



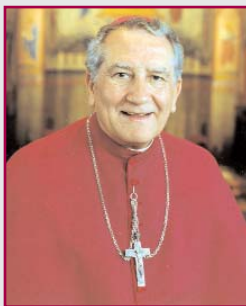
KNIGHT TIMES

FOR ALUMNI AND FRIENDS OF
WHEELING CENTRAL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

WHERE CHAMPIONSHIP LIVES BEGIN!

Celebration held to honor CCHS 1946 Alumnus Bishop Bernard Schmitt

Bishop Emeritus Bernard Schmitt (Class of '46) was honored Sept. 12 on his 80th birthday and the 20th anniversary of his ordination as a bishop. A



special mass was celebrated by Bishop Schmitt and was attended by family, friends, priests representing parishes throughout the state and diocese, as well as the Most Rev. Michael J. Bransfield, bishop of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, and retired Archbishop Francis Schulte of New Orleans, former bishop of our Diocese.

After mass, Bishop Schmitt was honored with a bronze bust likeness, a gift from Bishop Bransfield. The sculpture is prominently displayed on the ground floor of CCHS, near the new Fine Arts Center. A dinner reception was also held in the Bishop's honor in the new cafetorium, preceded by a German-style picnic held outdoors on 13th Street.



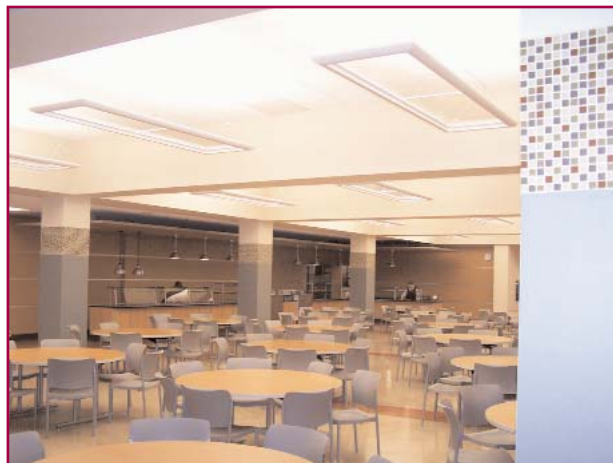
The bronze bust of Bishop Bernard Schmitt was unveiled Sept. 12.

We, the Central community, congratulate Bishop Schmitt and sincerely thank him for his life-long service to Catholic education. We are especially grateful that Bishop Schmitt has graciously agreed to serve as Honorary Chairman of our Capital Campaign.

CCHS unveils new 'Great Hall,' high-tech stage, and Fine Arts Center to students

Central students were welcomed back to school this year with more exciting changes to the facility. This August, the newly renovated cafetorium, now called the Great Hall, was completed and unveiled to students during their orientation programs.

The beautiful new room, with a modern bistro-style atmosphere, comfortably holds



The new "Great Hall" is a beautiful enhancement to Wheeling Central that is not only used for student lunches but is available for school meetings and diocesan functions.

250 people. A new performance stage with the latest in audio-visual and lighting technology was installed, along with other amenities. Additionally, the old band room was transformed into a new Fine Arts Center that provides lockable storage bins for musical instruments, performance risers for choir practice, and sound-proof booths for private instrument practice. The bright new hallway leading to the Fine Arts Center also houses a new area for the Knight Stand school store, storage areas, and an office for CCHS Chaplain Fr. Dennis Schuelkens. And now, too, the hallway



The new stage incorporates state-of-the-art technology including excellent audio-visual, lighting and sound capabilities, as well as a fully automatic 20 ft.x12 ft. drop-down screen.

prominently displays the bronze bust of Bishop Bernard W. Schmitt (Class of '46). Other recent school renovations include new glass doors at all four school entrances and a new camera security system at the main entrance.

"The renovations are astounding," said Dr. Joseph Viglietta, CCHS Principal. "Students, parents, staff and school visitors have all expressed their surprise over just how beautiful the room is...it's as if we are at a university or fancy hotel rather than at Wheeling Central." Viglietta, who has served as CCHS principal for the last 36 years, says these school renovations

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Phase Two Renovations (cont'd from p. 1)

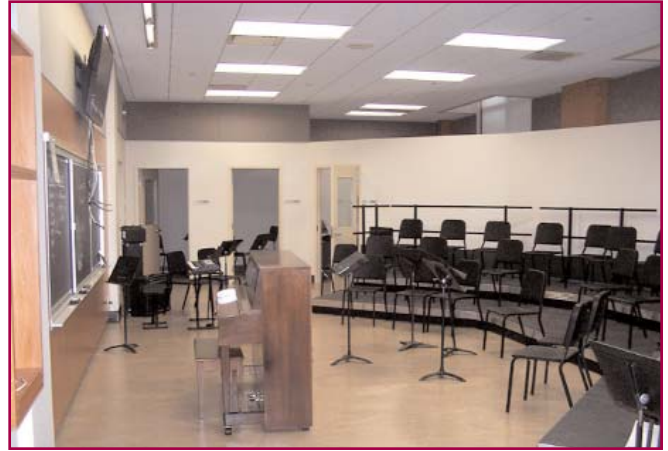
are the most dramatic changes in recent school history.

“We continue to express our utmost gratitude to Bishop Michael Bransfield for spearheading these wonderful changes,” Viglietta added.

This fall, work continues on updating the first floor school chapel. This project will be completed in early November.

With the completion of Phase Two just weeks away, efforts to initiate a Leadership Gift Phase for the Capital Campaign (see *Capital Campaign Status*, p. 2) are underway.

The third and final phase of school renovations will begin in summer '09 and focus on upgrading school offices, student lockers and classrooms.



The Fine Arts Center is used for band and choir practices.



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN STATUS

Over the summer months CCHS, under the auspices of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, worked closely with *Guidance In Giving*, a fund-raising expert for Catholic organizations, to conduct a feasibility study for our Capital Campaign. As a result of this study, CCHS administrators broadened the campaign scope to better address the long-term financial needs of the school.

Thus, in addition to the original \$2.25 million building renovations goal, a \$200,000 short-term tuition assistance goal and a \$4 million tuition endowment goal were established. In achieving these tuition assistance fund-raising goals, we're confident CCHS will be in a stronger, less volatile financial position to allow us to broaden our scholarship program and continue to assist our school families who are financially distressed. With Bishop Bernard Schmitt serving as Honorary Chairman, the Leadership Gift Phase of our Capital Campaign will officially kick-off this fall/winter. Watch for more information!

You're
Invited!

CCHS-SJA ALUMNI OPEN HOUSE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16

We cordially invite all Central Catholic and St. Joseph Academy alumni to attend an **Alumni Open House** on **Sunday, November 16** from **2-4 pm** at **Wheeling Central Catholic High School**. *Come see all the wonderful renovations at your alma mater!* This event is free and open to all alumni and their families and friends.

If you plan to attend, please complete the form below and mail it to: CCHS, c/o Alyson Hurley, Advancement Director, 75-14th Street, Wheeling, WV 26003. *For more information, please contact Alyson Hurley at 304.233.1660.*

Your Name: _____ Maiden Name: _____
 Class: _____ CCHS or SJA Spouse's Name: _____ Class (if applicable): _____
 Address: _____ City _____ ST _____ Zip _____
 Email: _____ Phone: _____
 No. of Guests who will attend: _____

Please also accept my enclosed donation to the CCHS Annual Fund in the amount of \$_____ made by (please circle) check or credit card.

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Dear CCHS and SJA Alumni and Friends,

Wheeling Central Catholic High School is blessed to have the support and generosity of so many alumni, community members, and friends. This year, we welcomed 383 students to Wheeling Central (grades 9-12) to kick-off the new academic year. Our 40 faculty members and administrators are committed to providing these young men and women with a strong academic and spiritual foundation to prepare them for life well beyond high school.

With a senior class-inspired theme of "Inclusion" for 2008-09, all students have been asked to unite and embrace the many opportunities for student involvement available at Wheeling Central. The school currently offers over 50 different spiritual, community outreach, academic and athletic activities. We are so proud of our students' achievements -- academic, spiritual and athletic. Last year, \$4.7 million was awarded in 4-year academic scholarships to two-thirds of the 2008 graduating seniors. Moreover, one-third of the class met the requirements for the WV Promise Scholarship.

The outstanding academic programs and services we provide as a private Catholic high school, can only come about through the funding we received from generous donations, estate bequests, and grants that supplement our general operating budget. These Annual Fund gifts help the school in so many ways: teacher and staff salaries, classroom and lab equipment, school maintenance costs, supplies and student field trips, to name just a few.

With so many exciting building renovations happening at Wheeling Central and the new capital campaign effort now underway, it's easy to forget how important your Annual Fund gift is to our daily operations. Thus, as the end to 2008 draws near, I humbly ask you to consider making your Annual Fund gift for 2008, if you have not already done so. Our Annual Fund goal is \$200,000 and we are striving for 50% participation among our alumni base. Please be assured that your generous gift will be put to wise use in achieving the mission of Catholic education for the students of today and tomorrow.

Blessings to you and your family,

Edward L. Schmitt (CCHS Class of 1966)
CCHS Annual Fund Chairman

"Where your treasure is, there will be your heart also." Matthew 6:19-25

ADVANCEMENT UPDATES**Shopping at Target Stores can benefit CCHS**

We've discovered a terrific way to raise funds for our school. It's very easy, and all you have to do is use your Target® Visa® or Target® Card.



Every time you make a purchase at a Target Store using these credit cards, CCHS receives a percentage of the amount purchased in the form of a cash donation from Target through its Take Charge of Education® program. To date, we have received \$356 from this program, all of which went to the CCHS Annual Fund.

It's easy to sign up! Just visit target.com/tcoe, or call 1-800-316-6142 to designate Wheeling Central for your card purchases -- it takes just a couple of minutes to do! Wheeling Central's School ID Number is 17044.

So if you're going to Target for your holiday shopping, please consider registering and using your Target® Visa® or Target® Card. Grandparents, alumni, neighbors and friends can take part, too.

As always, we truly appreciate your support of Wheeling Central!

New Web site promotes job openings in Wheeling

Check out the new Ohio Valley career website sponsored by the Regional Economic Development Partnership (RED) and Direct Online Marketing -- it's called www.takemehomeohiovalley.com

Brian Komorowski (CCHS Class of '92), finance director of RED, says the site is a great way for alumni who want to move back to the Ohio Valley to learn about job openings in a variety of fields including technology, education and banking. Users can also post their own resumés on the site for participating employers to review. Check it out today!

CCHS/SJA Class Reunions**Class of 1968**

Plans for the 40th Reunion didn't materialize in 2008; therefore, a 41st Reunion will be held in 2009. Look for "save the date" cards in your mail by the end of 2008. For more information, contact Kim (Schenerlein) Wilds at [ding8888@aol.com](mailto:dimg8888@aol.com).

Class of 1989

Our 20th High School Reunion is coming up...Are you available to help plan and organize? Do you have ideas to bring friends and classmates together after all these years? Contact Jeff Cabotaje at jcabotaje@yahoo.com. Plus sign up on Facebook.com to join our Class Group page "Wheeling CCHS Class of '89".

Class of 1993

The CCHS Class of '93 will hold its 15-year Reunion Thanksgiving weekend. We will gather casually at Generations

Pub on Friday, Nov. 28 at 8 pm. There will be a tour of CCHS to see all the school renovations on Saturday, Nov. 29 at 5:30 pm. A dinner will then be held at Undo's in Elm Grove at 7 pm. Please contact Kim Nau Costanzo at 304.243.6909 or kimcostanzo@gmail.com for questions or to update your contact information.

Class of 1998

Planning is underway for the 10th Reunion of the Class of 1998 to be held Dec. 26. For more info, please contact Maureen (Thalman) Kerr (304-243-1212 or maureenkerr@comcast.net) or Cori Clarke (304-231-4431).

Class of 2003

The 5th Reunion for the Class of 2003 is in the planning. Committee volunteers are needed. Please contact Michelle Tolbert at (304) 639-0993.

POST-EVENT NOTES**Class of 1976 and 1977**

The CCHS Classes of 1976 and 1977 once again held their Annual Scholarship Golf Scramble on August 29, 2008 at the Wheeling Country Club. This year's event drew the largest crowd ever with over 130 people golfing and many more joining the golfers at the steak fry. Most of those in attendance were Central alumni from classes spanning over several decades who enjoy renewing friendships more than the golf itself.

Golf Scramble organizers are Becky (Yahn) Droginske, Joe and Cathy (Dallison) Rohrig, and John Sorge from the Class of '76, and Kit (McGrail) Sloane, Lisa (Shia) Kepner, Doug Hennen, and Terry Huffman from the Class of '77. The event, which has been held every year for the past 17 years, always occurs on the Friday of Labor Day Weekend.

Thanks to the generosity of all participants and the many local sponsors, this year's scramble was a huge success with the proceeds going into the scholarship fund established by the two classes. These funds are used to provide an

annual \$1,000 scholarship to a student to attend Central who is chosen by a committee of Central Faculty members.

Class of 1983

The Reunion Committee of the Class of 1983 would like to thank everyone who attended our 25th Class Reunion! It was held on July 5, 2008 at Generations Pub. Classmates and some spouses joined in the fun for a casual time of fellowship, conversation and sharing fond memories. We look forward to seeing you all again soon!

Kim Pauley

To be sure you receive your class reunion information, please keep us updated with your mailing address changes. Send all address changes via mail using the form on p. 8 or you may email your changes to ahurley2@comcast.net.

CCHS ALUMNI NEWS

- 1937 -- Dr. Alvin J. Cummins, Carmel, IN** As a member of the class of '37 and an 89 year-old retired physician, I would love to hear from anyone who might remember me or other members of the Class of '37. I am now living in Indiana. Was the editor of the Centralite during my senior year and fondly remember the Marist Brothers. I would love to have some response to this letter!
- 1938 -- Winifred L. (O'Malley) McGough, St. Clairsville, OH, passed away on July 8, 2007. Her husband, Tom Sr., preceded her in death in 2004. The Academy, and the years she spent there, and the friends she made were always very important to her.**
- 1941 -- Charles J. Schlag, Malvern, PA:** Just a quick note to the Central Catholic Class of 1941...I'm 86, can still pass my flight physical and FAA In Flight Check, so I'm still flying. Only member of my Navy Squadron active in Sport flying from an original 57 pilots. Married 62 years; have 9 grandchildren and 3 great-grandsons. When is the next reunion?
- 1941 -- Theodore B. Singer, CPP, San Antonio, TX:** Still working at Sea World and loving it!
- 1946 -- Jack and Katie (Flading - '46) Fahey, Wheeling, WV:** Celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary on Sept. 6, 2008. They were married Sept. 6, 1948 in St. Joseph's Cathedral, Wheeling, with Jack's cousin, the late Rev. Eugene Schmitt, as celebrant. Witnesses were Blanche Fahey and Bernard Schmitt ('46). Katie is retired from the main office of Convenient Food Mart. Jack was employed for 40 years as yardmaster at the B&O Railroad. He is a former mayor of Wheeling and former Ohio County commissioner. Currently he is employed at Altmeyer Funeral Homes. Jack and Katie are the parents of seven children: Cassie Welsh ('67) and her husband Michael of St. Clairsville, Becky Komorowski ('69) and her husband Michael ('69) of Wheeling, John ('73) and his wife Mary ('78) of Wheeling, Mary Kay Weidman ('75) and her husband Al of Morgantown, Pat ('77) and his wife Tina ('77) of Wheeling, Gene ('81) and his wife Hope of Wheeling, and Tom ('84) and his wife Diane ('87) of Wheeling. They have 17 grandchildren and three great-grandsons. They were honored with a family celebration hosted by their children and grandchildren.
- 1950 -- Eleanor (Henning) Poland, Bristolville, OH:** I was married in 1955, raised four children, have lived in Ohio since 1965. We also have four grandchildren. Greetings to all my classmates of 1950.
- 1950 -- Fred LeMosey Thompson, El Dorado, AR, passed away on June 21, 2008.**
- 1960 -- Carolyn (Dierkes) Polverini, Rialto, CA:** I am retired and have been since age 57, enjoying my life in southern California for 44 years. So much to see out here and so many places to go. Live in lower desert near S.B. mountains, 45 minutes from beach and three hours from Las Vegas.
- 1962 -- (Grace) Eileen Bennett, Knoxville, TN** Recently moved to Knoxville to be nearer to family. Resigned as nurse manager of first Residential Hospice House in TN and managed the home hospice program as well as the facility for 12 years. Married to Allen Bennett for 41 years; five children and six grandchildren.
- 1964 -- John Kupfer, Boerne, TX:** My wife Carmen and I are loving the move to the Texas Hill Country -- hot but low humidity...Beats Chicago big time!
- 1964 -- Ronald A. Witt, Sr., St. Clairsville, OH:** Will be celebrating 41st Wedding Anniversary on October 28, 2008. Ron and Marilou are retired, having a wonderful time. Two grandchildren: Elizabeth (Lizzy) Washine and Emily (Emmi) Witt.
- 1965 -- Lora Lee (Kulpa) Kociban, Wheeling, WV:** Lora and her husband Andy celebrated their 40th Wedding Anniversary on May 11, 2008. They have two children: Mike and his wife Dawn, of Martins Ferry, and Jason of Benwood. They have three grandchildren: Tevin and Bryanna of Martins Ferry and Kelsey of Benwood.
- 1970 -- Rose Mary (Baller) Frasher, Wheeling, WV:** Several of the "Girls" from CCHS Class of '70 get together once a month at local restaurants and just chill out -- We all share pictures, experiences and friendship. All former classmates are welcome. Please call Rosie (242-8401) for details and enjoy the fun!
- 1981 -- John A. Tarr IV, Triadelphia, WV:** President/Owner of West Virginia Business College; Owner of Tarr Construction. Son, John V, received Master's Degree in 2008 from Kansas University; Daughter Alexandria is 5 years old.
- 1987 -- Kris (Gribben) Roberts, Follansbee, WV:** Kris recently won the 2nd Place Columnist Division 6 Award from the West Virginia Press Association, along with awards for creative headline and front page design. She works for the *Brooke County Review Newspaper* as a columnist, feature writer and layout designer. Kris received her awards at the annual WV Press Association Dinner on Aug. 9, 2008.
- 1988 -- Kurt Schreyer, St. Louis, MO:** Kurt has accepted a position as an assistant professor of English Literature at the University of Missouri - St. Louis, specializing in Shakespeare. He and his wife Kim will miss New York City but look forward to returning to the midwest where they met.
- 1992 -- Stanley J. Kaniecki III, Cincinnati, OH:** I just completed my 11th year of teaching high school mathematics. I am currently at Sycamore High School in Cincinnati where I have taught the last seven years. I have been the head varsity boys basketball coach for the last three years. My brother Jack ('99) is my junior varsity coach and also teaches math at McNicholas High School. My wife, Jennifer Messer, and I have been married eight years this past July. Jen has just finished her first year of employment as a family physician for Madeira Family Practice. We have two wonderful daughters: Abigail Rose (4), and Sophia Grace (1). GO KNIGHTS!
- 1999 -- Jesse Smoulder, West Lafayette, OH:** My wife Angie and I welcomed our first child, George "Jadon" on June 28, 2008.



Kris Roberts ('87)

ALUMNI GIFT-GIVING

A generous \$434,440 received for 2007-08 Annual and TAP Funds

We thank our alumni, community members, and friends for their generosity in 2007-08. We recognize the following gifts made to our Annual Fund, Tuition Assistance Program and scholarship funds.

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John Corbett Benefit Concert raised \$50K

We thank the alumni, CCHS students, our staff, the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, and local community members who supported the John Corbett Benefit Concert last April. Because of a matching grant provided by a local family trust, a total of \$50,000 was raised for our Tuition Assistance Program. We also thank our concert sponsors:

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