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We sincerely regret and apologize for any errors or omissions in this issue of Scarlet & Gray.
- The Editors



Dear Alumni and Friends

Once again Central Catholic is back in session. The excitement is tangible in the halls. The freshmen and transfer students seem to be genuinely happy and excited about being a part of the home of the Irish.

Early in the summer we received news from the state government that budgets were being cut. After a number of rumors started, the final figure to Central Catholic was a decrease of \$235,000. The administration spent hours trying to find ways to cut an already tight budget. We made significant progress and have trimmed certain line items. We are committed to being good stewards of the financial matters regarding our school.

I am sure many of you have already received our Annual Fund solicitation letter. It is my prayer that even in this difficult financial time for all of us, you might find it in your heart to help support the educational ministry of Central Catholic High School. If everyone who receives this magazine would just contribute \$50 or \$100, Central Catholic would be able to continue to assist families who wish to provide a strong Catholic education for their children. I would like to remind everyone that no child, not one child, comes to Central Catholic for free. Everyone must pay something!

On a much more positive note, this is the year that Central Catholic commences with the first class of the International Baccalaureate Programme! This program is the first of its kind in northwest Ohio, and we are the only Catholic high school in the state of Ohio to be certified as an International Baccalaureate school. We join 1,500 schools worldwide in this very prestigious program.

A number of our students enrolled in the International Baccalaureate Programme spent two weeks in China this past summer. Their experiences will be something that will color their perception of their own education, we believe in a very positive way. They will also have strong and wonderful memories for a lifetime!

As Catholic educators, we are committed not just to providing a strong academic foundation - and we definitely do that, as shown by the \$16.5 million in offered scholarships to the class of 2009. However, we also provide education that is grounded in morality and in the Catholic faith. Each year we hope to provide an atmosphere where our students can grow and develop into the young men and women that Christ calls them to be! To see the change that takes place in four years, for me at least, is proof that the presence of Jesus Christ is alive and well at Central Catholic High School!

Please continue to pray for the success of the work we do in the name of the Lord. Please also remember our Annual Fund if you are able to help us. As always, you, your family, and your intentions are in my prayers.

Yours in Christ,

Very Rev. Dennis P. Hartigan, Ph.D., V.F.

Congratulations to the
Class of 2009!



Samantha Lortz

The Central Catholic High School Class of 2009 earned more than \$16.5 million in college scholarships. Graduates were accepted at 58 different colleges and universities, including the University of Notre Dame, Case Western, Northwestern, the Ohio State University, Clemson, the United States Naval Academy, University of Michigan, Michigan State, University of North Carolina, Purdue, Fordham, Xavier University, University of Iowa, University of Southern California, Vanderbilt, and Loyola University.



Amanda Ranazzi

Individual academic and leadership awards were presented to members of the senior class at an honors assembly on May 19. The Class of 2009 valedictorian was **Samantha Lortz**, the salutatorian was **Amanda Ranazzi**, and the Heritage Speaker was **Aaron DeLong**.

Steve Billmaier and **Kristen Murnen** received the Bishop's Cross. This award is given to two members of the senior class who exhibit these gifts of the Holy Spirit: understanding, right judgment, courage, reverence, self discipline, a sense of social responsibility, and a high level of academic achievement in religious studies.



Aaron DeLong

The Reverend James E. Steinle Senior Leadership Award is given in honor of a former principal at Central Catholic, and it recognizes two seniors who have demonstrated strong qualities of leadership and service without receiving formal recognition. This year's recipients were **Frederick Brown** and **Anne McCarthy**.

Three members of the class were recognized for their hours of community service during their four years at CCHS. **Ben Szymanski** served 347 hours, **Courtney Kornowa** served 370 hours, and **Lauren Eagle** donated 935 hours of her time to community service.



Steve Billmaier

Several scholar-athlete awards carry academic requirements at Central Catholic. The Margaret Mary Volz Scholar Athlete Award and the Tom McHugh Award are presented to one female and one male student who have lettered in at least two sports during their senior year, have maintained at least a 2.0 grade point average after seven semesters, and are the top ranking student athletes. These awards were presented to **Ashley Sujkowski** and **Jordan Duckett**.

The OHSAA Scholar Athlete Awards are given to a senior male and a senior female with the highest grade point average who have received a minimum of four varsity letters in all sports combined. This year's recipients were **MacKenzie Jennings** and **Anne McCarthy**.



Kristen Murnen

The Archie Griffin Sportsmanship Awards were presented to **Jeffery Balogh** and **Kaila Blanchard**.

**Sullivan Center
Court Features
New Floor**

The basketball court in the CCHS Sullivan Center now features a new floor. The floor had endured some water damage in the summer of 2007 and underwent a temporary fix at that time, but it needed a more permanent restoration. In May, Foster Specialty Floors out of Wixom, Michigan began the five-week process of putting in an entirely new floor. The company was the contractor that installed the original floor when the Sullivan Center opened in the fall of 1997.



1942 Graduate Donates Tile to Kranz S.P.A.C.E. Room

In June, **Ray Szymanski '42** donated a sample space tile to the Kranz S.P.A.C.E. room of the Central Catholic Kress Family Library. The room houses the Ambassador of Exploration Award's lunar sample that **Gene Kranz '51** dedicated to CCHS in December of 2007.

Szymanski earned an engineering degree with glass technology from the University of Toledo in 1949. He went to work for Johns Manville in Waterville, Ohio, a manufacturer of building insulation, commercial roofing and roof insulation, and other specialty products. For a time during his career, he and others worked with the manufacturing of fiber samples for Lockheed Missile and Space Company in California, now known as Lockheed Martin. The company used the fiber to develop the heat-resistant tiles on the space shuttle that allow the orbiter to re-enter the atmosphere.

"The fiber could withstand temperatures from minus 170 degrees to 2,500 degrees Fahrenheit without shrinking or cracking," said Szymanski. "There are about 27,000 tiles on a typical shuttle, and no two are exactly alike."

When Szymanski retired from Johns Manville in 1988, he was given three samples of space shuttle tiles that used the fibers he was involved in making. When he saw that Central Catholic was looking for more artifacts to include in the Kranz S.P.A.C.E. room, he decided to donate one of those tiles.



Central Catholic and Whiteford Valley Enter into Revenue Sharing Partnership

Whiteford Valley Golf Club and Central Catholic High School have entered into a revenue sharing partnership. Central Catholic is providing volunteers for daily operation of the West Red Course. Whiteford Valley in turn donates proceeds from the course to the Central Catholic tuition assistance fund.

From now through October 18 at the Whiteford Valley Golf Club West Red Course, you can play 18 holes of golf with a cart for the special price of \$20 or nine holes with a cart for \$14. If you prefer to walk, you can play 18 holes for \$13 or nine holes for \$10. Or choose the "All You Can Play" special (including a cart) after 3:00 p.m. on weekdays for just \$16.

2010 summer leagues are now forming, and special membership rates are available for five-day and seven-day memberships in 2010. Join before December 31, 2009 for a special early-bird price!

The West Red Course is operated out of the "old" clubhouse at 8440 Memorial Highway in Ottawa Lake, Michigan. For more information and tee-time availability, please call 734-854-7713.



Reunion Review

For information on reunions, contact:

For classes prior to 1970:

Mary Pierce at 419-255-2306 ext. 1058
or mpierce@centralcatholic.org

For classes from 1970 and after:

Margaret Simon at 419-255-2306 ext. 1030
or msimon@centralcatholic.org

Out of Town Reunions

If you would like to host or help plan a reunion in your part of the country, please contact **Mary Pierce** or **Pat Williams** at 419-255-2306.

New York – First week in January, 2010

Florida – Week of February 8, 2010

1935

Classmates and friends meet for lunch the third Thursday of every month from February through November at 11:30 a.m. at Crystal's in the Clarion Westgate. Call **Elizabeth Fackelman** at 419-475-7479 with any questions.

1936

Classmates meet the third Thursday of each month for lunch, which is held at various locations. For more information, call **Geneveive Brazzil** at 419-865-0356.

1940

Classmates meet for lunch throughout the year at the Easy Street Café in Downtown Toledo. For the next lunch date, contact Mary Pierce in the Office of Institutional Advancement at mpierce@centralcatholic.org or 419-255-2306 ext. 1058.

1941

Ladies from the class meet twice a year, the first Tuesday in April and October at noon. Location information will be available soon.

1944

Classmates meet twice a year for a reunion lunch. Mailings are sent to local alumni for the spring and fall gatherings. If you are not receiving these mailings and would like to be notified of the luncheons, contact **Ray Murnen** at 419-843-7194.

1945

The class meets for lunch the second Tuesday of the month in January, April, July, and October. Hosts pick the location. A mailing will soon go out to the class with locations and more information for the rest of 2009.

1946

Classmates meet twice a year for a 1:00 lunch at Michael's, 901 Monroe St. (at Michigan). Luncheons are in May and October on the 4th Thursday of the month. To make a luncheon reservation, please contact **Don Calabrese** 734-854-4502 or **Jean Kreuz** 419-472-6996.

1948

The class has reunion luncheons five times a year. For more information, please contact **Joyce (Picott) Armbruster** at 419-754-3520. Reservations are requested one week prior to each luncheon.

1949

The 60th reunion is scheduled for October 10, 2009 at Blessed Sacrament.

1950

For information on future reunions, contact **Joan Rogge** 419-841-4610 or **Delores Roesner** 419-475-8109. The class is planning its 60th reunion and will have a planning meeting. If you are interested in helping, please contact Joan or Delores at the above numbers.

1951

Classmates gather monthly for lunch (except June, July, and August) at Crystal's in the Clarion Westgate. Mark your calendars for the second Tuesday of each month at noon. **Jerry Howard** is the contact and he can be reached at 419-476-9233.

1952

The class is having monthly luncheons on the last Tuesday of every month except December. Classmates and their guests meet at 11:30 at Michael's Restaurant at 901 Monroe St. (southwest corner of Monroe at Michigan in downtown Toledo). Park at the restaurant or across the street and use the Monroe St. entrance. Call **Bill Cassidy** at 419-385-4008 with any questions. Bring your spouse or a friend. The more the merrier!

1954

The class is holding lunches at Shawn's Bar and Grill at Heatherdowns and Key at noon on the first Friday of each month. The class is also organizing its 55th reunion Mass and dinner to be held October 3, 2009 at Heatherdowns Country Club. A mailing will go out to class members at a later date.

1955

The class is meeting for lunch the first Tuesday of each month at noon. Call **Louise (Estrel) Brubaker** at 419-873-5055 for the location.

1959

The first battle between the Fighting Irish and the Knights of St. Francis de Sales for the coveted Irish Knight trophy took place 50 years ago! Players, managers, coaches, and cheerleaders from that 1959 game are invited to reunite to re-ignite the rivalry when the two teams battle at Gallagher Stadium on October 9, 2009. More information will be available soon.

1969

The 40-year reunion is set for October 2 with a tailgate and the football game against Clay High School, and October 3 in conjunction with the football and basketball raffle. The excitement will begin Friday with a tailgate party in Central Catholic's parking lot as the Irish prepare to crush the Eagles of Clay High School. Just \$15 will get you food, drinks and game tickets – not to mention all the camaraderie and nostalgia! The fun continues Saturday evening in the Sullivan Center as we secure our own special party at the athletic benefit raffle. Your ticket, \$45 per person or \$75 per couple, will not only get you in - and provide you with great food and refreshments - but you will also have the opportunity to win some money! Our non-Central Catholic spouses will enjoy all the activities offered too! A special section of the Sullivan Center floor will be gated off at the raffle, and the Fondessy Room will also be reserved that evening for the class. A save-the-date notice has been sent out.

1979

The 30-year reunion events will take place on October 9 and 10, 2009 and the cost will be \$35 per person. On Friday, October 9th at 5:00 p.m., there will be a tailgate party in the parking lot of Central Catholic's Gallagher stadium for the

Reunion Photo Gallery

CCHS vs. St Francis game. The Class of 1979 tent will be set up and there will plenty of food and beverages. The game begins at 7:00 p.m. and you are welcome to bring your family. If you have not yet visited the stadium or have not been to an Irish Knight game for quite some time, we can assure you that this will be big event!

On Saturday, October 10th, there will be a scrambles golf tournament at the Whiteford Valley Golf Club in Ottawa Lake, Michigan. The cost of the golf outing will be \$22. This includes green fees and cart. The number of teams and players per team will depend on attendance. As this will be a scrambles event we encourage golfers of any and all talent to join us. The reunion party will begin at 6:00 p.m. on October 10th. Dinner will be carved beef with alternating dishes served throughout the night, including dessert. Beer, wine, and soft drinks and appetizers included.

Many of the finer details are being put together and we encourage you to direct any questions to the reunion committee at 30reunion1979@gmail.com or by contacting Margaret Simon at 419-255-2306 or msimon@centralcatholic.org.

1984

The class of 1984 will celebrate its 25-year reunion on October 9 and 10. Once plans are set, a mailing will go out to the class. If you do not receive mailings from CCHS, contact the Office of Institutional Advancement at 419-255-2306 or email msimon@centralcatholic.org to update your contact information.

1994, 1999, 2004

These classes will celebrate their reunions this year. Once a date is set, a mailing will be sent to the class. If you do not receive mailings from CCHS, contact the Office of Institutional Advancement at 419-255-2306 or email msimon@centralcatholic.org to update your contact information.



Class Acts

1930s

Eileen (Pleitz) Shriner '39 celebrated 65 years with her husband Don in April. They have four children and eight grandchildren.

1940s

Vincent Ceravolo '41 and his wife Ruth celebrated their 63rd wedding anniversary on May 25. Vincent retired from Jeep after 45 years of service. He and Ruth have seven children, 13 grandchildren, and 15 great-grandchildren.

Patricia (Gentner) Kruger '42 celebrated her 85th birthday on August 24.

Marion (Majchszak) Fowler '45 and her husband Robert celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on May 14. They have four children, seven grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

John O'Shea '46 and **Marie (Stark) O'Shea '48** celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary on August 7. They have five children and 12 grandchildren and will soon have their first great-grandchild.

Mary Margaret (Dullinger) Walby '46 and her husband Herman celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on June 18. They originally resided in Fremont, Ohio but moved to California in 1964. Mary and Herman were blessed for their anniversary at their parish, St. Joseph Church, in Selma, California and were honored by their daughter Regina's special solo of the Ave Maria at the Mass. Regina is choir director at the church. The couple also has two sons, Edward and David, seven grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren.

Gerald "Fuzz" Fazekas '47 and his wife Peg celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on July 18. The couple has three children.

Jack Erd '48 and his wife Beverly celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on April 23. They have four children.

Katie (Limongi) Gasser '48 and her husband Milt celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on June 25. They have eight children, 28 grandchildren, and 9.5 great-grandchildren.

1950s

George J. O'Hara III '51 would like everyone to know that he is alive and well, despite the fact that the 2008 Central Catholic Alumni Directory listed him as deceased! The directory is published by Harris Connect, Inc., and we are not sure how the company obtained the incorrect information. The records at Central Catholic DO NOT indicate that Mr. O'Hara is deceased. But we are happy to clarify this, and we regret any inconvenience that the error may have caused.

Charles Petee '53 and his wife Jessie celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 6. They have two daughters. Charles retired from the U.S. Air Force in 1977 and the U.S. Post Office in 1992.

David Gladieux Sr. '54 and his wife Mary Lee celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on July 11. The couple has four children and six grandchildren. They spent almost 30 years in Bowling Green building several businesses, and have been back living in Toledo since the mid 1990s.

Maryann (Glowczewski) Pakulski '54 celebrated 50 years with her husband Walter on June 27. Maryann is retired from Toledo Public Schools and Walter is retired from Mason Consolidated Schools and from an insurance agency he operated for over 30 years. The couple has seven children and 15 grandchildren.

Carole (Swartz) Cousino '55 and her husband Lawrence celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on April 18. They have a son and a daughter. Carole is retired from Seaway Foodtown.

Shirley (Gould) Moore '55 and her husband Tom celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with family and friends on April 4 in Naples, Florida.

Gerald Crandall '56 and his wife Helen celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in June.

Julieann (Lajti) Durczynski '56 and her husband Ron celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on May 2. They have three children, all CCHS graduates who played

varsity basketball – **David '78**, **Diane Clark '81**, and **Kevin '85**. The couple also has four grandchildren.

Mary (Wettle) Jones '56 and her husband Chuck celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on April 18. They have four children and four grandchildren.

Darlene (Maenle) Williams '56 and her husband Melvin celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on July 31. Darlene is retired from Hillsdale Medical Care and Melvin is a retired computer programmer. The couple has four children and eight grandchildren.

Richard Dietsch '57 and **Suzanne (Girard) Dietsch '58** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on September 5 with a surprise cruise to the Bahamas with all their family members, including three children and seven grandchildren.

Judy (Noonan) Hoffman '58 and her husband Ed celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on August 1. The couple has five children and 14 grandchildren.

Judith (Reed) Snyder '58 celebrated 50 years with her husband Michael on June 20. They have five children, 14 grandchildren, and 1 great-grandson.



Todd Fournier, Mike Schnapp and Frankie Valli

In July, **Mike Schnapp '59** traveled to San Antonio for the

Shriners Imperial Session convention. One of the highlights was a concert by Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons. The concert was great, but the BIG surprise was that **Todd Fournier '83** was one of the Four Seasons. Mike was able to meet with Todd and Frankie Valli backstage after the show, and he informed Todd that he used to work on the football chain gang at Central Catholic games with his father, **Ken "Buzz" Fournier '58**. Todd graduated from CCHS between a couple of Mike's kids - **Jeff '81** and **Jennifer '84**.

1960s

Tom Oess '64 and **Mary Ann (Hawkins) Oess '65** celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on July 18. They have three sons and four grandchildren.

Bob Gabel '65 and his wife Diana marked their 40th wedding anniversary on April 25. The couple has four children, two grandchildren, and two more grandchildren on the way.

Donna (Kranz) Haar '65 is the executive assistant to the dean of the University of Toledo's College of Pharmacy. Her position requires her to plan most of the college's major social and academic events, including commencement ceremonies.

Theresa (Babula) McColl '65 and her husband Charles celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on August 16. Theresa has managed the Stryker Senior Center for the Williams County Department of Aging for 13 years, and Charles is retired from the Fulton County Health Center. The couple has four children and eight grandchildren.

Janice (Kruger) Payne '65 celebrated her 62nd birthday on July 16.

Bob Arquette '66 and **Mary (Ball) Arquette '66** marked their 40th wedding anniversary on August 9. They have three children and nine grandchildren. Bob retired as a vice president at Dana Corporation and now owns a consulting company. Mary is a vice president at Lourdes College.

Sue (Knierim) Kudelka '66 and her husband Bob celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on July 11. The couple has two daughters and one granddaughter. Sue has worked for the University of Toledo for 25 years, and Bob retired from Jeep in 2001.

1970s

Marc Kruger '70 retired in February after teaching for 20 years. He is now a full time musician again.

Georgette (Jankowski) Horlamus '73 celebrated 25 years of marriage with her husband Bernd on May 25. The couple has three sons.

Judy (Newman) Bieber '74 lives outside of the Fort Rucker Army Aviation Base in Alabama where her husband has a civilian contract job. She invites any CCHS alumni or friends that live in the area or are there for training to contact her at 216-849-8003.

Chuck Stein '77 celebrated his 50th birthday while visiting his brother, **Jim Stein '67**, who lives in Hawaii on the island of Oahu. Jim was pleased to have his family visiting for his 60th birthday. The whole family enjoyed the Hawaii trip for other celebrations as well. Chuck and **Lori (Meegan) Stein '79** celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary, their daughter **Maggie '09** graduated in May, and their son **Chuck III '10** will graduate next May. Aloha!

1980s

Michael Myers '83 and his wife Angel celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary on July 28 with an extended trip that included an Alaskan cruise. They have two children, **Thomas '08** and **Anthony '18**. Michael has been coaching CYO football at Little Flower for 15 years.

Charlene (Moody) Smith '88 graduated from the University of Phoenix with a master's degree in education, curriculum and instruction. She is a special education instructor, and her husband is vice president of TransUnion Credit. They have two sons and own CAS Enterprises, LLC.

1990s

Kevin Cooper '91 recently took a new position as department chair for math and science at Colorado Mountain College – Alpine Campus in Steamboat Springs, Colorado. He will also be finishing his doctorate degree in environmental sciences remotely at the South Dakota School of Mines in Rapid City, SD (where he was previously living), completing one more class and his dissertation. Kevin says Steamboat Springs is called "SkiTown USA" and it has some of the best scenery he has ever seen.

Craig Vargo '91 recently moved to Flat Rock, Michigan with his wife and two daughters, ages five and six.

Dr. Jacob Maciejewski '98 married Dr. Cherilyn Shurtz on June 20 at Blessed Sacrament Church in Toledo. Jacob earned his undergraduate degree and his medical degree from the University of Toledo, and he completed his pediatric residency at UT in June. He recently joined Perrysburg Pediatrics in Perrysburg, Ohio. Cherilyn is a pediatrician at PediaCare Associates in Sylvania, Ohio. The couple resides in Toledo.

Colleen Owens '98 is engaged to marry Adam Souder. Colleen graduated from the Ohio State University and is a program manager for System Design Advantage in Columbus. Adam

is a help desk analyst for Online Community Library center in Columbus.

Benjamin Zechinati '98 is engaged to marry Elizabeth Vallance in October. Benjamin has a bio-chemistry degree from the Ohio State University and is a chemist for BASF in Raleigh, North Carolina. Elizabeth is an oncology nurse at Duke University Hospital. They will reside in Chapel Hill, NC.



Tracy Gust and Daniel Lucas

Tracy Gust '99 married Daniel Lucas of Lorain, Ohio on October 11,

2008 at St. Mary's in Sandusky. Members of the bridal party included CCHS alumni **Kelly (Gust) Deisher '96**, **Danny Gust '06**, **Patti (Wholehan) Taylor '98**, and **Lisa Kowalski '99**. The bride's parents are both CCHS alumni as well - **Bernice (Zeiber) Gust '76** and **Daniel Gust '76**. Tracy currently works for Firelands Regional Medical Center while Dan works with his family at Lucas Plumbing & Heating. The couple resides in Sandusky, Ohio.

Rick Jankowski '99 is engaged to marry Paige Chapman on October 10 in Philadelphia. Rick works as a management analyst for the United States Department of the Treasury, and Paige is a senior immunization specialist with GlaxoSmithKline. The couple will reside in Philadelphia.

Nicole (Pollina) Willoughby '99 has been Active Duty military with the U.S Air Force for five years and is currently stationed at Shaw Air Force Base, South Carolina. She was deployed to Iraq once and will be going again in 2010. Nicole has a son, Timothy, who is almost two-years-old.

2000s

Ravi Kumar Perry '01 graduated in May from Brown University in Providence, Rhode Island with a Ph.D. in political science. His dissertation is entitled "Twenty-First Century Black Mayors, Non-Majority Black Cities and the Representation of Black Interests." Ravi received many academic job offers and

accepted a position as a tenure-track assistant professor in the Department of Government and International Relations at Clark University in Worcester, Massachusetts beginning in September 2009.

Anthony Maher '02 is engaged to marry Elyse Ostrowski on October 3 in Toledo. Anthony has a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering technology from the University of Toledo and works at First Solar in Perrysburg. Elyse works at East Point Physical Therapy in Oregon.

Rachel Neeb '02 recently completed a 27-month term of service as a rural health education volunteer for the United States Peace Corps, serving in the small village of Bizdad, Morocco. After returning home in June, she began a summer internship at Adopt America Network, a non-custodial adoption placement agency that seeks to find children in foster care permanent "forever families." Recently she moved back to Columbus, Ohio to pursue a legal education at Capital University Law School, where she was awarded their National Center for Adoption Law and Policy's Adoption Law Fellowship. She will begin her studies this fall.

Brian Taylor '02 is engaged to marry Sarah Kiraly on October 9 on the Hawaiian island of Maui. Brian earned a degree in radiologic technology from the Ohio State University on 2006 and works at Riverside Methodist Hospital in Columbus. He will pursue a

physician's assistant master's degree in 2010. Sarah graduated from OSU in August with a physical therapy degree.

The families of **Todd Mikolajczyk '03**, **Jake Kraus '03**, and **Kevin Kraus '05** would like to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers while the guys have been deployed. Todd and Jake returned last December from their second tour of duty. Kevin is currently on deployment and expected to return in October. Please continue to keep all soldiers in your thoughts and prayers.

Jill Tscherne '03 married Brian Rygalski on June 6 at the Historic Church of St. Patrick. The wedding was celebrated by CCHS president, Fr. Dennis Hartigan. The couple now resides in Perrysburg.

Samantha Mikolajczyk '04 graduated from the University of Toledo with a bachelor's degree in psychology and is currently pursuing a master's in special education.

Alicia Donner '05 attends Creighton University. She attended the Pacific University Undergraduate Philosophy Conference in Portland, Oregon April 17 and 18 where she was asked to present her paper, "Population Control; Financial Incentives, Freedom and the Question of Coercion." Alicia is now in Washington, D.C. as an intern at the Center of Concern working on their ecology and development project.

Jessica Minnfield '05 received the Most Valuable Player award at the University of Michigan women's basketball postseason banquet in April. Jessica was a four-year starter for the Wolverines and the team's career leader in appearances. She was instrumental in the team's wins over nationally-ranked Notre Dame and Vanderbilt this past season. She also earned MVP honors at the Southern Miss Lady Eagle Classic, averaging 16.5 points over two games. Jessica led her team in assists, steals, and free throws and ranked second in points and rebounds. She is third all-time in career assists at UM with 387.

Ellen Herman '06, a senior at Ohio University, was selected as one of 24 collegiate volleyball players from across the nation to lead the U.S. Women's National A2 Program in 2009. The team competed in the Open Division of the 2009 USA Adult Open Championships in May at the Minneapolis Convention Center. Ellen also participated in last year's tournament and led the National A2 Team to its first title in four years. She was the first non-senior in Ohio volleyball history to earn AVCA All-America honors in 2008, and she was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player. Players for the 2009 U.S. Women's National A2 Team were chosen out of 160 athletes who competed in the open tryout.

BABY IRISH

Philip Korczynski '66 and **Anne (Staskiewicz) Korczynski '68** are proud to announce the birth of their first grandchild, Samuel James Korczynski, on April 16, 2009. He is the son of Adrienne and Peter Korczynski.

Amy (Malaska) Raczkowski '91 and **Jim Raczkowski '95** welcomed their first child, Nicholas James, on June 22, 2009.

Tina (McManus) Seney '91 and her husband Josh had their third son, Patrick, on October 29, 2008. Patrick's two brothers are Michael (5) and Joseph (3).

Kurt '97 and **Randi (Hoyt) Walters '96** would like to announce the birth of their first child, daughter Riley Lynn, born February 6, 2009. The happy family resides in West Toledo.

Claire (Best) Edmondson '98 and her husband Lavelle Edmondson welcomed Lily Catherine on October 17, 2008.

Ellen (Best) Mackowiak '98 and her husband **Matt Mackowiak '98** welcomed Benjamin David on August 28, 2009.

Maria (Crowdrey) Engelhardt '98 and her husband Tim had their first child on July 4, 2009. They named their healthy baby girl Genevieve Grace.

Gretchen (Grubb) Sabin '98 and her husband Jerry welcomed William Geoffrey on October 16, 2008. Big brother Joshua was thrilled to welcome Will. Josh and Will are the grandsons of **Geoffrey Grubb '69** and Jenna Grubb and the great-grandsons of the late **Francis Grubb '35** and **Mary (Lanzinger) Grubb '37**.

O'Shea is Living the Good Life



Dennis O'Shea '52 has a genuine joy for life. He is an outgoing, quick-witted gentleman, willing to discuss topics ranging from religion to sports to politics, and anything in between. While many people his age are retired and slowing down, O'Shea seems to be more energetic than ever.

Getting His Start

Dennis grew up on the east side of Toledo, attending Sacred Heart School. Although his brother went to Waite High School, Dennis was able to attend CCHS, where he played

football, basketball, and baseball, and was a class officer. He was also a member of the track team and he competed in hurdles against his brother. Basketball was his best sport, and he was named to the All-City team.

Dennis was offered a college scholarship to play basketball for the Alabama Crimson Tide. His roommate during his freshman year was Bart Starr, who went on to become a legendary Green Bay Packer quarterback. Dennis still keeps in touch with Starr, and when Dennis was inducted into the Central Catholic Athletic Hall of Fame in 2000, Starr sent along a taped introductory speech.

On his way to earning his Bachelor of Science in business administration at Alabama, Dennis found time to not only play basketball, but to participate in the male chorus and the glee club. "I don't know why I didn't try those at CCHS...maybe I just didn't have the time," he says now. "I did have to turn down the role of Jud in *Oklahoma* in college because of basketball. I loved to sing and dance. I actually learned to dance from my mother and her sisters. They used to get all dressed up and dance in a nightclub act at supper clubs when I was a kid. They would spend time in the afternoons teaching us and having us perform for them."

Dennis lettered all four years at Alabama, and at one point his team was ranked second in the nation. Right after college, he was drafted into the Army and stationed in Germany. (If you ever meet Dennis, be sure to ask him about how he and a friend once spent an entire weekend in Germany speaking in German and pretending they did not speak English, all the while completely understanding everything their American dates were saying about them!)

During his two years of active duty with the Army, Dennis played basketball for the U.S. team, competing against other countries. The team played an exhibition game at the Brussels World Fair and had many games against Russian teams. Dennis also served eight years in the active reserves.

Playing With the Pros

Dennis was drafted by the NBA's Philadelphia Warriors after college, but was unable to play for them because of his Army service. The coach of

the Denver Truckers of the NIBL (National Industrial Basketball League) had seen Dennis play in college and looked him up after his Army stint. The NIBL was formed in 1947 to enable mill workers to compete in basketball, and it was made up of teams that did not join the newly formed NBA (National Basketball Association).

Dennis played for the Denver team from 1958 to 1962, and then decided he liked the area so much that he settled there after his playing days. The NIBL became the ABA (American Basketball Association) in 1967, and then merged with the NBA in 1976. The Denver Truckers became the Denver Rockets of the ABA, and the current Denver Nuggets of the NBA.

"Professional basketball players today are so much better than they were then," Dennis says. "There were no games to watch on television and emulate the great moves. There was no Internet, there were no skills camps. You emulated the moves you saw on the courts at your neighborhood park. Players today don't practice free throws like they used to, they don't concentrate on the fundamental skills as much. There is too much individual play in the NBA and not enough team play." That being said, Dennis says he still follows the Denver Nuggets today, and he enjoys watching Carmelo Anthony play.

Still Going Strong

Dennis has been a stock broker for over 30 years with several different companies, and has been with J.P. Turner & Company for the last 10 years. "It can be stressful, but it's a different ball game every day," he says. These days he works on commission and can set his own schedule. He has taken his business savvy from his experiences on the basketball court. "You need to have the knowledge, you have to learn how to come from behind and learn how to protect a lead," he explains.



Dennis actually lives in Littleton, Colorado, about a mile from Columbine High School where the horrible shootings took place 10 years ago. He knew some of the coaches who worked there at the time, and a few of his grandchildren will attend school there next year. Like most residents, he still recalls the day vividly. "It affected the whole town, and it still does," Dennis says. "I was at work when I heard about it. I knew one of the police officers who went in when the incident began, and he said one of the most difficult things about it was not knowing what they were dealing with – who the good guys were and who the bad guys were."

Fortunately, Dennis has many happy memories of living in the area as well. He and his wife Audrey will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on October 3. They have a son who lives in Denver and a daughter who lives about 60 miles away, and each has two children, so they spend a lot of time with family. Dennis also remains active, playing tennis with Audrey, golfing, playing co-ed softball, and participating in a senior basketball league. In fact, his team won the Denver championships and competed in the National Senior Olympics in San Francisco in August. As he explains, "I don't like exercise, but I'll try to play anything. I may not be very good at it, but I'm willing to try it!"

Dennis encourages young athletes to perfect their skills and to take their knowledge of athletic principles into their everyday lives, just as he has. "Athletics can help you, but you can't rely on them entirely," he says. "Be adventurous, try everything, don't be a wallflower. In life, just like in athletics, you need to know the rules and carry them out, you need to practice and work hard, and you can't be a whiner. In other words, you need to have knowledge, skill, hustle, and class."



Larry Fuller Living His Dream

When **Larry Fuller '83** began playing the piano at the age of 10, he never dreamed it would take him on a journey around the world. But the fact that he has played on countless stages with many of the jazz world's best musicians proves that sometimes dreams do come true.

Piano Man

Larry has been working since 2005 as the pianist for the famous guitarist and singer John Pizzarelli. The John Pizzarelli Quartet tours throughout the United States, Europe, and Japan, performing classic pop, jazz, and swing. But the road to his current gig is full of improvisation, much like the jazz music he so loves.

Larry grew up in the old north end of Toledo, attending Stickney Elementary and Riverside Junior High. His introduction to music came when his older brother brought home an old upright piano from a garage sale. He began to play by ear, and then started piano lessons at a music store in East Toledo.

"I always loved music and was drawn to the piano because we had one in our house," recalls Larry. "I soon developed a love for jazz because I loved to improvise. My parents didn't have any jazz music at home, so my first access to jazz recordings was through the Toledo Public Library downtown where I discovered Count Basie, Duke Ellington, Oscar Peterson, and many of my other heroes."

It was in junior high that Larry met his mentor, Floyd "Candy" Johnson, who used to lead a band in Detroit called the Peppermint Sticks. Johnson was a saxophonist who had a program in the Toledo Public Schools called the Toledo All-City Youth Jazz Ensemble. Larry joined the ensemble and learned about jazz from Johnson and began accompanying him to gigs. This led to his professional debut at the age of 14 at a New Year's Eve party.

At Central Catholic, Larry played in the jazz band that met before school, and he took music history and theory classes with Carolyn Seeman. He also landed a steady gig at Rusty's Jazz Café during his last two years of high school, playing every Sunday from 9:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. "I'm not really sure how many teachers knew about that, but I always made it to school on time!" he recalls. He practiced his craft for hours each day and was offered a music scholarship to the University of Miami (Florida), but he turned it down in favor of pursuing a career as a pianist on his own.

Seeing the World

After high school, Larry began performing around Toledo, Detroit, and Ann Arbor. In 1988, he got his first big break when he backed up Grammy-nominated vocalist Ernestine Anderson at Ann Arbor's Bird of Paradise Jazz Club. Anderson was apparently impressed by what she heard because she immediately hired Fuller as her full time accompanist. He relocated to Seattle where Anderson lived, and together they traveled extensively throughout the United States and Japan. He also recorded on her Grammy-nominated album, *Now and Then*.

Larry's impressive resume includes playing with Anderson from 1988 to 1993, then with jazz drummer Jeff Hamilton's trio from 1994 to 2000,



and then with the legendary bassist Ray Brown's trio from 2000 until 2002. "There were also many, many performances along the way with wonderful jazz musicians, some of the great names in jazz, including Stanley Turrentine, Phil Woods, Nicholas Payton, Regina Carter, and many others," he says.

With Jeff Hamilton, Larry toured and recorded several CD's in the U.S. and Europe. He traveled and performed with Ray Brown until Brown passed away in 2002. "The artist I am most proud to have worked with is Ray Brown, who is considered to be the greatest bassist in jazz," Larry says. "I grew up listening to him on recordings with Oscar Peterson, and to be hired by him as the pianist in his trio was a childhood dream realized. He was once married to Ella Fitzgerald and is thought by some audiophiles to be the most recorded musician of all time, having appeared on over 3,000 recordings."

Larry also recorded his own CD, *Easy Walker*, with Ray Brown on bass and Jeff Hamilton on drums. He has toured Europe extensively many times, as well as Japan and Brazil. He has appeared twice on *Late Night With Conan O'Brien* and also appeared on the *Tony Danza Show*. He has performed at the Kennedy Center, Lincoln Center in New York City, the Hollywood Bowl, and many prestigious concert halls in Europe and Japan, and he has performed on national television in Brazil, Japan, Germany, and Holland.

Although many of the jazz greats that Larry has played with may be lesser known to the general public, some of the better-known artists he has worked with include Bette Midler and Gladys Knight. With the John Pizzarelli Quartet, he has performed for the last two years at Midler's gala picnic for her foundation that revitalizes impoverished areas in New York City, and she has joined the group on stage for several songs.

His involvement with Gladys Knight was through John Clayton, a famous arranger from Los Angeles. Larry accompanied Clayton to Knight's home in Las Vegas so they could put all of Knight's songs into the appropriate keys before writing arrangements for a big band that

was to play behind her. "She was very sweet and down to earth, and it was fascinating to be in her home with all the gold records on the walls," Larry remembers.

CCHS Connections

About two years ago, Larry had an interesting experience that proved how extensive the Central Catholic High School connection can be. He was performing as a headliner in the remote city of Nairn, Scotland at the Nairn Jazz Festival when he encountered fellow alumnus **Duke Heitger '86**. "Duke is a terrific musician and he used to come and hear me play at Rusty's," Larry recalls. "He plays a different style of jazz than I do - an older, more Dixieland style - whereas I play a more modern style. But here we were, two musicians who grew up in Toledo and we both went to Central Catholic, and we were performing at the same festival halfway around the world in a little town in Scotland near Loch Ness. I think we represented Toledo and CCHS well that day!"

Larry says he is grateful to Central Catholic for giving him a terrific education and for having a tuition assistance program that allowed him to attend. He is also glad that **Fr. Marty Donnelly '56**, who was the CCHS president at the time, was kind enough to allow him to continue playing with his mentor, Candy Johnson, in the All-City Youth Jazz Ensemble even though it was a public school program.

Larry now lives in Manhattan and continues to tour with Pizzarelli, as well as appearing at festivals, clubs, and jazz parties around the world. He encourages any young musician to find a mentor as he did, to be persistent, and to practice, practice, practice in order to become successful. He says, "Even though I grew up very poor in the north end of Toledo, I found my passion in the piano, and it has taken me beyond my wildest dreams."





International Baccalaureate Programme Begins at CCHS

new chapter in Central Catholic's academic history, with continuing education programs and professional development that kept them very busy over the summer months.

Thirteen juniors have the honor of becoming the first Central Catholic students enrolled in the IB program. They were officially welcomed to the program by Fr. Hartigan with a luncheon at the Toledo Club on August 27. Their teachers include **Adele Dahlin** – IB Coordinator/ Language, **Mary Sue Timar** – Second Language, **Ann HajIbrahim** and **Christina Florence** – Experimental Sciences, **Brenda Waters** – the Arts, **Peg Huntebrinker** and **Jeff Hartman** – Mathematics, **Brian Clark** – Individuals and Societies, **Judy Siferd** – Extended Essay, **Brian Clark** and **Dave Wayton** – Theory of Knowledge, and **Josette McCarthy** – Creativity, Action, and Service Coordinator.

Students and Administrators Travel from

Last February, Central Catholic High School announced its designation as an International Baccalaureate World School. We are the first school in Northwest Ohio and the first Catholic school in the entire state of Ohio to earn this distinction.

The International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Programme is a challenging two-year curriculum, primarily aimed at students aged 16 to 19. Completing the program leads to qualification that is widely recognized by the world's leading universities. The IB Diploma Programme is recognized around the world and ensures an increased adaptability and mobility for its students. Many colleges and universities offer credit for completion of the IB curriculum.

The IB program prepares students for college and encourages them to ask challenging questions, learn how to learn, develop a strong sense of their own identity and culture, and develop the ability to communicate with and understand people from other countries and cultures.

"Part of the mission of the International Baccalaureate Organization is to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect," said CCHS principal Michael Kaucher. "We too at Central Catholic feel very strongly about this. These are characteristics that we hope all Central Catholic graduates will possess in this 21st Century."

When classes began this fall, students in the IB Diploma Programme began their course of study. Teachers and administrators prepared at length to begin this



Mike Kaucher |

Chemistry teacher Ann HajIbrahim said, "I'm very excited to work with students to expand their knowledge of chemistry and how it affects the world we live in. I hope the students will gain insight into how other schools, particularly in Europe and Asia, approach learning, and how the business community utilizes the skills our students will be acquiring."

Central Catholic is offering Chinese as its IB program language, and the class is being taught by Jessie Zhou, a teacher provided by the University of Toledo Confucius Institute.

Chinese Tour

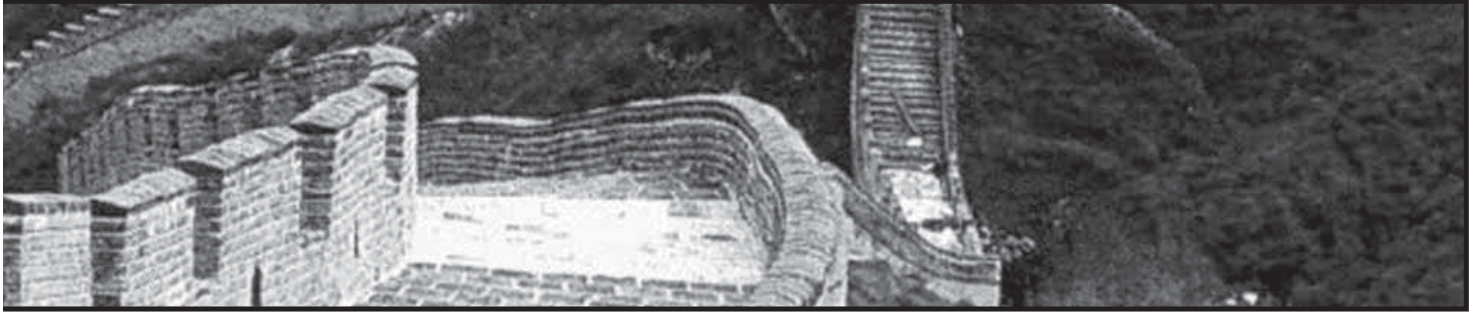
In preparation for adding the study of Chinese to the Central Catholic curriculum, principal **Michael Kaucher** and director of curriculum **Marie Arter**

traveled to China in June. They were among 400 U.S. educators who participated in a one-week educational tour to learn about Chinese culture and language in an effort to build and expand Chinese language programs in U.S. schools. The event represented a rare opportunity for school decision-makers to experience China firsthand, learn about the culture, and see the dramatic pace of change under way in the world's most populated nation. The trip took place from June 22 through



Marie Arter |





July 1 and was sponsored by Hanban/Confucius Institute Headquarters in partnership with the College Board. Established by the Chinese government in 1987, Hanban is the nation's official agency authorized to promote Chinese language and culture internationally. Beyond the benefit of cultural enrichment, the tour was also expected to provide incentives and strategies for the educators to return to the United States better able to support the growth of Chinese programs in their own schools and districts.

During the trip, educators had an opportunity to meet with Chinese education leaders, build sister school and city ties, and network with other U.S. school leaders who are bringing Chinese language programs to their districts and schools. Delegates visited Beijing and traveled in small groups to other cities and provinces to meet with local education commissions.

Cherry Street to China

“The trip helped me to focus on the similarities between the United States and China in this global community,” Ms. Arter said.

Bridge Summer Camp

From July 15 to 31, six Central Catholic students, a CCHS teacher, and a student from Ottawa Hills High School also traveled to China to participate in the Chinese Bridge Summer Camp for U.S. High School Students. The Central Catholic students, who are all a part of the International Baccalaureate program, include **Danielle Barnes, Elizabeth Burnard, Connor Langenderfer, Jason Mossing, Zachary Sullivan, and Gabrielle Vasquez**. They were accompanied by CCHS French teacher, **Mary Sue Timar**, and Ottawa Hills student, Sean Stein.

The Chinese Bridge Summer Camp is designed to promote exchange between the youth of China and the United States and enhance the understanding of U.S. high school students of Chinese language and culture, thus to stimulate their interest in Chinese learning. During their trip, the Central Catholic students studied in traditional classrooms, participated in various sports and cultural activities, and took in various Chinese historical points of interest. The students’ trip was also sponsored by Hanban/Confucius Institute Headquarters.

Gabrielle Vasquez said she wanted to be a part of the Chinese Bridge program because it was a once in a lifetime opportunity to experience another country while being with friends. “It was exciting to make new friends and meet new people, and to see what our cultures have in common and how they are different,” she



explained. One of her favorite parts of the trip was visiting the Great Wall of China and seeing the landscape. Vasquez is also looking forward to the challenges of the International Baccalaureate Programme and is proud to be a member of the first class at CCHS. She feels that the course of study may be difficult, but it also may be more balanced than AP classes because it involves the entire curriculum and not just a few classes. She is especially looking forward to psychology and theater arts.



Sharing Our Humanity

The IB program has a community theme that is intended to serve as a focus for the IB World Schools. Each theme lasts for three years. The current theme, “Sharing Our Humanity,” aims to capture the excellent initiatives that are already underway in many schools. With this theme, the IB program hopes to encourage and inspire new activities in and out of the classroom around topics such as global poverty, education for all, peace and conflict, global infectious diseases, uneven access to information and communication technologies, and disasters and emergencies.

Central Catholic has introduced this theme to its IB teachers and it will be integrated into each subject area as opportunities arise. For example, Adele Dahlin’s IB English students’ summer assignment was to read some folk or fairy tales from other cultures. The students had to summarize each tale and identify the problem or conflict the protagonist faces and what resources he or she uses to solve that problem. In the follow-up assignment, they will write an essay about the similarities and differences in stories from different cultures, discussing themes and issues of humanity that seem to be universal, and analyzing how and why differences exist and how those can be valid too.

“The Sharing Our Humanity theme was already at work during the CCHS students’ recent trip to China,” said Mary Sue Timar. “It was edifying to see our students’ interaction with our Chinese hosts in the school, on the playground, and with their host families.”

In Memoriam

Alumni

William F. Chestnut 1934
 Robert F. Degnan 1934
 Rebecca J. Staeger 1936
 Marvin W. Pauly 1938
 Robert L. Coe 1939
 Helen L. Rogers Goergen 1940
 Casimir S. Rejent Jr. 1940
 Ellen K. Kilcorse Muehleise 1941
 Vincent R. Richard 1941
 Geraldine A. Stern DeCola 1942
 Norman H. Miller 1943
 Kenneth E. Brancheau 1944
 Patricia O'Brien Cavalier 1944
 Frank J. Comte 1945
 Mary C. Wimmer Walsh 1945
 George L. Smith 1947
 Alvin R. Turski 1947
 Richard E. Zak 1947
 Meredith Paul "Pete" Price 1948
 Nancy M. Halm Thompson 1948
 Gerald J. Aubry 1949
 Norma Jean Grimes Rensch 1949
 Robert H. Sturdevant 1949

Mary Anne Fellman Tillman 1949
 Lemuel G. Cousino 1952
 Michael P. Dansack 1952
 Patrick Mattimoe 1952
 Angela B. Cukierski Ruth 1955
 Susan M. Keller High 1956
 Kenneth Power 1956
 Susan V. Sieja 1957
 Evelyn Hernacki Sonbay 1957
 Susan R. Osborne Wagoner 1957
 Cynthia M. Williams Galloway 1959
 John Gratop 1960
 Thomas A. Matthews 1960
 Robert L. Walters 1960
 David F. Gould 1963
 Gerald A. Reardon 1964
 Raymond A. Erd 1967
 Christine M. Bogucki Shnider 1968
 Linda A. Sadowski 1970
 Charles Szyperski 1976
 Elizabeth I. Weir 1998

Friends

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 Grace Beavers
 Martha Beck
 James Buckenmeyer
 Robert J. Burns
 Albert Cody
 Dr. Beverly A. Copper-Butler
 Patricia Dossat
 Mary Ann Hendricks Dykas
 Robert L. Fondessy
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 Edward Jepson
 Cathy Johnson
 Howard Butch Komives
 Stanley J. Kozlowski
 Stephen R. Krauser
 Rita Kunisch
 Betty Jane Laux
 Joseph Lisiakowski
 Sheila D. Donovan Malone
 Kathryn M. Dayton Marchal

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 Floyd E. Perkins
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 Glen D. Reeck
 Kenneth A. Reihing
 Henry B. Rumschlag
 James Schramm
 Ronald L. Schuele
 Richard Sheline
 John J. Stadler
 Gretchen L. Taylor
 James J. Waganfeald
 Dorothy H. Wiegand
 Frances Violet Willard
 Robert B. Williams
 Stella Wodarczyk

This column lists the CCHS alumni and friends that we have lost since the last issue of *Scarlet and Gray*. If you have any names to add to the In Memoriam list, please contact **Margaret Simon** at 419-255-2306 ext. 1030 or email msimon@centralcatholic.org.

Please remember Central Catholic High School in your will.

Honorary Diploma for Gerald Bollin

At the commencement ceremony for the Class of 2009, Gerald Bollin was posthumously presented with an honorary Central Catholic diploma. Bollin was attending CCHS just after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. Many young men who were in high school at the time wanted to defend their country.

During his sophomore year at Central Catholic when he was 17-years-old, Bollin enlisted in the U.S. Navy with his parents' consent. He served on the Aircraft Carrier *Omanney Bay*, which sank on January 4, 1945 in the Sulu Sea after a Japanese kamikaze aircraft attack. Bollin survived that day, but 93 of his shipmates did not.

Since Mr. Bollin left Central Catholic to serve his country, he was not able to receive a diploma. Central Catholic chose to present an honorary diploma to his widow, **Bernadette (Holzer) Bollin '43**. Senior **Grant Bollin**, who is Gerald Bollin's grandson, escorted his grandmother to the altar to receive the honorary diploma from Fr. Dennis Hartigan at the ceremony.



Appreciation Dinner Scheduled for October

The Central Catholic Appreciation Dinner will be held October 11 at noon at the Pinnacle. This celebration honors recipients of the Golden Shamrock Award, the Order of the Celtic Cross, the President's Medallion, and the Fidelitas Award.

This year's recipients include:

Golden Shamrock

William F. Boyle '48

Order of the Celtic Cross

John Payak, III '72

Joseph L. Braker '68

Dr. Geoffrey J. Grubb '69

Jennifer (Brickner) Sugg '97

President's Medallion Award

Thomas J. Mitchell

Shelly M. Murnen

Crissie M. Frye '76

Fidelitas Award

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If you are interested in attending the Appreciation Dinner, please contact Mary (McCarty) Pierce '65 at 419-255-2280 or email mpierce@centralcatholic.org.

A Classy Assist

Last fall, the *Scarlet and Gray* ran an item about **Jack Graham '49** who said he had lost the Chi Rho from his CCHS class ring. He was wondering if anyone had an old ring that he could buy to replace the missing part of his ring.

Luckily for Jack, **Joseph Baumie '51**, who lives in South Carolina, was able to help him out. After seeing our article, Baumie contacted Graham in Indiana and arranged to send the piece from his own class ring to Graham. Baumie says he hasn't worn his ring since he got one from the University of Notre Dame, so he took it to a jeweler and had the Chi Rho taken off and sent it to Graham. Instead of accepting money from Graham for the ring, he suggested that Graham make a donation to the Central Catholic Monsignor Harrington Scholarship, which he did.

Yearbooks Wanted!

If you have yearbooks from your years at Central Catholic that you no longer need, or if a family member or friend has passed away and you don't know what to do with their old CCHS yearbooks, please feel free to donate them to Central Catholic.

We have many alumni who were not able to afford yearbooks when they attended CCHS and they are looking for them now. Currently, we have several requests for yearbooks from the 1950s, especially 1952. We also have a small supply of extra yearbooks on hand from a variety of years that are available to interested alumni for a small donation.

Contact the Central Catholic Office of Institutional Advancement at 419-255-2306 for more information.

INTRODUCING...

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Grand Prize -- \$5,000

Second Prize -- \$3,000

Third Prize -- \$1,500

Five Monthly Drawings -- \$200

The raffle concludes with a March 17, 2010 drawing. Proceeds support tuition assistance. Contact the CCHS Office of Institutional Advancement at 419-255-2306 for details.



Students Experience Life in the Medical Field

Central Catholic High School and St. Vincent Mercy Medical Center have recently teamed up to offer mentoring opportunities for students who may be interested in medical careers.

Central Catholic students have been shadowing Dr. David Ledrick, Assistant Residency Director in the St. Vincent Department of Emergency Medicine. According to Dr. Ledrick, he came up with the idea of a high school mentoring project as a way to give the students a better idea if they want to pursue medicine and to show them what interns and residents do.

“They see real people who are actually doing this,” says Dr. Ledrick. “A kid may be interested in biology or chemistry and they may be directed toward medicine, but unless they actually see what goes on clinically, they may not realize if this is what they really want to do. Medicine is a big commitment. What a tragedy it would be to get there and then realize that’s not what you want to be doing.”

Although the students have shadowed emergency room residents, the experiences do not take place solely in the ER. Residents also rotate in other areas such as trauma, neurosurgery, and ICU, so the students have an opportunity to see what goes on in other departments as well.



“This is valuable for the students, but there is also something of value for the residents here who do the mentoring,” Dr. Ledrick says. “They can remember why it was exciting for them to get into this in the first place.”

Senior **Kate LePla** had the opportunity to shadow Dr. Ledrick in the emergency room last spring. She saw a patient in cardiac arrest and helped when a child who was in a car accident

was having his vitals taken, and she witnessed an ultrasound. She decided to participate in the mentoring program because she is interested in a health care career, possibly as an OB/GYN. “Everything was very fast-paced and I learned a lot,” said LePla. “I was always seeing something new. I was wearing scrubs, and at one point they thought I was a resident and they wanted me to get in there and be more active with the patients!”

Dr. Ledrick would like to see this mentoring program continue and become a routine part of the St. Vincent Mercy residency program.

Several students from Central Catholic also attended a research day at St. Vincent Mercy Medical Center in May. The students were paired up with medical students from the hospital’s CORE program and they took a tour of the hospital and the LifeFlight area. They also listened to a speaker and had an opportunity to ask questions.

Benefit Concert is a BIG Hit

A group of Central Catholic High School students, parents, alumni, and the community are continuing efforts to see that the Brian Clark family gets a home makeover “Irish Style.” On May 1, a benefit concert featuring Grammy nominated *Sanctus Real* was held at Central Catholic’s Sullivan Center. Proceeds from the concert have been used to provide a kitchen renovation for the Clark family. Approximately 1,000 people attended the benefit concert and \$20,000 was raised to help in the renovation efforts.

Mr. Clark had a chance to appear on stage at the concert to publicly thank everyone involved in this undertaking for his family, and he also sent a heart-felt note to everyone on the faculty and staff at CCHS. “It has been humbling and even a little embarrassing for (my wife) Sue and I...but we are so very grateful for all that has been done for us,” he said. “The concert was the culmination of things that have been

going on for over a year here because of the parents, students, faculty, and staff of Central Catholic High School. You are the best! Thank you, thank you, thank you!”



CCHS parent Ann Eckles, director of enrollment management Jonie Jackson, and English teacher/IB program coordinator Adele Dahlin

On July 24 and 25, several faculty and staff members from Central Catholic, as well as some students and other members of the community, began the kitchen renovations by cleaning and removing appliances, cabinets, counter tops, ceiling tiles, drywall, and flooring. Then a professional contractor took over and completed the renovation.

To date, the CCHS community has successfully completed the roof replacement, the replacement of the main sewer line from the Clarks’ home to the street, and upgrades to the electrical system throughout the home. The kitchen was finished in August, and painting of the home exterior was expected to be complete in September.

Central Catholic Club Honors Flag

Last fall, Central Catholic American History and Government teacher **Tony Katafiasz '93** created the Old Glory Club with the goal of bringing more honor to the American flag. Club members care for the flag in front of the school building and learn proper procedures for handling the flag, as well as why certain things are done the way they are. Katafiasz is a Marine Corps veteran who served at Camp LeJeune, North Carolina from 1993 to 1997.

When he originally formed the club, Katafiasz was also hoping to raise

money to build a memorial at the base of the flag listing deceased CCHS alumni who were veterans. Recently, a newspaper article has helped the club's cause.

On Memorial Day, the *Toledo Blade* ran a story about **Mary (Grey) Worden '57** who has been placing a flag on the grave of **Vito Bruno '60** at Calvary Cemetery in Toledo since she met Bruno's mother there more than 10 years ago. Worden happened to be placing a flag on the grave of her mother and father at the time, and Bruno's mother asked her where she had gotten the flag. Bruno was killed in Vietnam when he was only in his 20s. Worden gave her flag to Bruno's mother that day at the cemetery, and each year since then, she and her husband have placed a flag on his grave. They also sweep off the marker and trim the grass around it.

Worden says she never ran into Bruno's mother again, but she did see that she passed away several years after their meeting. So she and her husband, William, began caring for the mother's grave each year as well.

This year, it became difficult for Worden to follow through on her placement of the flag on Bruno's grave. She never learned to drive, and her husband is in hospice care. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on May 9. One of her husband's hospice

caretakers offered to deliver the flag for her this year.



Worden has been communicating with many others serving in the military over the years, and she has scrapbooks of letters and photographs detailing their communications. As she told the *Blade*, "It is our duty to remember veterans and make sure they are recognized for what they do for our country. My belief is honor above all."

Although many volunteers place flags on the graves of veterans each Memorial Day, many

graves get missed because cemetery records are incomplete. Worden wants to make sure that a flag continues to be placed on Vito Bruno's grave each year, so she contacted Central Catholic to see if any students would be able to help out.

Students in the Old Glory Club were more than willing to take on the task. To honor all deceased alumni who have served our country, Katafiasz and members of the club are planning to drive to local cemeteries to place flags on the gravesites for Veteran's Day and Memorial Day.

"If anyone reading this has a deceased family member, classmate, or friend who graduated from Central Catholic and served in the military, I would appreciate having those names sent to me so I can verify them and get them on the list," Katafiasz says.

Since the *Blade* ran the article on Memorial Day, the Old Glory Club has received not only recognition, but also several donations to help with the costs of the flag placement and the planned memorial.

To make a donation to the Old Glory Club or to have a name added to the list, contact:

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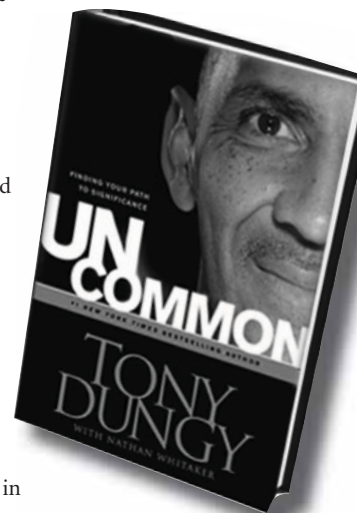
On March 9, 2010, Central Catholic will welcome Coach Tony Dungy, author of the *New York Times* best seller *Quiet Strength*, as the featured speaker in the CCHS Reads program. Coach Dungy will address the student body after they have read his January 2009 book, *Uncommon, Finding Your Path to Significance*.

The CCHS Reads program began at Central Catholic during the 2006-07 school year to encourage students to read for fun. In the program, teachers and students read the same book and then study it as it is incorporated into classroom lessons. CCHS Reads is designed to promote lifelong reading by encouraging students to read and discuss an author's work before and after the author visits the school for an all-school assembly.

Coach Dungy is a former professional football player and NFL coach. He played for the Pittsburgh Steelers, San Francisco 49ers, and New York Giants. Dungy was head coach of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers from 1996 to 2001 and the Indianapolis Colts from 2002 to 2008. He became the first African-American head coach to win the Super Bowl when the Colts defeated the Chicago Bears in 2007. He retired from coaching in January of 2009.

In his book, *Uncommon*, Dungy reveals lessons on achieving significance, particularly focusing on what it means to be a man of significance in a culture that is offering young men few positive role models.

Coach Dungy is graciously spending time with us because he was impressed with the CCHS Reads program and our commitment to connecting students with books and authors. More details about the day's events will be available in January.



Meet Our Faculty **Lisa Hunter** English Department



Lisa Hunter grew up in Springfield, Ohio and East Liverpool, Ohio. She attended St. Theresa Catholic Grade School in Springfield until the seventh grade. Her family then moved to East Liverpool, where she attended eighth grade at St. Aloysius Catholic Grade School. She went to East Liverpool High School for her freshman through junior years. Her family returned to Springfield after her junior year and she finished her high school career at Springfield North High School.

Lisa has a B.E. in secondary education with a specialization in English from the University of Toledo. She spent 10 years teaching eighth grade language arts at St. Patrick of Heatherdowns before coming to CCHS five years ago. "The position came about through the grace of the Holy Spirit," says Lisa. "I had always had a little high school English teacher in my heart screaming to get out. Right before the school year started, an English position opened up at CCHS. I was in the right place at the right time in many ways."

Lisa has taught college preparatory American Literature, freshman and junior standard English, and creative writing at Central Catholic. "I believe that learning is a holy journey," she explains. "The more we learn, the more we wonder at the majesty and miracle that surrounds us because of God's love. We all have been blessed with the capacity to learn in our own unique ways. As a teacher minister, I hope that I am able to help my students find their learning strengths and use them to start on their paths to becoming life-long learners."

What makes CCHS special, according to Lisa, is the family feeling and everything that goes along with it - the spirit, the kindness and compassion, the service to others, the laughter and energy.

"I have been married to the wonderful Donald Hunter for 14 years this past July," Lisa says of her life outside of school. "He works at Fermi Nuclear Power Plant and is a Sergeant in the Army National Guard. When we have free time together you will find us working in the yard, doing home projects, or off in nature hiking and looking for turtles. In my solo spare time I enjoy running, cycling, yoga, reading, writing and wandering aimlessly outdoors. My husband and I also spend some of our time in the summer at our family trailer on the shores of Lake Erie. There is nothing like watching the sun set in the evening and then enjoying your morning cup of coffee down on the beach with the rhythm of the waves."

Meet Our Staff **Denise Usher** Pastoral Counselor



Denise (Guy) Usher is one of the many staff members at Central Catholic who are also alumni. She was born in Toledo and attended St. Francis de Sales grade

Denise started working at Central Catholic in 1994 as the dean of women, and then later was asked by Fr. Billian to take over the position of pastoral counselor. The position has evolved over the years, and Denise says each day is different. "Our youth today are faced with many issues and responsibilities," she explains. "Sometimes children get caught in the middle of so much emotional stress that school suffers. Between the Intervention Assistance Team (IAT)) and myself, a plan is developed to assist the student."

Some of the issues that Denise helps students with include divorce, family violence, drug and alcohol abuse, death, family illness, and returning to school after long illnesses. She visits hospitals, homes, funeral homes, treatment centers, etc. - whatever it takes to help get a student on track. Along with her other duties, Denise and school nurse **Jan Florian** facilitate grief support groups and a support group for students diagnosed with depression.

"I am not the authority on anything," Denise says of her CCHS position. "Sometimes people, parents, students need someone to give them hope until the crisis and pain lessen. Partnering with parents is essential. So there are lots of meetings and communication. I absolutely love what I do. The kids keep me feeling young, the parents show me their love for their children.

I never judge parenting skills. We all do what we can do on any given day with the tools and resources we have available. Some have many tools, some have none. My ear is always willing to listen when a student or parent is in need."

Being able to work at Central Catholic is also very special to Denise. "Coming to CCHS felt like I came home," she says. "It is comforting to be able to work and practice my faith in the same place."

The support of the Central Catholic community also meant a lot to Denise when she went through a difficult time of her own. Her husband died unexpectedly three years ago. She was grateful that she could put her daughter, Elizabeth, in the CCHS grief support group, but she felt unable to facilitate the group herself. So another counselor took her place for the entire year. "That is the CCHS family," Denise says.

Denise has two children - **John '00** and **Elizabeth '08** - and a 17-month-old granddaughter. John went on to graduate from the University of Cincinnati and lives in Columbus, Ohio. Elizabeth is starting her second year at the University of Toledo.

school downtown, and she graduated from CCHS in 1968. During high school, she earned a varsity letter for bowling and was a member of the National Honor Society. Denise went on to earn bachelor and master's degrees from Bowling Green State University. Her undergraduate degree is in speech pathology and audiology, and her graduate degree is in higher education with a concentration in counseling.

Denise has always worked with adolescents. Over the years she has worked at Children's Services, Juvenile Court, and as the lead counselor on the adolescent unit at the Toledo Hospital Alcohol and Drug Treatment Center. Before coming to CCHS, she worked for a short time in the schools office at the Catholic Diocese.

Meet Our Students

CARLEE GAJDOSTIK Freshman

Carlee attended Regina Coeli School where she was on the honor roll and participated in student government. She was a member of the art club, the basketball team, and the volleyball team. She was also a safety guard and she served at school Masses.

Carlee is a member the Lady Irish volleyball team and would also like to play basketball at CCHS. She chose Central Catholic because she had been to some of the events and wanted to be a part of the Irish spirit she witnessed. She likes the size of the school, that it is Catholic and co-ed, and that it has good academic and sports programs.

Carlee has a 19-year-old sister who attended Cardinal Stritch High School, and a five-year-old sister who is in Kindergarten at Regina Coeli.



GINAE BLUITT Sophomore

Ginae is a member of the Lady Irish basketball program, and she earned a varsity letter with the track team. She competes in the 100-meter and 200-meter dashes and some of the relays, and her relay team advanced to district competition last season. Ginae was on the honor roll all four quarters of her freshman year. Her favorite class last year was English with Ms. Dahlin because she explains the concepts very well and makes learning easy and interesting.

During the summer, Ginae works at the Steve Mix Basketball Academy where she keeps score for teams that come in to play. In the future, she hopes to attend Stanford because that is where her father went to college. She would like to study pharmacy.

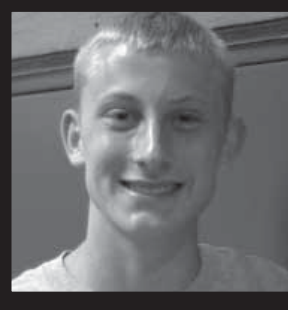


TOMMY MCNICHOL Junior

Tommy plays football for the Fighting Irish and is also a member of the track team where he participates in the 1600-meter run, the 800-meter run, and the 4x800 relay. He has been on the honor roll every quarter at CCHS. His two older brothers also attended CCHS – Ryan '97 and Mark '01.

He works as a volunteer at Hospice of Northwest Ohio. His duties include taking care of Sam the therapy dog, getting ice water for residents and filling the bird feeders by their windows, talking with and listening to residents, delivering flowers to the rooms, and helping young family members in the craft room.

Tommy says his favorite teacher at Central Catholic has been Mr. Torrence, who he had for anatomy class. Mr. Torrence makes the subject interesting and enjoyable to learn. Tommy hopes to attend the Ohio State University in the future, but is undecided about what he would like to study.



PAUL LINDER Senior

Paul is a member of the Central Catholic Glee Club. He has also participated in student council and is a member of the Fighting Irish track team. He is on the honor roll. Paul is also a member of the CCHS Men's Club, which is a social club whose members attend sporting events, hang out, and make a lot of chili.

Outside of school, Paul belongs to the youth group at St. Rose Parish in Perrysburg and is on the group's planning committee, the Parish Youth Council. He is a very capable handyman and often does work for his neighbors, including carpeting, drywall, and electrical projects. One of his main hobbies is working on cars, and he loves to take things apart and put them back together.

Paul was involved in the YES Project through the Toledo Diocese. He was among 140 teenagers who spent four days participating in daily Mass and other spiritual activities while also doing service work for people in need. His service project was painting the interior of an elderly woman's house.

Paul's favorite teachers at CCHS have been Mrs. Barrow because of the amount of time he spends with the Glee Club, and Mr. Smith, who makes biology class fun by telling stories and jokes that help students remember the concepts they need to learn. Paul is currently deciding between two college opportunities – aeronautical engineering at the University of Toledo and the pre-dental program at Belmont Abbey in Belmont, North Carolina.

Meet Our Coach Joe Hoppe Boys' Soccer



Joe Hoppe has been coaching varsity soccer for the Fighting Irish since the 1991-1992 season. He grew up in Point Place and attended Ottawa River Elementary and Leverette

Junior High, and he graduated from Cardinal Stritch High School. He went on to earn a business degree specializing in marketing and industrial sales from the University of Toledo.

Joe says that he and the other soccer coaches at CCHS expect the players to continually put forth the necessary mental and physical effort that will help them improve and gain success individually and as a team. "The players need to prepare on their own so we can work with them on the details and on team strategies and actions," he explains. "The team program is first. We also look to improve within each season. Our success is based on these things, so if we do this, then most years we will see wins in our league and in tournament play."

Joe says that the two most memorable teams from his coaching years are from his first two years at CCHS. "The teams in 1991-92 and 1992-93 stand out because they were my first teams," he says. "The players had confidence, wanted to work, and wanted to be successful.

We had a great bond. The second year's team won the most games in a season at CCHS - 13. It was very much team oriented play, and the players overall were good individually. But with those years and every one after, what stands out are the many players that affected me in some positive way and remain in my thoughts. Far too many to list - but I'm fortunate that I still get to see so many of them. There have also been some memorable wins throughout the years, a few league championships, and many, many team and individual awards, on the field and academically."

The Irish soccer team has received the All-Ohio Academic Award from the Ohio Scholastic Soccer Coaches Association (OSSCA) for the last eight years - since the award's inception. The award is given to varsity soccer teams in Ohio that are members of the OSSCA and have attained a cumulative team grade point average of at least a 3.0 while competing on the field. The team has also earned the district sportsmanship award twice, and Hoppe has been named league Coach of the Year three times and district Coach of the Year four times.

Joe is a soccer player himself. He started playing the game in fifth grade in the Point Place Soccer League. His high school did not have a team, so he played travel soccer for a Toledo team called the Rovers. Two of his teammates were CCHS government and economics teacher **Larry Nester '86** and vice president of institutional advancement **Pat Williams '87**. From 1986 through the late 1990s, Joe played for the Hungarian Soccer

Club in the Toledo Men's League and has since played for the Bavarian Sports Club. He had to take a little time off about a year and a half ago for a partial knee replacement, but he was able to get back on the playing field.

Joe began coaching at CCHS right out of college. Prior to that, his coaching experiences included a Point Place house league, local soccer camps, and helping with basketball and girls' soccer at Maumee Valley Country Day School. At Central Catholic, Joe says he sees a strong environment for the students to learn and grow. "Not just academically, but socially, because CCHS has kids from so many different areas and experiences," he explains. "I've seen the kids 'get it.' They interact, they fall into this melting pot."

Although Joe coaches for Central Catholic, he actually has a "day job" with Dana Holding Corporation. His office is located at the technology building in Maumee, and he works in communication and marketing as a manager of web content and policies. He also works in business intelligence, helping to analyze markets, customers, and competitors globally.

Outside of work and coaching, Joe likes to exercise and loves animals. He has a golden retriever named Maizey Blue. He also enjoys soulful jazz and hard rock music like Led Zeppelin, Bad Company, and Rush, and he likes reading, especially history and mysteries.

Athletes Sign Letters of Intent

Eleven Central Catholic High School student athletes signed national letters of intent for college on May 22. The group includes members of the Fighting Irish baseball, basketball, golf, softball, track, volleyball, and wrestling teams.

The following athletes signed:

• Kelsey Arnold	West Liberty State University	Volleyball
• Jordan Duckett	Tiffin University	Wrestling
• Phil Dysard	Tiffin University	Baseball
• Kenny Heban	Tiffin University	Baseball
• Bruce Huntley	Owens Community College	Basketball
• Anne McCarthy	University of Notre Dame	Track
• Ashley Sujkowski	Ohio Northern University	Softball
• Megan Weissenberger	Ohio Wesleyan University	Volleyball
• Ashleigh Whitacre	Owens Community College	Softball

A HOLY WAR
 CENTRAL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
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 50 YEARS OF THE IRISH KNIGHT

A Holy War

When the Fighting Irish take on the Knights of St. Francis de Sales at Gallagher Stadium on Friday, October 9, it will mark the 50th anniversary of this highly anticipated yearly battle between the teams as they fight for the coveted Irish Knight trophy.

The first battle took place on November 8, 1959 at the University of Toledo Glass Bowl and was won by St. Francis 28-0. It marked the first football game between two Toledo Catholic high schools in over 20 years. The St. Francis team was coached by **Bob Recker**, who was a 1949 CCHS graduate, and the Fighting Irish were under the leadership of **Tom McHugh '50**.

The concept of the Irish Knight trophy came from then CCHS athletic director, Tim Dever, and Sr. Mary Genevieve of the Central Catholic art department who wanted to create some kind of prize to be presented to the winner of the regular season contest each year. The resulting knight with armor covered in shamrocks was dubbed the Irish Knight. The current trophy was designed in 1960, and each year the score of the contest and the name of the winning coach has been inscribed on its base.

A special commemorative program about the 50-year battle for the Irish Knight is available at home football games for \$10 and 100% of the proceeds goes to the football program. It includes the history of the battle, individual game summaries, and rivalry records.

Rivalry Reunion!

All players, managers, coaches, and cheerleaders from the 1959 game are invited for a rivalry reunion to mark the 50th anniversary of the Irish Knight. Come and share your game memories and memorabilia to re-ignite the rivalry!

Contact **John Keller '61** at jhjkeller@sbcglobal.net or **Mary (McCarty) Pierce '65** at mpierce@centralcatholic.org for more information.

"Shamrock" the Gallagher!

The festivities marking the 50th anniversary of the Irish Knight will also include a variety of campus activities from 4:00 to 6:30 p.m. on October 9. Join us as we "Shamrock" the Gallagher with music by R.S.O. in the tailgating area and inflatable equipment on the CCHS front lawn. The classes of 1949, 1979, and 1984 will also be holding their reunions at the event.

50 Years of the Irish Knight



Athletic Hall of Fame September 10



The annual Central Catholic Athletic Hall of Fame dinner and induction took place September 10 at the CCHS Sullivan Center.

The following inductees are being honored this year...

Jeff Seemann '72 – Seemann earned three varsity letters with the Fighting Irish basketball team. Seemann was awarded a full-ride basketball scholarship to Furman University.

Bob Calabrese '77 – Calabrese was one of the top sprinters in the area as a member of the CCHS track team. He also played football and was named First Team All-City twice. He was named All-District as a senior, and the team won its first Red Division title in eight years that season. Calabrese broke the school's all time receptions record, both for a season and for a career.

Gretchen Weiher '94 – Weiher was a member of the All-City track team during her junior and senior seasons, but her biggest accomplishments occurred with the Lady Irish cross country team. She was First Team All-City and First Team All-District as a sophomore, junior, and senior, and was named Second Team All-State as a junior. Her senior team placed second in the state meet and was ranked 24th in the nation.

Josh Lenix '99 – Lenix was a two-time letter winner with the Fighting Irish football team and a two-time City League wrestling champion. Lenix finished with just one loss en route to the state heavyweight wrestling title as a senior. He is the only individual state wrestling champion in Central Catholic history.

1997-1998 Girls' Basketball Team – The Lady Irish finished with a record of 25-2 and won City League, sectional, district, and regional titles to advance to the state championships. They lost by just one point to Dayton Chaminade in the title game.

Coaches included Steve Pfahler, Marty McGurk, and Kerri Stewart. The team manager was Lori Welch.

Team members were **Erin Connors, Shannon Dinges, Molly Dorrell, Desiree Eidson, Ericka Haney, Kristin Helvey, Kelly McCarthy, Courtney Mix, Jenny Nichols, Liza Simrell, Katie Walsh, and Therese Weisenburger**

Tim Dever '77 – *Citizen's Award*

Dever earned four varsity letters in tennis at Central Catholic and was named First Team All-City as a senior. Dever has been a valuable asset to the Central Catholic athletic department for many years, serving as the chairman of the athletic committee from 1999 to 2005. He was the Fighting Irish boys' varsity tennis coach from 1982 to 1983 and again from 2004 to 2008, compiling an overall record of 66-34.

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Sports Shorts

Congratulations to all of our student athletes who participated on sports teams during the spring. Here are some highlights from their seasons...

BASEBALL – The defending City League champions once again played in the title game, but lost to the Clay Eagles 8-6. **Kyle Burkhardt '10** was named First Team All-State. He was also named First Team All-City along with teammates **Jeff Balogh '09, Cody Carr '09, and Jason Comte '09**. Seven senior players were named to the Toledo City League All Academic Team – **Tyler Ankenbrandt, Jeff Balogh, Jason Comte, Jordan Duckett, Phil Dysard, Josh Felix, and Kenny Heban**. Balogh, Comte, Dysard, and Felix were also included in the Ohio High School Baseball Coaches Association All Academic State Team. Only six players from the Toledo City League received this honor, and four were from Central Catholic. The Fighting Irish "On Deck Circle" is now up and running. This new club offers alumni and friends an opportunity to support the Central Catholic baseball program. For more information on this new venture, contact coach Jeff Mielcarek at jmielcarek@toledodiocese.org.

SOFTBALL - The Lady Irish had their best season in many years, compiling a record of 19-9, which is tied for the third most wins in a season in school history. The team lost to Clay in the City League championship game, but won sectional and district championships for the second time in school history. All seniors were selected to the All Academic team – **Alex Davis, Emily Grau, Fallon Matuszewski, Emily Sifuentes, Maggie Stein, Ashley Sujkowski, and Ashleigh Whitacre**. Sujkowski joined freshman pitcher Erin Seiler on the All-City team. Seiler won 16 games, striking out 255 batters in 170 innings and had an ERA of 0.74.

BOYS' TENNIS – The 2009 team finished fourth in the City League. **Andrew Troy '11** finished third in the City League at the number two singles position and was sectional runner-up with **Chris Barrow '11** in doubles, which qualified them for district play. **Spencer Toral '10** finished third in the City League at the number three singles position.

BOYS' TRACK AND FIELD – The Irish team finished seventh in the City League and ninth at the district meet.

GIRLS' TRACK AND FIELD - The girls' 4x800 relay team broke the City League record, running 9:36 in the rain. Team members were **Kaitlyn Krizman, Arika Knannlein, Kelly Karcher, and Anne McCarthy**. The old record was held by the CCHS girls' squad from 1994. Congratulations to the other City League champions: Anne McCarthy - 800 meters in 2:19 and **Alexxis Knannlein** - high jump at 5'2". The 3200-meter school record was broken by Kelly Karcher with a time of 11:30. The girls' 4x400 relay team qualified for the state meet, running 3:58. Team members included Kaitlyn Krizman, Arika Knannlein, Anne McCarthy, and **Kaila Blanchard**. Seniors Anne McCarthy and Kelly Karcher will continue their running careers at Notre Dame and Mississippi State, respectively.

BOYS' LACROSSE – This was the inaugural season for lacrosse at Central Catholic. The team of 32 competed in the Ohio High School Lacrosse Association, Division 2. The team's overall record was 7-15, including two varsity wins over Bedford and Anthony Wayne. The Irish also participated in the state tournament and represented the school well in a 13-7 loss to Bay Village, a fourth year team. **Kane Anderson** (defense) and **Brandon Troup** (goalie) received City Honorable Mention awards for their efforts this season. Coach Marty Ratcliffe and the team are thankful to the school administration, parents, and student volunteers for their tremendous support this season.



Central Catholic High School has been alive and growing since 1920 thanks to our generous benefactors. With the assistance of our alumni and friends, many students are able to enjoy a comprehensive Catholic education that otherwise would be out of their financial reach. In order to continue meeting the needs of our students, we consistently rely on Central Catholic's supporters.

As you know the economy has hurt many of our friends and alumni. Yet once again we are asking you to make a gift to this great institution, and specifically to our students. The past two years have seen an increase in the number of families seeking some form of tuition assistance. No one comes to this school for free. We are asking you to find it in your heart to help us assist these families and their children as they begin or continue their education at Central Catholic.

The Annual Fund

All proceeds from this year's annual fund will go to support Central Catholic's tuition assistance. Any gift that you are able to give in this annual appeal is a blessing to us and to our students. There is no gift that is too small. Each and every gift you give will enable us to give our students a premier Catholic education. If you are able to assist us in our ministry of Catholic education with a monetary gift, we are greatly appreciative.

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Just a reminder that alumni and friends need to contact Central Catholic to let us know when you move, get married, or change your name for any reason. Much of our mail, including the *Scarlet and Gray*, is delivered third class by the post office and will therefore NOT be forwarded when you file a change of address with the post office. Also, keeping your name and address current will help us contact you for class reunions and other important events or announcements. Contact Margaret Simon, CCHS database manager, at 419-255-2306 ext. 1030 or email her at msimon@centralcatholic.org to update your name, address, phone number, or e-mail address.

Scarlet & Gray Deadlines

If you would like to submit an item for the next *Scarlet and Gray*, here are the deadlines for each issue:

Fall Issue: June 15

Winter Issue: October 15

Spring Issue: February 15

Alumni News

We want to hear from you! Use the form below to fill us in, or e-mail your update to mjurek@centralcatholic.org. Be sure to include all of the information below.

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October 9, 2009

Shamrock the Gallagher!

CCHS campus and front lawn, 4:00-6:30
Fighting Irish vs. St. Francis de Sales
50th anniversary of the Irish Knight
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October 11, 2009

Appreciation Luncheon

Pinnacle, noon

October 23, 2009

Homecoming

Fighting Irish vs. Libbey High School
Homecoming parade and Trunk or Treat

November 14, 2009

Annual Dinner Auction

Sullivan Center, 6:00 p.m.

November 22, 2009

Open House

CCHS, Noon to 3:00

December 13, 2009

Sounds of Christmas

Valentine Theatre

April 16-18, 2010

Annual Spring Musical

Valentine Theatre

Central Catholic Sports Schedules Available On-line

Schedules for Fighting Irish sports are available on the CCHS web site at www.centralcatholic.org under Athletics/Schedules. You can also select a specific sport by season and click on the schedule link.