



# The Holy Herald

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

## HURRICANE MICHAEL CHANGES EVERYTHING



The heavily damaged portion of the 1937 Cove Schoolhouse at 205 Hamilton Avenue is shown in this October 11, 2018 photo

On Friday, October 5th, Holy Nativity students were finishing up the week in preparation for a 3-day weekend. Columbus Day, on Monday, October 8th, meant a relaxing mini-break from school for HNES students, faculty, & staff.

By Sunday night, an “organized tropical depression” was identified in the Yucatan Channel and mandatory evacuation orders were given for Flood Zones of Bay County. “In an abundance of caution,” Bay District Schools announced the closure of schools for Tuesday and Wednesday. So for many, it wasn’t until Tuesday, October 9th that some actually chose to evacuate. One of the worst storms in US

history, the one long feared by Bay County residents, was here. With sustained winds of 155mph and measured blasts of up to 200 mph, Michael destroyed homes, businesses, and trees—lots and lots of trees.

And then came the hard part for our school families—returning to see what each family’s situation entailed.

7th grader **Carmen Shuler** made it to the school with her Dad on October 12th and sent this email to Mrs. Hughes: “*no connectivity in the cove. using the car via email is only way I have found so far to reach out. drove as close as we could to school yesterday when we cut down trees to get out. the roof over the north end of the*

*school caved in. could not see the back side of the school. no access by car. 5th grade portable looked intact. house 1 has a tree through it. rest of the houses looked ok. we will rebuild!”*

There was no water for eleven days. Electricity was out for at least three weeks. Cellular service, wifi, and internet would not be restored to some for over three months! Our hospitals were damaged and Tyndall Air Force Base was devastated. And thus the long recovery began at HNES. On October 29th, thanks to the hospitality of Holy Nativity Episcopal Church and St. Thomas by-the-Sea, our school was the first to re-start in Bay County.

## Judy Hughes Withdraws Letter of Intent to Retire in 2019

What should have been a school year filled with collecting well-earned accolades and finalizing details for a smooth transition to the next Head of School, became an indescribable, unimaginable “opportunity” for Judy Hughes.

Before Hurricane Michael had finished his unbearable destruction upon the panhandle, Judy had already begun planning for what had to happen next for our school and her faculty, staff and families.

Emails to our school community containing encouragement and promises of our future together, began arriving in our emailboxes immediately on October 10th. Judy was the first to provide hope to many—some who would not get back into Bay County for many days.

October 10, 2018  
11:27 p.m.

*Hello People I Love,  
We are all in shock. Many of us are still looking for family and feeling frantic. I am so worried too about members of our team we haven't heard from yet and have no way to contact.*

*I am assuming many of you have seen the photo on FB of the school. Thanks to one of our*

*school neighbors for sharing that. Roof and building look to be in good shape. I can not even imagine our school without all of those beautiful trees.*

*No word on our houses or the modulares. Especially worried about the 5th grade rooms. Sure the Pavilion is fine!*

*Seeing the devastation to so many Bay District schools and all the work needed to get our property in order, I'm sure it's many, many weeks before we can return to school.*

*I hope we can plan a group meeting at school next week to shed some tears together and have a group hug, plus check out how the school really did in this mess.*

*What we know in our hearts is that we will come back strong and even more united than before. But we can't think about all that needs to be done at once. Too mind numbing.*

*Thank God for our safety and for our strength.*

*Biggest hug ever, Judy*

Judy herself was not in her own home until weeks after the storm “commuting” sometimes up to 4 hours every day to get to and from her evacuation home in Panama City Beach to our school.



At the first Board of Trustees meeting on October 18th, under the cover of our temporary shelter at the pavilion of Holy Nativity Episcopal Church, Judy's agenda - handwritten by Assistant Lori Morgan on a giant post-it Easel Pad- simply read:

1. Welcome
2. Prayer - Father Steve
3. Request to withdraw HOS retirement letter
4. Meet Construction Team - Logan & Casey
5. Discuss school locations to rent

And then off she went!

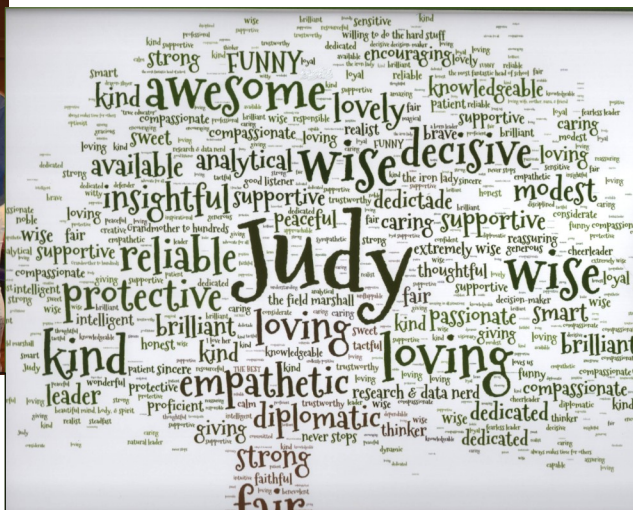
Judy continues into these 2019 months reading (Insurance policies, FEMA requirements, building codes, etc.) calling (insurance companies, repairmen, debris removers, survivor advisors, etc.), arguing (insurance limitations,

FEMA regulations, port-o-let delays, etc.), learning (more learning than anyone could want!), and encouraging! Always encouraging.

We at Holy Nativity Episcopal School thank God that Judy Hughes is leading our school through her most challenging days.



On December 12th, at the monthly Teachers' chapel, Tammy Timmerman, on behalf of the faculty & staff, presented Judy with a special circle-shaped diamond brooch to represent “Judy's circle” of responsibilities and love for our school and our school family



## Presiding Bishop Michael Curry Visits HNES & HNEC

Written by alumna Genevieve Smith for The News Herald, January 13, 2019

“Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, Michael Curry, visited Holy Nativity Episcopal Church on January 12th, bringing with him a message of encouragement for the congregation.

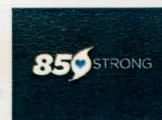
“I wanted to come just to be of support to the church and the people of the community and to let them know that the wider Episcopal Church has not forgotten you,” Curry said. ‘And also to carry back your stories.’

The sanctuary was packed not only with members of the Holy Nativity congregation, but also with members from several denominations located around the area.

‘Nobody asks for any storm in life, in any way, shape, manner, or form,’ Curry said, assuring the congregation during a sermon relating to the residual affects of Hurricane Michael. ‘You didn’t deserve this. It had nothing to do with that. This is nature. To hear what you have done together and are doing – that brings us all hope.’”



Bishop Curry looks at damage to the north end of the Bill Lloyd Building with Mrs. Hughes & HNES Business Manager Kathy Mills.



*In the Order of Service for  
Noonday  
Good Service for Holy Nativity  
School  
+ WRLM  
XVII Priest, Bishop  
1/12/19*

Officiant     God, make speed to save us.  
People        Lord, make haste to help us.

Mrs. Ferren had her program signed by the Bishop.



Left: Ellery McElheney with the Bishop and The Berrys: Mom Tricia, Lauren & Carson. Right: Lori & Father Steve Bates (photo by Byron Matthews)



## MVP Magazine Names Bay County’s Most Valuable People



JUDY HUGHES

In the March issue of MVP Magazine, our own Judy Hughes was recognized for what our school community already knows! Judy is one of the Most Valuable People in Bay County. The article documents her story as Hurricane Michael invaded Panama City on October 10th. Through Judy’s eyes, you read about her decision-making process of ensuring the safety of all our students, faculty and staff, and of getting our school re-opened.

Praising Father Steve Bates and our host churches: Holy Nativity Episcopal Church & St. Thomas by the Sea, Judy recounts the challenges of operating school without classrooms, or chairs, and with limited supplies. But she applauds the faculty and staff for “showing up every day full of love, greeting kids with big smiles, and with planned, enjoyable learning activities.”

*“I knew the Holy Nativity recovery from Michael was my job. I wanted to be working with these people I love and rebuilding our beautiful school as well as our excellent academic program. I will love this faculty and staff forever. We have survived so much together.”*

Read the full article on our website at the link below:  
<http://www.holynativityschool.com/uploads/MVP%20Judy.pdf>

## Current & Former Families, Friends, & New Friends Make Donations towards School Recovery

### \$15,000

Anonymous—Baton Rouge, LA

### \$10,000

Tricia & Eric Berry

Mary Sittman & Marvin Clark

### \$5,000

Carol Nowak (in honor of my grandchildren Aiden & Andrew)

JT & Tina Guida (in honor of Natalie & James Godwin and our grandsons: JD, Chris, & Thomas)

### \$2500—\$3500

Anonymous—Alumnus

Auxiliary VFW Post 10555 of Panama City Beach

Center State Bank Board, Gainesville  
~ Deborah Knopf, Freddie Wehbe, Brian Scarborough, Darryl Tompkins, J. Parrish, Merrie Shaw, Rory Causseaux, Bob Dale, Domenic Scorpio, & Barry Bullard

Rob & Nancy Lloyd

Edward & Mary Kathryn San Juan

Steve & Jerri Spurrier

St. James Episcopal Church, Fairhope, AL

Jim & Linda Warren

### \$1500—\$2499

James Bates

Joseph Blount (in honor of my great-niece Laura Blount)

Gwen & Bob Lazenby (in honor of our grandson Boyd Faison)

Denise Mills (in honor of my niece Bonnie Belle Brown)

Amy & Jay Moody

Nathan Nowak

The Tree House Episcopal Montessori School ~ Santa Rosa Beach

Bruce & Shirley Ward (in honor of our grandchildren Scarlett, Elizabeth, & Jackson Ward)

### \$1000—\$1499

Jovina Adams

Debi & Larry Abernathy

Alpine Optics—Yamile Florez Milsap

Dr. George & Kristen Barrio

Ben Bradford & his University of Mississippi Accountancy Team

Dr. J. Ryan Cotton of Southern Orthopedic

John & Mary Darrah

Ariana Delle-donne

Laura Grier (in honor of Beverly McDaniel)

Kerry Hart

Charlie Hundley

Bryant King

Richard Maddox of USLawns

Pam & Drew McAllister

Dr. Daniel & Holly Melzer

Kristen & Curt Molander

Laura & Benny Moore

The Mouat Company, AL

Dr. Khurram Nazir & Amber Reza

Vivian Ruth Sawyer of Louisville, KY

St. Andrews Episcopal Academy, Ft. Pierce

### \$500-\$999

Anonymous

Anonymous

Ismael & Cristiane Barragan

Christina Cheung (in honor of the McAllister Family)

Charlie Commander

Chris Corr

Lisa & Grant Davis

Judith Dobbs (in honor of the Eberhards)

John & Elyse Fishel

Charles Gibbs

Jenny & Lee Goostree

Marilyn Gummels

Holy Nativity School, Hawaii

Alan & Tracy Jagiello

Mark & Sarah McKinney

Park Maitland School of West Chester, PA

Tim & Ann Percival

Ty Piercefield

Gigi Whitman

### \$499-\$101

Helen Adami

Anonymous

Drew & Lauren Applegate

Mandy & Clayton Bartels

Rev. John & Caroline Blount

Sarah Bowersox

Concetta Camacho

Sid & Debbie Coleman

Dr. John & Amy Cotton

Mariel Filippone

In memory of Cherie Fretwell

Heather & Rich Gaither

Philip Gibson

Vicki Hammack

Hilary Hughes

Laura & Tradd McDaniel

Luther & Kathleen McLaughy

S. Dale McNeese (in honor of John & Mary Darrah)

Chris & Kathy Mills

Helen Mitchell

Heyward Myers

Mike Norris

Patrick O'Brien

Robert Padgett—Cove c/o 49 Route 66 Sunday School Class, Belmont UMC, NC, Nancy & Leighton Stamps

Maggie & Bud Shuler

Marsha Southall

St. Thomas the Apostle Episcopal Church, Houston, TX

Leighton & Nancy Stamps

Vanessa & Jeffery Webb

Freddie Wehbe

Jim White

Carol & John Williams

Patricia Williams

### Up to \$100

Liana & Gordon Alexander

Mandie Alexander

David Alfonso

Lisa Allen

Anonymous

Patrice Bean

Elizabeth Benner

Jeremy Bergstrom

Molly Billingsley

Robin Blume

Patricia Bristol

Brenda Brown

Trisha Bunce

Michael & LeeAnne Burkholder

Nancy H. Butler

Joseph & Jean Carr

Dr. Paul Ciesielski

Margi Cole

Flip Coleman

The Community Foundation of Louisville

Lori J. Cookson

Jim Corbett

Melanie Cox (in memory of my Mother Cherie Fretwell)

Ruth Crider

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Sandy Deslippe Meiner

Sarah Dever

Dawn Duckhorn

Jacob Ezell

Kirsten Fionte

Tina Fisher

Dave Foster

Cynthia & Michael Fuller

Kaye Gaddy

Adrienne Haag

McQuaig & Marsha Hall

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Stacey Rodriguez

Darlene Schumacher

Melanie & Greg Scott

Kimsey & Brad Shanks

Beckie Share

Carmen Shuler

Mary Ellen Shupert

Caroline Sierra

Darcey Sinicrope

Patricia Smith

Angela Smith

Doug & Caroline Smith

Rhett Smith

Carrie Spicer

Joy & Miller Sproul

Melissa & Steve Spurrier, Jr.

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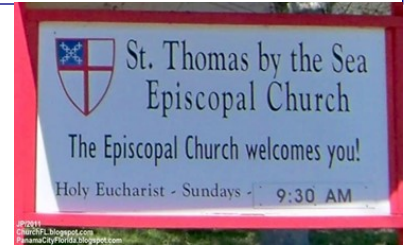
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# Schools & Businesses from Near & Far Offer Help After Hurricane Michael



HOLY NATIVITY EPISCOPAL SCHOOL  
— 1959 - 2019 —



ST. THOMAS EPISCOPAL PARISH SCHOOL

ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL ACADEMY

Sweetwater Episcopal Academy

BERKELEY PREPARATORY SCHOOL

St. Mark's EPISCOPAL DAY SCHOOL



Grace Episcopal School



Saint Stephen's Episcopal School



Singapore Math Inc.®



## Father Steve's Immediate Report Post-Hurricane Michael Comes Via Facebook

October 12, 2018

I was able to get into Panama City today and this is what I know. I know this is too long for a Facebook post but it's the only way I know to communicate:



This is the most devastation I've ever seen. Everyone has been affected in some way. I am currently without transportation and Bishop Kendrick let me tag along with him to look at the area and the Panama City Episcopal Churches. I'm grateful for that. Coming west from Destin the destruction began just east of Pier Park and lasted up to Marianna. - Even though I've heard the rumors of cell towers being brought in, I had no service the entire time I was in the area. Cell service ended west of Pier Park and resumed just north of Alford. - I haven't heard if the rules have changed but there were no checkpoints on Hwy. 98 or Hwy. 231. HOWEVER, I fully understand the authorities asking us not to return yet. So many roads are impassable, power lines everywhere and debris beyond belief. No power, no water, no toilets. Gas is beginning to be available but the lines are unbelievable. If you don't have to return, don't. Let those in charge get the roads clearer than they are now. They're making tremendous progress. Let's let them do their jobs. - HOWEVER, I also fully understand how important it is to all of us to check on our homes, businesses and families. And somehow whatever we find creates a sense of relief or even a sense of resignation that is somehow comforting. At least we

know what's ahead of us.

- The amount of support already sent our way is incredible. Every shopping center we passed was filled with utility trucks being staged. We passed law enforcement from all over the south and pulled over for a fire truck from Miami Beach. We are not alone in this.

- I also saw looting at a Family Dollar store. Police were there and lots of people arrested. There's a special place in hell . . . But I do believe it was an isolated incident. - Our home was damaged but not beyond repair and I almost feel guilty reporting that when so many are in much more dire circumstances. My heart breaks for so many I love who have lost so much.



- The Church was damaged but not beyond repair. The two-story building lost its roof and probably everything in it is destroyed. But the worship space, the parish hall, AND the pavilion only suffered roof damage and some slight water damage in the narthex. We found one of the fans from the pavilion in the front parking lot of the church. The parish house suffered roof damage and a blown-out window in my office caused water damage downstairs. It will be a bigger clean up but on the bright side the wind evidently cleaned off all the papers on my desk.

- The school had more damage than the pictures I'd seen indicated but again all fixable. A large portion of



the north roof of the original building is gone and several windows broken out. My heart aches for these kids to somehow have a bit of normalcy in their lives and I know Judy and all the staff will make the right decisions.

- I am forever grateful to all those who have reached out with offers of assistance. Right now, we don't even know what to say or feel, much less what we need. Give us a couple of days to process. Everyone who's in the area knows what they're up against and came prepared with things like water and food. Many of us don't even know where we're going to live. Our brains are fried. What we need will be clearer in the coming days. The Diocese will be coordinating volunteer groups with parishes to support the churches and are helping initiate the insurance process. Episcopal Relief and Development grants will be available as early as next week. Monetary donations can be made to Episcopal Relief and Development or to the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast or in the case of personal connections, directly to the parish. As we begin to recover, being able to get the things we need locally helps our economy recover. So money is a good thing. Lowe's, Home Depot, Publix, and Sam's, are just a few of the places already open.

On the way back from Panama City, I received a text from Brian Leebrick asking if we were having church on Sunday. I won't say what my first reaction to that text was. As best I could tell the only path to the church regardless of which direction is down Bonita and that's not easy. (con't p.13)

## Beloved Alumnus Survives Lightning Strike

It was a regular summer day on June 11th for twin brothers James & Joseph Thompson (HNES class of 2016) as they worked their lawn mowing business in their neighborhood of Mowat Highlands in Lynn Haven.

As the weather began to change that early morning, they received a message from their Dad, John Thompson warning them to get home before the storm.

*“James advised that Joseph was pulling a metal wagon containing the lawn mower and other equipment when he jogged ahead of his brother,” officers wrote.*

*“James was separated from Joseph when he heard an unusually loud crack and turned around to check on Joseph.”*

*James Thompson reportedly told officers his brother was on the ground next to the wagon when he turned around, his eyes rolled back in his head.*

*Neighbor Michael Neita told The News Herald’s Zack McDonald, “I looked outside and saw him and his brother. He looked bad. I didn’t think he was alive.”*

*Neita and James dragged Joseph to a covered front porch nearby and began performing CPR.*

*Joseph Thompson was “turning purple” before they began doing chest compressions but eventually began breathing again, officers reported.*

*LHPD noted that Joseph*

*Thompson had signs of discoloration on one arm and an opposite leg, which “could have possibly been caused by lightning as entry and exit locations.” (From The News Herald, June 12, 2018)*

Joseph was transported by ambulance to Bay Medical Sacred Heart in critical condition. After one week at BMSH, Joseph was transported by plane to Shepherd Center in Atlanta - one of the nation’s best facilities for spinal cord and brain injury rehabilitation.

Joseph’s physical skills returned quickly so his time at Shepherd was focused on his cognitive concerns. Inpatient therapy at Shepherd’s involved full days (8:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.) of work for this 16-year old.

On August 9th, Joseph graduated from the Shepherd Center and returned home to Lynn Haven and a neighborhood full of welcome signs.

Joseph is finishing his junior year at Mosley High School and is back mowing lawns. He said that the Shepherd Center did a “spectacular job in my rehabilitation especially with my memory issues.”

Joseph, whose Mom and two sisters are all nurses, said, “The experience has definitely made me want to pursue a career in the medical field in the future.”

Joseph is the youngest of five children of John and Joy Thompson. All five Thompson kids are alumni of Holy Nativity Episcopal School - Megan (c/o 2006), Molly (c/o 2008), Jack (c/o 2014), and twins James & Joseph (c/o 2016).



*“Deal gently with our boy, Lord. This beloved son, this grandson, this brother, this nephew, this cousin, this friend, this twin, this boy we love, and gently with all who love him. As we look ahead, fill us with confidence, faith, and hope for his full recovery. Spread your Spirit of skills and wisdom among the nurses, doctors and others who tend to him.*

*Surround him and fill him with your Holy Spirit that never is far away from those who are baptized in Jesus. Fill his room with your holy, healing, and life-giving presence even as we give you the glory for life, for breath, for the love we share for each other and for you, and especially for your love for us. Blessed are you, O Lord our God as we pray for Joseph, and for your angels who will bring him safely out of this.”*

Father Tom Weller  
(Joseph’s great uncle and  
“Chaplain Emeritus” at HNES)

Father Tom’s prayer above was posted on the school’s Facebook Page and was shared 403 times and received 673 comments from people across the country!

Photo (top) June 11, 2018 ~  
by Father Steve Bates ~  
Bay Medical Sacred Heart Hospital



(L to R) Joseph, John, Molly, Jack, Joy, Megan, & James) @ HNEC

## Who's Here in 2019?

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

Historian & YB Publisher: **Lynn Ferren** (37th year)

BASE: **Martha Jo Cooper** (30th year)

Maintenance Volunteer: **Dick Hebert** (22nd year)

PE: **Jennifer Lloyd** (20th year)

Director of Finance: **Kathy Mills** (19th year)

Maintenance & Facilities: **Gaila Scanlan** (19th year)

TA, Musical Dir, Dance: **Hope Simmons** (19th year)

6th Science, PE: **Wendy Mowat** (18th total year)

Maintenance & Facilities: **Paul Smith** (18th year)

Head of School: **Judy Hughes** (17th total year)

2nd grade: **Janet Fiser** (17th year)

Dir of Development & MS Math: **Amy Moody** (17th)

MS Coordinator & Science: **Lisa Davis** (16th year)

4th grade: **Bridget Granducci** (14th total year)

Chaplain: **Father Steve Bates** (13th year)

Admissions Specialist/Registrar: **Terry Duke** (13th)

School Secretary: **Sheila White** (12th year)

School receptionist: **Kelly Muller** (12th year)

Librarian & Dir. Of Marketing: **Lauren Presser** (11th)

Art: **Mary Catherine Dismukes** (9th year)

BASE: **Deana Gailfoil** (9th year)

4th grade: **Natalie Godwin** (8th year)

2nd grade: **Kim Lovchuk** (8th year)

Teaching Assistant: **Tracey Mason** (8th year)

Dean of Students & 1st grade: **Cynthia Fuller** (6th)

MS Math: **Nancy Lloyd** (6th year)

Administrative Assistant: **Lori Morgan** (6th year)

Technology: **Lyn Morris** (6th year)

3rd grade: **Lara Provencher** (6th year)

Kindergarten: **Linda Warren** (6th year)

MS Math: **Jane Perry** (6th total year, taught Art prior)

Facilities Director: **Andrew Jeffery** (5th year)

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

Kindergarten: **Ekco Baker** (4th year)

BASE: **Taylor Connatser** (4th year)

Kindergarten: **Summer Himes** (4th year)

1st grade: **Marie Robinette** (4th year)

BASE Director: **Darcey Sinicrope** (4th year)

8th grade Social Studies: **Caroline Smith** (4th year)

Pre-K: **Tammy Timmerman** (4th year)

6 Social Studies: **Johnny Vallas** (4th year)

3rd grade: **Michelle Cool** (4th year-taught Spanish prior)

MS Language Arts: **Nancy Bleich** (3rd year)

Jr. Pre-K: **Heather Creel** (3rd year)

BASE: **Will Dolan** (3rd year)

Chapel pianist: **Avis Keen** (3rd year)

5th grade: **Anna Eberhard** (2nd year)

PE: **Kat Vogler** (2nd year)

Jr. Pre-K: **Stephanie Leno** (1st year)

Pre-K & Music: **Liz Ward** (1st year)

1st grade TA: **Amanda Greggs** (1st year)

6th grade Language Arts: **Becca Flohre** (1st year)

1st grade TA: **Casey Cole** (1st year)

Kindergarten: **Lindsay Mitchell** (1st year)

Volunteer Teachers in 18-19: **Alice Allen, Marsha Southall**





## Alumnus Ben Bradford Donates Winnings to HNES for Hurricane Relief

Ben Bradford (HNES c/o 2012), son of Katy & Bill Bradford and big brother to Molly Grace & Lily, and now a University of Mississippi student recently made a special donation to Holy Nativity Episcopal School. Ben was in Oxford last fall when Hurricane Michael brought devastation to his hometown.

At the time, Ben and other students from the Patterson School of Accountancy had entered Price Waterhouse Cooper's Challenge case competition, which is hosted by the multinational professional services firm. Teams were given two weeks to develop a business implementation plan. The hurricane hit, and the Ole Miss junior had to set aside his competition work to come home to Panama City to help out. He worked remotely on the challenge while being involved in cleanup efforts at home. Ben's family's business, *The Grocery Outlet*, a chain in Panama City area, was destroyed.

He worked with his teammates to figure out a plan for him to help out in Panama City while staying on task for the PwC Challenge. He worked remotely for a week while he helped clean up.

To his surprise, Bradford's team won the event. A further surprise was when his team members chose to donate their winnings of \$200 each, for a total of \$1,000, toward hurricane relief efforts in Ben's hometown.

"The cash prize of \$200 per person is by no means an immaterial sum to a group of broke college students," Bradford said. "So, I was equally shocked when my teammates announced their decision to donate their winnings to the hurricane relief effort of my choosing.

Ben chose us—Holy Nativity Episcopal School—as the recipient of this wonderful gift. "None of the team members knew me before this competition, and none of them had met



Ben's winning team is pictured here left to right: Wesley Eron Knott, JT Novarese, Mary Hanley Jones, Molly Maroney, & Ben.

me when I left for Panama City," Bradford said. "I am beyond blessed to have had such generous – and smart – teammates."

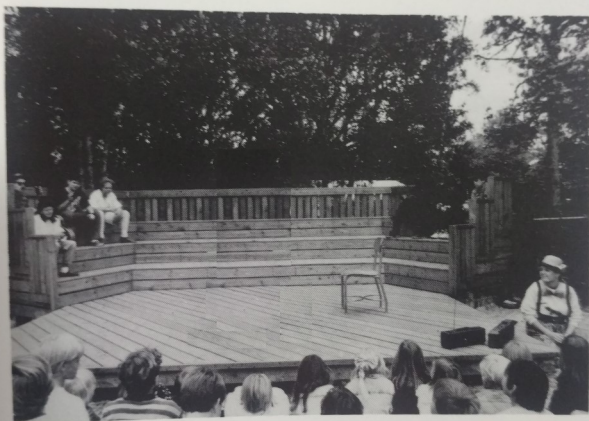
Victoria Dickinson, an associate professor of accountancy and the team's faculty adviser said, "Ben's team promptly donated their prize money to the affected communities to

help with the cleanup efforts," Dickinson said. "This action exemplifies the spirit and generosity of what it means to be an Ole Miss Rebel."

We at Holy Nativity Episcopal School thank Ben and his teammates at Ole Miss for their extraordinary kindness.

*(Michael Newsom of The University of Mississippi News reported this story on January 26, 2019.)*

## Brian Austin Sharp Memorial at HNEC to be rebuilt in 2020



**BRIAN AUSTIN SHARP**  
THIS OUTDOOR CLASSROOM IS  
GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND  
IN MEMORY OF BRIAN AUSTIN SHARP  
BY HIS FELLOW STUDENTS,  
PARENTS, FRIENDS AND TEACHERS.

FEBRUARY 12, 1984

APRIL 28, 1990

For 28 years, a long favorite spot on the Holy Nativity Episcopal Church campus, has been the outdoor classroom "stage" in the northeast corner of the campus. This area not only served as a great presentation area for classes but the perfect photo spot for HNES students and HNEC parishioners.

The area was built and dedicated to Brian Austin Sharp in 1991. Brian, a 6-year old HNES kindergarten student, tragically lost his life in a car accident on April 28, 1990. Sadly, on October 10th, Hurricane Michael severely damaged the memorial area.

The area is now being occupied by the school's 4th grade portable. When the school returns to the Cove School campus in 2019, plans will begin for the new memorial space to continue to celebrate Brian's memory. Brian's parents are Tammy Newton and John Sharpe. He has two brothers Eric Henely (HNES c/o 2005) and Adam Henely (HNES c/o 2010).



## 8th Grade Essay Contest Named in Memory of Master Chief Bill Bruhmuller

In 2017, with the encouragement of Language Arts teacher **Angela Sullivan**, our annual essay contest to select the four 8th grade students who lay the wreath at Arlington National Cemetery at the *Tomb of the Unknown Soldier* was named for Bill Bruhmuller. Master Chief Bruhmuller was an original member of Seal Team Two, he organized and went on

missions to Cuba & the Dominican Republic, he served three tours in Vietnam, and received two Purple Hearts. Mr. Bruhmuller was the first dog handler as a Navy SEAL! Wherever Bill served, so did *Prince*. He retired as Master Chief in 1978 to Panama City Beach. Since 2009, Mr. Bruhmuller enthusiastically supported our HNES students participating in the Arlington wreath-laying ceremony. The expense of the wreath was even shared by his family and the retired Navy Seals who judged the essay contest. In 2016, Mr. Bruhmuller decided that he would accompany our students to DC and watch our HNES students lay the annual wreath. Unfortunately, he died before he had the opportunity to go on the trip.

We at HNES consider it a privilege to honor Mr. Bruhmuller's legacy with this annual essay contest.

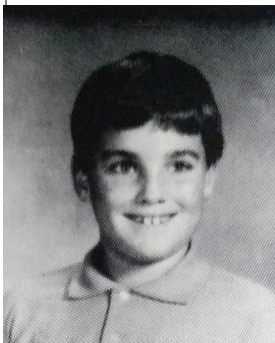
Master Chief Bill Bruhmuller (1935-2016) is pictured in 1970 at the Purple Heart ceremony for *Prince*. It was the 2nd Purple Heart awarded to the pup for his service to the Navy.



2019 Bruhmuller Award winners at *The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier*, Arlington: **Emily Carrier**, **Ashtyn Williams**, (back) **Sierra Czubaj**, and **Hunter Dye** and the attending Tomb Guard Sentinel.

### Enjoy These Alumni FLASHBACKS in our 60th Year

### Zamiyah Hill Named MVP Magazine's Dane Strong Winner



Above:  
Brian Vaccaro in 1997  
Below:  
Kerry Hart in 1991

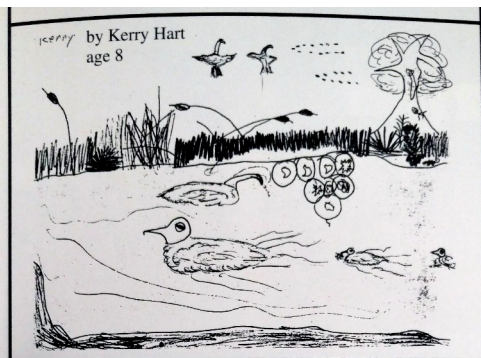
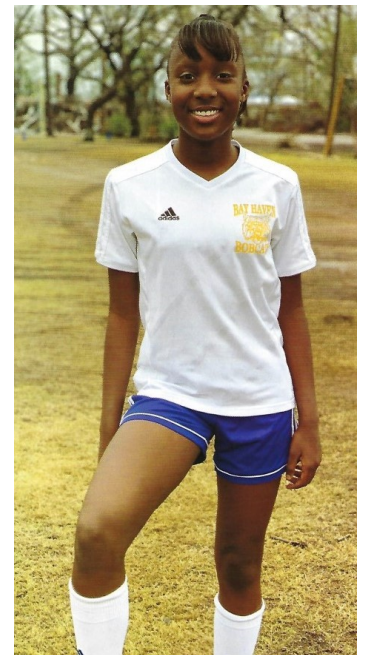
#### MEETING THE PRESIDENT

by BRIAN VACCARO, age 10

Meeting the president was a great experience. I was really excited when I saw him. Mrs. Bush didn't come over and shake my hand, but the president did. Now, when I see him on T.V. I can say I shook his hand.

7th grade student Zamiyah Hill was named the 2019 *Dane Strong Middle School Student-Athlete Winner* by MVP Magazine. "Zee" is our Vice President for the Student Government Association. She also participates in Jr. BETA Club and manages our student "Snack Shack." A soccer highlight in 2017 was Zamiyah's selection to the Olympic Development Program for the State of Florida!

Zee works extremely hard to balance her high academic expectations with her astronomical athletic expectations! This year, she is maintaining a 3.7 GPA. Just as important, Zee is also a great daughter, sister, cousin, niece, and friend. We are proud to have Zamiyah represent Holy Nativity Episcopal School in all her endeavors.



## “Un”Campout Fills Void Left by Cancellation of “Campout on William’s Field”



After the cancellation of both the Fall Carnival and annual Campout on William’s Field, HNES Mom Kim Spence was intent on having a post-Michael event to bring that sense of “Holy Nativity community” to all our families. It all came together thanks to the generous sponsorship of **Summit Wealth Management and the Scott Family**; the leadership of **Kim Spence, Tammy Timmerman & Steph Johnston**; the generous support of **The Arnold Family & Pier 77 & Shrimp City**; and of course, the hospitality of **Holy Nativity Episcopal Church**. After dinnertime, the campfire, supervised by **Wes Morgan & Dabney Timmerman** was the site of s’more creations while the HNEC playground was the perfect spot for movie & popcorn. And naturally, there was hot chocolate. In addition to purchasing arm bands for the evening, there were a limited number of long-sleeve commemorative t-shirts for sale! With 333 people in attendance and profit made, the event was declared a huge success.



## Our Holy Nativity Story - by HNES Mom Jennifer Burg

Our Heart, Our Home, Our Refuge  
After the Storm: Holy Nativity  
Episcopal School

*“When you join this school, you join a family.”*

*This is the quote we heard from so many others before our daughter, Charlotte, began her first year at HNES in 2017.*

*It’s funny, we sort of ‘joined the family’ before Charlotte even began her first year when we were invited to attend the famous Art Auction with, our now, very dear friends the Melzers. We immediately felt included, like part of this secret group of amazing people (whose children happened to all go to school together)! And the teachers were in on it too by the way!*

*“Could this be real?” I thought. Is joining this school really like joining a family?*

*Turns out, YES! One thousand times, yes! Little did we know just how our school family would be tested...*

*On October 10th, 2018, all our lives changed when Hurricane Michael ravaged every detail of everything we knew. Our home was destroyed. Our neighborhood was impassable. And our school...our beloved school, was in ruin. Her 200-year old mighty oaks had been ripped from the ground where so many tiny feet had walked before. It was devastating.*

*There were so many emotions and so many questions. The one question that never entered our minds, however, was whether or not we would stay.*

*There are two major pieces that cement our lives and our hearts here in Panama City; my husband’s law practice and Holy Nativity Episcopal School. How could we possibly walk away from all these wonderful people and this school that had become such a cornerstone in our lives? It became clear there was one thing we all needed most; each other! The teachers needed their children to fill their classrooms again. They longed for the sound of them laughing and playing, papers rustling, pencils feverishly writing, crayons coloring, and ALL the hugs. The children longed to be together again with their friends and the teachers they love and trust. We all yearned for, the now infamous word, “normalcy”.*

*What happened next was nothing short of miraculous. The days following the storm revealed the commitment, integrity, strength, and perseverance of our unbelievable leaders, teachers, staff, and families of HNES. Together, with a lot of support, HNES was the first school in Bay County to open after Hurricane Michael. Let that sink in. One thing I have learned throughout*

*my life and career in healthcare is that if you focus your time and energy on everything you do, with passion that fuels the fire within your soul, you can alter the trajectory of someone’s life. Every teacher and staff member of Holy Nativity exudes this passion every single day and THAT is why I love our school! They LOVE our kids and they lead them daily to be better, stronger, smarter, and kinder than the day before. The leadership and love shown in this school changes lives. It has changed mine. I guess it’s true what they say...we joined a family.*



Jennifer Burg is shown holding daughter Charlotte, with husband Brandon holding younger daughter Elizabeth.

## Have You Considered an ANNUAL GIFT to Holy Nativity Episcopal School? These Friends Have!

Thank you so very much to all of our friends who have contributed to HNES in 2018-2019. No amount is too small to make a positive change here at Holy Nativity!

For the eighth consecutive year, **100% of HNES faculty, staff, & Board Of Trustees members participated in Annual Giving.** Won't you join us this year?

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You may choose "SUPPORT HNES" on our website:

[www.HolyNativitySchool.com](http://www.HolyNativitySchool.com)

Or mail a donation to our school address:  
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## NOW is a Great Time to Contribute to Holy Nativity Episcopal School

Be a part of the historic restoration of the 1937 Cove Schoolhouse by making a contribution towards her full recovery in 2019. You can make a donation online at [www.HolyNativitySchool.com](http://www.HolyNativitySchool.com) or detach this section and mail with a check in the enclosed envelope to HNES ~ 205 Hamilton Avenue Panama City, FL 32401  
For questions, please contact Amy Moody [amood@hnes.us](mailto:amood@hnes.us) or (850)747-0060

Name as you'd like it to appear in our recognition \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to make your gift "in honor of" or "in memory of" someone? \_\_\_\_\_

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

## Coach Ms. Hope Wins WJHG “Golden Apple Award” for Excellence

On September 13th, “Coach Ms. Hope” was selected as the week's Golden Apple Award winner from WJHG-TV.

Nominated by 8th grader **Milly Eberhard**, Coach Hope wears many hats. She teaches P.E., theatre and dance. While she always makes class fun, she teaches her students important life lessons.

"Ms. Hope is more than just a regular teacher. She always makes us laugh. But she's a really great listener for issues we have as students. I feel like the most important thing she has taught us is the importance of making good decisions," Milly said.

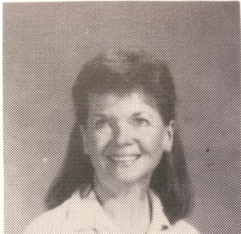
Coach Hope has been at Holy Nativity for 19 years and says she's loved every day. While organizing musicals and teaching dance and PE are a lot of hard work, she says she wouldn't trade it for the world.

"It's the most rewarding thing. Whether it's P.E. or dance class, or musical practice, the kids are so enthusiastic. They are running, they are excited, they are ready to go every single day, so it's easy to love." Coach Hope said.

*(This story appeared on WJHG.com on September 13, 2018 by Jordan McCool)*



## Happy 30th Anniversary, Mrs. Cooper! - by Darcey Sinicrope (BASE Director/HNES c/o 1999)



Martha Jo Cooper  
Three Year Kinderg.  
1989-1990

*Mrs. Cooper has been one of the constant good things in my life.*

*I distinctly remember her telling me to close my eyes during nap time in 1992, baffled that she knew I was still awake.*

*Now I get to see my own daughter run up to her for daily hugs.*

*Working with Mrs. Cooper over the last several years, I've gotten to know her as a colleague and as a friend. She truly lives up to the person I always thought that she was. She is fun, dependable, fair, and an exemplary woman of God. Holy Nativity, my daughter, and I are truly blessed to have Mrs. Cooper in our lives.*



Above left: Mrs. Cooper's HNES yearbook photo from the 1989-1990 school year.

Left: Mrs. Cooper gets a hug from her “legacy student” 4-year old Penelope, daughter of Darcey Sinicrope

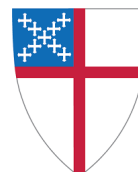
Above right: Mrs. Cooper with her 3K class in 1990-1991 under the Heritage Oak on the HNEC campus.

## (continued from page 6) Father Steve's Report Post-Michael

I'd already decided we would wait till next week and told him that. He texted me back, "Kids are insisting on church Sunday if the sanctuary is still standing. I'll do morning prayer if that's OK." And of course, those Leebrick kids are right. We WILL have a service Sunday, October 14th at 10:30. If I can get transportation I'll be there and if not Brian will lead you. Focus on yourself first, but also give yourselves a break. In the days to

come we'll all need time to put the daunting tasks of our new lives behind us and enjoy the lives we've already built together. Maybe this Sunday is one of those days and maybe the roads to the church will be more accessible by then. Regardless, we are people of hope and believers in resurrection. And I can think of no better place to start than

with you.  
God love you,  
Fr. Steve



## In Memory

We often receive gifts to our school in memory or in honor of someone special. In addition to those photographed below, these names listed here were celebrated with a donation to Holy Nativity Episcopal School in 2018 – March 2019.

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If you'd like to make a tax-deductible donation to HNES in memory or in honor of a loved one, you may mail a gift to: 205 Hamilton Avenue, Panama City, FL 32401. Or you may visit our website: [www.HolyNativitySchool.com](http://www.HolyNativitySchool.com) and click "SUPPORT" Thank you for considering a gift to our school. :)



Dr. Sam Combs

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Charlie Hilton

Kenny Keltner

Margaret K. Lewis

Lillie P. Lloyd

## Hurricane Michael Alters Path for Mrs. Davis



When Mrs. Davis was hired away from Rutherford High's IB program in 2003, it was an easy lure. She and husband Grant have two boys, Andrew and Matt, who were HNES students at the time. Mrs. Davis often said, "I love looking out my classroom window and seeing my boys playing on William's Field." Fast forward 16 years to where Mrs. Davis has become a vital and beloved part of our faculty—serving as Middle School Science Teacher (for 16 years) as well as Middle School Coordinator (since 2011). Her alumni continuously tell of how well prepared they were for their high school science courses thanks to the rigor provided by Ms. Davis. And under her mentoring, numerous students succeeded in the *Three Rivers Regional Science Fair* and several advanced to the *State of Florida Science Fair*. In addition to her assigned duties, Mrs. Davis graciously filled the role as unofficial "hospitality chair" - reaching out to those in need - whether they were mourning or they were celebrating - with a delicious and personalized dessert or meal. This background led to Mrs. Davis teaching a Home Ec. class that was not only a favorite elective but produced class cookbooks that are still cherished by our alumni. She and Grant have also been generous consistent donors to our school. But perhaps Mrs. Davis should best be known for her willingness to listen, lead, and to be a good friend to her students and her peers.

Hurricane Michael closed a door and opened a window for the Davis Family. Grant, a Registered Pharmacist, has accepted a job in Gainesville and the family will move there this summer. While a move close to their beloved University of Florida offers some solace for our heartache, it will be impossible to thank Mrs. Davis enough or to possibly say goodbye in 2019...

## Coach Lloyd Retiring After 20 Years at HNES

"Use kind words." "Play fair." "Follow the rules." "Pick someone up if he falls." "Be a good winner - or a good loser." "Respect your teammates and your opponents." "Listen to your coaches." If you ask students of Coach Lloyd's, they might offer you these suggestions for being a good sport. They will tell you that they heard these qualities repeatedly during their PE time at HNES. After all, being a good sport and living a healthy lifestyle are the top two goals for Coach Lloyd—for her students and personally. Her 20 years at HNES included watching her own two children Trae and Cameron, grow up and graduate, founding and co-directing the *HNES 5K Run & 1-mile Fun Run*, and serving in the following school roles: PTO Vice President, Athletic Director, Yearbook Editor, Home Ec. Teacher, Jr. Beta Club Sponsor, and even a stint as Assistant to the Head of School. Behind the scenes, Coach Lloyd and the Lloyd Family have been major donors to the upkeep, expansion, and beautification of our school. (Bill Lloyd even taught an elective at HNES!)

Mrs. Davis said, "In each of Coach Lloyd's many roles, she always gave us 100%."

Coach Lloyd is retiring from HNES this year to take classes at Gulf Coast State College to pursue a new passion of hers:

Architectural Design and Construction Technology. The Holy Nativity community is grateful for Coach Lloyd! And she doesn't want a big fuss about it!



## 3rd Annual Weller Scholar Award Winner is Announced



2017 Weller Scholar Winner Brian McClain presents the 2018 award to Rebecca Maddox

*Eleven years ago, I began my first day of school at the old church campus, but at the time, my 3-year old self had no clue how important Holy Nativity would be to me 11 years later as I start a new adventure going to high school. Holy Nativity is not a typical school. When I come into Holy Nativity every morning, I know I will be surrounded by loving and caring teachers who want me to succeed and by all my best friends that I consider family.*

*I believe I have excelled academically not only because of my brilliant teachers but because of the learning environment that Holy Nativity has created. Holy Nativity has taught me not only to excel academically but to be a good person.*

*The most important lesson Holy Nativity has taught me is not dividing fractions or the makeup of a cell, but how to love God and love my neighbor.*

*As I go into the real world, I will always be able to say that this school has taught me the difference between right and wrong.*

*To quote my preschool teacher, "You get what you get and you don't pitch a fit." At the time, it was a small phrase we would hear multiple times a day, but now I understand what she was trying to instill into our young minds. She was trying to say, "Make the best of whatever life throws your way." Following that mindset and using the education that I have been provided with, I will forever be successful.*

*From lucky rocks to magic cookies and every lesson along the way, Holy Nativity has taught me how to learn and they have established a foundation that is strong and sturdy for me to build a higher education. But most importantly, they have taught me to be a child of God, and I will forever be thankful that Holy Nativity has made me who I am.*

The Weller Scholar is an honor awarded by the Board of Trustees of Holy Nativity Episcopal School to recognize a graduating 8<sup>th</sup> 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 (8<sup>th</sup> grade class of 1949) and he and Mrs. Weller are charter members of the Holy Nativity Episcopal School Foundation. (The Foundation was responsible for acquiring the Cove School campus in 1998 for HNES and restoring her to the building she is today.) Mrs. Weller and her mother Lucile Peters Graham, established a very generous trust to pay off the construction loans and annual mortgage fees for the Foundation. In addition, Father Tom has served as HNES school chaplain, and middle school Religion teacher (2004-2007). Father Tom has always instructed his students with just two rules, "Love God and love your neighbor."

The Weller Scholar will be: announced at 8<sup>th</sup> 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.



## "Legacy Families" Receive Recognition

Beginning with the class of 2017, "Legacy Families" will now be recognized at the 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation ceremony. Each Legacy Family will be given a composite photo frame showing the current 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduate and his/her parent(s) who also attended HNES. In addition to the parents, any siblings who attended HNES will also be pictured. We are so grateful to be able to celebrate a second generation of Holy Nativity students and look forward to the future of a THIRD generation of graduates.



Dawson Hughes, second from left, (c/o 2018) is pictured with his brother Brady Hughes (HNES alumnus), his Grandparents: Bob & Judy Hughes, and his Dad: Robbie Hughes (HNES alumnus).



Jack Hundley, second from left (c/o 2018) is pictured with his Dad: John Hundley (HNES alumnus), his sisters: Mary Frances (HNES c/o 2015) & Caroline (HNES c/o 2016), and his Grandmother Frances Hundley.

Many thanks to our Fishing Tournament Committee for their work on the 21st Annual event:

Natalie Godwin,  
Katie Harris,  
Jerry Shores,  
Angela Sullivan,  
& Clayton Syfrett

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**2019 Marks 60th Anniversary for Holy Nativity Episcopal School**



1959 Mrs. Gervase Woods, our first teacher, stands with her students and Holy Nativity Episcopal Church priest and School founder Dr. Dave Damon.

Father Dave Damon founded "The Episcopal Day School" on the campus of Holy Nativity Episcopal Church in 1959. To commemorate the occasion, there had been big plans for a 60th anniversary gala planned for March of 2019. Six decades of our school family— from the days on the church campus and the days on the Cove School campus — were expected to be in attendance for the celebration. Hurricane Michael's devastation of our school and our community on October 10th changed our calendar a bit but did not change our enthusiasm to recognize this monumental time for our school. Please look for a fall 2019 invitation to help us mark this special "birthday."



**HOLY NATIVITY EPISCOPAL SCHOOL**  
— 1959 - 2019 —



# 17th Annual Holy Nativity 5K Run and 1-mile Fun Run Celebrates Coach Jennifer Lloyd

We are so grateful to the many family and friends who came out to celebrate Coach Lloyd on her 2019 retirement and to support our 17th annual race on February 2nd.

## RED TARP ROOF

- Barron & Redding, PA (Bob Hughes, Sr. Partner)
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- Burke & Blue, PA (Doug Smith)
- Abigail, Jillian, & Nancy Dingus
- Emerald Coast CrossFit
- Mrs. Lynn Ferren
- The Lark Family



From Coach Jennifer Lloyd: *“Thank you, Amy Moody, for taking over this race with the amazing Nancy Dingus. And thank you for the very special logo on this year’s shirt. I love this race, I love the kiddos, I love my race co-chairs, I love all my coworkers over these awesome 20 years at Holy Nativity Episcopal School. I love Judy Hughes and I love Beverly McDaniel for believing in me and hiring me so long ago. And I love the fact that Mrs. McDaniel couldn’t believe that people would pay to run a race in their own neighborhood, and here we are 17 years later and it’s still going strong.”*



Coach Lloyd was surprised by friends from the Rutherford Cross Country Team. Darby Bennett & Coach Daniel Franklin presented Coach Lloyd with a 4X800 race baton thanking her for her support of running at RHS since daughter Cameron Lloyd’s high school days.



Our new HNES Run logo was designed by Pat Holcombe for 2019. It will forever recognize race founders: Jennifer Lloyd & Nancy Dingus.



Walker Stamps crosses the finish line with his Dad close behind on race day. Walker was the first 3-year old to finish the 1-mile run. Dr. Maggie Shuler, race volunteer, hands him his place card for timing.



Nancy Dingus race director (left) and Amy Moody (right), celebrate with William Pender on his first place finish in the 5K run for ages 10 and under.

RIGHT: Finishers in the 1-mile run each received a handmade wooden ornament (created by Amy Moody, cut by Andrew Jeffery, & inspired by Lori Bates.)




## Our Temporary School Home in 2018–2019 – thanks to Holy Nativity Episcopal Church



This aerial image, of Holy Nativity Episcopal Church, taken in February 2019, shows the “portable village” that is Holy Nativity Episcopal School. This drone photo (shown facing west towards Bonita Ave) was taken by **Reese d’Aquin** of *Superior One Roofing* - Reese is known also as the videographer of the Church’s “This is our story” Hurricane Michael video (available for viewing on Facebook pages of both the school & church). (850 Strong logo designed by Samantha Bates.)



Jovina Adams, Mom to Layla (1st grade) and Liam (4th grade) created and sold #hnesstrong t-shirts immediately after the Hurricane. To date, Jovina has donated over \$1,000 from the sales to our school's recovery. ❤️

St. Thomas by-the-Sea Episcopal Church welcomed our beach-side students with open arms for several weeks until all could be together at the HNEC campus. Many thanks to The Rev. Mary Alice Mathison and The Rev. Edward Richards, for their love and encouragement during our recovery. 

## Thank you to our 2018-2019 Board of Trustees



(Back row) Ben Lee, Chris Stamps, Drew Jernigan, Dick Hebert, Jason Smith, Matt Cole. (Front) Mary Kathryn San Juan, Clayton Syfrett, Brent Faison, Captain Jack Ringleberg, Misty Ward, Dr. Maggie Shuler, Judy Hughes. NOT PICTURED: Steve Bates, Carolyn Cramer, Will Cramer, Holly Fleigel, Amy Moody, Chris Moser

What a time to be a Board of Trustee member for Holy Nativity Episcopal School! Our eternal thanks to these faithful friends who committed to serving our school with their leadership and decision-making courage during the most challenging time in our school's 60 year history—the recovery from Hurricane Michael.

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## Special thanks for donations to our Outdoor Classroom Spaces

Through numerous generous donations from our parents the school was able to purchase 15 picnic table sets (table, umbrella, and stand) for our portable village community areas!

**Kim Spence** organized 4th and MS outdoor areas and **Catina Hill** organized 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 5th. Room Moms helped get the word out: 2nd—**Nimae Awantang** and **Tabitha Ferguson Garcia**, 3rd—**Tiffany Harris**, 4th—**Jovina Adams, Amanda Oakes, Shani Lee, and Kim Spence** 5th—**Debbie Stewart, Melanie Scott, and Tiffany Harris**, Middle School—**Misty Ward, Pam McAllister, and Natalie Brock.**

Outdoor Classroom donations were received: from the following friends:

**1st grade:** Ashley & Vaimana Conner, Kirsten & Max McCord, Tricia & Eric Berry, Whitney & John Mims, and Tracy & Alan Jagiello. **2nd grade:** Pam & Drew McAllister, Ashley & Vaimana Conner, Nimae & Mark Awantang, Shanun & AJ White, Kim & Tim Spence. **3rd grade:** Nate & Bethany Nowak, Sireen & Patrick Tamim, Tiffany & Wil Harris, and Karen & Josh Fuqua. **4th grade:** Amanda & Jason Oakes, Shelle & Sean McDonald, Tricia & Eric Berry, Lindsey & Ron Rogers, Kerry Wright & Adris Pender, Kirsten & Max McCord, Elizabeth & Johnny Moore, Brandy & John Ramsey, Kim & Tim Spence, Bridget & Joe Granducci, and Catina & Doyle Hill. **5th grade:** Nate & Bethany Nowak, Pender Family, Sharon & Luis Little Dog. **6th grade:** Lori & Brent Faison, Julie Hilton, Robert & Ann Marie Sale, Priya Patel, and Tim Adamcryk **7th grade:** Pam & Drew McAllister, Maggie & Bud Shuler, Angel & Chris Forehand, Kristi & Robert Yanchis, Kim & Tim Spence, Christy & Jason Smith, Caroline & Buddy Czubaj, and Desiree & Mark Dalton **8th grade:** Natalie & Tim Brock and Caroline & Buddy Czubaj **BASKETBALL GOALS:** Derek & Bethany Boggs and James & Natalie Godwin



# MATHCOUNTS®

## 2018-2019 HNES School competition

8th grade: Chappell Syfrett, Lauren Moody, Jon Lloyd, Walker Verenakis  
 7th grade: Carmen Shuler, Olivia Hammack, Daniel Himes, Quin Hoyt  
 6th grade: John McLoughlin, Marina Hoyt, Victoria Lithway, Scarlett Ward  
Bay District Schools Competition (Cancelled due to Hurricane Michael)

## Regional MathCounts

Hosted by the Florida Engineering Society at The Holley Center, FSU-PC  
 135 students from 7 area middle schools

TOP HNES Student: **Chappell Syfrett** (6th place overall)

Third place Team (pictured): 8th graders: Jon Lloyd, Walker Verenakis, Chappell Syfrett, Sierra Czubaj & Lauren Moody; Coach Amy Moody



## Middle School Students Shine in 2018 Madagascar, Jr.

Directed by Ms. Hope Simmons

Performed at The Gretchen Nelson Scott Center, Mosley High School + Photos by Mrs. Terry Duke



## Middle School Students Enjoy Sports at District Schools



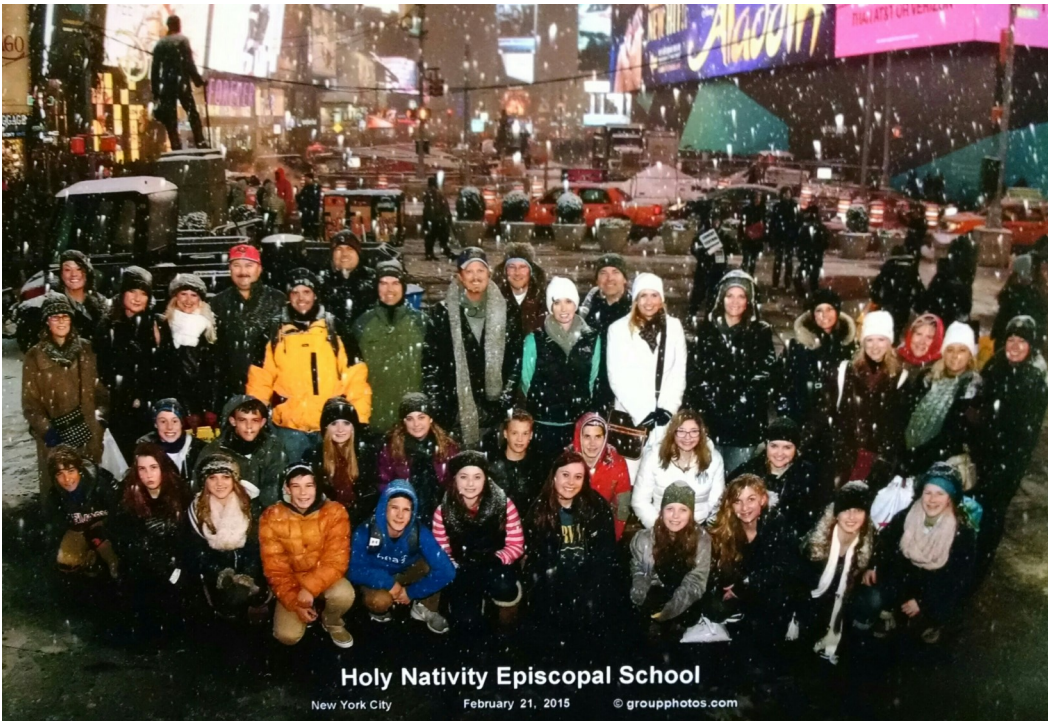
## BOLTS

Our student athletes:  
Jinks VB manager Maggie Smith, Jinks VB: Kate Smith & Reagan Harrison; Mowat girls soccer: Ella Cole & alumni Mia Carroll; Mowat boys soccer: Elijah Pollack & Huck Lee Jinks soccer: Chappell Syfrett, Oliver Provencher, Flint Haligas, not pictured Braxton McElheney & (Jinks girls) Margot Provencher; Mowat Track: Allie Villegas, Chan-nig Abernathy, Ella Cole, & Milly Eberhard, BHCA Track: in center Zamiyah Hill.



Right, 2019 Patriot's Pen Essay winners Chappell Syfrett (3rd place Bay County) Sierra Czubaj (1st place Bay County, 3rd place District 17) are pictured with VFW 10555 representatives: Auxiliary President Kitty Dye, Susan Johnson, & Ken Waringa, and Language Arts teacher Nancy Bleich

## HNES Class of 2015 Reunion to be held on Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>



The Annual Senior Reunion Day at HNES will be on Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> 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 cake and punch, and fond reminiscing at our under-construction school site. Former Head Mistress, **Mrs. McDaniel** will be there as well as other favorite faculty and staff members! If you are a part of this “2015 Class,” make sure you are here on May 5<sup>th</sup> 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 Mrs. Moody [amoodu@hnes.us](mailto:amoodu@hnes.us) or call (850)747-0060 See you soon!

## HNES 8th Grade Class of 2019 Looking Forward to High School

Ironically, this year’s 8th grade class will end their Holy Nativity school years at the location where many of them (“Lifers”) began their HNES careers in our 3-year old preschool —The Holy Nativity Episcopal Church campus. Hurricane Michael changed many of the plans for this year’s class including how Bay County 8th grade students visited and selected their high schools. Nonetheless, HNES students were highly recruited by Arnold, Bay, Mosley, & Rutherford High Schools for the next step in their education This year’s 8th grade class is: **Adris Pender, Allie Villegas, Ashtyn Williams, Bradley Pennington, Brooke Cobb, Carson Kelly, Chappell Syfrett, Charlie Hundley, Danielle Parker, Elijah Pollack, Ella Cole, Emily Carrier, Grady Oakes, Griffin Brock, Huck Lee, Hunter Dye, Justice “Jak” Kyle, Jon Lloyd, Katherine Dismukes, Lauren Moody, Liz Blankenship, Maya Hernandez, Michael Watts, Miguel Abrenica, Milly Eberhard, Oliver B. Provencher, Reagan Harrison, Sierra Czubaj, & Walker Verenakis.**

The annual graduation ceremony will take place at Holy Nativity Episcopal Church on Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:30 p.m. All friends are welcome to attend!



## Alumni Good News! Send us Yours



*Kristian Haseley*



**Kristian Haseley** (HNES c/o 2014) was the 2018 Rutherford High School Valedictorian. **Abigail Anderson** (HNES c/o 2015) (pictured with Steve Moss & Superintendent Bill Husfelt) was named Superintendent's Student of the Month for October 2018.



**Taylor Bradley** (HNES c/o 2015) was named WMBB Scholar Athlete of the Week in January. Taylor is pictured with his Mom Anji Dunlap (Former teacher at HNES)



**Jackson Morris** (HNES c/o 2016) was named the "Sonny's Big Deal" award winner for February.



HOMECOMING 2018 Top Ten Finalists: from Mosley High **Anneke Klip** & **Shane Skibba**, Arnold High **Taylor Bradley**

ALL-COUNTY SPORTS Honors as seen in *The News Herald*

**Football:** Bay High **Mac Chapman** (c/o 2016), Mosley High **Shane Skibba**

**Girls Soccer:** Arnold High **Jacki Haines** (c/o 2015), **Gracie Mae Hundley** (c/o 2017), **Rebecca Maddox** (c/o 2018)

**Boys Soccer:** Arnold High **Taylor Bradley** (c/o 2015), Bay High **Cort Haligas** (c/o 2015), **Beckett Hamilton** (c/o 2015); Mosley High **Diego Nunez**; NBH **Clayton Hawkins**

**Swim & Dive:** Mosley High **Lily Bradford**; NBH **Luke Station** (c/o 2017) & **Ashlyn Pack**

Coach DeShoan Olds of Rutherford High Cross-Country stands with these winning girls—all HNES alumnae—

**Keira Banton, Danielle Bansagi, Mary Granducci, & Abigail Anderson.**



Bay High JV players and HNES alumni gather for a photo in the Fall of 2018: **Philip Himes, JP Harbison, Julian Bennett, Jaxon Morgan, & Kasey Chapman.**

**HNES Tennis Alumni** won big at the 2019 District Championships at the Panama City Racquet Club: Boys results: #1 **Jake Chapman** (Bay), #2 **Zachary Cox** (Bay), #3 **Jack Hundley** (MHS), #5 **Mack Keltner** (MHS) Girls results: #1 **Izabel Ceydeli** (RHS), #2 **Ari Cortes** (RHS), #3 **Danielle Bansagi** (RHS), #4 **Mary Granducci** (RHS), #5 **Anneke Klip** (MHS)



## Alumni Wedding News!



**Kristen Grantcharov** (c/o 2012) & **Michael Klutch** 1/7/18 Panama City



**Lindsay Graham** & **Nathan Williams** (c/o 2005), 5/19/18 Panama City



**Caroline Zinszer** (c/o 2010) & **Ryan Harrold** 9/29/18 Oregon



**Kendall Lovchuk** (c/o 2010) & **Michael Keller** 12/15/18 Holy Nativity Episcopal Church Panama City



**Megan Thompson** c/o 2006) & **Brent Willingham** 3/16/19 South Carolina

# An Update from Father Tom Weller 2/15/2019 ~ Cove School c/o 1949 & HNES Chaplain Emeritus



Today, I drove over to the school, which has a new roof, and some of the aluminum cladding that I had installed over the summer of 2010 has been ripped down, noticeable above, the raw wood at the roofline.



Went inside and walked through to see what is going on. One is, the chimney in my first grade classroom, bricks showing, a touch of history. Showing in several classrooms in the old original part of the school building, I hope they still show after the restoration is complete, but not an issue if not. Another is that the pine floor is gone in the north end, holes cut as



necessary in the subfloor, and under a window I snapped a picture of the old piping for the steam radiator system that I remember in the building as a great new feature in the 1940s.

When I started first grade in September 1941, I could not recall if we had the space heaters or the new steam radiators; but I remember now. What is now the "coaches office" on the west side of the building looking out onto William's Field, is an outside-entry room at ground level (it may even have a dirt floor, I don't remember), that was the boiler room for the steam radiator heating system. Not there originally, that room was part of the new construction, that more than



doubled the building southward in 1947, after World War II. So, my tentative impression was correct, that the old original stove was in the classroom. I do recall that the steam system did an interesting job of drying out the air uncomfortably in classroom. I also noticed that the chimney rises all the way to the roof, but of course the old chimneys were removed and no longer stick up from the roof. Vague, but I also recall that the steam boiler, long defunct, was taken out after we got the building as Holy Nativity School Foundation. In the 1990s. Walking down the hall past the entryway, I noticed that the pictures are still there, and the plaque, of my Class of 1949, our beloved teacher Miss Virginia Parker, under



her, a plaque with our class member names and our 8th grade class picture, Looking at our class picture, the tall boy leaning against the right-most white column is Robert Padgett. I am behind Robert, a bit shorter, the boy with black hair looking over Robert's right shoulder. Outside again, the hurricane tore away bricks at the upper, roof level of the northeast corner of the Bill Lloyd Building, that has been restored.



They will replace the roof of the walkway between the main building and the auditorium chapel cafeteria building that was added in 1950 and now is named for Beverly McDaniel, long-time Head of School and a board member of the Holy Nativity School Foundation. The onsite reconstruction superintendent Jon Powers told me, the last time I was there that either a peaked east and west cover or a cover similar to what the hurricane tore away would be installed there. It was a good day. T+



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To provide a nurturing Christian  
environment where students with  
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solid foundation for developing  
their potential as  
good, caring and responsible citizens.*



Father Steve surveys the damage at the school on January 12th. His leadership and generosity have been crucial to our recovery at Holy Nativity.

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*Holy Nativity,  
School of great loyalty, to thee we sing;  
Place where we learn and play,  
Fellowship every day,  
Within our nestled Cove,  
our hearts we bring.*

*Holy Nativity,  
School of fraternity, to thee we serve;  
We love your oaks and palms,  
Your bricks and blessed psalms,  
The shadows of the past,  
our hopes preserved.*

*Holy Nativity,  
School of one God to me, thy name we love;  
We love the jets in flight,  
Flying in William's sight,  
Protect us by your halls,  
like that above.*

*Amy Moody, 2011*