

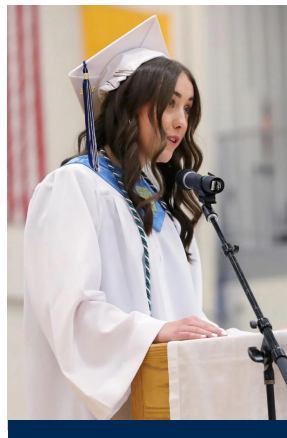
CRUSADER UPDATE ALUMNI, DEVELOPMENT & SCHOOL NEWS



- Benjamin Alberts
- Ayden Beran
- Ayonya Birthi
- Daisy Bravo
- Juan Bravo
- Riley Chrastil
- Katelyn Connick
- Noah Corey
- Zachary Corey
- Mikah Culler
- Madison Dvorak
- Michael Erives
- Bowdie Fox
- Kylie Gangwish
- Hannah Gellatly
- Lucy Chaifan
- Kajetan Hubl
- Gracie Joseph-Sanders
- Avery Kelly
- John Kenna
- Vianey Macias
- Kathryn McNamara
- Austin Miller
- Ishmael Nadir
- Emery Obermiller-Snyder
- Aiden Perales
- Michael Sambula-Monzalvo
- Shelby Schmid
- Kamryn Schneider
- Johann Sielaff
- Sydney Spaulding
- Olivia Stava
- Jacob Stegman
- Trenton Turek
- Cindy Vazquez-Valverde
- Madelyn Weyers
- Gracie Woods
- Olivia Wragge
- Isaac Ziller

CRUSADER SENIORS ARE OFF TO:

- Central Community College
- Concordia University
- Creighton University
- Grand Canyon University
- Iowa Western Community College
- Texas Christian University
- University of Kansas
- University of Nebraska-Kearney
- University of Nebraska-Lincoln
- University of Nebraska-Omaha
- Wayne State College
- Xenon Academy
- York University



OLIVIA STAVA gives a speech during the graduation ceremony at Grand Island Central Catholic on Sunday, May 14. "Tomorrow we will go our separate ways and learn to fly on our own," said Stava. "We will create our own paths, follow our dreams, and work towards our goals, all while remembering the gifts that this school has given us."



JOHN KENNA gives his speech during the graduation ceremony "I am honored to be standing here from the class of 2023," said Kenna. "One of the smartest, most competitive and most attractive classes to ever walk these halls." The graduation crowd smiled and chuckled at Kenna's humor.



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR NOTES



As we celebrate another year providing the highest quality Catholic education, we thank our Alumni, Families and Friends for your continued support of Central Catholic. At GICC, we focus on continual improvements to ensure our students receive not only a high-quality academic education, but also the opportunity to participate in many extracurricular activities, and our robust spiritual life and community service programs. The Class of 2023 clearly exemplifies this by their many accomplishments. To have 25 Regents scholarships out of a class of 39 students is outstanding! The school takes pride in the opportunities offered to our students, none of which would be possible without the financial contributions to the Development Foundation. We are so grateful for all gifts, big and small, and the continued support of our students and staff. ●

Wishing you all a wonderful summer filled with blessings and God's grace,

JOLENE M. WOJCIK, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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CLASS REUNION INFORMATION

CLASS OF 1963 60TH CLASS REUNION

FRIDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 15TH
Riverside Golf Club social event

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH
3:00pm – Tour of school, followed by Mass in the school chapel

6:00pm – Dinner to follow Mass at location TBD

For more info contact:
Marcia Hatton Grabowski (308) 390-2812

CLASS OF 1978 45TH CLASS REUNION

FRIDAY EVENING, JULY 14TH
5:00 to ?? – Sluggers, 707 West Anna

SATURDAY, JULY 15TH
4:00pm – Tour of school
5:30pm – 545 Linden Ave (Marion's house), Meal & water provided, BYOB, \$10 per person

Email questions to Marion McDermott at marionmcd@charter.net

Other Classes are welcome to join either night!

CLASS OF 1980 43RD CLASS REUNION

FRIDAY, JULY 28
6:00pm – Chicken Coop private room

SATURDAY, JULY 29
7:00am – Golf at Indianhead Golf Course
2:00pm – Tour of school, followed by Mass in the school chapel at 4:00pm
6:00pm – Dinner at Saddle Club

For more info contact:
Ellen Merrill (308) 379-1658, Trish Curran (308) 379-6839 or Patrick McGuire (308) 833-0792
Other Classes are welcome to join either night!

CLASS OF 2013 10TH CLASS REUNION

FRIDAY EVENING, JULY 21ST
Social gathering at location TBD

SATURDAY, JULY 22ND
Morning tour of school, followed by brunch

For more info contact:
Joanna Rainforth Frink at joannarainforth@gmail.com or Alexis Woodward at Alexis.woodward1995@gmail.com

NEW LUNCH LOCATION CLASS OF 1966

Lunch is now at Riverside Golf Club – first Wednesday of the month at noon.

2022-2023 ALL-SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS

23 GICC STUDENTS EARNED ACADEMIC ALL-STATE RECOGNITION IN 23 OUT OF 27 NSAA ACTIVITIES

8,000+ TOTAL STUDENT VOLUNTEER HOURS

18 THREE-SPORT LETTER WINNERS

ART Nebraska State Scholastic Art Competition medals: 2-Silver, 1-Honorable Mention

CONCERT BAND District Music Contest: Overall Superior rating, 11 Superior ratings for solos and ensembles

MARCHING BAND 1st place at UNK Band Day, 4th place at Harvest of Harmony Parade, and Superior at Minden Bandfest

BASEBALL Top 4 at State

CONCERT CHOIR Superior at District Music Contest

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY Team qualified for State, 3rd at Districts with a 7th place and 13th place runners

CHEER TEAM Class C1 State Runner-up in Tumbling

DANCE TEAM Class C1 State Champion in Pom and Runner-up in Jazz

FBLA 4 individual State Medalists earning 4 medals, 3 Champions, 4 individuals qualify for Nationals

BOYS GOLF District Champions, 4 medalists in the top 10 at Districts, Runner-up at State, 2nd place and 5th place medalists at State

GIRLS GOLF 1 golfer 1st place at Districts and 16th place at State

JOURNALISM 5 individual State medalists earning 8 medals, 2-Champions, Team placed 10th overall in Class C

GIRLS SOCCER (16-1) Conference Champions, District Runner-up

SPEECH TEAM Conference Champions, District Runner-Up, 9 State qualifiers in 7 Events (Humorous, Duet, Persuasive, Informative, Extemporaneous, Poetry and Entertainment), 3 State medalists

SWIMMING 3 State Qualifiers – 1-4th place Girls 100 Back, 1-6th place Girls 100 Fly, 1-5th place Girls 400 Free Relay, 1-6th place Boys 200 Free, 1-6th place Boys 200 Medley Relay, and 1-7th place Boys 200 Free Relay

BOYS TENNIS- Team placed 3rd at State, #1 Singles-3rd, #1Doubles-4th, #2 Doubles-5th at State

THE CLASS OF 2023 – 39 SENIORS

97% of Graduating Seniors will attend a 2- or 4-year college

292 scholarships earned valued over \$6.9 million

76% of Seniors earned 380 dual college credits

85% of the seniors graduated with a 3.5 or above GPA

Average ACT Score for Class of 2023: 26

25 Regent Scholarships

2 KHOP (Kearney Health Opportunity Program-UNK) + 4 Alternates

7 RHOP (Rural Health Opportunity Program-WSC) + 3 Alternates

100% of GICC seniors participated in religious studies, liturgical service & community service throughout high school

GIRLS TENNIS- Team placed 5th at State, #1 Singles 8th place, #2 Singles 6th place, #1 Doubles 3rd place & #2 Doubles 6th place at State

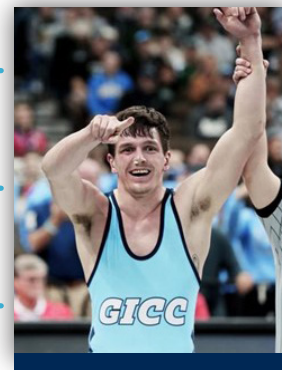
BOYS TRACK & FIELD 2 boys qualified for State in 2 events

GIRLS TRACK & FIELD 5 girls qualified for State in 4 events, 3 medalists in 2 events -7th place

300m Hurdles, 7th place Shot Put and 8th place Shot put

VOLLEYBALL (32-2) C-1 State Champions, District Champions, Conference runners up,

WRESTLING 1 State Champion (49-0), 1 Conference Champion, 1 District Champion



CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR RETIREMENT!

Central Catholic had several long-time teachers retire at the end of the school year. No THANK YOU is big enough to properly demonstrate how grateful we are to each of these individuals for their dedication to the future of our students. As rewarding as teaching may be, it is not an easy job. From the bottom of our hearts and for the thousands of students' lives that you have impacted - THANK YOU!

Colleen Childers | Business, Technology, Photography | 38 years, 5 years at GICC

Marilyn Luther | Math | 40 years, 37 years at GICC

Monika Peters | Band, Vocal Music, Show Choir | 41 years, 4 years at GICC

Dick Ross | Math, Athletic Director | 41 years, 16 years at GICC

Marcelline Ross | Elementary Guidance Counselor & PE, Language Arts, Math | 40 years, 4 years at GICC



COLLEEN CHILDERS



MARILYN LUTHER



MONIKA PETERS



DICK ROSS



MARCE ROSS

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**KNIGHT AT THE DISCO
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH**

Thank You

**to our 2023 Knight Chairs
Mike & Jean Hamik and
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**"Let them praise his name in dance;
let them sing praises unto him with
timbrel and harp."**

Psalm 149:3



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The *Grounded in Faith - Building our Future* capital campaign for the new Central Catholic Elementary School has raised over \$9 million toward our \$11 million goal!

We are asking all families, parishioners, individuals, foundations, and businesses to lend their support to this once in a lifetime gift to our community.

With a Fall 2024 Waitlist of over 272 students in grades Pre-K through 5, it is imperative that we continue raising funds and collecting pledges so that we can open our doors to these bright new students awaiting a Catholic education. We invite you all to consider making a generous gift over a five-year pledge period. If you have not received a campaign mailing with a pledge card, please contact the Foundation Office at 308-382-5499, located on campus at 1200 Ruby Avenue, Grand Island, NE 68803. Or you can complete a pledge online by visiting us at gicentralcatholic.org/elementary-school.html.



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- Tom & Sue Pirnie
- Dr. John & Barbara Reilly

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We raised a total of \$105,000 thanks to your generous support! These funds will be used for technology and curriculum needs and will provide tuition assistance for families in need.

ONE DAY. ONE MISSION.

OUR HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES

JEAN GOLKA '87

Survived by her parents, Robert and Pat Golka; brothers, Ron (Chris) Golka, John (Pam) Golka, Most Rev. James R. Golka of Colorado Springs, Greg (Tiffany) Golka, Gary (Tanya) Golka, Tim (Jenny) Golka and sisters, Jean (Scott) Brokaw, Cindy (Jim) Jussel, and Sheri (Mike) Genereux; 21 nieces and nephews; and six grand nieces and nephews.

CHARLES "CHUCK" PFAFF

Survived by his wife, Pat; daughters Allison (Ashley) Harlow and Megan (Phillip) Durham; six grandchildren; sisters Frances (Larry) Sleddens, Phyllis Watters, and Sharon (Joe) Davis; numerous nieces and nephews.

RITA VENHAUS

Survived by her children Don Venhaus, Marian (Bill) Boehl, Barbara (Dave) Beck, William (Crystal) Venhaus, and Thomas (Dawn) Venhaus; 20 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

JOHN MOORE '70

Survived by wife Susan; daughter Rachel (Cory) Thomaier; sisters Barbara Binfield and Ruth Moore; and brother Tom (Sherry) Moore; brothers-in-law Cory (Trish) Ludemann and Wayne Gress; many nieces and nephews.

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