



# THE HOLY HERALD

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## Judy Hughes' 2020 Delayed Retirement Celebration is Commemorated on a Perfect Day

*"An 'invocation' is a prayer asking for God's presence to be among you and your guests. But if you look around us, you will see that He is already here."*

Father Steve's words were absolutely true as we celebrated the 2020 retirement of Judy Hughes, our HNES Head of School 2011-2020, Middle School principal 2007-2009, and Elementary Teacher 1991-1997. On numerous occasions, Covid had delayed any kind of ceremony, but the perfect day arrived on March 25, 2022.

With family in attendance, Judy Hughes was loved on, praised, congratulated, thanked, applauded, and serenaded right

on the lawn at the school's front doors at "Judy's Circle" - a new fountain forever reminding our school of the dedication of Judy Elms Hughes.

Husband Bob Hughes said, *I have watched Judy become a consummate educator, teacher and administrator, caring for the education of children in a loving yet very professional way. How many times has she been in—name a store—and a young man or woman rushes up and says "Hello Mrs. Hughes, you were my favorite teacher. I decided to go to college because of your class, " or something similar.*

*And she remembers them by name. I watched Judy, in the aftermath of Hurricane Michael, which all but destroyed HNES, immediately take charge, hiring the contractors, dealing with the insurers, assigning duties to staff and, at the same time, begin the planning of getting the children back in some semblance of school. 24/7 was not an overstatement about the time she spent during the Oct 2018-Aug 2019 period. She worked days, nights, weekends, burning up the laptop and the phone, and had the HNES children back in class (in the Episcopal*



At "Judy's Circle," grandsons Dawson and Brady stand with Bob Hughes, Judy, and Robbie Hughes. Photo by Terry Duke

*church) before the Bay District schools were back in session. I watched her work with the Board, with the teachers in planning how to teach under these circumstances, with the insurers, and then with the seemingly never-ending bouts with FEMA. She found portables and rented them and placed them behind Holy Nativity church, and the children finished the 2018-2019 school year. Then the buildings were ready for school in August of 2019 thanks to hers' - and others' - tireless work. Then came the virus. She went back to work 24/7 outlining the manner in which distant teaching would take place. The children's best interest was always paramount. Back to days and nights and weekends. During her tenure at HNES, I have watched her encourage and arrange professional development for the teachers, help in the selection of textbooks and if needed, curriculum planning. Her years as a teacher were of great importance in her performance as an excellent administrator. I have watched all this because I am her husband, and yes, if it sounds like I am very proud of her, I am very proud. I will stop short of saying that HNES would not*

*exist today in its current condition without Judy's experience and her tireless efforts in the face of sometimes unbelievable adversity. But it's close. I know she will miss the school, the teachers, the staff but most of all the children. She will miss the challenges which normally go with the job of Head of School, but probably will not miss the challenges that flow from hurricanes and viruses. There have been others in the life of HNES who have been instrumental in its fantastic success, but, from my perspective, Judy's contribution stands extremely tall in the school's life. Judy, enjoy retirement.*

*Your accomplishments are lasting. A job very well done. Love, from Bob*

Son Robbie Hughes, added the significance of "Judy's Circle" - the idea that Judy would take something off another's plate, to handle herself.

Students in grade 1-4, circling Judy and her fountain, then sang the 1944 "I'll Be Seeing You" by Billie Holiday (and re-written here by Music Teacher Leigh Gladden):

*I'll be seeing you  
In all the old familiar places  
That this heart of mine embraces  
All day through*

*In the lunch cafe  
William's park across the way  
The children's carousel  
The magnolia tree  
Your wishing well*

*I'll be seeing you  
In every Wednesday chapel day  
In everything that's light and gay  
I'll always think of you that way  
I'll find you in the morning sun  
And when the night is new  
I'll be looking at the school  
But I'll be seeing you.*

(at which point, all the students pointed directly to Mrs. Hughes).

A perfect day, indeed.

***“In the waves of change, we find our true course.”***

The word “change” can scare a great many of us, but there is no doubt that this year brought about many changes. At the beginning of the school year, we thought COVID was done with us, but it had other plans and reared its ugly head. This school year alone, we navigated 197 cases of reported COVID: 17 faculty, 86 positive student cases, and 94 cases that opted into quarantine. As a school, finding ourselves in uncharted waters yet again, we adjusted our sails to this challenge. Our faculty worked tirelessly to make sure that our students felt loved and met their academic goals amid navigating an ongoing pandemic. If you haven’t noticed by now, our faculty is undoubtedly capable of doing anything they are called upon to do! Over the past four years, together we’ve successfully navigated our way through hurricanes, pandemics, political unrest, wildfires, accreditation visits, and now international war. Even in such changing times, Holy Nativity remains a center for academic excellence and a school that continues to instill God’s love for one another.

At the end of school year 2020-2021, we knocked our FCIS accreditation visit out of the park with zero mandates for the school! We’ve seen an overall rise in test scores across grade levels, and our students are winning competitions at the county and state levels. I would even argue that we are garnering attention at the national level. One example would be our highly competitive Robo-Bolts! Not only did our students receive the top award from the FIRST LEGO League Robotics Regional Championship, they will now be

competing at the State Tournament. You will also find them at The First Lego League Razorback Invitational National Tournament in May in Arkansas! Way to go, Robo-Bolts! Why are we doing so well? It is because Holy Nativity has unbelievably dedicated teachers! Great teachers make a school, and we are blessed to have the cream of the crop here at Holy Nativity! Each one continues to work hard to make Holy Nativity what it is today while portraying God’s love in every way.

Also, change can make for great progress. This school year alone we were able to make great progress on many items. A major goal was accomplished on a comprehensive technology overhaul that included running fiberoptic cables to the pavilion and the houses. We now have the entire school on one managed wireless network. This significant addition also increased the reliability of the network for the entire campus. We were also fortunate to upgrade our fleet of Chromebooks so that the school is now officially a one-to-one campus. Hooray!!! We installed a state-of-the-art security system to keep our students and faculty safe in changing times. In the Bill Lloyd Building, we also made some major improvements to the building’s foundation, refinished floors, updated the kitchen in McDaniel Hall, installed gutters, and replaced a large part of the building’s pipes. Additionally, the *Brian Sharp Memorial* was rebuilt on our school campus! This replacement project was years in the making and I know it



meant so much to Brian’s family. Many of these improvements were made possible by the dedication and generosity of many who love our school!

Frequently, people will hear me make reference to how running a school is like being a Captain of a large ship. The waters are continuously changing and the Captain has to constantly reevaluate the navigational path while keeping her eyes on the horizon. Being flexible with change is sometimes challenging and there have been a lot of changes in a very short amount of time! Sometimes in life we can plan for changes, and other changes will just happen. No matter how rough the waters might get, there are always two stars in the sky that guide our ship: to love God and love your neighbor, the two rules of Holy Nativity.

Cynthia Fuller, M. Ed. L.  
Head of School  
Holy Nativity Episcopal School



## Original 1990 Brian Sharp Memorial is Rebuilt on Holy Nativity Campus in 2022

Brian Austin Sharp (1984-1990) was a precious Holy Nativity kindergarten student who lost his life far too early in a tragic car accident.

The 1990 Sharp Memorial (pictured below) was built on the original school campus on the east end of the Holy Nativity Episcopal Church campus. It was thoroughly enjoyed by students of all ages. Even when HNES moved her entire student body to the Cove School grounds in 2009, the Church still made good use of this favorite outdoor space.

That changed in 2018 when 150-mph winds from Hurricane Michael toppled trees and loosened boards, devastating the classroom space.

In the fall of 2021, Amy Moody led the planning for the brand new, and long-promised *BSharp*. Construction began in October by alumnus Carson Shores (HNES c/o 2013) of *Shores Marine Construction*. Fundraising requests were directed at our former HNES families and friends of Brian's. The project was 100% funded by its completion date!

(See complete donor list on page 4.) On February 11, 2022, the *Brian Austin Sharp Memorial Outdoor Classroom* was unveiled on the south end of William's Field during a special ceremony in the Holy Pavilion.

In attendance were (pictured above) Brian's Mom Tammy

Newton, and Brian's two brothers Adam Henely (HNES c/o 2010) & Eric Henely (HNES c/o 2005), and numerous other family

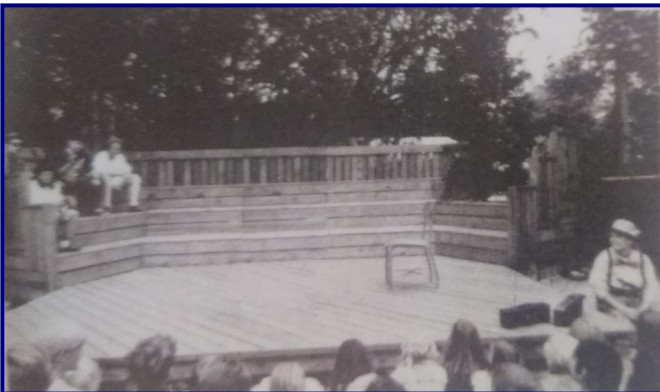
members, several of Brian's kindergarten classmates, and HNES faculty & students in grades Kindergarten through 4th.

The program began with the Invocation by Father Steve Bates, a welcome by Head of School Cynthia Fuller, and a powerful kindergarten performance of "You are my Sunshine" which brought many to tears. Memories of Brian were shared by Erin Rachesky Goodson, classmate, Beverly McDaniel (former Head Mistress 1988-2008), DJ Tannehill, childhood friend. HNES Music Director, Leigh Gladden performed an unforgettable rendition of *It is Well with My Soul*. Family friend Bob Jaye closed the ceremony with prayer. Wendy Mowat hosted a beautiful reception in the pavilion.

Erin's memories included these thoughts, "Brian was a kind boy and I'm sure he would have grown into a wonderful man, rocking an incredible mane of hair! He was caring and giving and always so helpful. At the original HNES campus, there was this incredibly large



concrete tunnel on the lower elementary side which honestly never made sense considering there was a much smaller tunnel on the upper elementary side. Everyone loved to climb on the tunnel and sit on top, looking out across the playground. Brian was a master at this, unlike the other kindergarteners. I recall him always helping pull us up so we could get up there too. After he was gone, I never was able to get up there. It's the little things like this that always stand out. DJ shared, "The heartache of losing a child at such a young age cannot be comprehended, but a light so bright will not be extinguished by grief. Rather it lives on in those he loved and in those who came after him. Holy Nativity emphasizes the importance of loving God and loving others. This school poured such love into Brian during his short life and the way that it continues to honor him and his memory today means more to his family than words can express. Brian would have loved this outdoor classroom and I know he will continue to smile down on this place."



## McDaniel Hall has a new Kitchen



1st grader William Lark stands in the newly renovated McDaniel Hall Kitchen

Sometimes change is hard, especially when it comes to letting go of the old items that are comfortable and familiar to everyone. Thanks to the generous donations from an HNES Family, our new kitchen workroom in McDaniel Hall has been completely transformed into a modern and functional space. It allows us to safely prep, store, and organize all the supplies and food in a much more efficient manner. The industrial countertop and sink is ideal in size and allows for many different setups depending on events and lunches. Along with this new addition, we were gifted with brand new flooring, and bright white backsplash to help make this space more vibrant. All the appliances and storage spaces are sleek, stainless steel, and help the room feel more open and accessible. BASE, weekly lunchroom session, HNES events, and even summer camp will benefit greatly from this new remodel. We are excited to use the space now and in the future!

~ Stacy Shramek, BASE Director

### The Brian Austin Sharp Memorial Outdoor Classroom was completed thanks to these generous donors:

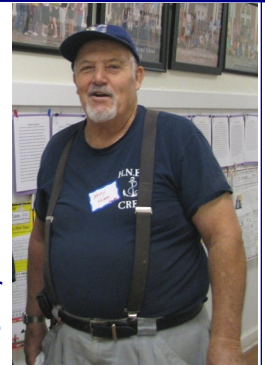
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### DICK HEBERT has officially retired.

Just like he had always planned, Mr. Hebert gave us little notice that he was officially retiring from his Holy Nativity volunteer position after 25 years! Mr. Hebert began serving at the school while a HNEC member when his granddaughter Ashley was still a toddler. When his best friend - grandson Michael (pictured below) - came along a few years later, Mr. Hebert extended his career of service to our school - as a volunteer in the maintenance department and also a Board of Trustees member. His work involved repair and preservation of our 85-year old schoolhouse, and keeping the maintenance department on their toes. Retirement has taken Mr. Hebert and Mrs. Nancy Hebert (former HNES Board of Trustees President 1988-89) to North Carolina where he says, "I am



*having a great time."* We love you, Mr. Hebert. We will not forget your years of dedication to HNES - your fingerprints will remain on our school forever.



Holy Nativity's Middle School Robotics team, the Robo-Bolts, has had a great season! Ten rookie members came on-board to replace last year's team of 8th graders. The team members are pictured here: front row: **Jackson Lee, Grady Oenbrink, Jalon Santiago, Anna McCord, Jordan Ambrose,** back row: **Ryan Spence, John Moore, Mbongta Awantang, Caleb Jeffery, & Jonathan Gaither.** A new co-coach, **Mrs. Audra Resler,** also joined to help lead the team along with **Mrs. Jan Dykes** and team mentor, **Mr. Bryan Muller.**



With so many new team members, it was expected that the season would be full of learning and hard work. After all, the team needed to learn all about the various aspects of FIRST LEGO League. During FLL competitions, they must complete a timed obstacle course using a robot they built and coded. A separate part of the competition requires that the team create an innovative solution related to this year's theme-the transporting of cargo. The Robo-Bolts designed "The Truckstop of the Future" that better meets the needs of truck drivers and incorporates such novel ideas as using piezoelectric crystals to generate renewable energy.

They also have interviews with a panel of judges. A final part of the competition evaluates each team on how well they embody the core values of FIRST: Discovery, Innovation, Impact, Inclusion, Teamwork, and Fun. A bit more unexpected was just how successful this group of rookies would be! During the season, the Robo-Bolts have been recognized for robot design, robot performance, and core values. At the Northwest Florida Regional Tournament, the Robo-Bolts won the top award by earning the highest total number of points in all areas of the competition!

As the top performing team in the region, they also earned an invitation to compete at the state tournament in April and a chance to attend the FLL Razorback Open Invitational Tournament in May. This Invitational Event is hosted by the engineering department of the University of Arkansas. Eighty teams are invited to participate, with sixty to sixty-five of them being from North America and the remainder being from all over the world. What an incredible opportunity for our Holy Nativity Robo-Bolts! There are many adventures ahead for this amazing team!  
~ Jan Dykes

## Treysen Villegas, Student Government President 2021-22, Shares his "Best List"



COVID is the worst... In his 2020 SGA speech, candidate **Treysen Villegas** shared this message:

"I am running for SGA.

I've created a

"Top Six Best Things That Happened in 2020" list. At number 6: we've learned that, in a pinch, hand sanitizer doubles as deodorant.

*Number 5: thanks to masks, you can't tell that we all have pimples & need braces. Number 4: thanks to Walmart pickup, Holy Nativity kids are even more isolated from the real world.*

*Number 3: thanks to social distancing, no one has to sit next to the smelly kid in class anymore. Number 2: because ZOOM meetings only show your face, that scary dream where you show up naked to class isn't quite as scary anymore. And the number 1 best thing about 2020: toilet paper is back in stock! On a more serious note, why should you vote for me? Well...*

*More than ever this school needs a leader. A leader who works hard and strives to be the best he can be. A leader who puts other people before himself and does everything in his ability to make our school better. I want to be a part of SGA so that I can give back to the school I love so much. What is potentially my number one goal this year you ask? Although a hot tub for the playground would be pretty epic, I think helping make everyone smile and possibly laugh just a little more during these rough times, would be even better!"*

## Thank you - from Judy Hughes

Dearest Holy Nativity Family, Thank you so much for the beautiful retirement ceremony on Friday. The weather was perfect, the school looked beautiful, and I have to say having a fountain in my honor is an extraordinary feeling. The hard work by many and the resulting reminder of our shared circle of influence fills my heart. Knowing the Foundation's regulation restricting changes to the front of the school, I am touched by Fr. Tom and Rayford Lloyd giving the Foundation's permission to add our circle fountain by the front entrance of Holy Nativity. Grandfriends' Day was such perfect timing—that day has always been special to me. Big, big hugs to Cynthia Fuller for selecting that day, as well as her persistence to make sure this happened amid the months and months of complications for planning gatherings. Cynthia's sweet words of greetings were so personal and spoke to our close relationship. Of course, no ceremony is ever complete for me unless Fr Steve is there. I know we all agree his thoughts and words are always perfect. My best guess is that Lori Morgan, who for 8 years was the phenomenal Assistant to the Head of School, played a major role in arranging this beautiful fountain. I am so happy for the middle schoolers who now get to enjoy

Mrs. Morgan's teaching excellence. Thank you, Lori, you are so, so special to me. I don't know if many of you have seen my "God Bless Judy Hughes" gift book? It is an extraordinary treasure that has Amy Moody's fingerprints all over its creation! One of my blessings is a husband I love who wrote a beautiful page in my book and who believes I can do anything and everything. During the ceremony it was especially dear hearing Bob share with everyone the words he had written in my book. My greatest cheerleaders are Robbie and Hilary. Our children—reports this full-of-love mom -- are dedicated parents, successful in chosen careers, and just plain fun to know. Robbie speaking at my retirement ceremony and presenting the dedication of the fountain was such "a moment" for his proud mother. Whatever you have heard about the wonderfulness of being a grandparent... it's completely true! It turns out we have grandsons Brady and Dawson and granddaughters Savannah and Riley who are brilliant, beautiful, witty, and talented! I felt blessed that both grandsons could join us for the ceremony and our granddaughters were in my heart. And the singing...WOW!..."We'll be Seeing You" was when I could not hold back the tears of a full heart. Those

precious little faces and their sweet voices, to say nothing of their respectful attitudes while sitting on the ground before they sang, are a reminder of how special our school truly is. They were fabulous and Leigh Gladden is sooo fantastic, isn't she? How special I felt! Approaching the day of the ceremony, I was reflecting on how this Head thing happened. I would like to share some of my reflections, especially since I had never thought about becoming the Head of School at HNES. About 35 years ago I started attending meetings where I learned about myself and lots about God. Applying what I was learning, I decided to turn my life and my will over to the care of God, and to only pray to know God's will for my life and the strength to carry that out. Wowzer! Jeepers! Who knew -- well, Fr Steve would-- what was going to

happen in my life after that? God took me up on my offer. God's plan has been so much more than I could have imagined or dreamed for my life. By chance, one morning a little over 30 years ago, I met Beverly McDaniel. Beverly asked me where I went to college...you know where this is going... and who tells Beverly no? After not teaching for years and with no plans to teach again, out of nowhere, I was teaching 3rd grade at Holy Nativity! I continued teaching and the years that followed were full of unbelievable adventures and unexpected opportunities. I was beginning to think about retiring from my public-school teaching position, but no... If teaching 3rd grade was unexpected, can you imagine my surprise when I found myself at an interview for Head of School at the most successful and most prestigious school in Bay County? Out of nowhere ...again... I was the Head of School at Holy Nativity Episcopal School. My 9 years as Head were years of serious and sometimes challenging work, work that I loved, and years that added so much unexpected happiness and fun to my life. As the Head of School I had the opportunity to:

- \*see the development and success of our students, each with such promise, and know they are the future leaders of Bay County;
- \*meet, get to know, and work with so many fabulous families of our students;
- \*admire board members who give so freely of their time and talent to make sure HNES is always the best;
- \*appreciate the Holy Nativity Foundation, who are there for us whenever we need their help;
- \*depend on Fr Steve's wisdom, wit and guidance in my life;
- \*and then, the teachers and staff, a group that includes Fr Steve, they are Holy Nativity Episcopal School. Holy Nativity has the stars of our profession. They create the memories we all hold so dear. My hope is those at Holy Nativity, and those now having adventures elsewhere, know how much I love and admire them.

Thank you for the beautiful ceremony and for the years of love. With love and gratitude, Judy Hughes





# Graduation snapshots May 2021

(Graduation ceremonies are traditionally held at Holy Nativity Episcopal Church. Due to COVID, the 2021 ceremonies were all held in the Holy Pavilion.)



HNES Kindergarten Class of 2021



HNES 5th grade Class of 2021



HNES 8th grade Class of 2021



**"Judy's Circle"**  
 Our beautiful new fountain was the inspiration of Judy's longtime Assistant to the Head of School (and current Social Studies teacher) Lori Morgan. Lori oversaw the selection, the fundraising, and the installation of the 2020 Fountain. Thank you to all the donors who supported this lasting landmark at HNES. The granite for the plaque was gifted and installed by Shane Southerland. (Judy is pictured here with Wes & Lori Morgan on dedication day - March 25th 2022.)





## THE COVE SCHOOLHOUSE IS 85

On March 8, 2022, Cove School officially turned 85 years old! What an eventful lifetime for this Bay County historical treasure. Follow our Facebook page: *Cove Elementary School 1937-1988* for news about a special anniversary celebration on the school campus this fall 2022.

# Cove School News

PANAMA CITY, FLORIDA, NOVEMBER 15, 1944

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COVE SCHOOL

## HISTORY OF COVE SCHOOL

Cove School opened in March of 1937. The block for the school was donated by H. L. Sudduth, of the Sudduth Realty Company. Besides the lot Mr. Sudduth donated the electric clock which is now located at the north end of the hall.

At first there were only five rooms. The five original teachers who brought their pupils from the Panama Grammar School were: Mrs. Bessie Rizell, Mrs. Clarke Dean, Mrs. Frank Holland, Miss Ruth Martin and the principal, Mr. Dozier. Miss Martin is the only one of the original teachers still teaching here.

G. H. Dozier was the first principal. His successors are: J. A. Headrich, Mrs. W. F. Harrison, assistant Mrs. Frank Holland, Mrs. Frank Holland and Mrs. O. L. Bridges.

The first year there was no playground equipment. We received the swing in 1938 from the County School Board.

In 1939 the first addition was made to the school. It consisted of two rooms. The second addition was made in 1941 which takes in the southern end of the building, beginning just below the library floor.

## 2022 Holy Nativity Hero - Mr. Donnie McLawhon

Following our "Covid School year" of spring 2020, the 1944 Cove School had been switched to "off." There was no purpose having our historic bell "clanging" ten times a day when all students and faculty were at home quarantined. When students returned to campus in August 2020, we were all surprised to find that the bell had "broken." It would ring when manually held, but it would not ring as before when the escapement gear hit the marking pins on the clock face. + In the fall of 2021, Business Manager Whitney Mims made a desperate Facebook plea searching for anyone who could help with this precious and historic timepiece. And Mr. Donnie McLawhon responded! What a blessing! Mr. McLawhon is not only a gifted *horologist* (watch & clock repairer), but he is an outstanding gentleman! He arrived at the school, diagnosed the problem in the clock fixtures, and then carried the entire system home to fully clean. When he returned, the bell was in its best condition in 24 years! (Since Holy Nativity acquired Cove School in 1998.) While Mr. McLawhon did receive some awesome thank you notes from our students, he would not accept payment for his work. Mr. McLawhon, you are our hero!





## Who's Here in 2022?

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

Historian, Safety Coordinator, Purchasing Director,  
 Yearbook Publisher: **Lynn Ferren** (40th year)  
 BASE: **Martha Jo Cooper** (34th year)  
 Director of Finance: **Kathy Mills** (22nd year)  
 Maintenance & Facilities: **Gaila Scanlan** (22nd year)  
 Art, MS Musical Dir, Dance: **Hope Simmons** (22nd year)  
 Admin. Assistant: **Wendy Mowat** (21st total year)  
 Maintenance & Facilities: **Paul Smith** (21st year)  
 2nd grade: **Janet Fiser** (20th year)  
 MS Math, Dir of Development, Holy Herald Editor,  
 Facebook Admin: **Amy Moody** (18th total year)  
 School Secretary: **Sheila White** (18th year)  
 4th grade: **Bridget Granducci** (18th total year)  
 Chaplain, MS Religion: **Father Steve Bates** (16th year)  
 Admissions Specialist/Registrar: **Terry Duke** (16th year)  
 School Receptionist: **Kelly Muller** (16th year)  
 MS Language Arts, Media Specialist, Marketing Director:  
**Lauren Presser** (14th year)  
 4th grade: **Natalie Godwin** (11th year)  
 Teaching Assistant: **Tracey Mason** (11th year)  
 1st grade: **Kim Lovchuk** (10th total year)  
 Head of School: **Cynthia Fuller** (9th year/2nd year as HOS)  
 MS Social Studies, SGA sponsor, Field Trip Coordinator,  
 Administrator: **Lori Morgan** (9th year)  
 Technology Director: **Lyn Morris** (9th year)  
 3rd grade: **Lara Provencher** (9th year)  
 1st grade: **Linda Warren** (9th year)  
 5th grade: **Audra Resler** (8th year)  
 MS Math: **Nancy Lloyd** (8th year)  
 Maintenance & Facilities: **Andrew Jeffery** (7th total year)

2nd grade **Ekco Baker** (7th year)  
 BASE: **Taylor Connaster Hall** (7th year)  
 Kindergarten: **Summer Himes** (7th year)  
 1st grade TA, Sub: **Tammy Timmerman** (7th year)  
 6th grade Social Studies: **Johnny Vallas** (7th year)  
 MS Science, MS Coordinator, Robotics Coach:  
**Jan Dykes** (7th total year)  
 Dean of Students: **Heather Creel** (6th year/2nd as DOS)  
 3rd grade: **Michelle Cool** (6th total year)  
 Volunteer Pianist: **Avis Keen** (4th total year)  
 Pre-K, Music: **Liz Ward** (4th year)  
 MS Language Arts, Reading: **Becca Flohre** (4th year)  
 4th grade TA: **Amanda Greggs** (4th year)  
 Jr. Pre-K: **Casey Cole** (4th year)  
 Kindergarten: **Lindsay Mitchell** (4th year)  
 MS Substitute: **Marsha Southall** (4th year)  
 Music Teacher: **Leigh Gladden** (3rd year)  
 BASE Director: **Stacy Shramek** (3rd year)  
 Spanish: **Heyling Aguilar** (2nd year)  
 5th grade: **Jenny Goostree** (2nd year)  
 Pre-K: **Dany Lam** (2nd year)  
 Jr. Pre-K: **Debbie Middleton** (2nd year)  
 Asst. Business Manager: **Whitney Mims** (2nd year)  
 BASE/Maintenance: **Todd Smith** (2nd year)  
 PE Coach: **Jonathan Hammond** (2nd year)  
 MS Science: **Jeremy Brannon** (1st year)  
 PE Coach: **Laura Grissett** (1st year)  
 Student Support Specialist: **Debbie Stewart** (1st year)  
 BASE: **Monica Espanola** (1st year)  
 BASE: **Samantha Class** (1st year)  
 Morning Gate Supervisor: **Natalie Lathrop** (1st year)  
 BASE: **Wyatt Timmerman** (February-April)





# Mary Sittman - Holy Nativity Hall of Fame - by Father Tom Weller



My first memory of meeting Mary Sittman, must have been early in 1999. It was a beautiful, warm day. I had recently retired from parish ministry in Apalachicola, and Linda and I had moved home to Panama City. That day, I was high on a ladder that was leaning against the window frame of a window on the Hamilton Avenue face of my Alma Mater, the old Cove Elementary School building. Bill Lloyd was on the next ladder, and we were glazing windows, a skill my father had taught me as a boy many long years earlier. If my memory serves me correctly, I was teaching Bill to glaze windows my way instead of his way, although it soon developed into an amalgamation of his and mine, old and new. As we worked along together, developing what was to become one of my life's most cherished friendships, a car drove up, a mid-size gold or tan MB sedan, and Mary Sittman got out and came over to talk to Bill. As Bill climbed down from his ladder and introduced us, Mary looked at what I was doing and said, "I wish I could get up there and do that," and I reached out to hand her my window glazing tool.



Mary with June & Bill Lloyd in 2008

The Holy Nativity School Foundation had recently acquired the Cove School



Mary with Beverly McDaniel 2008

property, Mary's construction company was in charge of the contract for recovering the school building from decades of disuse and renovating it into a showplace for Holy Nativity Episcopal School, and Bill Lloyd, recently retired as Professor of Finance at Auburn University, had taken on the volunteer work of project foreman. Recently retired as parish priest, I was a volunteer worker on the project.



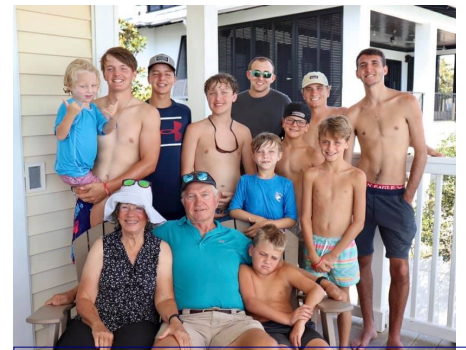
Grandson Carter with Mary & Marvin

Over the years to come, working with Bill Lloyd on the building that years later, near the end of Bill's life, we christened The Bill Lloyd Building, and with Mary Sittman and her business partner and their workers, I acquired an awe of Mary in so many ways: her extraordinary intelligence, her keen business acumen, her impatience with nonsense and wasting time, her hospitality and kindness and warm friendship, her extravagant generosity. An accomplished and highly respected local builder and business innovator and

entrepreneur, Mary was a driving force in recovering, finishing and offering to the local community, the Holy Nativity School Foundation's former Cove School property that now includes the Bill Lloyd Building and the rest of the Holy Nativity Episcopal School campus at 205 Hamilton Avenue. Mary is always there when we need her. A member of the Holy Nativity School Foundation, she is always an enthusiastic supporter of the School, not only with her experience, knowledge, and skills, but also with her personal financial support. She is my very special friend, and a very, very special friend of our School.



Tom Weller  
 +Cove School, Class of 1949  
 +Vice President, Holy Nativity School Foundation  
 +Holy Nativity Episcopal Church  
 +Chaplain Emeritus, Holy Nativity Episcopal School



Mary & Marvin with 11 of their 12 grandsons in 2020

**KATHY MILLS** is literally "sailing away" at the conclusion of her 22nd year at Holy Nativity. Actual sailors, Kathy and husband Chris settled in Panama City when it was time for their precious 3-year old daughter Callie to attend school. The Mills had joined Holy Nativity Episcopal Church, so Beverly McDaniel (Head Mistress 1988-2008) directed the young family over to HNES. Kathy, a constant & reliable volunteer was soon hired as a substitute teacher. It was only a matter of time before Beverly talked Kathy into a full-time job in the Business Office. The most famous "Kathy Mills story" follows Hurricane Michael on 10/10/18. Kathy does payroll on the 12th of every month. After the hurricane there was no power, no water, no internet, no phones, and the roads were mostly blocked with debris. On payroll day, Kathy used her iPad, and the Wi-Fi signal in the Bay Medical Center parking lot to process every employee's paycheck. Only after she had made sure all financial records at HNES were as



safe as possible and everyone at the school had been paid, did she pack up and go to St Pete until their house was livable. Kathy retires as our Director of Finance and leaves with much love, admiration & gratitude. Her retirement plans involve a return to sailing with husband Chris.



## WE'RE NOT SAYING, "GOODBYE,"

**JANET FISER** is calling 2021-2022 her last year in teaching. After getting her start at our school in our BASE program while earning her teaching degree at Florida State University, Mrs. Fiser is now finishing her 20th year at HNES. While Mrs. Fiser's first love has always been her family, husband Howard was once heard saying, "All Janet ever wanted to do was teach... and marry me!" Mrs. Fiser has taught 4-year old preschool, Art, 1st grade, and the 2nd grade "frog pond." Did you know that Mrs. Fiser introduced our 4K to the Christmas poem about Jesus? ("As Mary was working in her house one day...") Our 2013-14 Yearbook, *The Shield*, was dedicated to this great lady. Mrs. Fiser and Howard have been married 50 years and have two sons, two daughters-in-law, and six beloved grandchildren! What a wonderful asset Janet Fiser has been to Holy Nativity! We wish Mrs. Fiser so much happiness in her retirement!







**Paul Lindsley Smith** was born in Hollywood Florida on March 12, 1938 to Ruby & Walter Smith. Mr. Paul's middle name is from

Lindsley Lumber Company (a lumber company founded in Miami in 1938). Paul was one of 6 Smith children. Paul's favorite subject in school was RECESS! And Science lessons and wood working. He graduated from Ft. Lauderdale High in 1956. He joined the Air Force at age 20 and was stationed at Lackland AFB, San Antonio, TX. Mr. Paul's Air Force years carried him to England, Alabama, Colorado, France, and Germany.

Paul met his wife Sheila in England when he was stationed at Greenham Common AFB. They married in December of 1975. They raised three sons together.

Mr. Paul retired from active duty Air Force service in 1982 at age 44 then had the opportunity to hold civilian jobs in England, Tyndall Air Force Base, Maxwell AFB, Montgomery, AL, and Whiting Field, Milton, FL.

In 1998, Paul was managing the commissary at TAFB and met Mr. Dick Hebert. Mr. Hebert was retired military, an insurance salesman, and a vestry member at Holy Nativity Episcopal Church! When Mr. Paul retired from the commissary in 2001 at age 63, Mr. Hebert told him, "You should go over to Holy Nativity and work part-time." On October 15, 2001, three months after retiring, Mr. Paul took up the offer from Mr. Hebert and came to the school and talked with Head Mistress, Mrs. Beverly McDaniel.

Thus, begin the new chapter in Mr. Paul's life here at Holy Nativity. In those 21 years, Mr. Paul has spent endless hours making our campus a beautiful place. He was not disheartened after Hurricane Michael caused extensive damage to the schoolhouse nor was he discouraged when Covid sent the children (his favorite people) home and



he didn't see them for weeks. Students and faculty who arrive to school early will often see Mr. Paul cleaning, mowing, raking, or blowing debris off the paths – and smiling the whole time. Paul has lost his beautiful wife Sheila and an adoring son, Shaun/ He remains a loving Dad to sons Trevor & Martin and a full-time doting grandfather to Saxon & Starr.

Mr. Hebert said, "I take full credit for getting Paul to Holy Nativity. Paul is almost too big to make a simple comment about. He will always be top Sergeant to me. I can say no bigger compliment."



Mr. Paul, & Mrs. Gaila Scanlan



Dick Hebert, Mr. Paul, & Andrew Jeffery

## WE'RE SAYING, "SEE YOU LATER."

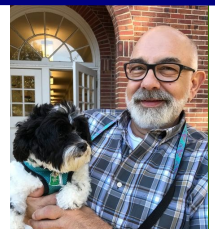


**TAMMY TIMMERMAN** sent her children to HNES first - Devon (c/o 2016) & Wyatt (c/o 2018), and then Judy Hughes was able to lure Mrs. Timmerman, herself, to our preschool staff in 2015. Tammy's list of services is endless. She taught Pre-K,

helped in BASE, supported the Carnival, was a pillar in the Campout success, oversaw "Boxtops for Education," substituted in other classes when her school day was finished, "partner taught" through Covid season, volunteered at our annual Fun Run, and always found a way to encourage everyone on her path. We cannot thank Tammy enough for her 7 years of dedication to HNES. We will miss Tammy, Dabney, Devon & Wyatt as the USAF takes them to Virginia.



**JOHN VALLAS** was just going to attend a lecture by a Greek guest speaker at Holy Nativity one afternoon in the spring of 2015. He had already spent 41 years teaching History & Language - with the past 28 years served at Bay High School. He was officially retired. Judy Hughes (Head of School 2011-2020) piqued Mr. Vallas's interests by offering a part-time World History position - and he could name his own hours! Mr. Vallas, the *beloved and legendary* History Teacher, realized maybe he did have some extra time on his hands and some more love for students and teaching in his heart. He accepted! In addition to his extensive travels, Mr. Vallas had his own personal heritage, both parents born in Greece who immigrated to the US in the 1940s, as his teaching tools. He moved to Panama City at age 9 and considers this community his home. He is a graduate of Bay High and holds degrees from UF and FSU. Mr. Vallas calls his seven HNES years his "step down program" from teaching. He brought amazing traditions to our school: the Terracotta Warrior dig and the Greek gods and goddesses parade. He also shared pup, Sophie on many school days. Mr. Vallas will be dearly missed every day!





## Field Day is a Favorite End-of-Year Elementary Tradition



The annual **ELEMENTARY FIELD DAY** takes place on William's Field and includes events: the shoe relay, obstacle course, water bag pass, Hula hoop contest, tennis ball bounce challenge, basketball shooting relay, and the tug-of-war. And snow cones! This image by Lynn Ferren from May 27, 2021 shows all the students in their team colors with their elementary teachers/coaches before the events begin

### RAISE CRAZE Phenomena Provides Needed Funds for Curriculum in 2021-22 School Year

*What is Raise Craze?*

Parent Council Chair **Mandy Lark** was intrigued to read about a new fundraising opportunity for our students this past fall. "Raise Craze is an online platform enabling students to set up secure, custom websites where they request donations from friends and family via email. During the fundraiser, students pay it forward by completing Acts of Kindness for others" instead of selling anything. Parent Council planned a "service night" where many students: made bird feeders, collected books for a local school library, wrote letters to first responders, painted rocks of inspiration,

made & delivered paper flowers to the Council on Aging, created encouraging chalk messages on our school sidewalks, and even showed extra kindness to siblings! **Billy Marshall** contributed Hungry Howie's Pizza for all participants. As a school, we performed 295 reported ACTS OF KINDNESS and raised \$22,490. Our students who were TOPS in ACTS OF KINDNESS were: **Annie Grissett** (1st grade), **Lauren Berry** (7th grade), and **Bonnie Brown** (5th grade). Our TOP FUNDRAISERS were **Ryan Spence** (7th grade), **Stella O'Brien** (6th grade), and **William Lark** (1st grade). We are so grateful to the MANY family and friends who replied to that email!



**Emery Shaw** (Pre-K) was recognized as one of our TOP STUDENTS for Acts of Kindness in our JPK, PK, and K classes.

## How Can I Be A Good American? ~ By Caleb Jeffery, 8th grade

How can I be a good American? I believe the characteristics of a good American are strongly guided by one's moral code. It is this code that is defined by terms such as respect, integrity, and unity. A moral code is shaped by the experiences that you have lived through. A moral code varies from person to person and it can be based on cultural, religious, or personal beliefs. My moral code is based on values that my parents have instilled in me. Having lived in three countries has exposed me to many different experiences based on cultures, religions, and environments which has shaped me into who I am.

As a good American, I display my moral code through my interactions with others every day. Being respectful

with an open mind helps a lot. If I can see another's situation from their perspective it can encourage understanding and discussion, demonstrating mutual respect and appreciation of a new perspective. I conduct myself with integrity by standing up for what is right and facing consequences for those actions as others have done to build this land into a better place. "A house divided against itself cannot stand." This quote from the 16th president of the US, Abraham Lincoln, necessitates the need to stand unified beside our fellow Americans. We must embrace that we are all different, because America is historically a melting pot for all cultures and races. And everyone, for the sake of this

country, must stand together in unity. Because alone we are nothing, but together we are America.

To be a good American is a daily practice of one's moral code, seizing the opportunities offered by this diverse country and honoring those who have sacrificed so much for what we have today in this land of the free and the home of the brave.

Caleb essay was selected: 1st place at the VFW Post Level and 2nd place at the VFW Bay County District Level and he was awarded \$275.





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Thank you so very much to all of our friends who have contributed to HNES this school year! Won't you join us this year? You may even donate online. Choose "SUPPORT" on our website: [www.HolyNativitySchool.com](http://www.HolyNativitySchool.com) Or mail a donation to **205 Hamilton Avenue PC FL 32401**

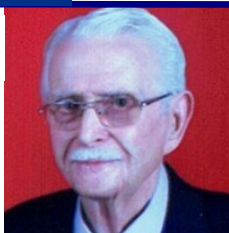
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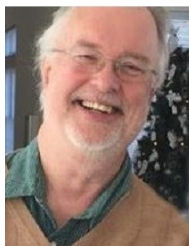
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We are always honored to receive gifts at Holy Nativity in memory of someone special to our family and friends. In addition to these loved ones pictured, we received contributions in memory of: James P. Bloomfield, Stephen Bock, Joseph Garcia, Jim Harkins, Clyde Horton, Leon Kennedy, Sherry Kay Ladd, Velia Perez, Martha Rainer, Walter Everitt Phillips, Gloria Richardson, John Rogers, & Ray Windham



## Head Mistress Emeritus Beverly McDaniel Celebrates 80!



On October 20, 2021, Mrs. McDaniel was present in the Holy Pavilion for a very special birthday blessing! She had turned 80 just that week! Mrs. M then gave us permission to hold an online "Facebook Fundraiser" in honor of this momentous day. She warned us, "People aren't going to give the school money on Facebook just because I turned 80."

Thank you to each of you who proved this statement incorrect by celebrating Beverly McDaniel with your generosity! Wow! Almost \$3,000 was collected online and offline! + Mrs. McDaniel kindly requested that the funds (including a donation of her own) go directly to the completion of the Brian Austin Sharp Memorial Outdoor Classroom (see page 3). + Kathy Cook said of her gift, "We will always be so

grateful for Beverly and HNES for everything they gave our girls Jordan & Carter. Best leader anywhere, ever, hands down!" + Thank you to donors: Amber Torres, Amy Moody, Candee England, Carley Rohan, Carol Southerland, Catherine Shores, Cille Boyd, Craig Karch, Daniel Melzer, Erin Goodson, Holy Nativity Episcopal Church, Jeff Ferren, John & Mary Darrah, Joseph Dollar, Julie Prevost, Karen Lankford, Kathy Cook, Kim Syfrett, Kristy L Williams, Lori Faison, Lynn Ferren, Mary Kathryn San Juan, Morgan Holderer, Renee Street, Robert Sale, Sarah McKinney, Shani Lee, Stacy Shramek, Ted Haney, Terri Gainer, Todd Smith, & William Jernigan.

## 2021 Delayed Carnival is held on April 30

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Thanks to the 2020-2021 Carnival Chairs:  
Kerry Wright (with sons William & Anderson) and  
Pam Cramer (with sons Christopher, Sawyer, & Carter).

**SAVE THE DATE:**  
This year's School  
Carnival will be held on  
Friday, April 29, 2022.

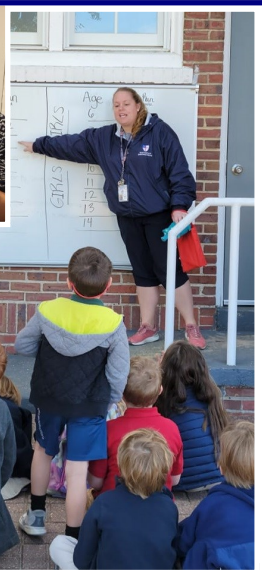




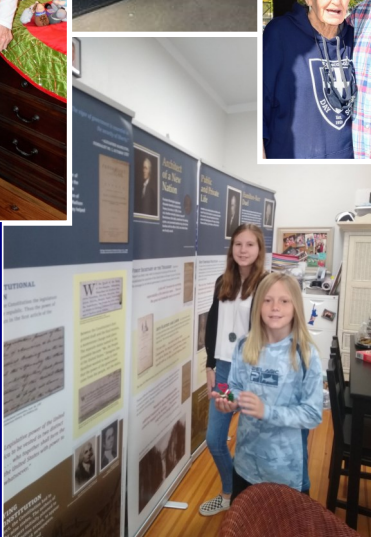


Front row: Cynthia Fuller, Carolyn Cramer, Amy Cotton  
 2nd row: Drew Jernigan, Cheryl Flax-Hyman, Tricia Berry, Mary Kathryn San Juan  
 Back row: Dick Hebert, John Moore, Tyson Elmore, Ann Leonard, Chris Stamps, Will Cramer, Brent Faison  
 not pictured: Jennifer Burg, Dr Patrick Tamim, Ann Leonard, Fr. Steve Bates (Chaplain), Amy Moody (Director of Development), Terry Duke (Board Clerk), and Doug Smith (School Chancellor)

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Chautauqua Learn & Serve Scholars deliver the traffic cones gifted to HNES in honor of Mary Sittman in 2021; Middle School Coordinator Jan Dykes; Cynthia Fuller with the gift from the Class of 2021-front porch benches, HNES friend Yamile Florez-Millsap with niece Cecilia Shuler (c/o 2017), PE Coach Laura Grissett, Beverly McDaniel with alumnus Joseph Dollar, Michelle Cool with HNES friend Ty Piercefield, 7th graders Reagan Hudson & Anderson Pender at "The Hamilton Exhibit," a temporary, traveling display funded by Tricia & Eric Berry; Wendy Mowat & Lynn Ferren at Christmas.







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## TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY Holy Nativity 5K Run and 1-mile Fun Run—March 5, 2022

The 20th Annual “RUN AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD” Holy Nativity 5K Run and 1-mile Fun Run was held on March 5, 2022 – a picture perfect day! Thank you to the numerous volunteers who got up early to make the day a success and to all of our families who chose to participate in this great annual tradition. We raised \$8,547 for the PE Department! Our 2022 race was timed by *International Running Company* of Destin for the third consecutive year. Thank you Zane Holscher and the IRC team!

*Amy Moody, Coach Laura Grissett, Coach Jonathan Hammond*

### Thank you to our generous sponsors:

**PLATINUM \$1,000:** Bill & Jennifer Lloyd (RACE FOUNDER), Cove Dental Care: ~ Dr. Michelle Getz & Kim Leonarczyk

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**SILVER \$250:** The Cynthia & Michael Fuller Family; Vicki Hammack & Olivia Hammack; The Maggie & Bud Shuler Family; *Gladden the Hearts* - In Memory of Kurt Grabner;

**BRONZE: \$100:** Nan, Abby, & Jillian Dingus (RACE FOUNDER); Lynn Ferren, The Panama City Racquet Club



Congratulations to our 5K Winner: 8th grader Alexander Stewart (21:50) (pictured lower left) and our 1-mile Winner: alumnus Wyatt Timmerman (5:58) (pictured lower right)





# Faculty Celebrations 2021 & 2022



WOW! Coach Jeffery presented this one-of-a-kind creation/award to our Head of School, **Cynthia Fuller** in May of 2021 near the conclusion of her first year as Head of School. The plaque reads, "PRESENTED TO Cynthia Fuller IN RECOGNITION OF A 1ST Year as Head of School TO NAVIGATE A CAT 5 Hurricane Clean-Up, A Global Pandemic, AND A FCIS Accreditation Visit!!!" #goodjob

What a year for **Janet Fiser!** Now in her 20th year at HNES, Mrs. Fiser is pictured with former students and current students on the McDaniel Hall stage. Mrs. Fiser taught these parents when each was in preschool at *Messiah Lutheran* in Panama City, and now a few years later, she has their children in her class! What a beautiful legacy for Mrs. Fiser! Back row: Chris Gardner, Monica Burdett Cramer, Janet Fiser, Lauren Presser, Allison Humphreys Haligas; front row 2nd graders: James Gardner, Rosemary Cramer, Grayson Williams, & Owen Haligas.



In May, the 2020-2021 yearbook *The Shield* was dedicated to "**Mrs. Terry**" **Duke and Kathy Mills** in a surprise unveiling ceremony in The Holy Pavilion in front of many of their family members and friends - including our HNES students. This was a well-deserved honor! Both ladies have dedicated so much time and energy to our school for many years.



Now a GRANDMOM! Math Teacher **Nancy Lloyd** & husband **Rob** were overjoyed to welcome their first grandchild, a girl, Sabriel Elin Meyers on February 14, 2021. "Sabie" is the daughter of Kristen and Dr. Pendell Meyers of Charlotte, NC. Covid delayed the meeting of Sabie & her grandparents until April 2021. Nancy & Rob are parents to Kristen, Allie, & Jon (c/o 2019).



Congratulations to Social Studies teacher **Lori Morgan** on her selection as the VFW Post #10555 Teacher of the Year 2021-2022! The "*Smart/Maher VFW National Citizenship Education*" *Teacher of the year is one who promotes*

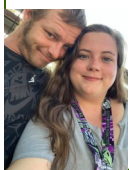


*"civic responsibility, flag etiquette and patriotism, one who plans field trips to city hall, or historical sights, one who organizes community volunteer projects, and one who fosters the development of democratic values and beliefs."*

This perfectly describes Mrs. Morgan!

She was awarded the coveted Crystal Apple trophy by our Weller Flagpole on December 14, 2021, by Auxiliary VFW President Lindy Adsit & VFW # 10555 Commander Mary Lemburg.

**Ms. Taylor** got a new name in 2021! Taylor married her love Travis Hall in September of 2021. But her new name hasn't changed her dedication to our BASE program. Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Hall!



It's a BOY for music teacher, **Leigh Gladden** and her family on the birth of new baby Everett in 2021. Everett joins Dad Gregory and big sister Presley in the Gladden Family (Photo by Jessica Caldwell)



Congratulations to PE Coach **Jonathan Hammond** who was recognized in chapel for his 100th WIN as the Arnold High Boys' Soccer Coach! On December 9, 2021, the Marlins defeated the Ft. Walton Beach Vikings 1-0 to earn this victory for Coach. A personalized "game ball" was presented to Coach from his Holy Nativity family by Head of School Cynthia Fuller and Director of Development Amy Moody. Coach Hammond also celebrated his Arnold Boys' Team returning to their second consecutive State Championship game—finishing as runners up in the Class 4A Division. But his best news was the birth of his son Asher in January 2022 joining Mom Jennifer and big sisters Harper & Stella.





What a year for the HNES class of 2022! These students are planning to attend the following high schools this fall: Arnold, Bay, Mosley, or Rutherford High Schools for the next step in their educational careers.

This year's class includes several "lifers" (students who have only attended HNES for school) designated by \* back row: **Gregory Rohan, Caleb Jeffery, Alex Baker, Jayda Marshall, Kodi Sunseri, Laura Blount, Aiden Nowak, Collin Scott\***, 2nd row: **Olivia Middlemas\*, Leilani Phan, Paizly Torres, Olivia Heiser,**

**Juliana Barragan, Anna Harris,** 3rd row: **JD Godwin\*, Michael McLoughlin, Kyle Carrier, Evan Cox, Andrew Stewart, Chase Pennington\*,** front row: **Brayden Little Dog, Alexander Stewart, Jonathan Gaither, Deion Stanley, Grady Oenbrink, Caden Carter, William Pender\*, Sachin Desilva\*.**



The annual graduation ceremony is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, May 25th at Holy Nativity Episcopal Church at 5:30 p.m. All friends are welcome to attend!

## 6th Annual Weller Scholar Award recipient is Class of 2021 honoree Marina Hoyt

*Going to a new middle school not knowing anyone is just point-blank terrifying. I remember my first day, and how I was so nervous and my stomach was turning inside out. When I walked up to the school, there*

*she was, Mrs. Moody, waiting to greet me and take all of that nervousness away just by giving me a hug. I was welcomed by two girls, Maggie Smith and Hali Jones. I kept messing up their names, but they thought it was funny. I know this seems very drawn out but just hang in there for me. Holy Nativity is such a great school and it has taught me so many things. Before I came, I would have never done the things I do now. Holy Nativity has brought me out of my shell to make new friends, join new activities, and has given me advice that will stay with me as I depart from this school. Even though I have only been here for three years, I can tell so much hard work has gone into this school. It's always very well managed and ready for us when we walk through the school doors.*

*The school consistently provides comfort, love, and warmth for each and every student that has gone to this school. Every teacher that I have had in my three years at Holy Nativity has made an impact on my life. Mrs. Lloyd with her radical math classes, Mrs. Moody with her contagious smiles, Ms. Dykes with our laughs and raps, and Mr. Vallas with his vast stories of the world. All of these teachers and many more have given me the knowledge I need to move on to bigger and better places. My years at Holy Nativity have helped me build the foundation for a social and educational life that I will live by.*

*Marina is pictured with Language Arts Teacher Lauren Presser at the 2021 8th grade graduation*





## Invention Convention, MathCounts, Patriots' Pen, & History Fair



Congratulations to our HNES Winners pictured with Science Teacher, **Jeremy Brannon** at the *Bay District Entrepreneurial Fair & Invention Convention* at Gulf Coast State College.

Left to right: **Reagan Hudson**, *Wrapper Trapper* - Panama City Mosquito Control Best New Idea Award; **Jackson Lee, John Moore, & Austin Haligas** (not present), *Outback Energy Pack*, Energy Category-1st Place; **Bailey Melzer & Makenzie Arnold**, *Big Foot Spacers*, 3rd place Consumer Goods and Fashion; **Ryan Spence & Anderson Pender**, *Pedal Rod* 2nd place Sports, Games, Entertainment, and Toys Category, SPECIAL AWARD = Best Prototype Award; **Camille Mhatre**, *Sweet Med*, 3rd place Health and Medical Technology Category; **Katherine McAllister**, *Lean Locker*, 2nd place Education Category, SPECIAL AWARD = 2nd place Excel Therapy Health Education; **Anna McCord**, *Sea Me Here*, 1st place Government and Public Safety, SPECIAL AWARD = Naval Surface Warfare Center-Panama City-Best Navy-Related STEM Achievement; **Jacob Oakes**, *Finger Hoop*, 3rd Place Sports, Games, Entertainment, and Toys Category



Congratulations to our 2022 MathCounts Team. Competing

# MATHCOUNTS®

in-person for the first time since February 2020, HNES students: **Kyle Carrier, Caleb Jeffery, Aiden Nowak, Alexander Stewart, Camille Mhatre, & Mbongta Awantang** won the school's first ever *Ciphering Round Championship* at the Gulf Coast State College Bay County competition. (Pictured with Math Coach Amy Moody & Bay District School Superintendent Bill Husfelt.) Special congratulations to 8th grader **Alexander Stewart** who placed 4th overall in Bay County, and then 2nd overall in the three-county Regional competition! Alexander became just the 9th Holy Nativity student to advance to the MathCounts STATE competition (joining alumni mathletes: 2004 - Michael Warkander, Elaura Hodgetts, Kirstin Palgut, Cory Thorpe, Katherine Whitton, 2015 and 2016 - Jackson Morris, 2016 - Danielle Bansagi, 2021 - Jordan Tackett.)



Congratulations to our 2021-2022 VFW Patriot's Pen Essay Contest winners: **Caleb Jeffery**: 1st place at the Post Level and 2nd place at the District Level - awarded \$275. (See Caleb's winning essay on page 12). **Kodi Sunseri**: 2nd place at the Post Level and 3rd place at the District Level - awarded \$125! **JD Godwin**: 3rd place at the Post Level - awarded \$75. This year's theme: "How can I be a good American?" Thank you to VFW #10555 representative Commander Mary Lemburg & Auxiliary VFW representative President Lindy Adsit who announced the good news in a special ceremony held at the Weller Flag Pole in front of the school on December 14, 2021.



Congratulations to our winners from the 2022 Bay District Schools Tom Barefield Three Rivers History Fair!



**Jonathan Gaither** - 1st place for his website - "*Cuban Missile Crisis*"; **Aiden Nowak** - 3rd place for his website - "*Bush v. Gore Election*"; **Treysen Villegas & JD Godwin** - 3rd place group performance - "*The Seminole Wars*"; **Paizly Torres**-Honorable Mention - Individual Exhibit - "*Child Labor Why it Started and How it Ended*" Jonathan will advance to the state competition in Tallahassee on

May 1-3 for his 1st place recognition in the District competition. Thank you, Social Studies teacher **Lori Morgan**, for coordinating and supervising our scholars through this process!

# HISTORY \* FAIR



Thank you, Musical Director - Ms. Hope Simmons & Assistant Director - Ms. Darcey Sinicrope,



**HNES Middle School Students Enjoy Sports at Local Bay District Schools**



**Alex Baker**  
8th grade,  
Baseball—  
Rutherford  
School



**Bailey Melzer & Makenzie Arnold,**  
7th grade, Soccer—  
Mowat Middle  
School



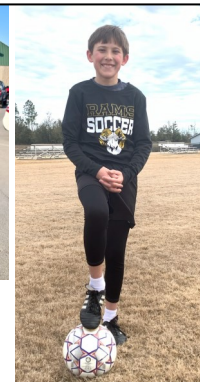
**Caden Carter,**  
8th grade,  
Basketball—  
Jinks Middle  
School



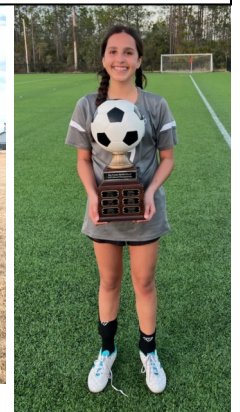
**Kyle Carrier,**  
8th grade,  
Football—  
North Bay  
Haven



**Mbongta Awantang,**  
7th grade,  
Tennis—  
Rutherford School  
COUNTY  
CHAMP,  
DISTRICT  
CHAMP



**Alexander Stewart,**  
8th grade,  
Soccer—  
Rutherford  
School



**Juliana Barragan,**  
8th grade,  
Soccer—  
University  
Academy



The Panama City Racquet Club Tennis Team  
Coach Laura Dobbins and the PCRC provided a great opportunity this year for Bay County students to compete in regional tennis matches. The majority of the team was HNES students. Front: Gregory Rohan, Chase Pennington, Anderson Pender, Augie Rohan, Carson Berry, Austin Haligas, William Pender. Back: Evan Cox, Aiden Nowak, Roger Coulther, Bi-neh Awantang, Anna Harris, Jayda Marshall, Olivia Heiser, Juliana Barragan, Brayden Little Dog, Beatrice Provencher, Elizabeth Arn.



## HNES CLASS OF 2018 REUNION - May 1, 2022, 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.

The Annual Senior Recognition Day at HNES is scheduled for Sunday, May 1st on the school grounds. Students who attended Holy Nativity Episcopal School *at any time*, and are current high school seniors, were invited back for a special reunion. If you are a part of this "2018 Class," please call a fellow alumni and bring your family to join us on that Sunday afternoon to catch up with old friends and former teachers at Holy Nativity before the next chapter of your life begins. Any questions may be directed to Amy Moody [amoody@hnes.us](mailto:amoody@hnes.us) or call (850)747-0060 See you soon.



**Holy Nativity Episcopal School**  
8th Grade Class of 2018

### THIRD GENERATION LEGACIES CREATING THEIR OWN MEMORIES AT HOLY NATIVITY



Mark Godwin,  
Episcopal Day  
School, 1968

**Third Grade**  
1990-1991

Morgan Godwin



**Sixth Grade**

John Fishel

Elyse Hauser

FOUR YEAR KINDERGARTEN

Brittany Fishel

4-year PRE-Kindergarten 2021-2022

Merritt Elyse Trumbull

**John Fishel & Elyse Hauser** began as friends in the same class at Episcopal Day School. They grew up, married and sent two great kids to Holy Nativity: **Brittany** (c/o 2003) and **Howell** (c/o 2005). Now Brittany has her own legacy at HNES! Welcome **Merritt Elyse**!

**Mark Godwin**, HNES alumnus, is pictured with his daughter **Morgan**, HNES alumna, (on right) and his grandsons **Brae & Cael Rowan** (front left), along with his great-nephews (back row) **JD Godwin, Chris Godwin, and Thomas Godwin** (front right). The Godwin Family has been a part of our Holy Nativity traditions since the 1960s. Mark & Nina sent three great kids to HNES. In addition to Morgan, **Remy** (c/o 2005) & **Miles** (c/o 2006).





**James Alton Boyd, III** (c/o of 2018) was named a National Merit Finalist for the class of 2022. J. Alton was one of only FIVE finalists in all of Bay County Schools.



**James Alton Boyd, III**

# SUNSHINE STATE SCHOLAR

**Sierra Czubaj** (c/o 2019) was selected as the Bay District Schools 2022 Sunshine State Scholar! Sierra was chosen from amongst all 11th grade students as the top scholar in the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts & Math. Sierra is pictured with Rutherford School Principal Coy Pilson.



**Liam Dykes** (c/o 2018) was selected as one of St. Joe Community Foundation's "No Average Joe" scholarship recipients from Rutherford School.



**LEFT Sydney Syfrett, Samantha Smith, Jade Jones, Sarah Stewart, & Charlee Torres** (all HNES c/o 2018) were all named to the Bay High Class of 2022 HALL OF FAME. They are pictured on the way to the BHS Prom 4-09-2022.

**Zamiyah Hill** (c/o 2020) is shown here following the Mosley Dolphin's Bay District Championship game win vs. Arnold at Gavlak Stadium. As a sophomore, Zamiyah had a Mosley record-high 39 goals this season for the Lady Dolphins!



**RIGHT Jack Hundley** (c/o 2018) signed his National Letter of Intent to play golf at Huntingdon College, Montgomery, AL on 2/03/2022. Jack, is pictured with his Mom Diana & Dad John (HNES alumnus) on Signing Day at Mosley's GNS Center.



**ABOVE Zachary Cox** (c/o 2018) has announced his plans to pursue tennis at the collegiate level at Huntingdon College, Montgomery, AL. He is pictured here with his Dad and Bay High tennis coach **Ryan Cox**.



history on 04/25/2021 by winning the school's first national championship at the ESPN Wide World of Sports, Orlando.



**LEFT Jake Chapman** (c/o 2018) a senior at Bay High, has chosen to continue his tennis career at Berry College, in Mount Berry, Georgia. (Photo by Mike Fender THE NEWS HERALD)

**Bella Barragan** (HNES c/o 2018), **Camryn Cool** (HNES c/o 2017) & **Camryn Commander** (HNES c/o 2017) all celebrated their Bay High cheerleading team making

**Wesley Stone** (c/o 2011) was married on 12-04-21 to Graysen Gladden in Chipley. Wesley is the brother of alumni: **Thomas, Marlie and Daniel**, and son of **Julie Huggins and Sam Stone**.



**Eddie San Juan** (c/o 2008) was married on 01/08/2022 to Julia Kate Mace in New Orleans. Eddie is the brother of **Lydia** (c/o 2011) and **Mario** (c/o 2020) and son of **Mary Kathryn & Edward San Juan**.







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BELOW = The Arnold Family:  
Baby Beau, Mom Steph,  
Dad Eric (HNES alumnus),  
Skylar (3rd grade), Makenzie (7th grade),  
Kirstin (HNES alumna c/o 2021)



**Our Alma Mater**

***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.***

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