

Rivet High School 2023 Homecoming



THE LEGACY

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A Note From the CEF President

TAMMY CATT

It's the season of Spring! We wake up to the vibrant hues of trees and flowers, picturesque fields with crops beginning to grow, stunning sunrises and sunsets painting the landscape, and warm air beckoning us to embrace the outdoors. Nature blooms around us, showcasing its beauty and splendor.

Spring also signifies the winding down of another academic year in our schools. It's a thrilling time, blending ongoing academic pursuits with the excitement of spring break, dances, end-of-year celebrations, and, for the class of 2024, graduation. During this period, school halls buzz with renewed energy, laughter, and hallway conversations as plans unfold for the various activities that accompany the final months of the academic journey.

As a child, I eagerly anticipated the arrival of spring each year and hold fond memories of it. At the beginning of every school year, spring seemed distant, but as an adult, time appears to speed up. It's easy to be engulfed by life's responsibilities and forget to pause, observe, and appreciate the many gifts of spring. My prayer is that each of us can relish spring like we did as children – smelling the flowers, listening to the birds, observing the fields grow, watching a caterpillar cross the sidewalk, and enjoying the outdoors with family and friends.

While we enjoy this season, let's keep our students, teachers, and staff in our prayers as they diligently work towards concluding the school year. Additionally, let's acknowledge the achievements of the class of 2024 as they prepare to wrap up this chapter of their life story and embark on the next. May each of them find success in pursuing their dreams and carry forward the academic and spiritual lessons learned as members of the Vincennes Catholic School family, a bond that remains regardless of where their next chapter takes them.

In conclusion, take a moment to acknowledge this incredible season, savor each day, and reflect with gratitude on the numerous blessings that spring brings. God bless each one of you, and THANK YOU for being a part of the Christian Educational Foundation and Vincennes Catholic School family.



CEF President

2024 CEF UPCOMING EVENTS:

Golf Scramble — May 10

Rendezvous Food Booth — May 25 & 26

Fair Food Booth — July 12-19

Germanfest — August 9 & 10

Fall Gathering — September 21

Mega Event — November 3

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Office Hours:

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday (Closed Tues)
8:00am - 3:00pm (closed for lunch 11:00-11:30am)

CEF Meetings: 1st Monday of the month - 6:00pm

CEF holds monthly board meetings the first Monday of each month at 6:00pm. All are welcome to attend. The office is located inside the "Old Catholic School" across the parking lot from Rivet. Come and join us in our support of our Vincennes Catholic Schools!



Like us on Facebook to keep up to date on our events & so much more!

CONGRATULATIONS



COVER PHOTOS

2023 Homecoming Court: Kaydee Mischler, Ella Benson, Reese McBee, Allyson Hensley, Anna Herman, Mitchell Earley, Mason Trent, Jayson Slaughter, Isaac Kotter, Parker Steinger

2023 Homecoming King & Queen:
Mitchell Earley & Anna Herman
Mitchel is the son of Grant & Maria Earley.
Anna is the daughter of Eric & Katie Herman.



TEACHER

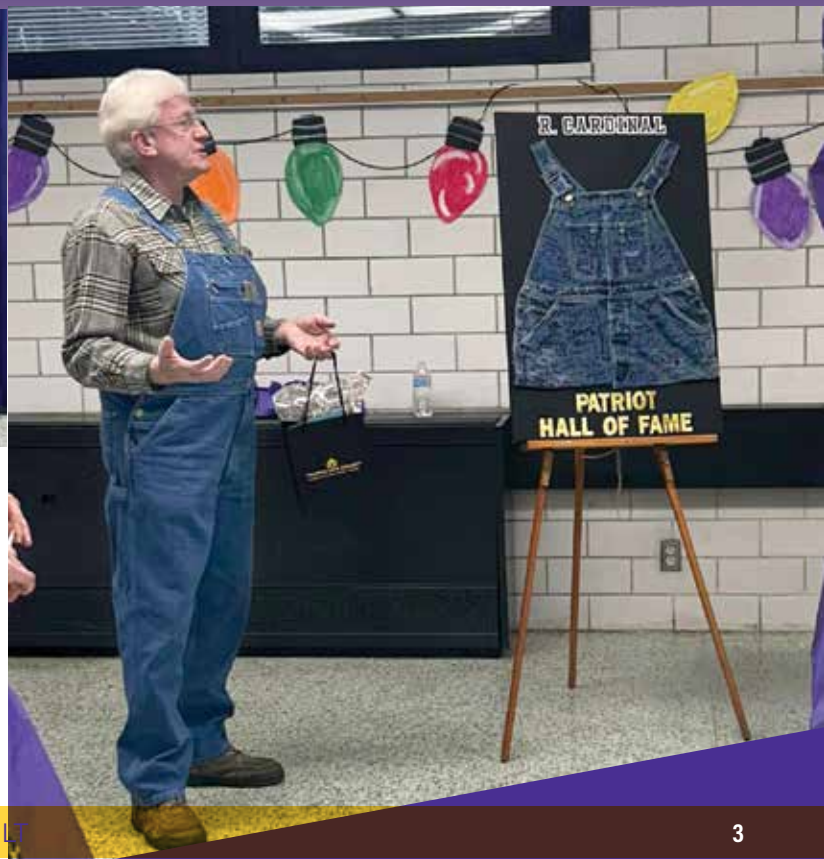
Beverly Adams – Knox County Chamber of Commerce
December 2023 Superstar Teacher of the Month!

Thank You

RON CARDINAL



We would like to give a huge THANK YOU to Ron Cardinal for all of his years of service for the Vincennes Catholic Schools! We cannot thank you enough for your hard work and dedication to our schools. *Enjoy your retirement!*



VINCENNES CATHOLIC ALUMNI AND FRIENDS



Alumni News

Greetings, Alumni!!

The 30th Annual St Rose Academy Alumnae Reunion will be held on Saturday, September 28, 2024. The day will begin with Mass celebrated at St. John's at 10:00 AM. The Mass intention will be for all deceased members of the Vincennes Catholic Schools. We invite all alumni, families, friends and the Vincennes Community to join us at Mass.

PLEASE NOTICE A CHANGE IN THE LUNCHEON LOCATION

Following Mass, the St Rose Alumnae will gather at the St Francis Xavier Parish Center for their luncheon. The luncheon will begin at noon. The Parish Center is located at 106 S. 3rd Street (3rd and Vigo Streets) - Cost is \$20.00

Letters and registration forms will only be mailed to those that attended the luncheon last year - however all St Rose Alumnae are welcome!

For more information text or call: Mary Ann Thacker 812-890-2902 or email at marypearl66@yahoo.com.

Mary Ann Thacker

September 2023 through February 2024

Donations to CEF In Memory of

**Dr. Grant Gehring
Mary Halter**

**Ralph Holscher Scholarship
John & Dorothy Ueding**

In Memory

OF OUR RECENTLY DECEASED ALUMNI

Norma Jean (Locke) Hughes - 1943
Betty (Lydle) Ray - 1943
Regina (Heinz) Franck - 1948
Patricia (Kotter) Later - 1950
Anthony Bumgarner - 1952
Frances (Moyes) Garrett - 1952
Barbara (Ruppel) Lindsay - 1952
Dr. Ralph Jacqumain - 1953
Louise M. (Vieke) Ray - 1954
Bernard Niehaus - 1955
Frank Kahre - 1956
Dave Keller - 1958
Judie (Manning) Clark - 1959
Barbara "Bobbie" (Stangle) Paxton - 1959
Edna (Donnoe) Stewart - 1959
Robert "Bob" Risch - 1960
Mitchell L. Theriac - 1960
John P. "Jay" Thomas - 1960
Rita "Rete" Carie - 1962
Thomas H. Lenahan - 1962
Mary Elizabeth (Fields) Shelton - 1962
Sandor Toth - 1962
Ed Witsman - 1962
Marjorie DeLisle - 1963
John J. Morgan - 1963
Paul "Butch" Roales - 1963
George Bultez - 1964
Janine Orr - 1965
Janice Radwanski - 1965
Kathy (Hoalt) Reigelman - 1965
Thomas Storkman - 1965
Theresa (McCullough) White - 1965
Bonnie (Turner) Sorensen - 1967
Mark Smith - 1968
Carol (Carie) Steele - 1968
Phil Sievers - 1969
Cindy (Fields) Hatton - 1970
Steve Lane - 1970
Mary Kay (Quinn) Eveland - 1971
Juliet Niehaus - 1971
Michael Zanetis - 1972
Paul Hageman - 1973
Jim R. Moeller - 1974
Danny Robinson - 1984
Jason Bousley - 1990
Dan Kotter - 2001

Where does the money go?



Each year, the CEF hosts a number of annual fundraisers, receives donations, memorial gifts and even the occasional estate gift. Perhaps you are wondering where the money goes, but were afraid to ask! Take a look at how the CEF assisted the Vincennes Catholic Schools and students in 2023:

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| General operations | \$ 204,000 |
| Grants for student tuitions | \$ 23,300 |
| Student Scholarships | \$ 10,555 |
| Teacher Scholarship | \$ 1,000 |
| Building Maintenance and Improvements | \$ 108,500 |
| Gift Card/Scrip Payout for Student Tuition | \$ 2,770 |
| Other Support | \$ 27,056 |
| TOTAL: | \$ 377,181 |

Some of the donations to the CEF are gifted by families for a particular use, such as the Noland and Elizabeth McClure Scholarship, the Ralph Holscher Scholarship, the Hugh Wickens Scholarship and the Dr. Karen Nutt Fund. But the CEF also raises enough money to support general operations, building maintenance and improvements, classrooms and academic teams of Rivet and Flaget.

Without the support, involvement and enthusiasm of thousands of committed supporters, it would not be possible for us to continue to invest in our Vincennes Catholic Schools. We want to thank every donor who makes it possible for us to continue to increase our annual investment in our schools.

We invite one and all to join the CEF in our mission to support the Vincennes Catholic Schools. If you have any questions, want additional information, wish to make a donation, or want to volunteer your time, please contact the CEF at 812-882-5889.

Many thanks to individuals who donated through the Legacy envelope:

September 2023 – February 2024

Joellen Bauer
Mike & Julia Beaman
John & Cindy Bratton
Richard & Alice Brown
Mary Cullison
Francois & Janice Dognaux
Thomas Ernst
Doug & Anita Gerdon
Michael & Vicki Jaussaud
Francis Keller
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Joe Lane
Joseph & Linda Lanning
Harry & Nancy McAdams
David & Suky Morgan
Barbara Newton
Stephen Risch
Ann Telles
Tim & Young Ae Tresslar
Mark & Kelly Wehrheim
Barbara Weiler
Doug & Carole Wirth

Your Help Is Greatly Appreciated



The envelope attached in the middle of the booklet is for your use! Please consider donating to the Christian Educational Foundation. We can also accept donations through PayPal on our website, www.vincennescef.org. Your donations will help us meet our monthly obligations to the Vincennes Catholic Schools. We truly appreciate your support.

VINCENNES CATHOLIC ALUMNI AND FRIENDS



WHO'S THE NEW GUY?

Welcome **PATRIOT PETE** to town! He's been seen at the basketball games and he's definitely a crowd pleaser! Thank you, Rivet PTO, for your purchase.

CEF Holiday Party

CEF members gathered together to celebrate the holidays and another great year for CEF. Becky Pea-Stenger and Pea-Fections served a delightful meal and amazing desserts. We are so lucky and thankful to be able to enjoy one another's company and revisit the wonderful memories that have taken place within CEF. We are very grateful for all of our supporters and volunteers.



Flaget NEWS



Flaget teachers, Amanda Oakes and Kristie Fisher, and Principal Samantha McClure presented at VU's Innovative Teaching Summit in October. They were excited to share what they have learned about maximizing engagement, data-driven instruction, and building relationships in the classroom during Flaget's experience being a GYTOxIndiana Collaboration Site last year. Thank you to Vincennes University for inviting Flaget to take part in this incredible event!



Flaget Spelling Bee

Flaget 2nd-5th graders participated in the Flaget Spelling Bee on Thursday, January 25. Each classroom hosted its own spelling bee. Two winners from each class competed in the school-wide bee. The top speller at Flaget, Liam Middlecoat, 4th grade, represented the school in the Diocesan bee on Tuesday, February 6. Flaget Bee participants: Ian B., Scarlett M., Quinn S., Khushdeep S., Ava C., Josie N., Liam M., Rhys T., Daniel M., Luke N., Camryn P., Zeppelyn B., Maeley Q., and Adrian C.



Mrs. McClure Visits the Statehouse

Mrs. McClure visited the Indiana Statehouse to represent Flaget Elementary School as we received recognition for achieving a 96.7% pass rate on the IREAD-3 reading assessment. This recognition is shared with our Flaget teachers, staff, students, families and supporters! This goal is achieved each year because of all of the hard work and support that all stakeholders give to our students to ensure they are prepared to meet this high academic achievement! Way to go, Patriots!

Rivet NEWS

Traveling Abroad

This summer, some of our Rivet students will be traveling to Europe to visit Rome and Athens. They will visit many ancient sites such as The Vatican, The Pantheon, The Colosseum, Trevi Fountain, and The Roman Forum in Rome and The Parthenon, Olympic Stadium, The Acropolis, Temple of Athena Nike, and the Syntagma Square in Athens. The group will get to tour Saint Peter's Basilica and is hoping to attend Mass while in the Vatican. The group will be led by their history teacher, Ms. Lindy Parkes, who teaches them about these sites and much more in World History class. The group is excited to take this trip of a lifetime and come back with so much more knowledge and wisdom the trip will offer them! If you would like to donate to the students taking the trip to help offset some of their costs, please contact Lindy Parkes at lparkes@evdio.org.



Congratulations to Rivet Middle School Robotics on receiving an IDOE's 2023-2024 K-12 Robotics Competition Grant!

The Rivet Middle School Robotics team received a Robotics Start Up grant from TechPoint Foundation for Youth. The SRI (State Robotics Initiative) provides a hands-on Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) learning opportunity to every Indiana student through an economical, entry-level Robotics platform. The grant provides everything needed to start a successful Robotics program, by providing the robot building kit for the 2023-24 competitions, as well as coach training. We are still learning, but we meet after school on Thursdays. We currently have 4 students participating in Robotics. We just finished our competition Robot and are now awaiting to apply to attend our first competition very soon! The Robotics team is coached by Mary Bennington.



Diocesan Spell Bowl

On February 6, 2024 the Evansville Catholic Schools conducted the first annual Diocesan Spell Bowl.

Geovanni Ralston, an 8th grade student at Rivet placed 2nd in the inaugural competition. **Congrats!**

Spell Team Competitions



On September 27, 2023, the Rivet Patriots High School Spell team took part in the 2023 Blue Chip Conference Spell Bowl competition at Barr Reeve Jr./Sr. High School. After ten rounds of spelling, Rivet and South Knox were tied for 1st place with 55 points. After a short deliberation and the tallying of the tie-breaker points, Rivet was awarded another point to take their total to 56, and they would emerge victorious as the 2023 Blue Chip Conference Spell Bowl Champions. The members of the championship winning Patriots Spell Bowl Squad are as follows: (Front row left to right) Bryn Duckworth, (Captain) Isabela Pacheco, Danica Hooper, Elle Stoelb, Madison Will, (Second row left to right) Rachael Jacqmain, Allen Dong, Jayden Thacker, Miley Catt, (Vice Captain) Jaclyn Campbell, and (Back row left to right)

Coach Trey Desjardin, Drake Bellessa, and Coach Nick Carrithers. Team members who were unable to attend the competition were: Elexus Frey, Max Weiss, Leela Gilmore, and Jillian Moquia.

On October 30, 2023, the Rivet Senior Spell team competed in the IASP Area Competition and placed 1st in Class 4 with a score of 55 words correct out of 72 possible. Rivet ultimately placed 9th overall in the Class 4 standings, narrowly missing out on the state competition. The Class 4 area winning squad members are as follows: (Front row left to right) Jillian Moquia, (Captain) Isabella Pacheco, Madison Will, Leela Gilmore, Danica Hooper, Elle Stoelb, (Vice-Captain) Jaclyn Campbell, Miley Catt. (Back row left to right) Allen Dong, Elexus Frey, Claudia Herman, Max Weiss, Bryn Duckworth, and Drake Bellessa. (Not pictured: Coaches Nick Carrithers and Trey Desjardin.)



The Rivet Junior Spell Bowl team finished 1st in the IASP Spell Bowl area competition in Class 4 at Sarah Scott Middle School in Terre Haute on November 1st, 2023. The team would eventually go on to place 7th overall in Class 4, narrowly missing out on the State finals competition. The members of the area winning squad are pictured as follows: (Front row from left to right) Lucy Stine, Kate Kotter, Emily Legg, Makalyn Bezy, Alexa Benson, and Raymond Dong. (Back row from left to right) (Vice-Captain) Giovanni Ralston, Henry Holka, Nichole Kocher, (Captain) Tenley Pargin, Bridget Stine, Vance Johnson, and Avery Garretson. (Not pictured: Coaches Nick Carrithers and Trey Desjardin.)

Boys Soccer

Mental attitude: Drake Bellessa; Most Improved: Beckett McGuyer; Power of the Patriot: John Gafner
Congratulations to John Gafner for making the Blue Chip All Conference Team!



Girls Soccer

Lady Patriots Varsity Girl's Soccer Team had a very successful season during the 2023/2024 campaign. The teams record for the season was 10 wins with 6 losses and finished 2nd in the Blue-Chip Conference. An amazing accomplishment of the team this year was that they won five of their games while playing down one or more players, due to illness and injury. Success on the field continued with numerous postseason awards gathered by the team. Emma Gafner, Blaize Wagner, and Lissa Willis were named to the Indiana Soccer Coaches Association Allstate Academic Team. Ava Benson, Kevi Black, Alli Stearns, Emma Stine, and Willis were selected to the Blue Chip All Conference Team, Stearns, Stein and Willis also received All Area Honors. Junior, Lissa Willis, had a historic season as starting forward for the Lady Patriots. She set the single game scoring record tallying 7 goals in a single game. She also set the school's record for most scored in a season with 35 goals, while winning the Golden Boot Award for the team. Willis was selected to the Indiana Coaches of Girl's in Sport's Association Allstate 2nd Team and was named as a Top Team Player in District 4. In addition, Leela Gilmore, Benson, Stein, Stearns and Willis participated in the North South Soccer Showcase. With everyone returning for this year's edition and the addition of a talented freshman and other newcomers, the Lady Patriots anticipate having another successful season during the 2024-2025 campaign.



Boys Tennis

Our Boy's Tennis Team had great numbers and competitors this past fall. The team was coached by Chris Gafner, who built a team who continued to compete and show improvement throughout the season.

MVP: John Gafner; Mental Attitude: Gage Letts; Power of the Patriot: Zach Bottoms; Most Improved: William Freeland
Varsity letter winners include: John Gafner, Gage Letts, Zach Bottoms, William Freeland, Brody Patton, Max Weiss, Brody Shots, Cody Ladson, Sawyer Primus, Landon Like.



Volleyball

Coach Jill Ballinger led the Rivet Lady Patriots to the school's best record and finished 2nd in the Blue-Chip Conference. RLPV player, Anna Herman, captured the All-Area Player of the Year Honors. This is the second consecutive Player of the Year for Rivet Volleyball, as Kenadee Frey was named POY in 2022. Joining her on the All-Area Team were Allison Hensley, Reese McBee, and Mary Herman. Also receiving honors and awards—Blue Chip Conference: Anna Herman & Mary Herman; All District: Anna Herman & Mary Herman; Academic All State: Anna Herman, Ella Benson, & Allison Hensley; Team Awards: Helena Miller, Elexus Frey, Anna Herman (2), Allison Hensley, and Ella Benson. Senior- Allison Hensley hit her career

milestone of 1,000 career assists this past season. Senior Anna Herman signed her National Letter of Content to play volleyball at the University of Connecticut and received IHSAA All State 1st Team honors and will lead many categories in the Rivet Volleyball record book.

**Congratulations to
Anna Herman
as she signed to play
Volleyball at UConn.
Go Huskies!**



Girls Golf

The Rivet Girls Golf team had 3 on our golf team, led by Junior Jacqueline Steinger, who claimed 1st place at the Rivet Invitational, was a county medalist and an individual regional qualifier. Jacqueline Steinger, Kevi Black, and Isabella Pacheco as a team made Blue Chip Conference.

CLASS OF 1974 RIVET ALUMNI



WHERE ARE YOU NOW?

Congratulations....you will be celebrating your 50th class reunion this year!

We would like to put together information pertaining to each individual, such as:

- *Name*
- *Spouse/# of years*
- *Current City, State*
- *# of Children*
- *Occupation/Retired*
- *Education*
- *Hobbies*
- *Words of Wisdom*

We would like to share all of your information in the Fall Issue of the Legacy. Please email us at office@vincennescef.org with any information about yourself that you would like to share with fellow Rivet, St. Rose, Gibault, Central Catholic alumni in the fall issue. We are excited to see what everyone has been up to over the years!!!