

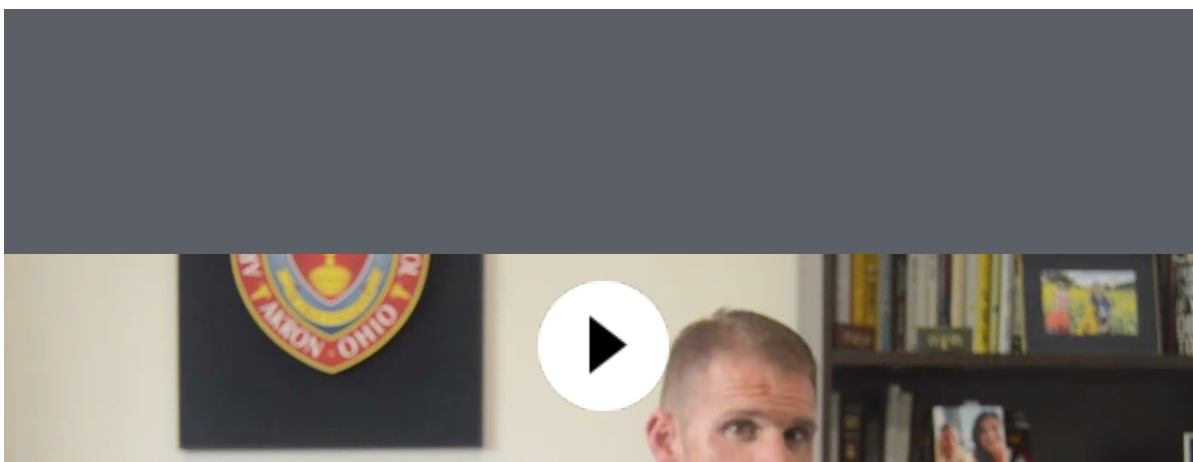
APRIL 2023

A KNIGHT WITH THE GREAT GATSBY



Thank you! The 38th Annual Extravaganza raised over \$920,000!

A Message from President Chris DiMauro '99





CHRIS DIMAURO '99
ARCHBISHOP HOBAN HIGH SCHOOL



A Message from Principal T.K. Griffith '89

As we head toward the finish line, the days will get stressful and the nights busy with the rush of customs, ceremonies and traditions that wrap up the Class of 2023's experience with us at Hoban. It is a bittersweet and somewhat anxious time as we anticipate a new future not yet unveiled while holding on to a precious time of life that soon ends. For us adults, a current of emotions rushes through including a strong desire to keep the kids safe and whole as they head toward a hopeful future. We vacillate between wanting to hold on tighter on some days and wishing they would leave the nest sooner on other days.

This passage below parallels the love that Hoban's faculty and staff has given to this class. The mother has shepherded her children and given them strength and courage while "showing them God." In the end, they must walk alone as the mother goes through the gates of heaven, but her love will play on for eternity because it was real. She revels in the fact that her children can "walk alone with courage." We hope the same for this class of Knights.

A Mother's Love

The young mother set her foot on the path of life. "Is this the long way?" she asked. And the guide said, "Yes, and the way is hard. And you will be tired before you reach the end of it. But the end will be better than the beginning." But the young mother was happy, and she would not believe that anything could be better than playing with her children, and gathering flowers for them along the way and sharing her music with them. Then the night came, and the storm, and the path was dark, and the children shook with fear and cold, and the mother drew them close and covered them with her mantle, and the children said, "Mother, we are not afraid, for you are near, and no harm can come."

And the morning came, and there was a hill to climb ahead, and the children climbed and grew weary...and the mother was weary. But at all times she said to the children, "A little patience and we are there." So they climbed and when they reached the top they said, "Mother, we could not have done it without you." The mother listened to her music, lay down at night and looked at the stars and said, "This is a better day than the last, for my children have learned fortitude in the face of hardness. Yesterday, I gave them courage; today, I have given them strength."

The next day strange clouds darkened the earth, clouds of war and hate and evil, and the children groped and stumbled, and the mother said, "Look up. Lift your eyes to the light." And the children looked and saw above the clouds an everlasting hope, and it guided them beyond the darkness. And that night the mother said, "This is the best day of all, for I have shown my children God."

The days went on, and the weeks turned to years, and the mother grew tired and sick. Her children were tall and strong and walked with courage. When the way was rough, they lifted her for she was light as a feather, and at last they came to the final hill—beyond it they could see golden gates flung wide. The mother said, "I have reached the end of my journey. And now I know the end is better than the beginning, for my children can walk alone with courage, and their children after them will do the same." The children replied: "You will always walk with us Mother even when you have gone through the gates. They stood and watched her as she went on alone, and the gates closed after her. And they said: "We cannot see her, but she is still with us. A mother like ours is more than a memory. Her love is eternal and her music still plays on the distant hill."

SCHOOL SUCCESS AND NEWS

Alternative Easter break trip

Over Easter break, 12 Hoban students spent a week in service at Bethlehem Farm in Talcott, West Virginia. The farm's four pillars of simplicity, community, service and prayer are lived daily by the student volunteers and the full-time caretakers at the farm.

Students spent time on three home sites helping members of the community with major construction projects, including building a deck, replacing kitchen flooring and fixing a roof

damaged by rain and flood events. Each student spent one day on home crew, cleaning and cooking meals for those students working in the field.

The farm's focus on sustainability was evident-water conservation, local and organic foods and 100% solar electric energy. Catholic teaching was part of every experience. They prayed to start and end each day, at meals and throughout the week at the worksites and students had numerous opportunities to reflect on each person's role in fulfilling the work of Jesus.

Students who attended included Leo Bates, Matt Bielecki, Jaleel Medina-Diaz, Grace Monsour, Kay Plaspohl, Andrew Popora, Sarah Ross, Lola Snyder, Roland Sturgill, Zoey Turner, Griffin Wentz and Harvey Zhou. Hoban Holy Cross educators Candy Bates and Zach Feador also attended.



Third and fourth quarter students recognized

Each grading period students are selected as Academic and Chivalrous Knights. Academic Knights excel in scholarship, demonstrate leadership, serve the Hoban family and the community and display Christian values and good character. Chivalrous Knights exhibit industriousness in the classroom, outstanding effort, involvement in student activities, Christian values and a polite, positive and helpful attitude toward others. [View photos.](#)

Quarter 3

Academic Knights

Freshmen Julia Eckart and Anne Sejba
Sophomores William Juvan and Jacob Seabolt
Juniors Alyssa Garfinkle and Carolyn Rinaldi
Seniors Bradley Bisesi and Abigail Roman

Chivalrous Knights

Freshmen Olivia Pfander and Jessica Kresja
Sophomores Zion Jackson and Julia Lee
Juniors DeAirres Williams and Abigail Heath
Seniors Olivia Osmun and Milia Neloms

Quarter 4

Academic Knights

Freshmen Sarah Cook and Alexander Haran
Sophomores Bryden Franjesh and A'Niyah Johnson-Conyers

Juniors Joshua Greer and Madison Kessler

Seniors Faith Porter and Madelyn Svenson

Chivalrous Knights

Freshmen Kyle Fenn and Andrew Rasmussen
Sophomores Gracie Brink and Genevieve Rodriguez
Juniors Jaleel Medina-Diaz and Joseph Banister
Seniors Sofia DeCola and Andrew Griffith

Honor Roll published for third quarter

To be listed on the honor roll each quarter, a student must have a 3.00 grade-point average, with no grade lower than C-minus. No student may be included on the honor roll until any incomplete grade (I) has been made up.

There are three honor roll classifications:

Highest Honors: 3.85 to 4.83

High Honors: 3.50 to 3.84

Honors: 3.00 to 3.49

The honor roll is published at the end of each of the first three grading periods. Students on the honor roll for the first three quarters qualify for a Scholastic Honor Award presented at the Honors Assembly in May. To align with Hoban's policy of not ranking students, honor rolls are listed alphabetically. [See the lists.](#)



Kostko scores perfect on ACT

Junior Bobby Kostko earned a perfect score of 36 on the ACT in February. It's estimated that only one out of 500 students earns a perfect ACT score.

Wellness Wednesday

This school year, Hoban implemented a new program called Wellness Wednesday as a way for students to take a break from academics and enjoy time with peers and Holy Cross educators. During Wellness Wednesday, Hoban's educators plan various activities including card games, guitar club, cooking lessons, kickball, crocheting and everything in between.

On April 5, Cleveland TV stations Fox 8 News and WKYC Channel 3 visited Hoban to interview Principal T.K. Griffith '89 and seniors Khori Davis, Colin Doss and Frank Bradshaw and film a few of the Wellness Wednesday activities.

[WATCH THE CHANNEL 3 STORY](#)

[LEARN MORE ABOUT THE WELLNESS PROGRAM](#)





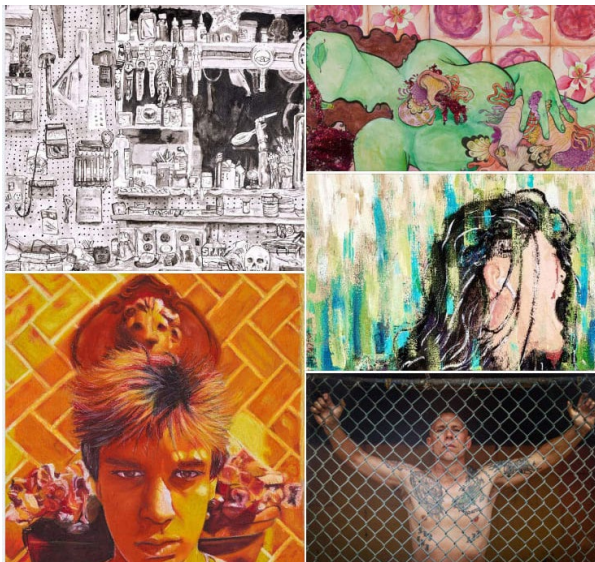
Annual Revolutionary War Days at Hoban

Since 2010, students in the Museum Studies class have presented the annual Revolutionary War Living History Days. Approximately 430 local fourth and fifth graders visited Hoban's campus for the program, in which they learn about life during the Revolutionary War. In all, Hoban students have educated more than 15,000 people through the annual program.

Throughout the semester, the class researches local Revolutionary War veterans buried in Summit County. Through intense research into pension files and ancestry records, they create a historical interpretation of the life of these individuals and represent them on the upper field.

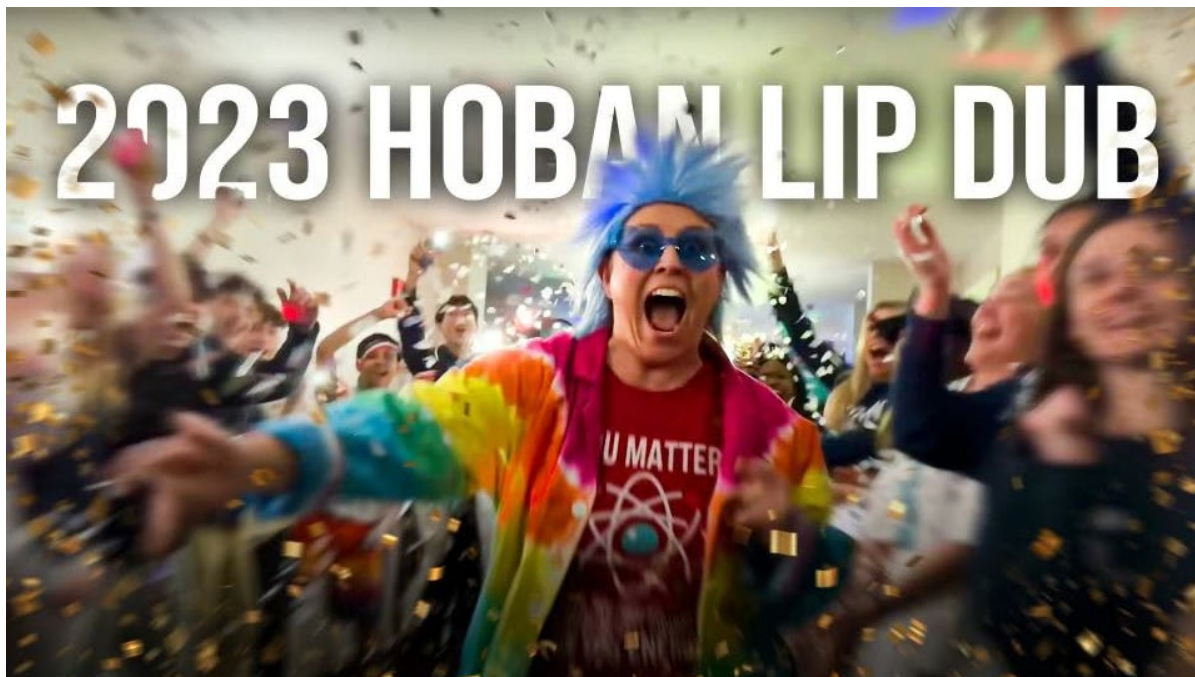
"The students add a high level of authenticity and historical interpretation by spending an entire semester researching, writing, analyzing and interpreting specific elements of the American Revolution, especially those men who came to the Ohio Territory after the war and settled in Summit County with their families and started anew here," Mr. Jason Anderson said. "Their stories need to be remembered, and that is exactly what they have done, and will continue to do."

During the two-day living history program, students dress in full colonial historical apparel and military uniforms. Through their research, students deliver historical presentations, including fife and drum corps performances, field kitchen cooking instructions and 18th century printing press demonstrations.



StarBurst exhibition at Summit ArtSpace

Seniors Mara DeSantis, Piper Duda, Annika Hall, Carly Jones and Maddie Svenson have all been recognized for their artwork, which was chosen for the second annual StarBurst exhibition at Summit ArtSpace in Akron. StarBurst is a county-wide exhibit that features work by seniors only. During the exhibit's opening on Friday, April 7, Annika Hall's "The Workbench" received 1st Place and \$400. Mara DeSantis won Best in Technical and \$100 for her "Man's Best Friend." The exhibit is open to the public through May 20. [View the virtual exhibit.](#)



On March 31, Hoban students planned and executed the lip dub as a tribute to the 10th anniversary of the original 2013 Hoban Lip Dub. It was an incredible day and a lot of hard work to plan. But, in true Hoban style, the student body rose to the occasion and made a remarkable video that showcases the zeal of our Hoban community. Thank you to all the students, Holy Cross educators and alumni who participated.



Model UN competes in Washington

Eleven members of the Hoban Model UN team competed in the Washington Area Model UN Conference on April 13-16 at George Washington University with hundreds of students around the country. Alyssa Garfinkle won a commendation for her role as China on the UN Environmental Program. Over the four days, students participated in committee simulations covering a wide array of international issues. They also had the opportunity to tour our nation's capital and gain first-hand knowledge of diplomacy with a visit to the Rwandan Embassy.



Footloose gets rave reviews

Hoban theatre performed three shows of *Footloose: The Musical* at the beginning of April to sold out crowds. [See more information including cast and crew lists.](#)

Junior class enjoys day of reflection

The junior class attended their annual class retreat held at Camp Christopher in April. Throughout the day, students participated in activities that allowed them to spend time together as a class while focusing on the different gifts and leadership skills that each one of them possesses. It was a wonderful day of reflection, prayer and community. As the class of 2024 prepares to be senior leaders, this retreat allowed them reflect upon how they will be continued models of our Holy Cross core values at Hoban next year.



MARCH HOLY CROSS EDUCATORS SPOTLIGHTS

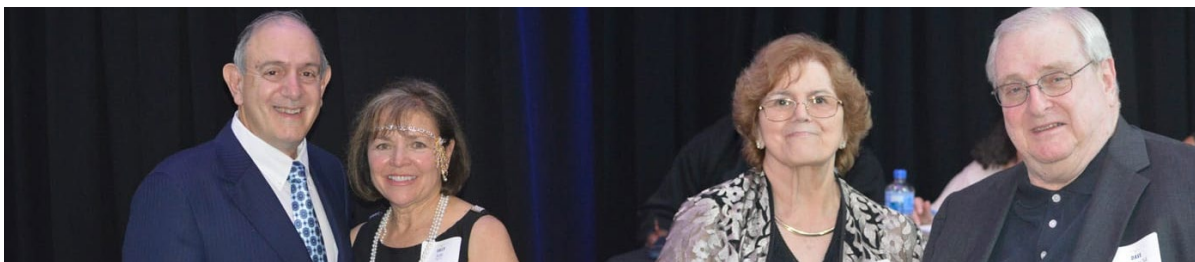
 MR. KAPPEL	 HOLY CROSS EDUCATOR SPOTLIGHT	 MR. PECNIK	 HOLY CROSS EDUCATOR SPOTLIGHT
THEOLOGY TEACHER MEMBER, ACADEMIC/CHIVALROUS KNIGHT COMMITTEE	CLASSROOM HIGHLIGHTS Mr. Kappel's goal is for students to find his classroom to be a setting in which their God-given worth is both affirmed and safeguarded. He strives for balance between productive, academic activities and pastoral, relationship-building encounters. Students also engage in group critical-thinking assignments as well as fun activities such as trashketball and Quizlet Live. Mr. Kappel hopes these experiences will help students become more deeply aware of God's gracious presence in their lives and inspire them to "be Christ" to others.	SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHER	CLASSROOM HIGHLIGHTS Mr. Pecnik teaches Economics and U.S. History. He strives to have a culture of consistent high energy in his classroom through meaningful student discussions and interactions. Through engaging lessons and hands-on learning, he prepares his students for life outside of high school. Students learn the basics of personal finance, creating a budget, starting a company with a Shark Tank Project, investing in the stock market and most importantly, "thinking like an economist."
16 YEARS IN EDUCATION B.A. SPECIALIZED STUDIES M.A. THEOLOGY		5 YEARS IN EDUCATION B.A. SECONDARY CITIZENSHIP SOCIAL STUDIES EDUCATION	
FAVORITE QUOTE "THE GLORY OF GOD IS THE HUMAN BEING, FULLY ALIVE!" ST. IRENAEUS		WHAT WOULD BE THE TITLE OF YOUR AUTOBIOGRAPHY? "SHORT AND LOUD"	

EXTRAVAGANZA 2023
THANK YOU!
YOU HELPED RAISE MORE THAN
\$920,000

Thank you to all of our Extravaganza sponsors, advertisers, donors, volunteers and bidding participants. We could not have done it without you! [VIEW PHOTOS.](#)

With a sold-out crowd, we are excited to announce that Hoban's annual Extravaganza fundraiser grossed more than \$920,000!

Extravaganza is a year-round effort, including two other fundraising events—Extravaganza Golf Outing and A Knight of Spirits. Extravaganza 2023, which annually benefits student scholarships and other school needs, was the school's 38th annual event. Extravaganza is a true testament to the power of family and gives Hoban the "extra" leverage needed to provide our Knights with vital financial and material resources, meaningful spiritual engagement opportunities, world-class academic programming and robust cocurricular activities.



Sally and William '71 Scala

Martha and David '64 Showers

Special thanks to the Ralph L. and Florence A. Bernard Foundation for their generous Extravaganza Scholarship Challenge Match of \$75,000 and to everyone who contributed to the scholarship challenge. With your generosity, we raised more than **\$193,000 for student scholarships** during the event! If you still would like to contribute, please know that your gift will have a profound impact on the lives of our students. Every dollar is a meaningful contribution.

[DONATE TO STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS](#)

SAVE THE DATES for Extravaganza 2024 on Saturday, April 20!

Extravaganza Golf Outing | Friday, Sept. 22, 2023

A Knight of Spirits | Friday, Jan. 19, 2024

LAST CHANCE TO GET YOUR THRIVE AND DRIVE CAR RAFFLE TICKETS

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](#). Drawing will be May 12 during the Hoban vs. STVM baseball game at Canal Park.



[PURCHASE TICKETS](#)

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HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT TEST PREP COURSE

JUNE 12-15, 2023 | 9-11 A.M.
ARCHBISHOP HOBAN HIGH SCHOOL
(IN MOREAU MINISTRY HALL)
\$120 per student

During this camp, students will gain valuable skills that prepare them for taking the high school placement test.

Students will take the Pre-HSPT on the last day of the camp, June 15th. The Hoban Pre-HSPT test can be used for scholarship and admissions for the 2023-2024 application year. Instructors are licensed teachers by the state of Ohio and have 10 years of HSPT coaching experience.

**REGISTRATION IS
REQUIRED**

SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER



QUESTIONS?
CONTACT KRISTAN HELLER AT HELLERK@HOBAN.ORG

Register to EXPLORE Hoban Summer Camps

Students in various grades are invited to experience life at the Castle, gain additional instruction, continue advancing in skill and have tons of fun during Hoban's academic and athletic camps.

ATHLETICS OFFICE NEWS

KNIGHTS IN THE SPOTLIGHT



Senior Logan Vowles jumped into history on April 4 by setting a new Hoban record for the high jump. He cleared 6 feet, 7 inches to break the previous record set by Kevin Volchko in 1976.

ARCHBISHOP HOBAN HIGH SCHOOL



3.58

AVERAGE GPA OF ALL SPRING
SPORT STUDENT-ATHLETES

Athletic Hall of Fame Nominations

Nominations are now being accepted for next year's Athletic Hall of Fame. The induction will take place during Come Home to Hoban Alumni Weekend on Sept.



9-10, 2023.

Nomination Criteria:

Nominees must hold high moral and spiritual values, and nomination forms must include documented proof of outstanding performance. Additional letters of support for the nominee are recommended. Athletes must have graduated from Hoban at least five years before nomination. Coaches must have at least five years of coaching experience at Hoban. Benefactors must have outstanding services to Hoban's athletic community.

ARCHBISHOP HOBAN HIGH SCHOOL
ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

Nomination Form

ALUMNI NEWS

SAVE THESE DATES

- **May 16** Alumni/Senior Breakfast in Foley Commons
- **June 24** Hoban Alumni Golf Outing at Paradise Lake Golf Course
- **Sept. 9-10** Come Home to Hoban Reunion Weekend

Details available soon!

Calling all Hoban alumni!

Now is the time to update your contact information. By taking two minutes to fill out the contact form, you will always be in the know about what's happening at Hoban.

Receive all the latest on:

- Upcoming Hoban events and activities
- Opportunities to get involved: networking with other alumni, hosting student field trips and presenting to a class
- Hoban Knights' successes: alumni, student and Holy Cross educator spotlights

We hope to reconnect with you in ways that matter to you.

[Fill out the form!](#)



FROM THE ADVANCEMENT OFFICE

Endowed Scholarship Luncheon

Hosted by the Advancement Office, Hoban proudly welcomed many of the benefactors who created and contribute towards endowed scholarships for students at the annual luncheon. The endowed scholarship luncheon connects students, who benefit from scholarships, with the donors who help make their Hoban education possible.



MAKE YOUR YEAR TRANSFORMATIVE

A gift to Hoban in your will can make a Holy Cross education possible for generations to come.

FREEWILL 

Pay it forward to the next generation

Set your intentions and pay it forward to the causes you care about. When you create your estate plan with our partner, FreeWill, you can have peace of mind about your future and support the next generation of Hoban students

Get started on your free plan today!

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.

MORE INFORMATION.

If you have any questions, please contact **Jon Dunay**, 82, vice president of finance and operations, at 330.849.2178.



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Calendar of Events



