

# Crusader Newsletter

## Alumni Reunions

### First All-Alumni Reunion a Success

CCHS alumni were welcomed to an exciting new event during Homecoming weekend this year. On Friday, September 17, the newly-formed Alumni Association hosted its first All-Alumni Reunion Food and Brew Fest. An estimated 1,500 alumni, friends, and family gathered in the pavilion to enjoy food, drinks, music, and a few surprises.

More than a dozen food and drink vendors lined the pavilion offering hot dogs, tacos, BBQ, drinks, sweets, and more. The 1971 State Champion football team was on hand as well with a silent auction featuring a wide array of sports memorabilia. The champs also sponsored the band “State of Mind” to entertain the large crowd. Reunion-goers were even treated to a special musical surprise when the members of “Astra” (all alumni from the 80’s) got back together to rock the pavilion with some crowd favorites.

The Alumni Association greeted visitors, offering name tags, a brand new alumni can koozie, old yearbooks, and raffles. Currents students helped give tours of the school, and many alumni said they loved seeing how their old classrooms had changed over the years.

The Alumni Association Board is comprised of a member or two from each decade. Current Board members include Rena Bolger (60’s), Lou and Kathy DiGregory (70’s), Lynn D’Anniballe and Mike Florak (‘80’s), Lisa Hall (90’s), Franco Carapellotti (‘00’s), and Adam Martello, Anthony DeFalco, and Paige Creamer (‘10’s). The Alumni Association plans to have more events like this in the future and is always looking for members and for help at events. If you would like to help with the Alumni Association, please email Jennifer Parker at [jparker@steubenvillecatholiccentral.org](mailto:jparker@steubenvillecatholiccentral.org).



### Class of 2001

Our reunion was June 19th at Scaffidi’s. We had about 25 people in attendance out of 86. Joe Morris traveled the farthest, as he came from Minnesota. Others traveled from all over Ohio and Pennsylvania. We would have had a bigger turn out, but we didn’t start planning until later in the year because we weren’t sure how things would pan out with Covid restrictions, so we put everything together in mid-April! We want to plan for a big 25th reunion so more are able to attend! It was a great time had by all and we are looking forward to 25!



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# Alumni Reunions continued...

## Class of 1981 Reunion

The class of 1981 was happy to be together this past July. On Friday night we met at Spot Bar for hugs, handshakes, reminiscing, laughing, and dancing. We gathered again Saturday for Mass celebrated by Fr. Michael Gossett ('01); enjoyed a trip down "Senior Hall"; and relived our high-school dance days with dinner, cooked by classmates, and dancing, with a classmate DJ, in the school cafeteria. We wrapped up the evening with DiCarlo's pizza. The 50/50 raffle allowed us to contribute \$2,181 to the Chapel Renovation project. We miss the class members who are no longer with us and hope to see the rest of our classmates the weekend of July 18, 2026!



Friends from the CCHS class of '67 gathered in Nashville, TN, for the weekend of April 29.

Reno and Patty Maginnis Saccoccia  
Ed and Sandy Pagnanelli  
Ernie and Mary Carducci  
Ron '68 and Dolores Barber Michnowicz  
Stan and Sandy Michnowicz  
Richard and Sarah Coppia  
Vicky Macre Nurczk  
Bob Fonow  
Paul Bonitatibus  
Toni Gaumer Glantom  
Sister Margaret Ormond (Sister Seamus)  
Mike '68 and GiGi Patchen  
Bernard Ravasio  
Suzanne Gresick  
Denny and Monica Gogol Berrier  
Kathy Kerr '68 and Mike Lally  
They enjoyed food arranged by Suzi Gresick, fellowship, old stories, and the city's sights and music.



## Class of 1967 Reunion





# Class Reunion of 1970 and 1971

A combined 50-year reunion for the Classes of 1970 and 1971 from Steubenville Catholic Central High School began and was hosted by the Class of 1971 at Froehlich's Classic Corner in Steubenville on July 30. The weekend continued with a dinner-dance held at the Mingo Knights of Columbus Hall on July 31. Hosting this event was the Class of 1970 with approximately 165 people in attendance. Entertainment for the evening was provided by Twice As Nice. Attending from the CCHS Class of 1970 were, first row, from left, Ray DelFiandra, Anthony Corella, Joyce Koslik Gerard, Susie Sciance Cacciaccaro, Benita Leone, Dolly Porco Scurti, Marlane Kirlangitis Figurski, Mickey DiCarlo Barcalow, Cindi Giannamore Tomostik, Karen Petrola Aulet, Janice Rogers Sellaroli, Debbie Domanico Fornasaglio, Kathy Canestraro Day, Shirley Mettenberger Adamski, Mary Boehm Marsh, Marlene Casini and Karen McMenamin Petrella; second row, Tim Pestian, Nick Cacciaccaro, Daarliss McGuire Orsini, Jane Waskiewicz, Mary Grace Maul, Judy Ashmead Vallone, Deb Fadeley Kovach, Janet Penna, Toni Pinciario Dear, Cathy Fulton Smurda, Judy Pavia Smith, Mary K. Brooks See, Merica Savinell Petrella and Bill DellaPenna; third row, Dan Feeney, Anthony Januskiewicz, Joe Corabi, Hank Schulte, Joe Costantini, Bob Whitaker, Dave Giannamore, Rich Scurti, Barb Zarych Menendez, Sharon Serafini Dichazi, Rick Petrella, Chris Karpinski Dardis and Margie Gabis Parker; and fourth row, Bob Chuba, Gregg Bahen, Tim Bartemes, Harry Costantini, Venanzio "Min" Zavarella, Frank Carducci, Ralph Clause, Joe Trombetta, Dave Turk, Gary Switzer, Ron Odroneic, Ken Knowles and John Carrigg.



Also attending from the Class of 1970 were Mike Ricci, Janet Zaben Ferguson and Jim Costantini. Attending from the Class of 1971 were, first row, from left, Noreen Carrocci, Donna Bracaglia Fidak, Lorrie DelFiandra Campana, Bernadette Milewski Mullenix, Kathy Grossi Osso, Carolyn Savinell McFarland, Patti Indovina Bennett, Rita Mannella Costantini, Tina Micucci Chambers, Anna Almonte Porter, Marian Januszkiewicz Cunningham, Patty Prokorym, Peggy Pasquarella Miller, Debbie Woods Clifton, Annette Sawka Seminara, Janice Giangulio Cox and Chris Happ McMurray; second row, Caroline Kerr DeBaldo, Robert Canori, Tina Longo Stoffer, Karen Humpe Cooper, Joan Rensi Staiger, Janet Szymanski Smith, Rita Petrozzi Carubia, Susan D'Anniballe Barnett, Marilyn Lelli Lamatrice, Pam Pizzoferrato, Camille DiDonato Cicone, Lynn Aceto Givens, Elaine Anticole Minnick and Mary Ellen Boso Petrozzi; and back row, Jim Padden, Ed Witkowski, Jim Kukor, Dom Potenzini, Antonio Rinaldo, Mike Pace, Anthony Targoss, Adam Alessi, Dan Battistel, Joanie Fato Clause, Dave Harlan, Babette Delatore Mavromatis, Randy Whirlow, Robert Campana, Rosemary Dellatorre Morris, Darcy Lalich Diamond, Vicki Yannon Petrella, Annie Fonow Barrett and Rita Gentile Dutton.



# Alumni/Teacher Spotlights

**Alyssa Mosti, Class of 2009**

**City/State:** Wintersville, Ohio

**Current Occupation:** Elementary  
Special Education Teacher

**Job Title:** Intervention Specialist

**Organization:** Bishop Mussio  
Elementary H.O.P.E. Program



**Who influenced you the most during your time at CCHS and Why?** Coach Copeland was a very influential teacher and person during my time at CCHS. He embodied someone who made education fun and connected with students to make learning meaningful and engaging. As I went into the field of education, his classroom environment, paired with the love of learning, was one that stuck with me that I wanted to pass onto other students.

**What is the most important thing you learned while you were at CCHS?** The most important thing I learned while at CCHS was hard work. Whether it was in my academic classes or a swim practice, the value of hard work and dedication was instilled through all areas, which carried over into my college, professional and personal life.

**Share your favorite CCHS memory:** My favorite memory at CCHS would be homecoming senior year and all of the great memories made with great friends.

**Do you feel your faith has helped lead you in any of your life and/or career decisions? If so, please give an example.** I do feel that my faith has impacted my career decision and daily compassion in working with children. Specifically working with students with special needs, I feel that my faith is the basis for the daily reminder of the value of each child's uniqueness and individual gifts.

**What advice do you have for current students to make the most of their experience at CCHS?** If I could give current students advice to make the most at CCHS, it would be to enjoy the moments, be inclusive and be involved in the experiences CCHS has to offer.

**Describe CCHS in three words:** Faith, Family and Friendship

**What impact did CCHS have on your college/career path/How did your education at CCHS prepare you for what you did in college and are doing today?** The virtues that were instilled during my Catholic education, especially during my high school years at CCHS, have greatly impacted my decision to teach in the field of special education.

**What is your greatest professional accomplishment?** I am thrilled to be working within the school system in our special education program. Our H.O.P.E. Program, meaning Honoring Other People's Exceptionalities, is in the 10<sup>th</sup> year within the Steubenville Catholic Schools Community, and I have worked in our program for 8 years. Starting with only 3 students, we have now grown to servicing over 60 students from Preschool-12<sup>th</sup> grade. It is an honor to be able to offer an inclusive education to meet the needs of all students. The H.O.P.E. program received the 2019 Innovations in Catholic Education Award, which was an honor to be chosen out of schools nationwide.

**What activities or sports were you involved in CCHS?** cheering, swim team (both 4 years) pep club (4 years)

**What advice would you give current college students interested in pursuing a career in your field?** If I could give advice to college students pursuing a degree in special education, or education in general, it would be to make the most of every experience that you get in the classroom. Also, do not be afraid to ask questions and learn from your colleagues.

**Are you married? Have children? Anything else you would like to share!** I am married to Justin Mosti (CCHS 2009) and have one son, Rhett Mosti (1.5 years old).



**Ann Lynskey, Class of 2009**

**City/State:** Bloomingdale, Ohio

**Current Occupation:** Teacher

**Job Title:** 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher

**Organization:** Bishop Mussio Jr. High



**Who influenced you the most during your time at CCHS and Why?** Miss Catherine Costantini: She was a fabulous English teacher and became a mentor to me during my time earning my Bachelor's Degree. Another group of influential people were the football coaches - Coach Greg Bahen, Coach Ted Kostecki, Coach Mike Lemal, Coach Jim Orlando, Coach Joe Colabella, and of course Mr. Mac, the equipment manager. They all embodied the Courage, Character, Heart, and Spirit of Catholic Central. I was an athletic trainer for the football team, and these men, without a doubt, made sure I felt like a part of the team, felt appreciated, and felt valued.

**What is the most important thing you learned while you were at CCHS?** Perseverance - to always push through any challenge that I face. Courage - to always work hard and do my best no matter the circumstances.

**Share your favorite CCHS memory:** I loved being on the football field as an athletic trainer. Many of those memories include riding the buses back to Central after a victory when we would sing the fight song, alma mater, and other various tunes. The team would then ring the victory bell located outside the locker room. One great memory is learning how to "jitterbug" in the equipment room with Mr. Mac. I also loved all of the dances, the trips to DC, New York, and France - this is where my love for traveling started. My favorite memory though, by far, is meeting my husband, Tyler, at Central.

**Do you feel your faith has helped lead you in any of your life and/or career decisions? If so, please give an example.** Faith has led me back to my home, as a teacher. When I became a teacher, I dreamed of teaching where I grew up and I am beyond blessed to be able to do that. I am also extremely happy that my oldest son is a student at Bishop John King Mussio Elementary, and he gets to grow up learning and living his faith too.

**What advice do you have for current students to make the most of their experience at CCHS?** These are the best times! Always take pictures to remember all of the fun and don't be afraid to get out of your comfort zone.

**Describe CCHS in three words:** Compassion. Home. Faith.

**What impact did CCHS have on your college/career path/How did your education at CCHS prepare you for what you did in college and are doing today?** It impacted my college choice immensely. I wanted to go to a small school so I would be able to get to know my professors and peers and have a more personal experience, instead of just being a "little fish in a big pond." I received my Bachelors and Masters Degrees from the University of Mount Union, where I felt confident and able to achieve anything due to the education and experiences given to me at Central.

**What advice would you give current college students interested in pursuing a career in your field?** My best advice is to get as much experience as possible! During my time at the University of Mount Union I was able to get experience and into the classroom right away. You can't study to be a teacher from a book: You will learn more from the experiences that you receive.

**Are you married? Have children? Anything else you would like to share!** I am married to Tyler Lynskey Sr., and he is a 2008 Central graduate. (He comes from a long line of Crusaders!) Our oldest son, Tyler "Ty" Lynskey Jr., is a current student at Bishop Mussio Elementary, and our youngest son Jace, is 1, and will be a future Crusader! I come from a family of Crusaders! My great-grandmother, Violet Drutar, was the head cook at Central for over 20 years; my Grandfather, Stephen Drutar, attended Central; my uncle, Rick Drutar, graduated in 1975; my mother, Tammy (Drutar) Hardman, graduated in 1976; and my sister, Jesse (Hardman) Hammer, graduated in 2007. GO BLUE!



**Jimmy Panella, Class of 2012**

**City/State:** Steubenville, Ohio

**Current Occupation:** Teacher

**Job Title:** Social Studies Teacher

**Organization:** Steubenville Catholic  
Central High School



**Who influenced you the most during your time at CCHS and Why?** All of my teachers and coaches had a positive impact on my life during my time at Central because they knew how to bring out the best in me. They taught me life skills and how to be a mature young adult in society.

**What is the most important thing you learned while you were at CCHS?** Accountability. I learned that honesty and accepting responsibility were needed to transform into a successful young adult.

**Share your favorite CCHS memory:** I have many memories from my days as a student at Central. Walking across the stage on graduation day is a great memory of mine because it symbolizes four years of hard work being completed, but my favorite memory was going to Mrs. Lally's English IV class every day senior year.

**Do you feel your faith has helped lead you in any of your life and/or career decisions? If so, please give an example.** My faith has had a positive impact on my decision-making in my life because I know God is guiding me. Whether it was leaving my first college and working as a laborer, going back to college to become a teacher, or accepting a job at CCHS, God has always been right there guiding me in every decision.

**What advice do you have for current students to make the most of their experience at CCHS?** If Three things. 1. Be all in on your faith and academics. 2. Spend as much time as you can with your peers 3. If possible, participate in multiple extracurricular activities

**Describe CCHS in three words:** Faith, Family and Academics

**What impact did CCHS have on your college/career path/How did your education at CCHS prepare you for what you did in college and are doing today?** Central had a major impact on my career choice. I am back at Central teaching because it had such a positive impact on my life. Once I decided to take college seriously, it was a breeze because my education at Central was elite. My teaching methods are a combination of many teachers that I have had throughout the years at Holy Rosary, Aquinas, and Central.

**What is your greatest professional accomplishment?** Graduating college and becoming a teacher at Steubenville Catholic Central. It is a privilege that I have the opportunity to teach the students at CCHS because of how intelligent, unique, and special they are.

**What activities or sports were you involved in CCHS?** I was on the basketball team for two years. I was a member of the football and baseball teams at Central for four years.

**What advice would you give current college students interested in pursuing a career in your field?** To follow God's plan for you. Chase happiness, not money. Don't let the negatives of teaching scare you away. It is a very rewarding career. If you fall in love with teaching, you will never feel like you worked a day in your life.

**Are you married? Have children? Anything else you would like to share!** I am not married and don't have kids. I have a dog named Yankee, and my sister, Gia, is a Steubenville Catholic Central graduate.

# Junior High Fall Musical



Bishop John King Mussio's Junior High production of Roald Dahl's Willy Wonka Jr. -- The delicious adventures of Willy Wonka's chocolate factory light up the stage in this captivating adaptation of Roald Dahl's fantastical tale. Featuring the enchanting songs from the 1971 film, in addition to a host of fun new songs, Roald Dahl's Willy Wonka JR. is a scrumdilyumptious musical guaranteed to delight everyone's sweet tooth.

Roald Dahl's Willy Wonka JR. follows enigmatic candy manufacturer Willy Wonka as he stages a contest by hiding golden tickets in five of his scrumptious candy bars. Whomever comes up with these tickets will win a free tour of the Wonka factory, as well as a lifetime supply of candy. Four of the five winning children are insufferable brats, but the fifth is a likeable young lad named Charlie Bucket, who takes the tour in the company of his equally amiable grandfather. The children must learn to follow Mr. Wonka's rules in the factory — or suffer the consequences.

Congratulations to all of the students, teachers, and staff on a successful Fall Musical!



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## Mark Your Calendars!

### CCHS Booster's Winterfest

February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021, at St. Florian hall.

Come out and enjoy an evening of craft beer and wine tasting, reverse raffle, and great food!

Tickets are \$45 each which includes heavy appetizers and 6 drink tickets.

Interested in being a sponsor?

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\$500 sponsors receive 4 tickets to event

\$1,000 sponsors receive 8 tickets to event

All sponsors are recognized throughout the event and published on printed material.

Please contact Teresa Stoll if you'd like to be a sponsor: 740-317-9243

### Homecoming 2022

#### September 22<sup>nd</sup> through the 24<sup>th</sup>

- Hall of Fame Induction Thursday, Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Annual Golf Outing and 2nd Annual All Alumni Reunion Friday, Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Alumni Mass, Homecoming Tailgate and Football Game, Saturday, Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>

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The Class of 1972 is planning their 50th reunion. If you would like to be on the planning committee or assist in reaching out to classmates, please contact Mike Olenick at [old1mole@verizon.net](mailto:old1mole@verizon.net)

