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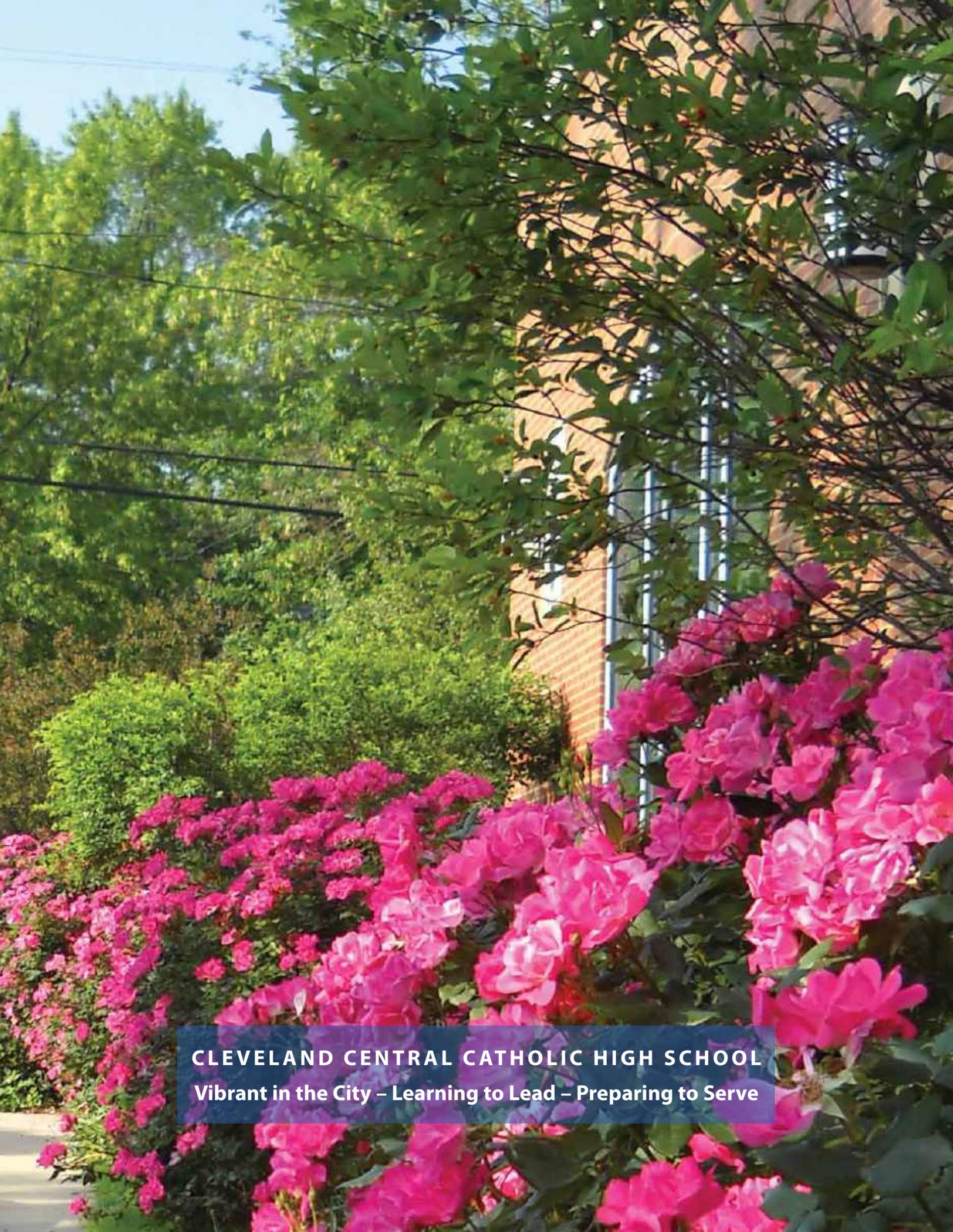
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## CCC Students Learning to Lead Preparing to Serve





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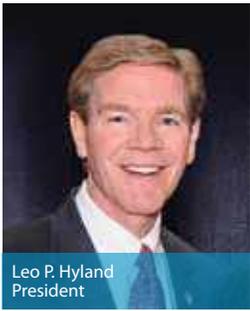
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# Creating a Shared Vision for a Bright Future – Together

## In 45th Year, CCC Engages Stakeholders to Determine Course of Future

**This year marks** the 45th Anniversary of the opening of Cleveland Central Catholic High School. So, I want to wish everyone in the CCC community a happy anniversary! We will be celebrating this milestone occasion by conducting a Grand Reunion – to be held on Saturday, June 21 here at Central Catholic. As our Grand Reunion Committee has been saying, “five schools, one heart.” Please plan on joining us! Details can be found on page 28.

It may be hard for some to believe it has already been 45 years since the federation of the parish high schools of Our Lady of Lourdes, St. John Cantius, St. Michael the Archangel, and St. Stanislaus created Cleveland Central Catholic. The world has changed in many ways since then, and so has Cleveland, its neighborhoods, and yes, even our school. No longer do we have (or require) four campuses. We have grown into one family of faith, located on one campus, and united by our mission of Catholic education and service to others.

The commitment of the Diocese of Cleveland – and countless other supporters through these years – to this mission has allowed our school to weather some difficult times. Today, we are in a new era at CCC. Yes, our 590 students still come from all over Cleveland and beyond. We continue to serve many students who will be the first in their family to attend college. We have maintained our commitment to serving students who have special needs – and engaging them in our many school activities. We promote the spiritual, social, and academic growth of our students through service to others and a wide variety



Students enjoy the football playoff rally and Great Lakes Theater Festival workshop.



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of extra-curricular activities. In these ways, we remain the solid experiential foundation that CCC (and our founding schools) has always been.

The real question now is, what is next for

Cleveland Central Catholic? With a full enrollment, a 99% senior graduation rate, nearly 90% college admittance rate, and a competitive athletic program – how do we



become an even better school? How do we take CCC to the next level? That answer is yet unknown.

What is known, however, is that it will take a shared vision to determine what CCC can become. Make no mistake, this is no easy task. That's why we are counting on YOU to help us determine our course. With the grace of God, and the willingness of all our stakeholders to participate, CCC will undertake a rigorous process this spring. It is called a Visioning Exercise. Through surveys, focus groups, discussions with our students, faculty, staff, advisory board, alumni and friends, we will work to envision a bright and exciting future for Cleveland Central Catholic!

Through this process, we will determine what priorities we choose that will further our mission while also distinguishing our school from all others. Once we have established our shared vision for CCC, we will set about finding ways to make that vision become real. This is how we will make CCC even better, and more sustainable, for the next generation of our students.

Over the next few months, you will be asked to participate in this process. We want your input! So, when you are invited to take a survey to help us improve CCC, please give us your time and insights. Only by working together can we get this accomplished. This is a thrilling time at Cleveland Central Catholic, and we welcome your participation as we work through this powerful opportunity.

In the meanwhile, mark your calendar and come join us on Saturday, June 21 for our Grand Reunion. You are sure to see old friends, make some new ones and visit with current and former faculty members. If you have not experienced today's Central Catholic, come see why we are so excited about today and our bright future!

*Leo P. Hyland*



# Engagement





Patrick J. DiSalvatore  
Director of Advancement

# Helping to create a shared vision and define the next decade ...

## CCC Advancement's Evolving Role

**As our Advancement team** executes its plan for the final quarter of this school year, our attention is fixed on the long-term future of this storied home of the Ironmen. This is not only a time of reflection and planning but also a call to action as Cleveland Central Catholic works to create a shared vision and define its future for the next decade.

Advancement and the services that it can provide will be integral to this process of dynamic change to which CCC is dedicated. Traditionally, Advancement within private secondary schools similar to CCC is dedicated to build and promote the school's mission. This is accomplished by providing dynamic fund development services enhanced by high quality communications with the school's many stakeholders, friends and supporters.

In our region, Advancement Office services usually include: Outreach to Alumni, Fund Development, Community Relations and Communications. Within this mix, Advancement is responsible for five major functions: constituent (alumni, parents and community friends) and public relations; communications and publications; fundraising; assisting with school-wide planning and development; and record keeping related to these areas.

With three full time staffers serving in Advancement, "multiple hats" are worn from time to time. Currently, CCC Advancement is in the process of expanding its direct

services to: alumni association staffing and support; community relations through new responsibilities for the CCC website, FaceBook and Twitter and feature stories for local electronic media; and fundraising with increased capacity in the pursuit of major gift initiatives including endowment and planned giving.

In the near term, the planned development of a comprehensive Fundraising and Marketing Plan for the 2014-15 fiscal year will project measured growth in: fundraising outcomes, community outreach and engagement, and advancing CCC's vision for the next decade informed by a strengthened strategic plan.

CCC Advancement is a classic work in progress that is building on the best of CCC's past and expanding its reach and impact in the areas of fundraising and communications.

In the future, learning for life, respect for others, commitment to personal responsibility and success, and the values of Christian living will continue to define this school. The ideal ... of helping young women and men build new lives for themselves and their families ... will prosper within the context of CCC's ministerial mandate for the next decade. It will require the best efforts of all parties to this sacred mission of providing a safe and caring place for our young adults to excel in ways that will forever influence their future ... for the better.

## Lunch and Learn and Other Ways to Meet New Friends



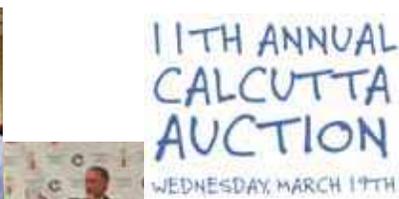
Feb. 26, 2014: Student Ambassadors - [Samantha Stypa '14](#); [Luz Dominguez '15](#); and [Devion Fothergill '16](#) helped lead the tour and joined in the conversation with our guests regarding CCC at lunch that followed.

"Lunch and Learn" is an Advancement program that invites potential new friends to spend 90 minutes with CCC's president, principal and student ambassadors. During this brief encounter, they discuss our school's mission and services on a guided tour and over lunch. Conversations are candid and helpful in this process of community engagement. "Lunch and Learn" will continue quarterly during the school year.

In addition to "Lunch and Learn" opportunities and as CCC outreach to new and old friends is expanded, other ways of engaging individuals and groups are planned. The purpose of the new opportunities is to engage new community friends in the development of Cleveland Central Catholic's shared vision. It will also provide opportunities for CCC to develop greater support and understanding among our friends and stakeholders. For more information, contact Patrick J. DiSalvatore at (216) 641-2034 or [disalvatorepat@centralcatholichs.org](mailto:disalvatorepat@centralcatholichs.org). Thank you.

# Calcutta 2014 Raises Record Support for Tuition Assistance

**Cleveland Central Catholic's** 11th Annual Calcutta Auction was held in the Wasmer Ironman Center on March 19, 2014. It was a full house with over 300 supporters seated for dinner. The night's activities and event sponsors generated nearly \$140,000 in gross income. After event expense and payouts to winners of these charitable auctions, over \$100,000 is projected to be available to help families and students as they face the end of the 2013-2014 school year. "Thanks to our friends and partners," said CCC President Leo Hyland, "helping all families meet their tuition obligations is our top financial priority. Thanks to all who made this great day a record success!"



## Advancement's Date Book to September 2014

### May:

1 Annual Giving Mailing

### June

1 Enlist CleanUp+Clams Sponsors

14 Alumni Golf Outing

21 All Schools, All Classes: Grand Reunion

### July:

1 Enlist CleanUp+Clams Sponsors

### August:

1 Enlist CleanUp+Clams Sponsors

15 Annual Giving Mailing: Central Catholic Fund

### September:

1 Enlist CleanUp+Clams Sponsors

13 Welcome Back Day, Ironmen Football following

15 *Connection* magazine published

For more information or registration advice, please contact:  
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# Bishop Celebrates CCC Family

## Student Visits, Liturgy Highlight December

**Bishop Richard Lennon** visited Cleveland Central Catholic in early December, one busy and fulfilling morning. Meeting with student representatives at the start of the day, he answered questions about a bishop's role and learned about what was going on in people's lives. Later on, at the Shrine Church of St. Stanislaus, he noted that those students "remarked on how there is a family feeling here. That's what makes CCC the special school that it is." In this early advent homily, Bishop Lennon urged the assembled student body to be alert to the opportunity to make a difference, and the courage to do something about it. "We are a family...and take care of one another," he said, noting that "there is more to life than self" and that when one gives, and another receives, "we are all richer" by being involved. Summarizing his view of CCC, "All together you make this a jewel in our diocese."

The Mass of the Holy Spirit opened the school year, and the school community gathered for prayer services for Christmas and Thanksgiving, which included the Junior Ring Ceremony, pictured below.



Donnesha Williams



Charliece Owens



Kierra Obojski



Dana Heinzman



Tre'Von Crockett



Dyanara Burton

# Student Works Reveal Gospel Values in Action

## Events Channel Energy in Year of Faith and Beyond

**Good works outside the classroom** and the school occupied Central Catholic students throughout the year. Addressing needs of others in the community, student organizations responded by giving blood, entertaining grade school pupils during holiday seasons, and raising money for worthy causes. Nineteen students helped set up for the "Deck the Hall" event at Cleveland Browns Stadium to benefit Providence House. During Lent, meatless soups with roll, beverage and dessert made over \$600 one Friday at the Empty Bowls event, where donors received unique bowls created by ceramics students and proceeds helped the Cleveland Food Bank.



## Ironmen Lift Inspiring Icon

The icon of Our Lady of Czestochowa graced the Shrine Church of St. Stanislaus last October 22, part of a journey across the country. The next morning eight Central Catholic football players carried the icon of the “Black Madonna” in the procession out of the church. Among the loyal parishioners who witnessed this, Alice Bednarski Klafczynski '49 St. Stans remarked on the “reverence and respect” of the young men, their demeanor creating a faith experience for those present and adding inspiration beyond the official ceremony. The Ironmen were blessed with the deep faith of those who came to pray. Dr. Joann Kasayka “Mama” Hynes '69 OLL lovingly guided the football players in this process.



Latif Moncrief '14 and Jamel Dean '14 assist in the transfer of the icon of Our Lady.

OPPOSITE PAGE, FAR LEFT: Student senators ChaNautica Hall and Tyler Almond entertain youngsters at Christmas. LEFT: Michael Coutee '14 donates blood. BELOW: Key Club raises funds through popcorn sales in the atrium. BELOW & RIGHT: Empty Bowls participants choose from four homemade soups. Handcrafted ceramic pottery creates choices for “empty bowl” souvenir for donors.





Sister Allison Marie Gusdanovic, SND

# Bishop's Visit Enlightens Students

## Bishop Lennon Validates CCC Mission as Witnessed in Retreats

Editor's Note: At St. Edward High School's recent Episcopal visitation, former CCC and current SEHS theology teacher Michael Yako reported that Bishop Lennon praised Cleveland Central Catholic's Bereavement/Healing Retreats, now in their second year. These specialized retreats were initiated by Dr. Hollis and Ms. Scoccola and made financially possible by the Jennifer Fund. The beginning retreats were originally led by Dr. John Roper and now by CCC's school psychologist Dr. MaryLynne Filaccio. We have conducted two each year, for students who self-identify or who were recommended by the guidance department as having experience loss in their lives. The Bishop commented that these retreats "were a model for the rest of the high schools in the diocese."

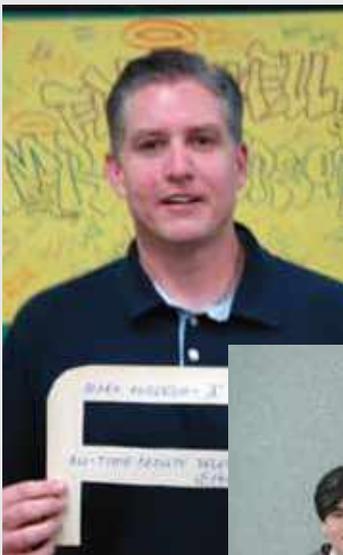
In reflecting on the mission of Cleveland Central Catholic, Bishop Lennon's December 2nd visit to our school came to mind. As a school with an ecumenical population (27% Catholic), celebrating liturgy offers unique challenges, yet we are unabashedly proud of our Catholic identity. In preparation for the liturgy, homeroom and theology teachers reviewed behavioral expectations, ways to participate fully in the liturgy, and conducted faith-sharing sessions using the readings for the day.

As part of his visit, Bishop Lennon met with a group

of 16 students, four from each grade level. Although I was not present during that meeting, the Bishop commented in his homily that students asked him what a Bishop is and what he does. I also heard that the students inquired about the Bishop's ring and he passed it around so each student could closely examine it.

These small details speak to me about our mission here. Our students have a genuine inquisitiveness and simplicity. Because some did not have a clear understanding of the role of the Bishop or of the Diocese, they were free

### Teacher News: Mark Anderson



A teacher since 1989, **Mark Anderson** left the classroom to coach the Premier Basketball League's Ohio Lima Express. He taught social studies for 15-1/2 years at CCC, holding down the fort in room 300, where his government classes became a rite of passage for Central Catholic seniors. When the news hit social media in January, former students came back to send him off. "We were lucky," said one grateful alumnus, recalling the "safety dance" and other classroom routines.



Graduates of 2013 who came to bid farewell to Mr. Anderson report on their studies and careers: L-R: **Jordan Thompson** pursues theatre and studies recording arts and technology at Tri-C; **Victor Benton** studies Spanish at Kent State University; **Correy Gunther** plays drums in the band "Beside These Walls"; **Matthew Thompson** attends college at Hiram; **Brenda Brown** majors in zoology, now at Tri-C and then at Kent next fall; **Nnena Okolo** studies nursing at Tri-C, planning to advance to Kent as well.





to ask him questions. This type of openness is not only refreshing but it also speaks to the need for Catholic education. These students, most of whom are not Catholic, will remember that visit with the Bishop. His desire to connect with them and his willingness to share at a personal level is something they will take with them into adulthood. In our mission statement we talk about students deepening their faith in order to responsibly serve God, Church, and others. These students were able to engage with a man of deep faith who has dedicated his life in service to God, Church, and community.

Is that not what we are all called to? Can we be open enough to ask questions that lead us to a response that helps us to deepen our faith and responsibly serve God, Church, and others? In our daily interactions with students we are called to be men and women of deep faith who embrace our diverse student population, who guide them as they strive to deepen their own faith. I am frequently reminded of Bishop Pilla's adage that we do what we do in Catholic education not because they (our students) are Catholic but because we are. Jesus said, "Let the children come to me." I believe Jesus saw that same simplicity and honest inquisitiveness that we experience in our students and I am grateful for my ministry at Cleveland Central Catholic.

*An Allison Marie, SND*

## CleanUp+ Clams

**One beautiful** October day volunteers descended upon the Central Catholic campus, armed with shovels, rakes and brooms carefully assembled for their use. With many hands making light work, the grounds were transformed hours later, with trees planted and landscaped areas refreshed and a cleaner look all around. With the cleanup done, the clams awaited hungry workers who enjoyed a clambake lunch.



ABOVE LEFT: Natalie Higgins '17, Monica Thomas;  
 ABOVE: Jacob Walters '17, Bob Kloos, John Zito,  
 Joseph Cleveland '13 and Kevin Lott '01.  
 BELOW: Lisa Mallis and Arianna Phillips.  
 BOTTOM: Volunteer's T-shirt reveals event sponsors.

# Ellen Howard: Creative in Mind and Spirit

by Lin Sinclair

**Creative in mind and spirit.** Everyone recognizes this as the school motto, however, [Ellen Fasko Howard '66 OLL](#) epitomizes its true meaning. Mrs. Howard's work has touched the life of every student, teacher, staff member and parent of the school for almost 44 years. She is readily recognized for the normal "art teacher activities," but those are only a small part of her contribution to Cleveland Central Catholic over the years. She has also written the *Connection*, sewn costumes, moderated the Ingot yearbook, constructed floats, moved furniture, photographed events, archived history, assembled displays, transported art work (and student artists!), managed field trips, silk screened Ironmen pennants and Baccalaureate programs, taped the *YearVideo*, recorded memorable quotes, cheered athletes, applauded thespians and, most importantly, loved students.

A true daughter of Slavic Village, she was raised in Our Lady of Lourdes Parish where the church cornerstone holds a document bearing her maternal grandmother's family name. Following in their parents' footsteps, Ellen and her older brother attended the parish elementary



school. After graduating from Our Lady of Lourdes High School, she earned her undergraduate degree from Notre Dame College as well as post-graduate credits from the Cleveland Institute of Art, Kent State University and other institutions. She also studied pottery in Colorado. The Fasko family ties to CCC extend to both of Mrs. Howard's brothers as well. Older brother, [Jerry '65 OLL](#), was a "founding father" of the school when he became a member of the original teaching staff, having taught

at Our Lady of Lourdes High School at the time of the merger. A teacher and football coach at Central until 1983, he remains active in alumni circles. Younger brother [Tom](#) was taught by both sibs and graduated from CCC in 1975. After he joined the faculty and coaching staff in 1979, the Fasko siblings taught together from 1979 until 1983.

The Fasko family history is intertwined with CCC in other ways. A young Ellen Fasko met her husband, Michael J. Howard, when he taught social studies for one year at Central. They married later after he went to teach at St. Ignatius High School. Brother Jerry's wife, Mary Lou, also taught at CCC. Ellen acknowledges [Alice Bednarski Klafczynski '49](#) as her unofficial mentor. Younger brother Tom married Alice's daughter Ali. It is impossible to talk about the history of CCC without recognizing the impact of the Fasko family.

As a teacher in the Art Department since the second year of CCC, Mrs. Howard's very creative hand has been responsible for guiding the production of thousands of pieces of art at all four campuses. Beginning her career under the watchful eye of department chair Sr. Mary Alberta Zendarska, CSFN, she taught Related Arts and then Ceramics. One semester of Intro to Commercial and Practical Design, part of the business program at the Broadway Campus, allows her the distinction of having taught at all four campuses.

During the middle years, she travelled from Forman to Tremont and then Scranton, serving as the "intercampus

ABOVE: 1978 family photo with [Tom '75](#), [Jerry '65 OLL](#), Jacob and Mary Fasko. LEFT: Sketchbooks in room 416 Scranton creates a challenge for Mrs. Howard. BELOW: Antonio Figueroa, Omar Troche, Margaux Moser, Mrs. Howard and Tony Sanchez silk screen pennants for boys basketball playoff run in early 2000s.





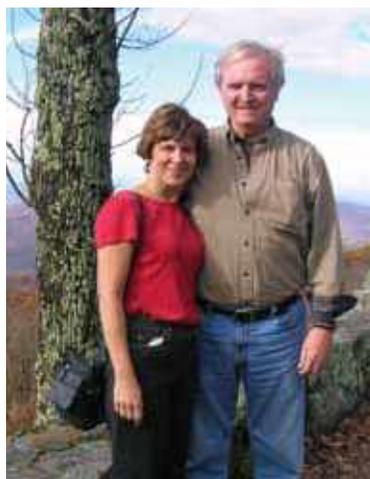
CLOCKWISE LEFT: John Zippay '73 watches Miss Fasko's ceramics demo. The photography class started in 1974 (then in Scranton room 405) has been a constant in the curriculum. BELOW: Ellen and husband Michael J. Howard enjoy the annual fall trip.

mailman" needed in those days.

She was a mainstay at the Scranton Campus until its closing in 2003. In an article in the Summer 2003 *Connection*, she reflected: "As the sun sets on the era of intercampus life, an important chapter of my life closes also. After teaching at Scranton for 29 years and working on activities there for 33, the campus occupies a special place in my heart ... I once said that the water fountain on the fourth floor at Scranton was the fountain of youth.

Then someone asked 'What will happen when there is no Scranton? Will you get old?' She replied, 'No, I'll take a last gulp, grab the pennant, check out the sunset, and start a new life in a place where you can see the sun rise – at Forman."

The truth of that statement has been evident for the past 11 years. Moving to one campus presented challenges for teachers and students alike. Mrs. Howard's steadfast presence smoothed the transition for many amidst the chaos of books, art supplies, construction dust and frazzled nerves. Fueled by coffee, she readily "calorie shared" sweet treats and awarded "kuchen points" to those who helped in even the smallest of ways.



Mrs. Howard's Central Catholic uniform of a paint-spattered apron and camera necklace is as easily recognized as the red or blue polo shirt and wishbone C sweatshirt. Literally thousands of students have looked to her for (what she calls) "free advice and assistance" over the years. Her students have won awards in local, county and state art contests as well as scholarships to the Cleveland Institute of Art and other prestigious institutions. She has encouraged art students to pursue careers in fields of journalism, design, photography and technical theater. A highlight of her career at Central has been having former student Tammy Cline Sparks '90 as a colleague. Together with young dynamo Erin Kraly, they staff a department where student artists elect classes far beyond the requirements.

To wind down, "E. Howard" puts her seemingly endless energy into watercolors or iPad drawings at the California home of stepdaughter Gwen and son-in-law Randall and grandsons Jacob and Nikolaus Priester, as well as on family trips to visit Howard in-laws and unnamed foreign lands: another chance to be creative in mind and spirit.

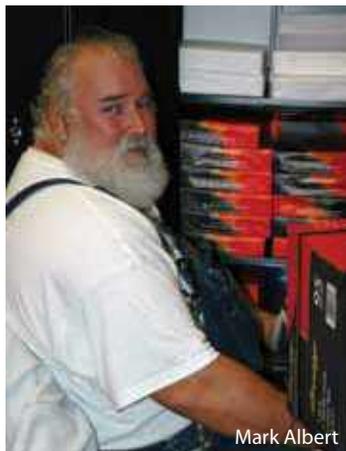
# Mission of Catholic Schools Remains 'Central'

## Staff Carries Spirit of Service and Friendship

Red and white jackets appeared as the Ironmen prepared to cut down the baskets in celebration of their OHSAA Division II championship in the Stow district. Firebirds forever, these men had been staunch supporters of St. Peter Chanel High School. Since its closing last June, they sought out athletic contests with some affiliation, this time CCC and its newly appointed coach, Jordan Duke, class of 2007 Chanel.

Chanel had always been a worthy opponent for the Ironmen, creating a rivalry in the NCL and the old North Central Conference for decades. A key witness to that: Lou Mallis, '75 Chanel grad who taught at his alma mater for 33 years. Full of stories, Mallis speaks about the Marists who lived and taught at the school, starting in 1957. Living and working there, they planted every tree on the grounds and took pride in the property, which was home to them. Priests in the Society of Mary had doors to confessionals adjacent to classrooms, for the spiritual needs of young men in their ministry. Lou motivated Chanel alumni, one time rallying them to upgrade from manpower to motorized basket cranking in the gym.

Now teaching physical education at CCC, Lou keeps in touch with Chanel colleagues, and sees four on a daily basis. After maintaining facilities at Erieview Catholic, Mark Albert landed at Chanel and then CCC, adding formidable assistance to Central's physical plant. A third Firebird, Joe Rock, brings an animated style to English classes. When former students Shannon Rafferty and Kellie Bielansky nominated him for his generosity, he won a Pay it Forward award from Fox 8 News and the Word Church. In the



Mark Albert

televised clip last fall, he advanced the cash award, care of Principal Sr. Allison Marie, to a single mother with six children. Also from Chanel, Anthony Glaser, a "Mr. G." for a new CCC era, now defines the role of dean of students. English and drama teacher John Zito brought his classroom and musical talents to CCC a year before Chanel closed.



Anthony Glaser

Another former rival in girls basketball, Regina High School closed in 2010, its green and gold cast keeping a close network. In the silver lining that fall, the talents and experience of a half dozen enhanced the CCC staff. Of those, Pat Ayers still works efficiently on the advancement team, while Sr. Karen Dolovacky, Sr. Mary Seton Schlather, John Schweickert

and Steven Winkler teach science, English, music, HPE and Spanish.

Back in the 1990s, faculty members moved classrooms full of desks from Erieview Catholic, itself a combination of former schools. A decade later, cabinetry from Lorain Catholic enhanced the new art space created when CCC expanded. The library, chapel and chemistry storage came

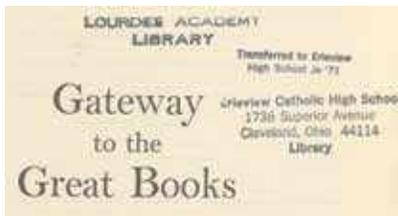
from St. Augustine Academy when it closed in the 2000s. In the library, books that can stand the test of time bear stamps of the Catholic schools that once housed

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.....

them, names of places whose work remains evident in the practice of faith in this diocese.

In its collective memory, Central Catholic understands the experience of closure. When they merged into CCC, the founding schools no longer remained as separate, unique, and even rival schools. Then without the Broadway, Tremont and Scranton campuses, the spirit remained as the physical plant was transformed. Across the decades of CCC's history, memos about moving, merging and closing filled the archives.

Material goods, like furniture and books, are necessary props for education, and a great deal from former Catholic schools has landed here. But the real gift is the people, and the message is one of resurrection: teachers carry the spirit to serve and carry on the mission of Catholic education, in the place they are, in the time they have.



ABOVE LEFT: Library book stamps recall great Catholic schools: Lourdes Academy (a fine school for girls on Bridge Avenue, not to be confused with the co-ed Our Lady of Lourdes on E. 55th near Broadway), St. Stephen High School, Erieview Catholic; Sister Mary Seton, SND and Sister Karen Dolovacky, SND; ABOVE: Brionne Duke, class of 2013 St. Peter Chanel High School graduate, reconnects at Stefanski Stadium with Mr. Joe Rock, English teacher now at CCC; FAR LEFT: Joe Bielanski '79 can claim "dual citizenship" as a faithful Chanel parent and worker, and CCC grad who never fails to check in with Ironmen fans at games; LEFT: Lou Mallis, 1975 graduate of Chanel and iconic teacher who witnessed decades of Marist tradition and Firebird athletics.

## Remembering St. Michael's and the Scranton Campus

**St. Michael's was the first** of Central Catholic's founding schools to add high school classes to a parish grade school. Lifelong friendships survive from Mike's, attests Ruth Ziska Rigotti '51 SMHS and aunt of faculty member Linda Ziska '86. Ruth remembers a field trip during October, the month of the rosary, to Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine in Euclid. "To pass the time, we sang all of the popular songs," she recalls. Then someone began singing "Ninety-nine Bottles of Beer on the Wall" with everyone joining in, loud and clear. When the bus arrived at the shrine, the Sister announced that there would be no more singing on the bus. "On the way home, we just quietly recited the rosary," says Ruth.



Melissa Vandal '04 pinhole picture

In her first assignment, Sr. Mary St. Gabriel, SND (Janet Amer) taught at St. Mike's from 1950-1956. Her choirs were part of many assemblies and programs, with music rather than sports at the heart of Mike's school spirit. Sixty years later, Jan can still sing the Alma Mater, verifies Pat Lange (Sr. Mary John Anthony, SND) who taught at Mike's in 1955-56, and returned to teach math at Our Lady of Lourdes and CCC. Both consider their lifelong friendship a blessing, and considered the Scranton Campus (St. Michael's building in CCC era) the perfect venue for musical and dramatic productions.

# Civic and Cultural Affairs Attract Student Interest

## City Club, Art Contests Provide Community Connections and Talent Outlets

### To expand horizons

beyond the classroom, civic and social responsibilities become apparent to students, reinforced by "Preparing to Serve" visible daily on the atrium wall. The members of Student Senate were invited to hear the Honorable Sherrod Brown (D-Ohio) speak at the City Club of Cleveland on Friday, November 1. Mrs. Erin Kraly accompanied the students who attended the luncheon.



BACK: Tiara Bennett '17, Yomaira Ammons '15, Senator Sherrod Brown, Tyler Almond '15, Shelby Roberts '14  
FRONT: Kiara Danford '16, DeShawn Jones '14, Alex Perez '14, DeVerra Lambert '17.

**The Third Annual Arts Challenge** sponsored by the Collaborative to End Human Trafficking became a focus for many art students who designed bumper stickers and posters. [Solimar Gonzalez '15](#) won first place and [Teleza Reeves '14](#) merited second place in the bumper sticker division. Along with classmate [Mary Nekl '14](#), Teleza also received an honorable mention in the Graphic Arts Council Benny Awards. [Jeremiah Williams '16](#) won a silver key in the Scholastic Art Awards, while [DeVerra Lambert '17](#) and [Luz Dominguez '15](#) earned honorable mentions. [Markayla Fagan '14](#), [Bryanna Chisolm '15](#) and [Erika McDade '15](#) wrote poems selected for publication by Creative Communication.

TOP: Art by Soli Gonzalez.  
BOTTOM: Art by Teleza Reeves.





## Delta Sigma Theta Teen Lift Program Honors CCC Senior

**Jazzmin Abernathy '14** participated in an uplifting, fun and educational program that helps young ladies grow in community, public and political spheres. The Delta Sigma Theta Teen Lift Program culminated with an amazing cotillion, "Gracefully Rising Toward a Brilliant Tomorrow" in February. Jazzmin volunteered at a day care center and the Cleveland Food Bank. She presented a personal commitment and letters to her mother at a mother-daughter tea, shared a special luncheon with her father, and worked on leadership presentations and skills. Since the ninth grade Jazzmin has taken part in bowling, robotics, drill team, Key Club and softball at Central Catholic. She plans to attend Wright State University this fall.

Michelle Abernathy, Demarco Henderson, Jazzmin Abernathy, Anthony Abernathy.

## Society for Creative Anachronism

**A medieval event** known as the Royal University of the Mid Realm transformed the CCC campus into a school for crafts and skills from another time. Central Catholic was honored to be the host site, and the two dozen students who assisted participated in youth activities. The class in making crossbows had special appeal for the students, who worked overtime on their hand-crafted constructions.



ABOVE: **Chamar Bright '15** and **Jeannie Olschlager '14** assemble parts of the crossbow. RIGHT: Social Studies Department Chairperson **Ralph H. Wroblewski** (A.K.A. **Wulfgar Hlotharius von Aachen**) steps easily into another time. LEFT: **Maryann Shea '13** completes her construction.

# Christmas Concert Commands Larger Venue

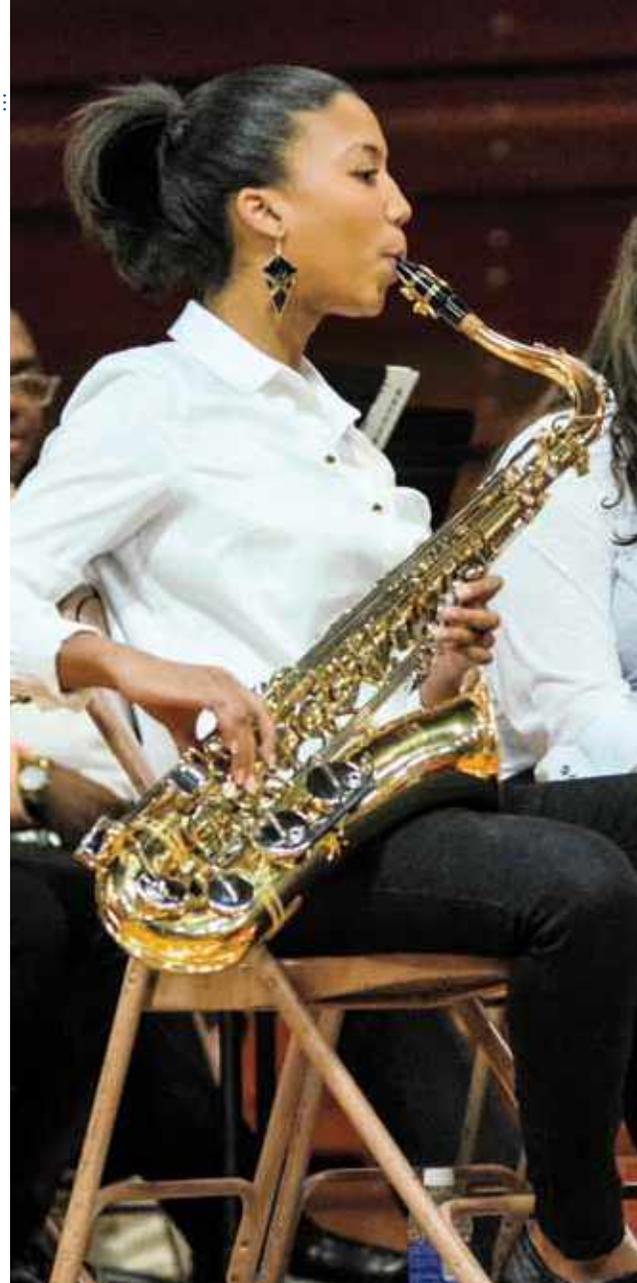
## Choral and Instrumental Music Students Combine for Holiday Performance

**Holiday sounds** filled the St. Stans Social Center gym during the Christmas Concert on December 12. This larger venue suited an expanding music program with four voice parts and beginning and advanced band members. Drum corps alternated with two levels of instrumental students, vocal solos and duets, and ensemble numbers performing a variety of holiday tunes. Junior Grace Blatt's Irish dance solos enchanted the crowd.

Enhancing the percussion section, Mr. Michael Ward provided daily instruction thanks to Jones Road Congregational Church and Ione Parry through a grant. Directing student musicians, Ms. Traci Jones instructed vocals and instrumentals on all levels in classes. Sr. Mary Seton Schlather, SND assisted and provided behind-the-scenes organization.



ABOVE RIGHT: From left: Joshua Berry, Gianni Rogers, Zayvier Cintron, Edwin Duncan; RIGHT: Curtis Prince, JaVonte Lacey-Smith, Tytiauna Skillern, Trevon Clark.



TOP: Advanced music student junior Erin Draper performs a tenor sax solo. ABOVE: Beginning instrumental music students take their turn. LEFT: Grace Blatt enriches program with dance solos.



FRONT: Montana Wacasey, Deja Porter, Jaquis Nowden, Kiara Danford, Alexis Mills, Charne Johnson; MIDDLE: manager Charliece Ownes, Jareese Love, Patryce Thomas, Dimetrius Henderson, Emmani Jones, Nairo'mi Walker, Antonia Meeke, manager Ashley Owens; BACK: Samatha Weimer, Delissa Williams, Tyler Almond, Teleza Reeves, Daishanique Williams, manager Krystal Rodriguez.

## Cheerleaders 3rd in State

### CCC Places at OHSAA Cheerleading and Dance Championships

**March weather** did not deter the Central Catholic cheerleaders in their mission to make a mark in state rankings. Following the busy basketball season and playoff run by the boys, the cheerleaders maintained high energy levels to earn the rank of third in the state of Ohio. After winter weather postponed the competition to March 16,



the Cheerleading and Dance Championships landed at Bowling Green State University's Stroh Center. CCC's cheer squad, assembled and coached by **Charmaine Larkin Sullivan '97**, competed with cheerleading and dance teams from all over Ohio. State ranking for a cheer team marks another first in Central Catholic sports history.

## Snapshots in Winter Sports



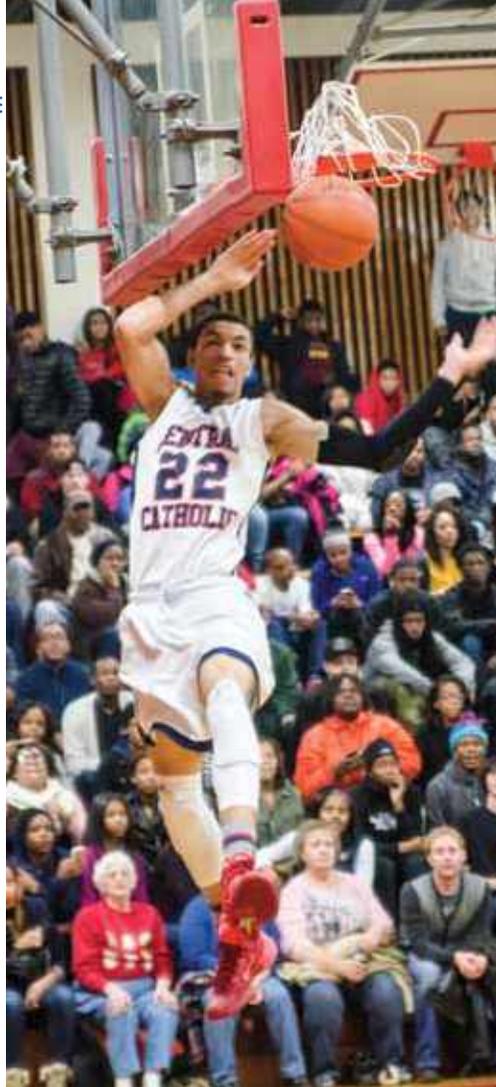
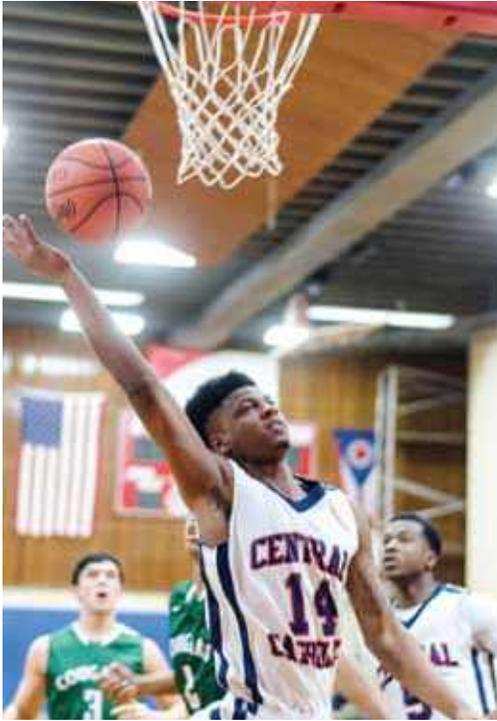
Len Janiak Award winner **Meghan Moore '15** continued bowling in post season.



Lady Ironman **Cheyenne Bryant '14** was named 2nd team All NCL. **Autumn Johnson '14** merited 1st team All NCL.



At the 138 lb. class, **Charles Allen-Hull '14** pins opponent. Teammate **Isaiah Pope '16** placed second in NCL Tournament and qualified for wrestling districts.



ACROSS TOP: Tervell Beck adds to his stats; Fans enjoy watching Antwon Lillard jump out the gym; Montel McRae brings down the house with a monster jam. BELOW: #5 James Tell; #10 The smooth Brandon Peters passes defenders easily; #1 The ruthless Desmond Crosby takes a step into the paint; #3 Julian Rivera; BOTTOM: William Hullum sports district championship medal.



Special Awardees CCC Boys Basketball

Tervell Beck

1st Team All NCL, Division II Great Lakes District Player of the Year, 1st Team All Ohio and CCC Team Co-MVP.

Antwon Lillard

1st Team All NCL, Division II Great Lakes District 2nd Team, Honorable Mention All Ohio and CCC Team Co-MVP.



# Hoops Grab Headlines

## Challenging Schedule Yields 19-7 Finish

**Varsity boys basketball snagged** headlines all season, impacting the game in Northeast Ohio before bowing to the Poland Seminary Bulldogs in the regional finals 60-52. Exciting victories over Akron St. Vincent-St. Mary 53-52 and Villa Angela-St. Joseph 72-68 on their home courts became bookends for the challenging schedule, and those opponents eventually advanced to the state Final Four in Divisions II and III respectively. At VASJ, sophomore **Tervell Beck** was hot

during the first half, while junior **Antwon Lillard** stepped up to inspire his team in the second half, with the two Ironmen combining for 50 points.

January's schedule paired the Ironmen with high-profile challengers. At Dunk 4 Diabetes Shootout in North Canton, Indiana's La Lumiere, ranked 13th nationally by USA Today,

topped the Ironmen, who had faced Huntington Prep of West Virginia, ranked 12th nationally, earlier that week at the Flyin' to the Hoop Invitational in Dayton. Undefeated before facing St. Ignatius in a top game at the Scholastic Play-by-Play at Baldwin Wallace, the Ironmen were noted for solid defense and Beck's dynamic play.

Assuming duties as head coach before the district games in early March, Jordan Duke kept the top-seeded Ironmen focused with the motto "One mission, one goal, one family" as they defeated Tallmadge 57-49 and Cuyahoga Valley Christian Academy 54-49 to become champions in the Stow District of OHSAA Division II. In tournament games on the Ironmen's home court, victories over Akron North and Benedictine secured the sectional championship. Until then, the team was coached by Jonathan Harris, who inspired a solid work ethic before resigning for personal reasons.

In the North Coast League's White Division, the team's record merited second place. Ranked in single digits in the *Plain Dealer* Top 25 polls, the Ironmen's talented roster featured athletes of all grades, assuring CCC's continuing presence as a local basketball power.



FROM TOP: **Kameron Locklear** celebrates championship ritual. Senior players have photo op with trophy: **James Tell, Derrick Davis, Julian Rivera, Dalonte Underwood and Sam Turner**. Ironmen hoist trophy for Stow District Division II championship. LEFT: Beck sinks one at district final.

# Ironmen Earn Playoff Berth on Gridiron

## Riveting Games Galvanize Team

**Varsity Ironmen football**, described as a “sleeping giant” by Head Coach John Lundy, thrilled fans with a playoff run and the first postseason appearance in decades. The season ended as the Ironmen bowed to the Chagrin Falls Tigers, an experienced playoff contender.

During the season the Ironmen could showcase their explosive offense and passing game, and learned how every second counts. After leading with nine seconds to go, CCC lost to Benedictine 37-36 in an unforgettable ending in late September.

In late October, the Ironmen faced undefeated VASJ, ranked No. 25 in the city. With 21 seconds left, senior **Davon Robinson** ran from the 3-yard line to give CCC the 36-30 win. Quarterback **Desmond Lundy** connected 13 of 18 for 168 yards passing and two touchdowns. The victory secured a share of the NCL White Division title, plus points towards the playoffs in Division IV, Region 11.



To view more CCC game photos, including Cross Country, Volleyball and Soccer, go to Allen Clark's website:

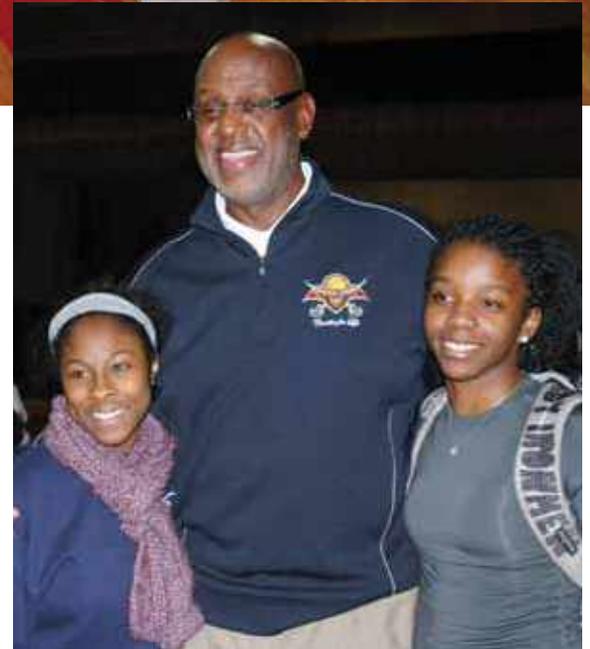
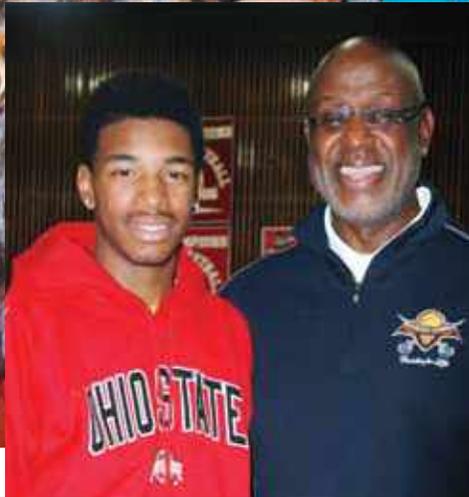
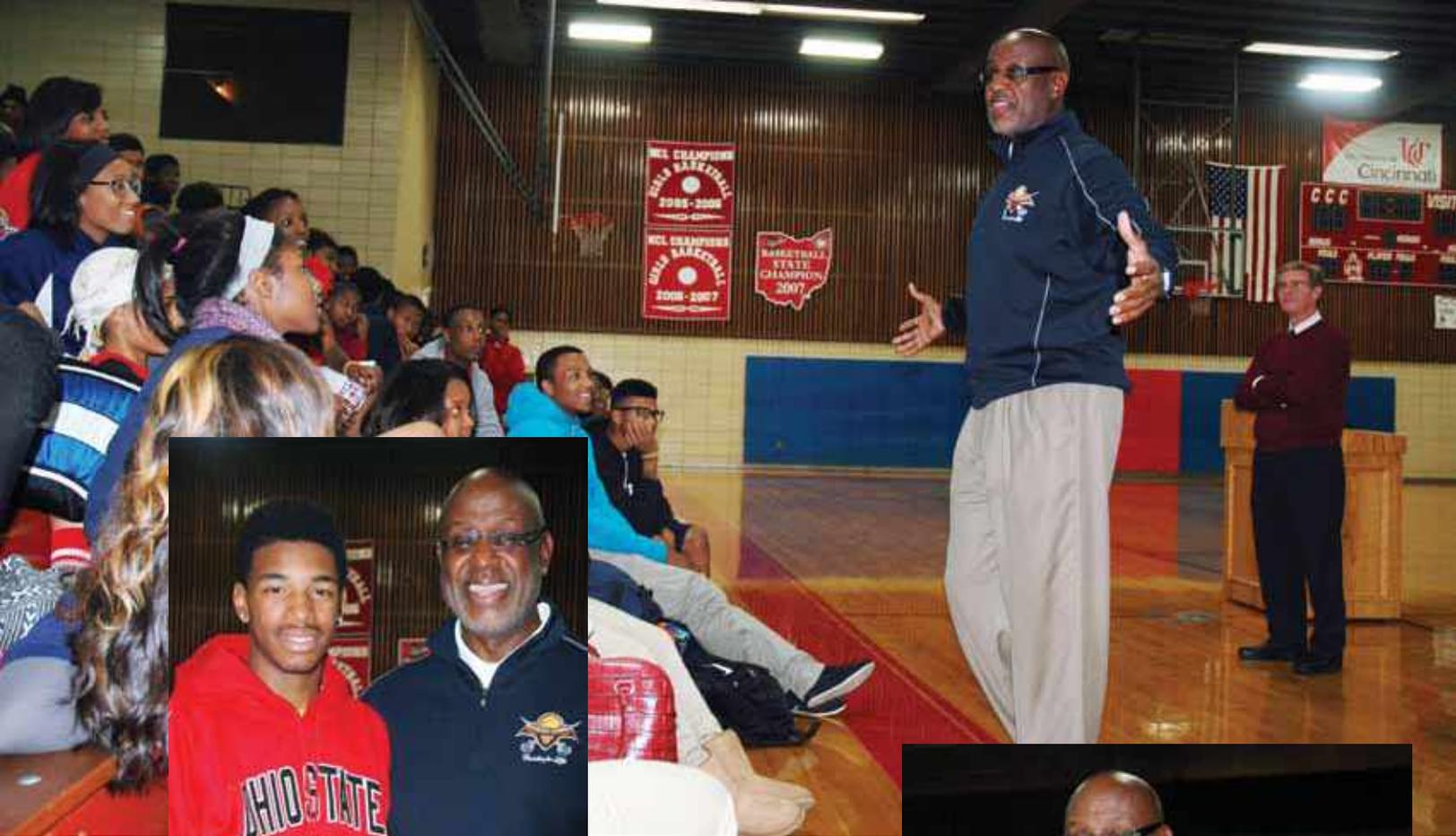
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CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: **Brandon Brown** (#3) snags the interception with a little help from **Malik Duncan** (#17). **Curtis Parks** (#14) makes his way through a group of VASJ defenders. After evading a few Tiger defenders, **Kie'sean Cooke** dives in for an Ironmen touchdown. Cooke signs to Notre Dame College on national signing day. Duncan commits to St. Francis University. The powerful **Davon Robinson** (#8) devours a shifty Viking. **Terry Ingram** (#6) secures the pigskin.

## Playoff Fever Hits CCC

L-R: Katherine Lewicki '14 and Sister Karen Dolovacky, SND. Kyra Csehi '14 and Andrea Darrington '15; Rally sign says it all; Rachel Parker welcomes Ironmen at rally; The "old coach" **Jerry Fasko** '65 OLL mixes school history with cheers at rally. Fasko coached the last playoff gridders in the 1980s.





ABOVE LEFT: Armond Lillard '17 hears what Campy has to say. ABOVE: Arieone Moore '15 and Tre'Vion Beverly '16 enjoy a photo op.



## Campy Russell Challenges CCC Students

**"No matter what your situation is,** it's up to you," said Campy Russell while addressing CCC students in the St. Stans Social Center after school on October 28. The former Cleveland Cavalier, now co-host of pregame and postgame shows on FoxSportstime Ohio, entertained an enthusiastic crowd with stories of his life and lessons he learned from them. "We all have to deal with the rules of the house," he said while listing hints for success. "Be humble, listen, and

take instruction," were repeated with anecdotes from home life and high school and college careers. After questions and a photo op, the Director of Alumni Relations for the Cavs gave some tips on the basketball court during open gym as well. Advisory Board member Jerry Kysela, who made the connection, created the opportunity for Central students to learn from this engaging Cavalier contact.



**Hot News!**  
Jantel's team, Wisla Cam-Pack, won the Polish Cup in March 2014

First CCC team inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame gathers beneath championship banners: Front: Te'Yanna Feaster, CCC freshman Eligah Flynn (representing sister Candyce), Angela Bryant; Back: Brian Arth, Barbara Fuller, Jantel Lavender, Sky Greenwood, Adjoni Williams, Jazmine Lavender, Paul Pavicic. Not pictured: Elexis Johnson, Sheena Taylor, Danyale Robinson, Rich Wojcik.





Basketball star **Jantel Lavender '07** recalls the turning point of her team's championship year – "when we lost to Eastmoor. That's when we started hanging out."



## Jantel, '07 Lady Ironmen Inducted

### Hall of Fame for Lavender and State Championship Team

**Unique Hall of Fame inductees** **Jantel Lavender '07** and the 2007 Lady Ironmen basketball team were honored in a ceremony before the boys basketball game on December 27, and then presented to the crowd at halftime. Timed to accommodate her professional schedule, the event reunited Jantel, an athlete of international renown, and Central's first state championship team with their families and fans. Jazmine Lavender talked about how the team experience "changed our lives" while Sky Greenwood and Adjoni Williams spoke about teammates as sisters. While lists of local, state and national honors accompany her records at CCC and The Ohio State University, and contributions to world championship teams enhance her career, Jantel Lavender's remarks following her individual induction were about team. In a heartfelt testimony to her coaches and teachers, it was all about life lessons. The 25-1 Lady Ironmen of 2006-2007 became the first team inducted into the CCC Athletic Hall of Fame.

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: MC Jerry Fasko '65 OLL adds humor to a well-paced program. Teaching influences from the 2007 era: Cindy Kinley, Melvin Burke, coach until 2006, and Joann Hynes. "A.B." Angela Bryant talks about "a bond so tight" following team induction. From behind the scenes: Grandma Wilson and Betty Bican, CYO and Booster Club pacesetters. In presenting Jantel, former president and principal Karl Ertle notes that she had "as many hairstyles as days in the year" and remarks that #42 was #1 in the classroom.

**Jantel Lavender Career Highlights**

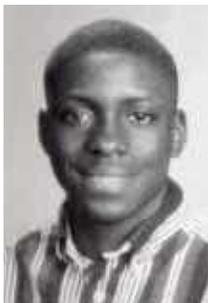
**High School:** McDonald's and WBCA All-American

**International:** Gatorade State, Cleveland PD, Ms Ohio AP, Ohio Division III (3x) Player of the Year USA World University Games, U19 World Championship and U18 National Team gold medals

**College:** Big Ten Player of the Year; OSU all-time leading scorer; Big Ten all-time rebounding leader

# First-Ever Jersey Retirement Honors Earl Boykins

## Over One Thousand Witness Return of 13-Year NBA Veteran to High School Home Court



**Basketball jersey #10** once again captivated the 1000-plus Social Center crowd, with all eyes on Earl Boykins. Twenty years after he created so many highlights for CCC fans, the NBA wonder was honored at the first jersey retirement ceremony in Central Catholic sports history.

During the junior varsity contest, friends, family and fans gathered at a reception, recalling the good old days and giving testimony to Earl's character that surpassed his impressive play throughout his career. As former coach Jim Serluco verified. "It was always about the team and CCC – not the statistics." Serluco thanked Earl's mother and father for "trusting us – we were here for the person."

At halftime of the varsity game vs. VASJ, the story of Earl's career from Cleveland to Eastern Michigan University and 13 years in the NBA was announced by Rich Wojcik. "The journey started right here in the St. Stanislaus Social

BELOW: Earl with the beloved Grandma Wilson who managed CYO basketball for decades.



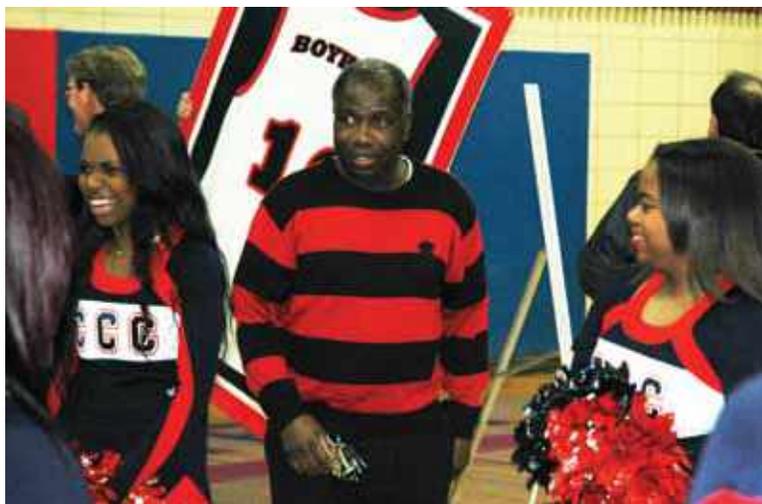
Center on the gym floor that Earl is standing on now." In his remarks after the framed #10 jersey was revealed, Earl listed many influences, noting his father's guidance in particular. In concluding, Earl Boykins said, "One last thing: I'm an Ironman for life."

BELOW: Dan Crosby, Dan Wasco, Earl Boykins, Javier Smith, Adam Torres, Jamon Williams are among teammates at event.



1993-1994 VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM: Front: Adam Torres, Javier Smith, Jack Johnson, Dan Crosby; Second row: Ben Maddox, Jim Zembala, Donald Sims, Dan Wasco, Lance Henderson; Back row: Coach Mike Kurent, Ellis Walker, Earl Boykins, Barney James, Jayson Wells, Coach Al Hodakievic.

BELOW: Proud father of Earl Boykins, Willie Earl Williams.





Earl Boykins and President Leo Hyland celebrate jersey retirement.

NBA teams on which Earl Boykins played:



Important influences witness Earl's honor: Former coach Al Hodakievic, former athletic director Barb Salata, former coach Jim Serluco, former coach Mike Malec '79.



## Vital Stats: Career Highlights for Earl Boykins

### High School

- 943 Career Points (two seasons)
- 1994 Division II State Player of the Year
- MVP – Ohio North/South All Star Game
- 2004 Inductee into CCC Athletic Hall of Fame

### Eastern Michigan University

- 2,211 Career Points (#2 All Time)
- 624 Career Assists (#1 All Time)
- 2 NCAA Tournament Appearances
- Gold Medalist World University Games
- 1988 Naismith Award (Best Player Under 6')
- 1987 USA Basketball Male Athlete of the Year
- Eastern Michigan University Hall of Fame
- Jersey retired in 2011 (One of only four)

### National Basketball Association

- 13 Seasons
- 5791 Career Points
- 2091 Career Assists
- Career 88% Free Throw Percentage
- Shortest player in NBA history to score 30 points in game



# Reconnect, Laugh, Pray and Reminisce at the Grand Reunion this Summer

### Activities include:

- Celebrate the history of Cleveland Central Catholic High School and for the graduating classes of:  
Cleveland Central Catholic  
Our Lady of Lourdes  
St. John Cantius  
St. Michael the Archangel  
St. Stanislaus
- Meet-and-Greet with current and past faculty and staff
- Mass at St. Stanislaus Church at 5:00 pm
- Mix and mingle and catch up with old friends
- Light buffet
- Cash bar

For more information, contact Christopher Brewer at (216) 441-4700 ext 281 or [alumni@centralcatholicchs.org](mailto:alumni@centralcatholicchs.org)  
 Registrations accepted at: [www.centralcatholicchs.org](http://www.centralcatholicchs.org)  
 or by mailing a check to CCC Attn. Alumni Association, 6550 Baxter Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44105

Saturday June 21, 2014  
4:00 – 10:00 pm

Registration by June 7  
\$10 per person



### Committee Members

Betty Bican '63 OLL; Marc'A Bickerstaff '12; Ted Bizon Jr '80;  
 Jerry Fasko '65 OLL; Diane Ginley '73; Marge Horvat '63 OLL;  
 Rock Sibits '84; John Simon '72; Bob Sledz '61 St. Stans;  
 Ingrid Sledz; Reggi Mack Tomek '77 and Aryn Young '12

## Save the Date!

# CCC 2014 Alumni & Friends Golf Outing

**Four-person scramble format.** The fee of \$90.00 per person includes golf, cart, beer, pop, lunch, dinner, gifts, contests and prizes. Last year we had a record 132 golfers so RSVP ASAP. If you don't have a foursome we will pair you up!

### Contact us by phone or email

RSVP Door-prize donations  
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Saturday June 14, 2014  
 Valleaire Golf Club, Hinckley Ohio  
 First time ever – 10:00 a.m. Shotgun Start!



2013 Golf Outing Winners: Nick Russo Sr., Nick Russo Jr., Paul Zajak and Ben Jonozzo. The senior Russo, 1971 alumnus, provided event sponsorship from R. S. Industries, Inc. for the 2013 golf outing.

# Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2014

## 5th Induction Ceremony April 27, 2014

### Founding School Inductees

Hugh Barrett 1953 Our Lady of Lourdes  
 Rich Nowak 1963 St. Stans  
 Paul Siedlecki 1962 St. John Cantius (deceased)  
 Stanley (Scott) Sikorski 1965 St. John Cantius  
 Joel Solomon 1968 Our Lady of Lourdes  
 Lenny Szymczak 1966 St. John Cantius  
 Buddy Ward 1953 St. Stans (deceased)

### Cleveland Central Catholic Inductees

Frank Caraballo 1981 CCC Baseball, Basketball  
 Rick Hairston 1980 CCC Football, Track  
 Jeff Kostyack 1981 CCC Football, Baseball, Basketball  
 Tim Morgan 1989 CCC Basketball, Football  
 Tony Philpott 1979 CCC Football, Wrestling  
 Ashley Piorkowski 2005 CCC Volleyball, Fast-pitch Softball  
 Jim Serluco 1978-93 CCC Basketball and Cross-country Coach  
 Bernie Sokolowski 1973 CCC Football, Baseball

## Recognition Dinner

### Awards Recognize Commitment to CCC

CCC's 2nd Annual Recognition Awards Night on November 16 commended individuals and groups who promote the mission of the school. In a Wasmer Ironman Center transformed with evening ambiance, a social reception preceded the awards presentation. While the Sisters of Notre Dame were recognized for corporate philanthropy, their ongoing service in the classroom was noted as well. Of the 46 known Sisters of Notre Dame who have taught at Central Catholic, 15 were able to be in attendance. The Third Federal Foundation co-sponsored the event, along with the

Alumni Association including co-chairs [Diane Thomas Ginley '73](#) and [Regina Mack Tomek '77](#).



ABOVE: Sisters of Notre Dame in attendance: Front: Sr. Karen Dolovacky, Sr. Annfrancis Demming, Sr. Loretta Pastva (Sr. Agnes Ann), Sr. Rochelle Walter; back: Sr. Virginia Turner, Sr. Seton Schlather, Sr. Susan Clark (Sr. Mary Carlyn), Sr. Nancy MacDermott (Sr. Mary Alvas), Sr. Mary Ann Baran, Sr. Carol Dikovitsy, Sr. Antoinette Krejsa, Sr. Laura Wingert, Sr. Allison Marie Gusdanovic, Sr. Kathleen Glavich and Sr. Helen Burdenski (Sr. Patricia). Honorees: Sr. Margaret Gorman, SND (for Sisters of Notre Dame, Outstanding Corporate Philanthropy), Lin Sinclair (Outstanding Faculty), Joe Killburg (Outstanding Faculty), [Marlene Piszczor Anielski '79](#) (Distinguished Alumna), [Marge Horvat '63 OLL](#) (Outstanding Volunteer), Patty and Frank Roddy (Outstanding Personal Philanthropy). Not pictured: Chris Lottig (Outstanding Faculty, one of three recently retired with 30-plus years of service) and Fairmount Minerals Foundation (Outstanding Foundation Philanthropy). LEFT TOP: President Leo Hyland recognizes State Representative [Marlene Piszczor Anielski '79](#), who spoke about Guardian Angels, an intervention established in memory of her son. LEFT BOTTOM: Representing both CCC and her religious community, Principal Sr. Allison Marie Gusdanovic, SND gives an invocation.

## Ironmen Items

### 1964 OLL

**John T. Piascik** and wife Linda are parents of Laurie Burrell, and David and Jeff Piascik. In 2012 they moved from Strongsville to Columbia, Tennessee to be near a granddaughter and to get away from the cold and snow. He is disabled but getting around all right. John hopes there is a 50th reunion so he can make the trip to Cleveland.



### 1969 St. Stans

**Cy Sulak** (right) came to see his old high school building during the CCC open house in October. His sister, Kathy Kosakowski Sulak, pictured left, attended Central Catholic for her freshman and sophomore years in '71 and '72.

### 1970

**Susan Kispal Havel** spent 43 years together with husband Rick before his passing in last December.

### 1979

**Deborah Ann Kaminski Gordon** retired from active duty military (USCG) after 22 years. She has been living in the Portland, Oregon area since 2002, with husband Kelly and children Taylor and Chad, working as a driver for Ride Connection, a non-profit that provides transportation for the elderly and disabled. She loves hearing from CCC alumni, and look forward to the Connection.

### Mary Rojek

has a degree in economics from the University of Chicago. She has also earned an M.A. in sociology.



### 1982

**Bruce R. Dumas** and spouse Layla have four children: Domonick, BJ, La-el and Shayla. He works as a senior center director.

**Michael Tulcewicz** attended Cleveland State University and majored in sociology/criminology and now works as a detective. His family includes wife Camille and children Jordan, Courtney, Mallory and Miranda.

### 1982

**Linda Pietrasz Sheehan** is married to Mike and works as a registered dental hygienist and attended Lorain County Community College.

### 1985

**Raymond C. Fischer** drives a truck for Cleveland Coca-Cola. He resides in Brookpark with wife Jennifer. Children are Emily and Ryan.

### 1993

**Andrew Dionne** has been featured on news and documentaries based at the Westside Market, where Dionne's Meats occupies stands B7, C7, C8 and C9. With pork, beef, poultry, deli products and a select line of fresh veal, he has been in business for over 10 years.



### 1995

**Tony Staniszewski** brought his daughter Abby to the October open house. He recalls studying photography at the Scranton Campus, and uses his skills to create an ongoing side job taking pictures of autos.



### 1997

**Franklin A. Stump** earned his doctorate and was certified in psychiatry in January 2012. Pictured above at an informal gathering: Dr. Lanny Hollis, **Milton Caraballo '97**, Frank Stump and **Tom Corrigan '97**. Dr. Hollis keeps connected to many alumni.

### 1999

**Clarissa Jackson** attended Wilmington College and lists spouse Michael Browne and children Mya Jackson and Isaiah Gooch in her family info.

### 2003

**Kenecia Streeter** attended Alabama State University, graduated with a major in computer science in 2012, and is now a programmer.

**David Woody** lists his job as Welcome House INC., where he assists with social services. He is inquiring about a reunion for the class of 2003. David visited former teachers at CCC on March 10, informing them of his upcoming baptism on Holy Saturday.

### 2005

**Sean Black** and his wife, Jen, welcomed their new addition Autumn Rose into the world on October 26, 2013, reports grandma **Carol Zagozan '79**.

**CharLee Taylor Sposit** is married to Tony Sposit and works in accounting and billing.

### 2010

**Ricardo Munoz** studies CNC machining at Cuyahoga Community College.

### 2011

**Molly Ulery** works as a patient care nursing assistant.

### 2012



**Mark Walsh-Frazier** attends Tri-C where he studies criminology. He visited Mrs. Tammy Sparks, pictured above, for assistance in updating his art portfolio.

### 2013



**Chanelle Dennard** and **Alyxis Bryant-Adams** came home as alumnae to

join in the student homecoming rally in Stefanski Stadium. As part of the Notre Dame College softball team, Alyxis plans travel to Florida to play this spring.

**Johnathan Acree** attends Central State University and majors in computer science.

### IN MEMORIAM

**Dale M. Lucas, '72** died in January at age 59, following a stroke in August of 2013. He is survived by five brothers (including **Frank '74**) and a godson whom he helped raise. A lover of all things electronic, as a kid he would take apart toys and other electric devices to see how they functioned. Following Electronic Technology Institute and ITT Technical School, he worked for the Burroughs Computer Corp. (now Unisys) learning more about computers, hardware and software workings. As a field service technician at the top of his department, new techs would call him for advice and training. On weekends he ran sound boards for the bands at the Phantasy nightclub in Lakewood.

**Leroy Booth, Jr., '96** passed away peacefully at home on Tuesday, January 7th. He is survived by his wife Nikki and their children McKaylee and MavRic and loving family members.

## Reunions

**HOLD YOUR REUNION AT CLEVELAND CENTRAL CATHOLIC!** Have you considered coordinating your reunion event with the 2014 Grand Reunion? Classes are encouraged to get together, reminisce and reconnect with old friends before attending the Grand Reunion held at Cleveland Central Catholic High School on June 21 from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. The Grand Reunion gives classes the chance to get together and take a trip down memory lane, whether their alma mater is Cleveland Central Catholic or any of its four founding schools. For more information on how to get your group going and coordinate it with the Grand Reunion, please contact the Director of Alumni Relations, Christopher Brewer at 216-441-4700 x 281 or BrewerChr@CentralCatholic.org.



## Upcoming Reunions

### 1964 / St. John Cantius

WHAT: 50th Class Reunion  
 WHEN: September 5, 2014  
 WHERE: 100th Bomb Group Restaurant on Brookpark Road  
 CONTACT: Carole Pianka Semuniak – cccc8576@aol.com or 440-263-3656

### 1964 / Our Lady of Lourdes

WHAT: 50th Class Reunion  
 WHEN: September 13, 2014  
 WHERE: Harry's Steakhouse on Brecksville Road  
 Contact: Mary Ann Sczerbowicz Manning - reunion1964@yahoo.com or 440-327-1335

## IN MEMORIAM, continued



**Chuck Pagan** passed away in March at age 69. A custodian at Cleveland Central Catholic for over 25 years, he maintained the Scranton campus until it

closed in 2003. He managed the transition from two campuses to one expanded facility at the current site until his retirement. Chuck is survived by his wife Charlene (nee Flores) of 48 years; sons Cary (Liane) and Marcel (Michelle); cherished grandchildren Maclain, Emylin, Allery, Jacob, Halle and Allyson. He was a U.S. Air Force Vietnam Veteran.

## Sokolowski's University Inn Wins Award

**The James Beard Foundation** named Sokolowski's University Inn one of its five 2014 "American Classics" recipients. The three siblings who own and manage the landmark Tremont cafeteria are loyal alum and supporters of Cleveland Central Catholic. The home-

cooked fare, their catering service and the facility have been a part of many CCC events and reunions.

The honor is given to locally owned businesses in existence for at least 10 years that reflect the hospitality and character of their communities.



BELOW: Siblings **Mary Balbier '76, Bernie Sokolowski '73, Mike Sokolowski '79** continue the tradition of their parents and grandparents who founded the original Polish family restaurant on the banks of the Cuyahoga River in 1923.





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## Calendar of Events

**Spring Choir and Band Concert at CCC**

**Thursday, May 8, 2014** 5:30 p.m. at St. Stans Social Center

**Graduation**

**Tuesday, June 3, 2014** St. Colman's Church

**Golf Outing**

**Saturday, June 14, 2014** 10:00 am at Valleaire Golf Club – Info on page 28

**Grand Reunion**

**Saturday, June 21, 2014** 4:00 to 10:00 p.m. at Cleveland Central Catholic

Watch [www.centralcatholics.org](http://www.centralcatholics.org) for updates

**SAVE THE DATES:**

Welcome Back Day	September 13
Homecoming	September 20
Polish Festival	October 4
	October 18

**Home Games**

Varsity Football vs John Hay
Varsity Football vs Vermillion
Varsity Football vs Warren JFK
Varsity Football St. Thomas Aquinas

**Incoming Class of 2019 – Scholarship/Placement Exam Dates**

(All tests are scholarship based) Parents and administrators Q&A during test times

Thursday, November 6, 2014 5:00 to 6:30 p.m.  
Thursday, November 20, 2014 5:00 to 6:30 p.m.  
Thursday, December 11, 2014 5:00 to 6:30 p.m.  
Tuesday, January 6, 2015 5:00 to 6:30 p.m.

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