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ON THE COVER: SHDHS senior Emma Koch stars as Dolly in *Hello, Dolly!*, the Drama Department's first musical held in the new Drees Homes Auditorium
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Building on Excellence, Guided by Faith

It is a great time to be a part of the Crusader community. The completion of a \$7.8 million “Building on Excellence, Guided by Faith” expansion project is propelling an already incredible St. Henry District High School to the next level. The Most Reverend Roger J. Foys, D.D., Bishop of Covington blessed and dedicated the 43,000 square foot expansion and new classrooms on February 16.

I believe the four words, “we are better together,” sum up the entire project. I’d like to extend my gratitude to Bishop Foys for his constant support, spiritual guidance, and dedication to Catholic education and St. Henry District High School. I am also grateful to my high school classmate, Boone Riegler and his wife Karen, for agreeing to be our campaign co-chairs and working tirelessly to make this project a reality. I would also like to thank Ralph and Irma Drees for their generous gift of \$750,000, a defining moment in the campaign. In addition, this project would not have happened without our architects, construction company, faculty and staff, and campaign steering committee members.

The new facilities will provide St. Henry students with engaging new spaces to learn, grow, and succeed for years to come. We hope and pray that all we have accomplished will serve as inspiration to our current students, future students, and the greater community.



David M. Otte
Principal



Fine Arts Expansion

Nearly six years ago, school leadership identified the ever-increasing need for a fine arts facility. Throughout the campaign, God's hands have been at work each and every day, bringing together more than 400 individuals and businesses to financially support the expansion project and helping make the vision become a reality.

The 43,000 square foot addition includes:

- 650 seat Drees Homes Auditorium
- Riegler Family Alumni Gallery
- Ed and Betty Dusing Black Box Theater
- Wilson Family Art Gallery
- Nields Family Box Office
- Brent Rouse Concessions (Smiley's Snack Shop)
- Scene workshop and studio
- Dr. George A. & Dolores E. Renaker STEM Lab and biology lab
- Art, band, chorus, and general classrooms
- Expanded media center and new student print center
- New advancement offices and counselors' suite
- Virgin Mary grotto (scheduled for completion later this year)



Hello, Dolly!

The SHDHHS Drama Department performed its first musical, *Hello, Dolly!*, in the new Drees Homes Auditorium. The musical follows the adventures of Dolly Levi (played by Emma Koch), a woman famous for “arranging things,” as she travels to New York to find a wife for the well-known, rich, and grumpy Horace Vandergelder (played by Grant Bautista). Congratulations to the cast, crew, parents, faculty, and staff!



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PERSONAL GROWTH THROUGH MEANINGFUL SERVICE

By Phoebe Phan / Class of 2020



My name is Phoebe Phan and I'm a member of the St. Henry District High School Class of 2020. Each year, SHDHS students perform more than 20,000 hours of service. We give of our time and talent to a wide variety of organizations.

This past summer, I went on a mission trip to Jamaica. Spanish teacher, Ms. Alex Breeze, led a group of twenty people overseas to volunteer at a local soup kitchen, build pig pens, and clean churches and schools. Additionally, we went to the schools and helped take care of the children or tutor those who needed it. The mission trip was my favorite service, not only because I traveled to a beautiful country with my friends, but also because I experienced the culture. What stood out to me most was how nice and welcoming everyone was. Jamaicans live a very modest life compared to Americans and the majority of people we met struggled to make ends meet, however, they always had a smile. My favorite part of the trip was going to the elementary schools. The kids begged us to sit with them. Although they were as young as six years old and did not have money, they offered to buy us their favorite snacks. We played soccer with the older boys, and instead of ridiculing me for my lack of coordination, they offered to help me.

When we first arrived, we grumbled and complained about the heat and the lack of clean, cold water. However, as our week went on, I noticed a change in everyone. We witnessed the Jamaicans offering their clean water bottles to us even though we had water from our villa. They scrounged for ice to fill our bottles and kept none for themselves. In addition, they fed us first and did everything they could to make us feel comfortable. Their open arms taught us kindness and selflessness. I learned how grateful and minimalistic the Jamaicans are and how much happier they are. We all left with that gratitude. We proceeded our mission by helping selflessly. We woke up on time, ready to tutor, to lift tremendous amounts of dirt for the pig pens, and to help at their local soup kitchen. Jamaica was the most meaningful service I have ever done, not just this semester, but in my life. The Jamaicans taught me to appreciate my life as I learned humility and gratitude. Personally, service changed from being a requirement to



an experience to grow as a person. Through this service, I became more humble and selfless, which also allowed me to grow my relationship with Christ and help others as He intended.

"You may not realize this, but many of you have supported mission trips such as this through your gifts to the Crusader Annual Appeal. Your gifts help ensure more students than ever before are afforded the opportunity to receive a quality, Catholic education at SHDHS. I know I speak for all current and future Crusaders when I say **THANK YOU for your support!" - PHOEBE PHAN**



RETREAT HIGHLIGHTS

Retreats are an important part of our students' faith development. Each class takes part in a unique retreat designed to help students deepen their connection and communication with God and explore the various ways Christ speaks to them in their lives. The freshmen are introduced to the retreat program and explore the core tenants of being a Crusader. Sophomores learn how to work as one body in Christ and together, as Christian leaders, serve God's kingdom on earth. Juniors participate in an overnight retreat, focusing on faith-filled discussions, leader-led talks, prayer, and mass. Finally, seniors pray with Christ on their four-day retreat led by diocesan priests.



SHDHS ATTENDS NATIONAL CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE

Twenty-one students represented SHDHS at the National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) in November at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis. For



three days, 20,000 teenagers from across the country joined together to celebrate how much their Catholic faith means to them. The theme of the conference — “Blessed, Broken, Given” — was a reflection of their own lives and their growing relationship with God.

“It was an amazing experience to meet so many teens just like me, all gathered together for the same thing – to worship God. The most moving part of the whole experience was adoration when the entire crowd rushed to kneel before Jesus. I get chills just thinking about it. I would encourage everyone to take part in this opportunity as it allows for insight into so many topics and also presents the opportunity to meet people from all over the country,” said Erin Cheek, Class of 2020.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2020

During Catholic Schools Week, SHDHS celebrated several individuals in our Crusader community that have volunteered their time and talents to support the mission of SHDHS. This year, we presented Crusader Champion Awards to Charley ('56) and Crystal Fedders ('58), June Kohorst Kroger ('43), and Pete ('81) and Tracy Scheben. Students also put their faith into action through a school-wide community service project. They worked together to assemble 500 lunch and toiletry bags and wrote personal notes to include in each bag. Once they were assembled, the junior class delivered them to multiple local service agencies to help support those in need.



SUPPORTING STUDENT SUCCESS

There is nothing more empowering for a child than a strong education. All of God's children deserve access to an education that builds a foundation for success and a bright future. This is a key mission at St. Henry District High School.

SHDHS has a Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS) framework in place that recognizes the joint influence of academic, social, emotional, and behavioral needs on a student's overall educational performance. Through



this multi-tiered framework, students who are struggling are identified and provided targeted support through a fluid continuum of intervention that assists learners in reaching their fullest potential.

Laci Shea, Interventional Specialist, spearheads the MTSS system. "The MTSS framework is a holistic educational approach and a building-wide culture at SHDHS. Our faculty and staff work together to identify students that may be struggling in any area be that academically, emotionally, or socially. We intervene and connect with these students early and often to make sure they do not fall behind and their needs are being met."

The MTSS approach consists of various tiered levels of support. Tier 1 encompasses all students in the building. At this tier, students receive high-quality core instruction in academic skills, expected behaviors, and social-

emotional skills. Students are screened to identify those with gaps in these areas. Screenings include: the freshman high school placement test, grade and attendance reports, a climate survey which screens for social-emotional concerns, and college and career readiness surveys. There are multiple services offered at this tier to help struggling students such as mental health awareness activities, National Honors Society peer tutoring, after-school homework center staffed by teachers, on-site campus ministry for faith and community development, and a distinctive Flextime where students can seek support from their teachers daily.

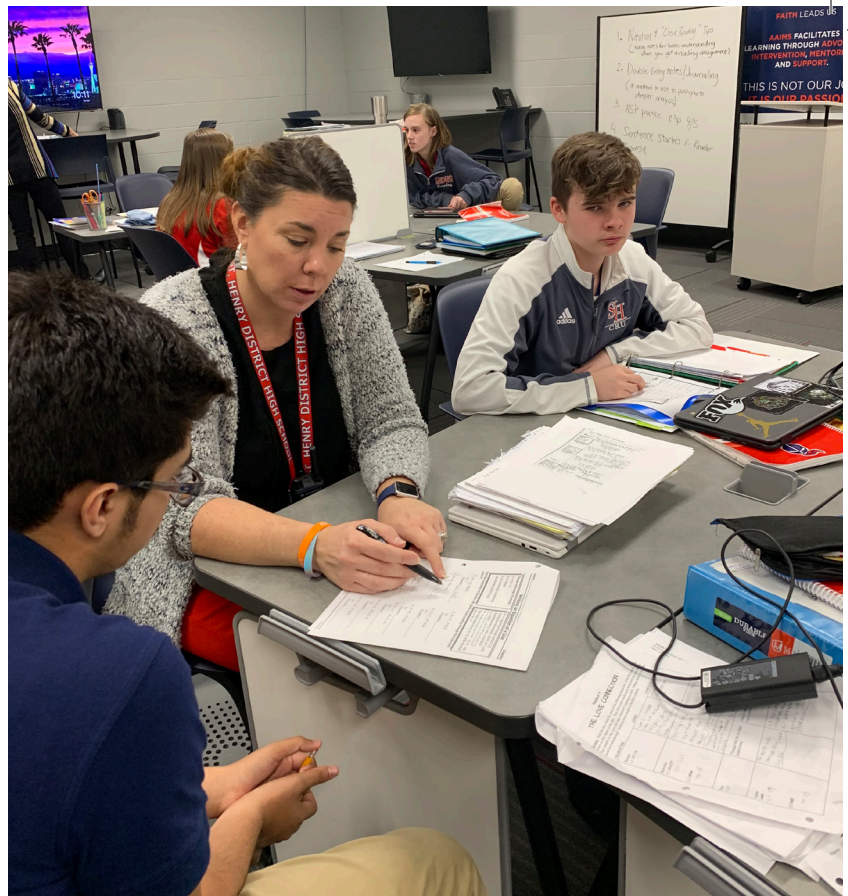
"The Flextime program is unique to St. Henry and consists of a 30-minute time period during a student's day where they can seek support from anyone in the building," said Mrs. Shea. "Faculty members, including teachers, counselors, and administrators, are available on a daily basis to offer additional help, answer questions, provide tutoring, or be a mentor. This program has been extremely successful, resulting in students taking an active role in their education and advocating for their social and emotional well-being."

Students identified in Tier 1 of the MTSS as not making adequate progress toward grade-level goals, are advanced to Tier 2 for additional support. The hallmark of this tier is small group supplemental instruction in addition to core instruction. Evidence-based programs and practices, including counseling groups and Organizational and Time Management (OTM), are offered during Flextime to assist students in reaching their goals. The Crusader Check and Connect (CCC) program is also a key component of this tier. CCC consists of a core group of teachers and staff within the building who specifically monitor students progress and take a strategic interest in at-risk students to foster a positive connection and serve as mentors. They check in with their students on a regular basis through face-to-face meetings to help students develop problem solving skills and set goals for self improvement. Additionally,

mentors continually communicate with parents to keep them abreast of progress made and continued challenges.

“A pivotal advantage of the CCC program is students knowing they have an additional adult in their life that cares about them, is willing to support them, and help them access services at school that will help them reach academic success. This program really helps students have a positive year and stay connected to school,” said Mrs. Shea.

Tier 3 is the Academic Achievement through Intervention, Mentoring, and Support (AAIMS) program. AAIMS provides students an individualized, positive, and well-rounded education and produces hard-working and responsible, contributing citizens in society. Students identified as having a mild to moderate disability, including cognitive, medical, psychological, or physical conditions that may interfere with their academic



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performance, are enrolled in this program. The AAIMS faculty analyzes a student’s strengths and weaknesses and develops an appropriate, individualized academic support plan which enables them to assume responsibility for their own education and promote self-advocacy. Students enrolled in the program are scheduled for a daily class period in the AAIMS classroom and receive 1 credit each

year. Additionally, faculty and staff of the student’s core curriculum are present in the AAIMS classroom to offer another layer of help and support.

As an additional layer of support for students, SHDHS has partnered with educational professionals through OptimALL Services, an organization whose mission is to help meet the needs of all learners in private education settings. SHDHS teachers work side-by-side with OptimALL coaches who specialize in areas such as special education, speech and language therapy, autism, and gifted and talented. OptimALL coaches offer SHDHS faculty small group consultation and large group professional development in all tier levels to share tips and tools on behaviors and learning needs and practice strategies to support each student.

“Partnering with OptimALL services has been very beneficial to our community. We have been able to offer small group professional development to not only our faculty and staff but to our parents as well,” said Mrs. Shea. “OptimALL coaches continue to help us strengthen the MTSS culture of our school that welcomes and nurtures every student who walks into this building.”

The MTSS framework allows SHDHS to develop the special talents of each of its students in a personalized approach.

Scholarship

WOMEN IN TECHNOLOGY

St. Henry students attended the Women in Information Technology Conference in October and placed first in a cyber security competition. SHDHS students were split into two teams and congratulations go to Bella Widmyer, Teresa Pope, Shelby Wagstaff, and Sarah Mahan for this impressive achievement. The goal of the annual conference is to provide young women in high school with visibility into careers for women in technology and information systems. Students were exposed to several industry-leading women, including the head of cyber security for Procter & Gamble. During the challenge the ladies had to figure out how to identify and exterminate a computer virus. Great job representing St. Henry!



SHDHS WINS 1ST PLACE AT HACK THE NEW YEAR

Congratulations to JP Mason, Lincoln Mason, Jacob Ritchie, Dylan Raleigh, Carson Schmidt, Daniel Litteral, and Alyson Abbott for winning 1st place at Hack the New Year. A hackathon is a place where people come together to hack (hack is a way to say make cool, fun things) and meet new people! One can build anything one wants in 24 hours, with free food, drinks, and places to sleep. The St. Henry team won first place, winning \$2000 in DigitalOcean credit.

CRUSADERS WIN BIG AT MATH COMPETITION

Congratulations to the SHDHS students who participated in the 27th Annual John O'Bryan Math Tournament at Northern Kentucky University. SHDHS competed with a varsity team and two junior varsity (JV) teams against 10 other schools. The varsity team of Meghan Pawsat, TJ Mueller, Drew Trapp, Logan Holmes, and Griffin Gould placed 1st in the varsity 5-person team competition and the JV 1 team of Vincent Croyle, Kaitlyn Apgar, Grant Bautista, Carly Cromer, and Jack Goodwin placed 3rd in the JV individual written test competition. The varsity team placed 5th overall in the varsity competition! Congratulations, Math Cru!



CRU FAMILIES NEW TO SHDHS

SHDHS is committed to creating and instilling a strong sense of community and a culture of welcoming and belonging in each of its students. To help foster this commitment, the CRU Families program was launched this year. Within this program, the entire student body is sorted into 22 smaller families, or “CRUs”, consisting of no more than 25 students, with representation from each grade level, and two faculty or staff members. Students remain in the same CRU for the entirety of their high school years. CRU families participate in activities together at least twice a month which include getting to know you games and competitions against other CRU families. Some activities students have participated in include an all-school cornhole tournament, an Amazing Race event, a human turkey dress up competition, and a house of cards stacking race. Benefits of this program include increasing student leadership, students getting to know others from all grade levels, and introducing students to a variety of activities that are non-academic and non-athletic. The program has increased student participation in school events and promoted school spirit.



Fine Arts

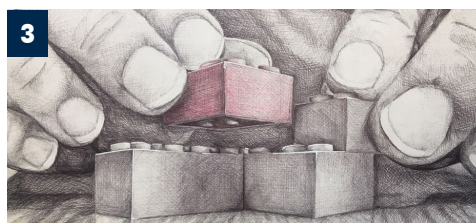
SHDHS PILOTS AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM

The SHDHS Fine Arts Department is piloting a brand new after school art program at St. Henry Catholic School in Erlanger. SHDHS art students volunteer to teach elementary students various art skills and collaborate alongside them to produce creative projects. Ms. Katie Baker, Fine Arts Department Chair, designed and supervises the program. She plans the lessons and shares them with the high school students who are responsible for presenting and teaching the material. Students have learned drawing basics such as portraiture and completed art pieces, including Japanese windsocks, paper bag turkeys and snowman or tree ornaments. “I am very proud of our high school students who have volunteered to work with the elementary students in this capacity,” said Ms. Baker. “They are demonstrating true leadership outside of the classroom and it shows in the way the younger students have welcomed them and adore working with them.” Ms. Baker hopes to expand the program to become continuous service and include all SHDHS feeder schools in the coming years.



CREATIVE CRUSADER VISUAL ART COMPETITION WINNERS

The Creative Crusader Visual Art Competition 8th grade winners were announced at Priority Registration night. First place went to Abby Nienaber from St. Joseph Academy in Walton who won a \$1,000 scholarship. Emma Linkugel from IHM claimed second place with a \$250 scholarship, and third place went to Ray Neiheisel from IHM who won a \$100 scholarship. Honorable mentions were Maddie Bailey from St. Paul and Stephanie Gruener from Mary Queen of Heaven. Congratulations to all winners.



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Casey Miller, Jade Doellman, Madison Stuttler, and Maria Blasingame (left to right, top to bottom) were chosen out of 300 entries to represent SHDHS at the Thomas More Juried Junior and Senior Art Exhibition. Jade Doellman and Casey Miller were offered scholarships to TMU for their work.

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For the third consecutive year, SHDHS Art Club students participated in making Halloween capes for premature babies in the St. Elizabeth Hospital NICU. They also offered their artistic services at the first-ever NICU Reunion where SHDHS students met some of the babies they made capes for in previous years.

3

Congratulations to seniors Emily Kroth and Jade Doellman for being selected to show their artwork at the 2020 Mount St. Joseph University's Selections Art Show.

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The SHDHS Chamber Choir has been busy this year sharing their beautiful voices around the community including Immaculate Heart of Mary, St. Henry Catholic School and the Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport.

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Every year, the Crusader Band provides a free concert for veterans and their families, performing theme songs from each military branch in honor of all those that have served and continue to serve our country. The band also hosted a Christmas-themed Winter Thanks Concert and brought their energetic spirit to the stands at home basketball games.

Coaches in the News

MAUREEN KAISER | VOLLEYBALL

Coach Maureen Kaiser was selected as the 2018-2019 Girls' Volleyball Coach of the Year for the Kentucky High School Athletic Association. Kaiser has led St. Henry's volleyball program for 28 years and also serves as the Assistant Athletic Director and Health Department Chair. She graduated from St. Henry in 1985, received a full volleyball scholarship to the University of Notre Dame, was a member of the NCAA & North Star Conference All Region Teams in 1987 and 1988, and trained and competed with the Chinese Olympic Team in 1988.



BOB NIELDS | GIRLS' SOCCER

Coach Bob Nields was selected as the 9th Region Girls' Soccer Coaches Association Coach of the Year. Just this past year, he was named as the Head Coach of the Varsity Girls' Soccer Program. Under his leadership, the team won Districts for the third year in a row, won the All "A" Regional Championship for the first time since 2013, and the All "A" State Championship for the first time since 2011. The team's overall record was 17-7 and was continuously ranked in the top three regionally and top twenty statewide. Prior to coaching soccer, Nields was the head coach of the SHDHS Girls Golf Team, leading them to several invitational tournament championships, 2 All "A" Regional Championships, and the KHSAA State Tournament.



DAVE FAUST | BOYS' BASKETBALL

Coach Dave Faust earned his 400th career victory when St. Henry defeated Ludlow on Dec. 27, 2019. He began his head coaching career at St. Henry in 1992. During the 2002-03 season, Faust guided St. Henry to the school's first Kentucky All "A" Classic State Championship and first 9th Region postseason championship in basketball. Since then, St. Henry has won six additional 9th Region All "A" Classic titles under Faust, including this year. In January, the team also captured the All "A" Classic State Championship. He has also taken teams to the 9th Region post-season tournament 17 times over the last 27 years.



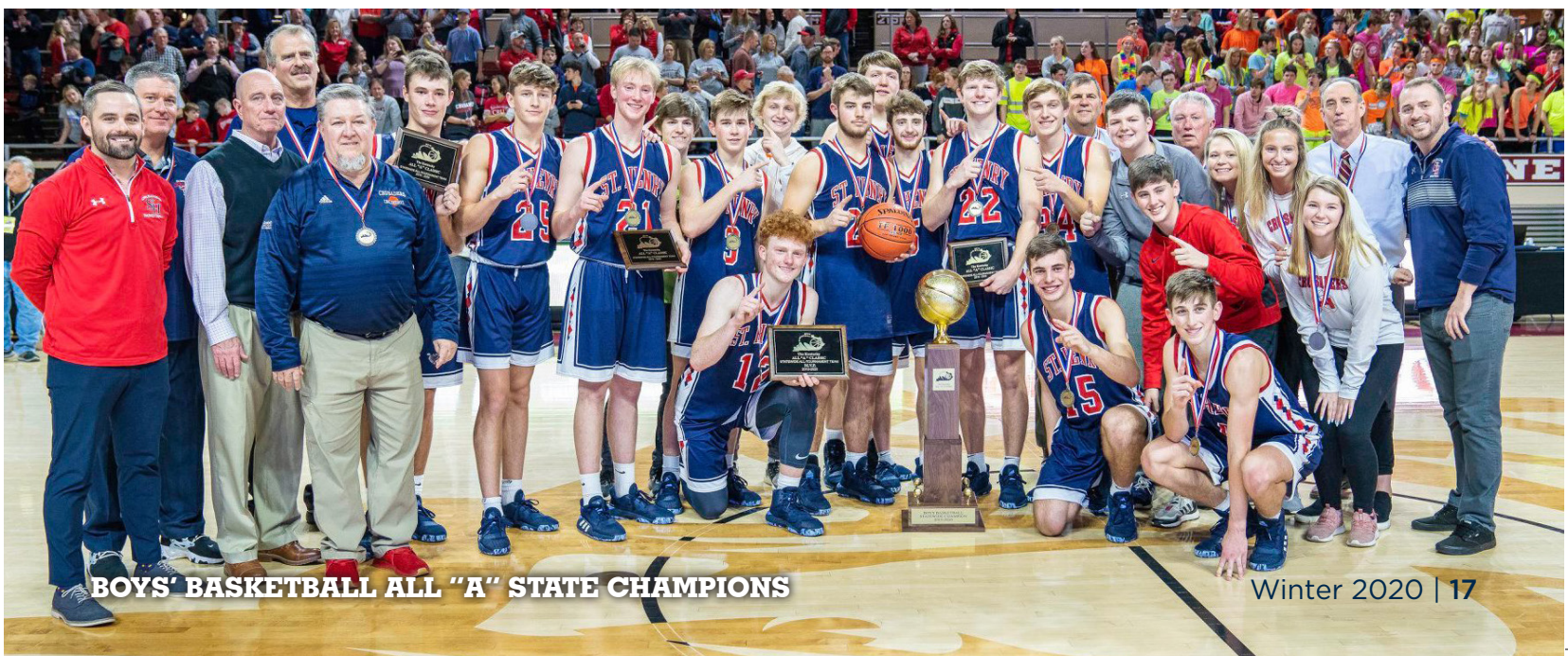
All "A" State Champs



GIRLS' SOCCER ALL "A" STATE CHAMPIONS



ALL "A" INVITATIONAL SWIMMING & DIVING COMBINED TEAM STATE CHAMPIONS



BOYS' BASKETBALL ALL "A" STATE CHAMPIONS

Athletics



GIRLS' CROSS COUNTRY

A word to describe the 2019 Girls' Cross Country season is growth. The runners started working hard in the heat of summer and supported one another throughout the year in challenging and strengthening practices, culminating at the state meet. Over the season, the JV team placed 4th at the Grant County Invitational, 2nd at Mason County, and 3rd at the St. Henry Invitational. The varsity team placed 2nd at the Diocese of Covington Championship, 3rd at NKAC, 3rd at Region, and 8th at State. JV runner Shelby Wagstaff earned the Most Valuable Runner, Camille Williams was the Most Improved Runner, and Maria Blasingame received the 100% Award. On the varsity team, Reganne McMain was named the Most Valuable Runner, Kimber Amber earned the Most Improved Runner, and Gabriele Harlan received the 100% Award. Senior Meghan Pawsat was honored for her dedication to excellence in all she does by being the nominee for Crusader of the Year.



BOYS' CROSS COUNTRY

The Crusader men started the competitive season with mixed results, finishing behind two other Class A schools at the Tiger Run. Racing without six members from the 2018 state team required returning and new members to step up and fill the existing void. The Crusaders completed the remainder of

the regular season without losing to any Class A teams. At the Regional meet, they finished second and earned a return trip to the State Championships. The Crusaders returned to the podium at state with a third-place finish. The SHDHS Boys' Cross Country Team has reached the podium 28 of the last 30 seasons.

Competing against Class A schools, the junior varsity team was never beaten in a race in 2019. They finished the season ranked first in the state.

- Sean Ryan was named to the KY All-State Team and NKY All-Region First Team.
- Charlie Barsan and Dixon Ryan were named NKY All-Region Honorable Mention.
- Dylan Loos, TJ Mueller, George Barsan, and Charlie Barsan were named to the KTCCCA Academic All-State First Team.



GIRLS' GOLF

The 2019-2020 Girls Golf Team was one of the youngest squads the team has had in several years. After graduating three talented seniors last year, the team was made up of two juniors, Sarah Steimer and Sydney Turner, one sophomore, Sydney Reymond, and two freshmen, Theresa Allen and Allyson Egan. For many of the young golfers, this was the first time playing competitive golf. Despite the lack of experience, the team improved throughout the year and Sarah Steimer earned individual honors as she qualified for the All "A" State Tournament in Richmond, Ky. At the end of the season, Sarah received the team's Most Valuable Player trophy, Allyson Egan grabbed Most Improved Player honors,

and Sydney Turner was the Crusader of the Year nominee. The team is excited about next season and is looking forward to improving on this past season's accomplishments as well as welcoming a strong group of new young Lady Cru golfers to the mix!



BOYS' GOLF

The Boys' Golf Team had a very successful season. Winning seven times while finishing in the top two 12 out of 16 events. The two biggest accomplishments this season were qualifying for the 1st Annual All State Championship by finishing 4th in all state points and finishing 2nd in the All "A" State tournament, shooting a 299. The team was led by senior Evan Schwarz who had one of the lowest averages in school history and won three times. He was followed by two very good juniors and one freshman in Mason Butler, Ryan Butler, and Kevin Tobergte who all qualified for the state tournament. Ryan had the top finish by finishing tied for 17th overall. Their coach is most proud of how the team became like a family over the season. The memories they created will last a lifetime!



GIRLS' SOCCER

The 2019 SHDHS Lady Cru Soccer team enjoyed an amazing year. Led by Seniors Katie Bill, Erin Cheek, Lilly Dressman, Katie Evans, Morgan Ferris,

Macy Gamel, Sophia Laudenslayer, and Emma Neiheisel the team defended its 34th District Championship it has won the past 3 years. However, its biggest achievement came winning the All "A" Regional Championship for the first time since 2013 and then excelling at their game over a magical weekend to bring home the All "A" State Championship for the first time since 2011. The team's overall record was 17-7 and was continuously ranked in the top 3 regionally and top twenty statewide.

Many of the team's players and coaches were recognized regionally and state wide:

- Both Mackenzie Kent (34 goals) and Erin Cheek were awarded 1st Team All-Region, Katie Evans was awarded 2nd Team All-Region, Macy Gamel was awarded 3rd Team All-Region, and Kathryn Bartlett was awarded Honorable Mention.
- Mackenzie Kent was awarded 2nd Team All-State and NKAC's Most Outstanding Player of the Year.
- Erin Cheek was awarded Honorable Mention All-State.
- Bob Nields was awarded the Regional Coach of the Year.

The team said goodbye to eight wonderful seniors whose contributions to the team were immeasurable. We look forward to watching each as they move on to their next chapter in life that could possibly include playing college soccer for some. Although the team is sad to see them go, they leave with best wishes, knowing they will always be a part of a very special team and a very special year.



BOYS' SOCCER

The 2019 Boys' Soccer Team was very successful this season in many ways. The team overcame obstacles, changes, and

multiple injuries with a positive attitude and willingness to adapt and step up when needed. This year's young men earned the opportunity to play in the All "A" State Tournament, playing Louisville Collegiate who was one of the state's best, and also advanced to play Holy Cross in the first round of the regional tournament. The team, led and captained by Nick Rieger, Jake Maher, JT Schaefer, and Ben Durrough, was highly respected and earned multiple awards for their efforts:

- Nick Rieger was named Defensive Player of the Year for NKY, 1st Team All-Region, and 2nd Team All-State.
- Jake Maher was awarded 2nd Team All-Region NKY.
- Ben Durrough was awarded 3rd Team All-Region NKY.
- Elhadj Seck earned Honorable Mention All-Region.



VOLLEYBALL

The 2019 SHDHS volleyball program had a very successful year. For three and a half months, the girls perfected their volleyball skills and grew together creating some wonderful memories and friendships. The Freshman Team, coached by Becki Vieth, went 12-6 and captured the Ryle Tournament Championship trophy. Sam Lewis was named the Freshman Team MVP while Breanna Riegler was awarded the team MIP. The JV squad, coached by Taryn Ward, Maddie Stiene, and Rachel D'Agnillo, won 20 matches and dropped seven. Junior Bella Newman earned the MVP award and sophomore Riley Spellman received the MIP honors. The Varsity Team coached by Maureen Kaiser and Shawn Schwarz recorded a record of 24-13. The squad won the NKAC conference title, District 17 title for the 19th consecutive year and were Regional

runner up. Congratulations to senior Zoe Epplen who received the team's MVP award as well as the Crusader of the Year nominee. Sophomore libero, Abby Schaefer, earned the MIP award. Head Coach Maureen Kaiser was awarded KHSAA Coach of the Year.



10TH ANNUAL GOLFATHON

Because of our community's support and generosity, the Athletic Boosters were able to raise more than \$65,000 during the 10th Annual Golfathon. The money raised allowed the Boosters to accomplish several projects including: needed repairs to SHDHS buses, construction of the SHDHS Spirit Shop, and support of team uniform rotations. This year, the event format was refreshed with each golfer participating in a "Day of Golf," including both a morning and afternoon session. A Crusader Cup Competition was held in the morning with two teams competing in a Ryder Cup format. Congratulations to the Blue Team for earning the win on a final putt! During the afternoon, golfers, event sponsors, alumni, and friends enjoyed a traditional four-person scramble. Without the help of our golfers, sponsors, and donors, none of this would be possible. Thank you!

Leadership



TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

Ann Maloney

EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING

SHDHS is proud to announce Mrs. Ann Maloney has received the Thomas More University Diocesan Excellence in Teaching Award (TMU-DETA). Mrs. Maloney teaches Biology, Human Anatomy & Physiology, and AP Biology. She is also the Science Department Chair, moderator of the Health Care Careers Club, and coordinator of the New Teacher Mentoring Program. This prestigious award recognizes quality secondary education teaching in Catholic schools within the Diocese of Covington.

Mrs. Maloney is the very definition of a fantastic teacher. She has an innate ability to nurture each student both academically and emotionally. She consistently goes above and beyond, always setting high expectations and showing respect for every student. Reciprocally, students strive to meet her expectations with respect and admiration.

Mrs. Maloney is a tireless educator who makes it a priority to build relationships with her students academically, socially, and spiritually.

“It is a blessing to receive such an honor from Thomas More University,” said Mrs. Maloney. “Teaching has been my lifelong passion and I’ve been very fortunate to collaborate with amazing students and faculty at St. Henry.”

“Mrs. Maloney has a God-given ability to reach her students at an academic level while at the same time building mutually respectful relationships. That is something special,” said Mr. David Otte, Principal. “She is the ultimate professional and one of the most caring people I’ve met. She is very deserving of this award.”

RECORD BREAKING FOOD DRIVE

In November, Student Council members from SHDHS and Notre Dame Academy helped organize and manage the largest annual food drive on record. Together, SHDHS and NDA collected more than 21,000 food items which were donated to multiple food pantries across Northern Kentucky to help those in need. St. Henry collected 10,598 items, winning this year's competition by just 44 cans. Way to go, Crusaders and Pandas!



10,598
items collected

BENEFactor BREAKFAST

This school year, more than \$300,000 in scholarships and financial aid was offered to SHDHS families to help offset the sacrifice they make for Catholic education. Every year, we honor the generous Crusader families and supporters that help provide several merit-based, memorial, and honorary scholarships. We are thankful for their generous donations and support.



\$300,000
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Alumni



EMMY KAISER BRINGS HOME THE GOLD

A Crusader Olympian is among the best in the world, and she has the hardware to prove it.

Emmy Kaiser '08 and her doubles partner, Dana Mathewson, defeated a team from Columbia to win gold in the wheelchair tennis women's doubles final of the Parapan American Games in Lima in September. This was Emmy's fifth Parapan American Games medal.

The Parapan American Games were not only successful for Emmy and Dana, but for everyone on Team USA's wheelchair tennis team as everyone brought home a medal.

Emmy's next goal is the 2020 Paralympic Games in Tokyo. She represented the USA in the Paralympic Games in London in 2012 and in Rio in 2016. Emmy is the only Kentuckian and the only Greater Cincinnati representing in Tokyo.

Congratulations, Emmy, and best of luck. Your Crusader family will be rooting for you.



ALUM BREAKS GROUND ON NEW DEVELOPMENT

Chris Cook '05 is celebrating the first development for his company, Beaumont Building Group.

City View at Devou Park is a two-phase project that will add up to 20 new custom homes in Covington. This is also the first development Beaumont will take from raw ground to completion. The company held a groundbreaking ceremony for the project in late October.

The homes in phase one are located at the corner of Devou Park Drive and Western Avenue and the homes in phase two will be on Crescent Avenue. Both run along I-75 and include a view of the riverfront.

Chris is an ambitious entrepreneur and exemplifies "Once a Crusader, always a Crusader." He started Cru Cutters Lawn Care in 2003 and now owns six companies. He has employed dozens of Crusader alumni over the years and is a loyal supporter and advocate of St. Henry.

Congratulations, Chris!



AND THIS ONE BELONGS TO MARTY

A Crusader alum's artistic talents helped create a once in a lifetime experience.

Mamee Salzer '12 took part in the BLDG 199c Art Show, which honored the Cincinnati Reds and the team's 150 year anniversary. She chose to honor two Reds legends, Marty Brennaman and his longtime radio partner and friend, Joe Nuxhall. Mamee said the inspiration came from this past season being Marty's last behind the mic. Well, her piece caught Marty's eye and he bought it from Mamee!

Over the summer, Mamee and her family joined Marty in the radio booth at Great American Ball Park. She said never in a million years would she have thought she would be lucky enough to sell her piece to Marty and to say the whole experience was a dream come true would be an understatement.

Mamee teaches Global and Digital Citizenship, Digital Art and Design, and Film and Photography at SHDHS. Congratulations, Mamee!



RIEGLER BLACKTOP NAMED GOERING CENTER AWARD FINALIST

A Crusader family-owned business is recognized as one of the best in the Tri-State.

Riegler Blacktop was named a finalist at the Goering Center Awards in September. Out of 500 Tri-State companies, they finished in the top three in their division.

More than 500 businesses were nominated for the awards, an independent panel of judges narrowed the field to 75 semifinalists, and then named three finalists in each of three family and three private business divisions.

The Goering Center for Family and Private Business, which was established in 1989, has become the country's largest university-based educational resource for family and private businesses. The Center's mission is to help family and private businesses succeed in order to drive the economy. The Center is also affiliated with the University of Cincinnati's Carl H. Lindner College of Business, which gives companies access to a vast resource of business programs and expertise.

Company officials said they are very proud of where the company began and where it is heading. From crew members, to foremen, superintendents, project managers, plant personnel, office staff, mechanics, and estimators, they truly feel they have the best in the business.

In addition to running a successful company, many of the Riegler family are Crusader alumni, they employ a number of SHDHS graduates, and they generously support SHDHS.

Alumni

Alumni Updates

1970



Mike Cassedy '70 will participate in the 2020 Kentucky Extreme Mustang Makeover. The event, which is a partnership between the Mustang Heritage Foundation and the Bureau of Land Management, aims to train wild mustangs and get them

adopted. There is not enough land to sustain the amount of wild mustangs in the U.S. and many of the horses die. Mike took part in the competition last summer and was able to adopt his horse, Wakiyan Nuni.

Training wild mustangs has become a big part of life for Mike and his daughter, April.

Good luck, Mike!

M. Gayle Hoffman '70 will hit some big milestones this year. First, she and her husband, James, will celebrate their 40th anniversary in May, and then she and her classmates will celebrate their 50th class reunion in June! Gayle and James have two daughters and five grandchildren.



Bob Nields '79, SHDHS Girls' Soccer Head Coach, was selected as the 9th Region Girls' Soccer Coaches Association Coach of the Year.

1990

Jackson Rouse '93 is embarking on a new business venture in Downtown Cincinnati. He is partnering with

Listermann Brewing Company to open a new German-style beer hall. The new establishment is slated to open in late 2020.



The **'94 Cross Country Team** celebrated the 25th anniversary of its State Championship in November. Seven of the 10 members of the team, including Ralph Huser, Kevin Ryan, Matt Ryan, Jeff Vonderhaar, Eric Neuhaus, Matt Foltz, Brad Woodruff, and Head Coach Scott Brauch, were in Lexington for the recognition and celebration.

2000

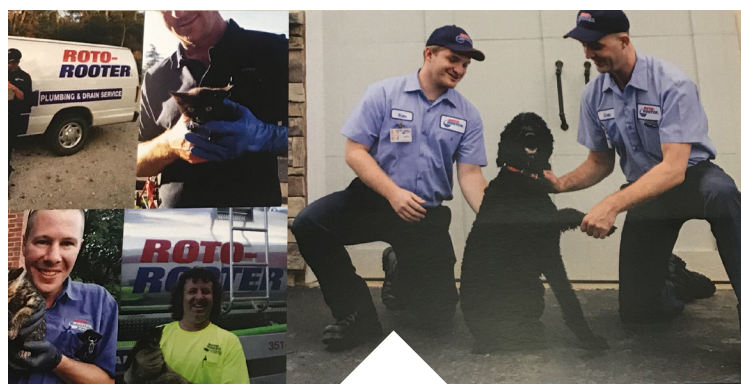
Ryan Maschmeyer '01, an agent with Catholic Order of Foresters, earned a Richard Tobin Benevolence Award for the ninth-consecutive year. This significant award is given to Catholic Order of Foresters' top 20 agents each year. Those agents then choose a Catholic organization to receive the \$500 associated with the award. Ryan chose Rose Garden Mission to receive the donation this year because, he says, "as a parent of three children, I know the excitement that comes along with having a new baby...along with the variety of items parents need as they welcome a baby into the world." The Pregnancy and Support Program at the Rose Garden Mission provides pregnancy care services and essential baby items for people in need. The Richard Tobin Awards are made possible through Catholic Order of Foresters Welfare and Relief Fund, which was established to allocate money for fraternal good.

Nick Brady '05 and **Andrew Carroll '07** find themselves in the middle of the action for the 2020 campaign, but on opposite sides of the ticket. They both work for Google and both work in the political marketing sector, which is

in full-swing for the election. However, Nick is in New York working with the Democrats and Andrew is in D.C. working with the Trump re-election campaign. Both are tasked with marketing the candidates' online presence including analyzing the candidates' websites, suggesting changes to help them better connect with voters, and tracking the online traffic for each candidate.

2010

Mitchell Kriege '12 married Felicity Britt in April 2019. The couple met while studying at Thomas More University.



Ryan Kroth '15 is a Senior at Eastern Kentucky University and is majoring in graphic design. Last summer, while home, he took a paid internship in the marketing department at Roto-Rooter. In addition to gaining experience and contacts in the business, he appeared in the company's print materials.



Adam Goetz '16, a senior at Kentucky Wesleyan College, was named the Great Midwest Athletic Conference Men's Basketball Player of the Week in late November. He averaged 24.5 points/game and shot over 55% from the field during the Panthers' win on November 20. Two days earlier, against nationally-ranked Southern Indiana, he posted a game-high 27 points after shooting 11-for-21.



Paul Walenhorst '16 and his University of Louisville Army ROTC Ranger Challenge Team placed 2nd in the Brigades competition in October. The U of L team competed against the best 11-person teams from 38 universities based in TN, KY, OH, IN and MI. Paul and his team also earned a coveted spot to compete in the Sandhurst Military Skills Competition at West Point. Sandhurst is the world's premier international academy-military-skills competition. U of L's team will compete against the 29 best ROTC teams from around the world.



Bridget Bessler '19 received accolades for her successful volleyball season at Morehead State University. She earned Honorable Mention Freshman All-American Honors from VolleyballMag.com. The award was the second major postseason honor for Bridget. She was also named the 2019 Ohio Valley Conference Freshman of the Year and the first All-American selection for Morehead State since 2012.

In her rookie campaign, Bessler was one of the top freshman setters in the country, ranking fifth among the nation's freshmen in total assists and second in assists per set. Her assists per set total also ranked among the best in the country, placing 12th in the NCAA during the 2019 season.

Alumni

In Memoriam

John Dorsey '40 passed away in January. John was the founding owner of Dorsey-Alexander Inc., Blue Ash, Ohio. He proudly served his country in the Army Air Corp with the 483rd Bomb Group/817th Bomb Squadron during W.W. II. He flew 50 combat missions and was awarded the European-African-Middle Eastern Theater Medal with five Bronze Clusters, the Distinguished Flying Cross, and the Air Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters.

Georgia "Birdie" Michels '44 passed away in October. She was a member of Point Pleasant Homemakers and the Erlanger Historical Society. Birdie is survived by eight children, 23 grandchildren, and 17 great-grandchildren.

Mary Jo Schwartz '45 passed away in December. She retired in 1986 from the Small Business Administration with the Federal Government as an Administrative Officer and worked previously as an executive secretary for a brokerage firm. She found joy in gardening, baking, and cooking. She was an avid reader, enjoyed listening to NPR, and watching PBS. Jo's spirited personality and endearing smile will be missed dearly. She is survived by six children, two grandchildren, and one great-grandson.

Jack Dauer '48 passed away in June. He was a systems analyst at MacGregor-Brunswick and Gibson Greeting Cards before he retired in 1993. In retirement, he worked part-time as a gallery guard at the Cincinnati Art Museum. Most importantly, though, Jack loved his faith, family, and having fun.

John Thomas Geise '51 passed away in September. Tom leaves behind four children and their spouses, 11 grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren.

David Anneken '57 passed away in September. He was the founder of Anneken, Huey, and Moser Certified Public Accountants.

Raymond Feldmann '57 passed away in October.

Lee Hartke '59 passed away in February. Lee was President/Owner of Lee Hartke Auto Body Inc. He enjoyed the Cincinnati Reds, UK basketball, boating, and traveling to Gatlinburg and Florida with his family.

Marie Bitter Judd '60 passed away in October. She retired from the John McCormack Co. where she was an office manager for 15 years. Marie was a member of the Kenton Co. Jaycees, past president of the Northern Kentucky Secretary Association, and a member of America Business Women's Association. She is survived by her husband, their three children, nine grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Mike Kellerman '64 passed away in August. Mike was an active member of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Burlington. He was a Marine veteran and loved to work on wood-working projects.

Lyndsay Seibert '02 passed away in November.

Sara Meineke '06 passed away in October. She leaves behind a husband and two daughters. Sara worked for E.G.C. Construction of Newport KY as an IT manager and human resources manager.



SHDHS CLASS REUNIONS



CLASS OF 1972

The Class of 1972 met for their 47th reunion at alumni Jack Kenkel's beautiful farm in Rabbit Hash, KY over the summer. The group enjoyed live music and a pig roast. Reunion organizers said they had a great turnout and everyone had a great time. They hope to meet again for the big 50th celebration in three years!



CLASS OF 1979

The Class of 1979 celebrated their 40th reunion with a bash. More than 50 classmates and their guests got together at the event center at Devou Park to mark four decades out of high school. They spent the night laughing, taking lots of pictures, reminiscing, and enjoying the time to catch up with each other.



CLASS OF 1999

The Class of 1999 partied like it was 1999, at their 20-year reunion. The classmates celebrated in September and were even joined by three of their former SHDHS teachers to make the party even more special.



CLASS OF 2014

The Class of 2014 had a great time celebrating their 5-year reunion over the summer.

The night was spent talking to classmates and catching up, singing and dancing, and, of course, the cheerleaders couldn't help but throw up a couple of builds for old times sake. Sara Goetz, reunion organizer, even surprised everyone by having Crusader bars on hand, which were a huge hit! Special thanks to the cafeteria staff for helping make that surprise possible. Everyone agreed they are already looking forward to the 10-year reunion.

SAVE THE DATE: CLASS OF 1970 50TH REUNION
June 20, 2020
4:00 pm Mass at St. Henry Church
5:30 pm Gathering at SHDHS's new Ed and Betty Dusing Black Box Theater

Catch up with classmates and enjoy music, St. Henry trivia, and a tour of the new SHDHS Fine Arts facility. Soft drinks and water will be provided. Dinner will be served around 6:30 pm. For more information, contact Gina Casey at ginacasey11@hotmail.com or Rosie Depenbrock at cayman221@gmail.com.



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