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President's Letter

Creating a Shared Vision ... Together

Good things are happening because people care

The Cleveland Central Catholic community continues to exceed my expectations. Last November, I told our board chair (Frank Zombek) I would be happy if we could get 25 committed volunteers to form a Strategic Planning Committee. Then 35 signed up!

For our Appreciative Inquiry Summit meeting in January, I thought 50 would be a great turnout. We had 63 show up for a six-hour exercise on a frigid Saturday morning (temperature was 14 degrees when we started). Now that's dedication!

When some snickered that our boys' basketball team was 6-8 in late January, they ran off 13 straight wins and earned a trip to the state championship game. To ensure as many CCC students could cheer on our Ironmen in Columbus, over 20 people and organizations stepped up so we could fill four buses and send 200 students on a memorable trip they will always cherish.

Good things like this do not just happen by accident. They occur because people care....about our students, about our school, and about our community. Fortunately, many Central Catholic students understand that they benefit from the goodness of others. Some arrive with that appreciation, while others grow into that realization. We trust that through their faith formation they will, in turn, be inspired to share their own goodness. In other words, they will put their faith into productive action.



Leo Hyland invites everyone to Welcome Back Day on Saturday, August 27

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Fortunately, many Central Catholic students understand that they benefit from the goodness of others. Some arrive with that appreciation, while others grow into that realization. We trust that through their faith formation they will, in turn, be inspired to share their own goodness. In other words, they will put their faith into productive action. spending many long hours reviewing historical information, school improvement plans and data, completing homework assignments and meeting to discuss, debate and decide the very future of our school.

Together, we are creating a new and shared vision of what tomorrow's Central Catholic will be. Together, we are charting the course for a successful Catholic school community. Together, we are becoming closer as a family in Christ – one that provides hope and light for our students.

For it is written in the Book of Matthew, "where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." Two gathered ... together ... in Christ, at Central Catholic!

WELCOME BACK DAYSATURDAY, AUGUST 2711:00 am to 4:00 pm

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Appreciative Inquiry Summit

Strategic Planning Committee Positions CCC for Future



There is an old adage that reads, "those who fail to plan strategically, strategically plan to fail." That caution is why Cleveland Central Catholic High School embarked on an ambitious round of strategic planning over the winter. Co-chaired by Frank Zombek (CCC's Advisory Board Chair) and school president Leo Hyland, a Strategic Planning Committee was formed to create a multi-year plan to move Central Catholic boldly into the future. Central Catholic's Strategic Planning Committee (SPC) is comprised of a group of 35 stakeholders including

> and corporate partners, advisory board members and neighbors. The full listing of SPC members can be located on the CCC website. Over the past several years, Cleveland Central Catholic High School

students, parents, alumni, faculty, administrators, staff members, community



dramatically raised its profile and boosted enrollment by some 40%. CCC opened this school year with 540 students, propelled by the impact of a capital campaign that added a new wing and over 25,000 square feet of new construction. The entire community celebrated the culmination of the campaign with the dedication of the new Stefanski Stadium on campus



last fall. The successes of the past beg the

question, "What's next for Central Catholic?" "That will depend on the key decisions made by the SPC members", according to Zombek. It is the role of the SPC to establish a shared vision for the school by creating a strategic plan that will serve as CCC's "roadmap" for the future, he added. "This is a very exciting and energizing process."

The committee held a day-long Appreciative Inquiry Summit meeting on Saturday, January 29 in the Wasmer Ironman Center. The focus of that day's work was to discover the essence of what is Central Catholic and to dream about what we wish CCC to become. "That meeting served as a wonderful way to kick-off the strategic planning process" said Hyland. "We were blessed to have 63 participants on a brutally cold January day."



The SPC is conducting a series of monthly meetings and expects to have a new strategic plan published over the summer. The mission, vision and core values of the school were reaffirmed during the winter months. The goals, objectives and other essential components will be debated and decided this spring. "By the time we return for school in August, we should all be working from the same playbook" declared Hyland with a smile.



Sister Allison Marie Gusdanovic, SND

Principal



Academic Update

One of our themes this year has been, "learning to lead, preparing to serve." As I reflected on this significant phrase, a current sophomore came to mind. Samantha Mullenax has been selected to participate in a six-week summer school program at Harvard this summer where she will be introduced to an Ivy League curriculum, will network with students and adults in the Harvard community, and experience a program designed to ease the transition to an Ivy League college setting. Samantha has been named a Joyce Ivy Foundation Summer Scholar for 2011 and has received a scholarship in the amount of \$4,165 to cover a significant portion of the cost of the summer program.

In addition to being ranked at the top of her class with a 4.33 cumulative grade point average, Samantha has made substantial contributions both in and out of school. Through her involvement in Girl Scouts, Samantha initiated, developed, and implemented a project to provide school supplies for low-

Through her involvement in Girl Scouts, Samantha initiated, developed, and implemented a project to provide school supplies for low-income families in local elementary schools. income families in local elementary schools. In addition, Samantha has been actively involved in Student Senate (student government), peer mediation training, teaching Sunday school in her Church, assisting with Cub Scouts as a trained Den Chief, and other volunteerism in the community. Because of her outstanding contributions, Samantha has been recognized by the Girl Scouts for her achievements, receiving both the Bronze and Silver Awards.

Samantha has also been selected to represent Cleveland Central

Catholic at the Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership seminar this summer. The purpose of the program is to develop a global community of youth dedicated to leadership, service, and innovation.

Clearly, Samantha is a shining star of Cleveland Central Catholic. Through her participation in the summer program at Harvard and in the Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership seminar, Samantha is "learning to lead and preparing to serve."

Poets Bloom at "Cool" CCC

Truly creative in mind and spirit, Central Catholic's poets displayed the whole gamut of human thought and emotion in original poetry presented at the annual Poetry Slam on April 13. Organized and coached by Mike Lowell and Martha Benek Croll '77, the participants were evaluated by Aaron Eatman and Shelby Dennstedt. Mr. and Mrs. Sroka donated T-shirts to all aspiring poets, and the winners (right) got prizes in addition to their laurels. The Fr. Fiala room provided the perfect setting for an audience of family, friends and faculty.

In March, Cleveland Central Catholic earned "Cool School" honors, appearing on Fox 8 News with faculty and students featured in great shots of the school building and athletic field. As of press time, the video and images were still visible at the FOX 8 Cleveland website www.fox8.com.



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Fundraising Calcutta Event

8th Annual Calcutta Auction Exceeds Expectations

More than \$115,000 raised for tuition assistance



Nearly 300 guests were welcomed to the event by Central Catholic's President, Leo Hyland and veteran co-chairpersons, John Simon '72 and spouse Mary Beth at the 8th Annual Calcutta Auction took place on March 16 in

the Wasmer Ironmen Center at Cleveland Central Catholic. "Calcutta is always one of the most exciting

events at CCC," said John Simon '72. It brings together people who really care about the students and are committed to the future of Central Catholic." While the event is a night of great energy and fun, it is also an important fundraiser for Cleveland Central Catholic. The real purpose is to raise much needed funds for students who need financial







assistance. The evening's live auction and festivities were kicked off by Auctioneer Dave Milo. The talented committee, along with students, helped raise money through the

Chinese raffle, silent auction and collections. In addition to the money raised for tuition assistance, the student efforts raised over \$2,100 in support of school uniforms and \$700 for senior prom.





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Glickman Family Honored

CCC Atrium Namesake Receives Prestigious Award from Notre Dame College

A number of faculty, staff and students were thrilled to participate in honoring Mr. Carl D. Glickman who was presented with the 2011 Notre Dame College Medal at an award dinner held at Landerhaven on Saturday, April 2, 2011. Mr. Glickman and his late wife Babs are well-known and admired civic leaders who have supported numerous causes, including the Cleveland Central Catholic Vibrant in the City Capital Campaign. The school's atrium is named in honor of the Glickman family and their tremendous support of Catholic education. In attendance to help celebrate the significance of this prestigious award were Bishop Richard Lennon, Bishop Anthony Pilla and Sam and Marie Miller.

Derick Hugley '78 meets former coach Fred Badar.

Central Catholic Family



Make yourself at home! With his jacket, Keith Kowalczyk '83 documents Ironmen championships and playoff appearance in the 1980s.

Advantage: Home Field

A New Venue Renews Memories of Gridiron 'Back in the Day'

By Ellen Fasko Howard '66 OLL



Driving down Broadway, "I saw Third Federal, the field, the school – it's a beautiful sight," remarked J.R. Pagan '77 last September, recalling his first view of Stefanski Stadium in progress. Then as he saw the Ironmen battle the Benedictine Bengals, "watching the game, seeing the school from the home stands gives me goose bumps," he continued. Prompted to recall the good old days as CCC quarterback, memories poured out: practice at Washington Park and Tremont ("stinky"), games at Garfield Heights and Chanel. He remembered the spotters on the rooftop at Garfield Heights: the author wonders if they might have been Dean Kinley and George Gackowski. Junior remembered building floats for homecoming. "We had so much spirit."

His reactions are not unlike those of many Central Catholic family members visiting the new stadium for the first time: being part of Central's new gig, and traveling back in time to another era when the "home" field was miles from the school. (And, counting the campuses, "the school" was actually miles from parts of itself!)

Former coach Jerry Fasko recalls the first 15 years of CCC football practice fields. "With the exception of a couple of (Stan) Sczurek years practicing at Tremont, we always found a plot of land at Washington Park. The first year Larry (Soeder) made the players run there from school. During my years (1976-1983) we would mark out a stretch of about 70 yards and burn the grass border and 10-yard lines with Diesal fuel from United Truck Wash: our own lined field!"



James Peterson 79 recalls the good old days with Tom Olschlager 79 and his son, Eric Olschlager.

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Fred Frisco '85, Nancy Mazzeo Kowalczyk '83, Keith Kowalczyk '83 and Tom Frisco '83 salute the past and the present at a tailgate party.

Watching games from their regular tailgate spot, 1987 classmates Tony Latessa, Vicky Diaz and Bill Lynsky enjoy the home field advantage.



Debbie Malec Zupkovich '77 lived on East 42nd down the street from Washington Park, one of several Central fans who connected a garden hose from their residences during practice. Lou Niro '90 and Brian Penner '89 recall getting "warm water" from her niece, manager Julie Rivera Delphia '89. Linda McClure '65 St. Stans, a CCC clerk and Newburgh Heights resident, remembers the garden hose water line as well.

In the last decade gridders used Raus Park, off Harvard, with at least one exception. "One very hot July afternoon in 2003, the football team found out that they could not practice at Raus Park because of a baseball tournament sponsored by the City of Cleveland. With no place to go, the Ironmen loaded up all the equipment onto a school bus and headed West on I-480 to Brooklyn and Coach Svoboda's house," recalls Bill Svoboda. They practiced in the valley behind the house with the bus parked across the front yard. Neighbors watched.



Classmates of 1977 Cindy Rosinski 'and Debbile Malec Zupkovich bask in the glory of new field.

Visiting from Nevada, Richard Wisniewski '53 St. Stans recalls playing football for Len Janiak.



Champion





Top: Katrina Forbes, proud mother of senior Jamel Townsend. Above: Classmates of 1983: Michelle Bodanza Frisco, Nancy Mazzeo Kowalczyk and Renee Bebsz



Looking and sounding like his father Dean, Dan Kinley remarks on a go-ahead score: "It's in my Dad's playbook."

Before there was a Central, three of the founding schools had football programs. OLL Coach Ray Hudiak, one of the few surviving coaches from those days, shares his memories. "When I came to Lourdes as an assistant coach to Al Moavero in 1963, I really had no idea of what to expect. After seeing 'Praha Field' and how the boys got to practice, I could not believe the conditions that they had. Praha Field was a 'dust bowl' at best: almost no grass, rocks all over, broken glass, etc. Some time the players had to pick up these items before we even started practice; conditions were really bad. During the whole 1963 season, there were

very few complaints by the players. It really showed me that not only did these boys from Lourdes want to play football, they were also pretty hard-nosed kids. Each and every one of those players on that team in 1963 earned my respect. "

For home games in its first 15 years Central rented lots of different stadiums: Garfield Heights, Maple Heights, John Marshall, West Tech, Rhodes, Cuyahoga Heights (only once 'cause we got into a fight with Holy Name there), and Chanel. The Ironmen played home games at Chanel's Ripp Field for decades, and Principal Sr. Allison Marie Gusdanovic thanked St. Peter Chanel at this year's homecoming halftime ceremony.

One of the logistical problems of having the homecoming game at Chanel was recalled by former teacher Jim Serluco, who was



Deanna Shuster '02

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"proudly part of CCC" from 1978 to 1993. "Being part of the homecoming parades from Forman Campus up to Chanel was memorable. Mr. (Bill) Kelley did a great job of coordinating with all the police departments as our decorated cars and floats traveled through the different cities on our way to Bedford. We were proud to be IRONMEN from Cleveland Central Catholic. The athletes, coaches, students, parents, teachers, alumni and friends all created a magical experience."

Bob Kloos was there: "I would always bring my camera. Of course. Rain or shine, with football, I was on the side-



Front: Former Coach Jerry Fasko '65 OLL, Chuck Glover '80, Barry Roberts '81; back: John Malcolm '81

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Homecoming court: I-r: Dominique Hatchett, Jamel Townsend, Mauricia Eggleton, E'Shawn Dixson, Tatiana Bennett, Albert Bryant-Adams, Sharqaua Smith, Jeremy Whitlow

lines. I recall one instance at our Chanel 'home field' in the early 80s when an Ironman halfback broke through the line and veered toward our side of the field. It looked like he could go all the way. I started running sideways toward the goal line.

"When he turned toward the end zone at about the 40 yard line, I did too. We ran side by side for the sprint of our lives. He beat me to the end of the field by just a step or two and both of us leapt into the air. He was congratulated by all, lined up for the extra point, and then headed toward the bench. Only I was left near the end zone, panting furiously.

"It never occurred to me to snap a picture. And we didn't get any extra points for my effort either. Some of the best Ironman moments were never captured on film, but they will never be forgotten." Kloos wonders if anyone saw his sprint.



Ray Hodge '89, Troy Edge'88, Jay Hodge '89

John Simon '72 recalls practice with the St. Stans Panthers in his freshman year, "...in the garden over there," gesturing towards East 65th and Kenyon. It wasn't a garden at the time. Coach Len Janiak would bring a pail of water and a wet rag to quench the Panthers' thirst. Richard Wisniewski '53 St. Stans recalls practicing on dirt and stone two decades earlier. Games were played at Cuyahoga Heights field, and fans drove up East 71st with cars decorated, blowing their horns.

Turn the car around! Approaching the campus from East 71st, aim towards the

"I'm excited we finally have a real football field to call our own. We no longer have to travel to another place to have the 'home games' because the field is finally finished. We don't just have the field for football, but we can practice on it for other sports and school activities. The field also makes the neighborhood look better, as well as our school community." Dominique Hatchett, Class of 2011 St. Stans landmark block, weave through Slavic Village streets and you can hear the loudspeaker on game day. See the blue, the red, the white streaming towards the gleaming red stands of Stefanski Stadium. Welcome home, Ironmen! Take advantage of it.



John Kall '73 served many years as athletic director at Trinity.

Late Season Run Yields Regional Championship

Senior Anton Grady's 3-point shots and 14 first-quarter points set the pace in the Canton regional, where Ironmen led the whole game to defeat Youngstown Ursuline 59-46. Man-to-man defense, plus buckets by Ra'Saun Smith and Marcus Jones kept Central ahead. The Burton Berkshire Badgers went down 58-45 in the semifinal.

In a fourth straight district matchup with league rival VASJ, Ironmen triumphed 61-48 in Painesville with a live broadcast on WERE. The NCL rivals had split regular season games. Sectional wins over Horizon and Trinity started the tournament run, with Gilmour easily defeated in the district semifinal. Ending regular season games in the win column, the Ironmen began the season 6-8 and had dropped out of local rankings. Young players stepped up to reinforce the squad, forging a 13-game streak into the state final. Angel Maldonado '91, Gregg Repasky and Mike Fletcher assisted Head Coach Kevin Noch '91.











ABOVE, clockwise: Junior guard Ra'Saun Smith powers OHSAA tournament play in Canton. Destini Mynatt and Darrian Bruster (rear) contribute to success in Painesville district. Gregory Snyder (3) contributes early in playoffs. Varsity cheerleaders rule. Peter Washington defends against Irish in regional final.

OPPOSITE, clockwise: Division III All-Ohio Co-Player of the Year Anton Grady dominates with a dunk. Coach Kevin Noch '91 celebrates 4th year. Jacob Egnor vs. Horizon. Alan Harper stuns Badgers at regionals. Josh Santiago battles Youngstown Ursuline foe. Dominique Thomas keeps score. Rudy Weimer enjoys regional victory. Ryan Jackson's defense aids first sectional win. Freshman Greg Alexander defends in regional final.



















Boys Basketball

19-9 Ironmen Merit Division III Runner-Up



Powered by district and regional championships, the Ironmen headed for the Big Dance at the OHSAA tournament in Columbus, cheered on by four busloads of fans. Before the semifinal game, the challenging regular season was noted: in particular, two losses to opponents (Garfield Heights and eventual state champion St. Vincent-St. Mary) who were present for their own playoffs in bigger

Super fan Bev Jarrett '58 SJC energizes the semifinal crowd.

divisions. The Ironmen dominated Portsmouth in the second half of the semifinal, winning on Friday 58-47 and extending their winning streak to 13. In Saturday's final, top-ranked Cincinnati Taft Senators triumphed,

leaving the Ironmen Division III State Runner-Up in their third final four appearance in a decade.



Loyal fans Nick and his dad Dave Guzowksi '93 watch Ironmen in Columbus.



Jason Peters '96, Roger Jarrett '79, his son Jacob '14 and Joe Jarrett '85 form an awesome cheering section.





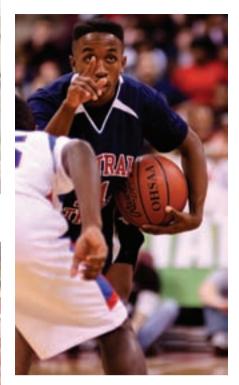
The 'Main man: Jermaine Gay '98; Happy fan Samantha Yearout-Taylor '13 exits Portsmouth victory; Sr. Karen Dolovacky, SND sports blue wig. (Remember the nun who wore green wigs at games vs. Regina?); #1 Fan of #2, "Josh's Mom" Vicky Diaz '87; Former principal Fr. Neil O'Connor. RIGHT: Ed Zubek '83 and son Shawn. Mia Zubek and dad Mark '80.

VITAL INFO

4 x Four CCC has made four appearances in the Final Four: 2002: Ironmen in semifinals 2007: Lady Ironmen State Champs 2009: Ironmen State Champs 2011: Division III State Runner-Up



Senior guard Josh Santiago drives the ball to the rack.





Freshman guard Greg Alexander sets up the play.



Senior forward Anton Grady looks to pass in OHSAA final four contest.



Senior forward Marcus Jones gets in the paint. His 14 points and 5 rebounds in 22 minutes off the bench helped Ironmen come from behind to defeat Portsmouth in semifinal.



Allen Harper passes the ball in semifinal victory over Portsmouth.

See more sports and school photography by Allen Clark, on:

www.ironmanfilmworks.org

Sports

CCC Celebrates with Ironmen on National Signing Day

Three Take Talents to the Next Level



On National Signing Day, future Golden Bear wide receiver Jamel Townsend made a formal commitment to attend West Virginia Tech.



Senior forward Anton Grady, a top Ohio recruit, made an early commitment to stay local and play for Gary Waters at Cleveland State. Above: Greg Alexander, Sr. congratulates Grady.



From Stefanski Stadium to Illinois: Wide receiver Jeremy Whitlow, who had 17 receptions for 362 yards and seven TDs for the 6-4 Ironmen, made a commitment to play in the Big Ten for the Illini.





Albert Bryant-Adams, shown here at Firelands Falcon Invitational, merited *Plain Dealer* Player of the Week status for winning his weight class by toppling top-seeded Division I Maple Heights wrestler. Albert became the Division III Brooklyn district champion.

Senior Raquel Salobecke merited the Len Janiak Award.

Success on Every Level: Buckeyes, Bucks & Ironmen

Catapulting into the WNBA's Los Angeles Sparks as a first round draft pick, Jantel Lavender '07 punctuated a stellar collegiate career as Big Ten Player of the Year for all four years. The 6-4 Ohio State University center made history as the first among Big Ten men's or

Jantel Lavender '07

Photo above by Neil C. Lauron of the Columbus Dispatch





women's basketball greats to be voted the honor four times. Among other awards: first-team AP All-American team for the second year. In November she broke the OSU field goal record of 875 for women in a single season, and at season's end led the league in scoring (22.6 ppg), rebounding (10.7 rpg) and field-goal percentage (53.2 percent). Lavender's headlines during her Buckeye career referenced Central Catholic as her high school home, and on April 19 she came back to sign autographs for adoring young CCC fans.

As Lavender leaves the Buckeyes for professional ranks, seasoned NBA veteran Earl Boykins '94 earned notice for proving he can still play, contributing significantly to the Milwaukee Bucks during his 12th year as a pro. Among players 5-9 or shorter with the greatest longevity in the league, Boykins has chalked up nearly 6,000 points in the NBA. When Earl comes to town, the media takes note, and CCC benefits from the notice of its famed alum. Young hopefuls, in their "pre-Ironmen" years, honed skills at his camps.

Back at Central, fall and winter sports athletes forged solid character traits meriting honors bearing Len Janiak's name, and senior Ironmen moved on to National Signing Day commitments, inspired to succeed at the next level.



Above: Junior Jada Smith earns dual honors: All-NCL and Len Janiak awards.

Earl Boykins '94 Makes His Mark: NBA and CCC

Earl Boykins '94 pairs up with his mentor, Coach Jim Serluco, at Earl Boykins Basketball Camp 2010.

Alumni & School Events

Night at the Races Succeeds

Sports Boosters, Stans CYO Co-sponsor February Event

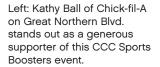


ABOVE: Chris Kowalczyk and Donna Matejka Rivera, along with their late husbands, were active parents who started the Night at the Races back in the 1980s.

RIGHT: Also a race sponsor, horse owner Chris Moran '94 wins his second trophy this year.

FAR RIGHT: Tricia Rodriguez, mother of junior Christal, displays door prizes.





Below: Chris Vassanelli,

athletic director and physical education teacher at St. Stans, claims the third race trophy for "Panther Pride" owned by St. Stans CYO.







How did a teacher impact your life?

Help make a connection...for a future Connection

When sharing updates with the school, alumni often mention teachers who influenced them, perhaps inspiring a career choice. On occasion, the school is able to reconnect the two parties.

A few months ago, a graduate contacted the guidance department, hoping to get in contact with his counselor David Hallal. Sadly, Mr. Hallal had been called to *The Big Campus in the Sky* some years ago, but the story, along with stories of other CCC and founding school grads, can become a feature in a future *Connection*. If you can name a teacher who impacted your life and career, please share the story. There is a good chance it can be used to enhance this future feature. Be sure to include your full name and graduation year, and send to ehoward@centralcatholichs.org. And Dave, thanks for the inspiration. You live in our hearts.

Ellen Fasko Howard '66 OLL



Alumni Enjoy Campus, Inside & Out

Winter events created opportunities for alumni to gather and enjoy the CCC campus. November's Turkey Bowl gave alumni a chance to play football on real home turf, at the Ben Stefanski II Stadium. Inside, December's Night at the Hoops varsity game with Benedictine drew lots of alum, with a strong representation of Central's newest alumni from the Class of 2010.





James Walker III '94 enjoys Night at the Hoops.

Braving the cold, these participants in the first annual Alumni Turkey Bowl prove Ironmen are #1.

2011 CCC Golf Outing & Reunion Social Ironmen alum and friends: Save the Date: June 11, 2011

Golfers: "Scramble" format at Valleaire Golf Course, Hinckley Ohio with lunch, drinks, steak dinner, gifts and prizes: \$85. Tee Times from 10:15 - 12:15

Non Golfers from CCC classes '70-'85:

Come and socialize after 3:00 p.m. in Valleaire Picnic Area. Beer will be provided by the Ironmen Lettermen's Club. Bring a snack or soft refreshments if you like. Spread the the word among your classmates.

Volunteeers: We need help! Door prize solicitation, outing setup, food prep or serving.

Sponsors: Sponsor a Hole (\$100), donate a door prize, provide gifts for participants: your company's logo golf balls, towels or other accessory

For info or questions, contact Ironmen Lettermen's Club:

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Ironmen

1961 Tviah Cleff (Frieda

Pikula) retired in 2008 from Huron Hospital. In her CCC Alumni Update she lists husband Seymour and an address in Israel.

Carol Tagg got her accounting degree at Notre Dame College in 1993. She is now a social worker.

1975

Diane Bruzek Tache and husband Tim have lived in Bowling Green for 31 years. This is her 32nd year in education, and she is currently the Assistant Superintendent of Bowling Green City Schools. The birth of Wyatt to son Rob and his wife Julie in Tennessee last September makes her a grandmother! Daughter Sara teaches 7th grade LA/ Reading in Delaware City Schools near Columbus.



Maryland residents Carol Turner Hall '80 and husband Gregory Hall visited last summer.

1981

Euchea Martin Arediea lives in Bradley, South Carolina and works in Information Technology for Thomas Roofing & Sheet Metal Co, LLC. She graduated from the University of Maryland College Park and the University of Phoenix. Her spouse is Thomas Butler and she has three offspring: Shakira Martin, Wayne Pittman and Andrea Guidry.

wife Loren McLain unveil the JiBARO

truck

1983

David M. Bonk works in management for automotive parts. He moved to Louisville, Kentucky in 1988 and still resides there, enjoying the slower pace.



Max Estremera '84 and Phil Kansy '85 connect at CCC by chance; Phil got reunion contact info for his sister.

1984 John Crawford lives in Twinsburg with spouse Sabrina and offspring



Sierra, Ashleigh, Jordan, and Shaun. He serves as the Coordinator of Student and Community Services for the Warren City Schools. John majored in criminal justice at Tiffin University.

1985

Patty Kumor Seneff and husband Peter Seneff live in Brecksville. She has been working in Human Resources at MetroHealth for 8 years. She sends "major thanks to Phil Kansy" for organizing a spectacular event as the Class of 1985 celebrated their 25th Reunion on Nov 13th. "I was happy to see so many fellow classmates whom I hadn't seen in years. You all looked fantastic!"

1986

Michael Viancourt attended Kent State and Cleveland State and serves as a Cleveland Police Officer. With wife Kelly his family includes Colin, 10 and Alex, age 8. Mike has helped organize several class reunions and looks forward to planning the 25th anniversary with his class.

1987

George Dzuro lives in North Olmsted with with Carolyn and children Gabriel, Alivia and Garrett. He graduated from Brown University and now works for The DANE Group as a project manager.

Anna Marie Vetalice

Kosek majored in elementary education and earned her degree from New Mexico State University in 2008. Her family, husband Daniel and children Nathaniel and Thomas, resides in Alamogordo, NM.

1996

Elvis Serrano and wife Lorna McClain have opened a new food truck. JiBARO World Eats, a new business at the MetroHealth Campus for lunch, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday to Friday. With an international menu focusing on Caribbean food, JiBARO is evidence of the City of Cleveland's pilot food cart program announced in 2009.

1997

Cherie Blevins works at University Hospital as an LPN, having attended the Parma School of Practical Nursing. She lives in Seven Hills and lists offspring Michael, Makaeyla and McKenna.

2004

Rachel Ritenour-Bartley married Dale Bartley last year in Dayton. She works at Talbert House/Centerpoint Behavioral Health as a chemical dependency educator. Having majored in psychology at Notre Dame College, she earned a Master's of Science in Social Administration at CWRU. Her son is Jaccob.

2006

Samantha Tucholski Slone attended the University of Maryland, where she majored in accounting. She is married to Rodney Slone and their child is Rodney II. She wants news regarding reunions and contact information for class of 2006 alumni.

2009

Victoria Shea works at the Walter Martens & Sons Funeral Home in Cleveland. She plans to enroll in Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science for 15 months to become a licensed funeral director and embalmer in the State of Ohio. She loves to read and continues to write short stories and poems.

Reunions

HOLD YOUR REUNION AT THE SCHOOL;

Let it coincide with a school event. Your reunions don't have to be expensive extravaganzas. Let us help you organize and get your group going. Contact the Alumni Office at 216-441-4700, ext. 261.

Upcoming Reunions

St. Stanislaus Class of 1961 50th Reunion

A weekend of activities is scheduled beginning July 29 through the 31st. Contact Bob Sledz at 440-333-7827 or isledz@yahoo.com for more information. A mailing will be detailing the reunion weekend activities.

Class of 1986 will celebrate their 25th reunion at Brennan's Banquet Center on Saturday, October 1, 2011. For more information please contact Terry Atkins at terence.atkins@saint-gobain.com or 440-570-7927. Contact Terry or Lisa with current email and address information.

Classmates are encouraged to contact them with current email and address for invite and information distribution.

Class of 1960 OLL 50th Reunion



Class of 1985 CCC 25th Reunion











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Calendar of Events

Wednesday, May 18; Thursday, May 19

DRAMA CLUB PLAY: I DREAM OF GENIE

6:00 pm The Alliance of Poles, 6966 Broadway Avenue, Cleveland, Admission: \$5/Adults and \$3/students

Saturday, June 11 CCC G Valleaire Golf Course, Hinckley, Ohio (information on page 21) CCC GOLF OUTING

Boys' Weekends: June 17, 18, 19 and August 12, 13, 14 Girls' Weekend: July 15, 16, 17

EARL BOYKINS BASKETBALL CAMP 2011 (Ages 8-14)

Saint Stans Social Center, All Camps - Registration: \$60.00 per person Friday, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Sunday, 1:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. For further information contact Jim at (440) 845-1093 or Melvin Burke at (216) 338-3223

Home Games (all home games begin at 1:00 pm on Saturday) VARSITY FOOTBALL

August 27 September 10 vs. James Ford Rhodes High School October 1 vs. Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School

October 15 vs. St. Thomas Aquinas High School October 22 vs. Trinity High School October 29 vs. Holy Name High School

Save the Date Saturday, August 27 WELCOME BACK DAY

