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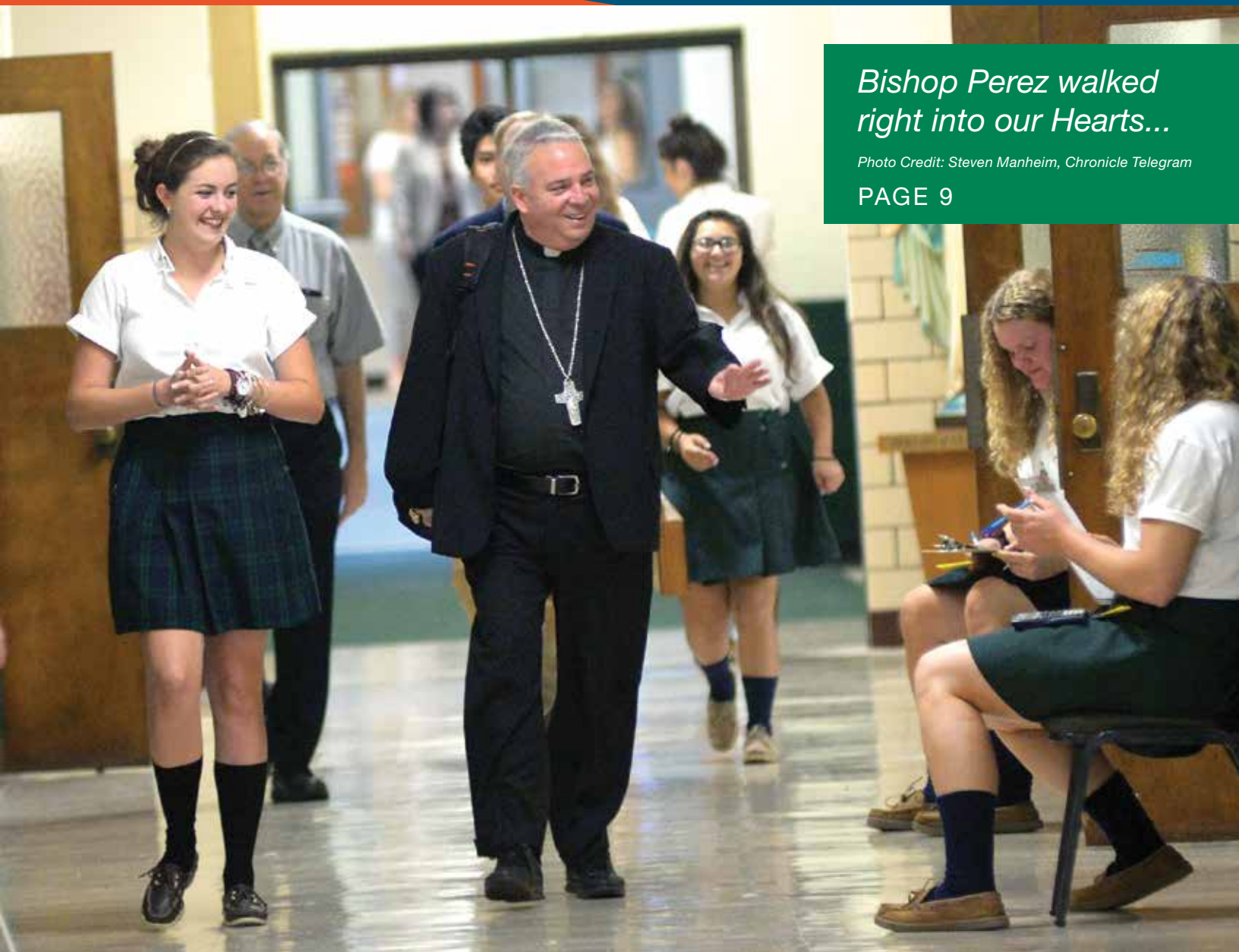
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*Bishop Perez walked
right into our Hearts...*

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"Elyria Catholic was more than just my high school, it was my community. It was full of friendly faces and people who wanted to see me succeed. At Elyria Catholic, I always felt welcomed and challenged to do my best, and it will always be a place I look upon fondly."

– Lauren Kramer
Valedictorian, Class of 2017
Student at Miami University



Cast and Crew of Fall Play – *Much Ado About Nothing*

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A message from the President *Amy Butler '80*



Dear Alumni and Friends of Elyria Catholic High School,

There is a lot of enthusiasm and excitement on the campus of Elyria Catholic High School much to the credit of so many who have embraced the ***Moving EC Forward*** strategic Plan 2016-2020 in the implementation and execution of the strategies in the three goal areas: ***Inspired Students, Vibrant Community and Established Leader.***

Our principal, Suzanne Lester, will update the accomplishment of the first goal – ***Inspired Students*** in her letter. Updates to ***Vibrant Community*** goal include: the near completion of the Chemistry Lab due open in January 2018; new broadcasting equipment for our broadcasting class; new lunch provider in AVI Fresh with daily offerings that are made in our kitchen with fresh ingredients; state-of-the-art ViewSonic 75-inch interactive boards in 14 classrooms; new doors to the auditorium; complete landscape redesign of the plaza area in front of the auditorium. In addition all the floor boards and landing areas were replaced on our Knights of Columbus Field

home stand. With the help of the Knights of Columbus, Elyria Council, No. 774 members, the home stand is slated to be painted in spring 2018. Our refreshed branding and marketing program included new banners in the Coliseum and in the hallways and coming soon light-post banners on Poplar and Gulf.

Updates to ***Established Leader*** goal: Our focus is to connect and partner with alum and business leaders. Starting in January 2018 we are partnering with Ridge Tool and CEO/President Fred Pond to renovate a portion of the old woodworking lab for a Creator Space, as well as working with architect Gary Fischer on a master plan for classroom usage/updating and also for our campus facilities.

We are grateful for the generous community of alumni, parents and local business leaders who have helped us to make these improvements a reality. Many of you specified your donations to a wish list item and that has allowed us to continue this progress. Your investment in EC continues to enhance the Catholic education experience that is being offered to our young men and women.

It truly is my honor to serve our alma mater in this capacity,

Amy Butler

A message from the Principal *Suzanne Lester*



In our ongoing commitment to ensure that we are providing the very best in academics for our students, Elyria Catholic has made a number of changes for the 2017-18 school year.

Recent graduates often share that they feel well-prepared for their college course work. This year, we have provided more opportunity for college credit through added course offerings. EC students can earn college credit through nine Advanced

Placement courses and thirteen College Credit Plus courses through Lorain County Community College.

Additionally, we have added a period to the day to accommodate extra elective courses that students and parents requested. Students have been using these new elective opportunities to “try out” areas they may be considering for future careers through courses such as Introduction to Engineering, Broadcasting, Public Speaking, Business and Entrepreneurship, and Music Production. Other students have been using this additional time to double up on math or science

courses. The science department laboratory-based courses now have seven periods a week to allow for extra lab time.

Also new this year, we initiated MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) assessments to measure growth and achievement. These are the same assessments that have been initiated in diocesan Catholic elementary schools. We have had great success first quarter with a supplemental math period added for freshmen who struggle with math. We have also implemented a peer tutoring program for students who are underperforming.

For the 2017-18 school year, Elyria Catholic became a provider for the State of Ohio's Jon Peterson and Autism Scholarships for students with special needs. With the addition of students on these scholarships, we have been able to provide more push-in support for students who may struggle in the classroom.

With these changes and others that faculty members deem beneficial for our students, Elyria Catholic commits to maintain its longstanding tradition of excellence in academics in Northeast Ohio.

Suzanne V. Lester

MOVING ELYRIA CATHOLIC *Forward*

Becoming a Reality

FRONT DOORS



Three new doors replaced the older ones and two new half windows replaced the other two doors. This allowed for a new landscaping redesign, which is more welcoming.

BENCHES



The wooden benches throughout the campus received a facelift with newly stained seats and painted posts. Thank you to Steve McCoy '72, Bob Resar '83 and Tom Taylor '79 for your time and talent.

LANDSCAPING



Joe Schill from Green Impressions designed the new landscaping for the entrance to our auditorium. The removal of the pine trees opened up the space and allowed for a variety of plantings including rose and holly bushes, smaller pine trees and variegated grasses. The removal of two of the doors provided additional green space which also included the recycling of the stone pads into four new benches. This combination of greenery and stone throughout the landscaping provides a beautiful space for visitors and students to sit and relax.

SOUND SYSTEM



The sound system was updated in the Coliseum and cafeteria to a state-of-the-art digital system. Thank you to the Class of 2017 and the Panther Club for providing us with this much needed upgrade. Thank you to Brendan Dillon and Bob Resar '83 for the countless hours spent programming and maximizing the sound quality of the new system.

CLASSROOM TECHNOLOGY



ViewSonic boards are live computers that move around the classroom and improve engaged learning.

AVI FRESH



New Lunch Provider - AVI Fresh is providing daily offerings which include a fresh salad bar and entrees that are made fresh in our kitchen every day.

PANTHER PRIDE ROCK



The Panther Pride Rock was donated by two alumni who felt that EC students needed to experience the tradition of having a rock on campus. One alum is from Elyria Catholic and one is from Lorain Catholic. The tradition continues. Thank you!

MUSIC PRODUCTION



In this new class students are introduced to basic music recording techniques. They are creating music using GarageBand. As they explore many musical styles they can create music based on their individual interests.

RECENT ADDITIONS AT ELYRIA CATHOLIC

- Business & Entrepreneurship
- CCP Introduction to Business Administration
- Computer Science/ Information Technology
- A+ Course 1 Prep
- Introduction to Engineering
- Broadcasting
- CCP College Comp. I
- CCP College Comp. II
- War Fiction
- Introduction to Public Speaking
- Music Production
- Piano II
- Advanced Painting
- Advanced Ceramics Sculpting
- Honors Physics
- Early American History
- AP Psychology
- CCP Civilization I
- CCP Civilization II
- CCP United States I
- CCP United States II



Alum Ben Davis '15, center, visited the Introduction to Engineering class this fall and shared his experiences in mechanical engineering at the University of Toledo.



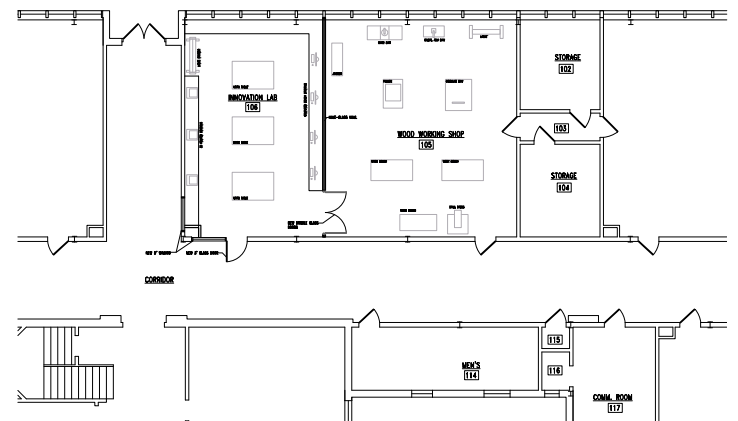
Students working on their ceramic sculpting projects.

CHROMEBOOK INITIATIVE



Elyria Catholic is fortunate to offer the 1:1 Google Chromebook initiative. Begun in 2013, the 1:1 initiative received upgrades with the next generation HP Chromebooks.

CREATOR SPACE



This is a rendering of the new Creator Space that will be located in the old woodworking lab. Elyria Catholic is partnering with Ridge Tool and Gary Fischer of Fischer Architects to make this a reality.

CHEMISTRY LAB



Due to open in January 2018 the new Chemistry Lab features state of the art equipment and Chemistry tools that will put our students on the same learning level as most colleges.



EC Takes on Cincinnati- Spring Break 2017

BY ASHLEY MEECHA '17

Spring break is a time of relaxation for an entire week, without worrying about the challenges that school can bring. For several members of the Elyria Catholic community, it was much more than a “vacation.” Joined by Miss Sara Lanzola and Mr. John Royski, eight Elyria Catholic students traveled to Cincinnati, Ohio on a mission trip to dedicate their time and talents to service work. Participating in a program run by the Franciscans for the Poor, these students learned about the hardships of homelessness and poverty first hand, and were able to explore the city in just a matter of six days. The students volunteered at numerous places, including Matthew 25 Ministries, Stepping Stones, Housing Opportunities of Northern Kentucky (HONK), and New Life Furniture. The students divided into small groups and traveled to these different facilities.

To start with, Matthew 25 is a facility in which volunteers work to provide aid to third world countries who have experienced great natural disasters—earthquakes, tornadoes, and even tsunamis. Here, the students sorted through hygiene products and paint as preparation to send them overseas. “Matthew 25 is a unique facility for the Cincinnati area and has a plethora of opportunities for volunteers,” explains Morgan Chilton '17. Many items were collected throughout the day as an aid to these countries.

Next, the students traveled to Stepping Stones, a facility for those who have disabilities. The students were able to spend quality time and travel with them throughout their day. Some of the activities included robotic legos, arts and crafts, and health and fitness. EC students were also able to eat lunch and bond with them. Here, they learned the true values of friendship.

Then, the students were able to travel over the border into Northern Kentucky to volunteer at HONK. HONK is a volunteer organization that prepares and restores older, run-down homes for newer homeowners who are experiencing poverty. They performed yard

work, cut down trees, painted decks, trimmed bushes, and were able to try delicious pizza spaghetti in the process. The people who run HONK were so kind, and they were greatly impressed with the work that the students had done.

Finally, the students traveled to New Life Furniture, a place where slightly used furniture is donated and sent to those who are overcoming the struggles of poverty in their new homes. Here, some of the students helped move furniture from one warehouse to another, while the other students had the opportunity to travel to different homes and provide furniture to the new homeowners. The day was exhausting, but lives were changed just from a small piece of furniture.

While much service was performed, the week also had some more exciting events in store. The students were able to explore much of the city, visiting the Cincinnati Art Museum, Xavier University, and Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption in Northern Kentucky. They were also able to attend a Cincinnati Reds game.

The students had a unique experience with the Sisters of the Franciscans for the Poor. They were able to eat supper with them, ask them questions, and listen to their life stories. The nuns sent the students a note with a personal letter for each of them before their departure.

This Alternative Spring Break was a soothing experience, exposing these students to the true nature of poverty and homelessness. While some of these tasks and projects were extremely draining, it was also life changing. Homelessness and poverty are severe complications found everywhere. These students were able to serve these different communities with their God-given talents. Many hearts were touched and many lessons have been learned just from this short six-day trip. ■



Girls Soccer Captures District Crown and Advanced

Second half heroics made all the difference in the third round of the OHSAA Division III Soccer Tournament on October 26th at Brooklyn High School. Led by goals from seniors Ryan Kunkle and Abby Birsic, the Panthers took a 2-0 lead over Wellington after a scoreless first half. With assists from Makenna Hodges and Kunkle, these goals sent the District Championship plaque back to Gulf Road.

The team advanced to the Regional Semifinals on October 31st and beat Springfield with a score of 6-0. This pushed our Panthers on to the Regional Finals where they were met with a loss of 5-0 against Kirtland.

Congratulations to our team, parents, and coaches Ryan Manner and Victoria Kish '11 on an amazing year of soccer. We are proud of you, Panthers!



Girls Golf Team Sets New Records

The Elyria Catholic Girls Golf team found their place in the record books on September 14th. In a league match versus Rocky River, our lady Panthers set a new school record with a team score of 175. Defeating Rocky River, 175-182, the girls were led by junior Paige Sextella, whose individual score of 39 was also a school record.

Solid contributions from Madelyn Wechter, Lauren Konold, Abigail Shaw, and Ashley Hoge rounded out the afternoon. First year head coach Eric Sexstella commended his team's accomplishments. "These girls amaze me every day. Their commitment to their school, team and to bettering themselves makes me proud to be their coach."

Andrew Abrahamowicz '17 Named Co-Mr. Baseball in Lorain County



Elyria Catholic's Andrew Abrahamowicz '17 was named Co-Mr. Baseball in Lorain County on Saturday, May 27th. He split the award with Amherst Steele's Xavier Moore.

The award is presented annually to a graduating senior in Lorain County who demonstrates outstanding baseball ability and is capable of participating in baseball at the collegiate level.

The Panthers ace was 7-1 in his eight starts this past spring. He also made two appearances out of the bullpen and was credited with a save.

In 53 and two-thirds innings of work, Abrahamowicz punched out 83 batters and walked just 21. He finished with a 0.522 ERA (four earned runs) and a 0.969 WHIP.

Offensively, he drove in 16 runs and swiped 12 bases.

This was the latest in a long line of awards for the hard-throwing right hander. He was named first team All-Ohio and the Great Lakes Conference Pitcher of the Year after helping Elyria Catholic capture its second consecutive GLC crown.

Abrahamowicz was also named the Lorain County Player of the Year in Divisions III-IV.

Andrew is attending the University of Nebraska – home of the 2017 BIG Ten Champion Huskers.

Leighton Banjoff '19 Commits to Nebraska

Junior Leighton Banjoff announced on September 26th that he will further his academic and baseball career at the University of Nebraska. Following in the steps of former Panther pitcher turned Husker, Andrew Abrahamowicz '17,

Banjoff hit .461 last season with ten doubles, one home run, and nineteen stolen bases. Earning All Ohio Honors in Division III for the 2017 baseball season, the Sheffield Village native also stars in the backfield for the Panther football team.



Coach Lisicky and his staff saw potential when Leighton first stepped on to the diamond his freshman year. "When our coaching staff saw him as a freshman, we knew he was a special player. He has all the tools to be successful at Nebraska."

Beth Ziegelmeyer '18

Earns All-County Honors



Beth Ziegelmeyer's impressive season earned her the All Lorain County's Division III Runner of the Year award. She later set a personal record of 20:50.6, placing tenth at the District tournament in Medina. This accomplishment earned her the Lorain County Division II/III Runner of the Year Award.

The Cross Country senior also had an impressive first place finish at Pickerington High School's Tiger Invitational on September 23rd.



Cheer Team Claims Top Spot at Conference Competition

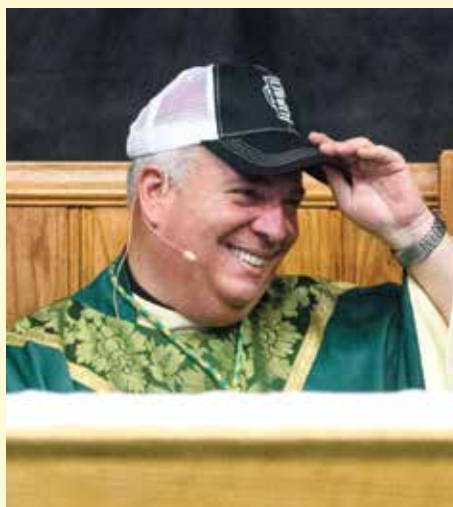
The Panther Cheer Team placed first in the Great Lakes Conference Cheer Competition on October 23rd at Valley Forge High School. Under the direction of Coaches Kitty Pinter '88 and Bekka Reaser '16, the girls shined throughout the evening.

Julia Zidek '18, Faith DeVengencie '18, and Kenzie Kemer '20 were named First Team All-Conference. Maddie Wilson '18 and Taylor Cruz '18 were named Second Team All-Conference.

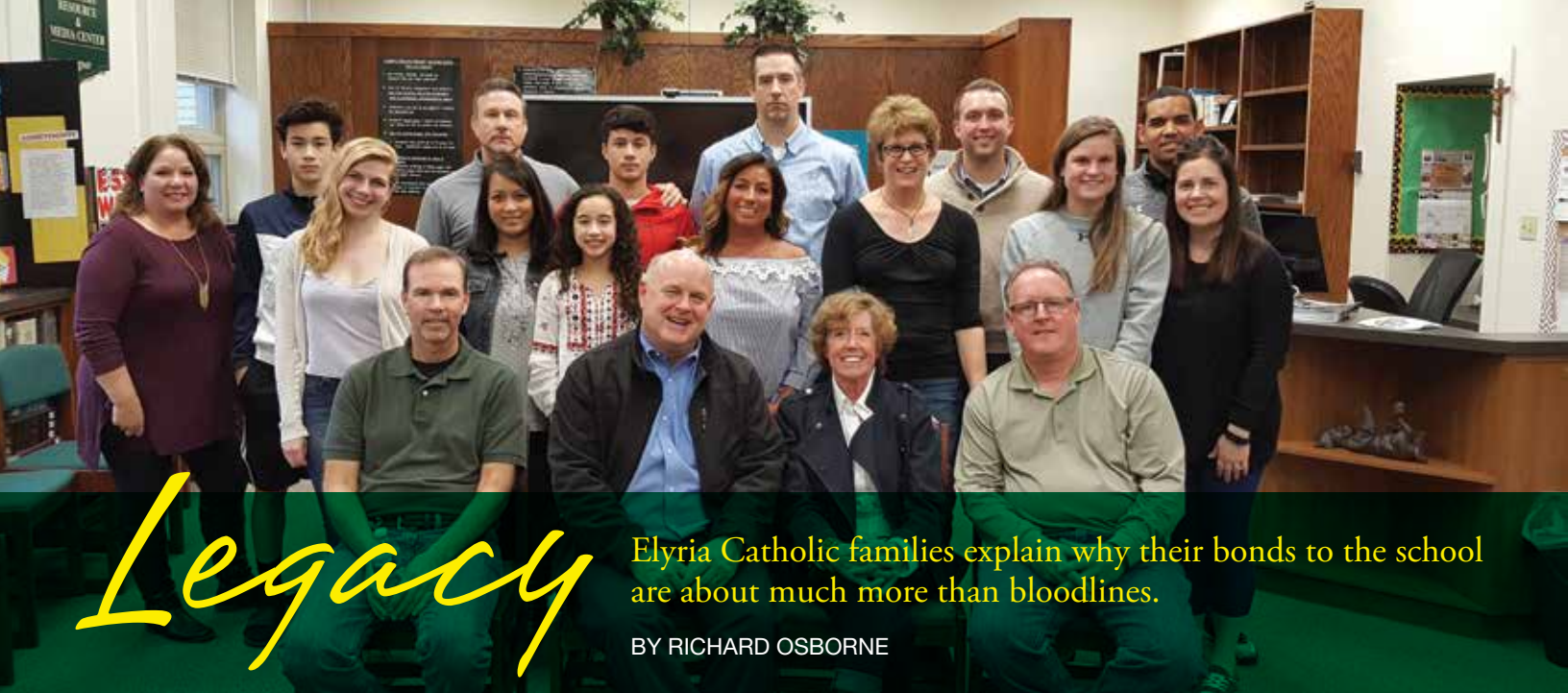
Faith also won the Toe Touch Jump Off for best jumps in the conference. Coach Pinter said, "It was a great night overall for the Panthers."

Bishop Perez walked right into our Hearts and became Family.

Elyria Catholic was fortunate to be the first Diocesan High School that Bishop Perez visited as the newly installed Bishop of the Diocese of Cleveland. We were honored to have him celebrate Mass with us in the auditorium. He quickly realized how much EC loves to sing with the guidance of our Godsquad. "Now that's singing and moving," Bishop Perez announced after experiencing the spirited opening hymn, "Prince of Peace." Following Mass, Bishop Perez toured the school and enjoyed gathering for lunch with some of our students. The Bishop shared many words of wisdom, but one message that resounded was that everyone should, "Never, ever, ever underestimate the power of God working through you, within you and sometimes despite you." We are grateful for Bishop Perez' presence and words of wisdom. He is an inspiration for all of us.



The senate officers presented the bishop with a gift for all seasons EC. He quickly tried on the baseball cap for size. Following Mass he greeted every student with a warm handshake and smile. We later gathered as a school in the Coliseum to give him a big EC hug. He is located in the center. #wheresthebishop



Legacy

Elyria Catholic families explain why their bonds to the school are about much more than bloodlines.

BY RICHARD OSBORNE

“Are we going to have a scavenger hunt?”

Mrs. Biddy St. Marie '59 laughed when she posed the question at a gathering of some Elyria Catholic legacy families — that is, those with multiple members who have attended the school. Truth be told, Mrs. St. Marie confessed, she had to ask someone how to get to the second-floor library where the meeting was held and wasn't sure she could find her way around the school that has been at the heart of her family since the 1950s.

The EC building has evolved a great deal since the completion of its initial structure in 1949. But while the school's physical characteristics have changed over the decades in which numerous St. Marie family members have matriculated here, its essential spirit hasn't wavered a bit. Regardless of bloodlines, Elyria Catholic is all about family.

“I think when we talk about family, we're all so close,” said Morgan Mabry Taylor '01. “My cousins and I were all so close and the school family is like a bigger, extended

family. I still consider the friends I made here to be family and that has never changed.”

Like Mr. and Mrs. St. Marie, Morgan made her EC family ties official when she married Eric Gaines '02, in 2011. Friends in high school, the couple reconnected at what has become known as an “EC merger” — a marriage of graduates. Morgan and Eric now have two children.

“When we drive past Elyria Catholic our four-year-old will say: *That's where Mommy went, that's where Daddy went, that's where Grandma went, that's where cousin Corey went,*” Morgan said. “She knows the whole list and she's proud that we all went here.”

FAITH, FAMILY, FRIENDSHIP

The Taylors and St. Maries are prominent among Elyria Catholic's legacy families. Each family can claim alumni relatives into the double digits. But when we brought these families together to talk about their ties that bind, we discovered that DNA — while certainly adding intrigue — is just one

facet of the familial atmosphere that made their time at EC the life-changing experience it was.

For Bailey Griffin '12 the opportunities to connect with fellow students on a deeper, spiritual level were especially profound.

One such opportunity was Alternative Spring Break, when students choose to use their time off for service to others.

“I went on that for both my junior and senior years to clean up after tornadoes in a couple of close-by states,” she said. “Just being able to do that, and ride on a bus for eight hours with your classmates and go through this whole experience together was really cool. Going in, you would know just the name and face of some of the people, but coming out you would have a bunch of stories you could share with each other. It brought us closer together and I really liked that. There always are opportunities to bring everyone closer together.”

That said, the extended EC family is well aware that anyone with the Griffin surname was likely to be close with many students on Day One. There have been 23 Griffin family members who have attended EC, including current students David '19 and his brother Jack '20, their cousins Stephanie and her twin sister Kaylie '20 and their younger sister Sarah '21.

“I was happy they came here,” said their dad, David. “It was comfortable and familiar, so that's a plus.”

The feeling of comfort and familiarity extends to expressions of faith.

Eric Gaines, who had attended a public school for his freshman year, said the faith-filled atmosphere of Elyria Catholic proved to be one of the best parts of his transfer



Corey Taylor '06, Eric Gaines '02, Morgan Mabry Gaines '01, Tracy Taylor

here — that and finding his future wife here, of course.

“I’m probably as far along in my faith as I’ve ever been,” he said. “And this school had a huge part in that. I was a peer minister in my senior year and it opened up so many things in my mind. The fact that you can talk about Jesus at school. That was incredible. He is such a huge part of our lives, obviously, and there’s no reason to keep Him quiet, you know what I mean? That unlocked the opportunity to do that on a daily basis without being fearful of offending someone. That was huge for me.”

We asked Eric, who is not Catholic, whether the spirituality of the school factors into the desire that he and his wife share to send their own children to EC when they reach high school age.

“A hundred percent,” he said.

Although the Notre Dame Sisters who once comprised most of the faculty are no longer here, legacy family members agreed that the Catholicity of the school remains its essence.

“I’m really impressed with all the religious ceremonies they have here,” said Mrs. St. Marie. “They always have Masses for the holy days and religious holidays. I think it’s wonderful. A lot of the alumni come to those, and that’s important.”

She noted that the school chapel is relatively new, having been built in 2003. The size of the school’s enrollment still necessitates that all-school Masses must be held in the gym just as they were when she attended. And if outside guests swell the crowd, as was the case with the All-County Catholic Schools Liturgy hosted at EC in January, the Mass celebration can now be held in the Coliseum completed in 1966.

The Coliseum is among countless additions that have enhanced the environment for today’s students — changes enthusiastically applauded by its early graduates. “The chapel is beautiful,” said Mrs. St. Marie. “The library is beautiful. Everything is beautiful.”

THE BEAT GOES ON

Most beautiful of all, however, is the sense of belonging — the unmistakable feeling of being part of something larger than yourself

— that for generations has characterized life at Elyria Catholic.

Colleen Griffin Vincent ’98 knows that feeling especially well. She was born in 1979, the year her brother Ed ’90 began his senior year. With Ed being the oldest, Colleen was the youngest of the family and, as such, was imbued with the EC spirit long before she came here.

How did she feel about carrying on the family legacy?

“I looked forward to it,” she said. “I was proud. I thought it was pretty cool to walk down the hallway and look at all the composite pictures and be able to point out my family members. People would say, ‘Oh, are you a Griffin? You look just like your brother.’”

“I don’t know if that’s good or bad,” she laughs. “And there is such a huge age gap — my closest sibling is five-and-a-half years older than I am — so I didn’t feel like there was any pressure. I can’t say anyone set the bar too high for me!”

By the time Colleen arrived at EC, her brother Ed — a multi-sport EC athlete as a student — was coaching baseball here, giving him a second Panther life. Of the eight Griffin siblings in his generation, two married other EC students and thus added to the growing list of “EC mergers.”

“My parents were an EC merger,” said Vickie Griffin ’84. “My husband and I were too.” Now all eyes are on the next generation.

And the beat goes on.

“The family tradition for me started with my parents saying we’re going to a Catholic high school,” said Tom Taylor ’79. “There were three of us who attended and then each sent our children. My mom had eight grandchildren graduate from EC.”

“My parents and their faith sent us here,” he said.

There it is again. That word: faith. It seems to be a constant traversing all the stories and all the generations of Elyria Catholic, extending even to those who may not be Catholic.

“My dad did not really practice religion at all,” said Sue Mabry, “but he sent us all



Sue Taylor Mabry '72 (FaceTimed during the meeting), Tom Taylor '79

to St. Jude’s and Elyria Catholic. He was proud of that and really felt he made the best decision all the way through.”

Anyone who gets touched by the Elyria Catholic spirit, it seems, becomes an adopted member of the family. “I love this school and I didn’t even go here,” said Debbie Griffin. “I’m the only one in my family who didn’t go here. I went to St. Augustine, which is no longer around, so I’m the odd man out. But I tell everyone about the bond my husband and my children all have because they share this place.

“It’s not about all the names on the wall,” she added. “It’s about what they take away from here. It’s a family atmosphere. It’s different. I hear my children talk about it. They still talk about their experience here. It continues.”

The connection is visceral, emotional and deep. “To this day, you hear the fight song and you know every word,” said Eric. “You know the alma mater. The two biggest things for me are family and tradition.”

Corey Taylor ’06 can identify. “I know the words,” he said. “I hear the music and I can sing the words. It’s loyalty that never dies.” ■



Richard Osborne talking with Sue Mabry via FaceTime



Charles Delgado '68

BY EMMA FUCHS '17

Charles, also known as Speedy, Delgado, an Elyria Catholic graduate from the class of 1968, has done more than many in his years since leaving Elyria Catholic.

He attended Elyria Catholic all four of his years in high school. He remembers knowing everyone at least on a first name basis, despite being in the largest graduating class at the time. Mr. Delgado participated in activities in the community including track, basketball, and working as the football team's manager.

He says his teachers made great contributions to his experience and that most would offer him help and guidance, resources he believes to be incredibly important for teenagers in such a formative stage in their lives. He says he struggled in school, but his teachers, and four years of art classes allowed him to make the grades he needed to succeed.

After graduating high school, Mr. Delgado joined the workforce as a factory worker. He remained at the factory for 43 years working, for much of the time, in the security department. He met his wife while working in the factory and they have been together for 46 years and the two now have three children and seven grandchildren. He attributes his success in marriage to hard work and his Christian faith.

Mr. Delgado, who is also an artist, has participated in many artistic ventures outside of his career. He has participated for 30 years in an envelope exchange program and has traded envelopes with members all over the world. He says he began this hobby with an interest in postal

stamps and it evolved from there. His envelopes have been displayed at the Smithsonian National Postal Museum in Washington, D.C. and in the Pearl Harbor Museum in Hawaii.

Through his passions and work, Mr. Delgado says that Elyria Catholic is something that always sticks to the back of his mind and he has made contributions to the school including his artwork and a filing cabinet for the art department. He has helped plan a few of his class reunions and is currently on the committee planning for his 50th reunion next year, which he looks forward to saying, "It should be very fun. People come to milestone events, and this will be a milestone event." ■

Paul Zemanek '73

BY KATHRYNE KRAVEN BRADESCA

For Paul Zemanek, the old proverb that “God writes straight with crooked lines” could not be more true. A successful director of sales for many years at Honeywell, he never envisioned himself as a deacon, but when his position at Honeywell was eliminated, that was exactly what happened when he had more time available.

Zemanek, the oldest of seven, grew up in a tight-knit Catholic family. His parents owned a greenhouse and his dad worked two jobs to send all seven children through Saint Peters in North Ridgeville and Elyria Catholic High School.

Part of the 1973 state championship basketball team at EC, Zemanek went on to play basketball at Dayton University and study Business Management.

He began his career in human resources in the banking industry, but moved into sales at Reliance Electric, intent on supporting his wife Cathy and sons Christopher and Kevin. He soon moved to Honeywell International, but in 2007 his life changed course.

“In my fifteen month of unemployment I had time to slow down, and gained a better appreciation for what was important,” said Zemanek.

Although not a retreat person, while on a men’s retreat he felt called to consider his faith more closely. Already a lector and eucharistic minister at St. Bridgid of Kildare Parish in Columbus, he decided to make the commitment to become a permanent deacon.

He attended the Pontifical College Josephina in Columbus for his formation, and took 18 classes over four years, dedicating every other Saturday to three hours of graduate work.

“We definitely studied the gospels,” said Zemanek. “Deacons are expected to preach and we learned how to read and understand the gospels.”

Zemanek was ordained on November 26, 2016 and has been busy as a deacon ever since. He has officiated at weddings, funerals and baptisms, as well as preaching once a month.”

He readily admits that his wife is his biggest advocate. “She reviews my homilies and critiques them, and gives me perspective on whether they will resonate.”

Besides the preaching and the sacraments, he helps behind the scenes too, preparing couples for their wedding, taking communion to the sick and homebound, and visiting people in hospice.



And he does it all in addition to his normal work week. “Being a deacon has taught me to be more disciplined, to know when to pick spots and get things done.”

When he is not busy working, Zemanek enjoys golfing, but his new weekend commitments have lessened his time on the links. He also enjoys getting back to his greenhouse roots and doing yard work.

Zemanek is very glad that God has taken him down the path to the diaconate. “It is my honor and privilege. This has been a great vocation.” ■

Class of 1959

Class of 59 meets for lunch in every month with 5 Tuesdays, i.e. 2 or 3 times a year! Great fun and great memories! We have an EC Class of 1959 site on Facebook and keep in contact with distant classmates and friends.



Photo from May 30, 2017 luncheon.

Class of 1962 & 1985

Marilyn Foreman Peloquin '62 and Ron "Chip" Peloquin '85 enjoyed meeting Bishop Nelson Perez at Sacred Heart Church in Lorain when he visited in September.



Class of 1965

Dennis Sinar (EC '65) announced the publication of his second book, *Almost Southern*, as a sequel to *Not Born Here*. Both books are published under the imprint of Knowledgeworks123 Press. *Not Born Here* is a collection of short stories about the people in Marsden, a fictional town in Eastern North Carolina. These stories are told by people you'd meet on the street in any Southern town and describe their highs and lows with life, love and family. One reviewer described the stories as "witty, colorful preservations of local flavor, uniqueness and language spun by an accomplished storyteller." His second collection of short stories, *Almost Southern*, continues the adventures of residents from Marsden. There's a lot going on in Marsden. Retirees are coping with crises; gamblers and con men prey on innocent people. Arson of several homes has the authorities baffled. The people of Marsden share their upbeat, humorous and realistic southern personalities with someone who is almost southern. Both books are available from online retailers in paperback or ebook formats. Sinar's story *Missing Him* won the 2016 North Carolina State Senior Games competition for a short story, and his story *A Country Doctor* won second place in the Brunswick County Senior Games competition in 2017.

Class of 1972

1972 grad, **Andrew Bajda**, was featured in *The Chronicle Telegram* earlier this year. He recently wrote a book about his father's experiences in World War II. Make sure to check out his book: <https://www.amazon.com/Captured-Liberation-Andrew-Bajda/dp/1684090423>.

Class of 1999



Matt Wilhelm '99 was inducted into the Lorain Sports Hall of Fame on May 4 at DeLuca's Place in the Park. He is an analyst for WKNR-AM 850 and WEWS.

Class of 2002



Did you go to or live stream the Cavs Championship Parade? Our very own **Carrie Samek** from the class of 2002 was the planner of this awesome event! Check out her feature in *Cleveland Magazine* as one of the "Most Interesting People."

Class of 2006 & 2011



Bailey DeSouza Reaser '06 and husband Danny '11 welcomed their new son, Beau, on September 21, 2017. Beau weighed 6 pounds 13 ounces. Beau is Bailey and Danny's first child.

Class of 2017

Members of the class of 2017 with their alumni parents, siblings, and grandparents



Class of 1963 in Florida

Last February we had the wonderful opportunity to have dinner with several members of the class of 1963 while in Florida. This group gets together each year to catch up and reminisce. Thanks for letting us join!

Our winter Florida trip was a success as we aimed to connect with our southern alums! We had the honor of speaking with **Sister Lucia Haas SND '58** who is currently the President of Cardinal Mooney Catholic High School in Sarasota! Thanks for letting us visit, Sister!



CLASS OF 1957 REUNION



CLASS OF 1972 REUNION



CLASS OF 1987 REUNION



CLASS OF 1997 REUNION



UPCOMING REUNIONS

Class of 1968 50th Class Reunion August 24 - 26, 2018

Please keep an eye out for our postcard for next summer's event! We will celebrate our 50th the weekend of **August 24-26, 2018** at Sawmill Creek. Contact Charlie Delgado for more information: speedyEC.68@gmail.com.

Class of 1988 30th Class Reunion

Information coming soon. Please contact Sheila Rice for more information: srice@northshorehealthcare.com.

The 28th Annual Elyria Catholic Golf Classic

Thank you so much to all who came to the 28th Annual Golf Outing on Monday, September 25th! We are especially thankful to our sponsors, Mercy Health, Schlather Insurance, The Alan O'Connor Family, The Class of 1957, Old Republic Title Insurance Company, and Barnes Wendling CPAs, Inc. as well as our hole sponsors and prize donors. Minus the heat, it was a fabulous time and beautiful day. See you all again next year!

Save the Date!
29th Annual Elyria Catholic Golf Classic
September 24, 2018

Alumni Professions Night

This past March, we hosted our first annual Alumni Professions Night. This night was a Medical Symposium and included a panel of six alums. We were very lucky to have around 150 current students in attendance. We will continue to host a symposium once a school year. Each one will focus on a different career path.

A big thank you to **Char Wray '83** who was our keynote speaker, and to all those who spoke on our panel: **Sarah Durham '03**, **Eric Gaines, Jr. '02**, **Dr. Ann Leano '80**, **Sarah Terrigno '99**, and **David Malinas '92**.

Save the Date! • Alumni Professions Night - Business Symposium • March 19, 2018

If you are interested in participating, please contact Kelsie Stites at stites@elyriacatholic.com.



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5% (4 of 86)

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 Armstrong
 John Beno
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3% (4 of 129)

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9% (13 of 139)

Marilyn Becker
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 Mary Lou Boggs Kaminski
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 Joseph Kukucka
 Karen Kaib Leland
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 Glen Thome

Class of 1966

4% (5 of 142)

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 Patrick Glasow

Margaret Rzetelny Hambrick
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Class of 1967

5% (8 of 147)

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Class of 1971

5% (8 of 155)

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Class of 1972

3% (5 of 149)

Kathleen Poje Bramwell
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Class of 1973

3% (5 of 172)

Francine Kretschmann
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 Marilyn Verhoff Wagner
 Paul Zemanek

Class of 1974

3% (7 of 160)

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5% (6 of 127)

Bernard Smith
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6% (8 of 141)

Meganne O'Donnell Boyer
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Class of 1977

6% (10 of 167)

Anonymous
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Class of 1978

4% (6 of 143)

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Class of 1979

3% (5 of 169)

Kathryn Yunker Brewer
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 Mary Agnes Schlather
 Thomas Taylor

Class of 1980

3% (6 of 172)

Amy Vajentic Butler
 Mark Cole
 John Cummings
 Peter Gendics
 Ann Marie Leano
 Christopher Smith

Class of 1981

6% (10 of 170)

Lisa Byczynski
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Class of 1982

4% (7 of 166)

David Basinski
 David Eischen
 Joseph Kelling
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 Greg Perusek
 Pat Perusek
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Class of 1983

2% (4 of 182)

Jeffery Eischen
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 William Sexton
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Class of 1984

2% (4 of 180)

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3% (6 of 175)

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Class of 1987
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Carmen Castro-Rivera
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Class of 1988
3% (4 of 154)

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2% (3 of 164)

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2% (2 of 97)

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3% (3 of 116)

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Class of 1994
1% (1 of 106)
Michael Essenmacher

Class of 1996
4% (3 of 80)

Eric Fritz
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Class of 1997
1% (1 of 105)
Sarah Forthofer Senghas

Class of 1999
1% (1 of 134)
Allison Krebs

Class of 2000
2% (3 of 140)
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Class of 2002
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Class of 2003
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Kevin Machovina
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Neil Fentner

Class of 2005
2% (2 of 125)
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Class of 2006
2% (2 of 132)
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Class of 2007
3% (4 of 129)
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Class of 2008
2% (2 of 106)
Bradley Moore
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Class of 2009
2% (2 of 121)
Evann Heidersbach
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Class of 2010
2% (3 of 150)
Nathaniel Carson
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Class of 2011
3% (4 of 138)
Molly Conroy
Victoria Kish
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Class of 2012
6% (6 of 105)
Angela Buterbaugh
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Class of 2013
1% (1 of 100)
William Janda

Class of 2014
3% (4 of 117)
Ross Heidersbach
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Shannon Turner

Class of 2015
1% (1 of 91)
Jamie Janda

Class of 2016
33% (1 of 106)
Ryan Turner

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Mr. William and Mrs. Jean Koch have established The Koch Family Scholarship in honor of Hal Minnich, Andrew Krakowiak, Mark McGuire and in memory of Larry Davis and Don Kleinhenz. Mr. and Mrs. Koch had six children graduate from Elyria Catholic, Matthew '87, Kristin '93, Julie '95, Benjamin '96, Katie '98 and Marty '03.

The recipient of this new scholarship will be awarded a renewable \$5,000 scholarship for each of his/her four years at Elyria Catholic High School. The recipient must attend St. Jude School. The winner will be chosen by the principal of St. Jude School and announced at their eighth grade graduation.

- Note the following criteria:**
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DEADLINE: MARCH 1
Please send the application to:
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2016-17 Scholarship Winners - Seniors Kevin Hahn, Drew Beck, Logan Hayward and Andy Brown pictured with Randy and Jeannie Holland at this year's Scott Holland Golf Outing on August 13.

In Memoriam

The following Elyria Catholic alumni passed away between October 2016 and October 2017. They will be remembered at Masses and in daily prayers throughout the year.

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In Memory of Robert Ziegman
Ms. Greta Ziegman

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We are now producing daily live video announcements. We are livestreaming Masses and events. We are now able to record video and produce advertisements for Elyria Catholic, but most of all our students are learning skills that they will take with them as they continue on their path in broadcasting.



Derby Daze 2017

Elyria Catholic held their annual fundraiser, Derby Daze 2017 Gala and Auction, on Saturday, May 6, 2017. The Kentucky Derby Race was broadcast live while attendees enjoyed Mint Juleps and Kentucky Mules with their appetizers. Brennan's Catering provided a scrumptious Southern meal. Senior Class President, Bridgette Pronesti, spoke and rallied our community to raise our paddles for scholarship assistance. We are grateful to Old Republic Title, George and Mary Lu Wasmer, Thomas Hileman, Buckeye Community Bank and Northwest Bank for sponsoring the event and supporting our students, our school and our mission.



All parents, alumni and friends of Elyria Catholic are
invited to join us for our

A NIGHT UNDER THE LIGHTS

ELYRIA CATHOLIC *2018 Forward Gala*

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE

April 21, 2018

Elyria Catholic High School Coliseum

The event includes:

Tours of the New
Chemistry Lab,
RIDGID Broadcasting
Studio, and
Construction of new
Creator Space

Served
and plated
dinner

Live and
Silent
Auction

Presentation
of Young Alumni,
Distinguished
Alumni and Our Lady
of Grace Benefactor
Awards

Tickets will be available in February of 2018.

**Please help us celebrate the people who are beautiful
examples of our Elyria Catholic community**

by nominating someone for the Young Alumni Award of Excellence, Distinguished Alumni Award and our Lady of Grace Generous Benefactor Award. Forms can be found on the Community section of elyriacatholic.com. We would like to receive 100 nominations by February 1, 2018. If you have questions, please contact Michelle Hoffman, Director of Advancement at hoffman@elyriacatholic.com.

Congratulations to the Class of 2017!

May the road rise up to meet you. May the wind always be at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face, and rains fall soft upon your fields. And until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand. – Irish Blessing



Did you know that the Class of 2017 received a total of over **\$4.6 Million** in scholarship offers from over 41 private and public colleges and universities?

Mission Statement

Committed to excellence and compassion, Elyria Catholic High School is a Christian community within the Catholic tradition that calls young men and women to embrace their faith, recognize their full potential and establish a life-long relationship with Jesus Christ. Through worship, academics, extracurricular activities and service, the Elyria Catholic community educates students to use vision and courage to act as caring, just and responsible citizens of the world.

They are attending the following colleges and universities this fall:

Allegheny College; PA
Ashland University
Baldwin Wallace University
Bowling Green State University
Butler University; IN
Case Western Reserve University
Cleveland Institute of Art
Cleveland State University
College of Charleston; SC
The College of Wooster
Columbus Culinary Institute
Columbus State Community College
Cuyahoga Community College
Fashion Institute of Technology; NY
Hiram College
John Carroll University
Kent State University
Lake Erie College
Lorain County Community College
Malone University
Marietta College

Miami University
Mount Vernon Nazarene University
The Ohio State University
Ohio Northern University
Ohio University
Otterbein University
Tiffin University
The University of Akron
University of Dayton
University of Findlay
University of Georgia; GA
University of Kentucky; KY
University of Mount Union
University of Nebraska; NE
The University of Toledo
Ursuline College
Walsh University
West Virginia University; WV
Xavier University
Youngstown State University



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Happy to be a part of the Elyria Community



Some of the members of our National Honor Society lending a hand to help our neighbors.



The Elyria Catholic Marching Band of Spirit was honored to be marching in the Bicentennial Parade in August. Happy 200th Elyria!

CALENDAR OF **EVENTS**

December 2017

- 9 Christmas on Campus | 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

January 2018

- 10 CYO Night at EC – Girls Basketball Game
Freshmen | 4:30 p.m. JV | 6:00 p.m. Varsity | 7:30 p.m.
- 19 CYO Night at EC – Boys Basketball Game
Freshmen | 4:30 p.m. JV | 6:00 p.m. Varsity | 7:30 p.m.
- 26 All County Mass | 9:30 a.m.
Catholic school students invited – grades 5-8

February 2018

- 10 Chefs in Training – Candy Making | 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
- 10 Crash the Coliseum – 7th Grade Overnight Retreat

March 2018

- 21–24 Performing Arts Department Spring Musical – TBA
7:00 p.m. - March 21, 23 & 24
9:30 a.m. - March 22
- 28 Living Stations of the Cross | 1:00 p.m.

April 2018

- 21 Forward Gala - A Night Under the Lights | 6:00 p.m.
- 28 HSTP Class - 7th graders | 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

May 2018

- 1 May Crowning
- 15 Spring Band and Choir Concert | 7:30 p.m.
- 19 Pre-HSPT for 7th Graders | 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
- 25 Baccalaureate Mass & Senior Distinction Awards | 9:00 a.m.
- 25 Commencement | 6:00 p.m.