



KNIGHT NEWS

ARCHBISHOP HOBAN HIGH SCHOOL MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

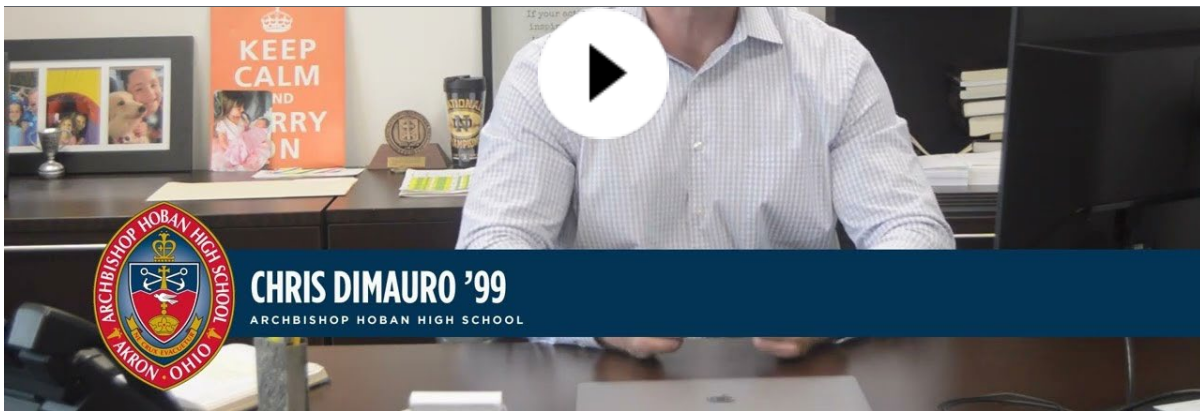
DECEMBER 2022



Twenty-nine eighth-grade students were recognized at a scholarship award banquet on Dec. 19 for their exemplary scores on the High School Placement Test. These students have been awarded merit scholarships to Hoban for the next four years. Along with their families and Hoban administrators, the students enjoyed dinner in the Holy Cross Room before receiving their awards in Holy Cross Chapel.

A Message from President Chris DiMauro '99





A Message from Principal T.K. Griffith '89

Ahhh. Christmas break. Kids coming home for the holidays, gifts under the tree, eggnog, stockings, the children's Mass or midnight Mass, sled riding and classic movies. It's all a blessing...and on the surface, it seems so easy. But like most things in life, it's not. Someone must orchestrate the whole thing. Those gifts under the tree don't buy themselves, the thoughtful cards must be written, presents wrapped, bows tied, selections for each family member carefully curated, the tree needs dressed, food needs bought and cooked, tables and bedrooms cleaned, the vacuum needs run...and laundry builds up as older children come home. Although it takes a team, let's be honest. Most of the time, it's the women of the family--the grandmothers, moms, aunts and big sisters-- who make the whole thing function. They are the engine that drives this experience. Like most experiences in life, this holiday season involves a ton of work. The unsung hero in many cases: Mom. And for that we need to have a ton of gratitude for the people in our lives who keep the engine running...who do the mundane, the behind-the-scenes orchestrations, who suffer and sacrifice to make our experience better...who sit and smile when a gift is opened and quietly think--"I made that happen--I gave all I had to make your day a good one!"

This act of sacrifice and sometimes even suffering connects to Basil Moreau's choice of Our Lady of Sorrows as the patroness of Holy Cross. With grace, she stood at the foot of the cross and suffered the death of her only son. Through Mary, we have a model of pure and utter self-sacrifice that so many women of Hoban have modeled for me. Whether it's legacy teachers or administrators like Rose Zaucha, Pachy Bell or Mary Anne Beiting, or sisters like Sr. Kathleen King and Sr. Clair...or current veteran teachers like Jeni Kostko and Jamie Adaway...so many Hoban women have served powerful roles in our students' lives. For the many who go unnamed, know that you too are a powerful force of goodness for our Hoban students!

During this Christmas season, I challenge you to reflect on the women in your life who make powerful impacts. Mary brought our savior Jesus into the world. Your mother brought you. Personally, I'd like to thank my mother, Dr. Penny Griffith, my wife, Amy, and her sister, Emily, for modeling utter self-sacrifice in my life.

Merry Christmas. Wishing you the best, Hoban families.

SCHOOL SUCCESS AND NEWS

MERRY CHRISTMAS! A SEASON OF GIVING

In addition to over 40,000 food items being donated during the annual canned food drive to support local families this holiday, Hoban stepped up to give in other ways this season. Hoban's chapter of the National Honor Society lead an Adopt-a-Family initiative with HM Life, aka Humility of Mary



Housing, an organization that provides housing and supportive services to homeless, single parent families in the Akron area. Through this initiative, Hoban provided a Christmas for 25 families (81 people in total) who might not otherwise have any sort of Christmas.



Christmas cards for Holy Cross Brothers

Mrs. Bulgrin's, Mrs. Mancine's and Mr. Fahey's freshman Holy Cross Spirituality and Charism classes spent time yesterday and today writing more than 200 Christmas cards to the retired Brothers of Holy Cross who reside at Columba Hall at the University of Notre Dame.

Students shared their favorite events in Holy Cross history and a little bit about themselves and their experience at Hoban. Each Brother will receive five to 10 Christmas cards from Hoban students—a great way to make connections with people who have contributed to the success of Hoban and Holy Cross as they learn about both in class.



Hat and Mitten Drive

Ms. Adaway and students in SADD organized a winter hat and mitten drive. The Hoban student body collected 197 pairs of gloves, 133 hats and some scarves to be given to those in need.



Students embrace Option for the Poor assignment

Ms. Fortman's drawing class students were assigned an Option for the

Poor project for their last assignment. They were to create something for a group of individuals who are poor—whether that be in health, spirit, etc. Students could then share their drawing creations with others who may find comfort in their messages.

The students embraced the challenge and created cards, postcards, stickers, bookmarks, Christmas cards and tags, small coloring pages, etc. Junior Ellie Wanchick, for example, made postcards for breast cancer survivors and is delivering them to those affected by the disease. Senior Maddie Svenson created a sticker page with fun and uplifting messages.

This project is not only maximizing student autonomy and creativity but also recognizes the fact that people suffer from poverty in ways unrelated to financial security. God calls us to bring good news by proclaiming the gospel to others through acts of love, humility and kindness.



DECEMBER HOLY CROSS EDUCATORS SPOTLIGHT

 <p>MR. CLEM</p> <p>SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHER</p> <p>COACH, BOYS LACROSSE</p> <p>11 YEARS IN EDUCATION 13 YEARS COACHING B.A. SECONDARY EDUCATION</p> <p>WHAT WOULD BE THE TITLE OF YOUR AUTOBIOGRAPHY? "CLASS CLOWN TO CLASSROOM - AN UNEXPECTED JOURNEY"</p>	 <p>HOLY CROSS EDUCATOR SPOTLIGHT</p> <p>CLASSROOM HIGHLIGHTS</p> <p>Mr. Daniel Clem '05 fosters a comfortable classroom environment for students. He believes interaction and participation are crucial elements of a positive classroom culture and students' comfort is key. He is known for attending as many athletic and cocurricular events as possible to support his students outside the classroom. In class, he introduces interactive notetaking, which helps students make connections within the course material.</p> 	 <p>MRS. DARLING</p> <p>MATH TEACHER</p> <p>ADVISOR, STUDENT COUNCIL</p> <p>9 YEARS IN EDUCATION B.A. EDUCATION</p> <p>WHAT WOULD BE THE TITLE OF YOUR AUTOBIOGRAPHY? "WHY IS SHE SO LOUD?"</p> <p>DID YOU KNOW? MRS. DARLING LIKES TO PLAY BEACH VOLLEYBALL IN THE SUMMER!</p>	 <p>HOLY CROSS EDUCATOR SPOTLIGHT</p> <p>CLASSROOM HIGHLIGHTS</p> <p>Mrs. Kristine (Sokol '10) Darling teaches engaging math courses that make learning more fun and exciting for students. During algebra class, students play math wars while taking notes and compete in groups of three or four to solve the problem. The team with the most points wins "Darling Dollars" which they can save and purchase different items throughout the year.</p> 
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Holy Cross Sponsorship visit

Hoban hosted a group of fellow Holy Cross educators conducting a Holy Cross sponsorship visit on Dec. 5 and 6. Br. James VanDyke of Holy Trinity High School, Tym Tagliaferro, Ed.D. of Gilmour Academy, Katie Lewis of Cathedral High School and Mary Anne Beiting, Ed.D., former Hoban principal, spoke with various offices, departments and individuals, visited classrooms and learned more about Hoban. The purpose of the sponsorship visit is to ensure that Hoban continues to represent and live out the Holy Cross core values.

The purpose of the Sponsorship Visit is threefold:

1. To provide a quality control loop that will ensure the sponsored school maintains the essential Holy Cross character as a Catholic, college-preparatory school and that the operations of the school, inclusive of academic, religious, spiritual, athletic and social programs, are reflective of the charism of the Congregation of Holy Cross, its mission and founder, Basil Moreau, and is conducted in such a manner as to support the mission, charism, values and tradition of the Congregation of Holy Cross.
2. To offer feedback, encouragement and recommendations to school leaders.
3. To facilitate collaboration and best practices among Holy Cross schools.

Freshman Gabby McGrath qualifies for world dance competition

Sophomores Sophia Davis and Anna Ribovich and freshman Gabby McGrath competed in the Regional Irish Dance Competition in November. Gabby was named a world qualifier and will go to Ireland in 2023 to compete.



Freshman Sophia Martin has been a company member with The Ballet Theatre of Ohio for five years. This season, she danced the roles of snowflake, fairy, marzipan and a flower in The Nutcracker.

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception Mass

Hoban celebrated the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception with an all-school Mass together in Barry Gym on Dec. 8. The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is a holy day in the Catholic Church where we celebrate Mary being free from original sin from the moment of her conception. New Hoban board

member The Rev. David Blaine was celebrant.



Junior artwork on display at COSI

Junior Griffin Wentz won First Prize in the teen category for his *Terrible Claw* illustration for COSI's art competition titled Fantastic Flyers. Griffin was honored at an award ceremony at the Center of Science and Industry in Columbus on Dec. 3, and his artwork will be on display at the museum until early March.

Student competes in Just Write tournament

Sophomore Luke Mowery participated in the Cloverleaf Regional Tournament for Just Write on Dec. 10. Just Write is a creative writing program where students craft short stories. At tournaments, students compete against other area high schools. Luke placed in the top 15 writers in his division.



Vrobel earns Ph.D.

Science teacher Diane Vrobel recently earned her Ph.D. in curriculum and instruction from the University of South Carolina. After conducting research at Hoban, Vrobel investigated the disproportionate number of eligible Black students enrolled in advanced high school courses (honors and AP courses) with a community of inquiry. Her research was accomplished through focus group interviews with Black student participants. The interview transcripts were shared with a community of inquiry that consisted of administrators and teachers of advanced classes who proposed changes to increase equity for Black students eligible to enroll in advanced courses. Additionally, student participants were able to provide feedback on community of inquiry proposals.

Vrobel has been a science teacher at Hoban since 2011. This year, she teaches physical science and honors and AP chemistry. On Dec. 10, Vrobel participated in the University's commencement exercises.

"Being a lifelong learner is a huge component of being a Holy Cross educator and Diane exudes that spirit of exploration and growth that is so important to the Hoban mission," Principal T.K. Griffith '89 said. "On

behalf of the Hoban family, we thank her for modeling this excellence."



ALL-SCHOOL THRIVE AND DRIVE CAR RAFFLE CHALLENGE

Hoban students met their challenge and earned an extra day off (Jan. 9, 2023) for Christmas Break. Students exceeded the challenge to donate 15,000 food items during the Canned Food Drive by 25,000! Now they reached the goal of \$50,000 worth of car raffle tickets by Dec. 21! **Watch the challenge video.** Drawing will be in Spring 2023.

Purchase tickets online or by check made payable to Archbishop Hoban High School, Ticket stubs should be returned to the Office of Advancement. For more information contact [Kristen Robinson](#).

[PURCHASE TICKETS](#)

FROM THE ADMISSIONS OFFICE

UPCOMING ADMISSIONS DATES

**WEDNESDAY, JAN.
11, 6:30 p.m.**

Future Knight Event: Laurel vs Hoban girls basketball game
[REGISTER](#)

**SATURDAY, JAN.
21,
8 - 11 a.m**

High school placement test
[REGISTER](#)

**KNIGHT
FOR A DAY**
SPEND ONE DAY, STAY FOUR YEARS

[SCHEDULE YOUR SHADOW VISIT](#)



ATHLETICS OFFICE NEWS

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Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays from the Hoban athletic staff!

All of our winter programs are off to a successful start and continue to put in the hard work and effort it takes for a season of excellence. Visit the Hoban website for the most up to date schedules and come out and support your Hoban Knights!

Thanks to generous donations from Hoban friends and families, we are excited that our new record boards are up in the Nolan (gymnasium) Concourse. Next time you are at the school, check them out!



Girls basketball coach Pam Davis celebrates her 600th career win!

KNIGHTS IN THE SPOTLIGHT



The Ohio Prep Sportswriters Association (OPSWA) announced senior Lamar Sperling as the winner of the prestigious Ohio Mr. Football award on Dec. 1, 2022. The OPSWA presents Mr. Football to the state's top player each season. It was voted on by the more than 200 members of the OPSWA.

KNIGHTS IN THE SPOTLIGHT



Senior Carly Jones bowled a high game of 278 and a high series of 679 at the Panther Tournament on Dec. 4. This is the highest game and series bowled by a Hoban girl. She was also named first team all-tournament.

HOBAN APPAREL

The Hoban Store is fully stocked for the holiday season. Shop early, as items will sell out. Shop in store or [online](#).

Get your Hoban team apparel online. [Shop now](#).

HOBAN STORE HOURS

The Hoban Store will be opened for select boys and girls basketball games. Please check the daily hours on the Hoban.org website, and on our Twitter page @hobanstore. Contact [Helene Markowski](#). Happy Holidays!

ALUMNI NEWS

Voices In The Crowd

Emma Lieberth Osborn '02 spoke to students at the Voices in the Crowd series on Dec. 9. Emma currently serves as Senior Policy Manager for Unite Us, a nationwide social care coordination company. Prior to Unite Us, Emma served as the Associate Vice President for Policy and Health Initiatives and Director of Policy and Advocacy at United Way of Summit and Medina from 2018 - 2022. Emma started her career in Washington, DC and spent ten years in government relations working for the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence and the National League of Cities.



Emma graduated from the University of Akron in 2006 with a bachelor of science in political science and criminal justice. In 2011, Emma earned a Master's degree in public administration from George Mason University in Fairfax, VA, concentrating in local government. Emma has worked on four presidential campaigns in the states of Iowa, Nevada, Indiana, Ohio and Florida; worked for US Senator Sherrod Brown when he was in Congress, a number of local races and has taught Campaign Management at the University of Akron Bliss Institute.

Emma currently serves as President – Elect on the board of the Akron Roundtable and a board member for Glendale Cemetery, Stewart's Caring Place and the Summit County Historical Society. Emma is a recipient of Greater Akron Chamber's 30 for the Future and a member of Leadership Akron Class 36.

FROM THE ADVANCEMENT OFFICE



We Give Catholic

We are thrilled to announce the results of our successful #weGiveCatholic campaign on Giving Tuesday.

In 24 hours, we exceeded our goal and raised more than \$50,000 for Hoban student scholarships. Thank you to everyone who supported our efforts and donated to make a Hoban education accessible to all!

Special thanks to the Ralph and Florence Bernard Foundation. With your help, we met the \$25,000 matching gift for student scholarships. There's still time to **GIVE**.



EXTRAVAGANZA 2023

A KNIGHT *of* SPIRITS

ENJOY A KNIGHT OF SPIRITS, BREWS,
FLIGHTS AND BITES.

FRIDAY

JANUARY 13, 2023

6:30 - 9:30 P.M.

ARCHBISHOP HOBAN HIGH SCHOOL

OPEN TO ALL ADULTS AGE 21 AND OVER.

Archbishop Hoban High School
Extravaganza!

Enjoy sampling an array of wine, beer, bourbon, scotch and whiskey paired with a variety of gourmet appetizers and desserts.

Register to attend Extravaganza's Knight of Spirits on Jan. 13!

Save the Date:

EXTRAVAGANZA 2023 – THE GREAT GATSBY KNIGHT

SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 2023

It's sure to be a Roaring Good Time! Find your favorite flapper dress and dance the night away! We are also in need of volunteers to help bring the evening to life so if you, or anyone you know, would like to help out, please consider volunteering and contact [Roberta Kleinman](#).

ARCHBISHOP HOBAN HIGH SCHOOL

REVERSE RAFFLE

SAVE THE DATE!

We hope you can join us for our annual Reverse Raffle on **Friday, Feb. 24, 2023, 6 – 10 p.m. at Guy's Party Center**. More information available soon.



START HERE TO CONTRIBUTE

Please consider taking five minutes and join us in contributing to the Angel Scholarship Fund before **Saturday, Dec. 31, 2022**, to support Catholic education.

If you have any questions, please contact [Jon Dunay '82](#), vice president of finance and operations, at 330.849.2178.

-Chris DiMauro '99, President

HELP FUND A HOBAN EDUCATION AT NO COST TO YOU

You can now receive an Ohio income tax credit of up to \$750 (\$1,500 if married filing jointly) for donations to the Angel Scholarship Fund.

How does it work?

1. Contribute any amount to the Angel Scholarship Fund (a maximum of \$750 for a single or \$1,500 if married, filing jointly), sponsored by the [Catholic Community Foundation](#).
2. Designate your contribution to Archbishop Hoban High School to provide need-based financial assistance to Hoban families.
3. Receive a dollar-for-dollar Ohio income tax credit for the amount you contribute. In addition, your donation should qualify as a federal income tax itemized charitable deduction { *in accordance with the federal rules and limitations with respect to contributions to charitable organizations under 501(c)(3)* }.

MORE INFORMATION

A gift to our Hoban community

During this season of giving, Hoban wants to share a **free estate planning tool** from FreeWill. Estate planning is a simple way to show your loved ones how much you care, and this tool makes the process 100% free and simple for our community.



Learn more about how you can make a difference for students and your pockets today.

Calendar of Events



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