70 Years of Transforming Lives
All parents, alumni and friends of Elyria Catholic are invited to join us for our 70th Anniversary Ball.

**Featuring Keynote Speaker**

**Bishop Nelson Perez**

April 6, 2019

Elyria Catholic Coliseum

The event will include cocktails and appetizers, student tours of the school, a live and silent auction, unique raffles, dinner and dancing as well as the presentation of our Young Alumni, Distinguished Alumni and Our Lady of Grace Benefactors Awards.

Visit www.elyriacatholic.com/2019forwardgala for more information on sponsorships, advertisements and the donation of auction items or contact Michelle Hoffman, Director of Advancement, at 440.230.8618 or hoffman@elyriacatholic.com.

We hope you will come to support our students, our school and our mission!

Please help us celebrate the people who are beautiful examples of our Elyria Catholic Community!

Please nominate someone for our Young Alumni Award of Excellence, Distinguished Alumni Award and Our Lady of Grace Benefactor Award. You can download the forms or complete the nomination online at www.elyriacatholic.com/awardsnomination. Nominations must be received by January 14, 2019. If you have questions, please contact Kelsie Stites, Director of Alumni Relations, at 440.230.8619 or stites@elyriacatholic.com.

TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN FEBRUARY OF 2019
Reflection...

“At Elyria Catholic, I really felt like I belonged and that I had a place to grow and share my creativity. Over the years, EC gave me the confidence to take on new challenges and express who I am through my art, academics, and extracurriculars. Because of the ways that Elyria Catholic pushed me, I feel more determined to try new things and get involved in college! Overall, I believe EC has helped prepare me for the obstacles I will face in the future.”

– Beth Ziegelmeyer, Valedictorian, Class of 2018
Happy 70th Anniversary
Elyria Catholic High School!!

The new school year started out with much excitement and celebrating seventy years of Catholic education!! There is a lot to be proud of at Elyria Catholic. So many people before us set the foundation of this wonderful institution. We are blessed to be able to help foster and nurture this community and keep it strong for another seventy years!

As part of the celebration, we are welcoming alumni back and building new relationships and partnerships! Being able to show visitors and alumni the improvements to the facilities, classrooms and campus is evidence of the support of our community as we continue to build the strategic and master plans.

There are many creative and ambitious plans for the future of ECHS, and with your continued support, those goals will be reached. Every gift directly influences what we can accomplish to make this Catholic education experience for our students the best it can be! We invite YOU to come back and experience it yourself! Many alumni supported our school to keep tuition affordable when I attended, and the same is true today.

Our longest legacy families span three generations, so let’s keep the legacy of “Loyalty That Never Dies” alive for the generations to come!

Amy Butler
EC CONNECTIONS – ALUMNI AND BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY

Michelle Barb – Kidsmile Pediatric Dentistry, Inc.
Andy Barch – WEOL
Diehl Belza – I-90 Nissan
Joe Blaszak – Knights of Columbus
Rev. Franklin Buck ’61
James Butler ’98
Nicole Campana ’10
Nate Carson ’10
Kevin Cosgrove ’67
John Faro ’04
Dr. Richard L. Fogel, DDS
Lorenzo Gentile ’92
Jack Giovannazzo ’68
Judy Glenn ’84
Ryan Gorney ’99
Matt Gustoff ’07
Maria Gutierrez – Bendix
Carmen Izzo – AMOTEC
Casey Izzo ’15
Dave Jezewski ’90
Steve Komives ’65
Joe Kuebler ’88
John & Sue Lescher – both ’66
Jack Matia ’75
Tyler Morris ’11
Jake O’Connor ’57
Robert O’Donnell ’81
Greg Pawluk and Jason Higgins ’92 – Sunnyside Chevrolet
Dominic Piazza ’15
Fred Pond – Ridge Tool
Dawn Reichlin – Elyria Plastic Products
Spencer Roule ’10
Jim Schlens ’80
Danny Smith ’12
Matt St. Marie ’83
Jake Taylor ’06
Darian Thomas ’07

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“What would I really love doing every day?” Nicole Campana asked herself these words and realized the answer was interior design. A 2010 Elyria Catholic graduate, Campana attended Miami University. She graduated from Miami in 2014 with a BA in Communications, and landed a great job as a recruiter at Alexander Mann Solutions.

But after working as a recruiter, she realized that being an interior designer had always been her dream job, and she set out to achieve an Associate’s in Interior Design from Tri-C. Now she is a successful interior designer and has even started her own business, CoCo Concepts, which opened last May.

When not designing, Campana enjoys traveling, cooking, and working out, and is getting married in July 2019 to Gregg Pier.

Campana credits many mentors along the way who have helped her to land her dream job in interior design. “They are so important to guide you where you want to go.” For her they include several local designers in her field, as well as her supportive family.

Elyria Catholic has also helped her prepare for the future. Her Catholic education has taught her morals and has been beneficial in all aspects of her life. Elyria Catholic helped her to branch out and meet new people she otherwise would not have met. Making new friends also built her confidence.

During her time at Elyria Catholic she played tennis, was a member of National Honor Society, and a Eucharistic Minister. Her favorite subject in school was Spanish because she loved her teacher Mrs. Patricia Bradesca-Schock, who pushed her to try new things and challenged her to fulfill her potential. During her senior year at Elyria Catholic, she was part of the group who moved Mrs. Butler's car into the senior hallway. The best part was that Mr. Butler was in on the prank, too.

When Campana recently visited Elyria Catholic, she saw all the improvements to the building, such as the Maker Space, but overall she said it had felt the same when she walked in. The feelings of belonging definitely remained.
A 2010 graduate, Roule went on to John Carroll University where he graduated with a degree in Finance and Economics, and achieved his MBA in 2017 there while working as a graduate assistant men’s basketball coach.

Currently Roule is employed as a Wealth Management Associate at HPM Partners, managing retirement accounts for high net worth individuals, but still holds a special place in his heart for his high school alma mater.

Roule was very impressed by the modern feel of the school, including the new chemistry lab and the broadcasting room. Roule also noticed another big change around the halls of EC. “Elyria Catholic is the most diverse I have ever seen it,” he said.

In his eyes, Elyria Catholic helped him build a career. He said that being in a small town community is the best way to have it in high school, because you know your way around for not only your life in high school, but everything beyond it.

When asked how his experience at Elyria Catholic has helped prepare him for his future, his answer was simple. He said that the discipline has helped him in the long run of his life, especially in college.

He learned discipline both in the classroom and on the basketball court. “Some of the most impactful people in my life were coaches of mine at EC, like Al Januzzi and Lou Rotunda.” Roule forged a special bond with Rotunda in particular, eventually visiting him in the nursing home before every home basketball game when Rotunda was too ill to coach.

Roule is currently paying it forward as a basketball coach at University School. “I am hoping to be able to make that same positive impact on other young people.”

Along with coaching and trying to make a positive difference, Roule enjoys hunting, fishing and golfing in his free time.
Danny Smith has come full circle. What started as an interest in science and math while a student at Elyria Catholic has launched him into a fantastic job at Davis Aerospace and Maritime High School in Cleveland.

After graduating from Elyria Catholic in 2012, Smith received his degree in Mechanical Engineering from Case Western University in 2016 and a Masters in Engineering Management in 2017.

Smith began his career with a company called MAGNET, where he helped to innovate business opportunities for old companies and start-ups alike. He then jumped on board the non-profit Phastar, who pitched the concept of a special maritime and aerospace high school to the Cleveland school district. They loved it.

He is now in his second year running the Fabrication Lab for students at Davis A & M. “I always liked the idea of working in education. This is a unique opportunity to use engineering and work in a school.”

Although not a licensed teacher, Smith designs lessons in classes such as physics or geometry to help students learn in a hands-on environment. “Teachers of different subjects block out 3 or 4 classes to come in and I help with these student projects,” he said.

“I teach really excited and curious students now,” Smith said. “They remind me of myself in Mr. Machovina’s math class. He was good at pushing me and always had a new challenge if I finished my work. Smith is now passing that same kind of challenge on to his students.

Working with the Science Olympiad at EC also helped develop Smith’s interest in engineering and teaching. “I don’t know that I appreciated it at the time, but it built an engineering mindset, the idea of sticking with something even when it failed the first or second or fifth time.”

Smith recently returned to EC as a guest speaker in the engineering class and helped the students understand the world of science outside the walls of high school.

In his spare time, Smith enjoys hiking and camping, and competed in his first triathlon this past summer. And he definitely still enjoys tinkering with and building things.
On April 21, 2018 over 300 members of the Elyria Catholic Community including alumni, past parents, current parents and representatives from local businesses gathered together to celebrate A Night Under the Lights at our 2018 Forward Gala. The lights were directed in appreciation on our top sponsors, Elyria Plastic Products, Jack Matia Honda, and Kidsmile Inc. Pediatric Dentistry. Spotlights were shown on our treasured Alumni Award Winners, Meggie Griffin ’15, Ryan Ksenich ’12, Christopher Burton ’02 and Father Neil O’Connor ’59 as well as Our Lady of Grace Benefactor Award Winners, Mr. Fred Pond of Ridge Tool and the late Lorne J. Elbert, Jr.

Patrons enjoyed cocktails and appetizers while purchasing raffle tickets and taking tours of the school that included our new chemistry lab, broadcasting studio and future site of our Maker Space. Our new food service provider, AVI, prepared a delicious dinner, that was served by Elyria Catholic’s own students. Mr. Bob Frantz ’84 of AM 1420 The Answer served as the evening’s auctioneer and Troye Sas-Wright, Class of 2018, spoke about the incredible experiences he has had at Elyria Catholic and the generosity of the various benefactors whose scholarship assistance helped him attend our school. The event raised just over $80,000 for additional scholarship assistance and the purchase of equipment for our new Maker Space.
A message from the Principal

Suzanne Lester

The 2018-19 school year is off to a great start! We continue to celebrate our recent successes and make improvements to ensure that our 70th year is our best ever.

Our students continue to demonstrate their preparedness for the rigors of college course work. Last year’s graduating class earned a record-setting $10,214,897 in college scholarships! Mindful of the ever-increasing cost of a college education, students at EC are taking a number of courses in which they can earn college credit. Students are enrolled in nine Advanced Placement courses, including our new AP Physics course, in which they complete an exam near the end of the school year to earn scores that qualify them for credit at their college of choice. Students have the opportunity to enroll in six College Credit Plus courses through our partnership with Lorain County Community College. These six courses are taught by EC teachers who have master’s degrees in their particular content areas. Last year was the first year of this partnership with 35 enrolled students earning 270 college credits.

As for college acceptance exams, this year’s senior class ACT scores averaged 2.1 points higher than the state average in all four content areas and the composite. Senior Max Menner scored a “36” on the ACT and was recognized thus far as a National Merit Semifinalist. Additionally, senior Nick Ziegelmeyer was a National Merit Commended student. Scores on ACT exams often translate, combined with student grade point averages, into scholarships for college. In order to help students perform their very best on these college entrance exams, all of our juniors have the opportunity to take a semester course on ACT test prep in order to review concepts and master strategies to perform well on these particular tests.

Students have been using elective courses to “try out” areas they may be considering for future careers. We’ve added second years to successful electives such as Engineering, Broadcasting, and Photoshop. Women’s Studies will be a new course offered during second semester. Additionally, all freshmen are enrolled in Introduction to Business & Personal Finance. Because many of our students are choosing careers in science, our laboratory-based science courses have seven or eight periods a week to allow for extra hands-on lab time.

All freshmen are enrolled in our new Freshman 101 in which they improve organization and study skills as well as identify their strengths for use in potential future careers. If freshmen are experiencing difficulty with concepts in classes, they have the opportunity to obtain assistance from National Honor Society peer tutors. Elyria Catholic is part of the Better Together Initiative with the Diocese of Cleveland and has a team of intervention specialists and teachers who help identify students with learning differences and better accommodate students in the classrooms.

This year, in addition to our monthly school masses and daily communion services, we are adding monthly confessions as students are looking for increased opportunity to experience God’s love and forgiveness through the sacrament of reconciliation. Also new this year, our upperclassmen will have the opportunity to experience God’s love for us through a Kairos retreat. There is a place for everyone in every step of the faith journey at Elyria Catholic.

We have two new clubs this year that were initiated by our students - Panther Pantry, a group that grows food to share with local food pantries, and Cornhole Club. Other new clubs this year include, the St. Gianna Society, Drone Racing Club and a FIRST Robotics Team. Additionally, our world language students are looking forward to their spring trip to Madrid and Paris. We continue to not only have a multitude of ways to get involved at Elyria Catholic, but we also encourage our students to create their own opportunities.

These advancements would not be possible without your generosity and support of Elyria Catholic High School.

In Christ’s service,

Suzanne Lester
Panther Pantry members and juniors, Grace Schuckman, Will Meyers, Jillian Netzel and Kaylyn Strawderman – It’s not about gardening, it’s about providing food for those in need.

Panther Pride Broadcasting and Peer Ministers working together to provide Advent Reflection each week on morning announcements.

Nick Ziegelmeier and Max Menner recognized as National Merit Award Winners during monthly Mass by Mrs. Suzanne Lester.

Elyria Rotary Club Scholarship Winners, Angelina Ingalls, Troye Sas-Wright and Andy Brown with Elyria Rotary President and Elyria Catholic Alumna, Mary Siwierka ’74.

Maker Space made possible by grants funded by Ridge Tool, Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems, Rooted in Faith and 2018 Gala Donors & Attendees!
ELYRIA CATHOLIC WILL BRING SCHOLASTIC PLAY BY PLAY CLASSIC TO THE COLISEUM IN 2019

Elyria Catholic High School will bring the Scholastic Play by Play Classic to the Coliseum in January 2019. After eight consecutive years at Baldwin Wallace University, the showcase moves to the campus of Elyria Catholic for two days of boys basketball match-ups beginning Saturday, January 5th. Ten games will make up the 2019 edition and feature perennial powerhouses from Northeast Ohio and beyond. The Panthers will take on Saint Ignatius on day two.

“The prospect of bringing this event to Elyria Catholic has been very intriguing over the last few months,” said Elyria Catholic Athletic Director Jack Duffy. “Watching high school basketball at the Coliseum is a unique experience, each and every time. Matching our venue with these great games will create a state tournament-like atmosphere that should prove to be memorable for players, coaches and fans alike.”

Play by Play Classics have showcased dozens of current and future NBA stars including: LeBron James, Dwight Howard, Dajuan Wagner, Eddie Griffin, Jameer Nelson, Kevin Durant, O.J. Mayo and Michael Beasley. More than 400,000 fans have attended 75 events and another 1,000,000 plus have watched games produced on ESPN, Comcast Sports South, Comcast SportsNet, CN8, and the Pennsylvania Cable Network. Showcases have been held at the Palestra, Temple, Villanova, St Joseph’s, Greensboro Coliseum (NC), Ohio State, US Bank Arena (OH), Dayton U, The Pyramid (TN), and Sovereign Bank Arena (NJ). (courtesy of playbyplayclassics.com)

The tentative schedule is listed below

**Saturday, January 5th:**
- Cornerstone Christian vs. Cleveland Heights 3:00
- Revere vs. Richmond Heights 4:45
- Olmsted Falls vs. Brunswick 6:30
- Canton McKinley vs. Shaker Heights 8:15

**Sunday, January 6th:**
- Lutheran East vs. Gilmour Academy 10:15
- Solon vs. Lake Catholic 12:00
- St. Edward vs. Kennedy Catholic 1:45
- St. Vincent-St. Mary vs. Lorain 3:30
- Garfield Heights vs. Brush 5:15
- St. Ignatius vs. Elyria Catholic 7:00
- Buchtel vs. First Love 8:30

Scheibelhut AND Beck HONORED FOR ATHLETIC CONTRIBUTIONS TO ELYRIA CATHOLIC

Graduating seniors Megan Scheibelhut and Drew Beck were awarded for their athletic contributions to Elyria Catholic at this past May’s Baccalaureate Mass.

Megan was awarded the prestigious Ron and Janet Gilgenbach Outstanding Female Athlete Award for the 2017-18 school year. Academically, Megan carried a 4.00 grade point average while taking many honors and Advanced Placement courses. Outside of athletics, she was involved with the student senate her junior and senior years.

Athletically, she was a member of the 2017 Regional final soccer team, and was a standout player on the girls basketball team that captured a Division III Regional Championship and a spot in the 2018 Final Four in Columbus.

Her basketball coach Eric Rothgery said that “she is a very talented athlete. However, her greatest attribute is that she is the ultimate team player. She always puts her team’s success ahead of personal notoriety.”

Drew Beck earned the Lou Rotunda Award for his stellar play on the ice as a four year Panther hockey player. He holds the record for most goals not only in EC school’s history, but for Lorain County. He also holds the record for most goals in a single season at Elyria Catholic and is the Panther’s all-time leader in career goals. He scored nine goals vs. Garfield Heights on January 15th, 2018, which ranks him second all-time in OHSAA history for most goals scored in a single game.

Academically, he held over a 4.00 GPA and has been an honor roll student all four years. He was a member of Fellowship of Christian Athletes, a student ambassador, and took time to teach special needs preschoolers how to skate.

“Panther Pride, to me, is not only going to sporting events or wearing the EC emblem on your jersey, but how you act while doing so. I have done this by supporting our other sports teams, while playing my heart out during my own games. If you were to ask any of my teammates, I gave everything I had at each and every game and did my best to motivate them to work to the best of their ability as well.”

– Drew Beck
PANTHER FOOTBALL “WAKES UP THE ECHOES” IN MEMORABLE 2018 SEASON

Under the direction of first year head football coach Brian Fox, the Panthers claimed their first Great Lakes Conference championship with late season victories over Bay, Normandy and Rocky River. In addition, the Panthers qualified for the OHSAA playoffs in Division V for the first time since 2010 and earned a home game versus Anna High School in the first round. In a muddy game that will not soon be forgotten at the corner of Gulf and Poplar, the Panthers prevailed in a thrilling 42-35 slug-fest to advance to the Regional Semifinals versus Genoa on November 10th.

Despite falling short in a nail biter versus the Genoa Comets, 42-41, the Panthers lived up to their battle cry in 2018, “Wake Up the Echoes”. Nine Panthers earned All-Ohio honors, with four players on the first team. In his first year as a high school head coach, Brian Fox was named the Division V Coach of the Year by the Ohio Prep Sportswriters Association. He also earned Coach of the Year honors in the Great Lakes Conference and Northeast District in his debut season. The echoes of a formidable Panther Football program are once again alive and well at Elyria Catholic.

Strength and Conditioning Program Implemented to Benefit Panther Athletes

Elyria Catholic High School has announced the implementation of a full time strength and conditioning program for all student-athletes. The program is led under the direction of Coach Brian Fox, Head Football Coach and Head Strength and Conditioning Coach. Brian previously served as Head Strength and Conditioning Coach at Heidelberg University. He holds a Master’s degree in Sport and Health Sciences and is certified as a strength and conditioning specialist (CSCS).

“I am very excited to lead this new program. Elyria Catholic is committed to the health of its student athletes and wants to give each athletic program the tools to be successful,” said Coach Fox.

Amy Butler, President of Elyria Catholic High School, reflected on the importance of having a program that meets the needs of the school’s various interscholastic athletic teams. “The strength and conditioning program is very exciting, and an investment in our student-athletes’ health, safety and performance abilities.”

This program would not have been made possible without the support of Mr. Hal Minnich ’53, Mr. Ron Zidek ’63 and the entire Dad’s Boosters, as well as John J. O’Connor ’57.

GIRLS BASKETBALL CLAIMS REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

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Dorian Crutcher Named Mr. Basketball in Lorain County

Dorian Crutcher was named 2018 Mr. Basketball in Lorain County for the 2017-18 season at the Lorain County Legeza Cage Classic at North Ridgeville this past March.

Crutcher is the first Panther to earn this honor since former Panther Basketball standout Eric Barnes was named Mr. Basketball at the conclusion of the 1989-90 season. Crutcher also became the all-time leading scorer in the Panther boys basketball program history.

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ELYRIA CATHOLIC ENGAGED COMMUNITY

We call our students at Elyria Catholic to live their faith by inspiring them to give back and act with kindness, compassion, courage and confidence in service to God, family and community.

Our students have been busy in the community volunteering their time, talent and treasure as they lend a hand in various activities at churches, schools and community wide events in the area. Seeing a need and filling it gives our students the chance to give back by helping others.
From the very beginning of his journey, Jakob exhibited such courage, strength and faith in God’s plan for him. Our entire school community witnessed his unbelievable tenacity as he would come to school always with a smile and reassurance to us all. We all learned from him that no matter the result of what happens, he was living in the moment and enjoying life, even though he was experiencing severe cancer complications.

We also learned as a school community that we were praying for a miracle for Jakob, but what we did not realize at the time, but we now do, is that HE was the miracle we were praying for! Right in front of us all this time. It totally changed our perspective and that of the students about the true purpose of a life well lived, and it isn’t always in the time spent on earth but how well we spend that time. And Jakob’s short life taught all of us this very valuable lesson!

“I remember my first soccer practice and Jakob welcoming me with a smiling face. He always made sure everyone was comfortable. He had so much compassion.”

– Bryce Hileman ’19
“Back in freshman year we were in the shed after a bad practice and Jakob came in blasting ‘Blessings’ and dancing around. In that moment not a single person who was there wasn’t smiling or laughing. The dude was never in a bad mood. His good spirits rubbed off on all of us.”

– Aiden Woodyard ’20

Jakob Hwang Memorial Scholarship

The Elyria Catholic High School Class of 2018 has come together to create The Jakob Hwang Memorial Scholarship Fund. Jakob was a member of this graduating class who lost his life to cancer shortly after graduation. While at EC, Jakob was a “legendary” goalie for the boys soccer team and very active in faith based activities on campus. He was most known for his infectious smile, positive attitude and complete trust and faith in God’s plan. The goal is to reach an initial investment of $10,000 to endow the scholarship and allow annual awards from the interest off the principal. Once the scholarship is fully funded, applications for the scholarship will be distributed annually to each Elyria Catholic Junior Class. Recipients will be named in May and the scholarship applied to their senior year tuition bill. If you would like to contribute to the Jakob Hwang Memorial Scholarship, please make an online donation at www.elyriacatholic.com/jakobhwangscholarship or send your check payable to the Advancement Office referencing the Jakob Hwang Scholarship at Elyria Catholic High School, 725 Gulf Rd. Elyria, OH 44035 or call Michelle Hoffman at 440.230.8618. Thank you for remembering Jakob!
Alum author’s new book receives warm literary welcome

Margie Miklas ’66 recently announced the release of My Amalfi Coast Love Affair. This nonfiction travel book captures the allure of Italy’s Amalfi Coast, as Margie Miklas takes us on a journey of personal experiences through storytelling. An award-winning author and travel blogger, Margie has traveled to the Amalfi Coast more than any other area of Italy and has fallen in love with the beauty of its rugged landscape and rocky coastline. My Amalfi Coast Love Affair is currently available in paperback and digital formats, on Amazon and at retail bookstores.

Margie makes her home in Port Saint Lucie. You can connect with Margie directly through her website and social media pages: https://margieinitaly.com/2018/10/16/new-release-amalfi-coast-love-affair/

Class of 2006, 2009, 2010 and 2011
Corey Taylor ’06 and Victoria “Tori” Rothgery ’11 were married on June 30, 2018 at St. Jude Church, Elyria with Deacon Pat Humphrey ’70 officiating. This EC merger brought together many EC alumni. From left to right: Anna Tarry, Connor White, Melanie St. Marie ’10, Mike Schmidt ’06, Megan Rothgery, Dan Fife, Victoria “Tori” Rothgery ’11, Corey Taylor ’06, Amelia “Mimi” Rothgery ’10, Ryan Taylor ’09, Josh Backo, former EC teacher, Elizabeth Tarry, Bryce Basista ’06, Emily Taylor ’11

Class of 2008 & 2011
On June 23, 2018, Hannah Copa ’11 and Keith Everhart ’08 were married at St. Mary Church, Elyria. Brad Peters ’08 was the best man. David Hoover ’09 was a groomsman, Kaitlin Conner ’11 was the maid of honor and Stephanie Decker ’13 was the vocalist. Keith is a city inspector for Elyria and Hannah teaches 3rd grade at Hinckley Elementary, part of the Highland School District. They live in Grafton and have a newly established organic farm. They have a bee apiary, 75 free range chickens, 2 ducks, and 3 pasture raised/rare American Guinea Hogs. They love the outdoors and enjoy their two dogs, Thor and Makita.

Class of 2011
Andrew Gauntner ’11 and Julie Kaminski were married on November 3 at Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Wickliffe. There were many Elyria Catholic alumni in attendance including mother of the groom Judy Glenn ’84 and aunt Cheryl (Glenn) Cramer ’81. Sisters Katie ’14 and Tricia Gauntner ’14, and Stephanie (Cramer) Pitts ’11 and Jeff Pitts ’11. Julie is an RN at the Cleveland Clinic and Andrew is working in marketing at United Consumer Financial Services. They are living in Mentor On the Lake.

Class of 2013
Taylor Reaser ’13 and Amber Flaesgarten were married on October 6, 2018 in an outdoor ceremony hosted by Jeanne and Randy Holland. There were several EC alumni in attendance in addition to those in the wedding party which included Dominic (DC) Piazza ’15, Cody Reaser ’11, Tanner Reaser ’16, Bekka Reaser ’16, Kaeleigh Reaser, Josh Laubenthal ’16 and Collin Lester ’13, Best Man. Taylor is the son of Karlene and Tony (’81) Reaser.

Petty Officer 3rd Class Taylor is currently stationed at Station Boston with the United States Coast Guard. Amber is a barista who is working towards a law degree. They reside in Salem, Massachusetts.

Class of 2014
Alyssa (Malinowski) Smith ’14 (Bride), Erik Smith ’14 (Groom), Rebecca Malinowski ’16 (Maid of Honor), Elizabeth Smith ’15, Marie Vasitas ’14, Madelyn Joviak ’14, Rachel Kozma ’14, Matthew Resar ’14 (Best Man), Matthew Smith ’10, Danny Smith ’12. Alyssa and Erik currently live with their dog, Rosie, in Westerville, Ohio near Columbus. Alyssa is working at Healthy Pets of Wedgewood Vet hospital in Powell, and hoping to enter veterinary school in the fall. Erik is currently working at OSU while looking for a job in politics.

Class of 2014
Marissa Johnson ’14 and Brian Mahilo ’14 were married on May 26, 2018 in the Outer Banks, North Carolina on the beach in a small, intimate ceremony. The reception was held in Aurora, Ohio on June 2, 2018 with family and friends in attendance. Marissa, a varsity cheer coach and Brian, an air traffic controller, are living in Avon, Ohio.
The Class of 1959 will be celebrating their 60th Reunion on September 28, 2019. Please save the date.

All members of the Class of 1969 are invited to join us on Graduation Day, May 24, 2019, to lead in the Class of 2019 to their graduation ceremony. More information to follow.

The Class of 1969 will celebrate its 50th reunion on Friday August 2, 2019 with a dinner at Avon Isle Park, Avon. More information will be mailed after the first of the year.

To stay in touch, please join the private Facebook group by searching Facebook for Elyria Catholic HS Class of 1969. If you prefer to receive updates via e-mail, send a message to EDCHS1969@gmail.com and we’ll add you to our contacts. Please update your mailing address with the Reunion Committee at the above e-mail or with the EC Alumni Office.

Class of 1970
Frank Delgado ’70, SSG-USA 1970-1985 and Vietnam 1971-1972, was awarded “Quilt of Honor” on Veteran’s Day 11-11-18 in Lincoln, Nebraska. Go Panthers!

Golf Outing 2018
Thank you so much to all who came to the 29th Annual Golf Outing on Monday, September 24th! We are especially thankful to our sponsors, Deloitte, The Elyria Catholic Class of 1957, Schlather Insurance, Old Republic National Title Insurance Company, The Alan O’Connor Family, Mercy Health, and Barnes Wendling CPAs, as well as our hole sponsors and prize donors. Despite the rain, everyone played well and had a great time. See you all again next year!
“Making school history every year with the Women’s Soccer Team and being able to make it to the Final Four senior year with the best team and coaches is more than anyone could ask for!”

– Keely Birsic ’15
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Monsignor Newton Legacy Society Members have included Elyria Catholic High School in their estate plans. These types of gifts secure our school’s financial future and leave a lasting legacy of support for our mission. Visit www.elyriacatholic.com/plannedgiving for more information.

Monsignor Newton Legacy Society Members

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The David Basinski Family
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Ronald Gilgenbach ’52
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Graduation Day

We are so thankful to the many wonderful alums who joined us on Graduation Day 2018! This year we started the morning with breakfast with members of the class of 2018 who have alumni parents and grandparents. Later in the day we invited the Class of 1968 to lead in our seniors to commencement in celebration of their 50th Reunion. Thank you to everyone involved!
Congratulations to the Class of 2018!

Did you know that the Class of 2018 earned over $10.2 Million in scholarship offers from over 60 private and public colleges and universities?

They are attending the following colleges and universities this fall:

**STATE COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES**
- Baldwin Wallace University
- Bowling Green State University
- Central State University
- Cleveland State University
- The College of Wooster
- Cuyahoga Community College
- Heidelberg University
- Hiram College
- John Carroll University
- Kent State University
- Lorain County Community College
- Lourdes University
- Miami University
- Notre Dame College
- Oberlin College
- Ohio Northern University
- The Ohio State University
- Ohio University
- Ohio Wesleyan University
- The University of Akron
- University of Cincinnati
- University of Dayton
- University of Mount Union
- The University of Toledo
- Walsh University
- Wittenberg University
- Xavier University

**OUT OF STATE**
- Allegheny College; PA
- Benedictine University; IL
- Chatham University; PA
- Gannon University; PA
- Loyola University Chicago; IL
- North Central College; IL
- St. Bonaventure University; NY
- Trine University; IN
- The University of Kansas; KS
- University of Mississippi; MS
- The University of Tennessee; TN
- West Virginia University; WV

May the road rise up to meet you. May the wind always be at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face, and rains fall soft upon your fields. And until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand. – Irish Blessing
Elyria Catholic welcomed close to 70 students from Oakwood and Franklin Elementary schools on December 2 for a day of Christmas magic on the EC campus. This annual Christmas event, which has been going strong for over fifteen years, gives not only the young children in our community a chance to enjoy a bit of Christmas fun, but it also provides our students the opportunity to share their time, talent and treasure each year.

It is such a rewarding experience for all involved.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**January 2019**
- 5-6 Scholastic Play by Play Classic
- 11 Youth Boys Basketball Night
- 12 Youth Hockey Night
- 13 Class of 2023 Scholarship Dinner
- 25 All County Mass | 9:30 a.m.
- 28 Youth Girls Basketball Night

**February 2019**
- 2 Chefs in Training
- 16 Crash the Coliseum

**March 2019**
- 18 Lorain County Catholic Elementary School Band Festival
- 13-16 Performing Arts Department Spring Musical – Mamma Mia! (March 14) Daytime performance for Catholic elementary schools

**April 2019**
- 11 Spring Open House 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

**May 2019**
- 2 Seventh Grade Experience Day
- 4 HSTP Class | 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- 16 Seventh Grade Experience Day
- 18 Seventh Grade HSPT Practice Test | 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Parent meeting at 8:35 a.m.

*Panther for a Day: Students not attending with their school may arrange a Panther for a Day visit by calling the office, 440.365.1821.*