

The Catholic High School of Baltimore



December 2017 - Christmas Cheer

Letter from the President



Dear Catholic High Alumnae,

The Catholic High Community has been extra busy in the weeks leading to Christmas. As you read the December 2017 Spotlight, I am sure you will enjoy, as I did, the various student-led activities that brought the spirit of Christmas to all of us on Edison Highway and beyond.

I am especially proud of the various good works involving doing for others and giving to others that dominated our activities during the Season of Advent in preparation for Christmas: decorating a tree to benefit Kennedy Krieger at the Festival of Trees, our annual Adopt-a-Family Christmas project, providing clothing, toys, and food for 21 families in need of assistance, our choir performing at Ridge Ruxton School, and our amazing Christmas Concert and Art Show!

Please read articles about these and other items of interest in the following newsletter. And, as always, please accept our sincere thanks for the many ways you give back to Catholic High! We are grateful for our Alumnae, and wish you every blessing of Christmas and the New Year. Please remember us, as we remember you each day, in prayer and with gratitude.

The administration, faculty, staff, and young women of The Catholic High School of Baltimore wish you and yours a most blessed Christmas!

Sincerely,

Barbara D. Nazelrod M.D.

*Dr. Barbara D. Nazelrod '68
President*

The President's Reception, held on November 15, 2017, was an opportunity to share the highlights of the 2016-2017 Annual Giving Campaign. We were proud to acknowledge that we once again had 100% participation from the Board of Trustees and Faculty/Staff. We also thanked our Athletic Boosters Club, Fathers' Club, Mothers' Club, and Visual & Performing Arts Boosters who helped us reach our goal through managing their various special events and fundraisers. Special recognition was given to the Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia for their continued and exceptional support, as well as key Gala & Golf Outing sponsors:

Gala

Tim's Towing Automotive - Pat Bonner McElroy '78, parent of alumna '13
Historic Jordan Springs - Tonie Staudenmaier Wallace-Aitken '65
Barbara D. Nazelrod, Ph.D.
Harvest Investments
The Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia

Golf

Paul and Geri DeJuliis, parent of alumna '11

It was also an opportunity to thank last year's Annual Fund volunteer leadership:

Campaign Chair

Mrs. Tonie Staudenmaier Wallace-Aitken '65

Alumnae Division Chair

Sr. Margaret Xavier Romans, OSF '60

Parent Class Division Chairs

Michelle Fertitta Bussard '84, parent of alumnae '14 and '16'
Lynn Yeager Comegna '85, parent of current student '17
Trisha DeFelice Greensfelder '82, parent of alumna '10 and current student '18
Julie Bogdan Mullen '90, parent of current student '19

Parent of Alumnae Division Chair

Suzanne Leonardi Maria '85, parent of alumna '15

Grandparent Division Chair

Dorothea Fertitta, GP '14 and '16

If you would like to make a year-end donation to the 2017-2018 Green & Gold Fund, you can do so by clicking [here](#). Thank you!

2nd Annual Guest Bartending Event



2017, the Alumnae Association sponsored a Guest Bartending Event at Jerry D's on Harford Road. Many Alumnae of Catholic High took turns behind the bar serving drinks to other alumnae and their families and friends!

It was a fun and successful evening! Thank you to all who participated and attended!

The SGA is in the Christmas Spirit!



December is the busiest time of the year for our Student Council elves. They work very hard to get the Catholic High community in the Christmas spirit! For many years, it has been a tradition to participate in the *Festival of Trees* established by the Kennedy Krieger Institute. When a tree gets sold, the funds go to children with disabilities who are served by the Kennedy Krieger Institute. The Student Council decorated a beautiful tree with hand-made ornaments to contribute to the event and represent Catholic High.

The Student Council also helped facilitate Catholic High's annual Hall Decorating contest. *The overall winner was Mr. Morris' homeroom with the theme of "Gingerbread Christmas Pool Party."*



Click [here](#) to see more pictures from Hall Decorating!

In addition, the Student Council oversees the Annual Adopt-A-Family Christmas Project! As a school community we adopted 20 families from St. Gregory the Great Parish in Baltimore City. Each



\$20.00 gift card to purchase a turkey to each of the adopted families.

With the help of our Student Council and additional volunteer students and teachers, all gifts were wrapped and tagged and all food items were packaged

for each family in the Dining Hall on Wednesday, December 13, 2017. The next morning, these gifts were delivered by our Cub buses to St. Gregory's for distribution.

A special THANK YOU to Mrs. Molly Baxter '07, and our outstanding maintenance crew for all that they did to make this year's Adopt-A-Family so successful!

Finally, our Student Council also sponsored a visit from Santa during lunches on Monday, December 11, 2017. Students took photos with Santa and his canine helper, Buck Henry Showalter, for a small fee. Money raised went to the Student Council fund. Thank you to Peggy Wills '73 for letting Buck assist Santa with his visit!



Were You a TCHS Cheerleader?

Our Cheerleaders performed in the White Marsh Parade and the Mayor's Holiday Parade! Go Cubs!



A special thank you to our coaches, Ms. Julia Bourgeois '07 and Ms. Gabriella Polsinelli '12, and to our Athletic Director, Mrs. Kari McBride, for helping to carry on this awesome tradition!

On December 2, 2017, Catholic High's Choir visited Ridge Ruxton School to enjoy "Breakfast with Santa," and provide holiday entertainment for the second year in a row. Ridge Ruxton's Sign Language Choir joined Catholic High students on stage for a very special performance.



This performance at Ridge Ruxton's Breakfast with Santa was once again initiated by sophomore, Regina Del Pilar, whose brother attends the school. Regina hopes to continue this tradition next year as it is truly a special event that all families enjoy.

Visual & Performing Arts Christmas Events

The Visual and Performing Arts hosted their annual Christmas Dinner, Art Show, and Concert on Thursday, December 14, 2017. students had the opportunity to showcase some of their best work, and both the band and choir performed, demonstrating their amazing talent as they got everyone into the holiday spirit!

The Archangel Program

Do you know a friend or relative whose daughter could benefit from a learning support program in high school?

The Archangel Program provides opportunities for success to students who encounter academic difficulties during elementary and middle school. Through small class sizes, frequent student-teacher interaction, close cooperation between home and school, and the student's commitment to success, the Archangel student will proceed through a college preparatory program. In their junior year, Archangel students are integrated to their class levels based upon academic achievement.

For more information about the program contact Angela Baumler,
Director of Enrollment at (410)732-6200 x216

Alumlight - Alumnae Professional Updates

We are looking to share networking news from Alumnae in the *Alumlight* feature column in the next edition of the Highlighter. If you have professional news to share, we want to hear from you! Did you earn a new degree? Maybe you received a promotion? Perhaps you changed jobs

you!

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