A Day in the Life of a B.C. Student
2014

Upcoming Events

Friday, October 10 - Saturday, October 11, 2014
Alumni Weekend & Homecoming
Come reminisce about the glory days!

Friday, October 10, 2014:
12:00 Noon: Alumni Golf Outing at Emerson Golf Club, Emerson, NJ – Lunch and golf for all interested golfers. The Outing is open to all alumni and friends!
6:00-9:00 P.M.: Homecoming Kickoff Reception and Campus Tours.

Saturday, October 11, 2014:
12:00 Noon-2:00 P.M.: Pre-game festivities and family activities.
6:00 P.M.: 50-Year Reunion Celebration Mass at McKenna-Lawrence Chapel.
7:00-11:00 P.M.: Reunion celebrations – Teaneck Marriott at Glenpointe, Teaneck, NJ.
Class of 1959 – 55 Years
Class of 1969 – 45 Years
Class of 1974 – 40 Years
Class of 1979 – 35 Years
Class of 1984 – 30 Years
Class of 1989 – 25 Years
Class of 1994 – 20 Years
Class of 1999 – 15 Years
Class of 2004 – 10 Years
Class of 2009 – 5 Years

Please let us know if you would like to join your reunion committee. We are very excited about how Alumni Homecoming Weekend is shaping up and look forward to seeing you back here on campus! Stay tuned for further details and pricing information.

Thursday, October 23, 2014
Wine Tasting Event
7:00-9:00 P.M. at Bacari Grill, Washington Township, NJ.

Saturday, November 8, 2014
Alumni Memorial Mass
(Courtesy of the Alumni Association)
10:00 A.M.: Mass in the McKenna-Lawrence Chapel. Brunch immediately following at Bacari Grill, Washington Township, NJ.

Friday, November 21, 2014
7th Annual Crusader Gala
(A President’s Office and Parents’ Club event)
The Venetian, Garfield, NJ.
6:30 P.M.: Cocktail hour, dinner to follow. Honorees to be announced shortly.

Friday, November 28, 2014
Alumni Football Social
7:00 P.M. at Bacari Grill, Washington Township, NJ. Contact: Tom Polifroni ’99 for further details via e-mail at: tom.polifroni@gmail.com.

Friday, November 28, 2014
16th Annual Alumni Hockey Game
(Organized by the Hockey Club)
Time TBA – Ice House, Hackensack, NJ. Contact: Regina Radoslovich for further details via e-mail at: rradoslovich@bergencatholic.org, or call her at (201) 634-4146.

Saturday, November 29, 2014
Alumni Soccer Game
(Organized by the Soccer Club)
11:00 A.M. at Crusader Stadium.

Unless otherwise noted, please contact Marge Millus at 201.634.4142 for event information, RSVPs and payment.
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June 15, 2014

Dear Supporter of Bergen Catholic High School,

This Summer 2014 issue gives a good insight into “a Day in the Life” of a Bergen Catholic student in the 21st Century.

The theme article enhances appreciation for the rest of the articles that highlight what we do outside the rigor of the classroom to develop leaders who are faith filled, strivers for excellence, and conscious of their social responsibility to the common good.

As President, I receive a stipend to tell you that Bergen Catholic is a wonderful place. Often, we hear remarks that tell you who we are in words that I wish I had said.

In this issue, we feature Joseph Maurice Esq. Class of 1987 and the remarks he made at the Bergen Catholic Golf Classic on June 2.

Sincerely,

Br. Brian M. Walsh
President

MESSAGE FROM JOSEPH MAURICE

It is truly an honor and privilege to be one of your honorees at this year’s Bergen Catholic Brother Burns Golf Outing. As an alumnus as well as a director of Bergen Catholic, I have the unique opportunity to participate in the leadership of our school that has been such an important part of my life.

Thank you to the golf committee, Brother Walsh and Bergen Catholic for this honor. I also want to thank the principal, Tim McElhenney who happens to be one of my closest friends from Muhlenberg College. I don’t know if you were involved in the selection process, but thanks for not telling college secrets and stopping them from picking me.

I want to congratulate Michael Bowe on also receiving this recognition. Mike has done much to contribute to Bergen Catholic and certainly deserves this honor.

There are many things that come to mind when I think of Bergen Catholic, but as I look back over the years, what stands out the most is the sense of community and longstanding friendships. The first person I met at Bergen Catholic is my good friend Michael Ference, a
past honoree of this event and a fellow attorney. I also want to thank your dad, Tom Ference, who encouraged me to be on the Board of Directors of Bergen Catholic and for all the support you and your family give to our school.

Although I am one of the named honorees of today’s event, I am conscious of the fact that this event is more about support of our school and its mission than about me. That mission states that “Bergen Catholic High School is a Catholic community which prepares young men to become leaders by deepening religious faith, developing academic excellence, and strengthening social consciousness and responsibility in accordance with the Essential Elements of an Edmund Rice Christian Brother Education.”

The mission is on a placard placed in front of every director at every board meeting. It is there to remind us that we are a Catholic institution that not only demands academic and athletic excellence from our students, but that the students must always be mindful of societal needs and charity. That concept is instilled in the classrooms and is put into effect with each hour of community service that our students perform and with every coat that is collected and handed out each winter. They are reminded each year as they share cardboard boxes and sleep outside to better understand what it is not to “have.”

While As and Bs (and yes, even Cs) make successful adults, it is this outreach that makes leaders and that is what our mission is. This is what you are supporting when you come to a golf outing, when you send in a donation, when you buy a ticket for a game, when you attend a networking event or a speaking program, when you come to “Crusader Country.”

I was fortunate to begin my young adulthood as a Crusader, and I am happy to give back to this community that has helped me become the man I am today. I would not be here without the love and support of my parents, Delia and Joseph Maurice. Tonight is especially important to me because it recognizes the sacrifices they made for me and their much appreciated support.

Some of you may know my mom passed away a little over seven months ago. While I am indeed honored to receive this honor, regretfully she is not here to share it with me. Both my parents worked very hard to see me become a successful attorney. That started with a Bergen Catholic education. That started with my learning to appreciate the value and dignity of the individual, and that started with the goal to always get better to continue to learn and to grow.

It is an intangible quality that has become part of my ability not only to counsel corporate clients, but also to sit in a cell with individuals caught up in the criminal justice system, see past the poor choices that person may have made, and develop ideas of how it is I can assist them in their particular area of need. These qualities are part of the elements of an Edmund Rice Christian Brother Education. It all started with Bergen Catholic.

I want to thank each one of you who participated today and came out to this dinner. You have helped Bergen Catholic continue to fulfill its mission. And of course thank you to my partners at the law firm Cohn Lifland Pearlman Herrmann and Knopf for not only sponsoring tonight’s cocktail hour but for your support of my efforts and the time I take to give to Bergen Catholic.

And that leads into a final thanks to my family, my wife Demetra and my children Joseph Dante and Chloe Celeste. I appreciate it and love each one of you. And Dante, Brother Walsh told me Bergen will take you—even if you keep your long hair.

Joseph Maurice ’87
June 2, 2014
Kurt Holuba’s eyes are on the road as he steers his Gold Chevy Suburban onto Route 17 South in his hometown of Ho-Ho-Kus, and hopefully his mind is on the road, as well.

Another challenging day awaits the hulking two-sport student-athlete, both in the classroom and on the playing field. It’s a day that many New Jersey high school students have never faced the likes of, and yet it’s a day just like so many others for Kurt, his classmates, and the Bergen Catholic High School student body.

How would someone define a “typical” day in the life of Bergen Catholic High School student? There can be no formula that captures all the attributes that factor in, what with the extraordinary smorgasbord of students talented in the areas of academics, athletics, music, and arts, and the racial diversity that exists in the school.

Despite the myriad of strengths and weaknesses within a sea of students, the highlights and the lowlights of school life, and the trials and tribulations of growing up as teenagers, the “typical” and not-so-typical Bergen Catholic student share a wonderful privilege each and every day: they get to spend their school days with one of the finest groups of students (and people) that they will ever encounter…pushed and prodded by a dedicated faculty that cares more about them than they will ever know. Each and every day, they get to share the company of their brothers.

“What day is it?” wonders Holuba as he pulls his car into his assigned parking space adjacent to the Nicholas G. Saingas Training Center. No—it doesn’t mean that he’s not sure if it’s Monday or Thursday…but what “Day” is it on B.C.’s rotating schedule? Unlike his father’s academic schedule almost 50 years prior—when students had the same schedule day after day—Kurt’s schedule is a rotating one that features different class lengths (to accommodate lunch period) and alternating elective classes.

In addition to the classes that alternate with each other, the schedule skips one class per day, so that each class (other than the two rotating ones) meets six times in a seven-day period. That’s why it’s important for him to know whether it’s “Day 1” or “Day 7,” because that will dictate what class he will skip and where his school day will begin.

He bounds up the stairwell after passing between Hoehl...
Humanities teacher Anna Maria Sainclivier checks to see how Kurt and Casey Heffernan performed on the quiz.

PERIOD 1 (7:55-8:53 A.M.)
Humanities Honors with Anna Maria Sainclivier (Room 5)

Kurt settles into his front row seat and unpacks his laptop, opening it as the loudspeaker crackles with the voice of Campus Minister Joshua Powers. All things begin with a prayer at Bergen Catholic, and Kurt’s Humanities Honors class is no exception. The Pledge of Allegiance follows immediately between an occasional yawn or two—after all, the clock has just struck 8:00 A.M.

After Humanities teacher Anna Maria Sainclivier takes attendance, the T.V. comes on—another edition of BCTV is about to begin. Zachary Pokorny ’16 reports on the recently-held St. Baldrick’s Event, updates the B.C. community about the upcoming “Wounded Warrior” tee-shirt sale, and then gives sports results and the schedule of upcoming games.

As the scores are read, it’s hard not to notice all of the fine athletes who have found their ways into this class: Holuba’s football teammates Calin Barber, Jake Campbell, Patrick Doherty, Jack Hansen, Davante McDuffie, and Mike McPherson, fellow lacrosse players George Ayob and Casey Heffernan, baseball pitcher Matthew Millus, soccer stars Richard Finizio and Justin Yacovino, standout wrestler J.P. Ascolese, “North Jersey Swimmer of the Year” Josh Sembrano and teammate Brendan Sweeney, bowlers Vincent Dimaya and Marco Phelan, two-sport track star Mike Finocchiaro, and tennis players Andrew Baydar and Bill Carney. This class is a veritable “Who’s Who” of some of the finest athletes in Bergen County.

More importantly, it should be noted that an All-Star team of scholars also occupies this room. Finocchiaro, who would be recognized at graduation by being awarded the Br. Alfred X. Keane Medal for his “Second in Merit” status, leads a stellar list of no fewer than twenty-two National Honor Society inductees in this class alone—one of whom (John Adams) was named as a National Merit Commended Student.

Humanities is a challenging course that nudges students to use the skills learned in previous years of schooling, such as listening, speaking, reading, writing, and viewing (even at 8:00 A.M.). B.C. students explore different literary themes and art forms (such as architecture, painting, and sculpture) using these acquired skills.

Mrs. Sainclivier, a B.C. “Educator of the Year” award winner for the 2011-12 school year, gets the ball rolling right away, announcing that a four-question pop quiz is about to take place. Unfair to give a quiz at 8:00 A.M.? Even if it is, no one is complaining.

The energy in the room is elevated when Mrs. Sainclivier starts a lively discussion, complete with a quick-fire question-and-answer session. Hansen is on his game on this day,
Kurt exits Room 5 and makes a right diagonal-cut across the hall (wouldn’t that be illegal under the old “one-way” rule?) to Room 4, where he greets Spanish teacher (and World Language Department chair) Mrs. Lily DiMaggio, another former “Educator of the Year” award winner who is a 14-year member of the B.C. faculty.

On this day, Kurt is chosen to lead the class-opening prayer—in Spanish, of course. It all flows smoothly without a hitch.

An impromptu “Let’s Go Rangers” chant breaks out, but only for a few seconds as Mrs. DiMaggio reminds the class that it’s time to get to work.

Mrs. DiMaggio, who also taught both of Kurt’s older brothers, opens her textbook and picks out a story that’s heavy on dialogue. She chooses three students to do the reading: Aidan Finnegan, Timothy Harwick, and Brendan Sweeney are called into action. The story unfolds quickly and smoothly, with the instructor having to make only a few minor pronunciation corrections.

Reminding her students that their time at B.C. is winding down, Mrs. DiMaggio turns on her laptop and projects a map of Central America onto the screen in the front of the room. Not only are her students getting a lesson in Spanish, but one in Geography, as well.

It’s apparently Kurt’s day to go first—he draws the first question of the exercise, and answers it swiftly and correctly—“Me-hi-co”—in a properly-structured sentence. The answer sets the tone for another run of correct answers. Basketball point guard Brian Ward caps the session with another correct answer, the same way that he “finishes” on the hardwood.

As Mrs. DiMaggio begins to talk about an upcoming test, the bell rings, and now fun begins.

The route from Room 4 to Hoehl Gymnasium is a long one, considering the amount of traffic in the main quadrangle between classes. The 6’5”, 240-pound Holuba could easily get there sooner by just running over people, but he’s too much of a gentleman for that. Navigating his way east, and then south, he makes a left at the end and heads down the main stairwell to the gym.

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On this day, Kurt can leave one football conversation and run into another within minutes, as his next class happens to be Computer-Aided Design, taught by former B.C. standout linemen and longtime assistant coach Jorge Mascaro ’84.

This intriguing one-semester course serves as an introduction to industrial drafting concepts, oriented towards three-dimensional design of manufactured parts using a CAD system. It sharpens sketching techniques and develops model development, patterning, and assembly techniques.

It’s a very challenging class that Kurt originally had second thoughts about. “When I first transferred into this class I was skeptical, but it has become one of my favorite classes,” he remembers. “We create many interesting 3D models of tools and machines.”

After leading the class in prayer, Mascaro accesses a program called “Pro/ENGINEER,” and a series of three-dimensional figures appear on the high-definition television in the upper corner of Room 9A. With a few clicks of the mouse, the figures dance in different directions, and lines (both solid and dotted) appear, almost like strings on a puppet.

Mascaro prods his students and they react...there are no passengers in this class. Suggestions fly from each aisle about how to solve the problem at hand (creating a computer design for a certain type of part), until the issue is solved. An actual example of “reverse engineering” has just taken place, according to Mascaro, during which the students look at an actual part and then convert it back into a three-dimensional drawing.

Mascaro patrols the room, checking each student’s laptop to map their progress, and amazingly, only one minor correction has to be made in this class of 12 students. Holuba and fellow All-County football star Garrett Dickerson, sitting next to each other in the back of the room, smile as Mascaro nods and approves of their work.

Still, Mascaro reminds the class of its homework assignment, and when someone jokingly calls back “nothing,” the B.C. alumnus chides him by responding, “Nothing is NOT an option!” A solid classroom performance does not excuse the need for homework, after all.
As he heads for the door of Room 9A, Kurt Holuba needs to figure out whether to make a right or left. The period following his Computer-Aided Design class is a session that alternates between Physical Education and Multi-Media Design. On this day, Multi-Media Design it is, and a right-hand turn is made to reach his new destination: Room 3.

Mascaro follows Holuba’s broad frame down the hallway, like B.C. tailbacks have done on the football field the last couple of seasons. Both ready themselves for a longer class session—this one is one hour and three minutes long because it falls into a “block” period.

Lunch breaks take place during Periods 4 and 5 (both split into half-hour-long “A” and “B” sections). During this particular period, the freshman and sophomore classes have lunch, while everyone else has a longer-than-normal class period. That will make up for the fact that this particular class will be only one-half-hour long when it rotates through the schedule and slips into Period 5 (when the juniors and seniors have lunch).

Mascaro’s class covers a variety of media subjects, which also includes his sharing of his personal experiences in the business world. It’s a full-year course that is required of all seniors, and is designed to further the student’s existing audio and visual presentation skills and techniques. Just a few of the subjects and concepts that are covered in the course include animation fundamentals in Flash, image editing using Adobe Photoshop, video editing using Photo Story and Movie Maker, and advanced PowerPoint concepts.

The current task at hand is a “Resume Brochure Project,” in which Mascaro’s students are expected to produce a resume that is eye-catching and stands out from more mundane ones.

Mascaro, bringing his real-life experiences into play, recalls working as a Human Resources person in the late 1990s and having to attend a Job Fair at the Jacob Javits Convention Center in New York City, where he had to evaluate more than 300 resumes in one sitting.

From that sea of paper emerged an attention-grabbing brochure that strayed from the “accepted” format of a typical resume. It was a three-flap, two-fold document—literally a brochure, with that person’s picture on it. Whether he was hired or not was not remembered on this day, but the point that this “resume” stood out was recalled.

Today’s lesson? “It’s OK to think outside the box.”
Kurt enjoys his favorite pre-game meal, and the company of fellow student-athletes (clockwise from his left) Liam Fowler, Robert Farrell, Colin McGovern, Brian Ward, Erick Alonso, Garrett Dickerson, Nadi Beciri, and Jose Pedro Garcia.

With a glance at the clock in the hallway, Kurt strides quickly toward the stairwell that will take him to Hoehl Hall for lunch. Besides the luscious fare that awaits him there, another thing whets his appetite: the upcoming lacrosse game against Long Island powerhouse Chaminade, now less than four hours away. However, the rain that beats down on the overhead glass panels as he enters the Hall (and an unfavorable forecast for the late afternoon) alert him to the possibility that the game could be postponed.

The weather is out of his control, but his pre-game meal isn’t, and what better place to visit for a meal that “hits the spot” than “Jerry’s Café.” A lunch of Buffalo chicken wrap, fruit cup, and a Gatorade—his favorite pre-game meal—puts the behemoth defenseman on the right track.

The best part of the meal might not be the food, however—it’s the company Kurt keeps at his round, nine-person lunch table. He shares his lunch, his laughs, and his insights with a classy group of fine student-athletes (almost all of them honor students): a trio of basketball stars in 1,000-point scorer Nadi Beciri, long-range shooter Liam Fowler, and point guard Brian Ward, an outstanding football threesome of All-County tight end Garrett Dickerson, Jose Pedro Garcia, and quarterback Colin McGovern, and two-sport stars Erick Alonso (All-County in golf and soccer) and Robert Farrell (baseball and swimming).

The mood at the table is light, but the rain is “heavy,” further fueling the thought that most of today’s athletic contests will be cancelled.

The “Eureka!” moment: Kurt solves a complex problem to the joy of Calculus teacher Ilona Gofman.

Period 6—one more class to go—and seemingly a good time for a “letdown,” given that the seniors have just finished lunch and may already be looking forward to their after-school games and activities.

Not so fast! Calculus Honors teacher Ilona Gofman makes sure that not a minute is wasted as she sails into her lesson with amazing energy, lifting the spirits of her students as she does. There will be no afternoon napping on this day.

As he did in his Spanish class three hours earlier, Kurt sets the tone for his classmates by solving one of the homework problems successfully.

The Ukraine-born Ms. Gofman keeps the pace fast and furious, calling out questions and getting answers back just as quickly from the energized class. The tip of her marker glides along the whiteboard, spitting out formulas containing derivatives and differentials as quickly as the students respond. When a question goes unanswered, the marker virtually screeches to a halt—but quickly returns to life when the correct answer is offered.

Offering that answer is All-County track star Daniel Lynch, setting off a torrent of answers that pushes the pace. At this point, he’s running laps around the competition, as he has done on the track all year long.

Next, Ms. Gofman challenges someone from the class to come up to the whiteboard to finish an equation. Who steps up but Aidan Finnegan who, like Kurt, comes from a family with deep B.C. roots. His father, Tom ’74, is an alumnus, as are his older brothers Conor ’10 and Riley ’12. His younger
Kurt Holuba: One of New Jersey’s Premier Student Athletes

Kurt Holuba has enjoyed a magical four-year stay at Bergen Catholic High School, accomplishing outstanding feats in many areas of his student life. His list of achievements would look impressive if spread out over two or three resumes, much less existing solely on his own.

Those achievements came on the heels of great expectations, since he has been preceded at B.C. by a father and two older brothers who were outstanding student-athletes in their own right (as well as his two older sisters). The weight of those expectations could crush a lesser person, but Holuba’s broad shoulders easily bore the weight.

A perennial honor roll member (like the family members who went before him), Holuba was inducted into no fewer than four National Honor Societies during Academic Awards Day in October: the National Honor Society, the National High School Mathematics Honor Society, the Social Studies Honor Society, and the Spanish Language Honor Society.

Already an All-Star in the classroom at an early age, he was rumored to be an outstanding athletic prospect, as well. Despite not playing football until the eighth grade (“It was a family rule my mother instituted,” he laughs), Kurt was projected to be a “hybrid” of his two older brothers (both of whom earned All-State accolades). He was projected to have the athleticism of the older brother, Robert ’02 (an All-State linebacker who went on to play at Princeton) and the size and blocking ability of Jack ’09 (who went on to become a two-year starter at Harvard). And let’s not forget that his father, Robert ’67, went on to play under Joe Paterno at Penn State!

Kurt’s outstanding playing career was almost side-
tracked during his freshman year, when he suffered a severely-broken leg during a win at Don Bosco Prep, an injury that required surgery and the insertion of two plates and six screws that remain in his leg today.

An early display of the type of the courage and character that Kurt possesses was on display that night, according to B.C. Principal Tim McElhinney, who was on the sideline and went onto the field to help attend to the injured player. “He didn’t cry at all,” remembers McElhinney. “All he cared about was that his mother would be OK.”

Amazingly, he recovered in time to play freshman lacrosse the following spring, and jumped into the starting lineup as a sophomore in that sport (earning All-County honors that season and in each of the next two years, and First-Team All-State honors this season).

After playing mainly on special teams as a football sophomore, Kurt gained Third-Team All-County accolades as a junior, setting the stage for a tremendous senior year that brought him Star-Ledger First-Team All-State recognition.

Despite playing one of the toughest schedules in the entire country, Holuba stood out on both sides of the ball and, from his defensive end position, put up eye-popping numbers of 66 tackles (including 19 for losses and 10 quarterback sacks), three fumbles recovered, and three fumbles forced.

“Kurt Holuba is a special kid. He has all of the qualities you hope for in a player and as a person,” brags B.C. football coach Nunzio Campanile. “He’s an incredible competitor, a tremendous talent, and one of the most genuine young men I’ve ever met. He will be next to impossible to replace.

“Kurt’s the type of kid that you need as an example to our young players,” continued Campanile. “He excels in everything he does, on and off the field. He has set the bar extremely high for those that come after him. He’s going to make Bergen Catholic proud for many years to come.”

Kurt was featured in a Star-Ledger article in February when he chose to attend non-scholarship Ivy League school Princeton University, bypassing 22 Division I scholarship offers from major powerhouses, including National champion Florida State, Stanford, Wisconsin, Michigan State, Georgia Tech, Duke, and Virginia.

“It’s a 40-year decision, not a four-year decision,” he said when interviewed for that article and asked about his choice of Princeton. “It sets you up perfectly for life after football. It definitely was the right choice for me.”

Spoken like someone who is mature well beyond his years!

As the disappointment of the postponement settles into his brain, Kurt goes around the corner and makes a left-hand turn into the Main Office, where the office of Head Coach Joe Haemmerle ’86 is located. The veteran coach, literally the “Father of B.C. Lacrosse,” already has a highlight tape on and is planning an impromptu practice in preparation for another huge matchup: tomorrow’s rivalry battle at Don Bosco Prep (which would turn out to be a resounding 17-6 win). Ironically, the team will head up to Ramsey today, as well, as an indoor facility has been secured for a practice session.

Players filter in and out of the office, their faces longer than the trip that Chaminade would have had to make from Long Island, but it’s one of the few sad days in this dream-like season.

There are no sad days in your program when you have a player like Kurt Holuba in it, Haemmerle admits in a quieter moment. “There are people you need in your program that have that WILL to succeed. Kurt Holuba is one of those guys for us.”
The Holuba Family – A Tradition Of Excellence

Fans of Bergen Catholic High School’s athletic teams (especially football and lacrosse) have had the pleasure of watching the incredible accomplishments of Kurt Holuba ’14 unfold before their eyes. However, the “tradition of excellence” didn’t happen overnight—it began on B.C.’s dusty football field more than 50 years ago when Robert Holuba ’67 first took the field for the Crusaders. What began in the fall of 1963 was something that still resonates more than a half-century later!

Robert Holuba played football, baseball, and basketball after entering B.C., eventually becoming an integral part of the Crusaders’ back-to-back 9-0 State championship football teams in 1965 and 1966. More importantly, he was a well-rounded student who was a perennial member of the Honor Roll and was very active in school affairs as a member of the yearbook staff and the Student Council.

Passing up an opportunity to attend Yale University, the senior Holuba instead opted for Penn State, giving him the opportunity to receive an outstanding education and to play in a top-notch football program under the legendary Joe Paterno.

He became a three-year starter at guard for the Nittany Lions (the only years that he was eligible, since freshmen were not allowed to play under the NCAA rules that existed at the time), playing alongside outstanding players (and future NFL stars) Franco Harris, Jack Ham, Lydell Mitchell, and Mike Reid. Penn State was undefeated during Holuba’s first two seasons (finishing #2 in the country each time), and did not lose until the third game of his senior season (Holuba’s first loss on the gridiron in more than seven years!).

When some of his aforementioned teammates moved on to careers in the National Football League, Holuba took a different path. Armed with Academic All-American credentials, he decided to pursue a law career. He eventually selected the prestigious University of Virginia Law School and

Robert Holuba ’67

Robert Holuba ’67 was a multi-talented performer for the Crusaders.
went on to enjoy a very successful career. Taking his personal success many steps further, he and his lovely wife, Ann, would start a family that would yield five outstanding student-athletes (and citizens)—three of whom would go on to compile a staggering list of accomplishments of their own at B.C. and beyond!

A gap of 32 years existed between football appearances by a Holuba family member, but the wait was worth it for Crusaders’ fans! Robert Holuba ‘02 became a Crusader in the fall of 1998, and it was evident from the start that he was, like his father, a special student-athlete. A fierce linebacker and an efficient offensive lineman (despite being relatively undersized for that position), Rob Jr. carved his own path of greatness for the Crusaders. A two-year varsity starter, his outstanding leadership helped guide the 2001 B.C. football team to a 10-2 record and a State championship. After a spectacular season during which he made more than 100 tackles, Rob was honored as a First-Team All-State selection at linebacker.

Rob Jr. went on to play at Princeton University, earning lots of playing time for three years and starting as a senior for the Tigers. After earning an M.B.A. at Georgetown University, he is currently enjoying a successful commercial real estate career in the Philadelphia area.

The B.C. community received another special gift in the fall of 2005, when Jack Holuba ‘09 arrived on the scene. A different type of player than his older brother, but no less effective, he starred on the varsity level for three seasons at offensive tackle and guard, and also at defensive end. In 2008, his fine play earned him Second-Team All-Non-Public All-State and First-Team All-County honors. He was also awarded The Victor Liggio Award as the school’s “Outstanding Scholar/Athlete”—an award that Kurt also received this year!

Like his older brother, Jack had the opportunity to attend an Ivy League institution, but he choose Harvard University instead of Princeton. There, he also enjoyed tremendous success, both on the field and in the classroom. He was a two-year starter at center for the Crimson, helping them win an Ivy League title during his junior season and earning post-season honors after each campaign (including First-Team All-League accolades as a senior). Fittingly, he concluded his college career by giving the commencement speech at his graduation ceremony.

Today, Jack Holuba has followed his brother Rob into the commercial real estate field, but in New York City instead of Philadelphia. What each of the brothers—and mother, father, and sisters, as well—have also done is to carve out huge footsteps for “little brother” Kurt to fill to maintain the Holuba family “tradition of excellence!”
B.C.’s Bell Schedule Explained

A school’s bell schedule manages how the school’s time is allocated within the academic day. This school year, Bergen Catholic has instituted a new bell schedule—a seven-day, six-period, rotational drop schedule. In this schedule, each core course meets six out of the seven days of the instructional cycle. By dropping one class a day, the average per-period instructional time has increased from 40 minutes-per-class in the prior bell schedule to 49 minutes-per-class in the new bell schedule. This increase in instructional time permits the opportunity for multiple teaching strategies to be utilized in every class period.

Science labs receive more than 60 minutes of instructional time, and lunch periods are organized by grade level.

Tim McElhinney
Principal
Bergen Catholic High School

Gym Class (Hoehl Gymnasium)

On the days that Kurt doesn’t have his Multi-Media Design class, he heads to Hoehl Gymnasium for Gym class. It’s hard to go anywhere on the B.C. campus without running into a legend, and Hoehl Gymnasium is no exception. He greets veteran teacher John Direnzo (also known as the “Father of B.C. Wrestling”) before he goes into the locker room to change, then emerges to chat with gym teacher Dominic Santoli ’00, like Holuba a former All-State football player and two-sport star.

As order is called, Direnzo directs his students to line up properly, takes attendance, and then puts them through a series of calisthenics. The rainy weather means that the outdoor fields can’t be used, so the gymnasium is divided up into a series of basketball games. Spacing is tight, but fun is had by all—a welcome escape from the pressures of the classroom.

JOIN THE BERGEN CATHOLIC (R)EVOLUTION

“You cannot see brotherhood; neither can you hear it nor taste it.
But you can feel it a hundred times a day.
It is the pat on the back when things look gloomy.
It is the smile of encouragement when the way seems hard.
It is the helping hand when the burden becomes unbearable.”

Peter E. Terzick

Evidence that the brotherhood that is Bergen Catholic has never been more apparent. From the 50+ alumni who volunteered to help recent grads advance in their careers at CAREERS4CRUSADERS; the alumni, parents, friends and fans who made the first Wine Tasting an overwhelming success; the alumni who braved the elements to connect at the CAREERS4CRUSADERS networking event; the young alumni who celebrated together at Hoboken on Tap; to the die-hards who made the recent Cigar Night a rousing success—the brotherhood lives on.

If you haven’t been to an alumni event in a while, we would love to see you. Please see Page 2 for a few of the great events coming up. To keep up with all that is going on in the Alumni Association, please visit www.bergencatholic.org and join the official Bergen Catholic High School Facebook page at www.facebook.com/Bergen-Catholic.

On behalf of the Bergen Catholic High School Alumni Association, best wishes for a wonderful summer filled with good health, much wealth and unbridled joy!

Michael JD Haviland ’78
President, Bergen Catholic High School, Alumni Association
Have You Named Bergen Catholic In Your Will?

Bergen Catholic’s Crusader Legacy Society formally recognizes investors who have chosen to leave a legacy to the school through a variety of planned giving techniques, such as will bequests, charitable remainder trusts, charitable lead trusts, retained life estates or the gift of a life insurance policy, et al.

If you have been so thoughtful, we thank you for your forward thinking and your generosity. Just let us know of your intentions and we will add you as a member of our growing list of those who have chosen to leave some of their legacy to Bergen Catholic High School. A simple e-mail to jbranciforte@bergen-catholic.org, describing your intentions, will add your name to our list of those who want to make a difference to future generations of Bergen Catholic students. Deus Vult!

For Estate Planning/Planned Giving Opportunities, visit our website at: www.bergencatholic.org.

Crusader Legacy Society Membership Roll*

| Thomas J. Alrutz ‘61                      | Mr. Thomas M. McCarthy ’72 |
| John M. Brunner ’65                      | Mr. & Mrs. James W. O’Brien ’62, Parents |
| Francis X. Donlan ’63                    | The Honorable John B. Paolella ’67 (two gifts) |
| Robert E. Fortsch ’73                    | Artie Prior ’59 |
| Deirdre Fortune, Friend                  | Robert J. Rapport ’69 |
| Carl G. Haas, Parent                     | Dennis M. Sigrist ’82 (RIP) |
| Rev. Msgr. Robert J. Harrington ’62 (RIP)| Frank J. Sposato ’69 |
| Michael J. Haviland ’78, Parent          | Mary C. Steidl, Parent |
| Jack C. Howley ’79                       | Mr. & Mrs. Brian A. Tramontozzi ’90 |
| Michael James Jordan ’61                 | Kathleen M. Treubig, Parent |
| Mr. (RIP) & Mrs. John Lowe, Parents      | John A. Uzzi ’63 |
| Mr. & Mrs. Richard Mady, Parents         | Mr. & Mrs. James Whelan, Parents |
| Peter Manzetti, Jr. ’78                  | Joseph A. Zodl ’66 |
| Mr. & Mrs. Gerard J. Maughan, Parents    | Anthony M. Zupcic ’66 |

*Represents all self-reported planned gifts through publication date.

FR. ADRIAN PIOTROWSKI CELEBRATES GOLDEN JUBILEE

One of the most popular faculty members in Bergen Catholic High School’s history, Fr. Adrian Piotrowski, O.C.S., recently celebrated his Golden Jubilee. “Padre,” as he was known to his students, spent 20 happy years at B.C., arriving in the fall of 1972 and teaching a wide array of courses, including Religion, American History II, Modern Africa, and Afro-Asian Studies. He also served as the B.C. chaplain (both to the school and to the Brothers) and as the Moderator of the Retreats, Peer Ministry, Campus Ministry, and Community Service programs. A member of the B.C. Hall of Fame, Fr. Adrian can be reached at: Crosier Community of Onamia, P.O. Box 500, Onamia, MN 56359, or 320.532.2031.
For the second straight year, SHIELD students have made a difference on (and sometimes outside of) the campus of Bergen Catholic High School.

SHIELD (short for “Students Helping Inspire Everyone’s Leadership Development”) is a group of student leaders that meets weekly to plan events and activities that help mold the leadership of the B.C. student body. SHIELD students represent a diverse and wide range of talents and skills, from academically outstanding students to leaders in clubs and sports teams, and perform a number of leadership-building projects and exercises throughout the year.

Senior SHIELD members ran “Freshman Orientation Day” in March.

SHIELD member Robert Farrell ’14 directs the action during “Freshman Field Day” in October.

The world we live in today is truly diverse in its essence. Seven distinct continents with multitudes of different ethnicities and cultures, however, collectively formulate one humanity. It is truly amazing to see various types of people, in their idiosyncratic lifestyles, interact with one another and, in that process, exchange ideas, philosophies, and beliefs.

Despite the connected world that exists today, it is a fact that many of us are oblivious to different ways of life that people embrace across the globe. While our technological innovations are progressing every moment, it inevitably becomes part of our daily lives and, therefore, we tend to blindly operate under its massive influence. Our growing complacency of our own lifestyles due to technological progression sadly disables our senses of compassion, action, and love—what Christ has emphasized over and over again through His lifetime.

Bergen Catholic High School especially focuses on service, with an emphasis on servant leadership. Just as Christ washed the feet of His disciples, we strive to serve others just as Christ has done so for His children. To bring awareness to the lifestyles of millions of our South American brothers and sisters in Christ, Bergen Catholic’s SHIELD (Students Helping Inspire Everyone’s Leadership Development) Leadership team organized an event that enabled both students and the faculties to experience what a typical Peruvian child has to do on a daily basis to earn a meager living. We have decided to shine shoes for the Bergen Catholic community the day after Ash Wednesday, which marks the season of Lent. We hoped to reflect humility, sacrifice, and love towards our community.

At first, there were some objections among the team, most of which were because of the uncomfortable situation we would be subjected to. Many of us have never shined a shoe with a brush and polish in our lives, and few were hesitant of the entirety of the idea. Some worried about the possibility of being ridiculed by fellow classmates, while others simply were not comfortable bending down to clean other’s shoes. After some tense discussions, we concluded that we were leaders among our peers, and to be so required clear actions and deeds.

The date was set, and we busied ourselves with proper schedules, stations, and of course, getting necessary equipment for shining shoes. Many members of the faculty were extremely helpful in obtaining the shoe-shine kits and brushes. After a few weeks, we were ready to take on the challenge.

There were six stations throughout the school building, and I was assigned to the station in the library. Staff and faculty members stopped by to get their shoes shined. Interestingly enough, many B.C. students came to experience how it feels to get their shoes shined as well.

What seemed like an easy thing before was definitely quite challenging. The SHIELD members, Mrs. Francesca Tambone-Puzio, our Moderator, and Fr. Tony Ricarte, our Chaplain, joined shoe-shining activity with us, and modeled par through His lifetime.

B.C. Science teacher Brian Rendine ’01 (second from left) was the recipient of a first-class effort from SHIELD members (standing, L to R) Corey Gittleman ’14, Michael Setteducati ’14, and Daniel Buckmaster ’14, and (kneeling) Michael McPherson ’14.

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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Richard Ruiz ’14 is a member of SHIELD, is a National Honor Society, National High School Mathematics Honor Society, and Social Studies Honor Society inductee, and also received The John Courtney Medal at graduation (for Christian Service).
Eight new members were inducted into the Bergen Catholic High School Hall of Fame when the Alumni Association presented its Seventeenth Hall of Fame Dinner on Sunday, March 30, 2014 at the Fiesta in Wood-Ridge (owned by our very own Matt Landy ’77).

The new inductees, who joined the 162 people already in the Bergen Catholic Hall of Fame, included Jim Burt ’99, Mark Fabish ’93, Dan Haemmerle ’91, Brian McAuliffe ’70, the late Charles Melli ’60, former President Br. Lawrence T. Murphy, C.F.C., Ken Sinkovitz ’03, and the late Bill Tierney ’94. B.C. Principal Tim McElhinney presented plaques to the honorees who were able to attend the dinner, while Master of Ceremonies Joe Azelby ’80 distributed the medals.
JIM BURT ’99
Jim Burt, a member of the Class of 1999, established himself as one of the finest student-athletes in B.C.’s storied history, while starring in baseball and football as a three-year varsity starter in each sport. He was a three-time First-Team All-County selection in baseball after seasons during which B.C. compiled a 79-13 record, reached the Championship Game of the Bergen County Tournament for the only two times in program history, and won its only County championship (1999). He batted .484-or-better in each season and finished with outstanding career totals of 151 hits, 140 runs scored, 21 home runs, 141 RBI, and a career average of .492. A superb football player, as well, Jim was a starting linebacker for three seasons during which B.C. compiled a 31-2 record and won two State Championships. He was a two-time First-Team All-County choice and a First-Team All-State selection in 1998 after he led B.C. to a 12-0 record and a national ranking. Jim was named to The Record’s “All-Century Team” in each sport. He went on to enjoy a successful baseball career at the University of Miami, becoming the first Crusader wrestler to win multiple Regional championships and to qualify for the state championships four times. Dan also became the first Crusader wrestler to earn All-American honors, finishing sixth at the Junior Nationals in 1991. He was also the captain of the 1990 and 1991 teams that won the program’s second and third District 7 titles and first two North Parochial “A” sectional crowns. In 1991, the team also captured the program’s first Parochial “A” State and Bergen County Championships, while finishing the season.unners were key players for the State Championship football teams in 1991 and 1992 that compiled a 22-0 record and finished nationally ranked. Mark was the team’s leading receiver both seasons and, as a senior, enjoyed the most prolific season for a receiver at that point in B.C. history as he set records for receptions, yards, and TD catches in a season. He also earned All-State and All-County honors as a defensive back and graduated as the school record holder for most kick-return TDs in a career. In track, he graduated as a B.C. record holder in four different categories, and was named All-County a total of four times in his career. Mark continued his career at the University of Pennsylvania, where he was an All-Ivy League receiver as a senior. He finished his career as the all-time leader in punt return yardage in Ivy League history, as well as setting the UPenn school record for kick-off return yardage. He was the first freshman ever to catch a TD pass and also to return a punt for a touchdown in Ivy League history. Penn finished undefeated in each of his first two seasons, meaning that he participated in 46 straight wins dating back to high school.

DAN HAEMMERLE ’91
Dan Haemmerle, a member of the Bergen Catholic Class of 1991, helped to establish a number of individual and team firsts for the Bergen Catholic wrestling team. On an individual basis, he established a then-record for career wins in program history and was the first B.C. wrestler to win multiple Regional championships and to qualify for the state championships four times. Dan also became the first Crusader wrestler to earn All-American honors, finishing sixth at the Junior Nationals in 1991. He was also the captain of the 1990 and 1991 teams that won the program’s second and third District 7 titles and first two North Parochial “A” sectional crowns. In 1991, the team also captured the program’s first Parochial “A” State and Bergen County Championships, while finishing the season.

MARK FABISH ’93
Mark Fabish experienced a tremendous amount of success in football and track during his career at B.C., earning a total of 11 varsity letters. The Class of 1993 member was a key player for the State Championship football teams in 1991 and 1992 that compiled a 22-0 record and finished nationally ranked. Mark was the team’s leading receiver both seasons and, as a senior, enjoyed the most prolific season for a receiver at that point in B.C. history as he set records for receptions, yards, and TD catches in a season. He also earned All-State and All-County honors as a defensive back and graduated as the school record holder for most kick-return TDs in a career. In track, he graduated as a B.C. record holder in four different categories, and was named All-County a total of four times in his career. Mark continued his career at the University of Pennsylvania, where he was an All-Ivy League receiver as a senior. He finished his career as the all-time leader in punt return yardage in Ivy League history, as well as setting the UPenn school record for kick-off return yardage. He was the first freshman ever to catch a TD pass and also to return a punt for a touchdown in Ivy League history. Penn finished undefeated in each of his first two seasons, meaning that he participated in 46 straight wins dating back to high school.
Dan went on to study and wrestle at New York University, where he graduated magna cum laude. His parents, Rich and Kathy, helped establish the Bergen Catholic Takedown club, and his two brothers are prominent Bergen Catholic alumni—Joe ’86 and Mike ’88. Dan and his wife, Phyliss, are the proud parents of two children: Thomas and Julia.

**BRIAN McAULIFFE ’70**

Brian McAuliffe, a graduate from the Bergen Catholic Class of 1970, was captain, floor leader, mentor, and teammate of B.C.’s 22-3 1969-70 basketball team—Chris Donfield’s first great team, and one of B.C.’s all-time best squads. A three-year starter, and amongst B.C.’s all-time leaders in scoring and assists, Brian exemplified team play, toughness, intelligence, and heart in bringing together a Celtic starting five consisting of the great Mike Connelly, Bob Lally, Jim McNamara, and Ed Hart. Recruited to Dartmouth, Brian graduated from Columbia College, where he started at point guard for Jack Rohan’s Lions. Brian’s basketball career continued at Notre Dame Law School, where he was inducted as a Thomas More Fellow. A strong supporter of Bergen Catholic, he served as a member of the Board of Directors and as President of the Alumni Association, and always looked forward to working for the school’s annual golf outing.

His wife, Sheila, also served as a member of the Board. His law career started in New York City with the firm of Reilly and Reilly, and later was the founder and senior partner of the Melli Law Firm of Hackensack and Paramus, NJ. He was very honored when elected as Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers. After serving as a trustee and vice-chairman of the Board of Trustees of Holy Name Hospital, he continued his association there as general counsel to the hospital. He also started the annual golf outing and major fundraiser for Immaculate Conception Seminary. Sadly, Charlie passed away in February 2002, just months after the loss of his son Andrew ’89. Charlie was proud that Andrew and his daughter, Kathleen, followed in his footsteps as practicing attorneys.

**BR. LAWRENCE T. MURPHY, C.F.C.**

Br. Lawrence Thomas Murphy, C.F.C., provided a decade of outstanding leadership at Bergen Catholic as the school’s second President. During his 10-year term (1999-2009), the B.C. community, behind the leadership of the Board of Directors and the support of many donors, built the Nicholas G. Saingas Training Center, renovated the cafeteria (Hoehl Hall), expanded the school footprint with the purchase of several contiguous properties, and entered the “Wireless Era” with the introduction of the highly-acclaimed Laptop Program. Br. Murphy entered the Congregation of Christian Brothers in July 1963 after graduating from Power Memorial Academy in New York City. After graduating from Iona College in 1967,
he taught at Power Memorial, Bishop Kearney H.S. in Rochester, NY, and Catholic Memorial H.S. in West Roxbury, MA, before being appointed Principal, and later President, of All Hallows H.S. in The Bronx in 1988. In 1997, he was appointed the Director of Development for the Eastern American Province, a position he held until 1999 when he was appointed the second President of B.C. In 2009, he was asked to become the Director of Education for the Congregation of Edmund Rice Christian Brothers in North America, and was then appointed President of Reitz Memorial H.S. in Evansville, IN in 2012.

KEN SINKOVITZ ’03

Ken Sinkovitz, a 2003 Bergen Catholic graduate, was a standout student-athlete who earned distinction for his community contributions on and off the track. He was named “North Jersey Athlete of the Decade” for the 2000s in Track & Field by The Record in recognition of his having been named a two-time All-American, three-time All-State, and eight-time All-County mid-distance runner. The versatile two-time State Champion broke many school, county, and state records while earning national rankings in six different events his senior year. The Bergen Catholic track team enjoyed two Bergen County titles during Ken’s tenure. He is best known for his 2002 800-meter State title when he dove across the finish line to dramatically win by the slimmest of margins. The Br. Peter Lawrence Alumni Scholarship recipient was also an outstanding and very involved student, playing active roles in Bergen Catholic’s Student Government Association, Red & Gold Club, and Peer Ministry. He continued his education and athletic career at Princeton University, where he prepared for a promising business career and also co-founded a non-profit organization that empowers Cuban youth. Ken’s father, Ron ’72, and uncle, Frank ’77, also graduated from Bergen Catholic.

BILL TIERNEY ’94 (R.I.P.)

Bill Tierney, a member of the Class of 1994, established himself as one of the school’s finest student-athletes despite not arriving at B.C. until the mid-point of his sophomore year. The Crusaders won State Championships in football in each of his two seasons in a B.C. uniform (1992 and 1993) and compiled a 20-2 record due to his outstanding and hard-nosed two-way play. The running back-safety was a player who could be counted on, game-in and game-out, for his toughness and leadership. Bill’s legacy as a fierce competitor was sealed when he played most of the much-heralded “Game of the Century” matchup in 1992 vs. Paramus Catholic with a broken wrist—not missing a single play. He led (as the captain) a young and rebuilding team to another State title in 1993. Bill went on to attend Fordham University, where he also starred on the gridiron before passing away on the field just prior to a game in 1996. His memory is honored annually by the Rams’ program when the “Bill Tierney Spirit Award” is presented to the Fordham player “who, in the estimate of his teammates, represents the spirit that Bill so unselfishly exemplified.” The Fordham football locker room includes two sealed lockers with memorabilia to honor a pair of Fordham football legends: Vince Lombardi and Bill Tierney.
Philip Deegan informed us that he is enjoying retirement, and is building another kayak…his seventh one!

Jim Oleske was honored as “Pediatrician of the Year” at the Fourth Annual New Jersey Children’s Ball on April 5, 2014. Jim’s care, support, and advocacy have made a difference in the lives of children and families in New Jersey. The award was presented by The New Jersey Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics. Jim also had the opportunity tp spend a full day with one of his favorite teachers, Br. James B. Walsh. He shares his feelings about that memorable day:

My visit with Br. J.B. Walsh was a life highlight for me. To have several hours to enjoy this wonderful, kind, gentle, and truly holy man again made me realize how important spending high school at B.C. was to me, and help make me a better person by the example he was and is to me then and now. Somehow over time, I have joined J.B. as an aging-up gray-haired man, but he will always be my teacher and hero despite now being closer in age. I still call him “Brother” Walsh, and after all these years, I still do not know what J.B. stands for, although I have heard him called “Ben” by his fellow Brothers. It would be nice and I would be proud if both our first names are James, but he will always be Br. Walsh, much beloved, respected, and admired by me. Jim Oleske ’63

Frank Spinella recently published his second novel, Heresy, a historical plausible account of how the Arian controversy of the early Fourth Century galvanized Christianity into the Council of Nicea and the adoption of its famous creed. You can read more about it on his website, www.frankspinella.net.

Mike Maron was honored as “Bergen County Person of the Year” at the Greater Bergen County YMCA Awards Dinner in November. Former B.C. quarterback Jonathan Germaino ’13 was also honored at the same dinner, receiving the “J. Barry Stanford Award” for Outstanding Achievement in High School Sports. Maron was also honored by the Bergen Irish Association with its first “Humanitarian Award” at the organization’s Golden 50th Anniversary celebration on March 2, 2014. Mike joined Holy Name Medical Center’s administration in 1987, and has served as its President and CEO since 1997.
**Class of 1978**
Mike Haviland’s company, do good marketing llc, was honored with a first-place award at the New Jersey Advertising Club’s 46th Annual Jersey Awards dinner on June 4, 2014. The New Jersey Advertising Club, the largest organization of its kind in New Jersey, honored Haviland’s outstanding work under the title of “Bergen Catholic High School Social Media.”

**Class of 1979**
Tom Roberts is a lawyer at Barasso Usdin Kupperman Freeman & Sarver LLC in New Orleans, LA. Tom has been selected by his peers for inclusion in the 20th edition of the “Best Lawyers in America” for the practice areas of: Commercial Litigation and Securities/Capital Markets Law. He was also named Best Lawyers’ 2014 and Securities/Capital Markets Law “Lawyer of the Year.”

**Class of 1992**
Zeke Rodgers and his wife, April, welcomed a son, Mack Jensen Rodgers on March 31, 2014. Mack weighed nine pounds, 12 ounces. Maloria and Corley Ann are very helpful and loving big sisters.

**Class of 1997**
Steven Landgraber and his wife welcomed a daughter, Charlotte Ann, on April 8, 2014.

**Class of 2001**
Bob Olson and his wife, Melanie, announced the birth of their first child, Robert Thomas Olson III. “Tripp” was born on January 11, 2014 and was seven pounds, 9.9 ounces and 20.5 inches long. Bob’s Bolero Snort Brewery continues to grow. New beers have been released throughout the area.

Garrett Sandberg married Dorothy Halsey on September 21, 2013. They were married at Harkness Chapel at Connecticut College in New London, CT. A reception followed at Jonathan Edwards Winery in North Stonington, CT.

**Class of 2003**
John Germinario married Allison Williburg on September 21, 2013.

**Class of 2004**
Chris Griego married Brittany Weeks on June 29, 2013 in Highlands, NC. The reception was held at “The Farm,” Old Edwards Inn and Spa. Chris graduated from James Madison University in 2008 and received a DPT from Emory University School of Medicine in 2011. Chris and Brittany live and work in Atlanta, GA.

James Layman married Jaclyn Altieri of East Hanover, NJ in August 2013. There were six B.C. graduates in attendance, as well as a former B.C. faculty member, his mom, Eileen Layman. James graduated from New York University in 2008 and Rutgers School of Law in 2013.

**Class of 2005**
Conor McManus married Jennifer DiLiddo on April 20, 2013 at St. Kateri Tekakwitha Church in Lagrangeville, NY. A reception was held at The Grandview in Poughkeepsie, NY overlooking the Hudson River. Brendan McManus ’01, brother of the groom, was the best man.

Clayton Patton, Ryan Shearman, and Todd Rushing (above, L to R) founded FUSAR Technologies, Inc., a wearable technology company, in October 2013 with the goal of creating the world’s “smartest” motorcycle helmet. The company was accepted into TechLaunch, a Clifton, NJ-based accelerator program affiliated with Montclair State University, in January 2014. Most recently, FUSAR competed against nine other prominent New Jersey-based start-ups at the 2014 LaunchNJ Pitch Competition hosted by Drew University and took home first-place honors.

**Class of 2009**

Neil O’Halloran ’90 hosted a dinner for 1990 and 1991 class members at Capital Grill.
On February 8, 2014, the Class of 1993 held its 20-year reunion at Bacari Grill in Washington Township, NJ. Given the late date for it, some jokingly called it the 21st reunion. Regardless of timing, close to 50 members of the class and an additional 20-plus assorted guests had a great evening catching up.

Special guest B.C. President Br. Brian M. Walsh, C.F.C. took some time to go over what Bergen is up to these days. He also told great stories from his return to teaching back when the class was seniors and how one ’93 alumnus performed a kind deed for him. There were a lot of laughs, good stories, and teacher impersonations. The group is eagerly looking forward to its 25th reunion and getting those who missed this one involved.

Special thanks go to Marge Millus, Director of Alumni Relations, for coordinating the event, taking care of all the details, and printing our name tags, which included a devastatingly handsome picture of our graduation photo! Lastly, thank you to the reunion committee for all of its help. Looking forward to the next reunion for 25 years! Get involved if you could not make this one.

—Colin Tobias ’93
Wine Tasting Event – February 8, 2014

Our first Wine Tasting Event was a great success! Thank you to John Amoratis ’77 and Bacari Grill for organizing such a fantastic evening. A wide selection of the finest wines from around the world was available for tasting and purchase. Bacari Grill offered a wide variety of delectable hot and cold hors d’oeuvres to accompany the tasting. All of our 55 guests were delighted and astounded by the outstanding selection of wines available. All have asked to be included on the invitation list for our next one on Thursday, October 23, 2014. Please let us know if you have an interest in attending.
Events

Career Networking Night – April 30, 2014

Alumni Crusaders united on Wednesday, April 30, 2014 for a night of networking. The evening featured plenty of networking time, as well as small group breakout sessions so the attendees could connect with others in their field. The evening began with a some light refreshments and a mix-and-mingle session, followed by the group breakout sessions. The night closed with another mix-and-mingle session. The event is part of the Bergen Catholic Alumni Association Career Development initiative. The goal is to provide alumni with opportunities to network, advance their careers, and help other alumni with their career efforts. Look for our next Alumni Networking Event in April 2015.

CAREERS4CRUSADERS – January 6, 2014

Alumni who are currently college students or recent college graduates were invited to network with their Crusader Brothers on CAREERS4CRUSADERS Night. Alumni from many professions were on hand to lend a hand. Here are a few of the professions represented and companies the alumni volunteers work for: Accounting, Admissions Management, Advertising, Architecture, Attorney, Banking, Corporate Development, Corporate Real Estate, Credit Analyst, Detective, Engineering, Executive Recruitment, Financial Analyst, Financial Services, Healthcare, Human Resources, Insurance Services, Investment Banking, Investigator, Judge, Logistics, Management Consulting, Marketing, Mechanical Engineering, Military, Mortgage Banking, Organizational Development and Training, Physician, Professor, Professional Services, Public Relations, Real Estate, Sales, Structural Engineer, Superintendent of Schools, Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, and Technology Sales. Thank you to all who attended. Please look for information on our next CAREERS4CRUSADERS event planned for January 2015.
The fifth Annual Football Game was an extraordinary affair once again, with some of B.C.’s gridiron stars returning to Crusader Stadium to relive their past glory: (standing, L to R) Tom Randall ’08, Sean Gilmore ’09, Wolver Jean-Pierre ’05, Ken McNair ’97, Dominic Santoli ’00, Mike Linn ’00, and Maroon Matar ’97; and (kneeling, L to R) Chris Vazquez ’07, Anthony Marina ’09, Jason Porcelli ’99, Zeke Rodgers ’92, Jonathan Poppe ’03, and Anthony Belasco ’01.

Alumni Football Social – Friday, November 29, 2013

B.C. Head Coach Nunzio Campanile welcomes B.C. football alumni, old and new.

Members of B.C.’s “greatest football team ever,” a squad that finished 12-0, was nationally ranked, and scored a staggering 599 points, celebrated the 15-year anniversary of their memorable season: (top row, L to R) Rich Scanlon ’99, Peter Dray ’00, Jason Porcelli ’99, Mike Linn ’00, Doug Kirchner ’99, Matt LoVecchio ’00, Dominic Santoli ’00, Sean Pena ’00, and Assistant Coach Dave Cavalluzzo ’93; and (bottom row, L to R) Assistant Coach Tony DeBellis ’85, Chris Barba ’99, Dan Buckman ’99, Tom Polifroni ’99, and Anthony Carullo ’01.

(L to R) Three starters from the stifling 1978 B.C. defensive unit that recorded a stunning seven shutouts talk about the good ‘ole days: (L to R) Jim Gallagher ’80, Steve Santora ’79, and John Feaster ’79.

Father-and-son alumni pairings at the event included (L to R) John ’79 and John ’13 Feaster, Tony ’76 and A.J. ’07 Rocchio, and A.J. ’13 and Jim ’80 Gallagher.

The fifth Annual Football Game was an extraordinary affair once again, with some of B.C.’s gridiron stars returning to Crusader Stadium to relive their past glory: (standing, L to R) Tom Randall ’08, Sean Gilmore ’09, Wolver Jean-Pierre ’05, Ken McNair ’97, Dominic Santoli ’00, Mike Linn ’00, and Maroon Matar ’97; and (kneeling, L to R) Chris Vazquez ’07, Anthony Marina ’09, Jason Porcelli ’99, Zeke Rodgers ’92, Jonathan Poppe ’03, and Anthony Belasco ’01.

Alumni Football Game – Friday, November 29, 2013

Qb Zeke Rodgers ’92 gets ready to let the pigskin fly.

Ken McNair ’97 makes a sensational interception!
Alumni Hockey Game – Friday, November 29, 2013

Dave Gerity ’12 tells the White team players that they’re not scoring any goals on this night!

RED TEAM: (Standing, L to R) Jerry Rella ’73, Greg Miller ’69, Michael Kim ’09, Brett Bandazian ’05, Jason May ’03, Andrew McDonald ’06, Kyle Garlasco ’11, and Steven Ritter ’05; and (kneeling, L to R) Jim Lacey ’79, Bob Kraft ’72, Adam Apidopolous ’11, Matt Radoslovich ’01, Bob Jones ’02, Tom Keough ’04, Dave Duffy ’84, and Matt Negron ’11.

WHITE TEAM: (Standing, L to R) Bill Gaudio ’87, Tyler Garcia ’13, Kevin Smyth ’11, Ryan Smyth ’12, Scott Magerley ’12, Joe Cottone ’88, Tim McGee ’84, Marty Naughton ’84, and Tim Caddo ’84; and (kneeling, L to R) Jim Stoddard ’88, Brendan McGuire ’12, Mike Ramirez ’12, John Ghia ’87, Chris McGee ’88, and Dave Gerity ’12.

Alumni Lacrosse Game

(Standing, L to R) Sean O’Hara ’04, Matt Ward ’07, Mark Ward ’09, Mike Linn ’00, B.C. Lacrosse Coach Joe Haemmerle ’86, Paul Girardi ’06, Sean Gilmore ’09, Sean Payne ’10, Sean McGuire ’10, Alex Miller ’09, and Adrian Go ’10; and (kneeling, L to R) Tucker James ’13, Mike Annecchino ’04, John Rapport ’06, Jamie Ward ’11, John Miller ’96, and Wes Huber ’10.

(L to R) B.C. Lacrosse Coach Joe Haemmerle ’86 welcomes back “Iron Mike” Linn ’00, who was playing in his second alumni game in two days after starring in the football game the day before.
Alumni Soccer Game – Saturday, November 30, 2013

BERGEN CATHOLIC GOES

Naples, Florida

B.C. President Br. Brian M. Walsh, C.F.C. and Marge Millus, Director of Alumni Relations, traveled to Naples, FL on March 11, 2014 to visit with southwest Florida alumni and had a wonderful dinner at Fleming’s Steakhouse (thank you Pat English ’86). Here are a few thoughts from some of our guests:

“I have been meaning to write and thank Br. Walsh for his hospitality during your visit to Naples. It was good to hear that Bergen continues to remain viable in today’s changing world. It was also good to meet for the first time other alumni who reside in southwest Florida.

“When I attended the 50th reunion of the Class of 1960 at the school four years ago, I reconnected with many classmates whom I had not seen since graduation. A number of them had ties to southwest Florida, either owning property or vacationing here in the winter. We have renewed the friendships that we had back in the early days of Bergen Catholic, when we had to walk on planks across the mud to get into our classrooms. It is like there were no ‘intervening years.’ We have picked up where we left off in the spring of 1960. Thank you for creating the opportunity for us to reunite, both at the class reunion and the Naples get-together.”

Tom Von Ohlen ’60
Bonita Springs, FL

“I really appreciated being invited and had a wonderful time meeting fellow B.C. alumni. Br. Walsh’s presentation and update about Bergen Catholic was outstanding. I look forward to the next meeting.”

Jim Petrolino ’62
Coral Springs, FL
As my four years at Bergen Catholic come to a close, I look back and I am truly blessed for all the opportunities I was able to experience. However, when I was asked which experience were my favorite, I had to choose my opportunities of traveling to Peru and Argentina.

During the fall of my junior year, I was given the opportunity to take a trip to Peru with seven other students and two teachers from Bergen Catholic. This trip was not a vacation; it was a mission trip. Our mission was to build a house for a family that was very unfortunate. While I was in Peru, I stayed at the Christian Brothers residence in Lima. We began each day with prayer and concluded it with reflection.

In Lima, we saw all the surrounding poor towns; it was a very depressing sight to see. In their society, the houses are like the sheds we have in our back yards. The family we were building the house for didn’t have much of a home before. Its living space was very tight, rundown, unhealthy, and absolutely disgusting.

While we were there, we built for a single mother a whole new home. It was a great feeling to see that she could finally have a roof over her head along with her four boys aged one to ten. They were filled with joy! On our last day there, she was so grateful and happy that she was just speechless.

While we were there, we interacted with the people of Peru. Although their lives are challenged with the prospects of no running water or permanent homes, they always seem to have hope and a smile on their face. Throughout this trip, all of us who participated realized how fortunate we were.
Although I remember building the houses and experiencing their way of life, one aspect that sticks out in my mind always is that, when we had our phones with us, the children were fascinated by them and wanted to take pictures or play all the games we had downloaded on them. It was crazy to see that technology, which is something we all take for granted, could make a little boy and girl so happy and excited.

Another thing we take for granted is that, when we were younger, we had our diapers changed five to six times a day. The one-year-old baby Diego didn’t have his diaper changed for the full week that we were there. The smell was horrendous, but you couldn’t help but pick him up and play with him. He was always crying and all he wanted was to be picked up and played with, or to be out of the sun because it was too hot.

It’s crazy to see how different parts of the world are hurting so much, and that so many organizations and schools are trying to help out. Some individuals send money, but it’s not the same when you just send money, you have to truly experience it hands on.

The people in Peru were very religious, and it was amazing to see that the Sunday Mass that I attended was very crowded. It truly made me realize that people in our country, who are more fortunate, can’t attend Mass daily, but people who are so unfortunate can attend Mass and fill the church to capacity. It is evident that in our society many people are too caught up on materialistic things and can’t devote one hour of their time to worship at Mass each Sunday.

Peru was a wonderful experience to help unfortunate people and truly see a Third World country. I loved every minute of that trip because I bonded more with some of my classmates who went. We were able to reflect each night about our thoughts and viewpoints that we experienced each day.

The trip helped me decide on a career that will let me help individuals from every walk of life. I will be studying Nursing at Fairfield University in the fall. This mission trip definitely helped me have a more positive outlook on life and made me realize how fortunate I truly am to have a roof over my head, a stable family, and an education.

I was able to have another great experience in South America last June. As I stated in the beginning, myself and four other seniors had the privilege to travel to Buenos Aires,
Argentina for a student-exchange program through Bergen Catholic and Colegio Cardenal Newman.

In Argentina, we stayed with host families and experienced their culture in their household and school systems. We were there for two weeks, and in those two weeks, we really did so much. We went to school and visited many sights in Buenos Aires and also had the chance to go to another country. A Cardenal Newman teacher took us on a ferry boat to Colonia, Uruguay, where we had lunch and shopped in many stores. All of our activities were so interesting and enjoyable. Through these experiences, we were able to experience some cultural differences from the States.

The Argentinian school system is very different from our school system. Colegio Cardenal Newman is an all-boys Christian Brother school that starts each day at 8:00 A.M. and ends at 4:00 P.M. Throughout their day, there are multiple breaks, two short recesses in the morning, a lunch break, and then another short break in the afternoon.

At Newman, there are 90 boys in each grade, and each grade is divided into three classrooms. Colegio Cardenal Newman has grades K-12 on its campus. In Argentina, the teacher comes to the classroom and the students do not move from room to room like we do here at B.C. The students stay in the same classroom with the same students all day. At Bergen Catholic, we offer many sports, whereas Cardenal Newman only offers two sports: rugby and soccer.

Another difference in their culture is that every day at 5:00 P.M., there is “tea time” where they have a certain tea (called “matte”), or a coffee and a light snack of cookies or cakes. Dulce de leche is a very popular sweet sauce or spread there; it is used in every food possible. It’s similar to peanut butter here. Dinner takes place around 9:00-9:30 P.M.
Their social lives are also different. In America, people our age tend to go out around 8:00 or 9:00 or sometimes later. However, in Argentina I didn’t start going out on the weekends until 1:00 or 2:00 in the morning. It was very different, but I liked all the differences. I wanted to go back as soon as I came home. It was such a great trip.

Our hosts came to stay with us and visit Bergen Catholic this past April for two weeks, as well. We took them to New York City numerous times, where we visited the Top of the Rock, the 9/11 Memorial, Times Square, the wax museum, the Broadway musical *Les Misérables*, and a Yankees game. Our guests loved getting out of school early at 2:00 P.M. because the day went fast and then we had the whole afternoon and night to do some fun activities.

When it was time to say goodbye, it was very sad; many of us were crying. It was very depressing, because when we were in Argentina saying goodbye, we knew that we would be seeing them again, but when we left each other this time, we are unsure about when we will see each other again.

My host family and my family are very close, even though they have never met. My mom and my guest Federico’s mom e-mail each other frequently. The boys who traveled from Bergen Catholic all seem to have “family members” in Argentina now.

The boys from Cardenal Newman and B.C. each downloaded an app on our phones so we can stay in touch, and we have talked several times since they left. It’s amazing to see how two cultures can mix and become great friends. We are already talking about visiting Argentina again next January. Who knows if that will happen, but we are keeping our fingers crossed.

These experiences have helped me in my life. I’m so glad that I was able to have the opportunity to go on these trips. If it wasn’t for Bergen Catholic I wouldn’t be able to experience different cultures and visit these countries. Not many private Catholic schools have trips like these. They have trips to tour certain countries, but not student-exchange programs or mission trips to other countries. I’m blessed to have been given these chances to experience all that I have.
Bergen Catholic High School Students Skype With Archbishop John J. Myers

Twenty-two Bergen Catholic High School students held an hour-long question-and-answer session via Skype with the Most Reverend John J. Myers, J.C.D., D.D., Archbishop of Newark in March. The students asked Archbishop Myers a variety of questions, from recapping a “typical” day in the life of an Archbishop to thoughtful inquiries about the future of Catholic education in the Archdiocese of Newark and about controversial issues facing the Church and its followers today. The session was another example of B.C. students using technology to communicate effectively with the outside world.

Rigby Foundation Promotes Fire Safety Awareness

Bergen Catholic senior students received a presentation from the Rigby Foundation that focused on the fire hazards that may be present in off-campus housing units during their college years. The Rigby Foundation was formed after the untimely death of Daniel Rigby ’01 in an off-campus house in October 2004 while he was attending Georgetown University. Jay Tedino ’01 and Daniel’s younger brother, Patrick Rigby ’05, were on hand to discuss the dangers present in many off-campus residences, as well as the work of the Foundation itself.
Ramzi Kraytem ’16 Attends Operation Smile Trip To The Philippines

Ramzi Kraytem ’16 had a special trip planned to start the summer of 2014, and it was a journey that few people in this area will ever have the opportunity to take. On June 4, Ramzi departed on a 12-day trip to the Philippines as part of an Operation Smile medical charity mission. Ramzi’s main responsibility during his mission at the Operation Smile site will be to play with the children being served during screening and before surgery, as well as to comfort the parents during their long wait for services. Often, hundreds of children and parents descend on the site seeking help, some of them walking from 50 miles away. Pictured above are Ramzi (along with the many donated gifts that he brought with him on his trip) and Operation Smile Moderators Lily DiMaggio (L) and Meg Casper.

Wyatt Metzdorf ’16 and Kyle Warnock ’16 To Participate In Youth Leadership Seminar

Wyatt Metzdorf ’16 (left) and Kyle Warnock ’16 have been chosen to represent Bergen Catholic High School at the Hugh O’Brian Youth (“HOBY”) Leadership Seminar. The classmates, who will attend a HOBY seminar in June at Monmouth University in West Long Branch, NJ, were selected by a panel of faculty members at B.C. from a pool of worthy sophomore candidates to represent Bergen Catholic.

Bergen Catholic Mock Trial Team Completes Another Successful Season

B.C. Students Warned About Dangers Of Illegal Prescription Drug Use

The entire Bergen Catholic student body received a pair of stirring lectures about the dangers of illegal prescription drug use, as well as the use of heroin. A graduate of a local public high school shared his story about his descent into prescription drug use (and eventually, heroin), and the long road to recovery that followed.

Brian and Gail Cole, the parents of deceased B.C. alumnus Brendan Cole ’09 (who passed away in January), were brave enough to share their late son’s heart-breaking story with the student body, serving notice that even a successful student-athlete such as Brendan can fall victim to this rapidly-growing problem.

B.C. Students Raise Almost $8,000 At St. Baldrick’s Event

Twenty Bergen Catholic High School students and three faculty members recently had their heads shaved in support of adolescents who are suffering from childhood cancer. The B.C. students, with the help of the school’s Tomorrow’s Children Fund group, took part in the nationally-acclaimed St. Baldrick’s program on April 16 and raised almost $8,000. The participants included (top row, L to R) David Brennan ’15, Andrew Yoon ’17, Sebastian Lopez ’14, B.C. faculty member Charles Costello, John Kearney ’14, Ryan Kitts ’14, Wyatt Metzdorf ’16, Ankaury Camilo ’17, Alexander Wołodkowicz ’15, Calith Jaramillo ’17, and Gary Rodriguez ’17; and (bottom row, L to R) B.C. faculty member Matthew Rosa ’08, Aaron Dumatal ’16, Vincent Margiotta ’15, George Cultraro ’16, Owen Anderson ’17, Connor Secora ’17, Daniel Milan ’16, Anthony Trifari ’17, Andrew Vito ’17, Aren Bekarian ’17, Vincent Bova ’17, and B.C. faculty member Christine Sorrentino (Moderator, Tomorrow’s Children).
USO Club Raises $2,500 For “Wounded Warrior Project”

The Bergen Catholic High School USO Club raised $2,500 for the “Wounded Warrior Foundation” by hosting a tee-shirt sale at the school. The Club hosts events and makes contributions throughout the year to support our men and women in uniform.

Joseph Niece ’15 Wins West Point Leadership Award

Joseph Niece ’15 (right) is congratulated by B.C. graduate Major Daniel J. Ciccarelli ’98 of the United States Military Academy faculty after receiving the West Point Leadership Award at a ceremony held at West Point’s Eisenhower Hall.

B.C. Students and Alumni Assist At Ridgewood YMCA’s Annual Christmas Tree Sale

Several Bergen Catholic High School students and one ambitious B.C. alumnus volunteered at the Ridgewood YMCA’s annual Christmas Tree Sale over the course of several weekends preceding the holiday: (Above picture, L to R) Shay Dineen ’16, Kyle Garino ’16, Kieran Smith ’14, Michael Reilly ’15, Alec Garino ’16, and Edward Pfleging-Howes ’17; and (right) Alumni Association Vice President Brian Hughes ’86 proves that community and Christian service doesn’t stop when you leave the hallowed halls of B.C.!

Charles Niece ’15 Wins Archdiocese Of Newark “Right To Life” Poster Contest

Charles Niece ’15 was named as the winner of the High School Division of the Pro-Life Poster Contest. The contest was open to all grammar school, high school, and CCD students from the Archdiocese of Newark area (covering Bergen, Essex, Hudson, and Union Counties). Charles and other winners were honored during the Pro-Life Mass that was held on January 19 at the Sacred Heart Cathedral in Newark and was celebrated by Most Reverend John J. Myers, J.C.D., D.D., Archbishop of Newark.
B.C.’s “Midnight Run” Group Rises To The Occasion Again

Bergen Catholic High School’s chapter of “Midnight Run” once again made four trips into Manhattan—including a few on frigid nights—to assist needy residents there. B.C. students collected, personally delivered, and distributed food (including boxed meals that they had constructed), clothing, blankets, and personal care items to homeless citizens on the streets of New York City during late-night trips. B.C. students have annually performed “Midnight Run” trips multiple times per year dating back to 2006.

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the behavior of service of servant leadership.

Mrs. Angela DeToro showed us how to properly shine shoes at the start of the day; we thank her for her service and good advice. At the end of the day, although donations were not required, we raised $575 to support our mission program in Peru.

My hands, along with those of every SHIELD student who participated, were stained black and were battered when the event was over. In exchange, however, we cherished what would have been almost impossible to experience in our lifetimes—to be the children living in poverty, who have to shine shoes without a choice. Perhaps this event made a profound impression for those in our community, because it sure has to me.
The Bergen Catholic community once again celebrated its diversity when the International Club hosted a “Cultures Around the World Festival” on May 7.

Led by International Club officers Luke Boswell ’15, Garrett Dickerson ’14, and Jose Pedro Garcia ’14 and Club Moderator Lily DiMaggio (the Chair of the World Language Department), the evening featured 11 different presentations, including speeches by foreign students about their experiences at B.C., commentary from domestic students about their spectacular trips aboard, musical performances by B.C. students and guest performers, and a dazzling Tae Kwon Do performance led by instructor Mark Jongsm a ’14 and his young subjects.

Afterward, the attendees enjoyed a delicious buffet of specially-prepared international dishes.

The Mission of the International Club’s “Cultures Around the World” program is to develop better cultural learning and to develop awareness of cultural similarities and a better “world-mindedness” among the student body at Bergen Catholic by advocating the cooperation and understanding that exists between nations.
Annual “Focus On The Arts” Event A Huge Success

The performances and achievements of several of Bergen Catholic High School’s most talented art students were on display when the school’s Parents’ Association hosted its annual “Focus On The Arts” event on April 2. 

Joseph Charles ’02 (Chair of Performing Arts Department) and Kimanne Smith (Chair of the Visual Arts Department) were on hand to oversee various presentations by B.C. students. In addition, Mock Trial Team Moderator Peter Coleman introduced and observed a sample performance by two talented members of his team. The event showcased students’ work in the performing arts, visual arts, and Mock Trial, and included performances by the Men’s Chorus and the Jazz Ensemble.
Performing Arts Groups Win Major Awards

Bergen Catholic High School’s Performing Arts Department is proud to announce that two of its groups won major awards at the “Music In The Parks” competition that was part of the Hersheypark Choral Festival in Hershey, PA on May 16-17.

The Men’s Vocal Ensemble and the Jazz Ensemble each won awards for finishing in first place in their respective categories, and the Vocal Ensemble won a Special Award as the highest-rated school in its overall classification.

“In such as talented field of gifted musicians, our boys rose to the occasion,” stated Performing Arts Chair Joseph Charles ’02. “I am extremely proud of the effort of the Jazz Ensemble and Chorus, their performance at Music in the Parks only add to the many facets of what Bergen Catholic and its students are all about.”

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“The Vocal Ensemble finished with a sensation score of 194 out of 200, which earned it a rating of “superior” by the judges. The group was rated in several areas (such as intonation, tone quality, and musicality, to name a few), and scored a minimum of 9.5 (out of 10) in each one.

“Not only did the boys perform in a most professional manner, but their behavior throughout both days exemplified the values they have learned at Bergen Catholic,” remarked Vocal Ensemble Director Barbara Peraino. “I am so very proud of them!”

The Jazz Ensemble earned a rating of “excellent” after accumulating 166.5 points, good enough for first place in its category. “I’m so proud of the Bergen Catholic High School Jazz Ensemble,” exclaimed Moderator Peter Furlan. “All of their hard work and dedication paid off!”

Besides winning a major award at the Hersheypark Choral Festival in Hershey, PA and performing admirably at many school events, the Men’s Vocal Ensemble also hosted a Spring Concert under the direction of Barbara Peraino. Vocal Ensemble members included (top row, L to R) Mengtian Wu ’16, Francisco Andrade ’15, Joe Savattieri ’16, Kyle Garino ’16, Jae Joon Lee ’17, Charles Overholser ’14, and Joonah Chong ’14; (middle row, L to R) Adam Zoleta ’17, Niko Paladino ’16, Nicolas Ben-Fredj ’17, Paulo Estrella ’16, Seungho Lee ’14, Alexander Verdon ’15, and Haofeng Cai ’15; and (bottom row, L to R) Jin Gon Kim ’17, Jonathan Kim ’17, Jaewon Kim ’16, William Haracz ’16, Brian Smith ’17, Adam Rakowski ’16, and Tim Daly ’16.
Here is a brief recap for Bergen Catholic Crusaders’ winter and spring sports teams:

**WINTER 2013–14**

**Basketball (20-5)**

The Crusaders had their best season since 2007, earning 20 victories and advancing to the Non-Public “A” North semi-finals before losing to eventual sectional champion St. Peter’s Prep by one point. Nadi Beciri ’14 became the first B.C. basketball player to eclipse 1,000 points in his career since 2006, as the All-County forward produced a dominant season where he averaged 18 points and 12 rebounds-per-game.

**Bowling (11-6)**

B.C. was led by the efforts of Simon Lezaja ’14, who was named Third-Team All-County and First-Team All-League and completed his career as one of the top bowlers in recent history for the Crusaders. Vincent Dimaya ’14 and Patrick Sucero ’14 were each named Second-Team All-League.

**Hockey (10-13-1)**

The young Crusaders impressed under new head coach Brian Monteverdi and made headlines around the State when they became the first in-state opponent to defeat perennial State power Delbarton in over five years during the regular season. Gennaro Anzevino ’14 was named First-Team All-State as he proved to be the best goaltender in the state this winter with several 50-save performances for B.C.

**Indoor Track**

For the second straight winter, B.C. won the Big North United Division league title as the Crusaders enjoyed another fine indoor season. The Crusaders finished in fourth place at the Bergen County Relays, and the B.C. 4x800 meter relay team of Joe Ludwig ’14, Tom Selvaggi ’15, Matt Morano ’15, and Dan Lynch ’14 shattered the previous school record by more than 10 seconds as the unit recorded a time of 7:55.95.

**Skiing**

The Crusaders completed their second varsity season this winter and, without a senior on the team, return the nucleus of the team for next year. B.C.’s top finisher was Joe DeFilippo ’15.

**Swimming (9-2)**

B.C. enjoyed the finest seasons in program history this winter, winning its second consecutive Bergen County Team Championship and advancing back to the Non-Public “A” state final for the first time since 2001. B.C. was named “North Jersey Team of the Year” and ranked #3 in New Jersey. The Crusaders also claimed a State championship in the 200-meter relay event at the Tournament of Champions, as Josh Sembrano ’14, Ralph Cannarozzi ’15, John Om ’15, and Liam Kelly ’14 set a new State record by finishing with a time of 1:33.92. The foursome also qualified as All-Americans thanks to their record time.

**Wrestling (24-4)**

The Crusaders captured their third straight Non-Public “A” State championship this winter, and also made history by finishing as the #1-ranked program in New Jersey for the first time in school history. B.C. also finished ranked #9 overall in the nation, with all of its losses coming against teams ranked ahead of them in the Top 10. Johnny Sebastian ’14 capped off his amazing career with his third straight individual State championship, and finished as B.C.’s all-time wins leader with 143 victories. Nick Suriano ’16 completed another undefeated season with his second consecutive State title, and moved his all-time career record to 84-0.

**SPRING, 2014**

**Baseball (21-5-1)**

The B.C. baseball team won its first league championship since 2004 and reached the State sectional final, as the Crusaders produced their second consecutive 20-win season under head coach Mark DeMenna. B.C. was led by the exceptional play of All-County centerfield Michael Martinez ’15, one of a group of outstanding three-year lettermen that included Anthony Apreda ’14, Jordan Attilio ’14, Alec DeMattheis ’14, Pat Doherty ’14, Jared Finkel ’14, Ray Maesra ’14, Matt Millus ’14, and Jared Verebey ’14. Breakout seasons by underclassmen Kyle Weiner ’15, Erikson Nichols ’16, Sonny Ulliana ’16, and John VanDeMark ’16 project many more strong seasons to come for the Crusaders.

**Crew**

The Crusaders completed their second varsity season and made waves by qualifying for the semifinals of the prestigious Stotesbury Cup in their final regatta of the spring. B.C. was led by Simon Lezaja ’14, Kieran Smith ’14, Steven Luglio ’15, and Matthew Weisbecker ’15.

**Golf (32-1)**

Bergen Catholic filled up the trophy case with every major trophy possible this spring, as the Crusaders capped off their amazing season with their first Tournament of Champions title since 1995. B.C. captured league, conference, County, sectional, State, and T.O.C. championships this season on the way to finishing as the #1 golf program in New Jersey. The Crusaders were led by Erick Alonso ’14, Zach Egermayer ’14, Brendon Kim ’15, Jimmy Criscione ’17, Steven Weingroff ’16, Bobby Piluso ’15, George Cultraro ’16, Drake Ferriter ’15, and Tyler Balkema ’15.

**Lacrosse (19-1)**

The best season in program history saw the Crusaders capture both league and County championships, and placed B.C. atop the New Jersey rankings and into the Top 10 in several national polls. B.C. finished the regular season undefeated at 16-0 for the first time in the 20-year history of the program, and advanced to the Non-Public “A” State final. The Crusaders were led...
by the outstanding efforts of senior leaders Chris Blewitt ’14, Matt Pedrick ’14, and Kurt Holuba ’14, who were all honored as First-Team All-County players this spring.

Outdoor Track (3-1)

B.C. finished second overall in the Big North United Division, and saw another track & field school record fall during the course of the season. The B.C. 4x800 meter relay team made headlines when it won the race at the State Meet of Champions on June 4. Not only did the team of Dan Lynch ’14, Joe Ludwig ’14, Tom Selvaggi ’15 and Matt Morano ’15 finish first overall with its time of 7:42.95, but it also set Bergen County and school records in the process! The 4x1600 meter relay team of Lynch, Morano, Selvaggi, and Mike Sondej ’15 also broke a school record held since 1985 with a time of 18:05 (10 seconds faster than the previous mark).

Tennis (6-12)

B.C. endured some growing pains in the midst of a demanding regular-season schedule under first-year head coach Steven Park, but still managed to finish second overall in the Big North United Division. Sean Fernandez ’14 was a First-Team All-League selection and qualified for the first singles individual State tournament.

Volleyball (10-12)

Under first-year head coach Artem Makarenko, the young Crusaders advanced to the semi-finals of the Bergen County Tournament and qualified for the State playoffs. B.C. was led by First-Team All-County players Mike Babikian ’16 and Kyle Warmock ’16. Ethan Nouhan ’15 and Anthony Persico ’15 were named Second-Team All-County, while Thomas Lynch ’15 was earned Honorable Mention.

Bergen Catholic Athletic Department Wins National Sports Publication Award

The Bergen Catholic High School Athletic Department was awarded the Gold Medal in the Seventh Annual Sports Publication Awards Competition, sponsored by the National High School Sports Publication Awards. The competition is designed to recognize excellence in preparation of high school athletic Media Guides and Souvenir Programs produced across the United States of America.

The 2013 Bergen Catholic Football Media Guide, edited by B.C. Sports Information Director Dan Long ’03, was chosen as a Gold Medal winner in the Private School Awards classification for schools with an enrollment between 501-999 students. B.C. was the only school hailing from the Tri-State area to be honored with a Gold Medal in the 2013 national competition.

Fans can view the award-winning media guide online on the Bergen Catholic Athletics website at www.letsgobergen.com underneath the “Multimedia” section.

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The B.C. lacrosse team celebrates its Bergen County Tournament victory over Northern Highlands.
Would you like to honor or memorialize a loved one or friend? Or, a special occasion? If so, a brick in Crusader Promenade, located at field level just outside the Nicholas G. Saingas Training Center, may be just for you!

Or, perhaps you would prefer a leaf or a stone on our Tree of Life, located at the entranceway to Hoehl Gymnasium and Hoehl Hall.

Either option will offer you the opportunity to create a perpetual remembrance or recognition for that special loved one, friend, or occasion. Whether you choose a brick under the sun and the stars, or a leaf on our cozy, indoor Tree of Life, is up to you.

For further information, please call or e-mail Joe Branciforte ’64, Director of Advancement at: 201.634.4140, or: JBRANCIFORTE@BERGENCATHOLIC.ORG

Crusader Promenade Brick-by-Brick Pricing Chart

“Crusader Promenade” is located on the outside eastern edge of the Saingas Training Center, at field level.

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