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## HOLY NAME HIGH SCHOOL A CHESTERTON ACADEMY

### Holy Name High School - For the Love of It



**Mark A. Surrell**

Headmaster

Holy Name High School—  
A Chesterton Academy

Everyone wants to be good. Everyone also wants things that are not good. This is the ever-present paradox of human desire. How is it possible that we choose things that are not good for us? Is it a lack of experience or knowledge, like a small child who out of curiosity tastes dirt? If that were true, then simply gaining knowledge would help us avoid poor choices.

It is easy to see this answer is incomplete. Many times we know what is good and we know what is bad and yet we still choose the bad. The Apostle Paul reflects on this in his Letter to the Romans: "For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate." –Romans 7:15

Something from within us triumphs over our reason and delivers us to temptation. What is this terrible force that causes us to seek our own ruin? It is love.

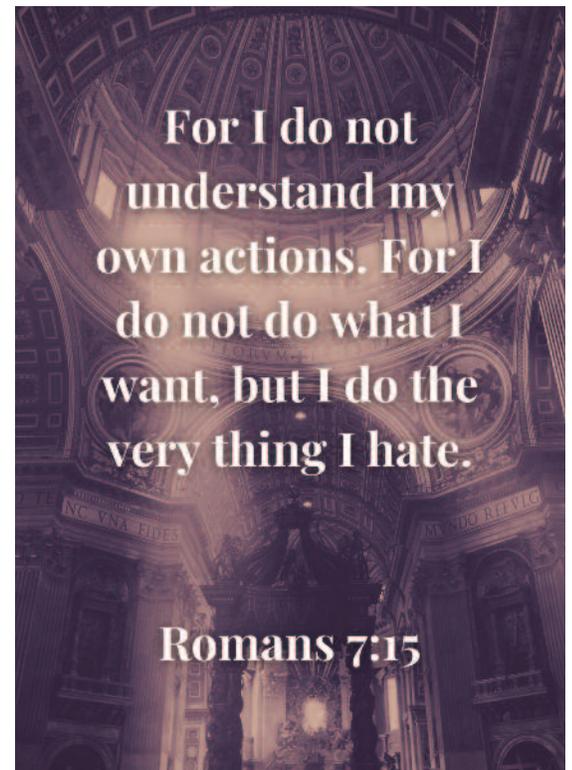
Saint Augustine in *The City of God* says "The right will is well-directed love, and the wrong will is ill-directed love... these motions are evil if the love is evil; good if the love is good." All our actions are ultimately driven by love.

We choose the bad thing not because we

hate it; we choose the bad thing because in some twisted way we love it.

Choosing between loves is the task of a good life. To be good, one must love what is good. This was Christ's greatest lesson: "*Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.*" [Matthew 22:37]. This is the primary subject of study at Holy Name High School. We read scripture, study Latin, sing songs, debate philosophy, perform science experiments, construct mathematical proofs, and dance. All for the love of it. All for the love of Him.

Join us this fall as we continue to study this most important subject. Enrollment is now open for grades 9-11. If your family would like to arrange a tour of our academy or a shadow day for your student, please contact our front office at [office@holynamecrusaders.com](mailto:office@holynamecrusaders.com).



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# Holy Name students to benefit from Promethean boards, thanks to EANS grant

By Victoria LaFave



What's even better in the classroom than chalkboards and chalk? Holy Name Catholic School students have found out! They're now learning from Promethean ActivPanels—large interactive flat panels that allow teachers to project content onto the screen, giving students a dynamic, interactive learning experience.

A glance into classrooms will show that students at Holy Name Catholic School and Holy Name High School are benefiting from the interactive learning experience the Promethean Titanium ActivPanels provide.

Though much more high-tech than the chalkboards many of us remember from our grade school years, Promethean ActivPanel also allow for personalized learning.

One amazing app is the Whiteboard: Teachers can use a stylus or finger to “write” on the panel. The words show up in a variety of colors – and they can move the words and images around. Because the panels are so large, all of the students can see it and interact with it, making for a dynamic learning environment. All of this learning is engaging students directly in their lessons. The Whiteboard app even has built-in graphic organizers and various paper templates.

By learning through this interactive media, students are having fun collaborating with one another, and are discovering new technology while also learning new concepts.

According to Sheila Wolsker, Education Consultant with Promethean, the new technology is extremely beneficial to students. To help explain and illustrate the

**Holy Name Catholic School teachers and staff learn about Promethean ActivPanels technology from Promethean Education Consultant Sheila Wolsker.**

use of the Promethean ActivPanel, Wolsker recently held a full-day interactive training session for Holy Name teachers on how to use the Promethean panels.

“One of our goals is to allow teachers to become untethered while engaging students at the same time. Since these panels are a stand-alone device, it allows the teacher to become more efficient with the built-in Promethean apps like the Annotate app and digital Whiteboard. It's very user friendly and gets the kids up using the tools and interacting with content too!” explained Wolsker. “They basically have a huge interactive tablet to teach from. All they have to do is plug it in and connect to Wi-Fi!”

“It's a smart investment; it saves the school money in the long run,” she added. “It will also help Holy Name in their hybrid learning approach because teachers can share their panel screen with the students who are at home learning; they can see everything that teachers are doing on the panels.”

To pay for the Promethean boards, HNCS used EANS funds (Emergency Assistance to Non-Public Schools), a federal government grant program created in response to the pandemic.

## Students are more engaged in classrooms

In many ways, the state-of-the-art Promethean panels have livened up the classrooms.

“The students learn more and retain more when they are engaged,” Wolsker explained. “One app that allows this is the Spinner app; it is a teacher favorite, as well as the Timer app and built-in web browser that allow teachers to go to any educational website. They can even connect to their cloud storage and open files and lessons right from the panel.”

Holy Name teachers are happy that this new technology will save time, allowing them to spend more time teaching students and making sure they understand new concepts.

“It’s going to make us [teachers] much more efficient,” said Debra Casey, HNCS third grade teacher.

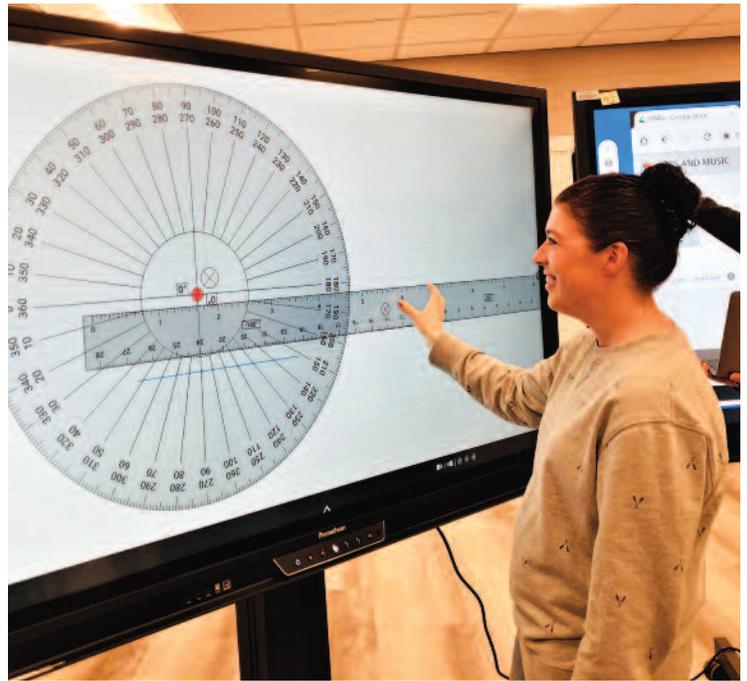
Many teachers are thinking not only of the students in their classrooms, but also how to improve the experiences of those who are learning from home.

“I can integrate the lessons students learn at school with the kids who are learning online as well,” Holy Name Middle School Language Arts teacher Carrie Derkos said.

The Promethean panel has proven to be an interactive, fun and beneficial learning tool for her students, who are usually tech-savvy themselves. “It’s super easy to have my students interact with the lessons,” Derkos added.

By the enthusiasm the students show when the teachers turn on the Promethean boards, their implementation has been a success.

“I think they’re a great, useful tool,” HNCS eighth grader Isabel Kobasic said. She described two examples in which one of her teachers, Mr. Mark Chouinard, uses the Promethean panel in their classes: “In personal finance, Mr. Chouinard connects the Promethean panel to the DVD player so that we can watch videos about money strategies, and in algebra, he Bluetooths his iPad to it so that we can see the problems as we work on them, which makes them easier to understand.”



Jackie Wiltzius, Holy Name Catholic School teacher



Amy Prey, Holy Name Catholic School teacher



## Crusader Connections

Our alumni, spread throughout the world, share a common bond when it comes to Holy Name High School and Holy Name Catholic School.

We want to hear your stories, special anniversaries, births, marriages and reunion dates. Please email **Michelle Bink, Alumni/Development**

**Director** at [alumni@holynamecrusaders.com](mailto:alumni@holynamecrusaders.com) to be featured in upcoming newsletters.



# Sweetheart Alum

## Roger and Bonnie Pepin, who met at Holy Name High School, recently celebrated their 56th anniversary

By Victoria LaFave

It was Fall 1961 at Holy Name High School when Bonnie Nelson remembers meeting Roger Pepin.

“I thought he was cute, but I never expected him to be interested in me,” she smiled. “He was a senior, and I was a freshman. My mother wouldn’t allow me to date as a freshman, so the only way I could see him was at school dances—if we both happened to be there—and during our shared lunch hour.”

While they couldn’t go out alone together, Bonnie remembers Roger coming to her family’s house to visit, but they didn’t start dating until she was 16. Roger graduated in 1962, during Bonnie’s sophomore year at HNHS. That fall, he went away to Ferris State University, and he and Bonnie started dating – on weekends when he could get home from Ferris.

Though it was tough seeing each other only on weekends and holidays, one thing helped them get through—prayer.

“We prayed for each other every day, especially when he would drive home to the U.P.—about every other weekend.”

She said they also wrote to each other every single day while he was away at college.

“We wrote letters to each other when it was just three cents a stamp,” she laughed. “And I remember we would talk on the phone once a week—for three minutes. He would call me from a phone booth and sometimes, the operator would interrupt us if we went over the three minutes.”

The summer after Bonnie graduated from HNHS, they got married – in July 1965.

After marrying, they moved to Detroit, eventually moving back to Escanaba soon after. Roger then worked for Michigan Bell Phone Company, (which eventually became AT&T) until his retirement in 1998. Bonnie stayed home and raised their four children, Charlie, Darci, Kim, and Kelly.

“I remember taking our kids to daily Mass when I could,” Bonnie said. “It became a regular thing for us during Lent. Now, all four of our children still go to church.”

Decades later, these Holy Name High School sweethearts still pray for



**Bonnie and Roger Pepin on their wedding day, July 1965**



**Bonnie and Roger Pepin celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary.**

each other, and recently celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary on July 31, which happens to be Roger's father's birthday.

Another date proved to him that Bonnie was the perfect mate for him.

"I knew I had found the right woman when I found out her birthday was March twentieth, the same as my mother's," he laughed.

Both say that their Catholic faith life is an important part of their marriage. As members of All Saints Catholic Church in Gladstone, they pray together every day.

"We pray the Rosary together daily," Roger agreed. "Our faith was the foundation of our marriage when we first got married, and it still is."

"What makes our marriage work is that we always made it a priority to spend time together as a couple, and take the time to pray together," Bonnie said.

Her advice for other married couples is simple: "Don't let things fester; communicate your feelings, and never go to bed angry."

### **Bonnie's advice for new HNHS Students**

Bonnie and Roger attended the reception to celebrate the first day of school opening at the new Holy Name High School on August 30, 2021. At the event, Bonnie said she still remembered her first day of high school well; she had come from Flat Rock to attend HNHS, and says meeting a whole new group of people was difficult.

"I know where they're at. Anytime you start a new endeavor, it's a little scary," she said. "If I could tell the students one thing, it's to be patient and pray. We will be praying for them."

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**Pictured are some of the HNHS Alumni who attended the grand opening of the new Holy Name High School—A Chesterton Academy: Left to right are: Bonnie Pepin, Shirley Gagne, Mary Weingartner, Sue Quinn, Pat Denome, Jim Weingartner, and Roger Pepin.**

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## **Holy Name sweethearts Amy and Matt Prey** **♥ keep God at center of their marriage ♥**

By Victoria LaFave

Amy Derkos and Matt Prey's sweetheart story began before they were even able to write each other love letters—early in second grade at Holy Name, when Amy remembers first having a 'crush' on Matt.

"Ours is really a one-sided love story—I was the only one interested in a relationship while we were at Holy Name," Amy laughed. "But my persistence paid off."

"I remember thinking he was funny—and had the cutest dark brown eyes," Amy reminisced. "As we went through school, our entire class was close and spent a lot of time talking and hanging out with each other. I would always hope that Matt would 'like' me as much as I 'liked' him, but we just remained friends throughout Holy Name."

As the years went by, Amy and her classmates—sometimes including Matt—would meet up at school dances, in groups, and as friends.

These middle school dances, as many of us can relate, were often socially awkward.

“It was always terribly awkward during the slow songs until one or two people finally asked someone to dance and then everyone else would follow,” Amy laughed. “I remember dancing with Matt a few times, and being so happy.”

Throughout middle school at Holy Name, Amy remembers a group of girls from school would get together at various places. “We would meet up with a group of the boys, Matt included. I will never forget how excited I was to be walking around town with Matt, still wishing that he would “like” me.

After graduating from HNCS in 1994, they both attended Escanaba High School. Though they never dated in high school, Amy and Matt remained friends.

“He always brought a smile to my face when I would get gas at Fran’s gas station, and Matt would be working. He has always had an infectious laugh and a way of bringing fun to everything—even getting gas.”

On a few occasions, Amy remembers picking up Matt after work and driving to events together. “At this point, I no longer had a ‘crush’ on Matt and saw him only as a friend, but we had a lot of laughs on these rides.”

After graduating from high school in 1998, Amy went on to attend Central Michigan University, graduating in 2004. Matt graduated from Ferris State University in 2002.

Matt was also good friends with Amy’s older brother, Joe, who ended up being a guiding force in Matt and Amy starting to date in 2003 while Amy was completing her student teaching. They got together one weekend at a friends’ birthday party, and after that, began spending just about every weekend together.

Mementos Amy came across recently in her childhood memory box proved she had bigger plans for her future with Matt. “I found class pictures that I had drawn hearts around Matt’s face,” Amy laughed. “I even found numerous signatures of ‘Mrs. Amy Prey’ on old notebooks.”

She finally became Mrs. Amy Prey on September 10, 2005—one year after their engagement. This past year, these Holy Name sweethearts celebrated 16 years of marriage, and have three sons together—Adam (14 ½ yrs.), Jacob (13 yrs.), & Vincent (9 yrs.).

### **Amy and Matt’s Catholic faith central to their marriage**

Amy and Matt say that their Catholic faith is at the center of their marriage, and in raising their boys.

“Matt and I are blessed to come from strong Catholic families, so our marriage and family have both been rooted in God from the start. The Ten Commandments and the Golden Rule are guiding forces in our daily lives and help us when faced with challenging situations,” she said.

When faced with difficulties, her advice for other married couples is simple:

“Make God central in your marriage; this was my prayer from the very moment that Matt and I started dating, and I still pray for this daily. Without God, our marriage would not exist. Secondly, make sure to laugh and have fun with each other. Enjoy the time you have together and make the most of each day God gives you.”

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**HNCS Alumni Matt and Amy Prey married on September 10, 2005**



**Matt and Amy Prey, HNCS alumni, recently celebrated their 16th Anniversary.**

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## **Class of 1967 55th Reunion**

July 30, 2022 at Escanaba Country Club beginning at 5:30 p.m. Contact Dave Cannon at [dcannon71@yahoo.com](mailto:dcannon71@yahoo.com) for more information.

# Fran and Daryl Prey, Holy Name High School grads, share their advice for married couples



Fran and Daryl Prey, Holy Name High School grads, recently celebrated their 50th anniversary

Matt Prey's parents, Daryl and Fran (Bartol) Prey, also met while they were students at Holy Name High School. They first started dating at HNHS's Homecoming in 1967. Both Fran and Daryl graduated from HNHS in 1969 and married two years later. Fran and Daryl recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Sept. 4, 2021, when they renewed their vows at St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

In the photo at their 10-year HNHS Class Reunion (middle right), Fran (Bartol) Prey is seen with her husband Daryl Prey. In the background, Mary Derkos is dancing with her husband Joe Derkos. Years later, when Fran obtained the photo from a class reunion, she and Mary realized they were both pregnant at the time – with Matt and Amy!

"God knows what He's doing," Mary Derkos (Amy's mom), said. "Their marriage was meant to be."

**Fran and Daryl's advice for other married couples all comes down to one thing—love:**

"First of all, you have to have love for one another. And, of course, you have to have patience. When you first get married, there are just the two of you. Then, you have children, who take much of your attention. When they become young adults, it gets tougher, and takes a great deal of patience and prayer. Then, you have an empty nest, and it becomes just the two of you again. In some ways, you change, and there is a period of adjustment and acceptance. But the bottom line is, it still comes down to love."



**Fran and Daryl Prey, HNHS alumni, 2021**



**Fran and Daryl Prey at their 10-year HNHS Reunion**



**The following married couples all graduated together from Holy Name High School in 1969: From left: Daryl and Fran (Bartol) Prey; Steve and Carolyn (Straebel) Madden; Bob and Paulette (Prey) Potvin; and Pete and Chris (Way) Ross.**

# Holy Name Catholic School celebrated 2022 National Catholic Schools Week

ESCANABA – Students at Holy Name Catholic School (HNCS) celebrated 2022 National Catholic Schools Week Jan. 31 through Feb. 4 with many special events and activities, and raised **\$1,875.25** for their sister school in Honduras.

This year’s theme, “Catholic Schools: Faith Excellence Service” focused on the value that a Catholic education provides to young people and its contributions to our church, our communities, and our nation.

The week’s activities began on Sunday, Jan. 30 with students speaking after Masses about Holy Name at the participating parishes of St. Anne’s, St. Joseph & St. Patrick’s, St. Thomas the Apostle, and St. Anthony of Padua.

On Monday, Jan. 31, students started the school week with “color day” in which students wore their grade’s assigned color and during recess, students enjoyed hot chocolate donated by Embers Credit Union. On Tuesday, Feb. 1, Team Jersey Day, students dressed in clothing of their favorite sports teams, while HNCS middle school students went on a NET Retreat at St. Anne’s Church.

Yoopers/Flannel Day was the theme on Wednesday, Feb. 2; students had fun wearing their favorite flannel attire or Yooper-inspired outfits! In addition, that afternoon, Holy Name’s Home and School Association treated the students to ice cream.

On Thursday, Feb. 3, students celebrated morning Mass., and wore their Holy Name t-shirts (“The Shirt”) to school. Mo’s Pub generously treated all Holy Name teachers and staff to delicious pizza for lunch!

Also on Thursday, students enjoyed Entrepreneur Day in the school gym, in which students used their talents to help the less fortunate. Students in all grades made items or held fun activities and games for their fellow students to play. In all, the items sold and games played raised **\$1,875.25** for Holy Name’s sister school in Honduras – Casa de Belen (House of Bethlehem).

Students celebrated their final day of Catholic Schools Week on Friday, Feb. 4 by wearing green and white clothing (HNCS colors) for Spirit Day, and enjoyed a school-wide talent show.

Finally, to show their appreciation for the area parishes, students shared thank you cards they created with local parish priests.

Catholic Schools Week has been celebrated annually since 1974, and always begins on the last Sunday in January. According to statistics from the National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA), over 1.7 million students are currently educated in 5,981 Catholic schools in cities, suburbs, small towns and rural communities around the country. Students receive an education that prepares them for the challenges of higher education and a competitive work environment. An estimated 99 percent of Catholic school students graduate from high school and 85 percent of Catholic school graduates attend a four-year college. For more information on Holy Name Catholic School, please call (906) 786-7550 or visit the school’s website: [www.holynamecrusaders.com](http://www.holynamecrusaders.com).



Entrepreneur Day

# Planned giving can offer tax benefits

*As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace. 1 Peter 4:10*

Planned gifts offer the donor the opportunity to support their charitable organization in a meaningful way without giving a large outright gift. Planned gifts can offer substantial tax savings to donors, especially on appreciated properties and securities. A planned gift can also reduce income tax and avoid capital gains tax.

## Options for planned giving include:

Wills and living trusts, beneficiary designations, charitable gift annuities, charitable remainder trusts, IRA charitable distributions, memorials and tribute gifts, real estate, endowed gifts, donor advised funds, and charitable lead trusts.

**For more information on planned giving options, contact Michelle Bink, Alumni/Development Director at [alumni@holynamercrusaders.com](mailto:alumni@holynamercrusaders.com) or call 906-786-7550 ext. 20**

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## Why I Give

**Randall (Randy) King, HNHS Class of 1962**, former electrical contractor in Escanaba, has made the decision to donate annually to Holy Name Catholic School. He also gives to Holy Family Parish in Flat Rock (where he is a member), and other non-profit organizations. As a business owner, Randy saved enough money to live on, and when it was brought to his attention that he could give to his alma mater, he decided to donate a generous amount to Holy Name, and will also bequest a substantial amount to the school upon his death. "As a graduate of Holy Name High School, I've always liked the school, and have always had the intention to give back someday. As I got older, I felt it was time to donate some of the money I had earned."

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## Financial Review

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021

### REVENUE

Tuition and Fees.....	\$817,926
Tuition Assistance.....	159,048
Parish Subsidies.....	441,529
Diocesan Revenue.....	64,336
Donations and Fundraising.....	912,591
Rental and Investment Income.....	63,048
Other Income.....	645
Hot Lunch Revenue.....	78,947
<b>Total Revenue.....</b>	<b>\$2,538,070</b>

### EXPENSES

Salaries and Benefits.....	\$1,515,267
Instruction.....	75,591
Student Transportation and Activities.....	13,730
Administration.....	333,679
Occupancy.....	82,353
Capital Outlay.....	100,674
Hot Lunch Expenses.....	104,528
<b>Total Expenses.....</b>	<b>\$2,225,822</b>

**Year End Fund Balance.....\$768,052**

Revenues were excellent for the year, exceeding the annual budget, driven primarily by grant funding and other government assistance due to the COVID pandemic. Revenue overall far exceeded expenses, increasing the school's fund balance by \$312,248. Personnel expenses, which make up almost 70% of the annual budget, finished 7% below budget. The positive variance in personnel costs was driven by lower overall benefits costs, especially lower than expected health insurance costs. With the exception of capital outlays, all budgeted expense categories finished below budget or within 2% of the budgeted amount. Capital outlays exceeded budget by \$20,175 or 25%.

# Then & Now

It has been a tradition for many years at Holy Name Catholic School for students to raise the flag in the morning and lower it in the afternoon.



## THEN

HNCS eighth graders Todd Villeneuve and Kevin Boucher lower the American flag during the 1984-1985 school year.



## NOW

HNCS eighth graders Grace Polley and Evelyn Trottier lower the American flag on March 16, 2022.

**CORRECTED** version of raffle ticket:

**Holy Name Catholic School Spring Fling 2022**

**\$500 • \$400 • \$300 • \$200 • \$100**

Drawing held at the Holy Name Spring Fling, Saturday, April 30, 2022 @ 8PM  
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**2022 Holy Name 5,4,3,2,1 Raffle**

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## Raffle Tickets Available

The budgeted cost to educate a child at Holy Name is **\$9,697.24**. We know our tuition is a great sacrifice to many of our families and we never want to turn away a family due to their inability to pay. **Help keep tuition costs low and support the Spring Fling Raffle!**

Tickets available at Holy Name office, St. Anne, St. Joseph & St. Patrick, St. Anthony & St. Thomas parish offices or online at <https://holynamespringfling.maxgiving.bid/tickets>



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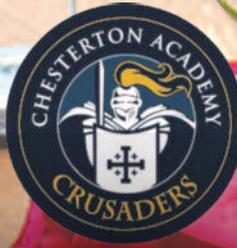
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# Spring Fling

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### SILENT AUCTION IS VIRTUAL!

Scan QR Code or use link below to view silent auction items,  
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4:30 Registration

Silent Auction, Bucket Raffle, Games, 50/50/Live Auction

6:00 Dinner

8:00 Nifty Fifty Raffle Winners Drawn

9:00 Live Entertainment/Jam Band

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Congratulations to Alumna Brooke Bink '15, for winning the 2022 National Championship with The Ohio State University! This is the first National Championship title for the women's ice hockey team.

*Sweetheart Alum*  
Watch for more Sweetheart Alumni to be featured in the Fall 2022 Newsletter.

**ON THE COVER:** Holy Name eighth grade students Payton Romps, Evelyn Trottier, and Grace Polley fold the American flag at the end of the school day. Traditionally, eighth graders raise the flag, take it down, and fold it up every school day.



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