



CCS LINES

November 2024



Thank you, Mr. Dahl

The November CCS Lines marks the last edition for our Director of Communications and Marketing, Mr. Taylor Dahl.

Over the last five years he has been a valued member of the CCS and has truly made a difference in our schools. I sincerely appreciated his commitment to our four schools and his production of outstanding content that enhanced our online presence.

I wish him and his family all the best and may God continue to bless them in their new adventure in Fremont.

Thank you Mr. Dahl!

-Jeff Ohnoutka, CCS Executive Director

National Honor Society inducts 35 new members



On Thursday, October 24, 2024, 35 new members were inducted into the Scotus Chapter of the National Honor Society at Scotus Central Catholic High School.

The new inductees were two seniors: Adam Gonzalez-Gomez and Jordan Kouma, two juniors Seth Druempel and Eli Maguire and 31 sophomores: Salette Adame, Chase Adamy, Sophia Belina, Taylor Blaser, Michael Brandt, Conner Cameron, Lydia Dostal, Ellie Ehlers, Grace Faltys, Lindsay Gokie, Grace Hamling, Cali Harrington, Grant Jakub,

Scotus Craft Boutique

Save the date!

The Scotus Craft Boutique is Sunday, December 1st! You can do your Christmas shopping and support our students and staff at the same time! This is an amazing event! We can't wait to see a huge crowd the 1st!



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.

Emilyn Kavan, Brooke Krienke, Kennedy Krueger, Ainsley Kuhl, Libby Langan, Kynley Mahoney, Leslie Medina-Perez, Lillian Miller, Audrey Naughton, Trevor Niedbalski, Calben Pelan, Caroline Rickert, Rachel Spawn, Hailey Spike, Emma Splittgerber, Alex Steffensmeier, Emma Wangler, and Aiden Zegar.

Congratulations to the newly inducted members!

Shamrock Student Sessions

Our students have created a few podcasts titled the *Shamrock Student Sessions*, which you can listen to under the same channel on Apple Podcasts and Spotify.

Listen to a few below:

Episode 1: Larkyn Mahoney & Olivia Nelsen
Episode 2: Max Beshaler & Hudson Kloke
Episode 3: Hanna Chohon & Meah Sackett
Episode 4: Mallory Dreesen, Rebecca Kosch, and Josie Rother

Please consider subscribing at the links below.

Apple Podcasts
Spotify
YouTube

As a service organization, our mission is to fundraise and provide volunteer support for Scotus Central Catholic.

[Click here to join](#)

2024-2025 Yearbook Online Ordering!

Thanks to the development office, we will again be offering online ordering of yearbooks this year! We will continue to do a formal yearbook sales event in January, but with online ordering, you can purchase your 2024-2025 yearbook anytime!

ORDER HERE

The deadline will be Friday, January 17th. If you are interested in getting this taken care of now, please order using this link: [Yearbook Ordering for 24- 25.](#) (2024-2025 yearbooks are passed out in August 2025 at orientation.)

As always, we have been busy this first quarter taking photos at almost all home events, and we have those photos online for purchasing. If you would like to view or order photos, here is the link to get started: [Journalism Photos.](#)

If you have any questions, please contact Angie Rusher at arusher@colcath.org.

Food Feud has record numbers

The FBLA held their annual food feud during the week of October 7-11. Items were collected during the week and at the Lakeview football game. A record number, 3,000 items, were donated which will support Simon House and the Little Free Food Pantry in November. Thank you to everyone who donated!



**THE SHAMROCK
GREEN ROOM**

Junior High Day of Service is a success

One of the core values of Scotus Central Catholic is to serve the Lord. Today, junior high students held their day of service where they served all throughout Columbus.

Thank you to Campus Minister Molly Wallish for getting this planned and to all the volunteers!



Alivia Kreikemeier and Kaylee Thiem helped clean furniture out a home on the junior high day of service.



FBLA members (top to bottom), Josie Rother, Ella Hash, Valeria Rodriguez, and Lily Wemhoff helped organize the donations at Scotus to take to the Simon House and Little Free Food Pantry.

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



Notes from the Principals

The school year is moving by at a quick pace. In October, our students finished out the first quarter with a PJ Day and a bagged breakfast, and our older students celebrated their Accelerated Reader successes. In honor of “Our Lady of the Rosary,” we held rosary prayer services outside near our new Our Lady of Fatima statue. Students learned a bit about the Fatima story and the importance of daily prayer, conversion of heart, and the Sacraments of Penance and Eucharist.

In mid-October, we held our fall Parent/Teacher Conferences. We had nearly 100% participation, which is great! It’s always productive to have these face-to-face conversations as the parent/teacher connection is vital to student success.

In addition, we’ve had several fall field trips for our students, and on the last Sunday of the month, our Home and School organization sponsored our annual trunk-or-treat event which also included pizza for all those in attendance. Students will be able to don their Halloween costumes one more time on Halloween Day as they parade through the school to show off their unique costumes.

As we turn the calendar to November, we will celebrate All Saints Day with our 3rd graders dressing as saints and sharing what they have learned about their saints in their classroom. On Election Day, we will have a non-perishable food drive for Simon House, and students will be able to ‘vote’ for their presidential

choice with one of the canned food items they brought to school. Students will also take part in the Extension Office's STEM Day at Ag Park, and in mid-November, our 2nd grade students will receive the Sacrament of Penance for the first time. Finally, we will wind out the month celebrating Thanksgiving.

As you can see, there's never a dull moment! Fall gives us many opportunities to celebrate our faith and participate in some great learning activities. Thank you for your support of Columbus Catholic Schools!

-Cheryl Zoucha, St. Bonaventure Principal



We wrapped up the first quarter in October and the school year is going great so far. We had a great October starting with the junior high day of service. 135 students went out in the community of Columbus and helped various organizations with projects, went to nursing homes to visit with the elderly and more. This is the second year we have done this and it's been very rewarding to not only the people we are serving, but to our kids as well.

Many sophomores and juniors went to Omaha for a service retreat in the middle of October. Students went to Hope of the Poor, the Timberlake Outreach Center and Society of St. Vincent de Paul. This was a great way for our students to experience giving back to others and helping those in need.

The fall activities are wrapping up as well. The boys cross country team finished their season at districts, while the girls finished as the NSAA Class C runner-up last week at the Kearney Country Club. The girls golf team won districts and finished fourth as a team at the NSAA Class C state meet. The football team is currently 6-3 and will play at Lakeview in the playoffs on Friday, November 1st. The volleyball team will play in the district final at home on Saturday, November 2nd.

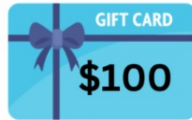
November will bring the start of winter activities and Thanksgiving break. We hope to have our families involved this year at the Scotus craft boutique. Volunteerism is key to the success of any event, and if you would like to help with prep, meals, or tear down, please contact Erin Schmidt at eschmidt@colcath.org.

Enjoy your November!

-Brady Vancura, Scotus Central Catholic Principal



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Gift Card (Scrip) Fundraising

Explained

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

Thank you for participating in our annual Gift Card (Scrip) Fundraising!

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

ADVANCEMENT

Save the Date: CCS Gala

The 44th annual Gala dinner/auction is set for Saturday, April 12, 2025 and our cochairs are: Mike & Kim Dreesen, Fred & Carrie Maguire, and Jack & Lisa Meers. Vice-chairs are: Anthony & Jennie Krueger, Chad & Juli Urkoski, and Travis & Tami Weber.

If you would like to participate by donating an item for the silent or oral auctions,

volunteer to help, or if you wish to receive an invitation to attend, please contact our co-chairs, vice-chairs, or Erin Schmidt in the Scotus advancement office: or 402-564-7165 ext. 112 or eschmidt@colcath.org.

Your involvement will be key to our event's success!





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.



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.

CCS Calendar of events and meetings:

- StuCo Meeting - Wed. Nov. 6, Room 126, 7:40 a.m.
- Quiz Bowl - Wed. Nov. 6, Seward HS, 8:00 a.m.
- Campus Ministry Meeting - Thur. Nov. 7, Little Theater, 7:30 a.m.
- Feast of John Duns Scotus Mass - Thur. Nov. 7, St. Bonaventure Church, 2:30 p.m.
- NO SCHOOL/Staff Inservice- Fri. Nov. 8
- One Act Competition - Sat. Nov. 9, York
- One Act Public Performance- Fri. Nov. 15, Memorial Hall, 7:00 p.m.
- First Day of Winter Sports Practice- Mon. Nov. 18
- Junior Chamber Interviews - Mon. Nov. 18, Memorial Hall, 8:15 a.m.
- FBLA Meeting - Tue. Nov. 19, Room 209, 7:30 a.m.
- HOSA Meeting - Wed. Nov. 20, Little Theater, 7:30 a.m.
- Rock Talk - Wed. Nov. 20, 2:30 p.m.
- Campus Ministry Meeting - Thur. Nov. 21, Little Theater, 7:30 a.m.
- Science Fair - Fri. Nov. 22, Memorial Hall, 1:30 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.
- Conference One Act - Sat. Nov. 23,
- NHS Meeting - Tue. Nov. 26, 7:40 a.m.
- NO SCHOOL/Thanksgiving Break - Wed. Nov. 27 - Sun. Dec. 1
- Scotus Craft Boutique - Sat. Dec. 1, Scotus Central Catholic 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

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

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November Guidance & Careers
Information

Second Semester Student Schedules:

- Ms. Brichacek will visit each grade beginning the last week of November to hand out 2nd semester schedules.

CCC Online College Courses:

- Registration for Spring CCC courses begins on November 18th. Contact Ms. Brichacek if you are interested.
- Here is a list of common college course offerings (look under Popular General Education- Online Offerings): [Click here for list](#)

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