



September 2020

A Message from the President

After months of being separated and after a great deal of preparation, hard work and planning, the time we've all been anticipating is finally here – the Knights have reunited!

Students returned to a campus that is at once familiar and quite different. Thermal temperature scanners, hand sanitizing stations, one-way hallways, wide spaces between desks, prepackaged lunches, table dividers: these are the hallmarks of a school building during a pandemic. Students are adapting to the hybrid learning environment and getting better at it every day.



Teachers are going above and beyond in finding unique and innovative ways to connect with students and to keep them thriving. Both students and teachers are embracing the maxim that if you want to be great at something, never stop striving to do your best. This is excellence. This is what makes Hoban a premier Catholic high school and true to the words of our alma mater: "Building on our history, which never is complete, our depth of pride no mystery, each challenge we will meet."

As I begin my second year at Hoban, I feel privileged to lead such a vibrant school and be part of this warm and welcoming family. How wonderful it is to have our Knights back to the castle. Their energy, drive and laughter are infectious and constant reminders of our Hoban promise to be True to You.

Thomas J. Curry, Ph.D.
President

[Knights Reunite Plan](#)

STUDENT SUCCESS AND NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS

HOBAN NATIONAL MERIT SEMIFINALISTS



Three Hoban seniors--Thomas Crowe, Alaina Lah and Isabelle Hahn--have been named National Merit Semifinalists in the 2021 National Merit Scholarship Competition. In addition, students designated as Commended Students will be announced in mid-September. Hoban is proud to have a long-standing tradition of naming more students recognized by the National Merit Scholarship Program than any other school in Summit County. See the [website](#) for more information.

Every October, approximately 1.6 million juniors across the country take the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT). Students who score in the top one percent achieve the distinction of National Merit Semifinalist. Most of these students move on to become National Merit Finalists, with some winning scholarship money for college.

2020-21 Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion installed

After training from the Diocese of Cleveland, 19 seniors were installed as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion at a Mass celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows on Tuesday, Sept. 15, 2020. Catholic high school students can apply in the spring of their junior year to serve as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion during their senior year. Students are chosen by the campus ministry team based on faculty and parish priest recommendations. Upon installation at their home parishes, they may minister there as well. Students commissioned by the Rev. Michael Ausperk were Sara Cassady, Stephanie Conley, Alexandra Dillon, Ava Dobbins, Clare Esposito, Abigail Hardesty, Alaina Lah, Luke Minick, Simon Monsour, Luke Monteleone, Mariana Rocco, Maggie Rumler, Mary-Claire Smith, Alex Stankard, Sophie Stephens, Sophia Tylicki, Natalie Vrobel, Maeve Wilson and Nina Zaynor. See photos [HERE](#).



Tanner Guld recognized as National AP Scholar

The College Board recognized Hoban students in 2020 based on the results of the Advanced Placement Examinations. **Hoban had 35 AP Scholars, 8 AP Scholars with Distinction, 8 AP Scholars with Honor. Tanner Guld was named a National AP Scholar.**

AP Scholars with Distinction: Ayaka Coffman, Allison Ewald, Tanner Guld, Isabelle Kolleth, Rebecca Kubick, Veronica McDowell, Evelyn Thoman and Samuel Fess

AP Scholars with Honor: Xavier Dirker, Aaron Bielecki, Madelyn Ferree, Brock Monteleone, Joseph Osmun, Grace Rossi, Alexis Smith and Nicholas

Smith

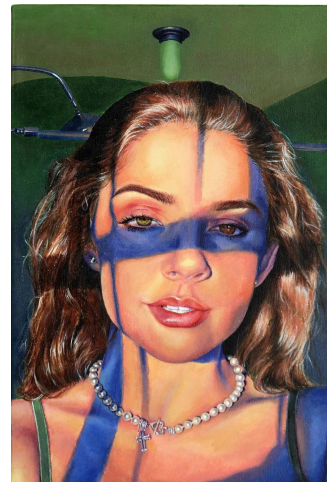
AP Scholars: Thomas Bee, Daniel Bordenkircher, Audrey Ruscak, Andrew Scott, Christina Worcester,

Thomas Crowe, Ian Davey, Joshua Fenn, Isabelle Hahn, Luke Kolasky, Owen Kovalik, Alaina Lah, Celia Mattler, Luke Monteleone, Jonathan Popa, Rebecca Vober, Alexander Wong and Nina Zaynor

Advanced Placement courses give students the chance to tackle college-level work while still in high school and earn college credit and placement. AP classes help students acquire the skills and habits needed to be successful in college. They help students improve writing skills, sharpen problem-solving abilities and develop time management skills, discipline and study habits.

Senior wins prestigious art award

Clara Krohn was announced the winner of the prestigious 2020 Congressional Art Competition in June for her piece *Shades of Charlotte*. Her art teacher, Jill Fortman, said that it is very rare for a student to win this award. "It was my first student ever to do so in 25 years."



The Akron-Summit Council on Holocaust and Genocide Education awarded junior Grace Kostko second place last April in the Visual Art Division II (9th-12th Grades) for her mixed media drawing entitled *Nothing Changes When Nothing Changes*. The theme of the Art and Writing Contest was Lessons of the Holocaust: Then and Now--Stories of Refugees and Upstanders. Kostko's piece positions a contemporary immigrant woman with her child juxtaposed in front of newspaper clippings taken from the early 20th century. Unfortunately, if you read the clips, they could be taken from our newspapers about 100 years later.

In addition, Alexis Kraft received honorable mention for her mixed media piece entitled *Spears of Terrorism*. For more information, visit akronsummitholocausteducation.org.

Mr. Anderson spearheads statue of Revolutionary War general

A six-foot bronze statue of Revolutionary War General David Wooster will soon stand in front of the Wayne County Library, thanks to the efforts of Hoban's Jason Anderson, chair of the social studies department. Anderson, who lives in the city named after the general, became interested in Wooster while doing research for his master's degree in American history at Ashland University. He enlisted the talents of sculptor Alan Cottrill and helped raise the \$71,000 the project will cost. Wooster was not a slaveholder.

For more information, [read the story that ran in the Wooster Daily](#).



Former religion teacher makes vows

Brother Ben Rossi has completed his novitiate year and made first vows



in the Congregation of Holy Cross. Brother Ken Haders, provincial of the Midwest Province, received his vows of poverty, celibacy and obedience for one year in St. Mary's Cathedral in Colorado Springs on Aug. 1.

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FROM THE ADVANCEMENT OFFICE

ARCHBISHOP HOBAN HIGH SCHOOL EXTRAVAGANZA 2021 GOLF OUTING

OCT 23
FRIDAY | 2020

Extravaganza is Hoban's signature fundraising event and the social highlight of the year. It's also a year-round effort with several smaller events – Wine and Beer Tasting, Ladies Event and Men's Night Out – leading up to the big night.

This year, due to COVID-19 and the health risks of social gatherings, we're changing things up and heading outside for the first Extravaganza Golf Outing, and we hope you'll play in and sponsor the event! [Learn more and register your foursome today.](#)

OCT 23
FRIDAY | 2020

- 9 A.M. CHECK IN
- 10 A.M. SHOTGUN START

REGISTER AND PAY
ONLINE BY FRIDAY,
OCT. 2

FOX DEN GOLF COURSE
2770 CALL RD, #1510
STOW, OH 44224

\$100 INDIVIDUAL | **\$550** FOURSOME AND HOLE SPONSOR

MORE INFO
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○ HOBAN.ORG/EXTRAVAGANZA



Purchase your Lucky Number before it's too late!

The Lucky Number Club is a ticket purchasing program to help support the activities of Hoban students. Participant numbers are drawn weekly. For \$60 a year, you "own" a lucky number and only 300 are sold each year. Your lucky number is part of 52 weekly drawings of \$100 and special prize drawings throughout the year. It includes a \$1,000 grand prize and a \$500 New Year drawing. Numbers are drawn every Friday.

[Purchase a Lucky Number.](#)

Win a New Car!

Get your tickets from a Hoban student for \$10

each for a chance to win a fully loaded 2020 Chevy Trax.

Each year, Hoban is a part of The VanDevere Bunch Thrive and Drive program. The local car dealership donates a car to be raffled off to raise money for Hoban students. The A+ for Excellence all-school car raffle supports excellence in academics, athletics, arts and affinity groups, such as Project HOPE and mock trial.



If you are not able to purchase tickets from a student, you can [purchase them online](#). The winning ticket will be announced as part of Extravaganza 2021 on Saturday, April 17, 2021.



Scholarships available for Current Students

Through the generous support of Hoban benefactors we are able to offer the following scholarships, available to all students, through the end of September. These scholarships are available to all Hoban students, even if you have not previously applied for scholarships or financial aid.

- The Spitalieri Family Italian-American Scholarship: Three \$1000 Scholarships for students of Italian heritage
- The Ancient Order of Hibernians, Mark Heffernan Division Scholarships: Two \$2,500 Scholarships for students with Irish heritage
- The Stype Family Math and Science Scholarships: Multiple scholarships of varying amounts available to sophomores, juniors and seniors who excel in math and science and will be pursuing careers in those fields

For more information and an application, go to the [Hoban website](#) or contact the [advancement office](#). **Deadline is Oct. 2, 2020.**

Alumni Reunion Update

Class reunions for 2020-21 are postponed and will most likely take place in the fall of 2021-22 instead. Any questions should be directed to sraivl@hoban.org.

Virtual Extravaganza 2020

On behalf of all of the students and Holy Cross educators, THANK YOU, HOBAN! We are humbled by the generosity of our Hoban family and the success of our Virtual Extravaganza 2020. The results illustrate the Hoban family's strength, resilience and passion. Thank you for supporting Hoban, our mission and our school community.

Funds raised will strengthen student scholarships and need-based tuition, while making top-line technology, facility upgrades and innovative programming possible.

We want to again thank all our Extravaganza sponsors, advertisers, donors, volunteers and bidding participants. Special thanks to the Bernard family for their generous Extravaganza Scholarship Challenge Match of \$75,000 and to everyone who contributed to the scholarship challenge. We recognize that many people are facing financial challenges right now from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Save the date for Extravaganza 2021 on Saturday, April

virtual EXTRAVAGANZA 2020 BY THE NUMBERS

\$460,000+
TOTAL RAISED



800
BIDS



1,344
SUPPORTERS



20
STATES



78
SCHOLARSHIP
DONORS

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING ARCHBISHOP HOBAN HIGH SCHOOL
Fundraising results include donations and events leading up to Virtual Extravaganza 2020, including Wine and Beer Tasting, Ladies Event and Men's Night Out.

FROM THE ADMISSIONS OFFICE



REFER A KNIGHT

Share what it's like to be a Hoban Knight and our fall visit opportunities.

Open House

All families seeking to learn more about Archbishop Hoban High School are encouraged to register to attend the **Fall Open House on Sunday, Oct. 25, from 1 to 3 p.m.** Remote options and private tours of the school and facilities are available for those interested. To register and learn more, visit hoban.org/visit or contact the admissions office at 330.849.2149 or admissions@hoban.org.

Knight for a Day

Eighth grade students are invited to **shadow** a current Hoban student for the day on select dates starting in September. Families can register at this link. Please note that the admissions office will also offer virtual Zoom Shadow Days with a Q/A for families seeking an alternative in-person Shadow Day.

High School Placement Test

Eighth grade students wishing to apply to Hoban are required to take the **High School Placement Test** being offered at Hoban on the following Saturdays:

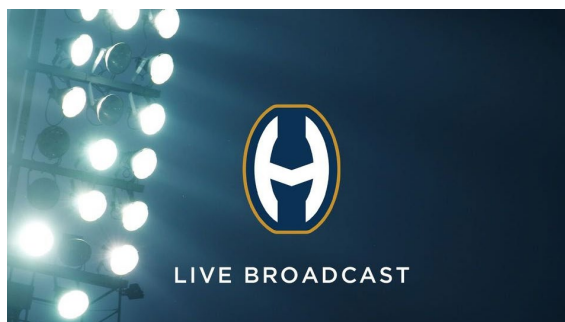
- Oct. 3, 8:30 – noon
- Nov. 7, 8:30 – noon
- Nov. 14, 8:30 – noon
- Dec. 5, 8:30 - noon (make-up test date)

FROM THE ATHLETICS OFFICE

Live Stream Athletic Events

The number of spectators permitted at athletic events is limited based on facility size and limited to student-athlete family members. Hoban offers FREE live streaming for select athletic events to allow our community to participate, celebrate and cheer on our Hoban Knights.

Friday, Sept. 25, St. Vincent-St. Mary will host Hoban in the annual "Holy War" football game. This year's game will be held at John Cistone Field on the STVM campus. While current circumstances don't allow us to cheer on our Knights at the game, Hoban will once again proudly sponsor the live stream broadcast so you can watch it for FREE! Game time is 7 p.m.



Hoban athletics depends on ticket revenue and our loyal fans' support. We hope you will consider a tax-deductible donation to Hoban in lieu of purchasing a ticket. Thank you for your support. GO KNIGHTS! [DONATE TO HOBAN](#)

LIVE BROADCAST



100th win for Boys Soccer Coach Muresan

Tavi Muresan led the varsity boys soccer team to a huge win over Walsh Jesuit with a final score of 3-0. The Tuesday, Sept. 15, game brings his Hoban coaching record to 100-41-23. Octavian Muresan, a highly decorated coach with experience as a player and coach at the international level, joined Hoban as the varsity coach in 2011. He is a native of Reteag, Romania, and a 1989 graduate of Babes-Bolyai University, where he received a bachelor's degree in chemistry. He played professional soccer in Romania from 1983 to 1993. He became an American citizen in October 2013. His goal is to challenge his players to serve as role models and to be ambassadors for Hoban. Under his leadership the Hoban boys program won North Coast League League titles in 2013, 2016, 2018 and 2019. He was named NCL Coach of the Year in 2013, 2018 and 2019.

The Hoban Store is open Monday through Thursday 10 a.m.-4 p.m., and Fridays 10 a.m.-3 p.m. The store is closed when school is not in session. All visitors must check in with security at the Dome entrance. School uniform shirts are an online order. All school uniform shirts can be ordered on the [Hoban website](#).



2020-21 Important Dates and Events

Archbishop Hoban High School | One [Holy Cross Blvd](#), Akron, OH 44306