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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR PARENTS



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A NOTE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear School Community,

It is hard to believe that we are preparing for the second semester. It was a great fall throughout our four Columbus Catholic Schools. So many good things happening due to the dedication of our teaching staff and hard-working

principals. Catholic Schools play such an important role in the faith development of our students. That is something I take very seriously and will always work to make sure that our schools have the resources they need to make that happen.

I am looking forward to a great second semester while watching our students continue to grow and develop. I ask you to continue to pray for the important mission of our schools.

God Bless,

Mr. Ohnoutka

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Donations & Fundraising:

- **24-25 Annual Appeal Solicitation**
 - Total Raised thus far: \$225,108.42
- **2025 Gala Underwriting & Sponsorships**
 - Total Raised thus far: \$6,600
- **SEF 17 Campaign (Jan 1, 2024 - Dec 31, 2026)**
 - Total Collected thus far: \$673,177.54
- **Children's Scholarship Fund Campaign: \$500**

SCOTUS CENTRAL CATHOLIC



CELEBRATING THE FUTURE OF HEALTHCARE

We're excited to announce a monumental achievement: the graduation of our very first class of Certified Nursing Assistants (CNAs) from the Health Science Lab! This milestone marks not just the start of promising healthcare careers but also the lasting impact of an innovative program designed to benefit students and our community for years to come.

The Health Science Lab provides students with hands-on experience using cutting-edge tools and resources, bridging the gap between classroom learning and real-world healthcare. It equips them with essential technical skills, critical thinking abilities, and the confidence to thrive in high-demand medical fields. Beyond technical expertise, the lab fosters qualities like compassion, teamwork, and problem-solving, preparing students to make meaningful contributions to healthcare.

Thanks to the generosity of the 2024 Gala Fundraiser and the sponsorship of Columbus Community Hospital, the lab is fully outfitted with state-of-the-art equipment. This support has made it possible to create a space where students can explore their passions and take the first steps toward careers that will serve critical needs in our community.

This program isn't just about today—it's about the future. For years to come, the lab will inspire and educate the next generation of healthcare professionals, ensuring that more students have the opportunity to pursue meaningful and impactful careers. As these graduates enter the workforce, their work will directly improve lives, addressing pressing healthcare needs in our community and beyond.

We are immensely proud of our CNA graduates and all their achievements. Together, we are not just commemorating this significant milestone, but also paving the way for a brighter future in the healthcare field.

Dear Scotus Families,

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! I love this time of year as we get to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. He is the reason that we get to celebrate our Catholic faith and Catholic education. At the end of the month of January, we get to celebrate Catholic Schools Week. This is always a fantastic week for our students and staff as we get to hear testimonies on how Jesus has impacted the lives of our students as well as many other opportunities to express our faith.

As I reflect on the fall semester, there were so many great things that happened in our school.

- Our seniors are on their way to a top 5 all time ACT average at Scotus Central Catholic.
- We had our first students complete the Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) course in our Health Science Lab. We have another 12 students set to complete the course during the 2nd semester.
- We welcomed 5 new staff members at the beginning of the school year who have now made their mark on our school in such a positive way.
- Our activities and athletics had a special first semester as well. We had numerous teams that were district champions and in contention for state championships.
- Our band had a successful marching season as well as contributing to the atmosphere at our fall contests and pep rallies.

We hope to continue these successes into the 2nd semester!

Sincerely,
Brady Vancura
Principal



Parents are needed to volunteer for gate duty at Scotus Activities!

Find the sign-up on our website.

Donations & Fundraising in December:

- **Post Prom Collections (Parent Solicitation):** \$1,490
- **Unrestricted Memorial Gifts:** \$565
- **Gift to the Financial Aid Fund:** \$1,200
- **Neurotrainer Additional Support:** \$600
- **Teens for Life / Campus Ministry Gift:** \$1,000
- **Planned Gift (Life Insurance Payout):** \$13,800
- **One Time Gifts to Scotus:** \$765 from three gifts
- **Scotus Building Fund Gift:** \$61,000 from one gift

Gifts to the Endowment Fund:

Contributions to the Endowment Fund are invested to generate long-term income. Annual dividends, typically yielding around 5%, support current needs while preserving the principal, ensuring lasting support for Catholic education and future generations.

- Establishment of the **St. Katherine Endowed Fund:** This contribution will likely yield an annual dividend of approx. \$17,500.
- Establishment of the **Bob & Betty Kline Endowed Fund:** This donation will likely generate an annual dividend of approx. \$5,000.
- Contributions to the **Buggi Scholarship Endowment Fund:** Fund is set to yield an annual dividend of approx. \$2,000.
- Contributions to the **Doug & Leona (Mimick '59) Wilson Scholarship Fund:** Fund is set to distribute approx. \$1,250 annually.
- Contributions made the the **Maguire Family Scholarship:** Fund is set to yield approx. \$1,250 annually.



SCOTUS CENTRAL CATHOLIC

HONOR ROLL S1 - 2024-2025 Straight A's

Emma Brezenski	12	Bailey Becker	8
Haylee Faltys	12	Milo Dowd	8
Jessica Jackson	12	Audrey Faltys	8
Ian Karges	12	Logan Hall	8
Caroline Klitz	12	Mara Hash	8
Raya Kluever	12	Brecken Jelinek	8
Adrianna Kush	12	Samantha karges	8
Austin Long	12	Vivienne Karges	8
Andrew Melliger	12	Evritt Kluever	8
Cohen Pelan	12	Kiley Krueger	8
Ava Rickert	12	Easton Lentfer	8
Jacob Rother	12	Makynley Paitz	8
Quinn VunCannon	12	Garyn Ramaekers	8
Camila Carrizales	11	Evalett Sandoval	8
Isabella Chasteen	11	Katherine Sell	8
Lola Doerneman	11	Noah Sjuts	8
Seth Druempel	11	Audrianna Splittgerber	8
Hannah Heinrich	11	Mason Swanson	8
McKayla Hoffman	11	Adrea Anderson	7
Michael Krienke	11	Natalie Becker	7
Sophia Langan	11	Adelyn Beller	7
Josie Rother	11	Rhegan Bowns	7
Jillian Rusher	11	Aubree Brezenski	7
Audrey Stoner	11	Matthew Fernandez	7
Jacqueline Stoner	11	Sophia Hamling	7
Salette Adame-Hernandez	10	Lein Hung-Rodriguez	7
Cahse Adamy	10	Johnathan Koliha	7
Lydia Dostal	10	Jack Micek	7
Grace Hamling	10	Sienna Micek	7
Cali Harrington	10	Noah Miller	7
Brooke Krienke	10	Alex Niedbaslski	7
Kennedy Krueger	10	Kipton Oehlich	7
Lillian Miller	10	Carson Pelan	7
Trever Niedbalski	10	Jude Reed	7
Calben Pelan	10	Everett Saltzgaber	7
Rachel Spawn	10	Emerson Schoendfelder	7
Hailey Spike	10	Lyla Spike	7
Emmalynne Splittgerber	10	Grady Strong	7
Emma Wangler	10	Kennedy Wulf	7
Avery Heinrich	9		
Brooke Hendricks	9		
Grace Holmstedt	9		
Makenna Schultz	9		
Kali Speicher	9		

SCOTUS CENTRAL CATHOLIC

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **January 2:** Basketball VS Yutan (Boy's Only)
- **January 4:** Basketball @ Lincoln Christian
- **January 7:** Basketball VS St. Paul
- **January 9:** Basketball VS Humphrey-Lindsay
- **January 9:** Wrestling @ Schuyler Central
- **January 11:** Wrestling @ Aquinas Catholic
- **January 11:** Basketball @ Bishop Neumann (Girl's Only)
- **January 12:** Cheer @ Lincoln
- **January 14:** Basketball VS Norfolk Catholic
- **January 17:** Basketball VS Battle Creek
- **January 18:** Wrestling @ Schuyler Central
- **January 18:** Cheer Prep Clinic @ Dowd Activity Center
- **January 18:** Winterball @ 7:30 PM
- **January 19:** Cheer Jam the Gym @ Columbus High
- **January 21:** Basketball @ North Bend (Girls)
- **January 21:** Basketball VS North Bend (Boys)
- **January 21:** Wrestling @ Boy's Town
- **January 23:** Basketball VS Boone Central
- **January 24:** Basketball VS Archbishop Bergan
- **January 25:** Speech Invite @ Scotus
- **January 25:** Wrestling @ Aquinas Catholic
- **January 27, 28, & 30:** Basketball Conference Tournament (Girls)
- **January 30:** Wrestling @ Scotus Central Catholic
- **January 31:** Basketball Conference Tournament (Boys)



OTHER NEED TO KNOW INFORMATION:

- **January 1 - 6:** NO SCHOOL
- **January 17:** DRESS DOWN DAY



**April 5th,
2025**

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CHEER PREP CLINIC

**January 18th,
2025**

**2025 Gala
Co-Chairs:**

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**2025 Gala
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Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! As we embrace the opportunities and blessings of 2025, I am thrilled to share exciting news about the Columbus Catholic Schools Gala. This cherished annual event, scheduled for **Saturday, April 12, 2025, at 5 PM**, is evolving to reflect the unity and shared mission of our schools.

This year, the Gala will be a collaborative celebration for all four schools in the Columbus Catholic Schools system: St. Anthony, St. Bonaventure, St. Isidore, and Scotus Central Catholic. While each school will continue hosting its own special events focused on community engagement, the Gala will become our primary fundraiser, uniting us in support of Catholic education for all our students.

Our goal for this year's Gala is to raise \$430,000—a vital investment in the 2024-2025 school year. These funds will help cover essential quarter four expenses, including payroll, utilities, and classroom supplies, ensuring we maintain the exceptional standards of education and care our students deserve.

The Gala's impact is profound. By bridging the gap between the actual cost of education—\$10,200 per student at Scotus Central Catholic and an average of \$7,000 at our elementary schools— and tuition costs, we keep Catholic education as affordable as possible in Columbus.

But the Gala is so much more than a fundraiser. It's a joyful celebration of our faith-filled community, a reflection of our shared commitment to nurturing the minds, hearts, and souls of our students. It's an opportunity to come together, support one another, and create a lasting impact on the future of Catholic education in Columbus.

We invite you to join us in making this year's Gala a remarkable success. Whether through your attendance, volunteering, or other forms of support, your involvement strengthens our mission and ensures that every student can thrive. Together, we can achieve extraordinary things for our schools and our children.

Thank you for your unwavering support of Columbus Catholic Schools. Your dedication makes all the difference, and we are grateful for the blessings you bring to our community. Let's come together at the Gala to celebrate our shared accomplishments and the bright future ahead. **Stay tuned for more information on purchasing tickets and other ways to support.**

With gratitude and blessings,

Erin Schmidt
Director of Advancement
Columbus Catholic Schools

ST. ANTHONY ELEMENTARY

Don't Miss Beats, Brews & BBQ on January 18, 2025!

Looking for a fun night out with great food, drinks, and entertainment? Head on down to St. Anthony's Social Hall (1719 6th Street, Columbus) for an evening of fellowship, music, and delicious BBQ!

The night kicks off at **6:00 p.m.** with a flavorful pulled pork meal featuring all the fixin's and sample tastings of craft beers from HWY 14 Brewing Company. Then, get ready for an evening of fun and laughter as **The Music Bingo People** bring their high-energy music bingo to the stage at **7:00 p.m.** It's a night you won't want to miss!.

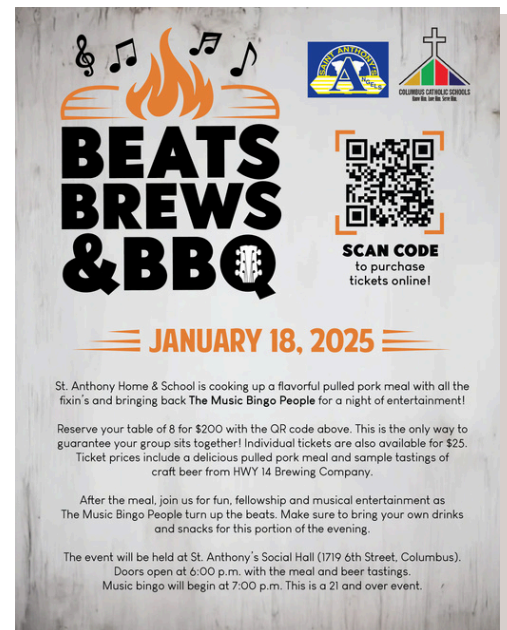
Tickets are \$25 per person and include your meal and beer tastings, or reserve a table for 8 for \$200 to ensure your group sits together. This is the perfect way to share the experience with family and friends! Scan the QR code in the flyer to purchase tickets online.

This is a 21+ event, so bring your favorite drinks and snacks to enjoy during the music bingo portion of the evening. Whether you come for the delicious food, the craft brews, or the musical entertainment, Beats, Brews & BBQ is sure to deliver a night to remember

We can't wait to see you there for an evening filled with fun, fellowship, and fantastic beats!



- **Scrip Gift Card Fundraising**
 - Total Sales: \$398,477
 - Total Profit: \$16,144.96
- **December Restaurant Night Profit:** Pizza Ranch - \$253.59
- **Countrylane Garden Christmas Porch Pot Fundraiser:** \$401
- **One-Time Gifts:** \$3,200 from 3 gifts



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ST. BONAVENTURE ELEMENTARY

Lights, Camera, Trivia! Save the Date for Movie Night Fun

St. Bonaventure's Preschool & Childcare presents "A Night at the Movies" Trivia Night, a celebration of cinema and community.

Set for Saturday, **February 15th**, this event invites participants to enjoy an evening dedicated to testing their knowledge of movie classics and modern hits. With a lively atmosphere and opportunities to showcase expertise on the silver screen, it's the perfect way to connect with fellow movie enthusiasts.

The evening promises engaging challenges, a nostalgic nod to iconic films, and an opportunity to create lasting memories. Save the date and prepare for a night full of excitement and cinematic fun.

Whether you come as a team of seasoned film buffs or simply to share in the fun, this event guarantees something for everyone. Don't miss

the chance to immerse yourself in the magic of the movies while supporting a great cause. Save the date and prepare for a night full of excitement, laughter, and cinematic fun!



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- **Scrip Gift Card Fundraising**
 - Total Sales: \$666,265
 - Total Profit: \$26,017.15
- **December Restaurant Night Profit:** N/A
- **One Time Gifts:** \$8,000 from 2 gifts

ST. ISIDORE ELEMENTARY

Join Us for a Fun-Filled Afternoon of Food, Fellowship, and Bingo!



Join St. Isidore Preschool & Daycare for a delightful lunch and a time of fellowship!

BINGO

Everyone of all ages is invited and warmly welcomed!

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 2025
(AFTER MASS) 11:15 AM - 1:15 PM
LOCATION: NEW ST. ISIDORE PARISH HALL

Soup, Rolls, Desserts, and Lemonade
Butter Noodles for kids!

\$12 FOR ADULTS & \$5 FOR KIDS
UNDER AGE 3 ARE FREE!

Come one, come all to the St. Isidore Parish Hall on Sunday, **January 12, 2025**, for a delightful community event hosted by St. Isidore Preschool & Daycare! This special gathering will take place right after Mass, from **11:15 AM to 1:15 PM**, and promises to be a wonderful time for everyone, young and old alike.

Enjoy a delicious meal featuring hearty soup, fresh rolls, decadent desserts, and refreshing lemonade. For our younger guests, we'll also have kid-favorite butter noodles! After lunch, get ready to have some fun with a lively game of bingo—perfect for all ages to enjoy together.

Tickets are just **\$12 for adults** and **\$5 for kids**, and **children under age 3 eat for free!** Whether you're part of our parish or just looking for a fun way to spend your afternoon, we warmly welcome you to join us.

This is more than just a meal—it's a chance to connect with friends, meet new faces, and share in the joy of fellowship. Don't miss out on this fantastic event. We can't wait to see you there!

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- **Scrip Gift Card Fundraising**
 - Total Sales: \$760,455 (November)
 - Total Profit: \$18,006.31 (November)
- **December Restaurant Night Profit:** N/A
- **One Time Gifts:** \$5,000 from 1 gift
- **Planned Gift (Life Insurance Payout):** \$13,700