



The Holy Herald

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Judy Hughes - Head of School Father Steve Bates - School Chaplain

Head of School Judy Hughes Announces Retirement in 2019



Dear Families and Friends of Holy Nativity,

My heart is overflowing with love and a great deal of emotion as I announce my plan to

retire June 30, 2019. This coming school year, 2018-2019, will be my 8th year as your Head of School, the highlight of my 32-year career. Thank you for this rewarding opportunity. During the next 18 months, I look forward to helping ensure a smooth leadership transition guided by the Board's step-by-step process for selecting our next Head of School. With your help and God's guidance, I have no doubt this will be a joyful and effective process.

I particularly want to thank the Board of Trustees during my tenure for their dedicated leadership and outstanding financial management of Holy Nativity Episcopal School. It has been a privilege to work with such talented, incredible people. Over the last 7 years, moving from recession into the technology age, we have expanded our facilities by creating 11 new classrooms, adding 2 conference rooms, purchasing a 4th Hamilton Avenue house, building our show-stopping Pavilion, installing modular classrooms and enclosing

William's Field with new fencing. Significantly, 100% of HNES 8th graders are accepted into the high schools' advanced programs. Our rigorous 3K through 8th grade curriculum supports our students' success and that success is also a product of the Holy Nativity philosophy. Every day in every grade we surround our students with intelligent, loving, accomplished teachers and staff who possess "the magic" that special ingredient given a name by Beverly McDaniel. The faculty and staff of Holy Nativity Episcopal School have no equal. I am so fortunate to work with the best.

The desire for the best math education resulted in 3K-5th Singapore Math; and our middle school math teachers selected effective new textbooks and expanded the math offerings. Our elementary teachers requested and wisely chose a dynamic reading series, plus we added a computer-based diagnostic reading tool for kindergarten through 8th grade. Due to our increased enrollment, the Board authorized a second full-time administrator to serve our 3K through 5th grade program, thereby expanding the support we provide the students and teachers.

A sizable grant, along with long-term improvement funds, provided new HNES air conditioning. William's Field, due to a generous donation, now boasts beautiful green grass with an irrigation system and a full track.

Security and safety have been and continue to be an annual priority. Permission from the city to close Hamilton Avenue was a significant safety step and drop-off and pick-up "work in progress" is inching closer to a final "this is it" plan.

Because of our families' and friends' consistently strong fundraising projects and generous individual donations, our technology capabilities are now points of pride. Only a few years ago as I began this journey, our priorities were school-wide internet, a technology-based information system, uniform email addresses, as well as a new phone system. Those are now all a reality. Today our student' technology-enhanced opportunities are endless and available at every grade level in every subject.

Holy Nativity's mission is to provide students of promise a remarkable school in an atmosphere of Christian love. We are blessed with a community of families who offer unending support for that mission. I love the feeling when I enter the doors of Holy Nativity and I love being a part of the HNES mission. As we move forward, ambitious plans are in place as well as the task of preparing for our 2019 FCIS/FKC accreditation visit. This is an exciting time to be a part of HNES.

Thank you for the love, the support, the smiles and mostly for the beautiful children you have shared with me.

With lasting gratitude, Judy Hughes

Board of Trustees Prepares for Next Head of School 2019-2020

From the Board of Trustees

It is with great sadness, but also deep gratitude, the Board of Trustees accepts Judy Hughes' decision to retire at the end of the 2018/19 academic year. Judy has served our school for many years and in many ways—as an Elementary School teacher, Middle School Principal, Head of School, parent, grandparent and most importantly, someone who fully supports our mission and loves our children. The school has thrived under her leadership, and we have been blessed to have her many years of experience to guide the board and school.

Taking the Head of School position at a time when the country was recovering from a recession and our community was struggling with the impact of the BP Oil Spill, Judy faced many challenges. She worked tirelessly to plan and assess programs, provide instructional leadership, manage resources, and communicate with the school community. Her many accomplishments are too numerous to list, but here are some of the major highlights:

- Increasing enrollment and professional development significantly during her tenure;
- Embracing technology advancements to enhance curriculum school-wide;
- Transforming the school's budget from a deficit to accumulating solid contingency reserves;
- Overseeing the renovation of the portable building now used for 5th grade, the purchase and renovation of another Hamilton Avenue house, and the construction of a new pavilion and new modular;
- Implementing a new school management system, Ren-Web, for more efficient operations and improved communication with parents;
- Redesigning the school's website, including a new school-wide electronic calendar, and creating a presence for the school on social media;
- Working with Bay District School to provide additional resources for professional development and students' educational needs; and

- Directing the school's Five-Year Evaluation by the Florida Council of Independent Schools and Florida Kindergarten Council to maintain the school's accreditations, including extensive support of a new Strategic Planning process.

Judy has strengthened the school and positioned it well, and we are grateful that she has offered to assist us over the next year to ensure a smooth and seamless transition to a new Head of School. The Board of Trustees is committed to leading a search for an excellent Head of School. Please do not hesitate to contact any member of the board with questions or concerns about the search process. The future is bright for Holy Nativity Episcopal School, and we are indebted to Judy Hughes for her commitment to our school. We wish Judy many blessings in her retirement.

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front row L to R: Maggie Shuler, Carolyn Cramer, Judy Hughes, middle row: Mary Kathryn San Juan, Jerry Shores, Jennifer Goodwiller, Chris Moser, Jack Ringelberg, Dick Hebert, back row: Brent Faison, Ben Lee, Chris Stamps, Clayton Syfrett NOT pictured: Matt Cole, Charlie Commander, Craig Dye, Jason Smith, Father Steve Bates, Doug Smith

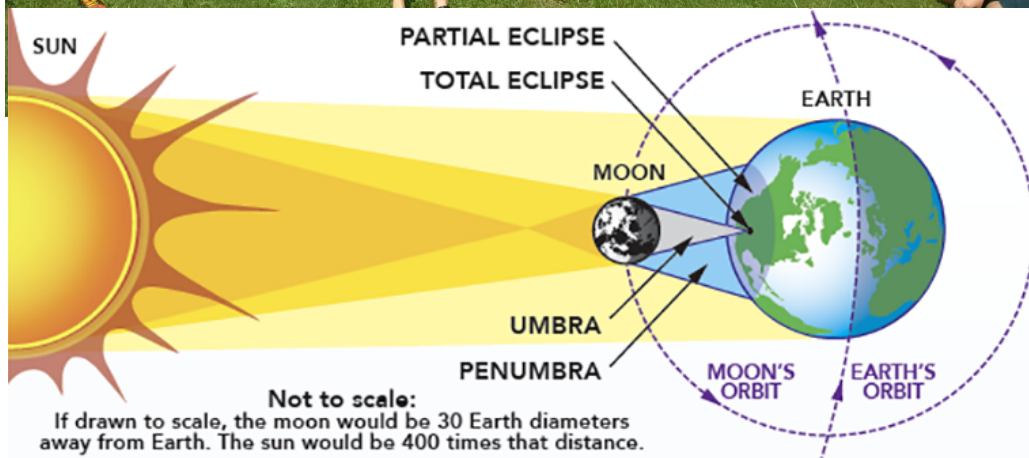
2017 Solar Eclipse is an Unforgettable Experience for HNES Students & Families

On Monday, August 17, 2017, at 1:15 p.m. students at Holy Nativity were released on to William's Field to witness the first total Solar Eclipse visible in the continental United States since 1979!

As seen in the NASA illustration right, the moon passed between the sun and Earth and blocked all or part of the sun for up to about three hours. In the "path of totality," the moon completely blocked the sun for about two minutes and 40 seconds.

While sitting on the newly grown grass on William's Field, using special glasses provided by generous parents and the school, students in grades 1st–8th, and their families witnessed this amazing phenomena occurring over the Holy Pavilion.

The next total solar eclipse visible from North America will be April 8, 2024.



Thank you Debbie Stewart for two years Service as Parent Council Co-Chair and Chair

"Debbie has not only been a dedicated volunteer with a gift for serving but a fearless leader who is able to guide and mentor others. She served as Parent Council Co-chair for SY 2016-2017 and gamely stepped up as Parent Council Chair this year. Even without a co-chair, Debbie hasn't let it slow her down. All Parent Council-supported events this year have exceeded expectations and she has taken Parent Council to the next level. Additionally, Debbie has helped HNES not only prepare for our FCIS audit next year but continued the vision started many years ago to streamline and make Parent Council user friendly for the parents, staff, and students. Her leadership will be missed but she is leaving a lasting legacy."

Contributed by Parent Council Volunteer **Kim Spence**



Debbie is pictured with husband Scott, daughter Sarah (8th grade) and son Andrew (4th grade)

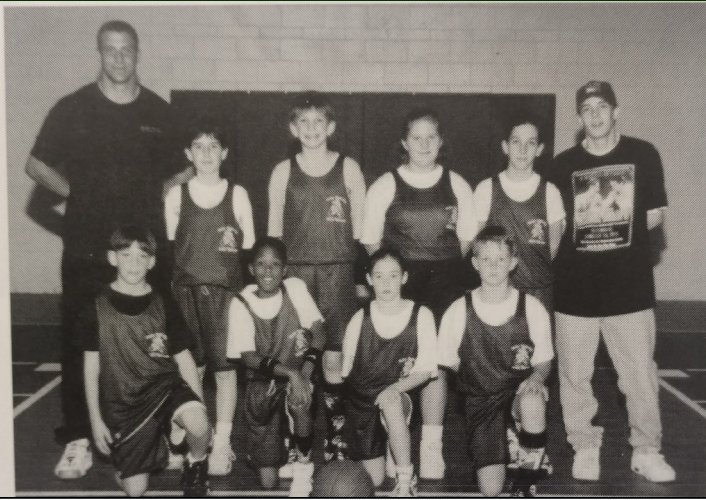
Holy Nativity Foundation Benefactor Announces Marriage

We are happy to share that **Mary Sittman and Marvin Clark** were wed on

February 15th at the Bay County Courthouse. Mary is a beloved friend of HNES. In 1998, she was crucial to the acquisition of the Cove School property and her leadership as a developer at BAYCO and her personal contributions as a donor, were vital to the success of creating the HNES campus. Most recently, Mary & Marvin were "Pillar Donors" to the Holy Pavilion. Mary is also the aunt of HNES Alumni **Ryan Yessman** (c/o 2001) & **Allison Yessman** (c/o 2007). Congratulations to Mary & Marvin!



My Holy Nativity Story: Alumnus Jon Mason is Living his Dream



The 1996-97 HNES Boys' Basketball team (Jon front row, 2nd from left) finished the season 9-0. Led by **Coach Santoli**, this was the first undefeated team in school history.



In Coach Mason's first year coaching, the HNES 2010 Boys' Basketball Team won the private school title. They repeated this feat in 2011. (2011 was the last year of private school basketball in Bay County.)

Contributed by Coach Jon Mason - current Director of Education at Basic NWFL, Inc. and Head Girls Basketball Coach at A. Crawford Mosley High School

"I spent 1st through 5th grades at Holy Nativity and during that time I was able to fellowship and garner lifelong relationships. The people that I encountered had a lasting impression on the person that I am today.

*My basketball career started at Holy Nativity in the 2nd grade. I was coached by **Beth McDaniel, Ray Santoli, Anji Dunlap, and Denise Phillips**. I learned not only about the game but sportsmanship and how to be a team player. Each and every one of my coaches played a vital role in the player I became as well as the person I am. There were many people that were huge influences in my life: **Kathy Barr, Judy Hughes, Beverly McDaniel** - just to name a few.*

*It is ironic that I started my playing career and coaching career at Holy Nativity. In 2010, **Kim Skibba** asked me to coach the middle school boys' team. It was an excellent experience. I honestly didn't have a clue of what I was doing but the boys sure did make me look like I did. That season is one that I will never forget and hopefully the guys won't either. I can honestly say that this first experience was a pathway to where I am now.*

I would like to thank everyone that has allowed me to coach their kids and trusted me with their basketball programs."



The 2017-18 Mosley Lady Dolphins (shown here after their victory over Rickards on February 19th), led by Coach Mason (back row, center), advanced to the State Semifinals in Lakeland for the first time in school history. After beating Bishop Kenny on February 23rd and cutting down the nets, the Lady Dolphins moved into the State Semifinal Tournament where they were defeated by Ponte Vedra. The 2017-18 Lady Dolphins are the first Bay County team to ever achieve a state semifinal berth in girls basketball.

With only two seniors on this team, Ayanna Garcia and Ja'Tayvia Holley, the 22-6 record is the best in Mosley High School program history.

WJHG.com contributed to this story.

Green Grass Grows on William's Field

Returning grass to William's Field was an ambitious plan in May 2017. It required not only the patience and encouragement of our school families but the kindness and knowledge of several businesses and the continuing dedication and generosity of the Lloyd Family – **June Lloyd, Bill & (Coach) Jennifer Lloyd, and Robert & Nancy Lloyd** – who divided the expense of the entire project and oversaw the direction and timing of each phase.

The process began with moving the well from the Kindergarten playground to the south end of the field. When Robert Lloyd contacted **Jay Trumbull Sr.** at **Culligan Water** about this relocation, Jay indicated that they had donated the original well many years ago. **Mike Cooper** with Culligan is Jay's right-hand man. Robert told us that Mike handled a lot of work that went on behind the scenes to get everything done from permitting of the well to electrical work. Thank you Culligan for covering the cost of moving the well!

The timing for the drilling of the well coincided with the pouring of the concrete path from the tennis courts to The Holy Pavilion. **Richard Dodd's** group from **Reliant South** was extremely flexible. Robert said, "It worked out but only because everyone was willing to work in the best interest of the final product."

Having friends in lawn maintenance and grounds care was especially helpful as the plan moved forward.

Jennifer and Bill are good friends with **Adam Cantrell** who owns *PC Fit* with his wife **Kirstie**. The Cantrells have a new preschooler at HNES and were starting **US Lawns** with **Richard Maddox**. Bill contracted with them to put in the grass, irrigation system, and to spray, mow, and maintain the field for the first year. It was Coach Lloyd's idea to include a track around the grass area to help limit everyday wear and tear.

Finally, **Garrett Anderson** of **Anderson Construction** facilitated installation of a control panel for the new sprinkler system.

Robert remarked, "My father (**Bill Lloyd, Sr.**) envisioned a facility here that not only served as a school but as a community resource with scout groups, soccer teams, etc. using the space beyond the school day. I feel we have given the natural grass the best possible chance for success. We hired a professional to oversee every aspect of the project. We ensured an adequate water supply, professional application of fertilizers etc..."

It will take the efforts of the whole school family to safeguard this beautiful asset for our current and future students. William himself, would be proud of the progress!

Thank you Robert Lloyd, for everything - your information for this story and your dedication to our school and the William's Field Grass project.



August 15, 2017 8th grader **Delayna Morris** - daughter of Technology Coordinator **Lyn Morris**, is unsure if she has permission to step on the newly green William's Field.



This "Before" image was taken on May 1, 2017

LLOYD FAMILY

Cove Elementary School Alumna Shares School Joy with HNES Daughters

Contributed by Jana Strickland Wibberley ~ Cove Elementary School 5th grade class of 1983

“Allie and Anna could not stop giggling, smiling, and dancing around the house after their first day at Holy Nativity Episcopal School. They wouldn’t change out of their uniforms and cannot wait to go back tomorrow.

Thank you for the wonderful, warm welcome today, HNES. This precious school received us with open arms this morning like we had been there forever.

I guess, in a way, we have. My Daddy and I both went to this school when it was Cove School. The friends I made there are my friends forever.

I have a treasured, vivid memory of running across the Cove School playground one afternoon to reach my grandfather, who was waiting just outside the fence to pick me up. He was standing beside his baby blue Edsel, where he waited with a cold Coke from the Coca-Cola bottling company in downtown Panama City. He was ready to hear all about my day. Tonight, I found myself running as fast as I could to get home and hear about all the fun my girls had at this same place. I am so very thrilled that they get to make a lifetime of sweet friends and memories in this same sweet schoolhouse. #HNES”



The Wibberley Family at August Orientation: Eric, Allie, Anna, & Jana

Pre-School Enjoys New Modular Building

With the growth of our pre-school program, the Holy Nativity Board of Trustees voted to add a modular building in the northwest corner of the Cove School property for the 4-year old preschool classes. The building has a center wall separating two classes of 16 students each. One is taught by **Angela Sullivan** and Teaching Assistant **Kat Vogler** and the other is taught by **Tammy Timmerman** and teaching assistant **Tracey Mason**. New fencing and gates with electro-magnetic locks enclose the compound. They all love their new space!



Holy Nativity Girl Scouts Spruce Up Girls’ Bathroom



Girl Scouts: **Delayna Morris, Arissa Reyes, Samantha Smith, & Charlee Torres**, spent 50 hours each working on improvements to the south-end girls’ bathroom.

Their tasks included sanding, painting, putting in new stall locks, installing a new organizer for clothing changes, and replacing the kickplate on the west-side exit door. The girls thanked their troop leaders: **Caroline Smith & Gisela Reyes** and friends: **Sarah Stewart & Lauren Moody** for their help. Our alumni may remember that this project was last completed during the summer of 2011 by **AmyLeigh Marshall**.

Partial Ceiling Collapse Can’t Stop School Start

Perhaps it was the humidity or maybe the north end of the Cove Schoolhouse was showing her 81 years of age when, in August, several of the tongue-and-groove boards in the 2nd and 3rd grade classroom ceilings began to buckle. Board Members were quick to send in Anderson Construction to re-support the attachment of these boards to their historic roots in the ceiling. Teachers in these rooms were temporarily inconvenienced during the planning weeks but thanks to their flexibility were ready for Day One on August 17th.



Pre-School Students Learn About Judaism During Holy Week



“Thank you **Nathan Allon, Alyvia's Dad**, for visiting 4K Pre-School during Holy Week to talk to our students about being raised in both the Jewish and Christian traditions. The class watched a video about the story of Moses, then after a blessing in Hebrew, ate a Passover meal of matzo crackers and apple butter, chocolate macaroons and grape juice. The students learned that Jesus was Jewish and that the six-pointed Star of David is a symbol of the Jewish people. Most importantly the students

learned that you respect each other's beliefs and love one another. Shalom!” *Contributed by 4K Teacher Tammy Timmerman*

“Famous Americans” Surprised during First Grade Presentations

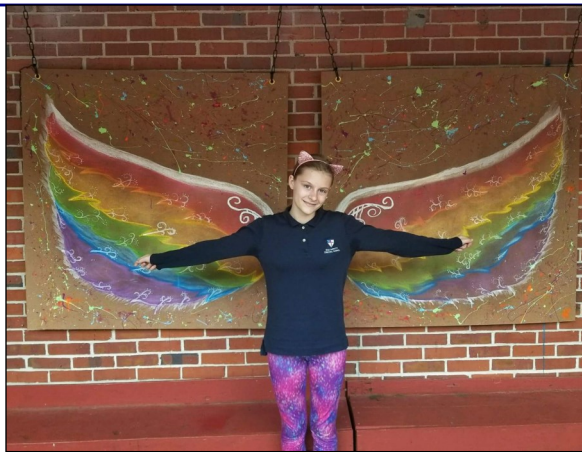
Mr. Dabney Timmerman (husband of preschool teacher **Tammy Timmerman**) surprised these two first grade friends during “Famous Americans Day.” Both handsomely-dressed, **Augie Rohan & Veer Patel** created display boards and answered questions about their chosen American -



Henry Ford. Mr. Timmerman’s arrival at school in a 1931 *Model A Ford* made for the perfect highlight for the first grade students’ day. This annual event coordinated by teachers **Katie Harris & Marie Robinette**, featured such celebrities as Abraham Lincoln, Georgia O’Keefe, Walt Disney, Clara Barton, Neil Armstrong, & Sally Ride. *(Photo by Terry Duke)*

6th Grader’s Art Gets Full-Time Display

LilyBelle Dalton stands in front of her creation “*Show Your True Colors*” in the kindergarten courtyard. Designed for her “Genius Hour” project in Mrs. Bleich’s class, the image is inspired by the “*What Lifts You*” wings in Nashville, TN, by artist Kelsey Montague. LilyBelle’s wings are now a favorite photo spot for kids and adults of all ages. *(Photo by Mom Desiree)*



It’s the 6th Year for the St. Francis “Blessing of the Pets”

Father Steve Bates (HNES Chaplain, HNEC Rector) on right, stands with **Father Tom Weller** (Cove School c/o 49, HNEC Priest Associate) on William’s Field after blessing numerous dogs, cats, birds, a turtle, a snake, and several stuffed animals. When Father Steve announced this idea in 2012, we never imagined how cherished the “Blessing of the Pets” tradition would become for our students and families.



First Day of School is a Holiday for Everyone!



These three siblings **Luke** (Jr. Pre-K), **Max** (Kindergarten), & **Anna** (3rd grade) are all smiles as they pose before their first day of school 2017-2018. *(Photo by Mom Kirstin)*

8th Annual Camp Out on William’s Field has Record Crowd



The Arnold girls: **Skyлар, Mackenzie, & Kirstin**

Who's Here in 2018?

Look who's here this year in order of seniority:

Historian, Testing Coordinator: **Lynn Ferren** (35th year)

BASE: **Martha Jo Cooper** (29th year)

Maintenance Volunteer: **Dick Hebert** (21st year)

PE: **Jennifer Lloyd** (19th year)

Director of Finance: **Kathy Mills** (18th year)

Maintenance & Facilities: **Gaila Scanlan** (18th year)

Musical Dir, PE, TA, Dance: **Hope Simmons** (18th year)

6th grade Science & PE: **Wendy Mowat** (17th total year)

Maintenance & Facilities: **Paul Smith** (17th year)

2nd grade: **Janet Fiser** (16th year)

Head of School: **Judy Hughes** (16 total years)

MS Coordinator & Science: **Lisa Davis** (15th year)

Dir of Development & MS Math: **Amy Moody** (14th)

4th grade: **Bridget Granducci** (13th total year)

PreK, 7LA: **Angela Sullivan** (13th year)

Chaplain, MS Religion: **Father Steve Bates** (12th year)

Admissions Specialist/Registrar: **Terry Duke** (12th year)

School Secretary: **Sheila White** (11th year)

School receptionist: **Kelly Muller** (11th year)

Library Media Specialist: **Lauren Williams** (10th year)

Art: **Mary Catherine Dismukes** (8th year)

BASE: **Deana Gailfoil** (8th year)

4th grade: **Natalie Godwin** (7th year)

1st grade: **Katie Harris** (7th year)

2nd grade: **Kim Lovchuk** (7th year)

Teaching Assistant: **Tracey Mason** (7th year)

Dean of Students: **Cynthia Fuller** (5th year)

MS Math: **Nancy Lloyd** (5th year)

Administrative Assistant: **Lori Morgan** (5th year)

Technology: **Lyn Morris** (5th year)

MS Math: **Jane Perry** (5th year—taught Art 4 years prior)

3rd grade: **Lara Provencher** (5th year)

Kindergarten: **Linda Warren** (5th year)

5th grade: **Audra Resler** (4th year)

Maintenance & Facilities: **Andrew Jeffery** (4th year)

Jr. Pre-K & 6 Science: **Ekco Baker** (3rd year)

BASE: **Taylor Connaster** (3rd year)

3rd grade: **Michelle Cool** (3rd year—taught Spanish prior)

Kindergarten: **Summer Himes** (3rd year)

Spanish: **Gisela Reyes** (3rd year)

1st grade: **Marie Robinette** (3rd year)

BASE Director: **Darcey Sinicrope** (3rd year)

8th grade Social Studies: **Caroline Smith** (3rd year)

Pre-K: **Tammy Timmerman** (3rd year)

6 Social Studies: **Johnny Vallas** (3rd year)

MS Language Arts: **Nancy Bleich** (2nd year)

PE: **Ryan Cox** (2nd year)

Jr. Pre-K: **Heather Creel** (2nd year)

Maintenance: **Will Donlan** (2nd year)

Music: **Kelsey Mercer** (2nd year)

5th grade: **Anna Eberhard** (1st year)

BASE: **Claudia Gonzalez** (1st year)

Teaching Assistant: **Kat Vogler** (1st year)



School Safety a Top Priority at Holy Nativity

The safety of our students, faculty, staff, and guests continues to be job number one at Holy Nativity. Many steps have been taken this year to ensure a safe and secure climate.

The majority of our faculty & staff maintains certification in CPR and first aid.

In addition to standard fire drills, all HNES faculty, staff and students regularly participate in bad weather drills and lockdown drills. In 2018, we began the practice of an emergency campus evacuation drill.

Mrs. Lynn Ferren, school safety coordinator, coordinates plans and schedules all drills.

Middle school students practice a "bad weather drill" in the Bill Lloyd Building. Mrs. Ferren, observes the process and tracks the amount of time



taken for all students to get to a safe position away from any windows..

In April, **Corporal Jerry Hicks** of the Panama City Police Department led an afterschool seminar for all Holy Nativity employees, substitute teachers and interested parents in the *Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training (ALERRT)* provided by Texas State University. This no-cost instruction prepares - not only police officers - but civilians in all workplace environments for the possibility of an emergency.

Every teacher has been trained in making a school-wide "all-call" through our telephone system in the event of an emergency.

And on campus, many changes have been made.

Doors at all entrances are now locked daily at 8:00 a.m.

Our friends at Quality Gates helped with several of our updates. At the main, front entrance, a remote control door lock has been installed. Guests now will be "buzzed in" for entry. The gate at the northwest corner of campus adjacent to the new preschool modular is equipped with electromagnetic locks that open with a key card system. In June, the breezeway gate outside of McDaniel Hall will be replaced by a taller fence with electromagnetic locks and the same keycard entry system.



The app **Safety Guard** will be installed on employee's cellular tele-phones.

All faculty and staff have been included in ongoing meetings with Judy Hughes about security measures and concerns.

A recent online survey was sent to all parents asking for their input on guards and the best way to finance the possibility of increased, visible security.

In April, **Mike Jones**, the Bay District Safety & Security Chief, visited HNES to offer advice and recommendations on our campus facilities and school procedures in the event of possible emergencies.

All together, we are continuously working on ways to help faculty, staff and students prevent, prepare and respond to any school safety issues. As always, suggestions are welcome and encouraged on this vital topic.



Kelly Muller, school receptionist, shows students **Jon Lloyd & Lauren Moody** how the new entry system works on the main entrance front doors



Nancy Bleich & Terry Duke perform CPR on a mannequin during school planning days. Faculty & staff were also trained in first aid and AED (automatic external defibrillators) use by Red Cross certified personnel.



The northwest corner of campus has a new look - the preschool modular and electromagnetic gates.



Mike Jones answers questions from **Lori Morgan, Cynthia Fuller, Judy Hughes & Andrew Jeffery** about the security of our campus during a recent visit.

America's Gift to my Generation—by Hunter Dye, 7th grader

America has given us all so much. This country has given us hope for a better tomorrow and freedom to think and do as we will. To other countries, America is a beacon of hope shining in a world of darkness. In America, people have the right to vote, the right to go to any church they want and the right to express free speech. Why do we have these rights? Who gave them to us? Who keeps them safe?

Veterans of this nation's wars have given so much for this great country. What keeps America great is the people that serve under the flag of the nation, a flag they believe in. Like that famous line says, "All gave some, but some gave all." Our forefathers founded this country on freedom and self determination and those principles have guided this one nation under God throughout

the years as our military has sought to protect its citizens from all threats foreign and domestic.

When I see people

stomping or spitting on the American flag, it disgusts me. There is no reason why you should disrespect a nation that has given everybody so much more than they could have ever dreamed of. Only 2% of Americans are veterans, so it's easy to forget all the sacrifices that they've made. All the way from fighting the British occupation, to the deserts of Iraq and Afghanistan, if it weren't for America and her veterans the world would be a totalitarian dictatorship or a religious caliphate. My father and uncle are combat-wounded veterans. They are just fine, but my Dad introduced me to some of his friends who have lost legs, arms, or have traumatic brain injuries. I rode in a plane with his friend Lance Gieselmann, who lost his leg in Iraq. Lance wore a shirt with the American flag that said, 'These colors never run.' Lance may never run again, but his spirit is still high. He loves this country and has given his blood to protect it and keep us free. So what is America's gift to my generation? Ask my Dad, my uncle, or any veteran. They will tell you that America has created long lasting



Hunter displays his award certificate and pin with Chairman of Veterans of Foreign Wars VFW District 17 (Bay, Gulf, & Jackson Counties) **Craig Chaffee**, and 7th grade Language Arts Teacher: **Angela Sullivan**. Hunter's essay finished 2nd in the 3-county District.

peace and stability around the world. Their sacrifice has guaranteed freedom for all Americans. Our nation is a beacon of hope and the envy of all others. That is America's gift to my generation.

Hunter is the son of Lori & Craig Dye



Father Steve Knows People in High Places

During the annual 8th grade trip to Washington DC and New York City, Father Steve Bates was able to arrange a very special opportunity for our students and families on their DC adventure.



Thanks to a friend of Father Steve—**Stewart McLaurin**, President of the *White House Historical Association*, the group got to experience a first-class tour of the White House.

Photo by Durray Lachina

Legacy Starts his Journey at HNES

Alexander Applegate was excited to begin

classes in Mrs. Creel's 3-year old Jr. Pre-K class this past fall but maybe not as excited as his Mom **Lauren Collins Applegate** (HNES 5th grade Class of 1994) or even his Grandmom **Anne Register Collins** (HNES Class of 1971). That is because,

Alexander represents the third generation in his family to attend Holy Nativity!

Welcome Alexander and welcome back Lauren & Anne!



TELL US YOUR LEGACY STORY!

“Mad Science” Takes Over Sixth Annual Walk-a-thon and Carnival

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Maggie Smith
Samantha Smith
Andrew Stewart
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Scarlet Ward
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Evan Ward
Michael Watts |
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Thank you to our Walk-a-thon and Carnival Chairs: **Kerry Wright & Kim Spence**. These ladies re-invented this annual event making it an evening that was unforgettable for all of our families.

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November 28, 2017

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"As a Cove School alumni (1947-1952), it was such a privilege to see two of my grandchildren Tristan & Anneke Klip attend Holy Nativity. I can't say enough about what a great experience & great educational opportunity it was for them! I hope Holy Nativity will be around for many more years!"

Wanda Harmon Howell

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5th grade students participate in the Hour of Code in the Technology Lab on December 4th.

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Class of 2017 Gifts School with New Water Fountain

Before the 8th grade class of 2017 left for high school, they gave the school a lasting and valuable gift. An **Elkay Bottle Filling Station and Water Cooler**. The touchless, sensor-activated bottle filler is easy to operate and both the filler and water cooler deliver filtered, ice-cold water. There's also a "counter" which keeps track of all of the water bottles potentially being saved!

As of April 1st, the count is already at 3,536! Thank you to class Moms **Dawn Cordon and Sandy Hundley** for making this high-tech fountain a reality for our students and guests!



Baby Grand Piano Moves into McDaniel Hall

Thanks to alumni parent **Angela Baumgartner**, McDaniel Hall has a beautiful Baby Grand piano. Angela, mom to **Jennifer** (c/o 2006) & **Matthew** (c/o 2012), contacted Holy Nativity during the summer of 2017. Her dear neighbor Robert "**Bob**" Middleton, retired US Air Force and former math teacher and Jr. ROTC instructor, was hoping to find a new home for his beloved piano. Mr. Middleton, in his retirement, was moving to Pennsylvania to live with his daughter **Sherri McKenna**. Sherri wrote, "Thank you for making sure that my Dad's piano is put to good use. My heart swells with joy (seeing the piano being enjoyed by your school)."



Mrs. Keen (Grandmother to **Lydia Lathrop**) plays the "Middleton piano" in chapel as Music Teacher **Kelsey Mercer** directs the students in grades 4 through 8 in singing *Our Alma Mater* during the 2nd chapel service in McDaniel Hall.

Gone Too Soon



Kurt Grabner is pictured here (2015) with **Gretyl** (8th grade) & **Isaac** (6th grade) and wife **Katey**. Kurt was a long-time volunteer at numerous school events and dedicated many hours annually to our St. Andrew Bay Yacht Club Fishing Tournament. This year's 5K Run was held in his memory.



Beth McDaniel (right) stands here with sister **Kate Watson** and mother **Beverly McDaniel** (Head Mistress Emeritus). Beth volunteered at Holy Nativity for many years in our athletic department and was a favorite coach among our students.



Kiran Patel is shown here with his family - wife **Priya** and sons **Jai** (5th grade) and **Veer** (1st grade). Mr. Patel was a Pavilion Donor and a supportive Dad here at Holy Nativity.

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Tradd McDaniel stands in front of the Pavilion Donor Wall. This artwork was beautifully completed by Boardwalk Designs, Inc. in the fall of 2017 and graphically represents all those who

donated between \$200 and \$6,000. It is located on the eastern wall of the pavilion stage area. Separately, "Pillar Donors" who contributed \$10,000 and above, are listed on the pavilion columns.

We are so grateful to all of our pavilion donors! Every dollar contributed by our families and friends made the Holy Pavilion a reality in 2017.

HNES Board of Trustees
 Holds First Pine Straw Sale
Chris Stamps, Board member and school Dad, suggested a spring pine straw sale that raised nearly \$2000 for school projects. Look for another chance to buy straw in the fall.



HNES Families Visit Thailand on Thanksgiving Break

After a very long trip from the US East Coast, via Korea, HNES Families arrived in Bangkok, Thailand for a week-long adventure.

6th grader **Carmen Shuler** listed the King's Summer Palace as one of her favorite spots. All visitors had to have their shoulders and knees covered. This meant that several in the group had to buy pants in the market. "Those were fun pants!"

Melanie Cox (mom to **Zachary & Evan**, wife to **Coach Cox**) reported, "As we headed north through Kanchanburi, we walked on the Death Railway, hiked the Hell Fire Pass, and played in a waterfall. When Thanksgiving Day arrived, we rode rickshaws in Phitsanulok and went to a market to eat bugs. Worms, scorpions, and beetles were all available to sample! Earlier in the day we stopped at a temple to make an offering to the monks. They prayed over us and blessed us with holy water. It was amazing." The Chiang Mai Elephant Nature Park in may have been selected as



Since 1782, the Grand Palace has been a must-see sight in Bangkok, Thailand.

everyone's favorite part of the trip. It was a 36-hour trip home but it was filled with thoughts of the amazing trip shared between these families and friends. Thank you to **Ms. Katie Harris** who coordinated the trip with the assistance of **Cynthia Fuller**, for the almost 40 person group!

Middle School Athletes Excel in Sports at Chosen Public Schools



Our largest number of HNES middle school students participated in Bay District School sports this year. Congratulations to our athletes who competed for Jinks, Mowat & Bay Haven: in Football: **Chappell Syfrett**; Boys Soccer: **Oliver Provencher, Asa Anderson, Santi Granducci, Wyatt Timmerman, Huck Lee, Jake Harbison, Jake Chapman, Chappell Syfrett, Flint Haligas**; Boys Basketball: **Huck Lee**. Girls Soccer: **Samantha Smith, Sydney Syfrett, Zamiyah Hill, Rebecca Maddox, Delayna Morris**; Volleyball: **Sidda Lachina, Pippa Culver, Sarah Stewart, Rebecca Maddox**.



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The 20th Annual SABYC Fishing Tournament was a fantastic success thanks to the committee of:

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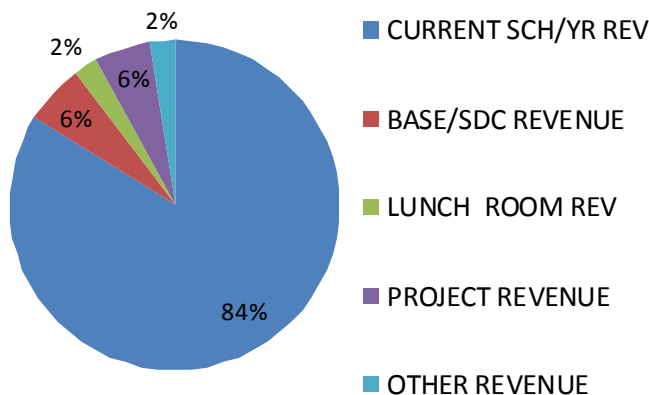
The 16th Annual Holy Nativity 5K Run and 1-mile Fun Run was held on a beautiful, cool day under the theme of "Take Time To Gladden the Hearts of Others" and in memory of school friend and Dad to Gretyl & Isaac, **Kurt Grabner**. This year's race t-shirt was extra special as it was a collage of designs by 6th grade students: **LilyBelle Dalton, Lacie Fiser, Lauren McAllister & Carmen Shuler**. "Make someone's Heart Smile," "When your legs can't run anymore, RUN WITH YOUR HEART" Thank you to our race committee of **Lisa Davis, Nancy Dingus, Wendy Mowat, Jennifer Lloyd, Bill Lloyd, Nancy Lloyd, Rob Lloyd, Hope Simmons, Doug Phillips, Kamryn Simmons and Zoe Simmons**



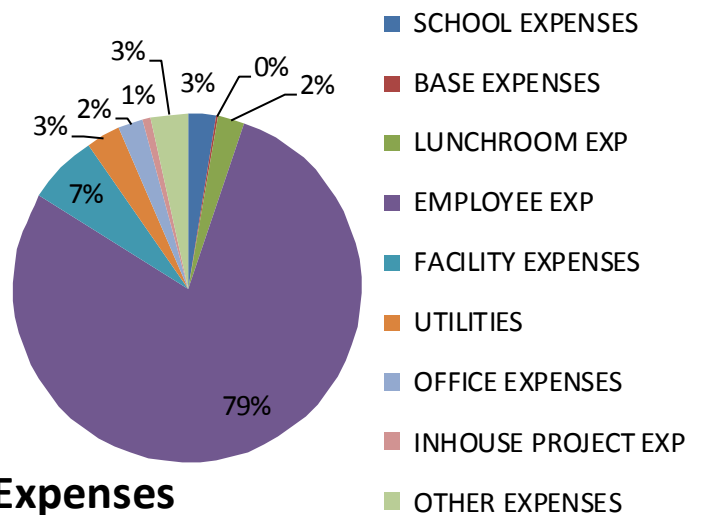
The Fiser Family had three generations at this year's race : James, Howard (Cove School alumnus), Lacie (6th grader), Paige (3rd grader), Janet (2nd grade teacher), Ami & Tucker the Spaniel.

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2nd Annual Weller Scholar Award recipient is Class of 2017 honoree Brian McClain

Holy Nativity is the school that raised me, nurtured me, and turned me into the student that I am today. The teachers that I had through my younger years taught me to be kind, patient, and smart. My teachers in my more recent years have taught me a good work ethic and to fight for what I earned. The base education that I have received from this school has given me a strong foundation that will propel me into the future with high hopes, and the brain to take me there. Have there been moments where I had great struggles in this school? Most certainly, I have had to exchange personal time between school and fun on many occasions and it proved to be a difficult decision. The rigorous school program I have gone through has brought the attention from many high schools in Bay County that can give the education that I require to go into the highest quality colleges in America. The safe environment that Holy Nativity has provides my family and me

ease in knowing that I am safe and not sacrificing the fun of school life for it. I have had the great privilege of going to this school for the past eleven years of my life. I have learned to love God and love your neighbor, to treat others as you would want to be treated, and to help your friends in all of the wild escapades that they may undergo. As said in the Rite 13 ceremony in chapel, "By the grace of God you have lived through the pains and joys of childhood, and have grown strong," I believe that these words hold true. Thank you Holy Nativity for all you have done and will do.

Thankfully, Brian McClain

The Weller Scholar is an honor awarded by the Board of Trustees of Holy Nativity Episcopal School to recognize a graduating 8th grade student who has demonstrated outstanding character, high academic progress, and a strong devotion to the mission of our school. Named for Father Tom Weller and his



wife Linda Peters Weller, this award is presented annually to celebrate the lifetime contributions of the Wellers to our school and our community. Father Tom was a student at Cove School (8th grade class of 1949) and he and Mrs. Weller are charter members of the Holy Nativity Episcopal School Foundation.

The Weller Scholar will be: announced at 8th grade graduation, will receive \$100, and will have his or her name inscribed on a plaque that will be permanently displayed in the Bill Lloyd Building.



Lori & Wes Morgan in their 14th year of service to HNES

When the Morgan Family brought "baby Dallas" to 3-day 3K in the fall of 2004 into Mrs. Sue Vaccaro's class, there was no way that they would know or could predict the amount of time, dedication and love that they would invest in our school over the years of enrollment of their two boys.

How fortunate are we that Lori accepted a job at HNES in 2013!

As their younger son Jaxon

completes his 8th grade year in the class of 2018, there is no way to thank them both for going above and beyond what could be expected of a parent nor could there be a way to list all that they both have done for our school. Thank you, Lori & Wes for all that you planned, purchased, cooked, delivered, carried, bandaged, moved, built, supervised, dressed up as, chaperoned, donated, organized, photographed, encouraged and loved!

Photo from 2018 Barn Dance with a piglet brought by the Anderson Family



Johnny Vallas Selected as WJHG Golden Apple Award Winner

After a nomination from **Asa Anderson**, Mr. Johnny Vallas was named the Golden Apple Award winner on January 18th. Mr. Vallas, who teaches 6th grade World History and 7th grade Geography, is enjoying a second career since retiring from Bay High School after 28 years teaching high school students. "I got bored in retirement."

"One of the most important things for me to teach children is tolerance and understanding of people from different backgrounds, different religions, different races, and to be accepting of all people," said Mr. Vallas.

Asa told WJHG, "Mr. Vallas has just changed how I look at learning and has made me want to learn more."

Lifelong Friendship Starts Early for Jr. Pre-K Boys

Grayson Williams and **Thomas Godwin** are more than just classmates this year in Mrs. Creels' Jr. Pre-K ("3K") class. The boys' Moms - **Lauren Williams & Natalie Godwin** are co-workers and friends here at Holy Nativity! An alumna of HNES, Mrs. Williams is in her tenth year now serving as Library Media Specialist. Mrs. Godwin is in her 7th year at HNES - currently teaching 4th grade. The entire faculty and staff is excited to watch these two boys grow up in our hallways.



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Mr. Paul Celebrates 80th Birthday!

On Friday morning, March 9th, "**Mr. Paul**" **Smith** was "tricked" into heading out to the Pavilion for a quick repair. There was an important school event happening that day so the project needed to be checked immediately. As he passed all 300+ students, faculty, staff, school family, and friends, Mr. Paul had no idea

that all had gathered to surprise him on his 80th birthday (March 12th)! After singing "Happy Birthday," all guests enjoyed a donut and a hug from Mr. Paul. Now in his 17th year at HNES, Mr. Paul is a beloved part of everyday life at school. He loves to say, "Holy Nativity is a million dollar school. I'm just here to make sure it looks that way."

Thanks to "**Mrs. Gaila**" **Scanlan** for being a crucial accomplice to the surprise!



Middle School Students Shine in 2017 The Lion King - Photos by Terry Duke



(L to R) Chappell Syfrett, Katy Perry, Arissa Reyes, Ella Cole, Lily Butterworth, Katherine Dismukes, Gracie Mae Hundley & Fisher Boyd pose prior to opening night.



The Lioness ensemble celebrates Simba (Ella Cole) during the musical number "I Just Can't Wait to be King" while Zazu (Andrew Southerland) looks on impatiently.



Standing with Ms. Hope, some of our 8th grade actors: Emily Helms, Gracie Mae Hundley, Eliannah Anderson, Andrew Southerland & Cecilia Shuler.



Emily Carrier (standing), Samantha Smith, Jaxon Morgan, Oliver Provencher, Dawson Hughes, Jak Kyle were part of the fantastic backstage crew.

In 2017, Ms. Hope Simmons directed her 2nd middle school musical and it was an immense success. Opening at the Martin Theater, *The Lion King* was enjoyed at two showings - the annual student performance on Friday morning, and the family and friends' performance on Friday evening. Many thanks to Mr. Bruce Taws and his Mosley High School Theater students for their support and mentorship of the entire production. 2018 will be the first year that Ms. Hope stages the annual production at the new Gretchen Nelson Scott Fine Arts Center at Mosley High School. On May 1st, 2018, at 6 p.m. *Madagascar* will open with a record 40+ students involved. Come see our show! There will be discounted ticket prices for alumni!

Middle School Students Enjoy Success in Essay Contests, History Fair, & MathCounts



Regional MathCounts Winners:
 7th place overall: Sarah Stewart
 3rd place Team: Sarah, J.Alton Boyd, Liam Dykes, & Delayna Morris
Bay District Schools MathCounts Winners:
 6th grade - 10th place overall - Carmen Shuler
 7th grade - 6th place overall - Jon Lloyd
 7th grade - 10th place tie - Chappell Syfrett
 7th grade Team - 3rd place - Jon Lloyd, Chappell Syfrett, Lauren Moody, Sierra Czubaj
 8th grade - 2nd place overall - J.Alton Boyd
 8th grade - 4th place overall - Sarah Stewart
 8th grade Team - 3rd place - J. Alton Boyd, Sarah Stewart, Dylan Cazalas, Zachary Cox

Patriot's Pen Essay Contest
 VFW Post 555 Commander Susan Johnson & winners: Bradley Pennington, Hunter Dye, Sam FitzSimons, Ashtyn Williams, Samuel Johnson, Chappell Syfrett, Jon Lloyd

The Daughters of the American Revolution Essay Contest winners: Zachary Cox, Liam Dykes, Jade Jones



Tom Barefield District History Fair Winners:

Arissa Reyes 3rd place Exhibit: "Skirted Soldiers: Women's Army Auxiliary Corps" (pictured right)
 Tradd McDaniel 3rd place Website "The Cuban Missile Crisis"
 Charlie Hundley Honorable Mention Historical Paper: "Gone with the Tide - The Erosion of Florida Beaches Sparks Conflict When Construction Equipment Arrives on Site"



HNES Class of 2014 Reunion to be held on Sunday, May 6th

The Annual Senior Recognition Day at HNES will be on Sunday, May 6th from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. on the school grounds. Students who attended Holy Nativity Episcopal School *at any time*, and are current



high school seniors, are invited back for a special reunion.

Parents, grandparents, and guests are also asked to come along to the school for a scavenger hunt, cake and punch, and fond reminiscing.

Head Mistress Emeritus, **Mrs. Beverly McDaniel** will be there as well as other favorite faculty and staff members! If you are a part of this “2014 Class,” make sure you are here on May 6th to catch up with old friends before you head off to the next stage of your life.

Did you receive your invitation? Any questions may be directed to Amy Moody amood@hnes.us or call (850)747-0060 See you soon!

HNES 8th Grade Class of 2018 Looking Forward to High School

The class of 2018 is headed to Arnold, Bay, Mosley, or Rutherford High Schools this fall for the next step in their educational careers. This year's class includes a record number of “lifers” (students who have attended HNES since 3K): **J. Alton Boyd, III, Dylan Cazalas, Jake Chapman, Santi Granducci, Jake Harbison, Jack Hundley, Sidda Lachina, Rebecca Maddox, Jaxon Morgan, Samantha Smith, & Sydney Syfrett.** Filling out the class is: **Asa Anderson, Isabella Barragan, Zachary Cox, Pippa Culver, Liam Dykes, Isabella Fagan, Makayla Fagan, Gretyl Grabner, Dawson Hughes,**



Samuel Johnson, Alex Johnson, Maddie Johnson, Jade Jones, Hunter Lark, Jacob Latham, Delayna Morris, Sarah Stewart, Wyatt Timmerman, Charlee Torres, & Jay Trucks. The annual graduation ceremony will take place on Tuesday, May 22nd at Holy Nativity Episcopal Church at 5:30 p.m. All friends are welcome to attend!

Alumni Share Good News! Send us Yours.



Kat Hutt, HNES c/o 2014 will graduate with a 4.66 GPA in the Bay High AICE program, earning her AICE diploma her junior year. She will be graduating as Salutatorian and has earned membership in honor societies: Mu Alpha Theta, Latin Honor Society, and National Honor Society. Last year, she was named the Sunshine State Scholar, the top STEM scholar in Bay District Schools. She has been very active in many other organizations, most notably the Bay High Million Dollar Band, serving as Auxiliary Co-Captain, spinning flags and rifles, as well as playing keyboard and xylophone. Kat has spent two summers serving as a counselor at Camp Beckwith through Holy Nativity Episcopal Church. In the fall, Kat will be attending the University of Florida on scholarship as a UF Honors student. She plans to study physics and hopes to spend a good bit of time in various study abroad programs. She also intends to spend her Saturdays during football season terrorizing her father (Trey Hutt) and grandfather (John Hutt), both of whom attended FSU, and her mother (Penny Hutt), an Auburn Tiger.

Contributed info from Dad—Trey

Zander Lovchuk, HNES c/o 2014 was chosen as the 2017 Homecoming King at Bay High School this past fall. In addition to this honor, he was also named to the *News Herald's* All-County Football Team, voted captain of the Soccer Team, chosen MVP for BHS Football and Soccer, selected as WMBB's Student Athlete of the Week, named *MVP Magazine's* Bay High Student Athlete of the Year, and was voted "Bay High's Most Athletic." In addition to his athletic accomplishments, earned: the highest GPA for Football, Soccer, & Track, AICE Scholar recognition and is #3 in his class. He is headed to the University of Florida this fall. Zander is the son of **Candee England** (former HNES Teacher) & Michael Lovchuk. His sister is **Kendall Lovchuk** (HNES c/o 2010).



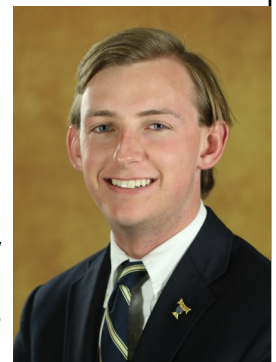
Keira Banton, HNES c/o 2016 was chosen as the 51st *Azalea Trail Queen* at the Panama City Garden Club on March 11th. Keira is in 10th grade in Rutherford's IB program. She is Historian of the 10th grade SGA, runs cross country, is on the track team, and plays soccer at Rutherford, while maintaining a 4.3 GPA. Keira credits *Girls on the Run* at HNES for starting her "career" in running. Recently she traveled to Italy and Greece with the IB program and is learning Italian in addition to Spanish. Last October, Keira was crowned *Miss Fashionetta* in Alpha Kappa Alpha's local pageant. This summer, she will attend Spelman College's *Early College Program* in Atlanta, Georgia. Keira is the daughter of Dr. Keith and **Monica Banton** (HNES former Spanish Teacher).

(Keira is pictured with Head Mistress Emeritus **Beverly McDaniel**.)

Cory Thorpe, HNES c/o 2005 and his wife Sarah announced their pregnancy with the help of their dog Toby & their cat Macy. The Thorpe's baby boy is due in September. Cory is the son of Rusty & Terry Thorpe.



Ben Bradford, HNES c/o 2012, was honored as *Emerging Freshman of the Year* at the University of Mississippi in 2017. He serves in the Ole Miss Student Senate and represents the Patterson School of Accounting. In addition he was elected treasurer of his fraternity (Delta Psi). Ben is the son of Katy & Bill Bradford and the big brother to Holy Nativity Alumnae **Molly Grace & Lily**.



Three HNES Alumni Sign Golf Scholarships for Fall 2018



Debra Burdeshaw, a senior on the Mosley High School Women's Golf Team, made a commitment to play golf for Huntingdon College in Montgomery, AL, after lettering all four years of her high school career. Debra, who will graduate from Bay Virtual School AND Gulf Coast State College in May of 2018, has been playing competitive golf for just four years. The ceremonial signing of Debra to Huntingdon College was held on November 14, 2017 at 3:30 pm in the Mosley High School cafeteria, where it was announced that she had also been named to the Bay County All-County Golf Team. Debra is the daughter of Clay & Sharon Burdeshaw and little sister of **Katie B. White** (HNES c/o 2004)

Contributed info from Mom- Sharon



Steven Johnson is shown pictured in the Bay High School Library on February 21, 2018. With his family, Dad Steve, Mom Linda, and twin sisters **Alex & Maddie** (HNES c/o 2018) along with Tornado golf coach—Conrad Moon and Bay High School Athletic Director—Vern Barth, Steven signed to play for Coastal Alabama Community College in Bay Minette, AL. Steven was the pride of the Tornadoes team in his career, as the only golfer in school history to be in the number one spot for three straight seasons. He chose Coastal because of his relationship with the coach and the school's proximity to home. After two years at Coastal, he hopes to have the opportunity to play golf at a larger school.

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Marybeth McGuire, is pictured on Signing Day with Mom **Cindi** (former HNES PE teacher) and Dad **Gene** in the Gretchen Nelson Scott Performing Arts Center at Mosley High on February 6, 2018. Marybeth will be continuing her golf career at Florida Institute of Technology in Melbourne, Florida. Marybeth was recognized as All-County for all four years and finished 24th in the State in 2017 and 5th in the State in 2018! Coach Cindi McGuire - 9th grade English Honors - has also served as the girls' golf coach at Mosley for the past 2 years and coached the boys' team in 2015-16. Marybeth is the little sister to **Gene McGuire** who attended Holy Nativity himself.

Photo from Mosley Guidance "News You Can Use"

What Holy Nativity Means to Me - Kevin Barr HNES c/o 1996



Pictured above: Isabelle, Kevin, & Heidi Goodwiller Barr (also HNES c/o 1996)

When I reflect upon my most favorite childhood memories so many of them involve my years at Holy Nativity Episcopal School. I fondly remember the Headmistress, the teachers, the staff, the students and the wonderful educational experiences. Many of those experiences did not at the time feel all that educational because they were so much fun! Looking back now, I realize that this is part of the "magic" that is HNES.

Holy Nativity is so much more than just an education - an excellent one to be sure! The loving discipline (getting a peppermint after the stern talk by **Mrs. McDaniel** in her office), the moral, ethical and religious lessons which were integrated into everything we did, the family atmosphere, and the lifetime relationships formed are all parts of what make HNES so extraordinary.

I remain friends today with many fellow classmates and teachers that I met while at HNES, most importantly my wife, **Heidi**. Of course, when I was ready to propose, I took her back to the Kindergarten playground where we first met to pop the question. Our community is blessed to have such a special place where our children always come first. I am so proud to be an alumnus and I know that "our school" will continue to grow and thrive!



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wherever they may be
Strengthen them when they stand;
Comfort them when
discouraged or sorrowful;
And raise them up when they fall.
And in their heart,
May Thy peace,
Which passes understanding,
Abide all the days of their lives.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.*

Below: **Mrs. Heather Creel** catches a lost bird in her classroom on "Pirates & Princesses Day" in Jr. Pre-K. **Darcey Sinicrope** witnessed all the action asking, "Is Mrs. Creel REALLY Snow White?"



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