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**Celebrating Our Legacy,
Alumni and Donors**

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The Class of 2023 and their Legacy Parents

I am so grateful to those who donate what God gives them, so that children like mine have the opportunity for a better education that strengthens their faith. Thank you for being willing to help in one way or another. May God bless you all abundantly."

- Maribel Marin
Betzy's Mom

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Hello and Welcome,



Betzy B.
Class of 2025

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to the winter issue of Gross Catholic High School's Dux Esto magazine. My name is Betzy. I'm a junior at Gross. If you are a Cougar like me, you know the beauty and magic that is a Gross Catholic education. If you are a donor or community member - thank you isn't big enough to express how grateful all of us students are for your support.

I am just one student whose life is better because of you and I want you to know, sincerely, that you will always have a special place in my heart. Let me tell you why...

I attended Omaha Public Schools for elementary, middle, and part of high school. Honestly, I wasn't excited to go to school - I "had" to go to school. Then, this past May, I had the opportunity to shadow at Gross. I knew that this was where I was meant to be. However, tuition presented a huge challenge to my family, so my mom completed the grant and aid application online so I could be considered for a scholarship and financial aid. We held our breath for the results.

Fast forward to August, my mom and I had a meeting with Mr. Huck about our financial aid request. On the way to that meeting, I prayed so much. I gave my fear to Jesus. And you know what? I walked out of that meeting a Gross Catholic Cougar!

I had no idea what I had been missing out on in school. Everyone in the school was so warm and welcoming. Still, I worried no one would engage with me. I clung to Jesus fearing I might finish high school alone. Boy, was I wrong! I promise you, Gross Catholic is the place that will have you falling in love with Jesus all over again. The teachers here really care and are amazing.

I know that I am here because of your generosity, and I promise that I will make you proud. When I graduate in 2025 I hope to go to college to become a surgeon, or any type of doctor, or an immigration lawyer. I want to give back the blessings you've given me and my family.

Thank you for your gifts, love, and support. You are, quite literally, changing lives. I know that because you changed mine.

God bless you,
Betzy Bravo
Class of 2025

New Faculty & Staff



Tavion Anderson
Assistant Basketball,
Strength & Conditioning



Kristin Ewing
English & Cheerleading



Maria 'Novak' Hite, '91
Business Office
Accountant



Kelly 'Waring' Povondra, '00
Alumni Gift Officer



Trey Powers, '19
Assistant Basketball



Lexi Privitera
Donor Relations
Specialist

We are Authentically Faithful



A contingent of Gross Catholic High School students discovered what it means to live authentically faithful lives during a summer trip to the Steubenville Youth Conference. The conference, designed especially for young people, inspires them to proudly live their faith, fear no earthly trouble, and find true happiness in Christ.

For Gross High School sophomore Hannah Marie Payumo it did just that. “My experience at Steubenville changed my perspective on being Catholic,” she said. “My eyes were opened to see how many teens are on the same journey as me and that I’m not alone in my struggles with my faith.”

Steubenville hosts 25 conferences across the United States. This summer Gross Catholic students joined more than 5,000 believers in one arena to pray, worship, and encounter Christ. Through grace and immense love, our students experienced moments of life-changing faith. Junior Marie Brousek describes it as unforgettable. “The experience opened my eyes to the love that God has for me and those around me. Having the opportunity to praise and worship the Lord with other people my age was truly an unforgettable experience and continues to impact my life,” she said. Classmate Peter Ginn says his experience led him to a stronger devotion to our Holy Mother.

Now back at school, the Holy Spirit continues to move through these students who attend weekly small faith-sharing groups during lunch. Some students who never before attended a youth group have found a home in their parishes. And some students have begun serious contemplation about joining religious life.

The light of Christ was truly ignited this summer, and it shines brighter each day with each new opportunity.

Grace Wozniak
Class of 2025

“I learned that poverty is not a reflection of who you are.”

- Arianna Alcalá
Class of 2024



Joe Connor, a senior at Gross Catholic High School, is one of only 31 students in Nebraska to achieve a perfect score on the ACT college entrance exam.



2023-2024 Academic Decathlon Team

We are Purposely Compassionate

Sometimes experience is the most profound teacher. To lead our students from a “culture of waste” to a “culture of encounter,” Gross Catholic is bringing its seniors to serve twice a month at the Heart Ministry Center in North Omaha, which is Nebraska’s largest food pantry.

During these visits, small groups of senior-level students go through a simulation that lets them experience the causes of poverty in the greater Omaha area. They spend the rest of the day serving, side-by-side, with the families who come to Heart Ministry Center.

“I met a 15-year-old boy who, along with his mom, recently became homeless,” explained senior Ainsley Krehbiel. “He seemed scared and nervous because this was his first time at the pantry. It was eye-opening because he is so close to my age.”

Exercising compassion made students think. Evie Elia noted the waste she sees in the school Commons each day. “Pretty much everyone throws away food that they didn’t finish.” Sebastian Gomez realized he misses opportunities to show compassion to homeless people by choosing to not even look at them.

“Instead of just walking past homeless people on the streets, the least I can do is acknowledge them and smile,” said Lauren Stuhr.

“We are all one big family working to help our brothers and sisters who need a little extra help,” explained Jack VonOsterheldt. “We just need to spread love. Love your neighbor as yourself and pay kindness forward.”

Michele Sweetmon
Class of 1996
Campus Minister & House Director



Joe Connor
Class of 2024

We are Academically Driven

Being academically driven is about more than achieving good grades, although that is an important measure of success. It’s also about learning good study habits, setting goals, and having teachers who truly believe in your ability. Gross Catholic High School sets students up for success. I am Joe Connor and I am one of those students.

I’ve always been motivated to achieve academically. Since I was young, I’ve had a strong desire to get out into the world and start my career. The first step in that process is working hard now to set up my future success. It hasn’t always been easy. While I’m fortunate to have a natural inclination for classroom learning, I’ve had to work hard at keeping track of assignments, budgeting my time effectively, and using good studying habits. Over time I’ve learned how to manage them thanks in part to my great teachers and being part of the Gross Catholic Academic Decathlon team. Not only did they give me the confidence to compete statewide, I learned the power of teamwork, good study habits and how to exceed even my own expectations.

I am excited about my future. My plan is to double major in biology and chemistry, with a minor in either physics or political science. As for where I’m going, I recently applied to UNO’s (University of Nebraska Omaha) Walter Scott, Jr. Scholarship Program, which covers full tuition, room and board, and meals for four years, in addition to providing numerous leadership and internship opportunities. After I finish my undergraduate degree, it has always been part of my dream to attend an Ivy League graduate school, so I’m hoping to make it there one day!

Class of 2023 Legacy Grads



Carson Patrick Almgren
Son of Colleen McKeighan Almgren, '96
and Pat Almgren, '96



Christian Michael Anderson
Son of Mary Strauss Anderson, '93



Jayden Timothy Bowen
Son of Lisa Skradski Bowen, '90



Margery Millicent McCartney
Daughter of Carmen Dineen McCartney, '86



Owen Michael Nolte
Son of Molly McGill Nolte, '99



Benjamin Arman Pajnigar
Son of Cathie Adam Pajnigar, '95



Julia Karen Brennan
Daughter of Mary Beth Mendick Brennan, '83
and William Brennan, '81



Owen Jeremiah Brennan
Son of Barb Saum Brennan, '01
and Josh Brennan, '01



Salvatore John Canova
Son of Kerri Donohue Canova, '90
and Sam Canova, '90



Charlie Joseph Paladino
Son of Katie Novotny Paladino, '97
and Jimmy Paladino, '96



Andrew Michael Powers
Son of Tim Powers, '88



Benedict James Rice
Son of Debbie Egermier Rice, '86
and Bill Rice, '86



Thomas Lawrence Eckley
Son of Larry Eckley, '91



Stephan Alexander Ginn
Son of Michelle Kokotajlo Ginn, '91



Nicole Kristine Hanus
Daughter of Suzane Buscher Hanus, '89



Seth Ian Roos
Son of Bonnie Kouba Roos, '94



Jose Pio Onate Jr.
Son of Imelda Onate, '02



Collin Anthony Sauley
Son of Judy Petranick Sauley, '80



Brayden Michael Herring
Son of Amanda Digiacomo Jensen, '02



Kayleigh Josephine Hofmann
Daughter of Stephanie Liechti Hofmann, '89



Joseph Michael Kouba
Son of Pat Kouba, '81



Ripley Margaret Stansbury
Daughter of Patty Jankovich Stansbury, '87



Julia Rose Swiniarski
Daughter of Joseph Swiniarski, '78



William Charles Waldron
Son of Jessica Ortman Wilson, '99

Class Acts

Alumni Giving Challenge

Introducing the O.G.

You, dear alumni, are the inspiration behind “the O.G.” It is a new sub-brand, or secondary identity underneath the Gross Catholic brand and logo, that we’ve created just for you. Wondering why? It’s simple, you are the original generation - the O.G.s - who helped to create the culture and spirit that lives in students today. The halls of Gross Catholic are where the past meets the present to enrich a future of love, academia, compassion and authenticity. We are so proud that our community is authentic and we offer our community genuine leadership.

Our school thrives because of you. Our students succeed because you set the precedent. Close your eyes and go back to four of the most impressionable years of your life, your high school experience. Can you feel the butterflies that you had as you walked through the doors on your first day - unsure of what to expect? Can you smell the fresh paint on the walls from summer work-study? Can you still feel the innocence and excitement of walking through the halls hearing the nervous laughter as lockers opened and clicked closed? Can you hear the pep band playing the fight song after that game-winning score? Do you remember the smell of the bonfire on that cool fall night marking the beginning of homecoming festivities?

All of the character-building, both in and outside of the classroom - the projects, books and essays that you completed; the relationships you began, ended and mended; your achievements, wins and losses - are the very foundation of student life today. Your guiding principles are essential to our Gross Catholic family, and we couldn’t be more grateful for your leadership. You are the embodiment of Dux Esto!

The class of 2003 celebrated their 20-year reunion last August. The celebration started with a tour of the school followed by a gathering at Sonny’s Bar and Grille. They had a wonderful turnout and a great time was had by all! Special thanks to Callie Greene, Jenni Kaipust and Emily Becerra for planning their class reunion.



Above: Class of 2003



Left: The 2003 reunion planning committee. L to R: Ben Kratz, Callie Greene, Jenni Kaipust, Emily Becerra, Charlie Fox

The class of 1983 celebrated their 40-year reunion last October. The celebration began with a tour of the school given by Principal Steve Eubanks. The party continued at a gathering at Darby’s Tavern. Welcome back, Cougars!



Above: Class of 1983

Right: Principal Steve Eubanks, Class of 1984, visits with his upperclassmen



Mary Rosales
Mark & Mary Kaipust
Maureen Brew
Debby Kaipust
Daniel & Marguerite Young
Theresa Stanek
Gary & Monica Brown
Dave & Pam Leise
John Fahrer
Frank Stika
William & Cindy Reilly
Michael & Terry Fisicaro
Terri Grzywa Mclaughlin
Joni Whitmore
Dave & Pam Leise
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Julie Chesnutt
Brooke Benschoter
Sarah Cunningham Iwanski
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Jane M. Carnazzo
John & Pamela Miller
Diane Wilkins
Richard & Mary Van Haute
Col. Judith Sauley
Dan & Kris Placzek
Laurie Udron
Greg & Kim Brokke
Val Frahm
Michael Eckley
Bill Herek
Mark & Julie Mellin
Kevin & Colleen McCoy
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Dwight & Karen Hiles Jr.
Laura Olderog
Dwight & Karen Hiles Jr.
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Fore for Gross Catholic

With blue skies, student caddies and a parade of golf carts, friends of Gross Catholic lined up at Eagle Hills Golf Course for the annual Cougar Classic Golf Tournament. The event raised more than \$50,000. A special thank you to committee members Scott Riha, Jay Flott, Justin Thompson, and Robb Huck.

Pictured below are our Cougar Classic 2023 Champions from Security National Bank.



We are grateful to our sponsors for making the event possible.

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Bingo on a High Note

There is Bingo and then there is Music Bingo! Add a curated selection of beverages, hors d'oeuvres, and a salty and sweet snack bar, and you have a great time. Friends of Gross Catholic enjoyed it all at the Sip & Sing event in October. Rob Mendik served as our Master of Ceremonies, the dance team performed at intermission and on the sideline, helping to inspire some moving and grooving to Music Bingo. The evening included an online silent auction and a heads and tails game.



The evening raised more than \$15,000 for the Gross Catholic Dance Team and Annual Fund. Thank you to the parents of Dance Team members for your volunteer efforts.

We are grateful to our sponsors for making the event possible.

- Dr. Jane Carnazzo and Bob Stutzman
- Dr. Gregory and Katherine Penny from Boys Town Pediatrics
- Ryan Lawn and Tree Service
- SprinklerTek - Bob Skradski
- Junior Cougars Basketball



Celebration returned to Gross High School last spring marking the 39th year for the event back at our "home field" in the gym. As guests arrived at the north entry of the school, our new digital donor wall and information display was revealed and featured event sponsors for the evening. Guests were encouraged to wear their best dressy orange and blue at a reception held in the Commons. Tables were dressed in cougar blue, decorated with metallic burnt orange napkins and centerpieces in square glass vases, featuring white and blue hydrangeas, bright orange rose blooms, and beautiful spring tulips in glass cylinders. A plated dinner was catered by Abraham Catering and bar service provided by Cornhusker Beverage.

The Dux Esto Award was presented to Judy and Randy Haug, who, for more than two decades, have shown passionate commitment to Gross Catholic. As parents of alumni, their extraordinary leadership has ensured the continued legacy of our school for generations to come. Since sons Peter '05 and Christian '07 attended Gross Catholic, Judy and Randy have remained invested in improving the school at all levels. Through their selfless giving, they have helped us provide scholarships to deserving students, build new structures and upgrade existing facilities, and enhance our academic and co-curricular programs.

The Celebration event raised more than \$217,000, including \$85,000 for the new Student Opportunity Fund, our fund-a-need project. The highlight of the evening came courtesy of our students. The choir and modern music ensemble performed "Blackbird", "Count on Me", "Dreams" and "Let it Be". The musical cast concluded the evening by performing an energetic rendition of "Blue Suede Shoes" and "All Shook Up".



A sincere thank you to the sponsors who made the event possible.

- Cetera Investors/OWM, Inc
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- Jane Carnazzo, MD '78 and Bob Stutzman
- Carmen (Silverstrand '90) and Tim '90 Meyers
- Mary (Schrack '84) and Paul Parr '84
- Marlo and Chuck '89 Monico, Jr.
- Ryan Lawn and Tree Service
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- Hair Center of Nebraska/DGMD
- Dr. R. Michael and Kathy Gross
- Morrissey Engineering, Inc
- John C. Pogge Company
- Terry O'Donnell '98

Saying "I Do!"

Several Gross High School alumni took the leap this year, saying "I Do!" in love and fidelity. Who do you know?



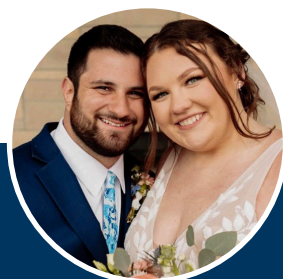
Rick Totusek, *Class of 2005*, is engaged to be married in 2024 to Dallas Roach. Several former Cougars will be in the wedding party. As if that wasn't wonderful enough, Rick was recently promoted to Senior Commercial Lender at Emprise Bank in Omaha. Congratulations, Rick!



Olivia Placzek Charlton, *Class of 2012*, married Cody Charlton on April 29, 2023, at St. Stanislaus Church. Father Ryan Lewis served as the celebrant. The reception was held at The Admiral, formerly the Sokol Auditorium, at 13th and Martha streets. Congratulations, Olivia!



Samantha (Greene) McCumber, *Class of 2006*, married Matt McCumber on July 2, 2022. The wedding party included Amy (Greene) Swanson, *Class of 2001* and Callie Greene, *Class of 2003*. Congratulations!



Holly Idelman (Pospical), *Class of 2018*, married Brandon Idelman on April 15, 2023. Holly was supported by her bridesmaids, all who also attended Gross Catholic. Congratulations, Holly!



Erin Hausman (Johnson), *Class of 1997*, married on April 1, 2023. The 1997 graduate married Matt Hausman along with their daughter Mathilda Hausman. Congratulations!



Trevor Yanovich, *Class of 2017*, married his bride Mikayla on October 1, 2022. Trevor is the son of Rick Yanovich, *Class of 1991* and Christine (Dineen), *class of 1990*. Congratulations to this Gross Catholic family!



2015 classmates and sweethearts, **Will Coenen** and **Katie Glaessmann** got married on September 9, 2023. There to support them, as always, were their fellow Cougars. Congratulations Will and Katie!

Oh, Baby!

Some of our Gross Catholic alumni have made a new start this year - as parents and even grandparents! Welcome these new additions to the Gross Catholic family.



Keighan Lynn Klenke was born on May 23, 2023, to **Emily Klenke**, *Class of 2015*, and her husband Ben. Keighan has an older brother, Gavin.



Meet **Thomas Wayne Yanovich**, born on Aug. 10, 2023. He is the son of **Trevor Yanovich**, *Class of 2017*, and the grandson of **Rick Yanovich (1991)** and **Christine (Dineen) Yanovich (1990)**.



Introducing **Tate Myron Tangeman**, born on April 27, 2023. His parents are **Travis**, *Class of 2005*, and **Jade Tangeman**. Little Tate joins his brothers and sisters Russell, Quinton, Blair, and Robynn.



Sweet **Riley Zimmerer** is the son of **Nate** and **Lexi Zimmerer (Volcek)**, both from the *Class of 2013*. Riley was born on Jan. 6, 2023. He is the first child for the Zimmerers.

Stay in Touch

If you have moved, changed jobs, or married, let us know so we can stay in touch. Update your information online by scanning this QR code!



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Student Runners Coach the Coach



Science teacher Leah Schwartz finished strong at the Crazy Horse half marathon in October. The 13.1-mile race begins in the shadow of the 564-foot-tall Crazy Horse monument carved into the side of a South Dakota mountain and attracts thousands of runners from across the country.

"I chose to run Crazy Horse for several reasons," Leah explained. "The course is beautiful - it goes right through the Black Hills as the leaves change.

Beyond that, it provides a great opportunity to learn about and honor Native American culture, and this year, it was also the Life Runners national race, so I had the opportunity to witness the dignity and sanctity of the unborn and connect with other pro-life runners."

Leah was thrilled to finish inside 90 minutes, which was her goal, and a personal best by 2 minutes and 47 seconds. She finished 3rd among the women runners and 12th overall.

"I am grateful to the Gross Catholic Cross Country team for being my training buddies and for their prayers," Leah said. She is currently training for her first marathon and says these races allow her to celebrate the gift of running.

Run Crazy Horse™
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2023

Ortman Scholars

Gross Catholic seniors who achieve a cumulative grade point average of 4.0 or higher are honored each year with the Ortman Scholar Award. Named for one of Gross Catholic's founding donors, Mrs. Louise Ortman Gross, the Ortman Award is the highest academic honor bestowed on graduating seniors. In 2023, the following 19 seniors were named Ortman Scholars.

Congratulations to these seniors and their proud families!

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|-------------------|-------------------------|
| Harshil Amin | Joseph Kouba |
| Thu Hoang Anh Bui | Michael Kowal |
| Maria Connealy | Josephine Mansisor |
| Daniel Crow | Charlie Paladino |
| Joanna Goetz | Olivia Persing |
| Gabriel Hardisty | Jazlyn Rodriguez |
| Josephine Jansen | Isabel Simpson |
| Kate Kirwan | Lucia Venegas Barrantes |
| Alec Kleinsasser | Isabell Zeller |
| Alexander Kosse | |



Honoring & Remembering

We invite you to honor your loved ones by enrolling them in Our Lady of Perpetual Help (OLPH) Memorial Society. This special memorial, created in 1983, serves two important purposes:

- It is a meaningful way to remember loved ones daily in the masses and prayers of the students and faculty of Gross Catholic High School.
- It affirms your belief in Catholic education by supporting the students of Gross Catholic. Gifts to the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Memorial Society are accepted throughout the year as we support your prayer intentions.

The Cougar Family prays for the enrolled members of the OLPH Memorial Society daily. Please join with us as we prayerfully remember our loved ones, especially those who have preceded us and live in God's presence.

To enroll a loved one, you may do so online, or if you prefer to use our memorial envelopes, please contact the **Advancement Office** at **402.734.2000** and request a supply to be mailed to you.

This page recognizes members of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Honor Society, which celebrates, in the form of a gift, a person's birthday, anniversary, gratitude or any other special occasion. The Our Lady of Perpetual Help Memorial Society remembers those who entered into eternal rest.

Oct. 1, 2022 - Oct. 1, 2023

Anniversary

Gary & Rose Wesely

In Honor Of

Esperanza O'Donnell
Gayle Meyer
George and Mary Emodi

In Memory Of

Amy Niebling
Lucille Krupski
Albert Petranick
Andy Crouch
Ann Rosse
Arlene Paladino
& James "Jim" Paladino
Betty Mayhan
Bill Merten
Bill Poppleton
Bob Martin
Brian Mack - '83
Brother Joe Barrett
Cecelia Rynazewski
Christine Stavneak
Clement and Mary Steinauer
Coach Stan Macaitis
Cynthia Grotheus
Dave Stuva
David Bouckaert
Dean Hascall '72
Deloris McGowan
Delores "Dee" Pacholski - '78
Dennis Monaghan
Dick King
Douglas D. & Margaret Welsh
Dr. Barbara Braden
Duane Emmanuel
Ed & Rita Kobus
Edward R. Trout
Eileen Bidrowski
Elizabeth "Becky" Tometich - '76
Elizabeth Ripa
Eric Ostergaard
Erwin Busch
Frank Mac Sr.

Retirement

Teresa Dorwart

Kristy Holubar-Walsh Zirngible
Matt Novotny
Nathan Novotny

Gene Galus
Gerald Handy
Gracie Mills
Gwen Toledo
Harrison Miller
James Ponec
Janice Whitney
Jay Pedersen
Jim Riha
Jo Larson
Joan Kiscoan
Joan Miller
JoAnn Camenzind
Joanne Crnkovich
Joe Boyle
Joe Stuhr
John Barkus
John Becklun Jr - '89
John Blickenstaff
Judith (Judy) Bisig
Kathleen Maher
Kathleen Sobetski
Kathy Sabaliauskas
Larry Gartner
Lewis Fittje
Louise Ortman Gross
& Betty Ortman
Lucille Slizoski
Lydia Metzler
Madylon Anker
Margaret "Marti" Cieslik
Mark Dahir
Mark Kaipust - '98
& Taylor Kaipust
Mary Ann Drelicharz
Mary Ann Kresl

Birthday

Frank Fonfara
Jennifer Vankat
Larry Rice & Mary Jo Rice
Patty Galas
Debra Domayer

Owen Brennan & 2022
Football Team
St. Thomas Becket, St. Sturm,
and St. Matthew

Mary Lu Courtney
Mary Tooley
Michael Housh
Michael Kusek - '82
Mike Henningsen
Nathan Novotny
Patricia Collins - '86
Patrick Schmiesing - '89
Patrick Zuger - '78
Phyllis Humlicek
Rebecca "Becky" Gaydusek
Stefanski - '95
Richard Leas - '77
Rita Ryan
Rita Willuhn
Robert Bourne
Robert Donlan - '83
Robert Knoblauch Jr - '89
Rose Bonacci Traylor
Sharon Finney
Stan Macaitis
Steven Thull
Theresa Marie Petranick
Thomas (Tom) Moore
Thomas Theiler
Timothy Conley - '79
Tom Koraleski
Tom Neuhaifen
Tony Novak
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Please pray for our recently deceased members of the Cougar family. May the souls of the faithfully departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



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Dec. 15	End of Second Quarter for students
Dec. 22, 2023- Jan. 4, 2024	Students' Christmas Vacation
Jan. 8, 2024	School resumes
Jan. 28-Feb. 3	Catholic Schools Week
Feb. 17	Trivia Night
Mar. 27	50th Class Reunion and Alumni House Sorting Ceremony
Mar. 28-Apr. 2	Easter Break
Apr. 5	Annual Our Lady of Perpetual Help Mass
Apr. 26	Celebration 40th Annual Dinner
May 17	Baccalaureate Mass
May 20	Graduation