of August. The hallways were decorated in different themes, with the juniors winning the hallway competition.

The themes of each day were, pajama day, red-white-and blue day, athletes vs mathletes, elementary/future self day, and spirit day.

The homecoming pep rally was held Thursday morning in the Dowd Activity Center with games and candidate contests.

On Friday, the Shamrock football team defeated Aquinas Catholic 14-7. At the end the evening, the coronation was

2023-2024 CCS Annual Report

We're excited to share the 2023-2024 CCS Annual Report—a summary of last school year. The support from our families does not go unnoticed! Thank you for being in the Columbus Catholic Schools family.

[Click here to read the annual report](#)

The Shamrock Green Room Podcast

The Shamrock Green Room Podcast is a podcast dedicated to all Shamrocks.

held at Pawnee Park. The Homecoming Queen was Abigail Schumacher and the Homecoming King was Joaquin Azurduy Castellanos.

The Homecoming dance was held Saturday evening at Scotus in the cafeteria. Follow our social media channels to see photos from each day. Overall, it was a great week for all Shamrocks!



The 2024 Homecoming King is Joaquin Azurduy Castellanos and the Homecoming Queen is Abigail Schumacher.

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](#)

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.

Our new episode for September is with Scotus English/Journalism/Yearbook teacher, Angie Rusher. You can listen to that [here](#).

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](#)
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Four Shamrocks join the Scotus Athletic Hall of Fame

Scotus Central Catholic is proud to induct four Shamrocks into the prestigious Scotus Athletic Hall of Fame. Congratulations to Payton Chohon, Laura Miksch, Taylor Suess and Cody Zimmerman on being added to a great lineage of Shamrocks in the Scotus Athletic Hall of Fame.

[Read the full press release here](#)



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Gift Card (Scrip) Fundraising

Explained

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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.

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Help our Parish!



2024 Hall of Fame inductees (Front left to right:) Emily Miksch (received award on behalf of her sister Laura, who could not attend), Payton Chohon, Taylor Suess and Cody Zimmerman.

CLICK HERE TO VIEW THE SEPTEMBER LUNCH MENU



Notes from the Principals

The start of the school year is off to a fast start. The excitement from all students and staff to begin a new year is something that I look forward to each August.

This year, we are off to a fast start having completed our Homecoming festivities before the calendar turned to September. Having Homecoming early in the year has given everyone an opportunity to celebrate and showcase their pride in our school and reminds everyone of the passion in our Scotus community.

A new year also brings about some new faces in our hallways. Mrs. Field, Mr. Rerucha, Mrs. Urkoski, Mrs. Wallish, and Ms. Wilch have done a fantastic job of acclimating themselves to our school, and we are excited for our students to have an opportunity to learn from fantastic teachers. I can't express my gratitude enough for not only our new staff, but for all of our teachers that serve at Scotus Central Catholic.

We look forward to seeing our entire faith community come together as we celebrate our Columbus Catholic Schools Mass on September 29th at the Pawnee Park stadium.

-Brady Vancura, Scotus Central Catholic Principal

It was with joy and anticipation that we greeted our



students on Aug. 15 for the first day of school. We started off the year by celebrating the Feast of the Assumption of Mary at Mass, a beautiful way to begin.

Prior to the start of school, we held an open house for our students so they were able to meet their teachers, bring in their school supplies, and get a treat or two. Thank you to our Home and School organization for providing popsicles for the evening!

On our first full day of school, we also celebrated our students' summer reading efforts with an additional recess and snack. In addition, students reaching their summer goals received two dress down day cards (always a favorite). We had many students reach their summer reading goals!

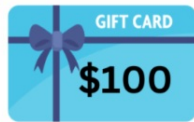
Other important tasks that are completed at the start of the year are administering reading and math tests, going over school-wide rules and procedures, and practicing safety drills. Coming up in September we will have school pictures taken on Sept. 5. Our restaurant fundraiser events will start back up in September with our first event held at Tropical Smoothie on Sept. 17. Stop by for an after-school treat on this day and support St. Bonaventure School!

I look forward to how God pours his graces on us this school year!

-Cheryl Zoucha, St. Bonaventure Elementary Principal



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ADVANCEMENT

Consider supporting the CCS Annual Appeal

Financial support is instrumental in helping us provide a well-rounded education that emphasizes not only academic excellence but most importantly spiritual growth and service to others. It is through the generosity of donors like you that we are able to fulfill our mission of helping each student know God, love God, and serve God. This year's Annual Appeal looks to raise \$225,000+ to address the following needs.

1. Donations will fund critical IT support across our four schools, enabling us to provide students and teachers with the latest technology, including new hardware, software, and essential licenses.
2. Your generosity will strengthen our Campus Ministry, which plays a vital role in mentoring students and nurturing their spiritual and personal growth through leadership development, faith-based activities, and team-building.
3. In addition, your support will contribute to the overall budget, allowing us to address ongoing needs and maintain the high quality of our educational programs.

Your support, no matter the size, will make a meaningful difference in the lives of our students and the future of our faith community. Please consider donating today at the link below.

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Join us for the CCS Outdoor Mass

Columbus Catholic Schools is hosting our Outdoor Mass on Sunday, September 29th at 4:00 P.M. at Pawnee Park. An outdoor Mass will be held at 4 p.m. in the stadium. Following Mass, there will be food provided. Please consider attending this event with your family. This will be a fun way to connect with families from our four schools.

Outdoor Mass



COLUMBUS CATHOLIC SCHOOLS
Know Him. Love Him. Serve Him.

Join us!

4 p.m.
Pawnee Park
Stadium





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.

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.

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!

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:

- Freshman Retreat - Wed. Sept. 4, Camp Moses Merrill
- Booster Club Meeting - Wed. Sept. 4, KC Hall, 7 p.m.
- Campus Ministry Meeting - Thur. Sept. 5, Little Theater, 7:30 a.m.
- NHS Meeting - Fri. Sept. 6, 7:40 a.m.
- Drumline Performance - Sun. Sept. 8, St. Isidore Bazaar
- One Act Auditions - Mon. Sept. 9 - Tue. Sept. 10, Memorial Hall, 7-8 p.m.
- HOSA Meeting- Tue. Sept. 10, Little Theater, 7:30 a.m.
- StuCo Meeting - Wed. Sept. 11, Room 126, 7:40 a.m.
- Senior Cap/Gown Meeting - Thu. Sept. 12, Little Theater, 7:30 a.m.
- 7th Grade Retreat - Fri. Sept. 13
- DRESS DOWN DAY - Fri. Sept. 13
- March For Life Meeting - Fri. Sept. 13, Little Theater, 7:40 a.m.
- FBLA Meeting - Tue. Sept. 17, Room 209, 7:30 a.m.
- NO SCHOOL - Wed. Sept. 18
- Campus Ministry Meeting - Thur. Sept. 19, Little Theater, 7:30 a.m.
- DRESS DOWN DAY - Fri. Aug. 23
- Marching Band in the Norfolk Parade - Sat. Sept. 21
- Rock Talk - Wed. Sept. 25, 2:30 p.m.
- NHS Meeting - Fri. Sept. 27, 7:40 a.m.

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

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September Guidance & Careers Information

New Career Readiness Platform for all 9-12 Graders

- Scoir will be introduced to students this fall!
- What is Scoir? It is a platform that helps you and your student navigate careers, college selection, and the application process. Mrs. McPhillips and Ms. Brichacek will be introducing Scoir to each grade level over the next few months.

Senior Notes from Ms. Brichacek

- All seniors will be connected to “Scoir” accounts on September 6th, which is the platform Scotus will use to securely send transcripts to colleges.
- Seniors should focus on completing applications to colleges during the month of September.
- Coffee with the Counselors- September 5th!

ACE Scholarship

Reminder to apply for the ACE Scholarship if your student is enrolled in a dual credit class or an online college class AND is on free and reduced lunch. [Click Here](#) for the application.

ACT Dates to Keep in Mind!

Registration is open for the ACT on October 26th! Register by September 20th. If you are on free or reduced lunch- Ms. Brichacek has fee waivers available!

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