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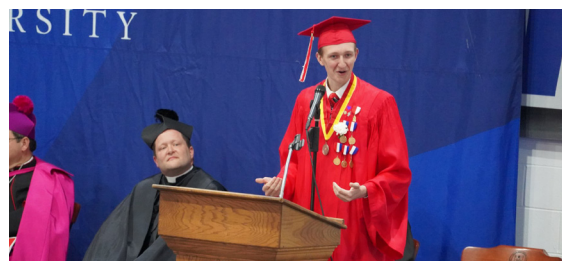
CONNECTIONS

ST. HENRY DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

SUMMER/FALL 2022



The Class of 2022 gathered at Thomas More University for St. Henry District High School's 85th Commencement Ceremony.



\$14.2 million

The Class of 2022 received more than \$14.2 million dollars in scholarship money

96 Enrolled

96 students enrolled in a four year college or university

6 Enrolled

6 students enrolled in a two year/technical college

2 Entered

2 students entered the military

4 Entered

4 students entered directly into the workforce



CLASS OF 2022

Macey Ables	Peter Constant	Leah Haddle	Matthew Miller	Annabelle Schmid
Connor Albrinck	Nathan Dennison	Ryan Heck	Camden Montgomery	Owen Setters
Dillon Arlinghaus	Caleb Dickman	Andrew Heinsman	Hannah Neils	Mackenzie Smith
Jenna Arthur	Ellen Dierker	Cheyenne Helmle	Sophia Nix	Haley Snodgrass
Derrick Atkinson	Anna Dinius	Killian Hicks	Natalie Noll	Katey Snodgrass
Emily Bailey	Jule Doellman	Joseph Hutchinson	Nicholas Noll	Riley Spellman
Charles Barsan	Thomas Duckworth	Katelyn Ives	Matthew Osborn	Sydney Steimle
George Barsan	Andrew Durstock	Isaac Jones	Hagen Pearce	Natalie Stich
Zachariah Barth	Owen Eilerman	Lauren Kent	Kyle Perry	Bailey Stinson
Logan Baute	Abigail Enzweiler	Lauren Klein	Taylor Preston	Antonio Sturpe
Rachel Becknell	Eleanor Erwin	Grace Koch	Elizabeth Quinn	Caleb Tally
Krista Behan	Thomas Evans	Grace Laudenslayer	Michael Renaker	Cora Taylor
Ryan Beimesch	Nataly Farmer	Amanda Leonhard	Sydney Reymond	Evan Taylor
Noah Bilz	Camden Fedders	Jayson Litzler	Andrew Reynolds	Casey Townsend
Noah Blakley	Mary Felix	Victoria Mapes	Jacob Ritchie	Gabriela Tragesser
Madeline Briede	Dania Foltz	Raymond Martin	Evan Rowekamp	Jayden Trame
Maria Brockman	Leah Fortner	Luke Mason	Mark Ryan	Olivia Vallecillo
Reese Carter	Noah Francis	Molly McCubbin	Luke Salzman	Daniel Veselsky
Charles Casey	Allison Geiger	Elias Meiman	Abigail Schaefer	Camryn Welch
Kennedy Challis	Jay Giffin	Sasha Menzer	Matthew Schaefer	Camille Williams
Arianna Collins	Katherine Grayson	Brooke Meyer	Carter Scheben	Savannah Wood
Grady Collins	Andrew Grosser	Justin Middendorf		



CLASS OF 2022

2022 Grad Receives Prestigious Scholarship

A member of the Class of 2022 did something a Crusader has not done in a decade...received the McConnell Scholars Program award.



Ali Geiger earned the exclusive scholarship to the University of Louisville. Only 10 students in the state receive the award each year which includes full tuition, room and board, books, fees, and travel. The program is aimed at Kentucky residents who have demonstrated outstanding leadership potential and are committed to the principles of scholarship, leadership and service. Applicants must also be at least a minor in political science.

In addition to receiving the scholarship, Ali got the chance to meet Senator McConnell and his wife, former Secretary of Transportation, Elaine Chao.

The last Crusader to win the scholarship was Kevin Grout in 2012.

2022 Grad Receives Art Scholarship

A member of the Class of 2022 Creative Cru receives a scholarship to help her continue her artistic journey. Belle Schmid was awarded Xavier University's McAuley Art Scholarship. The scholarship is awarded to incoming first-year students majoring in art with good academic achievement and outstanding artistic talent. The current four-year value of this award is \$152,000!



2022 Grad Earns Impressive Academic Scholarship

The scholarships just keep on coming for the Class of 2022! Brooke Meyer also received a significant scholarship from Western Kentucky University. She was awarded the Cherry Presidential Scholarship, which is the University's most prestigious academic award. She was one of only 17 students to receive it this year. The scholarship is valued at \$16,000 annually and worth \$64,000 during a four-year period.

Brooke plans to major in Environmental, Sustainability, and Geographic Studies.

Crusaders Earn Industry Certification

Two members of the Class of 2022 are industry certified in Machine Tool Technology.

Justin Middendorf and Caleb Dickman both received certification for Measurements, Materials, and Safety from the National Institute for Metalworking Skills (NIMS). Both split their school day between SHDHS and the Boone County Area Technology Center, where they studied Machine Tool Technology.

Justin and Caleb were both awarded \$1,500 scholarships through the Gene Haas Foundation, whose primary goal is to build skills in the machining industry. Their scholarships can be used to help cover the costs of tuition, books, their personal National Institute for Metalworking Skills (NIMS) account, the cost of their individual NIMS credentials, or required tools for their program. Justin and Caleb will both continue their Machine Tool Technology education at Gateway Community and Technical College in the Fall.



National Merit Finalist

Peter Constant '22 was named a National Merit Finalist.

He is one of only 15,000 students in the nation to be named a finalist.

Congratulations to Peter on the accomplishment as well as all of his hard work and dedication to his academics, service, and leadership while at SHDHS.



Payback Challenge Winner

A Class of 2022 grad won a nationwide challenge and earned a scholarship for his efforts.

Next-Gen Personal Finance is a nationwide organization that helps teachers and students expand their personal finance knowledge. Noah Francis, along with ten of his classmates, entered the Payback Challenge back in October. Students had to play a game on the website and then create an essay or video reflecting on the lessons learned in the game.

1,200 students nationwide entered the contest and Noah was chosen as the \$1000 winner from the state of Kentucky.

CLASS OF 2022

TRIG-STAR CHAMPION



TRIG-STAR

curricular mathematics competition sponsored by the National Society of Professional Surveyors and is based on the practical application of Trigonometry. Tim Ryan presented George with his \$500 prize during a classroom ceremony in April.

Trig-Star KY Champion

A Crusader is the best in the state for the second year in a row!

George Barsan '22 was crowned Trig-Star Champion for the state of Kentucky. Trig-Star is an annual extra-

Kent Receives State Ring

Lauren Kent '22 is a state champion and has the hardware as proof.

Kent received her state champion ring for the 2021 meet from SHDHS Athletic Director, Matt Schneider, during a special ceremony at school in May. She cleared the bar at a height of 10 and a half feet.

Lauren is continuing her track and field career at the University of Cincinnati.



Crusaders en Blanc

The seniors took time to celebrate their final year of high school together as a class at Crusaders en Blanc.

Students and parents enjoyed some local entertainment along with the presentation of Class of 2022 Superlatives and Prom Court. Following the presentation the students enjoyed a special dinner and a competitive game of Bingo with prizes that included televisions, Air Pods, and theme baskets.

A special thanks to Carmen Summy and Deb Miller for the amazing dinner, and to Donna Grayson, Suzi Francis, and all of the parents who volunteered and donated items to make the event special for every senior.

ST. HENRY DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL A NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE



CLASS OF 2022

College Signing Day

18 Crusader student-athletes will continue their athletic career at the collegiate level.

The Athletic Department held a signing day ceremony in April for the athletes and their parents. Coaches, teachers, and friends were also invited to the ceremony to honor the CRU as they made their commitment to play.

Congratulations to the following athletes:

Connor Albrinck	Golf	Thomas More University
Zach Barth	Track	Thomas More University
Nathan Dennison	Lacrosse	Thomas More University
Ellie Erwin	Rowing	Kansas State University
Mary Felix	Soccer	Thomas More University
Noah Francis	Cross Country	Thomas More University
Lauren Kent	Track	University of Cincinnati
Jayson Litzler	Soccer	Thomas More University
Elias Meiman	Baseball	Transylvania University
Camden Montgomery	Soccer	Indiana Tech
Nick Noll	Bowling	Thomas More University
Taylor Preston	Volleyball	University of Oklahoma
Mark Ryan	Track	Transylvania University
Carter Scheben	Baseball	Wilmington College
Abby Schaefer	Volleyball	Western Kentucky University
Sydney Steimle	Softball	Hanover College
Cora Taylor	Volleyball	Butler University
Jayden Trame	Archery	Thomas More University



LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

During my first two years as Assistant Principal, I learned just how special SHDHS is to our students, parents, alumni, faculty, staff, and numerous community supporters. In fact, just this past school year, a student in my office said, "I feel safe, I can be myself without looking over my back... I love everything about St. Henry". Wow, what powerful and positive words to hear from a high school student. This is just one example of why I love working at SHDHS.

Two years ago, when I started at SHDHS as your Assistant Principal, the Crusader community warmly welcomed me, my wife Anna, and our two children, Caroline and Jefferson, into the Crusader family. Today, on behalf of myself and my family, I want to say how humbled I am that our Bishop, Rev. John Iffert, and our Superintendent of Schools, Mrs. Kendra McGuire, have entrusted me with the great responsibility of leading SHDHS as Principal for the 2022-2023 school year.

I've learned a lot about our school over the past two years. And while much has changed since 1933, when St. Henry first opened its doors as a parish high school in Elsmere, I know that one thing has, and always will, remain the same - our school's dedication to our faith. This past summer, I was fortunate enough to visit Vatican City with my family. I will never forget entering St. Peter's Basilica. Standing there, in awe, I looked at my children and said, "This is us; this is who we are." I feel that same conviction as I walk the halls of SHDHS each and every day. Our school was built upon the teachings of the Catholic church and, through our teachers and staff, I see how SHDHS continues to empower students and engage them in their faith daily.

As you know, our school was built upon a foundation of excellence in our five pillars; faith, arts, athletics, scholarship, and leadership. I want to thank every Crusader student, alumni, parent, grandparent, teacher, staff member, administrator, and community supporter who has played a role in strengthening our foundation since it was laid in Elsmere nearly 90 years ago. I especially

want to thank my predecessor, Principal David Gish. Mr. Gish's nearly 35 years of dedication to Catholic education, and his unwavering love for SHDHS, was instrumental in guiding our school through many obstacles, including

the recent pandemic. I am thankful that Mr. Gish has agreed to serve as our Assistant Principal during my transition. He will be a great resource not only to me, but to every student, parent, faculty, and staff member.

I am excited about where SHDHS is positioned today and look forward to connecting with our amazing students, parents, teachers, staff members, alumni, and community supporters over the next school year.



Grant Brannen
Principal
St. Henry District High School



Supporting SHDHS has never been easier!
Simply go to shdhs.org/donate to make your secure online donation today. Or, if you prefer, donations can be mailed to: SHDHS Advancement Office, 3755 Scheben Drive, Erlanger, KY 41018.

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FAITH

Seniors Receive Medal-Cross of St. Benedict

A tradition that began three years ago ensures that Seniors will have a piece of SHDHS with them wherever they go.

The tradition of the Senior Cross began in 2020, during the Covid Pandemic, as a way to unite all of the graduating seniors while honoring the Catholic and Benedictine tradition that has been a staple of the school's heritage and success for so many years.

The history and tradition of SHDHS has always been closely tied with and steeped in the traditions of the Benedictines. When the original school was founded in 1893 the pastor of the parish asked the Benedictine Sisters of St. Walburg Monastery to help teach and run the school. The sisters did so gladly, often going without a salary, to help ensure the local school children had access to a Catholic education. That devotion continued through the official founding of St. Henry High School in 1933. The Benedictine heritage can be found throughout the halls of the District High School that was built and dedicated in 1998.

Since 2020 every graduating senior is presented with a blessed Medal-Cross of St. Benedict that they can carry with them as a reminder of their time at SHDHS. The cross also serves as a symbol and reminder that through the love of Christ, they will always find protection and guidance, as they continue on their journey in life. The Medal-Cross of St. Benedict has a rich history of faith and protection from evil that dates back almost 1,000 years.

The crosses handed out this year to the Class of 2022 were extra special because they were blessed by Deacon (now Father) **AJ Gedney '10**. A special thank you to Kris Staverman for capturing the blessing in photos.

The Medal-Cross of St. Benedict helps to tie each Crusader alumni to each other while providing a great sacramental reminder of our Catholic faith, and gives each a spiritual gift to aid them on their journey after high school. The Medal-Cross of St. Benedict is indeed the embodiment of the unofficial school motto of St. Henry District High School: "Once a Crusader, Always a Crusader."



Crusaders March for Life

A group from SHDHS attended the 49th Annual March for Life this year in Washington DC. The March commemorates the anniversary of Roe vs Wade, which legalized abortion in the US.

The group began their journey by celebrating mass with other groups from the Diocese of Covington, then they attended the outdoor rally which featured several speakers, and then concluded the day with over 100,000 people marching past the steps of the US Supreme Court as a witness to those who cannot speak for themselves, the unborn.

Here is what a few students who took part in the March had to say about their experience:

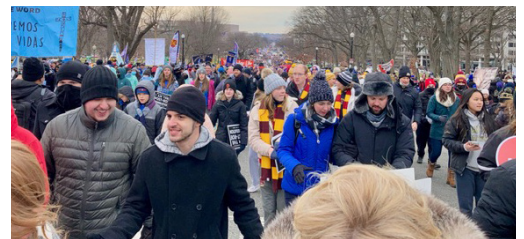
"Personally I think it was very inspiring to see everyone so passionate towards a common goal. It was extremely moving to hear all the talks. The woman with Down Syndrome was the most touching one to me." - Camille, senior

"The March for Life was a great experience! It is so powerful seeing all the other young people fighting for the same cause." - Lauren, junior

"I loved being able to connect with my classmates over the pro-life cause! The March had people from every state walking together to protest abortion, and it was inspiring to see that many people coming together to fight for the unborn." - Ella, junior

"I was so proud to walk in the March for Life with our school and to see so many people fighting for the future. I am proud to be a part of the pro-life generation!" - Thomas, junior

Mrs. Tina Ryan said the temperatures were low, but their spirits high as they marched for a world where the beauty and dignity of every human life is valued and protected.



FAITH

Faith After High School, Newman Center

The Class of 2022 learned about all the opportunities available to keep them connected to their faith when they leave the halls of SHDHS.



The “Faith After High School” project had students research ministries, clubs, and parishes that are present at the colleges, universities, and military bases that can be attended after high school, which will help them stay connected to their faith.

Donna Heim from the Newman Center at NKU and John Baumann, SHDHS alumni and current seminarian, visited all the senior classes to talk on this subject and answer questions.

Faith After High School, FOCUS Ministries

Another group that helps students stay faith focused after they leave high school is FOCUS Ministries.



Dani Noll '16 visited the senior religion classes to talk about her experiences as a FOCUS missionary. Dani graduated from the University of Alabama with an Engineering degree and is now a FOCUS missionary at Texas A&M University.

FOCUS stands for Fellowship of Catholic University Students. It is a collegiate outreach whose mission is to share the hope and joy of the gospel with college and university students, inspiring and equipping them for a lifetime of Christ-centered evangelization, discipleship and friendships in which they lead others to do the same.

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The Cru Cafe

The 2021/22 school year included the opening of the Cru Cafe, a student-led cafe open during Flex offering special drinks and snacks one day per week to students and faculty. The Cru Cafe was created to boost the morale and culture at SHDHS. In addition to having a common area for students to gather and enjoy time with their classmates during Flextime, the Cru Cafe also incorporates a learning environment for one of our students, Jenna Hail.

Jenna, like most students, has dreams and goals for the future. Jenna writes daily and dreams of becoming a journalist. In her writing, she expresses her deep care for her family and friends. Outside of school, Jenna has been the SHDHS volleyball manager and participated on the girl's basketball team. Although these activities have helped to build connections within the Crusader community, it was important for Jenna's teachers to find an innovative way for Jenna to build skills and strengthen relationships. Thus, the Cru Cafe was developed.

The Cru Cafe provides Jenna with job and social skills that will help her transition to the Supported Higher Education Program (SHEP) at NKU. The SHEP Program is an inclusive program through which students with intellectual disability (ID) who have graduated from high school, either with a traditional or alternate diploma, can attend NKU as non-degree seeking students.

Jenna assists with the drink menu for the week, helps to order the supplies while comparing prices under a certain budget, creates posters for the upcoming events by using Canva, and keeps track of her expenses and

profits with her math teacher. Not only is the Cru Cafe an academic learning experience



for Jenna, but she is also making friendships and building rapport with her classmates. One of Jenna's classmates, Elizabeth Tabeling, said, “Jenna is the type of friend you can't help but smile when you see her, and I knew that as soon as I met her freshman year. My friendship with Jenna began freshman year during PE class. Most people turn away from the idea of having PE first period, but I am a strong believer God placed both Jenna and me in that class for a special reason. At the time I didn't realize it, but looking back as a soon to be junior, I wouldn't trade dripping sweat at 8:00 in the morning with my best friend by my side for anything in this world. Jenna's positive attitude also contributed to the success of the volleyball team this past fall. In each game, Jenna was assigned a player's water bottle to keep track of and to hand to that specific player during a timeout and between sets. With Jenna being the team manager for the volleyball team last season, I got the opportunity to evolve our friendship and get to know Jenna a little more personally. If you would have told me freshman year that Jenna and I would be state champions together I would have told you you're crazy, but that is what God had in store for us. God's presence has always been foremost in my life, and I think it's safe to say that God blessed me with the most amazing person to call my best friend. Jenna has

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not only taught me to show respect to everyone who walks in my path, but she has totally changed my outlook on life for the better.”

All items offered at the Cru Cafe are \$1.00. Although this has been a challenge, given the specialty drinks offered, it has been important to keep costs low so that all students can enjoy a drink if they choose. The Cru Cafe has offered hot cocoa with toppings, Shirley Temples, sparkling blue drinks in honor of Autism Awareness, Arnold Palmers (Jenna’s favorite), iced tea with fresh mint, lemonade with fresh lemon slices, Easter punch served with Peeps, and rootbeer/orange/red soda floats. There have been various days when special snacks have been available also. The cafe offerings included Cincinnati Bengals-themed rice crispy treats, St Paddy’s Day chocolate covered pretzels with sprinkles, doughnuts, and pop-tarts.

All Cru Cafe profits are going toward the Buddy Walk, a fundraiser supporting the Down Syndrome Association of Greater Cincinnati. The 2022 Buddy Walk will take place Saturday, September 10. If you are interested in supporting Jenna go to DSAGC Home Page, and scroll down to the “Join a Team” button. The registration is FREE along with a FREE t-shirt. Jenna’s team page is JENNA’S HAILSTORM! The day is guaranteed to be a day to remember, with so many SMILES!

Pope Francis tweeted the following on World Down Syndrome Day, “Every child who a woman expects in her womb is a gift that changes a family’s history: the life of fathers and mothers, grandparents and of brothers and sisters. That child needs to be welcomed, loved, and nurtured. Always!”

Jenna is welcomed, loved, and nurtured at SHDHS. The Cru Cafe has been a special place for her and all of our students. It is not about the drinks and snacks, as much as it is about the opportunity to communicate, learn, and make history.

Inclusive education is a priority at SHDHS. We value all students of all capabilities and work diligently to provide the best methods to nurture student growth, education, and dignity. When students with disabilities are included, real learning takes place on several different levels. Our community is blessed to have Jenna running our Cru Cafe.

Down Syndrome Awareness Day

Crusaders sported some crazy socks to support Down Syndrome Awareness Day.

On March 21 the SHDHS community took part in activities to educate them on the importance of supporting those who have directly or indirectly experienced life with Down Syndrome. This day is extra close to the hearts of the Crusaders because of Jenna Hail, a junior, who was born with Down Syndrome.

One of our activities to bring awareness was to recognize students for doing Random Acts of Kindness. Jenna’s family donated 21 pairs of socks from the World Down Syndrome International foundation to those students who were caught being kind. Students wore mismatched, colorful, or crazy socks to show their support of Jenna and The Cru Cafe served her favorite springtime drinks: lemonade and Arnold Palmer. Jenna also passed out stickers to her classmates.



SHDHS Goes Blue For Autism Awareness

The halls of SHDHS went from Crusader red to blue in honor of Autism Awareness Month.

Students and faculty wore blue and gathered at an assembly on April 5 to celebrate Autism Awareness month. The goal was to provide education so that all Crusaders can continue to increase understanding and acceptance of differences and foster inclusion. Senior Jay Giffin shared insight about Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) from a personal perspective.

The Cru Cafe also featured a Sparkling Blue Gatorade drink to support the effort to “Light it up Blue” for Autism Awareness.



Alum Makes Cru Cafe Aprons

The Cru Cafe is truly a Crusader Community project.

A special thanks goes to Rosie Tepe Depbrock ‘70 who embroidered Cru Cafe aprons for the volunteers to wear while serving the students, faculty, and staff.



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Special Olympics Skiing

A group of Crusaders hit the slopes instead of the books, but it was all for a good cause.

Several SHDHS students joined other local schools for the Special Olympics skiing event at Perfect North Slopes. Andrew Heinsman, Savannah Wood, Abby Enzweiler, Antonio Sturpe, Ellie Dierker, and Leah Fortner all assisted, instructed, and coordinated activities.

The event, which is held each year in January, has become a tradition for SHDHS as Crusaders have been volunteering with it for several years.



Crusader Recognized For Philanthropy

A member of the Class of 2023 is recognized for his philanthropic work.

Mitchell Wolking received the Roger Grein Spirit of Philanthropy Recognition for the 2021-2022 school year from Magnified Giving. The nonprofit organization teaches philanthropy to students by educating and engaging them and showing them the impact of philanthropy in their community.

Magnified Giving recognized Michell because he actively engaged in service throughout the school year through participation in the program. Mitchell showed that he cares about making an impact in his community and used his time, talent, and treasure to serve others in the same spirit as Magnified Giving's founder, Mr. Roger Grein.



Two Crusaders Named to Regional Youth Leadership Class

SHDHS will be well represented in the Regional Youth Leadership Program.

Sydney Bollman and Camryn Reymond were selected to join the Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce's Regional Youth Leadership (RYL) Program. Only 45 rising juniors representing 30 high schools were chosen to participate. Sydney and Camryn had to complete a

comprehensive application process in order to be selected for the program.

As a program of the Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce, RYL is in a unique position to convene a diverse group of stakeholders invested in the success of our youth and future workforce. Sydney and Camryn will be participating in a seven-month program that introduces them to industries, organizations, career opportunities, and all the great things happening in the Northern Kentucky region.

SHDHS Recognizes Crusader Champions

The SHDHS faculty, staff and students recognized three very important people as this year's Crusader Champions.

The Crusader Champion award honors teachers, coaches, and volunteers who have gone above and beyond to make a difference at St. Henry District High School.

This year the award was given to: Beckie Middendorf, SHDHS Advancement Director, for her successful and tireless efforts in Student Enrollment, Capital Campaign, Fund Raising, Student Endowment, Alumni, and Public Relations. Beckie's life is a demonstration of our theme, "Stand Firm in Faith," and it assures the future of our community.



Tim Kappes, School Board President, for leadership and service to the mission of SHDHS. He works with Crusaders for Life and is working to define our school's Catholic Identity and he works tirelessly building sets for our Drama Department. In addition to being the School Board President he was also part of the schools Covid Committee and imparts his knowledge and training to both students and faculty. Tim's commitment to SHDHS and the witness of his life exemplifies our theme, "Stand Firm in Faith."



And finally, Michael Fay, SHDHS Chemistry Teacher, for his boundless energy, and knowledge of and dedication to all pillars of SHDHS. He leads retreats and is a liturgical minister, he works with students on the plays and musicals and is the Assistant Theater Manager. He is a game manager and fan of all of the SHDHS athletic teams. And if all of that wasn't enough he is also the Awards Committee Chair, works in the IT department, works with Student Council, and is the Academic Team Moderator. In all circumstances and areas of life, he demonstrates our theme, "Stand Firm in Faith."



FINE ARTS



Beauty & the Beast A Monster Success

The SHDHS spring musical, “Disney’s Beauty and the Beast”, was a monster success.

Each performance brought in a near-record crowd for the Drees Homes Auditorium as more than 1,400 people attended the shows in April.

SHDHS students filled all the roles necessary to pull off the production. While cast members learned their lines, songs, blocking, and choreography, the crew members built and painted the set and made props. There were also students who designed and operated the lights and sound, and other students who designed costumes and makeup. Director, Sofia Vietas, said she is incredibly proud of the students for stepping into the many leadership roles. The drama department truly thrives because the students are so talented, creative, and willing to take on a challenge. She said she always trusts them to take on a task and go above and beyond.

A production like Beauty and the Beast requires a lot of dancing, so the cast was honored to have the staff of Studio Dee choreograph the musical.

The Drama Department also did something new with this production that was so well received they will surely do it again in the future...they invited students from the feeder grade schools to be part of the performance! The younger students were used as “extras” throughout the show including in the songs “Be Our Guest” and the “Finale”. SHDHS students enjoyed having the grade schoolers perform with them and look forward to more collaborations.

“Beauty and the Beast” was the final SHDHS performance for Jay Giffin ‘22. Here is his reflection on the musical as a whole and the role he got to play...

When I was told that Saint Henry’s spring musical would be “Beauty and the Beast”, I was excited. After all, it’s a classic that everyone knows and -- more importantly -- that everyone loves. Furthermore, from an artistic perspective, the story impressively juggles meaty themes in a timeless

fashion without disturbing the whimsy of the script’s fun aspects. With this in mind, I couldn’t wait to see the vision that our director, Sofia Vietas, constructed, and I was not disappointed. With such a well-known story, it’s very easy to simply stage what’s written, but Ms. Vietas avoided this pitfall and went above and beyond. She brought life to the songs and scenes, conjuring substance where it otherwise seemed like there wasn’t any. On top of that, she empowered our cast to find unique ways to express our characters. My favorite part of working under Ms. Vietas is her open-mindedness and her trust in her actors, and these aspects of her directing style were very much present in rehearsals. If a cast member asked a question beginning in “what if...” then Ms. Vietas’s response was always an enthusiastic “yes!” As the beast, she gave me a lot of liberty to flesh out my character how I saw fit and to make my character my own, and that hasn’t been my experience under many directors. By facilitating such a fun, creative, and playful environment, Ms. Vietas built the foundation



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of our show on camaraderie and fun, and both of these aspects seeped into the final product.

Working with such a talented cast was a joy as well. "Beauty and the Beast" gave upperclassmen and underclassmen alike a chance to flourish, enhance their abilities, and showcase their abilities. As a senior, it was so refreshing to see underclassmen start to come out of their shells and become more confident as we got later and later into the rehearsal process. The several large ensemble numbers gave everyone a chance to build relationships with one another and have fun together on stage. Then, the plethora of lead and supporting characters gave upperclassmen a chance to perform alongside their peers that they've gotten close to in their time at SHDHS. Over the past four years, I have made many friends through Saint Henry's theater program, and "Beauty and the Beast" was a really great show to celebrate that.

For those in the audience, "Beauty and the Beast" was an excellent production, but from backstage, it was an even better one. This production really brought people together, and I think that's one of our theater program's greatest aspects. Saint Henry's program offers students a way to make like-minded friends in an accepting and creative environment. It was an honor to be a part of Beauty and the Beast, and it has been an honor to have been a part of Saint Henry's theater program for the past four years.

I think the story's message about anyone being able to change, no matter how far gone they are, is more pertinent than it's ever been. I feel blessed to have been a part of telling such a beautiful story with such beautiful people.

Greatest Showman" on the Drees Homes Auditorium stage. The performance not only included the Crusaders and professional musicians and vocalists, but also entertainers from Circus Mojo. They performed for both a live and virtual audience.



Spring Choir Concert

Crusaders sing their way through the centuries.

The choristers of Chamber Choir and Chorus wrapped their year with the Spring Choir Concert, "Motets to Musicals". The group sang music spanning the centuries from sacred to secular, from simple chants to highlights from Lin-Manuel Miranda's Hamilton and many things in between. This was the first official Spring choral concert to be held live and in-person since the opening of the Drees Homes Auditorium, due to the pandemic, and the students opened the tradition with a spectacular performance.

Governor's School For The Arts

The Art Department is celebrating a big accomplishment for the 21/22 school year.

Five students were accepted to the Governor's School for the Arts Class of 2022! The students are: Savannah Koch for Photo and Film, Ellie Schlinkert for Visual Art, Olivia Massey for Dance, Mitchell Wolking for Drama, and Gabrielle Goetz for Drama.

AP Perfection

The streak continues for another year!

The scores are in and the AP Visual Art students continued on their path of perfection with another year of 100% pass rate. If that wasn't enough good news, SHDHS students' average scores were higher than both the state and global averages!

This is the sixth year of perfection for Art Department chair, Katie Baker VonHandorf, who began teaching AP Art six years ago.

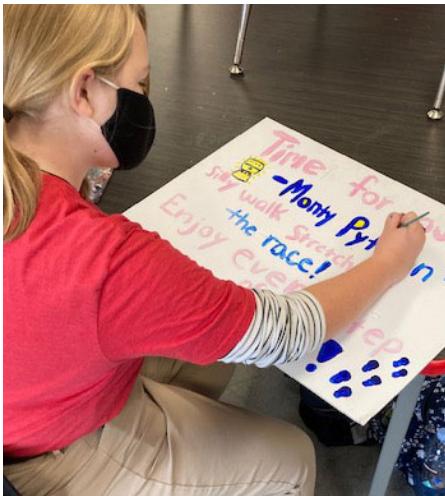


Crusaders Perform With Kentucky Symphony Orchestra

Several students got a chance to perform with the Kentucky Symphony Orchestra.

Molly Brue, Jay Giffin, Samuel Lunneman, Tori Mapes, Belle Schmid, Bailey Stinson, Joey Todd, and Sophia Wash joined the KSO for its performance of "The

ARTS



Art Club Marks 10 Years With Flying Pig

The Art Club celebrates a decade of encouraging runners in the Tri-State.

2022 marked the 10th year that the SHDHS Art Club has partnered with the Flying Pig Marathon to make signs for the runners. The participants say they

appreciate the creativity of the signs and are thankful for the continued support from our SHDHS Crusaders, also known as The Flying "Pigassos"!

Crusader Visual Art Competition

Some future Crusaders receive awards for their creativity.

The SHDHS Visual Art department received numerous submissions for its annual art competition. The opportunity is open to any student in grades fifth through eighth. The pieces were then put on display in the Wilson Family Art Gallery for anyone to view.



Eighth graders Jackelyn Fernandez, Juliana Mendez, and Elizabeth Egan placed 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, respectively, for their artwork. The first place winner, Jackelyn, received a \$750 scholarship to SHDHS.

Art Shows Draw Big Crowds

The creative Crusaders draw a big crowd for their art shows.

The first show included pieces from Art 1, Art 2, Media Art, and Art 4 and the other was the Senior Art Show. Both shows were held in the Wilson Family Art Gallery and both had a very large gathering. Everyone who attended was impressed by the variety of the pieces and talent of the Visual Arts students.



Students Try Their Hand at Pottery

Art students took "Tech Free" day to a whole new level by shutting down the phones and getting their hands on some clay.

Students in Art 2 spent a day at Queen City Clay learning how to throw pieces on a potter's wheel. Their teacher, Mrs. Katie VonHandorf, said the students did an amazing job and picked up on the process very quickly.



SCHOLARSHIP



Future Problem Solvers Make Impressive Run

The future looks bright with these Crusaders.

The Future Problem Solvers (FPS) and Academic Team took part in various team and individual competitions at the State Finals of the Governor's Cup tournament this year in Louisville.

The FPS Team worked through the future problem-solving process to formulate challenges, develop an underlying problem, create solutions, and develop an action plan to solve futuristic problems surrounding global issues. This year's topics included Building Green (District), Insects (Regionals), and Mining (State Finals). Solutions generated in the process consider science, safety, cost, efficiency, carbon footprint, global debate, sustainability, and many other facets. The FPS Team, made up of Sydney Hennessey, Gracie Greber, Ella Rolfsen, Sam Lewis, and Carson Gould, placed sixth in the State. They also placed first again this year at both District and Regional Governor's Cup competitions. Additionally, Academic Team member Noah Francis '22 placed 10th in the state in the Individual FPS competition. This is Noah's third time placing in the top ten in Individual FPS at the State Finals.

Academic Team members George Barsan '22, Charlie Barsan '22, Noah Francis '22, Killian Hicks '22, Harry Barsan, Moira Fagarang, Andrew Goodwin, Jack Goodwin, and Mitchell Wolking competed in various subject area tests, essay writing, and quick recall at the State Finals. Each individual also placed in the top five in their respective events at the District and Region level in order to advance to the State Finals. The Quick Recall team, led

by George Barsan, placed first in the District and Region. This is the second year in a row for the Quick Recall team to advance to the State Finals, but it is only the second time in almost twenty years for them to do so.

Congratulations to the FPS Team members and the Academic Team competitors who competed at the state finals this year.

Science Olympiad Makes Strong Showing at State

The Science Olympiad Team made an impressive run this year.

They placed 10th in the state competition held at the University of Kentucky in April.

The team of Jack Goodwin and Harry Barsan placed second in the rocket event; Andrew Goodwin and George Barsan placed third in the catapult/trajectory competition; Andrew and Harry also placed fourth in Dynamic Planet; and George placed fifth in Environmental Chemistry. The Anatomy team of Noah Francis and Jayden Trame, the Gravity Vehicle team of Molly Kamer and Andrew Goodwin, and the Rocks and Minerals team of Jason Bish and Wendy Daniels all placed eighth in the state competition. The Chemistry Lab team of George and Noah placed tenth.

The 2021/2022 Science Olympiad Team members included: Jayden Trame, Noah Francis, George Barsan, Sydney Reymond, Jack Goodwin, Andrew Goodwin, Sean Ihrig, Harry Barsan, Molly Kamer, Molly Krallman, Wendy Daniels, Jason Bish, and Nathan Francis. They also received assistance from Brooke Meyer and Anay Sehgal. The team was coached by Mr. Mark Von Bokern.



Science National Honor Society

The SHDHS Science National Honor Society has several new members.

The group held its induction ceremony for new members in April in the Drees Homes Auditorium. Guest speaker, Luke Tobergte '15 and University of Louisville '19, gave an excellent presentation on engineering and his educational and career path as a mechanical engineer. The group then inducted three new members: Nathan Francis, Nate Bessler, and Kosi Iloegbunam. They also celebrated the two graduating seniors: Noah Francis and Camden Montgomery.



SCHOLARSHIP

National Spanish Honors

Dozens of SHDHS Spanish students received national recognition for their excellent performance on the 2022 National Spanish Exams.

Gold - Level 4, Sasha Menzer; Level 3, Gabriella Rolfsen



Silver - Level 3, Rachel Stanchek; Level 1, Emilia Arias, Nathan Francis, Carly Apgar, Wendy Daniels, Claire Schild, and Claire Williams.

Bronze - Level 4, Abby Enzweiler; Level 2, Ameliya Lynn; Level 1, Sarah Littrell, Adam Lubert, Elizabeth Casey, Austin Wood, Ella Johnson, Molly Brue, Megan Gonzalez, and Ashley Kessans.

Honorable Mention - Level 4, Andrew Heinsman; Level 3, Lanie Jones, Camille Williams, Rachel Esquivel, Karla Schmidt; Level 2, Sam Baker, Sydney Bollman, Morgan Bonno, Riley Bowen, Annalee Ernst, Anna Guard, Kaelyn King, Audrey Leonhard, John Lubert, Isaac Portwood, Ally Torres-Guzman, Sara Kleier, Jackson Meyer, Raymond Neiheisel, Gabriel Thelen, and Corisa Wellman; Level 1, Ryan Bihl, Delaney Evans, Jeffrey Pilcher, Olivia Schmitt, William Carter, Edward Gruener, Maggie Kute, Catcher Pearce, Jacob Reis, Zachary Arlinghaus, Jacob Guertin, Jack Howard, Reece McMahon, Alivia Skidmore, James Stewart, Cassidy Ursillo, Brianna Farwick, Stephanie Gruener, Eva Klein, Julia Lyons, Lyndsey Payne, and Clare Slocum.

"Attaining a medal or honorable mention for any student on the National Spanish Examinations is very prestigious," said Kevin Cessna-Buscemi, National Director of the Exams, "because the exams are the largest of their kind in the United States, with over 55,000 students participating in 2021."

Students from St. Henry District High School have a long history of high achievement on these exams thanks in large part to our teachers, Elizabeth Hasken and Ruth Coronado.

Cyber Science Honors

Cyber Science Honors students took first place at the University of Cincinnati IT Expo!

The group, made up of William Bartlett, Anna Dinius, Michael Renaker, and Carson Schmidt, won first place with VIAS (Visually Impaired Assistance System) which was developed to outfit any private building for the visually impaired. This work of art paid off with a huge win for SHDHS.

The team also took second place at the Interalliance Tech Olympics which was held in February.



Catholics at the Capitol

Government students got the chance to see the lessons they learned in the classroom come to life at the Capitol.

Five AP Government students, along with their teachers, Ms. Kyla Brady and Mrs. Bridget Kaiser-Munday, went to Frankfort for the Diocese of Covington's Catholics at the Capitol day. They sat in on sessions with State Senators John Schickel, Adam Koenig, and Chris McDaniel, went to a Caucus session, and toured the Capitol building.



Crusaders Go To Trade School

Several Crusaders got a lesson in the trades.

Seven students visited the Boone County Area Technology Center (BCATC) to learn about the various skilled trades. They talked with some of the teachers and met with BCATC Principal, Dr. Laura Williams.

ATHLETICS

The SHDHS Athletics Department is excited to announce the completion of the new turf field at Griffin Stadium!

In addition to the new field the press box got a makeover, there is a new entryway and pavilion, as well as new seating. This is all part of a larger improvement project for the athletics complex on campus.

The project will do great things not only for our Crusader athletes, but also countless youth sports teams in the Northern Kentucky area, by providing them a safe space to practice and perfect their skills.



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Baseball

The Crusader baseball team celebrated a historic season this year.

For the first time in school history the team made it to the Regional championship and finished as Regional Runner-up! In addition to that huge victory, the team also made it to the All "A" Finals.

The Crusaders ended their eventful season with a record of 19 wins and 15 losses.

The Most Improved award went to both Matt Miller and Camden Fedders. The Most Valuable Player was Carter Scheben. This year's baseball Crusader of the Year nomination went to Owen Eilerman.

Coach Greg Pass said the nine seniors that graduated this year made a lasting impact on the program and will not be forgotten.



Softball

The 2022 softball season was a tough one for the Crusaders, but they never stopped battling.

The team ended with a record of six wins and 18 losses, but they never lost their fight and in some games came back to get the win.

The offense was led by Mackenzie Smith '22, Sydney Steimle '22, Savannah Wood '22, Avery Collins, and Megan Gonzalez. Smith and Gonzalez were also great leaders on the mound.

The Most Improved Player award was given to Kendall Jara

whose season ended earlier than expected after an injury. Coach Salzer said Kendall's presence on the team cannot be topped.

The Most Valuable Player was Savannah Wood '22 for her leadership not only on the field but in the classroom.

The Crusader of the Year nominee was Rachel Becknell '22 who was a great team player on the field and participated in many extracurricular activities outside of softball including: Chamber Choir, Vice President of CRU for Life as well as the Spanish Club.

Coach Salzer said the team made great strides this season and they are looking forward to continuing their growth next season.

Girls' Tennis

The girls' tennis team enjoyed a successful season, finishing with a record of eight wins and four losses.

Singles players Katelyn Payne and Natalie Noll, and doubles team Gabrielle Ferris/Lani Keipert and Paige Arthur/Ashley Kessans played strong matches at the Regional tournament to wrap up the season.

The team said goodbye to two seniors, Natalie Noll, who played with the team for three years, and Krista Behan, who was a newcomer this season.

Natalie was the team's Crusader of the Year nominee and finished the season with a strong showing at Regionals.

The Most Valuable Player was Paige Arthur, with an impressive record of eight wins and one loss.

The Most Improved Player was Ashley Kessans.



Boys' Tennis

The boys' tennis team had a great season, despite the not-so-great weather.

They finished the season with seven wins and four losses. Coach Steve Noll said he thinks the team would have notched more wins if there had not been so many rainouts.

The future for the team looks bright as well thanks to a great turnout at tryouts. This year's roster increased from eight players to 14 and Coach Noll said the six new players have great potential to make the team strong for years to come.

The Rookie of the Year award went to Wade Hammond who had eight wins and two losses.

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Nate Bessler received the Most Improved Player award for his hard work. Coach Noll said Nate surprised everyone with how quickly he progressed through the season.

The Most Valuable Player award went to Carson Kute. He amassed seven wins and four losses while playing the toughest opponents of every team SHDHS faced and had a huge win over Highlands to cap his year. Carson lost in regionals while having the toughest draw. That means the boys are more determined to come back next year and improve their record.

Luke Salzman '22 was nominated for the 9th Region Coach's Sportsman of the Year award for exhibiting sportsmanship and kindness towards his team and opponents. Coach Noll said Luke is unselfish, kind and has a great heart that will lead him to a life of success. Luke will attend the University of Kentucky and plans to study Psychology or Psychiatry.

Finally, the team's nominee for Crusader of the Year was Nick Noll '22. The Crusader of the Year nomination goes to athletes who uphold the five pillars of SHDHS: Faith, Scholarship, Athletics, Arts, and Leadership. Nick was actually nominated for the award three times this school year by his coaches in soccer, bowling, and tennis. At the senior awards ceremony at the end of the school year Nick won the Crusader of the Year award for the entire school, along with Abby Schaeffer, who was nominated by the volleyball coaches. Nick will be attending Thomas More University where he received a scholarship for bowling and plans to study Computer Science and Business.

Boys' Track & Field

The boys' track and field team finished their season with a good showing at the state meet.

Mark Ryan finished second in the state in the pole vault and Al Bessler came in third in the high jump. Mark also tied the SHDHS school record in pole vault at 13'6".

During the season the team was runner up in the Northern Kentucky Athletic Conference meet and finished fourth in the Region.

The Rookie of the Year award was given to Keanu Ziolkowski and the Most Improved award went to Josh Brockman. Dixon Ryan and Al Bessler were both named the team's Most Valuable Players. Charlie Casey



received both the team's Crusader Award as well as the team's Crusader of the Year nomination.



Girls' Track & Field

The girls' track and field team ended their regular season on a high note.

Not only did the team finish as the Regional Runner-up, but at the state meet Cassidy Cline finished second in the High Jump. During the regular season the team was also Runner-up at the Northern Kentucky Athletic Conference (NKAC) meet.



The Rookie of the Year award was given to Lizzie Casey, the Most Improved award went to Kaelyn King, and Cassidy Cline was named the team's Most Valuable Player. The Crusader Award, which is a team award, was given to Jadyn Danbury. And Lauren Kent '22 received the Crusader of the Year nomination.

Cross Country Team Receives State Rings

The boys' cross country team has the hardware to prove they were the 2021 KHSAA State Champions.

The team received their rings at a ceremony held during one of the home baseball games. The boosters were on hand to present the rings to the team and provide free hot dogs for those in attendance.

Then Assistant Coach, now the boys' cross country Head Coach, Jeremy Hurm said the team had strong and focused leadership in the four seniors Mark Ryan, George Barsan, Charlie Barsan and Camden Fedders. He said they knew they had something special after their first meet when they clocked some of the fastest times in the state. After a disappointing finish at Regionals the team regrouped and went into the state meet with determination. The team unleashed a 30 point victory over the state's best competition and accomplished something that has not been done since 2012.

Congratulations to the team for achieving the pinnacle in high school sports, a state championship.



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Welcome, Coach Hurm

The Athletic Department announced that Coach Jeremy Hurm will be taking over as the head coach for the Boys' Cross Country Team.



Coach Hurm is a graduate of St. Henry, Class of 1995, and is an application analyst at Altafiber. He and his wife Kelly have a daughter Chloe, Class of 2025, who is a member of the girls' cross country team. Coach served as an assistant coach on the boy's side for the past five seasons. Welcome, Coach Hurm!

Preston Pays It Forward

Crusader volleyball player and Gatorade's Kentucky Player of the Year, Taylor Preston, paid it forward to younger volleyball players.



As one of Gatorade's state award-winners, Preston had the opportunity to give a \$1,000 grant to a local or national organization that helps young athletes realize the benefits of playing sports. She chose to give the money to SHDHS feeder school volleyball and athletic programs. She presented a \$200 check to each of the following schools: Mary Queen of Heaven, St. Timothy Catholic School, St. Henry Catholic School, St. Paul Catholic School, and Immaculate Heart of Mary.

In her senior season, the 6'2" outside hitter recorded 460 kills, 148 digs, 42 blocks and 21 service aces for the Crusaders, helped lead the team to its first state championship since 1981, and finished with a 36-8 record. She was also named Most Valuable Player in the state tournament.

Preston is continuing her volleyball career at the University of Oklahoma.

Crusader Athletes Receive Slew of Awards

Several Crusader athletes earned awards for their performances on and off the court/course during their season.



The Fall Northern Kentucky Athletic Conference (NKAC)

Most Outstanding plaque was awarded to Ben Carter for golf, Taylor Preston '22 for volleyball, and Dixon Ryan for cross country.

Noah Francis '22 received the Ray Gabbard Memorial Scholarship from the 9th Region Officials Association.

Kayla Unkraut was named to the All NKAC Division II Team and received 9th Region Honorable Mention for basketball.

Camden Fedders '22 and Owen Setters '22 were both selected to the Northern Kentucky Coaches All-Region team for basketball.

Well done, Crusaders.



CRU Soccer In The Community

A group of soccer players took some time off the field to help others in the community.



Members of the Girls' Soccer team volunteered at Be Concerned in Erlanger. Be Concerned, Inc assists low-income people of Northern Kentucky in obtaining basic necessities for life.

The Lady Cru redesigned and stocked shelves, put fresh coats of paint in the entryway and office, and loaded a truck with essentials to be shipped to Ukraine.

Goodbye, Bowls

Longtime SHDHS Athletic Trainer, Mike Bowling, calls it a career. After 15 years of handing out ice bags and wrapping Crusaders' wrists, ankles, and knees, he retired.

His Crusader family threw him a going away celebration and presented him with a Crusader statue so he will always remember his years as a Crusader.

Congratulations, Mike, and enjoy your next chapter.



ALUMNI - IN MEMORIAM

Jeanne Rosing Dedden '41 passed away in January. She was a member of St. Henry Church and worked for the IRS as a transcriber before retiring. She is survived by her three children, seven grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

Ruth Brinkman Scheper '52 passed away in April. She leaves behind her husband, **Thomas Scheper '51**, six children and their spouses, as well as 16 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Thomas Kruse '57 passed away in February. He graduated from Lloyd High School, but received an honorary diploma from St. Henry High School and was inducted into the SHDHS Hall of Fame in 2002. He was the Deputy Director of Industrial Relations for the state of Ohio in 1971 and founded Scioto Valley Janitorial Service in Marysville in 1975. Tom was involved in civic government, was elected to three terms as Mayor of Marysville, served on city council, various committees, and was an active member of the Union County Democratic Party. In addition, Tom was a fourth degree Knights of Columbus and was very involved in the Kairos prison ministry. He also supported Habitat for Humanity and worked on various projects in the United States and Mexico. He is survived by his wife, five children, 11 grandchildren, and one great-grandson.

Richard Schmeing '57 passed away in July. Dick served for four years in the US Air Force at various stations within the U.S. and in Morocco. After the Air Force, Dick earned a Bachelor of Science in Accounting from Thomas More University (then Villa Madonna College). He worked for Litton Industries and Dubois Chemicals, Inc., where he held the position of Vice President of International Finance. After his retirement he formed Astute Furnishings in Oakley with his brother, Paul.

He was committed to his family and took care of his mother throughout a long illness, supported his mother-in-law after the loss of her husband, mentored siblings, nieces, nephews, and godchildren. He volunteered at Fairhaven Rescue Mission in Covington and at Housing Opportunities of Northern Kentucky (HONK), endowed several scholarships, including one at SHDHS, and supported numerous local charities.

His greatest commitment was to Mary Kay, his wife of 57 years, who passed away just seven months ago. She was his best friend and the love of his life.

Philip Ritter '64 passed away in January. After graduating high school he served in the US Military where he was assigned to the Army Dental Corps and trained as a dental assistant. Phil modified delicate instruments used in dental surgeries and gained the praise and favor of several senior officers. After the military, Phil spent 30 years as a chemist at the Procter and Gamble Company; many of his formulations still exist in products you use almost every day. Upon his retirement from P&G, his wife Marilyn founded Valet Coffee, a mobile coffee and smoothie bar. Phil knew there had to be a better way to do mobile food and beverage service, so he went about his fiddling, tinkering, and inventing path until he developed a full-sized, collapsible, counter-height, lightweight, mobile cart for transport, storage, and serving of food and beverages. He was awarded a patent for

his unique design.

Phil also had many interests and hobbies including working on cars, boating and water skiing, golf, he built a full film developing darkroom in his basement, he was involved in his parish, and he also founded the neighborhood watch in Latonia.

Doug Eifert '73 passed away in May. He worked as a site foreman for Century Construction for more than 27 years, was a member of Boy Scout Troop 702, an active caretaker for 34 years at Camp Michaels Boy Scout Camp, and a member of the Knights of St. John.

Steve Montgomery '73 passed away in February. He worked as a repairman at Radio Shack for 33 years and then at St. Henry Church as their maintenance man, and he could fix anything. He enjoyed rehabbing old houses and was always willing to help someone in need. Steve also served his community, he was a former Erlanger City Council Member, a Board member for St. Henry Catholic School, St. Henry District High School, and the C&O Credit Union. He was also the former Administrator and Treasurer for the USA Boxing KY LBC.

Mike Riesenbeck '74 passed away in August. He worked as a caterer for Gate Gourmet, formerly Dobb's House, for 21 years before retiring and moving on to work security for Hollywood Casino. He enjoyed boating, camping and watching the Kentucky Wildcats and Cincinnati Reds. He leaves behind a wife, two daughters, and three grandchildren.

Mary Beth Dadosky Chasteen '78 passed away in March. She was a life-long caregiver and a volunteer for those with special needs. Even in death she continued to give as a Life Center Donor and Hero to numerous people.

Jerry Dietz '78 passed away on July 4 after a months long battle with cancer. He worked for almost 25 years at "Doc" Rusk in Covington alongside his father and brother, he taught night classes at JD Patton Vocational School, and worked as a branch manager at Corken Steel for six years. He is survived by his wife, Diane, and their three children and spouses.

Jeffrey Glenn '86 passed away in February. He was a former member of the Kentucky Jaycees and a longtime lector at St. Paul's church in Florence. He enjoyed sports and especially loved to watch the Bengals and the Xavier Musketeers.

We apologize for any omissions. Our In Memoriam list relies on updates from fellow alum, families and friends. To submit information about an alum who has passed, please contact Courtney Hoffer, Alumni Coordinator, at choffer@shdhs.org.

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2022 Hall of Fame

The SHDHS Hall of Fame has several new members...finally. After years of starts and stops and delays by a pandemic the induction ceremony for three new class years happened in April 2022 in the Drees Homes Auditorium.

Each induction class includes individuals who represent the five pillars of SHDHS: Faith, Arts, Athletics, Leadership, and Scholarship.

The Class of 2020 inductees are: **John McCoy '10 (Arts); Jim Hengehold '63, Jim Nestheide '78, Kathy Tepe Bessler '83, Wendy Tepe Tobergte '84, Keith Schuler '99, and Amy Franks Garner '99 (Athletics); Fr. Greg Bach (Faith); Millay & Co. (Leadership) Jim Goetz '78, Scott Millay '91, Dave Huesman '84, Rob Millay '85, Karen Faust, and Susan Kolkmeier; Sean Ehlman '07 (Scholarship).**

The Hall of Fame Class of 2021 includes: **Charlie Padgett '85 (Arts); Eric Neuhaus '97 (Athletics); Tina Helmle Ryan '86 (Faith); Dave Otte '70 (Leadership); and Suzi McClure Francis '96 (Scholarship).**

The 2022 Hall of Fame inductees are: **Tom Tally '91 (Arts); 1981 Volleyball team (Athletics) Milissa (Zerhusen) Frondorf '82, Coleen (Egan) Brockman '83, Lisa Cahill '83, Lisa Ann (Schwartz) Hartig '82, Mary (Weisenberger) Mullins '82, Kelli (O'Rourke) Gilbert '82, Kathy (Tepe) Bessler '83, Wendy (Tepe) Tobergte '83, Julie (Derks) Durstock '83, Lisa (Freihofer) Bockweg '83, Coach Katie Wesseling, statistician Brenda Mallery '84, and Managers Tina (Buttelwerth) Goodson '85, Julie (Whitton) Murphy '84, Donna (Keen) Vinicombe '83, and Marsha (Eifert) Mangine '82; Bishop Roger Foys (Faith); Dr. George Gerl (Leadership); Crystal Hurtle Meyer '10 (Scholarship).**



After the ceremony everyone enjoyed a reception where they got to catch up with classmates and fellow alumni they hadn't seen in a while.

The afternoon was extra special for inductee Eric Neuhaus because some of the guys he coached were there to celebrate with him. Some came from as far as Chattanooga, TN and Washington D.C.! The group extended the celebration with a party at Eric's house after the event.

The Hall of Fame Class of 2023 members will be announced later this year. But, you can mark your calendar now and plan to join us at next year's induction ceremony, which is scheduled for Sunday, April 2, 2023.



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Alum Ordained A Priest

Another Crusader has completed his journey to priesthood.

Fr. AJ Gedney '10 was ordained a priest during a ceremony in June at the Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption in Covington. During the ceremony, AJ was vested by fellow Crusader alum, Fr. Eric Boelscher '07. He told the Messenger that he wanted to give Fr. Boelscher the honor of vesting him as a thank you for becoming a priest. Fr. AJ said that it was Fr. Boelscher's ordination that really inspired him to think about priesthood.

Fr. AJ celebrated his Mass of Thanksgiving (his first Mass as a priest) at the parish in which he grew up, St. Paul, the following day. Several of his fellow Crusader alumni were in attendance for his first Mass. In fact, Brad Whittle '15, seminarian in the Diocese of Covington, and Chelsea Gabbard '10 took part in the celebration as vocalists.

Fr. AJ has been assigned as parochial vicar at Holy Cross and chaplain at Newport Central Catholic.

Thank you to Kris Staverman for the photos from the Mass of Thanksgiving.

Alum Delivers Commencement Speech, Begins Career In Golf Industry

May the Fores be with you. A Crusader alum delivers the commencement speech at her graduation ceremony at Eastern Kentucky University before hitting the fairway with a unique degree.

Liz Roch '18 graduated from ECU's Professional Golf Management (PGM) Program in May. Eastern is one of only 17



universities in the nation that offers the PGM Program.

As a student in the Program, Liz interned at golf courses each of her three summers throughout her ECU experience, worked at the Masters tournament, and served as president of the PGA Professional Golf Management Student Association.

She graduated with a Bachelor of Business Administration with a major in marketing and a concentration in PGA Golf Management. She was one of only 10 PGM students nationwide chosen to be a PGA Works Scholar and she was named a Patterson Scholar, which is awarded to outstanding business students.

In her commencement speech, Liz told her fellow alumni that "all of these big moments that we have experienced have led us here. Today feels like the end, but today is not the end. It is only the very beginning."

Liz accepted a full-time position in Manchester by the Sea, MA at Essex County Club as an assistant golf professional.



Class of 2020 ReCRUnection

The Class of 2020 finally received the proper sendoff that Covid stole from them their senior year.

As you may recall, this is the class that left school on Friday, March 13, and never returned to the halls of SHDHS. They finished their high school career online, missed out on their Baccalaureate mass, and received their diplomas in their driveways and on their front porches.

On January 5, the class reunited to reconnect with their classmates and teachers. A special ceremony was held in the Drees Homes Auditorium where the graduates received a special cross, senior yearbook, and, most importantly, a Cru Bar.



Despite the abrupt end to in-person learning that they experienced during their senior year, the Class of 2020 managed to end the year on an extremely strong academic note - helping the school earn its second National Blue

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Ribbon award. During the ceremony, SHDHS Principal David Gish spotlighted the significant role that this class played in the school earning this prestigious award for a second time, noting that the qualifying academic data submitted during the application process came from the Class of 2020.

After the ceremony, the class walked the halls of St. Henry one final time, talking with former teachers and underclassmen.

Grad Who Beat Cancer Now Pitching For UC

Alex Shea '19 has come a long way, and notched many accomplishments, since he was diagnosed with cancer his freshman year at SHDHS. He is five years cancer free, is pitching for the University of Cincinnati, and is currently playing for the Cincinnati Steam.

In early July, Shea pitched the final inning in the Great Lakes Summer Collegiate League All-Star Game to preserve a 3-0 win by the South Division team. According to the Enquirer, the game was set for 10 innings so all 10 pitchers on each roster could throw one inning. Shea pitched the top of the 10th and got the save to complete a one-hit shutout. Entering the All-Star break, Shea has pitched five games for the Steam, giving up five hits and two earned runs in nine innings while striking out 12.

Shea, a left-hander with a fastball clocking in at over 95 miles per hour, is coming off his sophomore season at the University of Cincinnati. He feels blessed to be able to pitch after he was diagnosed with Hodgkin lymphoma in April 2016. He underwent extensive treatments for five months, and was declared to be in remission in September of that year, his sophomore year at SHDHS.

During his treatments, the Crusader community rallied around him. He was the focus of an all-day softball event

during his freshman year that was set up to raise funds for cancer and was also honored that fall at the Playing for a Purpose volleyball game against Notre Dame. During the same time he was visited in the hospital by Reds star Joey Votto. Shea got to reunite with Votto at a Reds game in 2021.

After going into remission, he was able to rejoin the St. Henry baseball team for the 2017 season, pitching for the Crusaders for his final three years.

His senior season, he went 5-2 with a 2.12 ERA, allowing only 12 hits in 30 innings. He threw a no-hitter against Ludlow in the 34th District semifinals, helping the Crusaders win their second-straight district championship.

"Everyone goes through ups and downs in their life," he said. "I feel like I have, too. Just being able to get back and play baseball once again, go to a higher level. It's very rewarding. It's a very cool opportunity and I'm glad to have it."

Shea enrolled at the University of Cincinnati to major in finance. He didn't sign with the baseball team but was recruited to join the team after he attended a prospect camp during his freshman year.

His freshman season at UC, 2020, was canceled by the pandemic. He pitched only two innings in 2021, but this past season he had a significant role for the team.

He pitched in 12 games totaling 22 innings. He had an ERA of 8.59 but struck out 23 and allowed only 21 hits in those 22 innings.

"I had some ups and downs. I had some great games and also had some games I want to have back," Shea told the Enquirer. "Being able to play college baseball at the Division I level is pretty awesome. I got to pitch against Ohio State, get some innings out of the pen and I got to start in the conference tournament. It was really a cool year, a lot of cool experiences."

UC head coach Scott Googins said Shea's cancer treatments kept him from being recruited. But now that he's in the UC program and developing his strength and his ability, the sky is the limit.

Alex has two more seasons of eligibility for the UC baseball team and is on track to graduate in the spring of 2023. While he doesn't know what the future holds, he loves being in the present.

"As you grow older, you get more perspective on things. Looking back, I think about how cool this opportunity is. I work hard every day because you can never take anything for granted."



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Scheben Burning Up the Ice and the Books

Kassidy Scheben '19 is tearing it up both in the classroom and in the rink.

Scheben is playing ice hockey at Concordia University in Ann Arbor, Michigan and working toward her Bachelors in Nursing degree.

Kassidy has been on the Honors list for the last three semesters and is on track to graduate with her degree in just three and half years. She was also awarded a Nursing Endowment for her grades and her hard work.

Scheben's work on the ice is just as impressive. Her freshman year she was nominated for Rookie of the Year for all Concordia Sports. She has been assistant captain for the last two seasons and last season she was ranked in the Top 10 of all defensive players in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference (WHAC). This season she scored the winning overtime goal in a game, for the first overtime win in school history! And if that wasn't enough, Kassidy was also nominated for the Female Champion of Character award and was named the team's Defensive Most Valuable Player.

Kassidy started playing hockey when she was 9 years old and her goal was always to reach the highest level possible as a student athlete. She says she understands the rigor and sacrifice that it takes to be a collegiate athlete and thrives on being part of a team that works towards a common goal.

Kaiser Wins Bronze in Portugal

Emmy Kaiser adds more hardware to her collection after her latest tournament.

Kaiser '08 and her fellow women's team members earned bronze

medals at the BNP Paribas World Team Cup, held in Portugal, for the second straight year.



After losing to Japan in the semifinals, the U.S. bounced back to sweep Colombia in two singles matches to win the third-place match with the loss of just nine games.



The team of Emmy Kaiser, Shelby Baron, and Dana Mathewson have now placed third in three of the last five editions of the competition, which is the flagship international team event in wheelchair tennis.

Grad Bikes To End Alzheimer's

A Crusader alum is biking to end Alzheimer's.

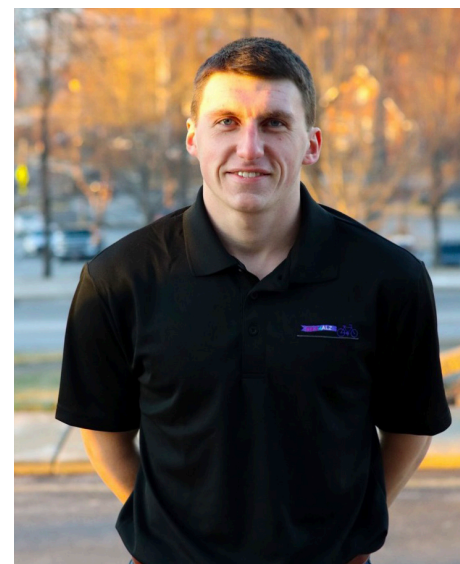
Andrew (Drew) Trapp '20 joined a group

of 14 fellow WKU Fiji Fraternity Brothers to bike 3,600 miles across the country to raise money for Alzheimer's research. The group began their journey in early May in San Francisco and will reach their finish line in Virginia Beach in late July.



Bike4Alz.org began 12 years ago and has raised large

amounts of money to donate directly to Alzheimer's research. This once in a lifetime journey has meant so much to Drew as he has met and been able to share the stories of so many affected by this disease. To learn more about the cause please visit Bike4Alz.org.



ALUMNI REUNIONS

Class Reunions Save the Date

Class of 1973 - 50th Reunion

This reunion is planned for September 9, 2023. Planning meetings are happening now.

If you would like to be part of the planning committee or would like more information you can contact Dave Brake at classof73@shdhs.org or join the reunion Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2827006710926912>

If you would like to plan a reunion for your class please contact Courtney Barth Hoffer, Alumni Coordinator, at choffer@shdhs.org to begin the process.

Class of 1982 - 40th Reunion

The Class of 1982 took their 40th class reunion outside.

The classmates gathered at the Crestview Hills Concert Series held on the campus of Thomas More University in July. The group spent the evening catching up, reminiscing, and sharing some laughs and drinks while listening to E 5 C 4 P 3 (Escape) which is a Journey tribute band.

The event was enjoyed by everyone who attended.



Class of 2002 - 20th Reunion

The Class of 2002 celebrated being out of school for two decades with a party.

The group held their celebration at the Dixie Club Bar & Cafe in Erlanger in August. The reunion organizers said a great time was had by all.



Class of 2017 - 5 Year Reunion

The Class of 2017 celebrated their first high school reunion.

The group got together at Molly Malone's in Covington in June. Organizers said everyone had a great time and enjoyed catching up with classmates they had not seen in a while. As you can see by the picture, there was a great turnout for the event.



ALUMNI UPDATES

Robert Rauen '49 is the proud grandpa to eight grandchildren and the proud great-grandpa to 11!

Judy Foltz Eichorn '63

and her husband, Tom, will celebrate 56 years of marriage this year! They have three children and seven grandchildren. Judy says four of the grandchildren currently are in college on scholarships.



Mike '65 and Patti

Oberschlake '68 Keipert have been married for 52 years. They have three children (all attended SHDHS), 11 grandchildren (some are currently at SHDHS), and two great grandchildren.



Charlie Padgett '85 had a piece of his work accepted into the Communication Arts Illustration Annual. Not only is this a huge honor, it was also one of Charlie's career goals.



Rob Padgett '93 was back in town and decided to pay his alma mater a visit. While he was here he took the opportunity to show his girls his retired basketball jersey. Rob is SHDHS's all-time leading scorer, racking up more than 2,400 points in his high school career.

His senior year he scored 753 points, was named the 33rd District Most Valuable Player, and the 9th Region All-A Most Valuable Player. He went on to play basketball at Embry Riddle in Daytona, Florida and was named an National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) All-American.

Suzi McClure Francis '96 was awarded the 2020 Kentucky Pharmacist of the Year by the Kentucky Pharmacists Association. The award recognizes a pharmacist for outstanding professional activities that demonstrate benefits to the profession of pharmacy.

Ryan Maschmeyer '01 earned the Richard Tobin Award from Catholic Order of Foresters. The award allows its recipients to choose an organization to receive a \$500 donation from the Foresters. Ryan chose to donate this year's award to St. Timothy Parish, his home parish.

Christina Schreiner Spille '02 won the Next Generation Leader Award for Healthcare from the Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce. She is the Pharmacy Director at Faith Community Pharmacy in Newport, KY.

Michael Terrell '02 is a Boone County Sheriff's Deputy. He got to work a boys' basketball game, versus Newport Central Catholic, at his alma mater in January.



Alan Franks '08 took part in the Expert Soldier Badge, a special skills badge of the United States Army. The ESB demonstrates individual Soldier competencies and abilities to perform Skill Level 1 Warrior Tasks and brigade commander-selected tasks.

In August 2021 Alan signed on for another tour of duty. He and his wife, Rachel, transferred to Germany for three years.

Allison Goderwis Smith '12 recently earned her Ph.D. in Family Sciences from the University of Kentucky. She also earned two graduate certificates in Gerontology and Applied Statistics. She is a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist and has her own private practice in Lexington, where she lives with her husband Chase and six month old son, Asher.



ALUMNI UPDATES

Dr. Cayla Kunstek '13 graduated from University of Kentucky Medical School in May 2021 and got married the following month to her grade school sweetheart, Mitchell Masarik. She is currently doing her residency at St. Elizabeth Hospital.



Sydney Pitts '13 is a Marine Mammal Trainer at the Indianapolis Zoo. She and her team are responsible for the care, enrichment, and training of the Dolphins, Walrus, Sea Lions, and Seals. A normal day for her includes preparing diets for the animals and planning sessions throughout the day. Sydney says they try to vary the focus of the sessions every day so work on husbandry/veterinary items to keep them healthy, play sessions with various enrichment items/toys, guest/educational programs, or training sessions to keep the animals mentally stimulated and reinforce trainer and animal bonds.



Sydney says each animal has its own personality and it's so fun to work and interact with them.

Lily Marino '18 was named Conference Carolinas Co-Field Athlete of the Week in February after a record performance at the Virginia Military Institute Winter Relays. Lily shattered the school record in the Weight Throw with a toss of 17.55 meters. That mark was also good enough for an NCAA provisional qualifying mark and helped her move into first place among the Conference Carolinas performers in that discipline. She also ranked 22nd nationally in Division II for the event.



DID YOU KNOW?

Decades of Service - Crusader faculty and staff have a long record of dedicated service. There are currently four faculty/staff members who have worked at SHDHS for 30 or more years! They are our principal, **Dave Gish (34 years); Jay Graue - history (34 years); Dave Faust - business (30 years); and Maureen Kaiser - health (30 years).**

Go CRU faculty!

Room to Move - With the new auditorium and fine arts wing, our building is approximately **104,000 square feet**. That's big enough to house about eight Olympic-size swimming pools! Hats off to Mr. Chris Gunkel, who keeps every inch running smoothly.

"Feet" of Learning - The length of the 300 hallway (with the new fine arts wing) is approximately 465 ft. That means the entire Statue of Liberty (pedestal to torch) AND the Lincoln Memorial could fit with room to spare!



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