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LYNN FERREN IS CELEBRATED ON HER 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF HOLY NATIVITY SERVICE



97 acts of kindness completed and \$4,140 raised! (These funds -SEE PAGE 14 - will support growth of our science department at Mrs. Ferren's request.) Our 8th graders all carried "Mrs. Ferren Big Head" and every student was happy to receive a "Lynn Ferren lollipop" - a sucker with a sticker of Mrs. Ferren's face on the wrapper! The ceremony: Father Steve gave a special blessing; our

"When I started, the kids played and colored some pages while learning about being with friends. My co-teacher in 3K, Keiko Akamine and I worked on a program that I used in my former school in Ocean Springs, Mississippi. It was the Letter of the Week. We had so much fun finding all sorts of activities for each letter to cover everything including reading, math, science, and just plain fun."

Mrs. Ferren is definitely remembered for her animals! *"Since I worked as a rehabilitation volunteer, I had baby birds, baby squirrels, and baby possums to foster. The babies had to be fed often, so I had them at school where we would take breaks for feedings. We also had lots of class pets. The one who lived the longest at school was Mr. T, the turtle. He loved cheese omelets and turtle racing around the kids. We also had rabbits, guinea pigs, hamsters, gerbils, fish, and rats. We did not have them all at one time! Twenty years in the classroom gives you plenty of time to have lots of different animal friends. At home, I have had four beloved doggies and two special Cockatiels, Patrick William and Sammy. 10-year old Shadow is my special fur baby now. His sister is Nola, Ms. Hope's dog."*

On a COLD Monday, November 14th in the Holy Pavilion, we celebrated LYNN FERREN DAY - the 40th anniversary of Mrs. Ferren's employment at HNES.

Mrs. Ferren has served in many roles at HNES since 1982: preschool teacher, librarian, summer camp director, wildlife rehabilitation expert, book fair organizer, "stand-inchaplain," fundraiser volunteer and donor, safety drill coordinator, laminating facilitator, technology teacher, school photo manager, yearbook publisher, historian, purchasing clerk, official event photographer, and friend - just to name a few. :)

On LYNN FERREN DAY, our entire current student body was joined by numerous alumni, school friends, and even some of Mrs. Ferren's family members – brother Skip Carroll, son Jeff and his wife Aurora.

Our celebration was named "\$40 and a Favor." The "\$40" represented the 40 years of Mrs. Ferren's service and the "favor" represented the service gifts that we offered. We encouraged all to consider a financial gift of \$40, a donation of a book, a donation of pet food, or an act of kindness. There were 142 books donated, 58 bags of pet food contributed,

elementary students, directed by Leigh Gladden sang Josh Groban's "You Raise Me Up," guest speaker Beverly McDaniel (HNES Head Mistress 1988-2008) thanked Mrs. Ferren, Amy Moody & alumnus son Jake Moody prepared a slide show, and HNES Board of Trustee President William Cramer presented a very special honor – our Holy Nativity Library will forever be known as "The Lynn Ferren Library." Mrs. Ferren even received a replica "Lynn Ferren Library" plaque with signatures from all the 1st-8th grade students!

Lynn Marie Carroll Ferren was born in Evanston, Illinois, near Chicago – explaining her lifetime loyalty to the Cubs. Lynn is the oldest of three – two brothers Norman "Skip" Carroll and Jim (passed in 2021). Mrs. Ferren made Panama City home when her husband was named manager of the Army & Air Force Exchange Service at Tyndall Air Force Base.

In 1982, Mrs. Ferren was asked to take over the 3K class for Mrs. Tucker, who was going on maternity leave. Mrs. Ferren writes,

Mrs. Ferren's other job is at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church where she is the Senior Warden assisting Vicar Julia Phillips.

Mrs. Ferren surmises: *"The very best part of working at HNES is the fact that for all these years, I have worked every day at job that I love with people that I love. I*



I am not telling anyone new information when it comes to defining what the word “normal” means. Webster’s Dictionary describes the word “normal” as meaning: *Conforming to a type, standard, or regular pattern : Characterized by that which is considered usual, typical, or routine.*

As you can see from this definition, we are not living in “normal times.” Nothing about the past five years would be classified as even remotely “typical or routine,” to say the least! We are all facing some sort of shift in what normal used to mean for us, even if we don’t necessarily see it for ourselves. So many elements are out of our control as human beings. However, there are many elements that we do have control over, such as our reactions and how we treat one another.

As we all know, our two school rules that have been in place since our school was established in 1959 are to “Love God and Love One Another.” We are all dealing with this shifting world, but the important thing to remember is that we are not alone in these challenging times, because we have God with us wherever we go. Also, we can be supportive of one another during these trials and tribulations. Our children are watching us and learning how to operate in this changing world. For me, I would like my children to see that you can be kind, compassionate, and empathic to each other, even if you don’t fully understand what the other person might be going through. We are not meant to have the same viewpoints, beliefs, or

experiences. How we see the world is defined by the lens of our past experiences, and no two people will ever see through the same lens. How boring would that world be for everyone?

This year marked my third year as Head of School. Since the past two years were also marked by hurricane recovery and COVID, I was prepared for what I thought would be my first “normal” school year. However, I am fully convinced that no one knows what the word “normal” means anymore. Nothing about this year falls under the definition of normal. However, even during these shifting times, our school continues to stand strong in faith and hope. I am reminded of a comment that was made to me this year: “HNES is truly a beacon of hope for this community.”

Wow! That speaks volumes about everyone that works tirelessly to make our school such an integral part of this community.

Did you know that even during these trying times, our school was able to implement so many wonderful opportunities for our community? Some of those accomplishments are because of so many outstanding parents willing to help pitch in! Just to name a few of those opportunities, the school now has an *All Pro Dad* chapter at HNES, Parent Council provided numerous family-oriented events, such as the Daddy Daughter Dance, Food Trucks for Open House, and a Mom & Son Kickball Game. They have even more opportunities planned throughout the summer. Also, I was able to implement regular “Coffee with the Head” sessions to allow for greater communication with our families. This also facilitates the timely delivery of topical information, such as safety information, following the Nashville tragedy. Family surveys have enabled us to gather parent feedback, which has led to better informed decision-making for the school.

Just think about all that our devoted



Head of School Cynthia Fuller was named to the NATIONWIDE REGISTRIES OF WOMEN OF DISTINCTION 2022 for her “self-less dedication to her profession through talent, experience, integrity, and grace.”

faculty members were able to accomplish this year from all of our Invention Convention entries winning first place, to our world famous Robotics and our MathCounts team! Field trips galore were brought back across grade levels to allow for even more learning opportunities for our students. Let’s not forget the many teachers that continue to pour their heart and soul into their students everyday. HNES is truly a magical place!

After reading this reflection, I hope you will also reflect on how you can contribute to making this world a more compassionate place for every living thing that calls this “spinning ball” home. If you don’t know where to begin, I think the perfect starting place is to implement our two school rules: “Love God and Love Your Neighbor.” Wow! What a new normal our planet would be if everyone would embrace those rules.

As a final reminder for us all: “*Be strong and courageous the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.*” — Joshua 1:9

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Janet Fiser completes 20 years teaching at HNES. Above Daughter-n-law Ami Fiser captures on video the moment that the newest door plaque was revealed by Head of School Cynthia Fuller and Director of Development Amy Moody to Mrs. Fiser! It was the last day of school for Mrs. Fiser, May 25, 2022. Son James and husband Howard looked on with pride inside the “Mrs. Fiser’s ‘Frog Pond’” classroom. After 20 years of teaching at Holy Nativity in preschool, art, and 2nd grade, Mrs. Fiser retired from her classroom responsibilities. Fortunately for us all, in 2022-23, Mrs. Fiser has been seen occasionally substituting in our elementary classrooms.



Kathy Mills retires in 2022! After 20+ years at HNES - beginning as a substitute teacher when her daughter Callie (c/o 2010) was an HNES student, then computer education teacher, then moving into the Business Office and eventually as Director of Finance, Kathy Mills announced her retirement in the Spring of 2022. Her namesake plaque adorns the building formerly known as “House 2” at 212 Hamilton Avenue. This house was not only Mrs. Mills office since 2009, it still serves as Mrs. Ferren’s office and Ms. Hope’s “dance studio.” Post retirement, Mrs. Mills continues to provide consultant support for which we are so grateful!



IT'S A RAINBOW!
 Kindergarten teacher Lindsay Williams captured this great shot on August 9, 2022. What a beautiful symbol of God's gracious promises! *God did not promise we will never experience storms, but He has promised He will be with us during them.* (Genesis 9)

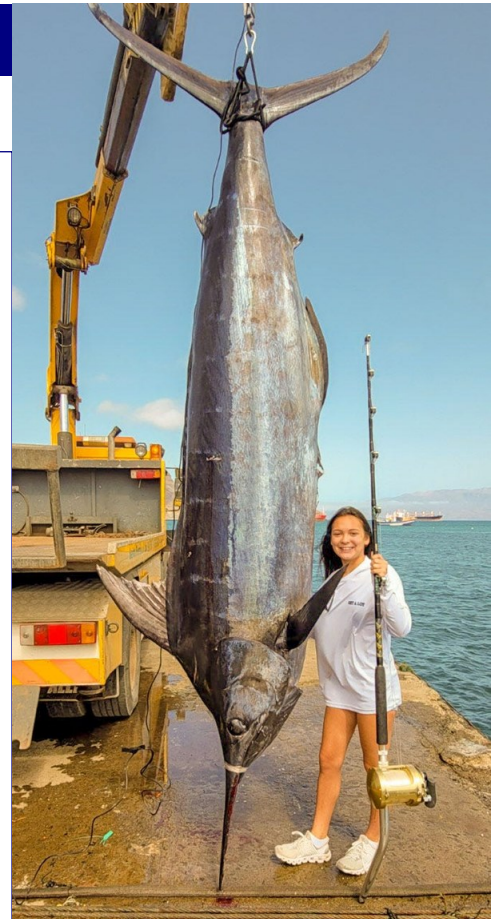
7th grader Catches WORLD RECORD 624-Pound Blue Marlin

It was an unforgettable trip for Elizabeth Arn. In late May of 2022, Elizabeth, her Dad Jonathan Arn, and a crew from Destin, set off on a memorable deep-sea fishing expedition. They traveled from Panama City Beach to Miami where they met up with their crew, then flew to Lisbon, Portugal, and finally to Cape Verde off the coast of Africa.

"We traveled to West Africa, Cape Verde specifically, to capture the Female *IGFA Junior Angler Record*," said Elizabeth's Dad, Jonathan. Randy Baker, of Destin, captained the 43-foot boat. Stephen Hall and Chase Travers served as first and second mate, and Capt. Scott Murie (also from Destin) manned the gaff, according to *The Destin Log*.

On May 31, Arn was using an extra-large horse ballyhoo as bait when she hooked the blue marlin herself. Using 80-pound test fishing line and sitting in a fighting chair, the 12-year-old got the fish to the boat in roughly 30 minutes. Captain Randy Baker said the crew donated the marlin meat after they weighed the fish back at the dock in Cape Verde.

The International Game Fish Association has confirmed the 624-pound Blue Marlin is a Junior World record - a category for anglers aged 11-16. According to *Outdoor Life*, the previous junior world record was held by Jordan McCullough, of Destin, who reeled in a 549-pound blue marlin off the coast of Ghana, Africa in 2003. The all-tackle world record blue marlin was 1,376 pounds and caught by Jay de Beaubien on May 31, 1982 off Kaaiwi Point, Kona, Hawaii.



Keep Your Eyes on these Holy Nativity 6th grade Scholar-Athletes



On March 24th, 2023, 6th grade scholar-athlete **Bi-Neh Awantang** became one of the youngest players to win a BAY COUNTY high school tennis championship when she claimed the title at the age of 12 years, 3 months. Playing for Rutherford School, Bi-Neh won the 2nd seed, Girls' Singles Title by beating the North Bay Haven 2nd seed, 6-2, 6-0. She and partner **Mbongta Awantang** (her

sister and HNES alumna) also claimed the Bay County 1st seed Girls' Doubles' Title! In April, Bi-Neh added DISTRICT 2-A Singles & Doubles Championships to her resume. Concluding her first year of high school tennis, Bi-Neh heads to State Competition on April 24th with a 2023 high school record of 11-1 singles, 10-2 doubles.

As of April, Bi-Neh's Rankings in Age 12 Girls are impressive: Nationally ranked #268, State ranked #33, Region ranked #1. Bi-Neh also serves as SGA Treasurer and maintains a 4.0 GPA. She takes pride in being a leader and a good student.

Holy Nativity middle school students tryout and participate on sports teams at Bay County public and charter schools.

6th grader **Hannah Kline** has had another record-breaking year for Edgewater Gymnastics. This 2023 season, she has seven 1st place *All Around* titles, (not including state). In addition to winning 1st place at every meet this season in her age group, she also took home 1st place of all ages combined as Grand Champion. She has 11 scores in "America's Top 100" throughout her career & is currently ranked #3 & #4 in the country on floor with her most recent 9.925 & 9.9

floor scores. She has 23 total 1st place *All Around* titles in her career. This is her 4th year in a row to be named Team Captain & last year at the Edgewater banquet, was awarded "Hardest Worker."

It surprises no one that Hannah is also a straight-A student and continues to make academics a priority in her busy schedule.

2021 Xcel Silver State AA Champion

2021 Xcel Silver Team Florida

2022 Xcel Gold State AA Champion

2022 Xcel Gold Regional AA Champion

2023 Xcel Platinum State AA Champion

2023 Xcel Platinum Team Florida (competition in May)

PHOTO and stats by Julie Kline



Our seventh and eighth grade robotics team, The Robo-Bolts, has continued to build on the strong foundation built by our first robotics team during the 2020-2021 school year. Last year's successful season culminated with them winning the Regional Championship and going on to represent the Northwest Florida region at the State Tournament. They also received an invitation to attend the prestigious Razorback Open Invitational at the University of Arkansas. Eighty top teams from around the world compete at this event. *"It was a lot of fun. We got to meet teams from around the world and learn more about Fayetteville. Seeing all of the amazing robots and innovation projects from the different teams was a great experience,"* recalls Robo-Bolts team member **Anna McCord**.

Making this trip required the support of many sponsors. **The St. Joe Community Foundation, Naval Surface Warfare Center-Panama City, Keeton Corrections, Anchor CEI, Proper Fox Consulting, E. F. San Juan, Society for American Military Engineers (SAM-E), Bryan Muller, Judy Hughes, the Ben Lee Family, the Max McCord Family, Dr. Sam & Dr. Laurie Wolf, Doolittle Institute/Defensewerx,** and several anonymous donors helped the team take part in this phenomenal event. We are so grateful!

As we left the 2022 competition in Arkansas, several commented that this was a "once in a lifetime experience." That statement seemed more likely as we headed to our Regional Championship this year. After winning the top award at our initial tournament, we would be competing with the top 18 teams in Northwest Florida, and six of our team members were unable to attend as they were on a school field trip to New York. With only three of our nine team members competing, success seemed unlikely.

The Robo-Bolts participate in FIRST LEGO League (FLL). FIRST was founded in 1992 to inspire young students to follow technical career paths. To participate in FLL, teams must undertake a number of tasks. They build a robot using LEGO parts and use a Scratch-based coding language to program the robot so that it will complete a series of missions in a



The 2021-2022 Robo-Bolts: Jordan Ambrose, John Moore, Grady Oenbrink, Ryan Spence, Jalon Santiago, Caleb Jeffery, Jackson Lee, Johnathan Gaither, Mbongta Awantang, Anna McCord

timed obstacle course challenge. A separate part of the competition requires that the team create an innovative solution related to this year's theme-energy. The Robo-Bolts designed "The Bolt Buoy." This is a buoy designed for near-shore deployment that can act as a charging station for electric boats and electrical boat components. We hope to increase the use of renewable resources in coastal areas, reducing pollution. The team members have to present their robot design and their innovation project to a panel of judges and answer questions. These judges are STEM professionals, and, let me tell you, they have some great (and challenging) questions! A final part of the competition evaluates each team on how well the team embodies the core values of FIRST: Discovery, Innovation, Impact, Inclusion, Teamwork, and Fun. As you can see, this competition is multifaceted and demanding for a full team of middle schoolers-and certainly for a team of three. However, this dedicated team was determined to shine! The Robo-Bolts finished the Regional Competition with the top award for Robot Design and were second overall, earning a bid to

compete in an International Invitational once again! We are headed back to the University of Arkansas for the Razorback Open Invitational again! Indeed, **lightning has struck twice** for this amazing team! A number of generous supporters have already stepped up to help with our second trip to Arkansas. Thank you to **Keeton Corrections, Matt Marshall of Marshall Brothers Construction & Engineering, Frank Gizzo of Heidt Design, Douglas Dykes, Richard and Kim Dodd, Jay and Amy Moody, Monica Banton, Jillian Preston, Kirsten McCord, Madge Smith, Will Lark, Mary Darrah, Judy Hughes, Mary Sittman, and Doolittle Institute/Defensewerx.** Rookie team member **Abram Jeffery** is anxious to take part in his first international robotics competition. *"It's going to be so exciting!"* We are all looking forward to another great trip filled with robotics fun and learning! ~ **Jan Dykes**



The 2022-2023 Robo-Bolts: Coach Audra Resler, Abram Jeffery, Ryan Spence, Jackson Lee, Noah Huston, Lauren Berry, John Moore, Anna McCord, Jalon Santiago, & Roger Coulther & Coach Jan Dykes.

Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today. – Malcolm X.

After separating from the U.S. Army, our family relocated to Panama City, Florida to be closer to family and embrace a slower pace of life. With our first two children being 3 years and 18 months old at the time, our family was truly inexperienced with any school system. After a semester at a public school, we were seeking out a smaller, yet more challenging and educationally diverse setting when a friend of ours recommended Holy Nativity Episcopal School. Nestled beautifully in the Cove, my impression of our first visit was simply delightful. Both girls had a stimulating interview with math teacher, Mrs. Moody, and the tour by the registrar, Mrs. Terry could not have been a warmer welcome. They were exploring their new environment with a curiosity and comfort level that I had only previously observed at home. In that moment, I decided to begin our journey as a family at HNES. Nine years later, four of our six children have attended this institution and have enjoyed every learning opportunity presented to them in and out of the classroom. We have come to know staff and faculty personally and we have worked together to identify and nurture their talents while assisting them with navigating the challenges that they have encountered. Our children have had the opportunity to learn lessons beyond the classroom through live play performances, sports, art, technology and in middle school participate in the Student Government Association, competitive robotics team, invention convention and the MathCounts team. With our oldest starting high school in the International Baccalaureate (IB) program next year, I have no doubt our children are well prepared. Education is good; education is fun, and HNES purveys that passport to the future.



The Awantang Family 2023: Dad Dr. Mark Awantang, Mbongta (13), Bi-Neh (12), Mom Nimae, Ayingwi (born Nov 2022), Azah (kindergarten), Aze'e (2nd grade), and Tsé (3).

Do you know about our Stained Glass “Windows” in McDaniel Hall?



Artist, teacher, and HNES friend, Jane Perry stands with three of our Stained Glass “Windows” that hang on the east wall of McDaniel Hall. (November 2019)

These special windows hang on the east and west walls of McDaniel Hall representing the six liturgical seasons of: **Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, and Pentecost**. Adding to the beautiful tissue paper design art, is the engineering that offers lighting behind each of the panes. The windows actually plug in and shine! Mrs. Perry and her students created the first three windows when she was our HNES Art Teacher in 2007-2010. When Mrs. Perry returned to HNES to teach math in school years 2017-18, 2018-19, 2020-21, she was determined to finish the project with her math students—and three more windows were created to complete the liturgical collection. We are so grateful to Jane Perry for designing and producing this lifetime treasure for our school! In addition to serving as an extraordinary and heroic teacher when we needed her most, Jane is the Mom to HNES alumnae Rachel (c/o 2008) and Robyn (c/o 2012).



The Daddy-Daughter Dance resumed for the first time since 2018. Initially, it was delayed by the Hurricane and then it was Covid, but our Dads and Daughters had a ball in McDaniel Hall on December 2nd. THEN & NOW photo is beautiful 3K Ashton with Dad Mark McKinney in 2018 and NOW photo is 3rd grade Ashton with still-dapper Dad Mark.

Mother-Son Kickball was back in action for the first time since 2017. Monica Cramer shared her NOW & THEN photos to celebrate her joy at the return of this fun event. Liam will tell you that the middle school "Sons" easily beat the self-named "Momsters" 16 - 2.

Monica Burdett Cramer
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Love that Kickball is back!!! Yes I made him recreate this picture with me!
7th Grade vs 1st Grade



(ABOVE) 7th graders were thrilled to meet with State Representative **Dr. Neal Dunn** (Florida's 2nd District) at the Capitol Building in **Washington, D.C.** in February.

Our 5th graders depart on their annual **Boston** trip this April for the first time since 2019!

Our **6th graders** will take their first trip since 2021, as they pack their bags for **Titusville, FL** on April 24th. Middle school teachers Mr. Jeremy Brannon & Ms. Shanun White are planning an unforgettable Canal Kayaking Bioluminescence Adventure in Parrish Park AND a swim with manatees in Homosassa Springs!



(Left) The annual **4th grade** trip to **St. Augustine** was only missed in 2020. Mrs. Granducci and Mrs. Godwin took their students in **JUNE** of 2021 and here is a class photo from April of 2022 at the Ponce de Leon statue in the Fountain of Youth park.

(Below) This group of 8th graders made the annual **DC and NYC** trip in February posing here in Time Square for the "hall portrait." HNES students had not made this trip since 2020. Thank you Field Trip Coordinator, Lori Morgan!



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Jan Dykes is Honored as the First Lego League Coach/Mentor of the Year



December 10, 2022 was a phenomenal day for our middle school Robotics Team - the Robo-Bolts - at the Okaloosa County FIRST Lego League competition. Not only did the Robo-Bolts earn the top overall award (Champions' Award) and secured one of the six advancement bids for Regional competition, but Coach Jan Dykes was honored as the recipient of

the First Lego League Coach/Mentor of the Year! 8th grade Robo-Bolt **John Moore** said, "Mrs. Dykes is obviously a great coach to our team. She spends so much time with us after school helping each of us become better and more focused on our team goals. Mrs. Dykes' motto for our year is 'Find a way to shine.' This means we all can do something to contribute. There are no excuses for not reaching our highest potential."

Photo by Kirsten McCord

Lori Morgan declared WMBB "Class Act" Educator & WJHG Golden Apple Winner!

Mrs. Lori Morgan knew in 3rd grade that she wanted to be a teacher but it took longer than she expected to reach that goal. Our former HNES Parent Council president after raising two HNES alumni Dallas & Jaxon with husband Wes, Mrs. Morgan finished the steps required to be in the classroom teaching the subject she loves so much-Social Sciences. In 2023 Mrs. Morgan was chosen as the WMBB Class Act! And received the WJHG Golden Apple! WMBB Reporter Chloe Sparks spent the day with Mrs. Morgan and her students and it became obvious why the classroom is exactly where Mrs. Morgan belongs. 7th grader **Stella O'Brien** was quoted as saying, "Mrs. Morgan understands the subject so well. She knows when we might struggle and finds ways to make things interesting." In addition to teaching, Mrs. Morgan serves as our Student Government Association sponsor and our Field Trip Coordinator. Head of School **Cynthia Fuller** declared, "Lori Morgan is a treasure to our school!"



BIG Changes on William's Field in the 2022-2023 School Year



In January, Holy Nativity students returned to school to discover a brand new playground along the west side of Williams Field. **Eliza Jeffery** (pictured) agrees that the space is suitable for kids of all ages with two climbing spots and THREE slides! The legendary portable at the south end of William's Field was demolished in August of 2022. What a history this portable has had! It's most recent assignment was to house our two 5th grade classes led by **Audra Resler & Jenny Goostree**. But it's original assignment was to house our 1996-1997 5th grade on the Holy Nativity Episcopal Church campus that was led by **Kathy Barr & Judy Hughes**! When Judy returned as Head of School in 2011, she quickly moved this valuable property to the Cove school campus where it served as a huge help to support our growth from 2011-2022. For 2022-23, our 5th grade moved to the 2017 "preschool portable" on the northwest corner of our campus (and preschool moved into the classrooms in the 1950s north wing). STAY TUNED for exciting future plans for growth on the southeast side of our campus!

Who's Here in 2023?

Historian, Safety Coordinator, Purchasing Director:

Lynn Ferren (40th year)

BASE: **Martha Jo Cooper** (35th year)

Maintenance & Facilities: **Gaila Scanlan** (24th year)

Art, MS Musical Dir, Dance: **Hope Simmons** (24th year)

Admin. Assistant: **Wendy Mowat** (22nd total year)

Maintenance & Facilities: **Paul Smith** (22nd year)

MS Math, Dir of Development, Holy Herald Editor,

Facebook Admin: **Amy Moody** (19th total year)

School Secretary: **Sheila White** (19th year)

4th grade: **Bridget Granducci** (19th total year)

Chaplain, MS Religion: **Father Steve Bates** (17th year)

Admissions Specialist/Registrar: **Terry Duke** (17th year)

School Receptionist: **Kelly Muller** (17th year)

MS Language Arts, Media Specialist, Marketing Director:

Lauren Presser (15th year)

4th grade: **Natalie Godwin** (12th year)

Teaching Assistant: **Tracey Mason** (12th year)

1st grade: **Kim Lovchuk** (11th total year)

Head of School: **Cynthia Fuller** (10th year/3rd year as HOS)

MS Social Studies, SGA sponsor, Field Trip Coordinator,

Administrator: **Lori Morgan** (10th year)

MS Math: **Nancy Lloyd** (10th year)

Technology Director: **Lyn Morris** (10th year)

3rd grade: **Lara Provencher** (10th year)

1st grade: **Linda Warren** (10th year)

5th grade: **Audra Resler** (9th year)

2nd grade **Ekco Baker** (8th year)

BASE: **Taylor C. Hall** (8th year)

Kindergarten: **Summer Himes** (8th year)

MS Science, MS Coordinator, Robotics Coach:

Jan Dykes (8th total year)

Dean of Students: **Heather Creel** (7th year/3rd as DOS)

3rd grade: **Michelle Cool** (7th total year)

BASE: **Darcey Sinicrope** (7th total year)

Volunteer Pianist: **Avis Keen** (5th total year)

Pre-K, Music: **Liz Ward** (5th year)

MS Language Arts, Reading: **Becca Flohre** (5th year)

4th grade TA: **Amanda Greggs** (5th year)

Jr. Pre-K: **Casey Cole** (5th year)

Kindergarten: **Lindsay Mitchell** (5th year)

MS Substitute: **Marsha Southall** (5th year)

Music Teacher: **Leigh Gladden** (4th year)

BASE Director: **Stacy Shramek** (4th year)

Spanish: **Heyling Aguilar** (3rd year)

5th grade: **Jenny Goostree** (3rd year)

Jr. Pre-K: **Debbie Middleton** (3rd year)

BASE/Maintenance: **Todd Smith** (3rd year)

PE Coach: **Jonathan Hammond** (3rd year)

MS Science: **Jeremy Brannon** (2nd year)

PE Coach: **Laura Grissett** (2nd year)

Student Support Specialist: **Debbie Stewart** (2nd year)

BASE: **Samantha Class** (2nd year)

Kindergarten: **Stephanie Serian** (1st year)

Pre-K: **Florencia Pereira** (1st year)

Library Specialist: **Kitty Hodges** (1st year)

MS World History: **Shanun White** (1st year)

BASE: **Del Grier** (1st year)

Front Office Assistant: **Katy Svitenko** (1st official year)



PHOTO Madge Smith, HNEC

Baseball Returns to Sudduth Park



Members of the 8U *Sudduth Lions* are pictured on the WJHG online News page on March 4, 2023: Holy Nativity students: Sawyer Cramer, Bowen Steiner, Ruthie Goostree, Bryson Shramek, Walker Stamps, Lillian McKinney, Grayson Williams, and (The Lions are coached by Greg Gladden & Jason Steiner)

The post-Hurricane Michael repairs to Sudduth Park are complete and Cove families are back like never before! Located at 1500 E. 2nd Court in The Cove neighborhood, the park received \$1.3 million from insurance and FEMA, to restore and improve its grounds. "The Panama City News Herald" reported that the "improvements include a new baseball field, new dugouts, a refurbished concession stand, new utilities, a drainage system, new parking areas, a pavilion, picnic tables and park benches. In addition, the park will receive new playground equipment and an electronic scoreboard, which are expected to be delivered and installed in 2023." Sudduth Park is named for Homer L. Sudduth the real estate developer

Central Loop To Register

The Central Little Major League will hold registration for all boys interested in playing this year, at Sudduth Park February 24. All boys are urged to bring their birth certificate and \$1.50 for registration fee.

Registration is open to all boys from 8 to 12 years old. Try-outs for 8 year olds will be held at Sudduth Park at 6:30 p.m. on Feb. 26, 9 year olds Feb. 27 at 6:30 P.M., 10 year olds Feb. 28 at 6:30 p.m., and 11 and 12 year olds Feb. 29, at 6:30 p.m.

The regular season will open March 30 with a fish fry and three opening games.

Elected as officers for the league are: President, Den A. Trumbull, Jr.; first vice-president - W. E. Bryant, Jr.; second vice-president Seth Kendrick; third vice-president - Herschel C. Smith, Jr.; Secretary- Bonita Cogrell, and treasurer - Julia Hagler.

who, in 1953, gave property to the City for the development of a community park. (In 1936, Mr. Sudduth donated the land for the Cove Schoolhouse - "Located on Hamilton Avenue, between Pine and Olive streets, the Cove school building will accommodate pupils of the elementary grades living in the rapidly growing Cove section. The city block on which the school is located, was a donation by H.L. Sudduth, who has been a recognized factor in securing necessary materials to aid in matching the Federal grants in the construction, said the superintendent., A. L. Hardy. "The Panama City Herald," March 6, 1937)

Sudduth Seminoles Coach Chris Cramer (an HNES alumnus and current HNES Dad) told the media that playing on the Sudduth Park field as a kid is one of his favorite memories and he is overjoyed that his sons now have the same opportunity.



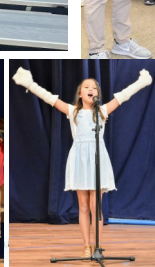
7th grader **Parker Rowe** stands in the school hallway with a photo of **Mrs. Lanelle Rowe's** 1951-1952 Cove Grammar School 2nd grade class. Mrs. Rowe, now 96-years old, is Parker's great-grandmother! This treasured photo is now on permanent display in the Cove School history cabinet in the Bill Lloyd Building. Thank you, **Ashley Rowe**, for the framed photo.

The "**Lynda K Scheer Tree**" is planted in the Hamilton Avenue southeastern front yard adjacent to the middle school doors. Mrs. Scheer (1943-2019) is the Mom to two HNES alumni. Her sons Andy & Chris attended HNES when their Dad Andrew was training at the Naval Support Activity Center 1982.



The **Godwin Boys: J.D. Thomas, & Chris** stand by the Scheer tree on planting day - October 10, 2019 (the 1-year anniversary of Hurricane Michael.) PHOTO by Natalie Godwin

Some of the best school memories are made of our favorite annual traditions: Bi-annual Book Fair in McDaniel Hall, the Jr. Olympics at Tommy Oliver Stadium, Birthday Blessings from Father Steve during chapel, Ms. Hope's Dance Recital at the Gretchen Nelson Scott Center, College Colors Day, grade-level musicals like "2nd grade's Turkey's go on Strike," End-of-year Elementary Talent Show, Mardi Gras Parade on William's Field, 5th grade Safety Patrol, Blessing of the Pets, Christmas plates, *P'Jammin'* for Childhood Cancer, Toy Chapel for Family Services, Grandfriends' Day, Middle School End-of-Year Scavenger Hunt in Downtown PC, Kindergarten 100th Day celebration, 4th grade Space Bubble, K-5 Extreme Sports seasons of flag football, soccer, & basketball, K, PK & JPK Halloween Parade, Base Team lights Bill Lloyd Building for Christmas.



My Pledge to Our Veterans ~ By Bi-Neh Awantang, 6th grade

Who are the ones that fought for our freedom during harsh, devastating times? The ones that sacrificed not just their lives but also their family, their friends, and everything else that they had? The ones that inspire the young to serve their country with honor and pride? Those that protect us when we are weak, vulnerable, scared, and all alone? These courageous, overcoming, extraordinary people are our Veterans. What does it mean to be a veteran? I posed this question to my mom, an Army veteran and she said, "It means you served while in uniform in the armed forces including Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, and Coast Guard." But what interested me most of all was that I learned that to be a veteran does not always mean you are a soldier. You can be an engineer, a doctor, lawyer,

teacher, chef, and so much more, and still be a veteran. My pledge is to identify veterans in my community who are in need. Through my local veteran's association, Veterans of Foreign Wars, I pledge to clean up the veteran's cemetery and refresh it with new flowers with the assistance of my Student Government Association. In addition, I will visit homeless veterans in shelters as well as those in the veterans' nursing home. Keeping these veterans company is important because sometimes they get lonely and depressed. We can all relate to how lonely and isolated it can feel especially after being quarantined during Covid-19. It is my goal to share the joy and hope that this big, bright, beautiful, world brings. I make this pledge because I want to give back to all the veterans who risked their lives to defend this

country and gave us freedom, hope, and peace. Without them, our lives would be different and our society would not be as free. Giving back doesn't mean having to do something big, it can be doing little things in a special way. Doing all this is important to me because seeing these heroic veterans sacrifice their lives and everything they have can be thought of as risky though admirable. Fulfilling my pledge to veterans is my way of giving back and showing my gratitude. To become a veteran sounds like a bitter-sweet mission with a reward that is worth the sacrifice. And you never know, this may be a mission I too will undertake.



Community Mourns the Loss of HNES Alumnus Ryan Yessman 1987-2022



The Yessman Family announced with deepest sorrow, that Ryan Scott Yessman, age 35, passed suddenly in a motorcycle accident on Friday, July 22, 2022, in Winston-Salem, N.C. Ryan spent most of his life in Panama City where he attended Holy Nativity Episcopal School and Bay High School. Ryan's enlisted in the US Army - a career that spanned 12 years with

deployments to Korea, Germany, Afghanistan, and Poland where he earned the rank of Staff Sergeant. After his honorable discharge from the Army, Ryan joined ABF Freight as an over the road driver. Ryan was an adventurous and talented, yet laid back spirit. With him, what you saw was always what you got, and what you saw, was a truly funny, easy-going, fun-loving human being. One who had a passion for photography, a love of the arts, goofy t-shirts, good music and being silly. But most of all, a love for his two daughters, Stella and Nora. They were his world and he was so proud of them. Ryan was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents Donald and Mary Evelyn Sittman, paternal grandfather, Thomas Brewer Yessman Sr., and uncle, Kenneth Sittman. He leaves behind his

parents, Ronald and Ann Yessman; his beautiful daughters, Stella and Nora; his wife, Randa Rae 'Roo' Yessman; sister Allison Geiman (Riley); beloved paternal grandmother, Phyllis Yessman Laughlin; his aunts Mary Sittman (Marvin Clark), Tammy Dieterle (Bill), Kelly Yessman Van Den Heuvel (Ronald), Kimberly Fernandez (Pedro), Traci Jusko (Jason), Stephanie Sittman and uncles, Chico Sittman and Thomas Yessman Jr. (Julie) along with countless cousins, friends and extended family. A memorial service was held Saturday, July 30 at 11 AM at Holy Nativity Episcopal Church Father Tom Weller and Father Steve Bates, officiants. His shining light was extinguished too soon.

From Ryan's obituary July 27, 2022

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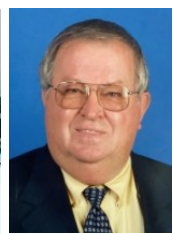
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(TOP LEFT) Penelope Cushenan & Sofia Karch with Mr. Tall - Beach Stilts Entertainment, Kerry Wright & Pam Cramer, Casey Cole, The McCord Family: Max, Kirsten, Anna, Max, & Luke, at the 2023 Carnival & at their very First Carnival 2014, Layden Flohre, & Carter Cramer (far left), Grayson Williams. and Macie Howell

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The 21st Annual “RUN AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD” Holy Nativity 5K Run and 1-mile Fun Run was held on March 4, 2023. 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 \$9,432 for the PE Department!
Amy Moody & Coach Laura Grissett

Congratulations to 1-mile run overall winner 8th grader, **Anderson Pender**, pictured above, who completed the 1-mile race in 6:32.



(LEFT) The Adessi: Antonio, Svitlana, Victoria, plus Ms. Hope, and Jennifer Lloyd

Race volunteers: **Jan Dykes, Maggie & Carmen Shuler** + Race Director Coach **Laura Grissett** with 7th grader **Maddie Mitchell** (cow) & 6th grader **Lucia Lama** (shark). Congratulations to 1-mile run female winner 6th grader **Alexandra McAllister** (7:48).



Congratulations to our 2023 5K winner alumnus **J.D. Godwin** (21:59) FLASHBACK to 2012 at his first HNES race completing the 1-mile (11:56).

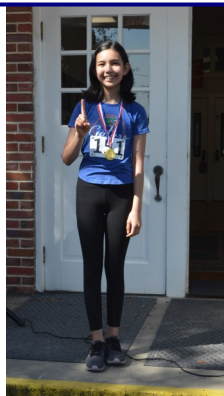
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BRONZE: \$100: Nan, Abby, & Jillian Dingus (RACE FOUNDER); Lynn Ferren; Teresa Carol (school neighbor :)



HNES 8th Grade Class of 2023 Ready for High School



What a year for the HNES class of 2023! 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.

Congratulations to back row: Maly Turner, Katherine McAllister, Jalon Santiago, Ellery McElheney, John Moore, Lauren Berry, Alex Parker, Lydia Trawick, Paige Fiser, seated: Anna McCord, Makenzie Arnold, Bailey Melzer, Olivia Ramsey, Reagan Hudson, Camille Mhatre, front row SGA President Jackson Lee (standing), Noah Huston, Jacob Oakes, Anderson Pender, Jordan Ambrose, Ryan Spence, Beta Club President Austin Haligas (standing).

The annual graduation ceremony is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, May 24th at Holy Nativity Episcopal Church at 5:30 p.m. All friends are welcome to attend!

Scholar-Athletes Compete at Championship Levels for District Schools & Club Teams



Bay United Soccer + Mowat Soccer + Mowat Track: **Bailey Melzer & Makenzie Arnold**, Surfside Volleyball: **Ellery McElheney**, Five Star Mafia Baseball: **Jacob Oakes**, PC Racquet Club Holy Nativity Tennis Team: **Austin Haligas, Anderson Pender, Beatrice Provencher, Liam Cramer, Elizabeth Arn, Chris Godwin, Lucia Lama, Marshall McKinney, Carson Berry** (5th grade), **Anna Wiberley** (4th grade), University Academy Track Team: **Cade Denecke** (also UA Basketball), **Milan Pulido, Parker Rowe, Max Rish** (also PCRC Tennis), & **Mea Wonders**, University Academy Soccer: **Thomas Karch & Andrew Nowak**, Palm Bay Prep Soccer: **Ellie Terrell**, PC Swim Team: **Charlie Kyle**



Thank you, Musical Director - Ms. Hope Simmons



Peter Pan= Treysen Villegas, Captain Hook= J.D. Godwin, Wendy= Camille Mhatre, Mrs. Darling= Katherine McAllister, Mr. Darling= Jackson Lee, John= Lydia Trawick, Michael= Lauren Berry, Tiger Lily= Anna McCord, Smee= Paizly Torres, Nana= Grady Oenbrink, Liza= Olivia Heiser., Crocodile= Isaac Ward

7th Annual Weller Scholar Award recipient is Class of 2022 honoree Aiden Nowak



Almost every single day for nine years I've walked through Holy Nativity's arched doorways, walked on the polished floors, and played under the lofty oaks whose canopy blocks the sun. After all the years I've been here, I've made hundreds of memories that I will cherish forever. Most importantly it's the

people I've met and the relationships I've made at Holy Nativity that I hold close to my heart and hope to keep forever. I actually remember my very first day visiting HNES at only 5 years old, touring the historical brick campus with the towering trees that seemed like skyscrapers to me. Playing in the sandbox on the playground was my most important memory from kindergarten. Elementary school memories consisted of paper mâché penguins and field trips to St. Augustine and Boston. Then watching our school put itself back together after the hurricane by making do with what we had, having class in the attic at Holy Nativity Episcopal Church while the faculty did everything they could to

try to make school as normal as possible for us. I'm not sure where to begin with my middle school experience, other than to say I feel like I've learned and grown so much thanks to my helpful teachers. In fact, my math teacher made me fall in love with algebra and now math is my absolute favorite subject. When I walk out of Holy Nativity's beautiful arched doorways for the last time, I know I will feel a flood of emotions based on the wonderful experiences this school has given me. I plan to continue to build on my strong academic foundation in high school using the helpful connections to teachers and students that HNES has provided me.



Middle School Academic Awards: Invention Convention, MathCounts, Patriot's Pen



Congratulations to our 7th grade inventors and Science Teacher **Mr. Jeremy Brannon!** It was a clean sweep at the Bay District Schools *Invention Convention and Entrepreneurship Fair* at Gulf Coast State College on March 30 as each HNES inventor took 1st place in his/her category!

Stella O'Brien = 1st place in *Government/Public Safety* for "H2O to Go"- an advanced water fountain that collects rainwater for consuming.
Annabelle Cushing = 1st place in *Household Tools* for "The Sud Bud"- a three-in-one device that combines the sink sprayer, scrubber, and soap dispenser for an all in one cleaning device.

Abram Jeffery = 1st place in *Transportation & Financial Infrastructure* for "The Gator Saver"- a low profile alternative to the bulky, upright jack that is standard with a trailer.

Isaac Ward = 1st place in *Education* for "The Spin Write"- a fidget device for the end of a pencil helps build hand strength over time, due to its weight, which improves handwriting, and focus.

Cade Denecke (Milan Pulido & Andrew Nowak- teammates not pictured) = 1st place in *Sports, Games, & Entertainment* for

"The Porta-Goal"- a portable hanging soccer goal for people traveling or for those who don't have much yard space.

Thomas Karch = 1st place in *Health & Medical Technology* for "The Brace Blast"- an advanced water flosser that targets every tooth at once to save time rather than individual teeth like traditional brushing methods.

Beatrice Provencher (not pictured) = 1st place *Home Organization* for "The Straw Bea Clean"- an electric cleaner for reusable straws.

MATHCOUNTS®

It was another great season of MathCounts. Bay District Schools again opted out of their event in 2023, so events included two school-based competitions and one regional-based competition - Thank you to the Florida Engineering Society's Jennifer Aldridge for ensuring the county-wide event! At FSU-PC, the Holley Center, 8th grader **Camille Mhatre** finished 7th overall and the team of **Camille, Abram Jeffery** (7th grade), **Alex Moore** (6th grade), and **John Moore** (8th grade) captured 3rd place county-wide! For the first time, the teachers at the FES competition were give the Sprint & Target Round Tests. Mrs. Moody was recognized as achieving the highest score. It was a fun season for all!



PHOTO by Lynn Ferren at Holy Nativity Episcopal Church



PATRIOT'S PEN Thank you to **Commander Mary Lemburg** Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #10555 for celebrating our great writers in February. The 2023 VFW Patriot's Pen Essay contest theme was, "My Pledge to our Veterans." Commander Lemburg was happy to announce these HNES winners:

3rd place at the Post Level: 8th grader **Anderson Pender**

4th place at the Post Level AND 2nd place at the District Level:

6th grader **Bi-Neh Awantang** **See Bi-Neh's winning essay on page 12* *

Winners were both presented with a VFW backpack, Anderson received a medal while Bi-Neh received a \$50 Visa Gift Card. Thank you to Language Arts teachers

Lauren Presser & Rebecca Flohre, for their support and guidance. PHOTO by Terry Duke



HNES CLASS OF 2019 REUNION is May 7, 2023 from 3 - 5 p.m.

The Annual Senior Recognition Day at HNES is scheduled for Sunday, May 7th. Students who attended Holy Nativity Episcopal School at any time, and are current high school seniors, are invited back for a special reunion. If you are a part of this "2019/2023 Class," you are our "Hurricane Class" who completed 8th grade at the Holy Nativity Episcopal



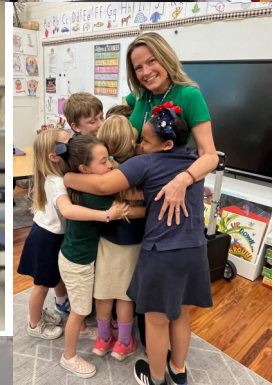
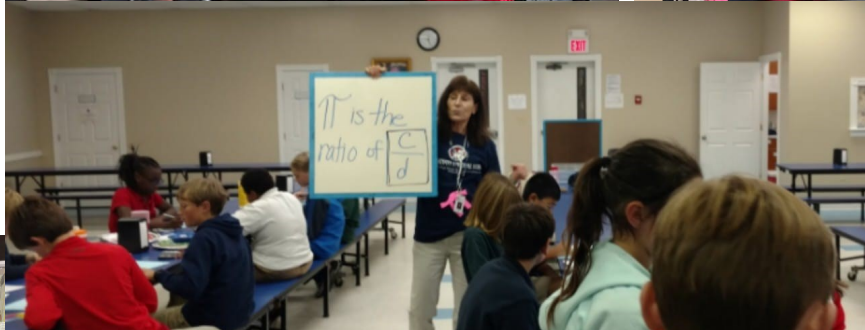
PHOTO from 10/29/2018 at HNEC
"First day of school" following Hurricane Michael

Church campus during unprecedented days! Please call a fellow alumni and bring them - and 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 amoodu@hnes.us or call (850)747-0060 See you soon!

**Thank you,
Linda Warren!
HNES 2013-2023:
Kindergarten and
1st grades**

**Thank you, Nancy Lloyd!
HNES 2013-2023: Middle School Math**

**Thank you, Kim Lovchuk!
HNES 2011-2023: 4K Grades 2 & 1**



**Thank you,
Lindsay
Mitchell!
HNES
2019-2023:
Kindergarten**





Sierra Czubaj (c/o 2019) has been recognized as a 2023 National Merit Finalist. This honor is added to this year's growing list: 2023 *Daughter's of the American Revolution* "Good Citizen, Florida League of IB Schools Scholarship Winner", and Rutherford Class of 2023 VALEDICTORIAN. Sierra is headed to Georgia Tech this fall.



SIERRA CZUBAJ



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Walker Verenakis (c/o 2019) won 1st place in the Senior Technology Division at the Bay District Schools *Invention Convention* for his work on a digital walking device for the visually impaired and blind - the "Batstick Ultrasonic Smart Walking Aid." His invention received international attention for its obvious value to the visually impaired. Walker will graduate as the North Bay Haven Charter Academy Class of 2023 VALEDICTORIAN before heading to the University of Florida.

Reagan Harrison (c/o 2019) was elected as the Bay High School Student Government Association President for the 2022-23 School Year. Reagan's paternal great-granddad Billy Harrison was also the Bay High SGA President in 1927-28. Billy Harrison grew up to be the first principal at Cove School in 1937. Reagan is headed to Troy University this fall.

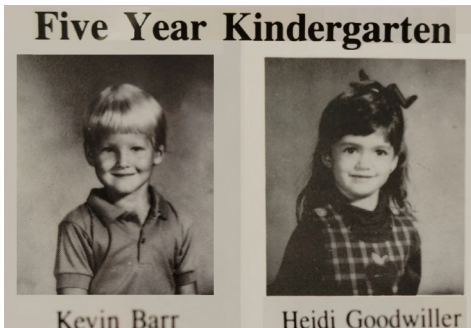


Hudson Rowan (c/o 2019) was chosen as a member of the 2023 Mosley High School *Hall of Fame*. This follows Hudson's official signing day announcement that, as a top baseball recruit in the class of 2023, he will join the Florida State Seminoles Baseball Team as a freshman this fall.



Zamiyah Hill (c/o 2020) was one of 18 US soccer players selected to travel to London as part of the prestigious *Olympic Development Program* in 2023. Finishing her junior year (3rd year of ALL-COUNTY varsity soccer) at Mosley High, Zamiyah has announced her verbal commitment to play at the University of Florida in the freshman class of 2024.

Kindergarten Double Legacy Isabelle Making her Own HNES Memories



We love when HNES alumni grow up and choose HNES for their own children! But it's pretty unusual when that HNES legacy has TWO parents who attended HNES! Kindergartener Isabelle is that double legacy! Her parents Kevin & Heidi met during their own kindergarten years at Holy Nativity! We love the return of this family to our daily routines and the bonus return of Isabelle's super grandparents!



Kathy & Jimmy Barr, Isabelle, Kevin Barr, Dr. Steven Goodwiller, Heidi Goodwiller Barr, & Jennifer Goodwiller

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

In 2012, this group of 6th grade scholars had just won the 3rd place title at the Bay District Schools MathCounts competition at Gulf Coast State College. TODAY: left to right:

- Joe Conroy:** Graduated in Mechanical Engineering from Georgia Tech and is currently working on his doctoral thesis of Interplanetary Laser-based Communications to earn an Astrophysics degree from the University of Florida, Gainesville.
- Zack Moser:** Graduated with an Engineering degree from the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD. He is now a commissioned officer in the U.S. Marine Corps and is stationed at Quantico, Virginia.
- Noah Patterson:** Graduated with a 2-year degree from Gulf Coast State College prior to graduating high school. He earned a Mechanical Engineering degree from the University of Alabama, magnum cum laude, and at the same time finished a Masters of Business Administration also from the University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL. He is working with missile systems with the Missile Defense Command at Redstone Arsenal, Huntsville, AL.
- Kyle Moody:** Graduated with a Songwriting degree and a Music Business minor from Belmont University, Nashville, TN. He is pursuing his goal of becoming a songwriter in Nashville. Thank you, Wayland Patterson, for the update!



Eddie King (c/o 2011) graduated from the University of Florida and headed to Jacksonville to fly helicopters for the US Navy. **Spencer Sharpe** (c/o 2011) graduated from FSU and is in Fort Rucker, AL as part of his aviation branch training for the US Army.



Kassidy Stringer (c/o 2014) and **Connor MacLean** (c/o 2010) were all smiles during their HNES campus visit this spring with their double-legacy kids Emmi & Greyson! Tagging along was "MeMe" Liz MacLean (former HNES Preschool teacher).



Mbongta Awantang (c/o 2023) is a back-to-back BAY COUNTY Tennis Champion in both Girls Singles & Doubles play for Rutherford School. Mbongta is also a back-to-back DISTRICT Champion in Doubles play.

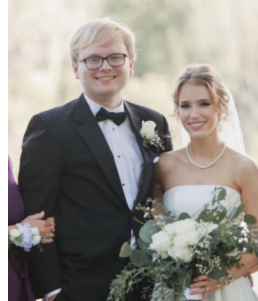


2023 BAY COUNTY TENNIS CHAMPS
Evan Cox (Bay High) = 1st Seed Boys Doubles; **Lauren Moody** (Mosley) = 3rd Seed Girls Singles & 2nd Seed Girls Doubles; **Jayda Marshall** (Mosley) = 5th Seed Girls Singles; **Jon Lloyd** (Mosley) = 3rd Seed Boys Singles & 2nd Seed Boys Doubles; **Miguel Abrenica** (Mosley) = 4th Seed Boys Singles & 2nd Seed Boys Doubles.



Jordan Simoneaux Kirkland (c/o 2006) and husband Brandon are shown with their baby girl, Olivia Grace born in Atlanta, Georgia in October of 2022..

Jake Moody (c/o 2011) was married to Meghan Wolfe-City in August 2022 in Gainesville. Jake is a mechanical engineer in the Hyperbaric Testing Chamber at the Naval Surface Warfare Center Panama City and Meghan is a licensed marital and family counselor.



Amy Dick May (c/o 2007) and husband Blake May are shown with their daughter Mary Claire at Christmastime 2022. Mary Claire was born in August of 2022 .



Alec Golden (c/o 2010) and his wife Hollie welcomed a baby girl, Victoria Paige in July of 2022 in Shreveport, Louisiana. It was a big year for the Golden's as sister **Katie Golden** (c/o 2008) celebrated her wedding to Jacob Verzwyvelt in May of 2022 at Carillon Beach.



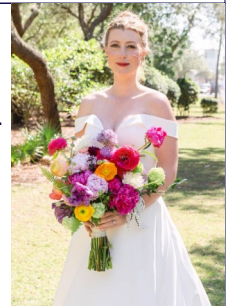
Harrison McElheney (c/o 2006) and wife Savanna are shown with their two daughters Gracie (age 2) and Rosie (born February 2023). Harrison is the owner of Hallmark Flowers, Panama City.



Morgan Harrison Baeder (c/o 2012) was married to husband Tanner Baeder in December of 2021 in Washington County, Florida.



Carleigh Middlemas Thompson (c/o 2006) is shown on her wedding day in May 2022. Carleigh married Jacob Thompson is a beautiful outdoor ceremony in WaterColor, Florida. HNES alumnae Holly Middlemas, Olivia Middlemas, and Ashley Urquhart were all unforgettable bridesmaids.



Kendall Lovchuk Keller (c/o 2010) and husband Michael are shown with their baby boy Kash William born March 2023. Kash joins big sister Charlotte in their home in Kansas.



Maddie Stopka Bouyounes (c/o 2012) was married in June 2022 to Elias Bouyounes in St Augustine, Florida.



Molly Thompson Sostheim (c/o 2008) and husband Josh Sostheim pose with their two daughters Lyla Joy (age 2) and Emery (born October 2022) at Holy Nativity Episcopal Church on Easter Sunday.



Courtney Clubbs Stewart (c/o 2008) and husband Caleb Stewart are shown with their two daughters: Lorelei (age 3) and Hallie (born December 2022).





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Preschool teacher/Alumna Liz Ward is happy to have her two sons Isaac (7th grade) and Evan (3rd grade) at Holy Nativity with her!

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.***

Amy Moody 2011

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