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“Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire.”

William Butler Yeats

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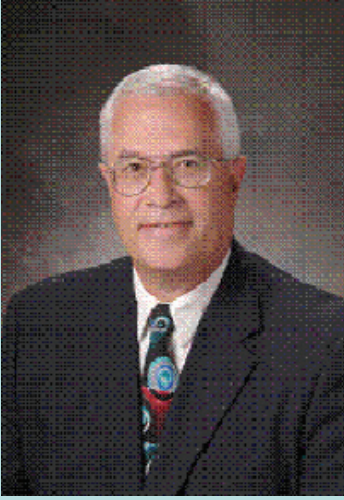
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Message from the PRESIDENT



*“Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.”
Psalm 95:2*

Dear Alumni, Parents and Friends of Lima Central Catholic:

This verse from Psalms best sums up the January 14 blessing of the Our Lady of Ephesus Chapel at Lima Central Catholic. It was a special day, to say the least, when our new bishop, Bishop Daniel Thomas, blessed the chapel. The day was truly one of thanksgiving for our school students and community. Approximately twelve years ago, LCC looked to build a new chapel as part of its Capital Campaign. Unfortunately the chapel was never built, yet the dream continued. Three years ago the idea of a larger chapel was rekindled and on January 14 it became a reality.

There are many individuals and groups to thank for making the new chapel a reality. The American Society of Ephesus and the George B. Quatman Foundation provided the financial support necessary. The family of Evelyn Quatman, the entire Quatman Family as well as Tony and Bill Quatman were so instrumental with their support.

Beginning with the Class of 1959 and continuing with other LCC classes, additional funds have been raised for the stained glass windows that will be in the chapel. Other windows have been purchased by the Serra Club, Bob and Margaret Whitlatch, and the artist and designer of the windows, Tom Cullen.

I also want to thank my staff who has worked so hard on this endeavor as well as alumni Jamey Skinner and Chris Garlock. It truly took a team effort but now the students and alumni have a special area to come and spend time with the Lord.

I want to share with you how the chapel is being used. The day after the blessing, a senior student asked for a pass from study hall to spend time in the chapel. Later during the period, I found the student quietly kneeling before the Blessed Sacrament in prayer. When I talked to the student later in the day, she told me this was the most important thing that has ever happened at LCC. Each day, additional students, staff and athletic teams are making their way to the chapel to spend a few minutes with Christ. In time, it would be my hope that a chaplain will be assigned to LCC and daily Mass will return as part of our school day. Please pray for LCC and our Bishop that our school will soon have that chaplain in place.

Finally, when you are in the LCC neighborhood, please stop in and see for yourself the Our Lady of Ephesus Chapel. Our alumni and friends are always welcome. Please keep our students and staff in your prayers and may Christ continue to bless LCC and all those who support us.

Yours in Catholic Education,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Walt Klimaski". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Walt Klimaski
President

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ON THE COVER: Shortly after being installed as the new Bishop of the Diocese of Toledo, Bishop Daniel Thomas made his first visit to Lima for a Vesper service at St. Gerard Church. It was followed by a dinner in the rectory served by Lima Central Catholic seniors: Jessica Armstrong, Garret Thomas, Luke Buettner, Liz Taflinger, Josh Tidd, and Amanda Fisher. Thank you to Michael Ayers '84 for enhancing this photo.

ADMINISTRATION

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Stephanie Williams, '98, Guidance
Bob Whitlatch, '69, Development Director
Ron Williams, '82, Athletic Director

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MISSION STATEMENT

Lima Central Catholic High School educates students to grow in their Roman Catholic faith, pursue Academic excellence, and become Disciples of Christ who respond to God's call.

Lima Central Catholic High School Predecessor Schools

St. Gerard High School (1935-1957)

St. John High School (1895-1956)

St. Rose High School (1901-1956)

Our Lady of Ephesus Chapel

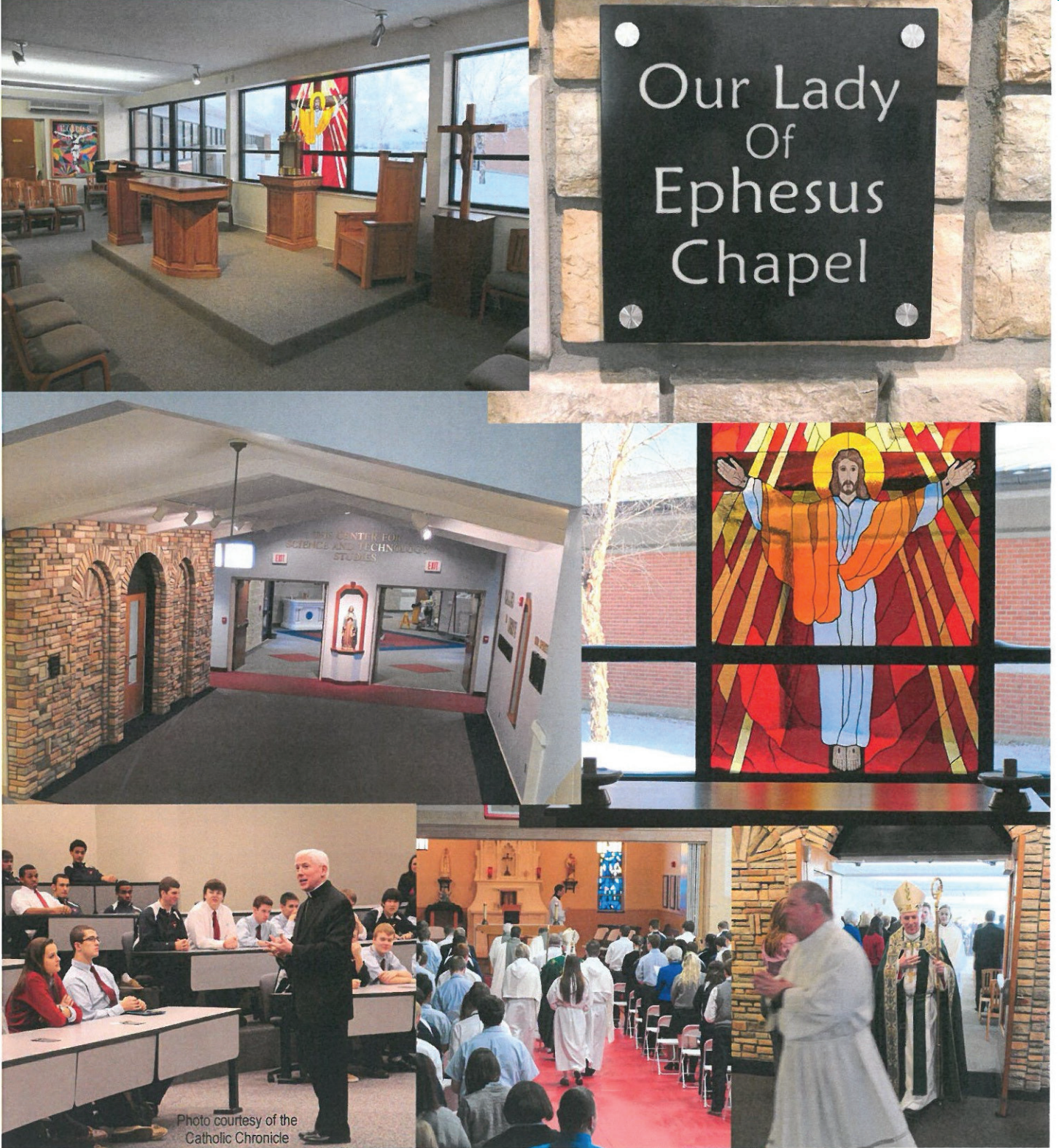


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Catholic Chronicle

The new Our Lady of Ephesus Chapel was blessed by Bishop Daniel E. Thomas on January 14, 2015. The Bishop celebrated Mass in the gym with the entire student body and a solemn ceremony was held in the chapel proper. Many of our alumni and benefactors were present. Afterward, Bishop Thomas engaged in a lively 45-minute question and answer period with the seni class. Our thanks go out to the American Society of Ephesus and the Quatman family for their encouragement and assistance this project. When fully completed, the chapel will feature a wall of beautiful stained glass windows by Tom Cullen, Class of 1969.

Development Dialogue

I hope all members of the Lima Central Catholic Family enjoyed a peaceful and blessed holiday season. Christmas break for our students, faculty and staff started with the official end of the first semester on December 22 and classes resumed on January 5. As incredible as it sounds, the bulk of the school year is now behind us! Warm weather is returning and graduation for the great class of 2015 looms on the horizon.

The 2014-2015 Annual Fund got off to a great start in late September. As of December 31, half way through the 2014-2015 fiscal year, we have reached 66% of our goal of \$225,000. Your generosity is most appreciated! A contribution envelope is bound into this magazine for your convenience if you have not yet sent in your donation. Your gift will allow us to enhance our academic programs, provide meaningful religious events for our students, support tuition assistance programs and enhance technology throughout the school.



Another way you can provide for the future of Lima Central Catholic is through planned giving. A charitable bequest is the most popular and enduring planned gift. Bequests are a favorite with donors because they provide the opportunity to leave a lasting legacy while retaining full use of your property during your lifetime. You simply determine an amount, a percentage, or a specific real or personal asset you wish to give from your estate. You may use this sample bequest language in your will:

"I give, bequeath and devise to Lima Central Catholic High School (or the Lima Central Catholic Educational Foundation) the sum of \$ _____ (or a specific asset or _____ percentage of my estate)."

Of course, you should consult with your financial and legal advisors when making any planned gift. There are many other ways to provide for our school after your death. I will provide additional suggestions for planned giving in future issues of **LCC TODAY**.

Finally, at long last the biography of Father Herr entitled *A Priest of All Seasons*, written by Alice Link and first published in 1995, is back in print. Please see page 14 for a discussion of the book and learn how to order your own copy. The wonderful Foreword to this new edition by Bob Seggerson is not to be missed.

Bob

Best wishes and Fly High, T-Birds!
Bob Whitlatch, Development Director
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Kairos Retreat

Our Senior class attended their Kairos retreat at the Maria Stein Retreat Center on November 17-20. The term "Kairos" is Greek for "God's time". Kairos has been the senior retreat chosen by the school since 2014. The retreat gives seniors an opportunity to experience where Christ currently is in their lives and where he will be in their later lives. The Kairos experience is held away from LCC and is a 4 day, 3 night retreat. It is facilitated by student leaders under the direction of an adult team. This year's Senior Rectors were Sydney Zerante, and Ben Laderer. Twenty Juniors also attended the retreat and will serve as student leaders for the Class of 2016 Kairos Retreat.

Lima Central Catholic *in sports*

- ~ Our boy's golf team finished fifth in the D-III state tournament.
- ~ Our girls' soccer team finished second in the new Western Ohio Soccer League. Sydney Santaguida was named to the All-League First Team, Northwest Ohio District Player of the Year and First Team All-State. Tatum Wise made the All-District Second Team and was named WOSL Defensive Player of the Year. Liz Taflinger and Cameron Rice received Honorable Mention. Coach Mike Santaguida was the Northwest Ohio District Private School Coach of the year.
- ~ The boy's soccer team won the WOSL league title with an undefeated record and went 10-4-2 overall. Garry Tabler was voted Coach of the Year and Alberto Bessone and Ryan Recker were both named to the All-League First Team; Second Team selections were Stephen Taflinger, Joey Eisele, Rogelio Flores and goalie Kyle Smith. Luke Buettner and Jake Tabler received Honorable Mention.
- ~ Our girls' golf team won their sectional championship. Senior golfer Jessica Armstrong, one of our students named a Scholar-Athlete of the Week, was also awarded the Honda-OSU Math Medal.
- ~ In girl's tennis, Seniors Kacey Bradshaw and Emily Janowski had fantastic seasons: Kacy had a winning season in the first singles spot and Emily finished 13-2 in the second singles spot.
- ~ The football team rode a 4-game winning streak to finish 8-2 and won a spot in the playoffs.
- ~ The T-Bird girl's volleyball team finished the season at 13-11. Casey Clark was voted First-Team All District and played in the district all-star game.
- ~ In Cross Country competition, three T-Bird runners advanced to the regional tournament: Seniors Alex Rigg and Sean Currens and Freshman Emily Sreenan. Emily and Alex progressed to the state tourney, where Alex finished 14th and Emily placed 9th. Both were named to the All-Ohio Cross Country Team and Alex to the Academic All-Ohio Cross Country Team.



LCC wins Tip-Off Classic

By Tom Usher
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ELIDA — Lima Central Catholic came out and delivered a message. Yes, the T-Birds won the state title last season, but there's still plenty of firepower on this year's squad. LCC used its rebounding and running game to run past Shawnee 69-58 in the finals of the Tip-Off Classic Saturday at the Elida Fieldhouse. In the 26th Tip-off, LCC has won 10 Tip-Off Classics, including two in a row. Elida has won nine Tip-Offs. "We want this to be the first of many championships, sectional, district, regional, and hopefully, another state title," LCC's Jake Williams said. For LCC, Dantez Walton led the way with 23 points and 10 rebounds. Williams had 13 points and 14 rebounds. Tre Cobbs scored 14. All three T-Birds made the all-tournament team, with Bath's Andrew Renner and Shawnee's Jaden O'Neal. The only down side for the T-Birds was they led by 25 in the third quarter and by 20, 56-36, early in the fourth quarter. Shawnee's Jaden O'Neal helped bring his team back to within nine, 62-53, with 3:25 left. Walton then hit a 10-footer and Ethan O'Connor hit a driving layup and that was close as Shawnee would get. "We sent the message that we're better than people think we're going to be," Williams said. "I think a lot of people

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- ~ Our boy's basketball season got off to an auspicious start in early December with the T-Birds downing Shawnee 69-58 in the final of the 26th annual Tip-Off Classic Tournament. It was LCC's tenth Tip-Off crown. The Birds beat Bath in the preliminary round, 62-42.



- ~ Winning one state championship in a school year is a dream only a few schools realize. Winning two is extraordinary, but we did it! LCC won its second boys state basketball championship in March and ten weeks later our boys track team became the D-III state champs. This double play was named the top local sports story of 2014 by Lima News sportswriter Jim Naveau.

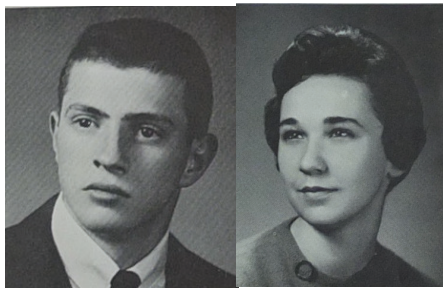
about our Alumni



The Arts Advocacy Collaboration of West Central Ohio recently honored LCC benefactor and Hall of Fame member **BEVERLY HAWK** the 2014 Philanthropist of the Year and **TEKLA MITCHELL MURPHY** LCC '65 as the 2014 Creator of the Year.



SISTER MARY ALICE STEIN Class of 1959, was inducted into the Carroll High School (Dayton) Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame. Sister Mary Alice was honored for her many years of service to the school: she was an English and Latin teacher for 43 years (1967-2010).

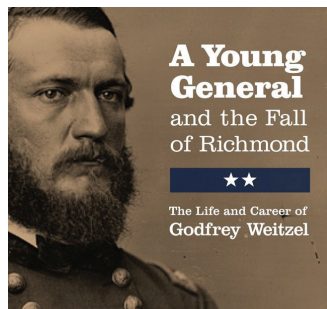


TONY SARNO & LINDA BECK SARNO, class of 1961, the first LCC class to graduate from the current LCC high school building on South Cable Rd. Tony has the distinction of going to school in every Catholic school

building in Lima: grades 1 and 2 at St. John School; grades 3, 4, 5 and 6 at St. Rose School; grades 7 and 8 at St. Charles School; Freshman year at St. Gerard; Sophomore and Junior years at St. Rose; Senior year in the brand new LCC building on South Cable Rd. Tony is still in the insurance business at Webb Insurance Co. and Janet is retired.



BOB FITZGERALD, class of 1975, is an attorney and senior partner in the firm of Fitzgerald, Reese & Van Dyne Co. in downtown Lima. Bob is a Fellow of the Ohio State Bar Foundation and active in the Lima Community, serving on the boards of several civic organizations.



BILL QUATMAN, Class of 1976, an architect and attorney in Kansas City, MO, recently published a book entitled *A Young General and the Fall of Richmond, The Life and Career of Godfrey Weitzel*. The book, released in February, 2015, traces the life of a young German immigrant, Godfrey Weitzel (1835-1884), who grew up in

Cincinnati and was appointed to West Point at the age of 14, where he graduated second in his class. For more information about Bill's book please visit: <http://ohioswallow.com/book/A+Young+General+and+the%20A0Fall%20A0of+Richmond>



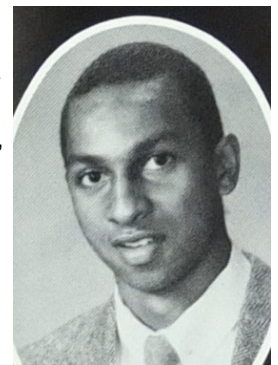
MATT HUFFMAN, Class of 1978 recently finished his fourth term in the Ohio House of Representatives. During his tenure there he served as the House Speaker Pro Tempore and House Majority Leader. His previous public service includes Lima City Council 4th Ward representative for six years and City Council President from 1998-2006. He is an attorney in the Lima firm of Huffman, Kelley, Brock and Gottschalk, LLC.



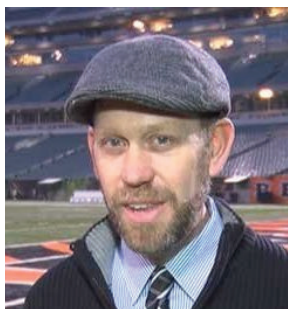
STEVE SCHERGER, class of 1982, of Atlanta, Georgia, was recently named CFO of Graphic Packaging International.

MICHAEL POTTS, Class of 1985, is an FBI Special Agent assigned to the Washington Field Office as a fixed-wing and helicopter pilot. He learned to fly at the Lima-Allen County Airport while in high school. He flies surveillance missions, SWAT hits and other miscellaneous tasks requiring aviation support, including missions involving international and domestic terrorism, espionage, public corruption and criminal cases. Early in his career he was assigned espionage investigations and foreign counterintelligence matters.

The highlight of his career as an FBI pilot was the day he was assigned to fly FBI Director Robert Mueller from Washington to field offices in Norfolk and Richmond. He first worked in law enforcement as an Ohio State Highway Patrol Trooper. He has a B.S. from Tuskegee University (Accounting) and an M.S. from Central Michigan University (Administration).



Let us hear from you. Email your information and photo to bwhitlatch@apps.lcchs.edu.



TOM NARTKER, Class of 1987, is currently the Sport Director at KPLC-TV (Raycom Media), Lake Charles, Louisiana. He was formerly a Sports Reporter/Anchor at WTLW TV44 in Lima and a News & Sports Reporter/Multimedia Journalist at WLIO TV, also in Lima. He worked as a Reporter/Multimedia Journalist at Fox 19 WXIX-TV in Cincinnati

before moving to Lake Charles.

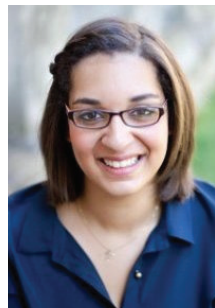


DAVID ENTINGHE, Class of 2003, is a model with the Ford Agency, the most recognized and respected agency in the fashion industry. He lives in Chicago and works on assignments around the world. David, a graduate of Ohio Northern University where he played football and was on the swim team, is grateful for the sacrifices his parents made to send him to Catholic schools and appreciates every day

the values instilled in him at St. Charles and LCC. He believes in giving back and is very supportive of LCC and many other charitable organizations. David is married to Elizabeth Rudolph, Shawnee High School graduate and CPA, a mergers and acquisitions executive.



JEN CHENEY TIPPLE, Class of 1997, was recently promoted to the position of Finance Executive at Artina Promotional Products, a certified woman-owned business in Columbus, Ohio. She is responsible for all financial needs of the company including billing, accounts payable and accounts receivable. Jen and husband Brad live in Grandview.



LAUREN THOMAS, Class of 2008, is an Academic Advisor in the Psychological and Brain Sciences Department at the College of Arts and Sciences, Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana. She has a B.S. in Communication Studies from Ball State University and an M.S. in Education Policy and Leadership: College Student Personal Administration from Marquette University.



"My name is **GWEN WALKER**, (on the right) and Barb Schmiedebusch is my mom. I graduated from LCC in 2001, and am currently living in Albuquerque, NM, where I work as a Sales Development Representative for Whirlpool Corporation. I've been with Whirlpool in Albuquerque for 9 years. I'm also President of the Albuquerque Road Runners and founder of the ABQ Sole Sisters, a competitive group of women runners based in New Mexico. **MARCIE AHMAN FLACK**, (on the left) Class of 1997 lives in Albuquerque as well, and is part of the same running groups. In 2013 Marcie opened a dental practice in Albuquerque and she lives with her husband and 4 children. The two of us run races and overnight long distance relay races together in our free time. Sometimes we even get our hubbies and kids out there running with us!



DANIELLE TAFLINGER, Class of 2010, was recently named the University of Findlay's 2014 Female Athlete of the Year. Danielle started and played in every volleyball game in her four-year career at Findlay. For her senior season, she was named first team all-GLIAC, first team all-region and NCAA honorable mention All-American. She ended her Findlay career as the school's leader in hitting percentage at .347, she finished

eighth on the all-time kill list with 1,118 kills and fourth on the all-time list in blocks with 400. Danielle graduated from Findlay in May, 2014, with a degree in Intervention Specialist Education.



MAX ODUM, Class of 2013, is a junior at The Ohio State University, and will graduate one year early thanks to classes taken at LCC as part of our College on Campus program. Max is an International Affairs major with a specialization in Security Intelligence and in minoring in Russian and Political Science. He is hopeful of obtaining a summer internship in Washington D.C.

Alumni *personal stories*



Amber Garlock served as a Peace Corps business development volunteer in Burkina Faso, a country in West Africa, from October 2012 to November 2014. A member of the LCC Class of 2004 and a graduate of The Ohio State University, she made a difference helping women build and maintain a community garden that improved their income and nutrition. Here Amber explains the project and how it impacted lives in the community.

“Eighteen members of a women’s association in Linoghin, Burkina Faso, requested Peace Corps assistance in creating a new income-generating activity to increase their financial independence and raise money for themselves and their families. After we conducted a needs assessment during my first three months in service, the association decided to establish a communal garden in the dry season. The garden focused on two main issues: to provide revenue for the participants and to provide better access to nutritious vegetables.”

“In conjunction with local political leaders and the head of village development, the women’s association secured land and a water source for the garden. We were gifted a tenth of a hectare plot by the mayor’s office and started the composting process shortly after, in December 2013. The women elected a president of the garden, who served as the main point of contact and arranged a watering schedule. Together, we applied for

a West African Food Security Partnership grant to provide fencing, barbed wire to protect the produce, seeds, and other monetary funds for start-up costs. The association was responsible for the construction of the garden, technical knowledge, labor, upkeep, and management. From December to March 2013 the association grew okra, tomatoes, green peppers, beans, and onions for consumption and to sell at the local market.”

“Host country counterparts, including members of the association and government health employees, led four business and nutrition courses for the women’s association. I used my role as a volunteer to facilitate business and gardening courses and applied for a small grant through the USAID Feed the Future Initiative to help offset some of the start-up costs. Through a series of follow-up discussions, five women successfully implemented new accounting techniques and all eighteen used the vegetables grown in the garden to feed their families.”

“I was incredibly excited to see the amount of motivation displayed by the women that contributed to the garden project. All of the participants used vegetables grown in their gardens to feed their families and also earned a small amount of revenue from selling the produce in the local market. Burkina Faso is a poor and food-insecure country, so to be able to assist in a project that not only has nutritional and health benefits, but aids in the financial independence and self-sufficiency of rural women has been rewarding.”

“Due to the success of last year’s garden, the women’s association has already begun garden preparation for the upcoming dry season. The women are going to focus their efforts on growing tomatoes, green peppers, onions, and eggplants. We invited local agricultural agents to lead a three-day course on seed preparation in November 2014. The participants of this project are now involved in a sustainable income generating activity that will provide lasting revenue and nutritional benefits to the community.”





A STORY OF GENEROSITY

For years the Veterans Food Pantry operated out of space provided by the county in Memorial Hall. Unfortunately, due to structural issues with the century-old building, the pantry had to relocate. Suitable space proved hard to find until John Heaphy, Class of 1978, stepped up and offered one of his properties. John is the founder and President of Good Food Hospitality Management and operates the Happy Daz and Beer Barrel restaurants as well as the corporate flagship Old City Prime restaurant in downtown Lima. The space the food pantry will occupy is the former Q Smokin' BBQ and Fixin's restaurant in the 800 block of W. North St, across from St. Rita's Medical Center, which closed in April, 2014.

The announcement was made in front of the new facility by Heaphy and Kay Sellers, President of the Blue Star Mothers. The building provides the food pantry everything they needed to operate, such as parking, wheelchair accessibility, ample space and a walk-in cooler. "It is just so evident how passionate they are about it and how much of a need there really is for this," said John. "As a company, we just feel blessed to give back and help them, help the veterans." An opening ceremony was held on February 4, 2015.

John was inducted into the LCC Hall of Fame this year for his Community Service.

THREE CLASSMATES AND THE GIFT OF LIFE

John Venturella, Class of 1968, got the bad news from his doctors in September, 2013: his kidney function was at a dangerously low level, just 15%, due to damage caused by high blood pressure. Reluctant to ask anyone to donate a kidney, the senior owner of the popular Casa Lu Al Restaurant assumed that he would be a dialysis patient for the rest of his life. This was the poorest of the three options available to him. A live donor kidney could last a patient in his early sixties 20 to 30 years, a kidney from a deceased donor 7 to 11 years, and dialysis would likely be effective only 5 to 7 years. Then his wife, Diana, posted John's plight on the LCC Class of 1968's Facebook page. Several people immediately volunteered to be tested as a potential donor for him, including classmates Pat *Shanahan* Black and Barb Moening. Even Lima Mayor Dave Berger volunteered to be tested. Pat, a retired R.N., knew the drawbacks of the dialysis option and stressed the importance of the live donor option to John. Initial blood tests indicated that both women were a good match for him. Since Pat was the marginally better candidate, she went to U.C. Health in Cincinnati for a day-long evaluation, passed with flying colors and became the designated donor; Barb has been jokingly known as "Plan B" ever since.

The transplant surgeries took place on October 15, 2014, and utilized 2 separate surgical teams. Barb was there and kept everyone back home up to date via text message and email. Everything went well and John is rapidly returning to his old self. Both John and Pat's first question in the recovery room was about the well-being of the other.

Today, everyone involved is a strong proponent of organ donation and proper hydration, and realize the importance of giving back to your community and paying it forward. John will always be amazed at the outpouring of support from the Lima Central Catholic community, including the large turnout at a prayer service for him held at school by the Class of '68 before he went to Cincinnati. "It's a humbling experience to have that many people rally around you," said John.



Pat, John & Barb

Ever the gregarious restaurateur, John jokes that he plans to really celebrate St. Patrick's Day this year with his new Irish kidney.

Tradition at Lima Central Catholic



Homecoming Queen, A Family Tradition

One of our great annual school traditions is the crowning of the homecoming queen at a football game each fall, chosen by vote of the student body. This year's Lima Central Catholic Homecoming Queen was Senior Sydney Santaguida, (top left) Class of 2015. Interestingly, Sydney is not the first homecoming queen in her family. Her grandmother Linda Funni Santaguida, (top right) Class of 1969 was the 1968 homecoming queen...and Linda's sister Sharon Funni Reaman, (bottom left, Class of 1965, was the 1964 homecoming queen. Just one year after her selection, Sharon had the honor of crowning the 1965 homecoming queen, her first cousin, Peggy Flick Bockrath, (bottom right) Class of 1966. All amazing LCC women!

Lima Central Catholic has a long history of welcoming former students back as teachers and members of the staff. Currently there are 21 alumni employed at LCC:

Joan Penn Casey, Class of 1965, Food Service Specialist, 1 year;

Liesel Bonifas DePalma, Class of 1986, Intervention Specialist and former teacher, 23 years;

Cami (Cameron) Neumeier Jacobs, Class of 1997, Director of Finance and Operations, 3 years;

Rosemarie Petrilla Dickman, Class of 1973, Guidance Office Secretary, DASL/Progress Book Administrator, 21 years;

Jeremy Krieg, Class of 2004, Teacher, 1 year;

Lori Fleischman McLean, Class of 1981, Food Service Manager, 8 years;

Vickie Stolly Moening, Class of 1975; Bookstore Manager, 15 years.

Dr. Rosalyn Liston, St. John High School 1954, Teacher, 16 years.

Kim Cygan Page, Class of 1974, Business Office Secretary, 22 years;

Ginny Lamantia Raymond, Class of 1959, Study Hall Supervisor, 1 year;

Susan Quinn Ricker, Class of 1964, Athletics/Volunteer Coordinator, 33 years;

Karen Cheney Roberts, Class of 1975, Development Office Data Manager, 5 years;

Nan Root Rogers, Class of 1974, Receptionist, 18 years;

Barb Swick Schmiedebusch, Class of 1975, Dean of Students and former Teacher, 21 years;

Mike Thompson, Class of 1995, Teacher, 5 years;

Chris O'Connor Torres, Class of 1976; Food Service Specialist, 3.5 years;

Stephanie Drotar Watkins, Class of 1987, Athletic Secretary/Asst. A.D., 4 years;

Bob Whitlatch, Class of 1969, Development Director and former Teacher, 6 years;

Dona Guagenti Williams, Class of 1986, Business Office Secretary, 3 years;

Ron Williams, Class of 1982, Athletic Director, 5 years;

Stephanie Hoehn Williams, Class of 1998, Director of Guidance and former Teacher, 9 years.

Kristin Kayatin Wilson, Class of 2000, Cafeteria, a new employee.



In addition to the positions listed here, many of these individuals have performed years of volunteer service to the school as coaches and parents of students. Many are the children and/or grandchildren of LCC or Lima Catholic school graduates. Their dedication and commitment to Catholic education helps provide and maintain the unique culture of Lima Central Catholic. Thanks to all!

Kudos

On September 12, 2014, the LCC football team travelled to Edgerton for a game. The T-Birds were victorious that evening and several days later our Athletic Director Ron Williams received this email:

“Ron - I am the secretary here at Edgerton Elementary and I just wanted to share with you how amazing your school and parents are. We had a fundraiser going on during the game to support one of our 5th graders who has cancer and your fans bought several hundred dollars worth of the bracelets they were selling. What makes my heart happy the most is that your school is far away and you probably have not heard of Chloe’s cancer, but your school and parents have a huge compassion for others. You have truly humbled our school by your generosity. Thanks again for having such a great school and fans. Heather”

Shortly after Thanksgiving, Austin Brackman, a high school student and state-caliber golfer from Minster, was struck and killed by an automobile. Six members of our golf team, Liam Stolly, Weston Young, James Riepenhoff, Jim Thatcher, Collin Hennon and Ian Friesner, attended the funeral. Several days later this letter came in the mail:

“Dr. Herpich and Coach Howe: My name is Wes Farno and I am the father of four Minster Wildcats. Yesterday I attended the funeral of Austin Brackman who was a senior at the school and a member of our golf team. I wanted to take a minute to commend your leadership in raising and developing true student athletes. I sat behind several members of the LCC golf team, each dressed in their LCC golf attire. I am not sure if these young men were friends of Austin or not, but their presence at his funeral mass did not go unnoticed. I want to personally thank each of you and their parents for allowing them to attend his funeral. As you know, when small communities face a tragedy like Austin’s death, it is felt by the entire community. Knowing that young men outside of our community are willing to take time from their day to attend the funeral mass of a fellow golfer speaks volumes for the type of people they are. I wish them the best of luck in their future endeavors and please know LCC will always have a soft spot in my heart. Best, Wes Farno.”



Honor Society Induction

The following juniors and seniors were inducted into the Thunderbird Chapter of the National Honor Society on November 5, 2014:

Senior inductees: Alexander Rigg, Joshua Tidd, Sydney Zerante.

Junior inductees: Abigail Acerro, Shelby Armstrong, Margaret Brodbeck, Ellie Cecala, Emily Clements, Rachel Crites, Garrett Dee, Elizabeth Hanna, Mitchell Hoffman, Logan Korzan, Jacob Loughrin, Samuel Meredith, Abigail Neville, Alexandria Patterson, Morgan Schroeder, Samantha Stechschulte, Abigail Tabler, Shelby Young.

Senior members: Darrell Allman, Jessica Armstrong, Kacey Bradshaw, Luke Buettner, Madison Butts, Casey Clark, Amanda Fisher, Emilia Heider,

Jack Huffman, Emily Janowski, Alexander Krudel, Natalie Patricio-Agosto, James Riepenhoff, Robert Sarno, Vincent Schreck, Taylor Shultz, Samantha Stallkamp, Olivia Stanley, Garrett Thomas, Tatum Wise.

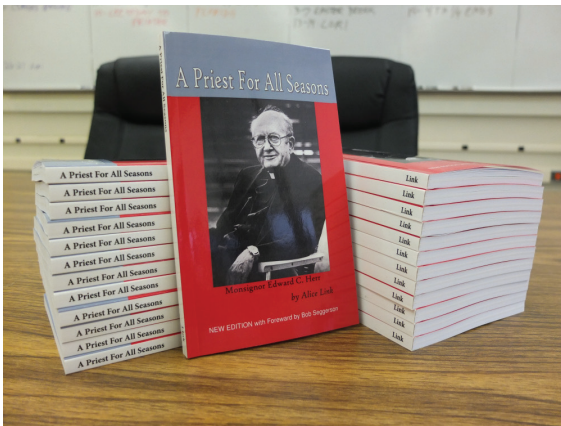
The officers for the Thunderbird Chapter are Madison Butts (President), Emily Janowski (Vice President), and Natalie Patricio-Agosto (Secretary-Treasurer). Mrs. Barbara Schmiedebusch is the chapter Advisor.

A reception for the students and their parents was held immediately after the ceremony.

News from *South Cable Road*

Kudos to the Math Department

In November, Emily Clements and Alberto Bessone won cash prizes for scoring in the top 15 of the Bluffton University Math Contest. Also, several of our students scored well in recent Catholic Math League Contests: Jessica Armstrong, Natalie Patricia-Agosto, Emily Clements, Logan Korzan, Madison Stolly, Victoria Jiang, Ava Nieman, Cameron Peterson, Vincent Schreck and Garrett Thomas. And Emily Clements, Alberto Bessone, Alex Krudel, Vincent Schreck, Jessica Armstrong, Abby Tabler, Alex Kim, Samantha Stallkamp, Darrell Allman, Thomas Williams, Atticus Williams, Shannon Daley, Logan Korzan, Ryan Rhodes and Jacob Williams all placed well in recent Ohio Math League Contests.



A PRIEST FOR ALL SEASONS, the biography of Father Herr, is back in print after 20 years. First published by Alice Link in 1995, this book details Father Herr's life and the early days of Lima Central Catholic. The new edition includes a Foreword by Bob Seggerson and Introduction by Bob Whitlatch. It is on sale in the LCC Bookstore and the Business Office for \$10.00. You can order your copy by mail for \$10.00 plus \$3.00 postage (\$13.00); send your check to Father Herr Book, c/o LCCHS, 720 S. Cable Rd., Lima, OH 45805. We thank the author's children, Robert Link, Class of 1961, Carole Kimmel, Class of 1965, and Karl Link, Class of 1969, for allowing us to republish their mother's work. It would make a wonderful gift!



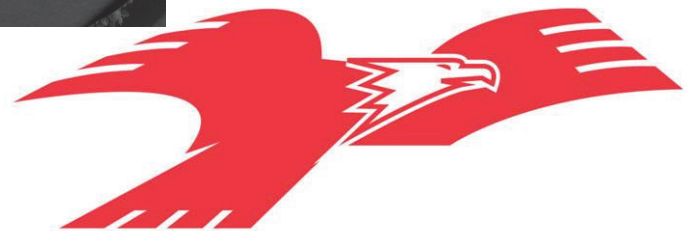
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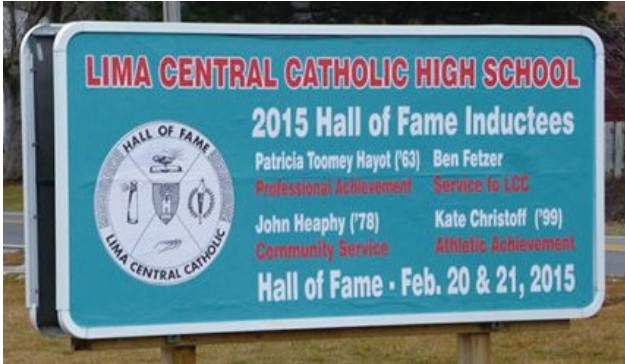
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In the **Future**

March 3-7, 2015 ~ Lima Central Catholic Spring Break

March 22, 2015 ~ LCC Alumni Gathering in Cincinnati (our first Alumni Chapter!)

April 11, 2015 ~ School Auction "Bid for our Kids" ~ St. Charles and Lima Central Catholic are coming together for this auction to be held in the Msgr. E. C. Herr Gymnasium at LCC. To reserve a table, donate an item, or become an auction sponsor contact: Cami Jacobs at cjacobs@apps.lcchs.edu ~ Kaille Dieringer at dieringerk@limacatholic.org ~ Bob Whitlatch at bwhitlatch@apps.lcchs.edu or call 419-222-4276.

May 9, 2015 ~ Graduation

September 18-19, 2015 ~ LCC Alumni Weekend, 1965 50th Class Reunion and 1975 40th Class Reunion.

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