

CCS LINES

APRIL 2025

A NOTE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

As the calendar changes to April, I want to remind families to please complete your school registrations and applications for financial aid for the 25-26 school year. Please be mindful of all deadlines for completing both of these items.

I want to wish all of our families a blessed Easter and pray that your journey through Lent has been a time of reflection and the acknowledgement of the great saving power of God. Our children are very fortunate to get to experience Christ each day not only in their classrooms but also be in an environment that encourages them to live a life that shares the light of Christ with others. We will continue to pray for our school families and I hope that you will include our mission in your prayers as well.



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Gala Help Needed

Check-in & Check-out Clerks
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Student Server Supervisors
Email: eschmidt@colcath.org

Donations & Fundraising:

- **Annual Appeal 2024-25:** March contributions received \$150.
- **CCS SEF 17:** March payment collections \$6,695.94.
- **2025 CCS Gala:** March Gala underwriting \$17,814.50.
Gala event contributions (tables, tickets, raffles/lottery) \$40,669.49.

BIDDING IS OPEN!

The Gala 2025 Online Auction is LIVE! New this year – 17 Grand Auction items available for online bidding!

Scan the QR
Code to Bid
Now!



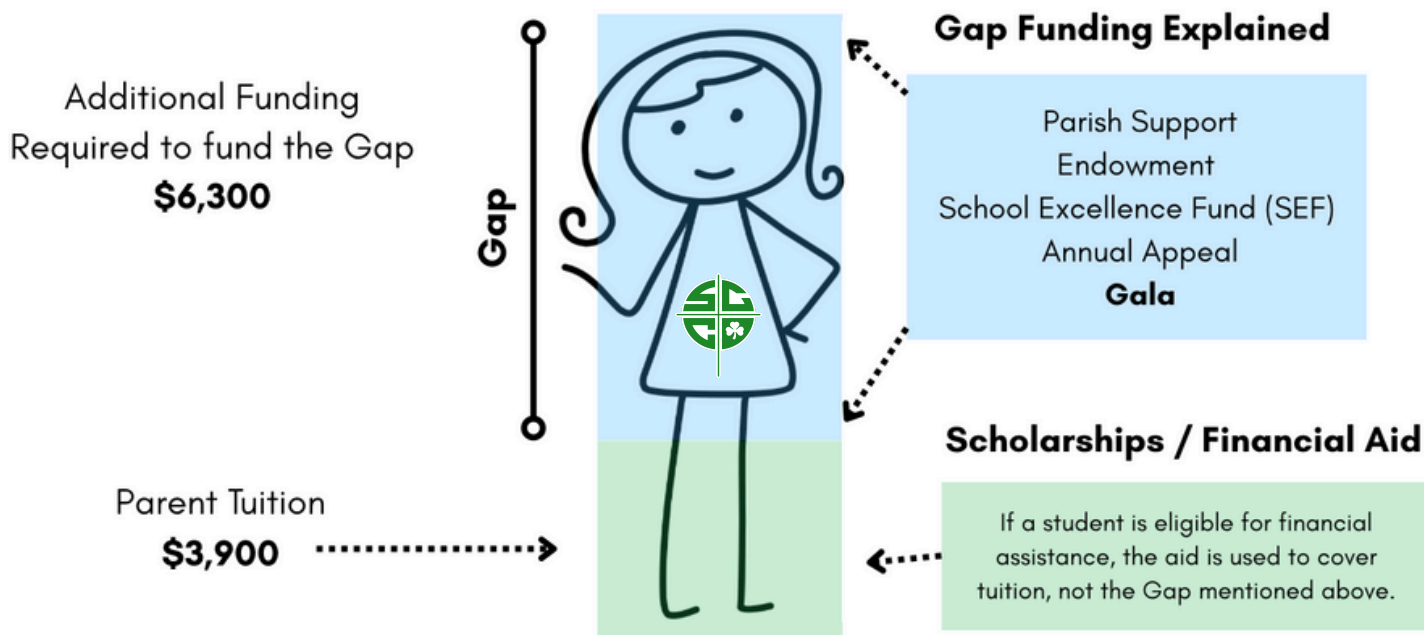
A note
from the CCS
Advancement
Office



Stay Informed! Bridging the Gap: Where Does the Funding Come From to Educate Each Scotus Central Catholic Student?

Total Cost to Educate One Student at Scotus Central Catholic
for the 2024-2025 Academic Year:

\$10,200



Bridging the Gap for the 2024-2025 Academic Year

	Parent Tuition	Gap Funding Needed	Total Annual Educational Cost
Families with One Student:	\$3,900	\$6,300	\$10,200
Families with Two Students:	\$7,800	\$12,600	\$20,400
Families with Three Students:	\$11,700	\$18,900	\$30,600

**Support Gala 2025 to help us
Bridge the Gap!**

SCOTUS CENTRAL CATHOLIC

SCOTUS SPEECH TEAM CELEBRATES A STELLAR SEASON

The Scotus Speech Team wrapped up an incredible season filled with outstanding achievements. They dominated the Centennial Conference, winning first place in all 10 events and securing the title of Conference Champions. Their success continued as they became Class B District Champions, sending

nine Shamrocks to the state tournament. At state, they finished as Class B Runner-Up, a testament to their talent and dedication.



Several team members delivered standout performances at the state level. Jessica Jackson earned three state titles in Program of Oral Interpretation, Poetry, and Serious Prose. Madden Saenz placed as Class B State Runner-Up in Humorous Prose, while Jordan Kouma secured 4th place in Extemporaneous Speaking. Saenz and Kouma also teamed up for Duet Acting, earning 4th place.

With unwavering dedication, countless hours of practice, and an unbreakable team spirit, the Scotus Speech Team has achieved remarkable success, setting a new standard of excellence. Their hard work and perseverance have led to numerous top finishes, making this season truly unforgettable. Their dedication and talent have made the school and community proud, and we eagerly anticipate their continued success next year!

SCOTUS ROBOTICS TEAM SHINES IN AWARD-WINNING SEASON, PREPARES FOR NATIONALS

The Scotus Robotics Team has had an outstanding season, earning numerous awards and recognition at various competitions. Their dedication, perseverance, and innovative approach have led to accolades such as Best Design, Excellence in Strategy, and multiple team spirit awards. Each achievement showcases their commitment to excellence and ability to tackle challenges with creativity.

The Scotus Robotics Team will be heading to the National Robotics Competition from April 3-5, where they will showcase their skills and innovation alongside some of the best robotics teams. With their passion, talent, and proven track record of success, they are ready to make a strong impression on the national stage.

We are excited to see their performance at nationals and have no doubt they will continue to represent Scotus with pride and excellence.



FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION OPEN

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Opportunity Scholarship Nebraska (K-12) – Due by April 10

Children's Scholarship Fund (K-8) – Due by May 2

Columbus Catholic Schools financial aid application is now open! The process takes just 15-25 minutes, and there is a \$45 fee.

Apply now: <https://columbus-catholic.org/tuitionassistance/>

No late applications accepted!

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Wow, I can't believe that it is already April! The fourth quarter of the school year is off to a great start. I hope that everyone has had a rewarding and fruitful Lenten season up to this point as we prepare for the Resurrection of our Lord. The last day of school before Easter Break, April 16th, our students always have the chance to participate and witness our seniors perform the Live Stations of the Cross. It is powerful to see our students place themselves into Jesus' journey and help our student body reflect on the death and suffering that Jesus endured.

As our school year winds down, we hit the busiest time of the year. Our seniors are preparing themselves for their last month of high school. I hope that they take the time to reflect on their journey at Scotus and embrace the little amount of time they have left together as a class. We have some of our major events of the school year coming during the month of April and early May.

Our upperclassmen have the opportunity to celebrate prom on April 5th. As we lead into the end of the school year, we will have the Baccalaureate Mass and Senior Awards Night on May 7th to celebrate the academic and athletic excellence of our Seniors. On May 9th, we will hold our 9th-11th grade awards celebration at the end of the school day beginning to honor their achievements. And lastly, our seniors will become Shamrocks forever on May 11th as we celebrate Graduation.

During the month of April, we will gather as a Columbus Catholic School community on April 12th to celebrate the CCS Gala. I want to thank all of our volunteers, committee members, and staff for their hard work in preparing for this important event for our schools!



Donations & Fundraising in March:

Post Prom Collections: \$6,731 Total

Unrestricted Memorial Gifts: \$910

Gifts to the Scotus 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.

Endowment Scotus – March Gifts \$150,400 Total

Endowment Scotus Scholarship – No new gifts this month

One Time Gifts – \$1,000

SCOTUS CENTRAL CATHOLIC

SAVE THE DATE: SCOTUS ALUMNI SHAMROCK OPEN GOLF TOURNAMENT!

Mark your calendars for the Annual Scotus Alumni Shamrock Open Golf Tournament on June 7, 2025! It's going to be a fun-filled day of golf, camaraderie, and community support. Take a look at the flyers for more information about the tournament details, as well as exciting sponsorship opportunities to help make this event even more special.



SCOTUS CENTRAL CATHOLIC FUNDRAISER

SHAMROCK OPEN
GOLF TOURNAMENT

Pin & flight prizes!

SATURDAY
JUNE 7, 2025
TIBURON GOLF COURSE

Check-in: Noon
Shotgun starts: 1:00PM

Early Bird - \$85 per golfer
\$100 per golfer after May 6th

All proceeds 100% go to support Scotus Central Catholic.

Registration coming soon!



SCOTUS CENTRAL CATHOLIC FUNDRAISER

SHAMROCK OPEN
SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

<p>Platinum Sponsorship: \$1000</p> <p>Designated a primary tournament sponsor. Inclusion on Platinum sponsorship banner. Fairway Sign and hole sponsorship. Paid tournament entry for four.</p>	<p>Green Sponsorship: \$750</p> <p>Inclusion on Green Sponsorship banner. Fairway Sign and hole sponsorship. Paid tournament entry for four.</p>	<p>Gold Sponsorship: \$500</p> <p>Pin prize recognition. Paid tournament entry for two.</p>
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Pin Prize Donations: We are in need of pin prize donations. Get creative or donate some swag from your business or workplace.

100% OF THE PROCEEDS GO TO SUPPORT SCOTUS CENTRAL CATHOLIC. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Please send payments to:
Scotus Central Catholic
ATTN: Shamrock Open
1554 18th Ave
Columbus, NE 68601

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DON'T FORGET ABOUT PROM



Once Upon a Time

Saturday, April 5th, 2025

4:30 pm ~ Mass ~ St. Bonaventure

6:30 pm ~ Dinner

7:30-10:30 pm ~ Dance

RSVP ~ Wednesday, March 26th

The countdown is on for Once Upon a Time—this year's Prom! Get ready for a night full of magic, elegance, and unforgettable memories with friends, delicious food, and plenty of dancing.

Event Schedule:
Mass: 4:30 PM at St. Bonaventure
Dinner: 6:30 PM
Dancing: 7:30–10:30 PM

This enchanting evening is sure to be one you won't forget. Dress up, bring your best dance moves, and get ready for a fairytale night with everyone!

SCOTUS CENTRAL CATHOLIC

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Apr. 1: **Track** @ Pawnee Park – Memorial Stadium
- Apr. 1: **G Tennis** @ Pawnee Park
- Apr. 1: **B Soccer** @
- Apr. 2: **B Golf** @ David City Golf Course
- Apr. 3–5: **Robotics National Tournament** @ Council Bluffs, IA
- Apr. 3: **Baseball** @ Hickman Park
- Apr. 3: **Baseball Reserve** @ Pawnee Park
- Apr. 3: **G Soccer** @ Wilderness Park Soccer Complex
- Apr. 4: **Baseball Reserve** @ Elkhorn High School
- Apr. 4: **G & B Soccer** @ Wilderness Park Soccer Complex
- Apr. 5: **G Tennis Invitational** @ Woods Tennis Court
- Apr. 7: **Baseball Reserve** @ Pawnee Park
- Apr. 7: **Baseball** @ Omaha Westside
- Apr. 7: **G Soccer** @ Wilderness Park Soccer Complex
- Apr. 7: **B Soccer** @ Gretna High School
- Apr. 8: **Track** @ Wayne Kern Track
- Apr. 8: **B Golf** @ Quail Run Golf Course
- Apr. 8: **G & B Soccer** @
- Apr. 8: **G Tennis** @ GISH
- Apr. 10: **B Golf** @ Pioneer Golf Course – Lincoln
- Apr. 10: **G Tennis Invitational** @ Pawnee Park
- Apr. 10: **Baseball** @ Pawnee Park
- Apr. 10: **G Soccer** @ Wilderness Park Soccer Complex
- Apr. 10: **B Soccer** @ Wilderness Park Soccer Complex
- Apr. 11: **B Golf** @
- Apr. 11: **G Tennis** @ Pawnee Park
- Apr. 11: **Baseball** @ Omaha Central
- Apr. 12: **Baseball Triangular** @ Memorial Field
- Apr. 12: **Baseball Dual** @ Densmore Field – Lincoln
- Apr. 12: **B Soccer** @ Pawnee Park – Memorial Stadium

OTHER DATES AND NEED TO KNOW INFORMATION:

- Apr. 1, 3, 7, 10, 13, 14, 21, 24, 28, & 29: **Jr. High Spring Play** @ Memorial Hall
- Apr. 5: **Prom**
- Apr. 7: **7th Grade Orientation**
- Apr. 9: **7th Grade Field Trip**
- Apr. 10–12: **FBLA Conference** @ Kearney
- Apr. 12: **Gala**
- Apr. 22: **Vocal Concert Grades 9–12** @ Memorial Hall
- Apr. 23: **8th Grade Retreat**
- Apr. 23: **Boys Retreat**
- Apr. 25: **Districts Music** @ Columbus High
- Apr. 25: **Junior High Girls Group**
- Apr. 25: **JH Fun Night** @ Activity Center/ Memorial Hall
- Apr. 3: **Band Concert** @ Activity Center

- Apr. 14: **Baseball Reserve** @ Ashley Park – GI
- Apr. 14: **B Golf** @ David City Golf Course
- Apr. 14: **G & B Soccer** @ Wilderness Park Soccer Complex
- Apr. 15–17: **Baseball Tournament** @ TBA
- Apr. 15: **B Golf** @ Quail Run Golf Course
- Apr. 15: **Track** @
- Apr. 15: **G Tennis** @ Hastings HS
- Apr. 15: **G & B Soccer** @ Wilderness Park Soccer Complex
- Apr. 17: **G Tennis** @ Harmon Park
- Apr. 17: **B Golf** @ York Country Club
- Apr. 17: **JH Track** @ Lakeview High School
- Apr. 17: **V Track** @ Central City High School
- Apr. 17: **JV Track** @ Pawnee Park – Memorial Stadium
- Apr. 18: **G Tennis JV** @ Woods Tennis Courts
- Apr. 18: **Baseball** @ Pawnee Park
- Apr. 18: **Baseball Reserve** @ Veterans Park/Memorial Field
- Apr. 19: **Baseball** @ Pawnee park
- Apr. 21: **G Tennis** @ Woods Tennis Courts
- Apr. 21: **G Soccer** @ Wilderness Park Soccer Complex
- Apr. 22: **G Tennis** @ Pawnee Park
- Apr. 22: **JH Track** @ Pawnee Park – Memorial Stadium
- Apr. 22: **B Soccer** VS Madison Public Schools
- Apr. 22: **JV G Tennis** @ Pawnee Park
- Apr. 22: **Baseball Reserve** @ Pawnee Park
- Apr. 22: **Baseball** @ Frerichs Legion Field
- Apr. 24: **B Golf** @ Quail Run Golf Course
- Apr. 24: **Track** @
- Apr. 24: **G Tennis** @ v Norfolk High School
- Apr. 24: **Baseball Reserve** @ Lincoln Southeast High School
- Apr. 24 **G & B Soccer** @ Schuyler Central High School
- Apr. 25: **Baseball** @ Schilke Fields
- Apr. 26: **Baseball Reserve** @ Standing bear High School
- Apr. 26: **Baseball JV** @ Densmore Field – Lincoln
- Apr. 26: **Baseball V** @ Pawnee Park
- Apr. 28: **Track JH** @ Schuyler Central High School
- Apr. 28: **G Tennis** @ GISH
- Apr. 28 **G & B JV Soccer** @ Wilderness Park Soccer Complex
- Apr. 29: **Track** @
- Apr. 29: **Baseball** @ Pawnee Park
- Apr. 29: **G Soccer** @ Lincoln Pius X High School

SCOTUS CENTRAL CATHOLIC

HONOR ROLL Q3 - 2024-2025 Straight A's

Emma Brezenski	12	Ainsley Kuhl	10	Audrianna Splittgerber	8
Haylee Faltys	12	Lillian Miller	10	Alexa Stempek	8
Ian Karges	12	Trevor Niedbalski	10	Adrea Anderson	7
Caroline Klitz	12	Calben Pelan	10	Natalie Becker	7
Raya Kluever	12	Rachel Spawn	10	Adelyn Beller	7
Jordan Kouma	12	Hailey Spike	10	Sophia Hamling	7
Adrianna Kush	12	Emmalynne Splittgerber	10	Lien Hung-Rodriguez	7
Austin Long	12	Alex Steffensmeier	10	Sienna Micek	7
Larkyn Mahoney	12	Emma Wangler	10	Noah Miller	7
Andrew Melliger	12	Emily Beiermann	9	Kipton Oehlrich	7
Cohen Pelan	12	Madison Brandenburg	9	Cason Pelan	7
Katelyn Pensick	12	Gianna Braziel	9	Everett Saltzgaber	7
Ava Rickert	12	Allie Brezenski	9	Emerson Schoenfelder	7
Jacob Rother	12	Leah Fleming	9	Lyla Spike	7
Abigail Schumacher	12	Avery Heinrich	9		
Evan Steffensmeier	12	Brooke Hendricks	9		
Quinn VunCannon	12	Grace Holmstedt	9		
Helene Chard	11	Bella Hutchinson	9		
Isabella Chasteen	11	Nathan(JR) Oehlrich	9		
Lola Doerneman	11	Clint Saltzgaber	9		
Seth Drupeppel	11	Logan Sell	9		
Peter Faltys	11	Kali Speicher	9		
Hannah Heinrich	11	Emma White	9		
McKayla Hoffman	11	Bailey Becker	8		
Hudson Kloke	11	Milo Dowd	8		
Michael Krienke	11	Hannah Dreesen	8		
Sophia Langan	11	Audrey Faltys	8		
Alejandra Lopez-Martinez	11	Logan Hall	8		
Favio Rivero Rubio	11	Jaci Harrington	8		
Josie Rother	11	Mara Hash	8		
Jillian Rusher	11	Brecken Jelinek	8		
Audrey Stoner	11	Samantha Karges	8		
Jacqueline Stoner	11	Vivienne Karges	8		
Will Sueper	11	Evrirt Kluever	8		
Kiya Taylor	11	Kiley Krueger	8		
Sophia Belina	10	Easton Lentfer	8		
Lydia Dostal	10	Makynley Paitz	8		
Elisabeth Ehlers	10	Addison Pensick	8		
Lindsay Gokie	10	Garyn Ramaekers	8		
Grace Hamling	10	Bode Roberts	8		
Cali Harrington	10	Evalett Sandoval	8		
Grant Jakub	10	Katherine Sell	8		
Brooke Krienke	10	Noah Sjuts	8		
Kennedy Krueger	10	Libbie Sliva	8		

SCOTUS CENTRAL CATHOLIC

HONOR ROLL Q3 - 2024-2025 A Honor Roll

Aubree Beiermann	12	Sophie Parker	11	Emma Naughton	9	Anzli Harrington	7
Caleb Cameron	12	Evan Pavlik	11	Madison Neville	9	Steven Heibel	7
Henry Chard	12	Valeria Rodriguez	11	Abigail Pavlik	9	Emma Kassing	7
Mallory Dreesen	12	Jackson Romberg	11	Aurora Ridder	9	Bodee Kearney	7
Alexander Evans	12	Addison Schumacher	11	MaKenna Schultz	9	Johnathan Koliha	7
Adam Gonzalez-Gomez	12	Thomas Settje	11	Zachariah Schumacher	9	Everley Luchsinger	7
Ella Hash	12	Elizabeth Stoner	11	Celeste Sucha	9	Jack Micek	7
Lily Humphrey	12	Sydney Stuart	11	Josie Wemhoff	9	Alex Niedbalski	7
Jessica Jackson	12	Carter Sucha	11	Jordynn Bowns	8	Steven Siemek	7
Callen Jedlicka	12	Carson Wessel	11	Evan Cameron	8	Mylie Speicher	7
Sofia Karges	12	Salette Adame-Hernandez	10	Molly Eickmeier	8	Kennedy Wulf7	
Rebecca Kosch	12	Chase Adamy	10	Grant Erickson	8		
Noah Kuhl	12	Taylor Blaser	10	Ariana Hissong	8		
Owen Lindhorst	12	Connor Cameron	10	Maggie Holmstedt	8		
Alyssa Nelsen	12	Grace Faltys	10	Samuel Hunt	8		
Olivia Nelsen	12	Maia Foreman	10	Jace Jakubowski	8		
Landen Neville	12	Emilyn Kavan	10	Kiley Kosch	8		
Rebecca Policky	12	Libby Langan	10	Alivia Kreikemeier	8		
Henry Ramaekers	12	Kynley Mahoney	10	Cameron Kuhl	8		
Spencer Shotkoski	12	Leslie Medina-Perez	10	Mya Langan	8		
Broderick Splittgerber	12	Cohen Micek	10	Bostyn Marksmeier	8		
Benjamin Sueper	12	Audrey Naughton	10	Jacob Nahorny	8		
Jackson Sueper	12	Charlie Olmer	10	Liam Neville	8		
Rylie Tonniges	12	Caroline Rickert	10	Maleena Nyland	8		
Aniston Weber	12	Ava Sokol	10	Edwin Olmer	8		
Lucas Wemhoff	12	Haley Van Diest	10	Wyatt Recek	8		
Connor Wurtz	12	Aiden Zegar	10	Brandy Ryba	8		
Grant Zoucha	12	Dominic Chard	9	Liam Saenz	8		
Ryan Allen	11	Alexander Chvala	9	Alexis Schmidt	8		
Addison Beiermann	11	Oliver Coufal	9	Tenley Schultz	8		
Max Beshaler	11	Fernando De Leon	9	Harper Spale	8		
Ava Bettenhausen	11	Bailey Faltys	9	Mason Swanson	8		
Camila Carrizales	11	Lauren Fleming	9	Lawson Thiem	8		
Jake Demuth	11	Aven Hernandez	9	Tyler Tonniges	8		
Mia Fehringer	11	Gissela Herrera	9	Kaydence Wennekamp	8		
Brayden Fleming	11	Leni Kerkman	9	Lily Windedahl	8		
Emilia Gassen	11	Michael Klaassen	9	Chase Zywiec	8		
Kate Hendricks	11	Henry Klitz	9	Rhegan Bowns	7		
Kate Hoffman	11	Madilyn Klug	9	Aubree Brezenski	7		
Brynn Homolka	11	Christian Maguire	9	Matthew Fernandez	7		
Lily Lancaster	11	Amiah McGannon	9	Dreya Fiala	7		
Eli Maguire	11	Julia McPhillips	9	Jessie Fleming	7		
Myles McGannon	11	Caleb Meers	9	Savannah Gassen	7		
Aiden Meers	11	Julieta Morales	9	Baylee Gilbert	7		

SCOTUS CENTRAL CATHOLIC

HONOR ROLL Q3 - 2024-2025 B Honor Roll

Fernando Almazan	12	Kylar Rokahr	9
Joaquin Azurduy Castellanos	12	Zachary Schnick	9
Cael Backman	12	Kennedy Bailey	8
Mackenzey Beiermann	12	Grayson Bonk	8
Hanna Chohon	12	Drew Mustard	8
Eduardo Herrera	12	Carter Shanahan	8
Noah Kamrath	12	Henry Sokol	8
Owen Kluever	12	Kaylee Thiem	8
Emma Klug	12	Calan Windedahl	8
Samuel Olmer	12	Preslee Augustine	7
Dylan Riedmiller	12	Makinlee Barels	7
Maxon Wemhoff	12	Sofia Bueno Romo	7
Jackson Baumert	11	Emberly Cech	7
Gavin Beiermann	11	Blayne Foreman	7
Hunter Brunkhorst	11	Alivia Jakubowski	7
Noah Chohon	11	Ethan Kroenke	7
KobeMicek	11	Laura Matulka	7
Sam Nahorny	11	Ty Micek	7
Claire Oakley	11	Shanita Nkoume	7
Andy Padilla- Arrieta	11	Daley Olberding	7
Devin Riedmiller	11	Isla Plummer	7
Dante Smith	11	Mia Quinonez-Rodriguez	7
Lily Wemhoff	11	Emma Schmid	7
Kade Wulf	11	Grady Strong	7
Shayla Borchers	10	Will Trouba	7
Michael Brandt	10	Joseph Urkoski	7
Josue DeLeon	10	Liam Wulf	7
Matthew Dinslage	10		
Karsten Killham	10		
Joe Marksmeier	10		
Logan Neville	10		
Parker Newman	10		
Sean Smith	10		
Dallas Wemhoff	10		
Jeremy Alvarez-Grinan	9		
Karsyn Bridger	9		
Andrew Ehlers	9		
Ryan Jakubowski	9		
Brylee Kohl	9		
Wendy Liu	9		
Ceily Marroquin	9		
Alaina O'Kane	9		
Grant Przymus	9		
Kayden Renner	9		

ST. ANTHONY

STEM LESSON ON ELECTRICITY

A huge thank you to John and Kim from Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD) for delivering an engaging and educational STEM lesson on electricity at St. Anthony! Their interactive session captivated our students, helping them understand the fundamentals of electricity and its importance in our daily lives.

Through hands-on demonstrations and insightful explanations, they brought the topic to life, making complex concepts easy to grasp and sparking curiosity about the world of science and energy. We appreciate their time and effort in inspiring the next generation of STEM enthusiasts!

Your dedication to education and passion for STEM truly made a lasting impact on our students! Thank you again, John and Kim, for such an inspiring and informative lesson at St. Anthony!



DODGEBALL WITH THE COLUMBUS POLICE DEPARTMENT – A FUN AND EXCITING AFTERNOON

We had an amazing afternoon when the Columbus Nebraska Police Department came to play dodgeball with our students! All students, from preschool through 6th grade, had the chance to join in on the fun and show off their dodgeball skills.

In addition to the game, students had the unique opportunity to try on the police vests and equipment carriers, giving them a hands-on look at what officers wear during their duties.

It was a fantastic experience for everyone involved, and we're so grateful to the Columbus Police Department for spending time with us. Their visit not only brought excitement but also helped build positive connections between our students and local law enforcement. A very special thank you to them for making this such a memorable and enjoyable afternoon!



- **Scrip Gift Card Fundraising (As of February)**
 - Total Sales: \$467,576.55
 - Total Profit: \$18,719.73
- **February Restaurant Night Profit: \$450 - Runza**

ST. ANTHONY

1ST GRADERS REENACT THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Our 1st graders are deepening their understanding of Jesus' journey by reenacting the Stations of the Cross using wooden puzzle pieces. This hands-on activity allows them to engage with each station in a meaningful way, helping them visualize and reflect on the story of Christ's Passion.

As they move through each station, students are learning important lessons about faith, sacrifice, and love. This interactive experience provides a beautiful opportunity for them to grow spiritually and prepare their hearts for Easter. Through discussion and reflection, they are gaining a deeper appreciation for the significance of Holy Week. Their enthusiasm and reverence make this a truly special moment in their faith journey.

2ND GRADERS EXPERIENCE "LIFE ON THE FARM"

Our 2nd graders recently took part in Life on the Farm, a hands-on learning experience sponsored by Platte County Extension. This exciting program gave students a glimpse into farm life, teaching them about animals, crops, and the hard work that goes into agriculture.

Through interactive activities, students learned about caring for livestock, planting crops, and the importance of farming in our daily lives. It was a fun and educational day filled with discovery and new experiences. A big thank you to Platte County Extension for making this possible!



3RD GRADERS WELCOME THEIR ADORABLE BABY CHICKS

Our 3rd graders are buzzing with excitement as they welcome their baby chicks! After weeks of carefully monitoring eggs in an incubator, the students finally got to see them hatch. This hands-on experience taught them about the life cycle of chickens, patience, and responsibility.

Now, the fluffy chicks are settling into their new classroom home, and students are eagerly observing their movements, feeding them, and learning how to care for them. It's been a fun and educational experience that the kids will never forget! Stay tuned for more chick updates!



ST. ANTHONY

ST. ANTHONY STUDENTS SHINE IN CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS CONTEST

We are thrilled to celebrate the talented students of St. Anthony who excelled in this year's Catholic Daughters contest! Our students showcased their creativity and skill, earning top placements in multiple categories, including essay, poetry, art, computer art, and photography.

Their dedication and hard work truly paid off, and we couldn't be prouder of their achievements. A special thank you to the Catholic Daughters for providing this wonderful opportunity for young minds to express themselves and share their talents.

Congratulations to all our winners! Keep shining and inspiring others with your creativity!



ST. ANTHONY K-2 STUDENTS ENJOY "THE BEST DAY EVER!" IN THE SNOW

Our St. Anthony K-2 students declared today "the best day EVER!" as they had a blast playing in the snow! From exciting snowball fights to building creative snowmen, the fun never stopped. The playground was filled with laughter and smiles as the students made the most of the winter wonderland.

The snow provided the perfect backdrop for some unforgettable memories. It was a perfect day for adventure, and we're thrilled to see our youngest students enjoying the snow in such a memorable way! They definitely made the most of every snowflake!

Bundled up in their warmest winter gear, they ran, jumped, and rolled in the fresh snow without a care in the world. Their energy and excitement were contagious, spreading joy to everyone around them. Days like these remind us how magical childhood truly is!



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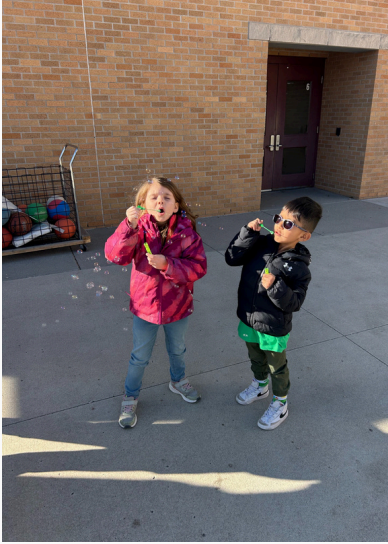
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A MAGICAL VISIT FROM LUCKY THE LEPRECHAUN!



Last week, our Kindergarten students had a special visitor—Lucky the Leprechaun! He stopped by to ask what we would do if we found his gold at the end of the rainbow. While we didn't uncover any treasure, we had a fantastic time painting our own rainbows

and dreaming of pots of gold. Lucky may have kept his gold hidden, but he left behind something just as exciting for our little learners—bubbles!

In addition to all the St. Patrick's Day fun, our saint of the week was St. Patrick himself! We learned about how he used a shamrock to teach the people of Ireland about the Holy Trinity. It was a week filled with faith, creativity, and a little leprechaun mischief!



KINDERGARTENERS SPREAD JOY AT ST. BONAVENTURE

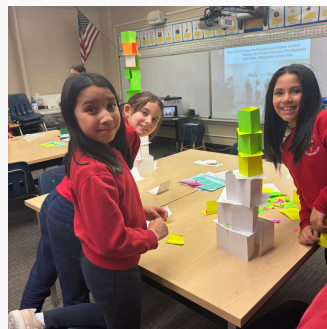
Our St. Bonaventure Kindergarten students had a blast spending their JOY bucks at the JOY store this February! After earning their bucks through acts of kindness and positive behavior, they were excited to redeem them for special prizes.

This fun and rewarding experience not only brought smiles to their faces but also reinforced the importance of generosity, gratitude, and spreading joy to others. Keep up the great work, Kindergarteners—your JOY is contagious!



CREATIVITY AND LEARNING AT AFTER-SCHOOL STEAM CLUB

Our after-school STEAM Club is in full swing, with students having a blast building towers, working on art projects, and exploring science, technology, engineering, art, and math! Whether stacking blocks or creating art, the club lets students unleash their creativity and problem-solving skills. It's exciting to see them have fun while learning valuable skills for the future, and we can't wait to see what they create next!



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 - Total Sales: \$721,020.00
 - Total Profit: \$27,973.28
- **January Restaurant Night Profit:** \$277.16 - Big Apple Bagel

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FIFTH GRADERS BUILD ATOMIC MODELS IN SCIENCE CLASS

Mr. Marc Beller's fifth-grade class recently brought science to life with a hands-on project exploring the building blocks of matter—atoms! As part of their unit on matter, students selected an element from the periodic table and constructed models using plastic beads and toothpicks. Each bead represented protons, neutrons, and electrons in accurate amounts, while cotton was used to illustrate the modern electron cloud model. This engaging activity helped students visualize atomic structure and deepen their understanding of how atoms make up all matter around us. Great job to our young scientists for their creativity and hard work!



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FOURTH GRADERS STEP BACK IN TIME AT STUHR MUSEUM



Our fourth-grade students recently took a step back in time during their field trip to Stuhr Museum, where they experienced life on the prairie firsthand! From churning butter and peeling carrots to enjoying a hearty stew, the students got a taste of what daily life was like for early settlers. This hands-on learning experience brought history to life and helped our students appreciate the hard work and resourcefulness of those who came before us. A big thank you to Stuhr Museum for an unforgettable day of fun and learning!

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CELEBRATING READING SUCCESS AT OUR ACCELERATED READER PARTY!



We love celebrating our students' hard work, and our recent Accelerated Reader celebration party was a perfect way to do just that! Students who met their reading goals got to relax, have fun, and enjoy a well-earned reward for their dedication to reading.

It was a joy to see them unwind and celebrate their achievements together. Keep up the great work, readers—your love for books is inspiring!

ST. BONAVENTURE PRESCHOOL

PRESCHOOLERS CELEBRATES DONATIONS WITH MOVIE PARTY

St. Bonaventure Preschool recently held a fun movie night to celebrate the generous donations received during Catholic Schools Week. The event brought the preschool community together to mark the success of the donation drive, which will support the school's programs. The children enjoyed the movie, popcorn, and cozy surroundings as a way to celebrate the generous contributions that help make the school thrive. It was a joyful occasion to recognize the impact of everyone's support.



PRE-K FUN WITH WORD PUZZLES AND QUILLS!



The Pre-K students at St. Bonaventure Preschool had an exciting time exploring new learning activities! Recently, they worked on building word puzzles, strengthening their literacy skills while having fun. They also got hands-on with a special activity—writing with quills to celebrate the Letter Q. These activities are just a glimpse into the hands-on learning experiences that make Pre-K so special. Keep up the great work, little learners!

PRESCHOOL 3S PAINT RAINBOWS TO CELEBRATE GOD'S LOVE

The Preschool 3s at St. Bonaventure Preschool recently embraced their creativity while learning

about the story of Noah's Ark. The children painted beautiful rainbows, symbolizing God's love and the promise He made to Noah after the great



flood. This activity helped the children connect with the biblical story in a fun way, reinforcing the message of hope, faith, and love. Their colorful rainbows will remind them of God's everlasting care and promises!

PRESCHOOL 4S ENJOY VISIT FROM DR. EGBARTS ABOUT KINDERGARTEN PHYSICALS

The Preschool 4s at St. Bonaventure Preschool had a special visit from Dr. Egbarts, who came to talk to the students about Kindergarten physicals. Dr. Egbarts explained the importance of staying healthy and the steps involved in getting ready for Kindergarten, including the necessary health checks. The kids had the chance to ask questions and learn more about taking care of their bodies as they prepare for the next step in their educational journey. It was an informative and fun visit that helped the Preschool 4s feel more confident and excited about their upcoming transition to Kindergarten!



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5TH GRADE STUDENTS BRING THE LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS TO LIFE



For the past 32 years, the 5th Grade students at St. Isidore School have carried on a cherished tradition during the Lenten season: presenting The Living Stations of the Cross. This year was no exception, as the students once again worked diligently to offer a meaningful and moving experience for all who attended.



Held on April 4th and 11th at St. Isidore Church, the performances were a beautiful reflection on Christ's journey to Calvary. Through their dedication and heartfelt portrayal, the students helped bring the Stations of the Cross to life, allowing the community to engage in a deeper understanding of Jesus' sacrifice. The attention to detail in their reenactment, from the solemn expressions to the reverent movements, made the experience truly powerful. Many attendees shared how deeply touched they were by the students' performance and the emotion they conveyed. It was a wonderful reminder of the significance of Lent and the importance of reflection, prayer, and faith. This tradition not only strengthens the students' connection to their faith but also leaves a lasting impact on all who witness it. We are so proud of our 5th graders for their hard work and dedication in bringing this sacred story to life.

We extend our gratitude to the students, teachers, and all who helped make this tradition possible. Thank you to everyone who joined us for this special Lenten experience. We look forward to continuing this meaningful tradition in the years to come.

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 - Total Sales: \$1,196,872.31
 - Total Profit: \$33,232.25
- **February Restaurant Night Profit: \$230.84 - Big Apple**

ST. ISIDORE

KINDERGARTEN ROUNDUP: "KINDERGARTEN SIGNING DAY"

On Friday, March 28th, our school welcomed the newest members of our learning community during our highly anticipated Kindergarten Signing Day! The event was filled with excitement as incoming kindergarten students took their first steps into their elementary journey.

Families gathered in the beautiful new Parish Hall for a warm reception, where they had the opportunity to meet teachers, staff, and fellow parents. Our young learners enjoyed a special classroom experience, where they explored their future learning space, engaged in fun activities, and got a glimpse of the adventures ahead.

School tours provided families with an inside look at the wonderful learning environment we offer, showcasing our dedication to fostering growth, curiosity, and a strong sense of community. The smiles, excitement, and enthusiasm throughout the day were a true reflection of the bright future ahead for these young learners.

We are thrilled to welcome our new kindergarten class and look forward to an incredible year ahead!



25TH ANNUAL SHRIMP PEEL: A NIGHT OF FUN & FUNDRAISING

On March 7th, the 25th Annual Shrimp Peel brought together our St. Isidore community for an evening filled with fun, fellowship, and fundraising in the beautiful new Parish Hall. This highly anticipated event was a tremendous success, raising nearly \$30,000 to support the 2025-2026 Home & School budget and a future school project, yet to be determined.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to the incredible event leaders—Melissa Kroenke, Katie McPhillips, and Cathy Wadas—whose dedication and hard work made the night possible. Special appreciation also goes to emcee Joe Marksmeier for keeping the evening lively and engaging.

Of course, this event would not have been possible without the many volunteers, cooks, donors, and supporters who contributed their time, talent, and generosity. Your support continues to make a lasting impact on St. Isidore School, and we are truly grateful.

Here's to another successful Shrimp Peel—thank you to all who made it happen!



ST. ISIDORE

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: A SACRED MILESTONE



On Sunday, March 30th, 43 second graders experienced a profound moment in their faith journey as they received the sacrament of the Eucharist for the very first time. Surrounded by family, friends, and our parish community, these young disciples took this important step in deepening their relationship with Christ.

During the celebration, Fr. Joe reminded the students of the sacredness of this sacrament and the incredible gift of receiving our Lord in the Eucharist. In a beautiful display of understanding, the students eagerly shared their knowledge, explaining that a sacrament is a visible, tangible, and efficacious sign, instituted by

Jesus Christ, entrusted to the Church, to give grace.

This day was filled with joy, reverence, and the warmth of faith as our second graders embraced this holy occasion. We congratulate them and pray that they continue to grow in faith and love as they walk with Christ.

LENTEN ACTIVITIES: WALKING WITH JESUS

Throughout Lent, our students have been engaging in meaningful activities to deepen their faith and reflect on the journey of Christ.

Our first graders took time to walk alongside Jesus by reflecting on the Stations of the Cross. After a quiet moment of journaling by the altar, they visited each station, reciting prayers and reflections to truly connect with His sacrifice and love. This hands-on experience helped them embrace the spirit of Lent with reverence and understanding.

Meanwhile, students across St. Isidore have been on a special mission—searching for "a little Jesus" in their daily lives! Small figurines of Jesus are hidden throughout the school each day, serving as a joyful reminder to always keep our hearts and eyes open to His presence. When a student finds one, they bring it to the office for a special treat, reinforcing the message that Jesus is always near, guiding us in unexpected ways.

These Lenten activities continue to inspire our students to grow in faith, mindfulness, and love as they prepare their hearts for Easter.

