

AFTER Ward

Spring 2018



BISHOP WARD HIGH SCHOOL

Students REACH Success with Mentorship Program



The Leawood REACH Rotary program has been a staple at Bishop Ward High School for 13 years. Each year, 10 Juniors and 10 Seniors with 4-year college aspirations are matched up with mentors from the community for one-on-one encouragement. Mentors challenge students in the REACH program to set higher goals, expose them to possibilities they may not have considered, help them set timelines, and prepare for their future. “We want to help the students see opportunities, believe in themselves, and create good habits, attitudes, and behaviors to help them in their future endeavors,” said Dr. Ron Slepitz, President of Avila University and director of curriculum for the REACH Rotary program.

“Mentors from the Leawood Rotary come from a variety of different professions including: banking, finance, real estate, construction, sales, law, and education,” says Dave Anderson, volunteer coordinator for REACH. Students and mentors meet on a monthly basis, have lunch, and have a lesson over a practical topic. Topics include ACT preparation, creating resumés, applying for scholarships, interviewing techniques, as well as social issues. “We focus on skills that will help them get to college, but we try to make it fun, too,” continued Anderson.

Students are selected for the program based on teacher recommendations. Incoming Juniors go through two weeks of interviews before the final group of 10 incoming Juniors are selected. The incoming Juniors this year will be introduced at the Annual Welcome Dinner on May 1st. In addition to welcoming new students, 2 outgoing Seniors will be awarded a scholarship of \$1,500 that is renewable over their four years of college.



“How can we help kids achieve what they want in life?” is the aim behind the REACH program according to faculty facilitator Ursula Charbonneau '04. The REACH program, while run by the secular Rotary Club, really has strong Catholic values according to Charbonneau. “The REACH program brings communities together and spreads social capital, which are very Catholic values.”



2018 Reunions

Class of 1956 - 80th Birthday Celebration

May 19th, 2018 at Bishop Ward

5:00 to 9:00 pm

BYOB

\$30.00 per person

Contact for details:

Pat *Slaughter* Antonopoulos 913-631-8577

Margaret *Jones* Long 913-721-2322

Margie *Ruskey* Foley 913-381-8145

Class of 1958 - 60th Class Reunion

October 5th and 6th 2018

\$75 per person by September 1, 2018

Friday, October 5th, 2018

The Village Cooperate of Shawnee

(12830 Johnson Dr. Shawnee, KS)

7:00-11:00 pm

Cocktail party, liquor and beverages served,
hors d' oeuvres provided.

Saturday, October 6th, 2018

The Village Cooperate of Shawnee

6:00-11:00 pm Dinner served at 7:00 pm

Dinner catered by the Hereford House of Shawnee

Complimentary drinks will be served

For information contact Herb Schnieders at

Herbschnieders58@gmail.com

Mail \$75 per person payment to Herb Schnieders,

11224 W. 66th Terr., Shawnee KS 66203

Class of 1966

Saturday, October 6th, 2018

Johnny's Tavern in Shawnee, KS

Check *Class of 1966 Facebook page* for details.

Class of 1967 - Annual Reunion

September 14th, 2018

More details coming.

Class of 1968 - 50th Class Reunion

September 7th and 8th 2018

Friday, September 7th 2018 at Bishop Ward

(Party on the Front Lawn)

6:30-8:30 pm

Casual Dinner Buffet served with wine and soft drinks.

Dress-Casual (watch the weather)

Tours provided and Open House (bring photos)

Saturday, September 8th, 2018

at 2016 Main Event Space

(2016 Main St., KCMO 64108)

4:00 pm Mass at St. Anthony's

5:30-7:00 pm Social/Cocktail Hours

7:00-8:30 pm Dinner

\$65.00 per person

RSVP by July 15th, 2018

Contact Kathy Overcash Favrow with questions
and payment information at KFavrow@aol.com

Class of 1978 - 40th Class Reunion

September 15th 2018 at The Nigro Barn

For more information, please contact:

George Berberick - 913-221-7487

Kevin McCrary - 816-805-6026

Melissa Wiber - 913-226-0590

Class of 1983 - 35th Class Reunion

Join us for an evening of reminiscing and laughter
from 6:00-11:30 pm on Saturday, October 13th,
2018. It's being held at St. John's Social Club. You'll
enjoy dinner, free bowling, and more. Cost and more
details to come. Contact Kathleen Deaver McKinley,
kathleenmckin@gmail.com and follow us on our
Facebook page.

Class of 1987 - 31st Class Reunion

October 6th, 2018 at St. John's Social Club. Planning
a casual and fun evening. More details coming soon.

Contact Albert DeLeon at albedeleon@gmail.com
for more information.



W CLUB Gathering

Friday, May 11th @ Breit's Stein & Deli

The final year-end W Club Gathering will be held on Friday, May 11th at Breit's Stein & Deli starting at 5:00 pm. Food will be provided. Join us in celebrating our many successes off and on the fields of competition. For more information contact Greg Duggins at gduggins@wardhigh.org.

Save the Date

Friday, June 8th, 2018



\$125 per player. Registration includes 18 holes of golf and cart, gift bag, complimentary beverages, catered lunch and dinner, hole contests and team prizes. Sponsorships and In-Kind donations needed.

Contact Greg Duggins at gduiggins@wardhigh.org for more information.

Saturday, September 29th, 2018



Bishop Ward High School will hold our 40th Annual Auction. Join us on Saturday, September 29th, 2018 at the Uptown Theater for a night of food, drinks, entertainment, and silent and live auction. All proceeds benefit the student scholarship fund, making it possible for every student to receive a quality Catholic education in Wyandotte County. You won't want to miss this event! For more information contact Sydney Normile in the Development Office at snormile@wardhigh.org or call 913-229-3842.

: Lesslie Martinez '15 Recieves Lab Coat Honor



Lesslie Martinez '15 is a high-achieving student who dreams of becoming a doctor. With that in mind, she set her sights on Newman University's esteemed Pre-Med program. While prestigious, the program at Newman can be very difficult. Of the 120 students in her freshman class, Lesslie is one of just 25 Juniors and Seniors left at this point. "So many realize that this is just not for them," said Lesslie.

Newman recognized Lesslie and her fellow upperclassmen in a Lab Coat Ceremony, held on January 18th. "This is not an easy undertaking. It's a pretty major thing to do and to succeed at doing," said Associate Professor of Biology Michael Bradley, Ph.D. "You students, in this

room tonight, have accomplished more than I think you realize at this moment. I don't think you understand that there are lots of folks who have not accomplished what you have."

This first-ever ceremony also kicked off a mentorship program, in which Lesslie and other lab coat recipients will mentor underclassmen in science and math courses outside of class. In addition to her studies and mentorship duties, Lesslie will continue to work at her part-time job in a nearby hospital as an ER Scribe.

Lesslie is excited about the future and hopes to attend the University of Kansas' Medical School. "10-15 students each year are accepted to KU's Med school from Newman, so I like my chances," said Lesslie. When asked about other schools she might like to attend, she stated no other school came close. "I'm very family oriented, and I want to stay close to home," Lesslie replied.

Spring Musical Whenever

The Bishop Ward Drama Department performed their Spring Musical, *Whenever* by Alan Ayckbourn. The play, loosely derived from *The Wizard of Oz*, is about a young Victorian girl named Emily (played by Senior Diane Turrel) who travels back and forth in time to avert a disaster. The play was well received and more than 300 were in attendance from March 1-3rd.



The Drama Department chose a time-traveling theme for both of their productions this year. They chose this musical to compliment *Columbus and the Tesla Box*, their fall production custom written for the Bishop Ward Drama Department by Kansas City playwright Lezlie Revelle-Zucker. "It was fun to do a different take on a similar theme," said Senior Andrea Leon Madrigal.



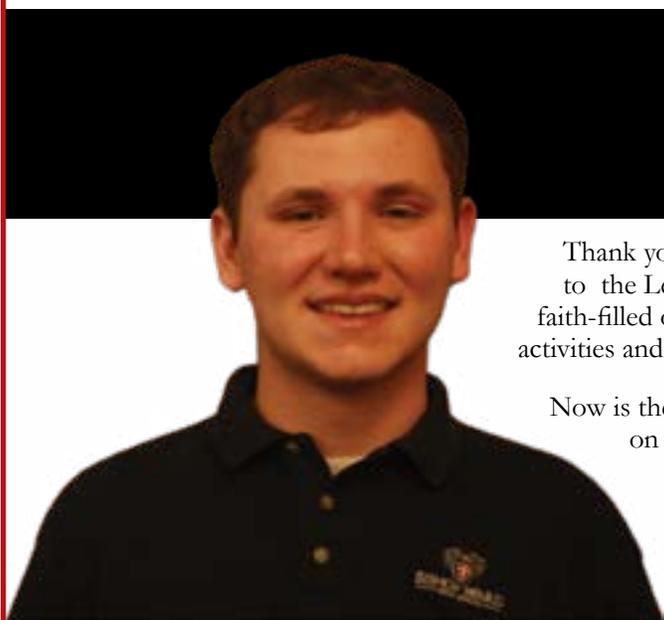
Dinner with Archbishop

Bishop Ward High School alumni and guests dined with Archbishop Naumann in his home on March 7th. Archbishop delighted guests with a personal tour of his home and a delicious dinner.

Would you like to dine with Archbishop? Look for this popular item and others at the 40th Annual Auction on September 29th at the Uptown Theater!



Pictured left to right, Mark Madsen, Dr. Mike Bartkoski, Stephen Mayer, BeaMarie Mayer, Mary Beth Forsythe, Archbishop Naumann, Patty Bartkoski, Mike Forsythe, Damian Brandenburg, Malina Baehr



Legacy & Tradition
Annual Fund

Thank you for your support of students like Adam Wilson with your gift to the Legacy and Tradition Annual Fund. Students like Adam are provided faith-filled opportunities in which to pursue academic excellence, extra-curricular activities and more.

Now is the time to make a statement that Catholic education belongs right here on 18th Street! Student financial need is at an all-time high. We need your help to continue these great programs and provide resources that empower students to reach their most ambitious goals.

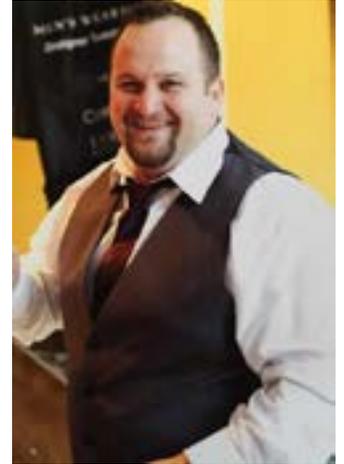
To donate use the attached envelope, visit wardhigh.org/ssl/donate, or call 913-371-6901 today!

Lou-Hoolie: Live Like Lou



On March 24th, Bishop Ward held a “Lou-Hoolie,” an event which benefits the newly named Louis Scherzer ’05 Endowment. This Fund will provide scholarships that will ensure future education for Bishop Ward Cyclone students for generations. Louie Scherzer was a bright light in the halls of Bishop Ward High School, an asset on the Football Team, and adored by his teachers and friends.

Just over a year ago, our community lost this dear friend. Louie Scherzer loved his family, his friends and his community. He would go out of his way to help a stranger, and he looked out for his fellow neighbor. Loved by many, his light continues to shine, which challenges us every day to “Live Like Lou.” The Lou-Hoolie Event brought many friends and family together to celebrate the life and legacy of Louie, and raised over \$25,000 for his Endowment Fund at Bishop Ward. To make a donation to the Louis Scherzer ’05 Endowment Fund, visit wardhigh.org/endowment.

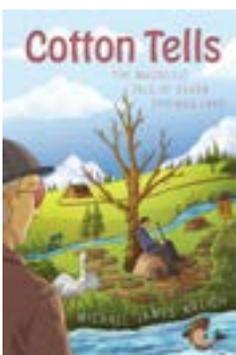


For more information on Endowment Funds call or email:

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913-229-3819

Class of 1967 Endowment

The Class of 1967 held their 50th reunion last September, and from that gathering came new and renewed friendships. Class members are working to establish a lasting legacy for Bishop Ward High School. You can be a part of a student’s future, by helping them with the gift of a lifetime through our newly established Endowment. The Class of 1967 Endowment will secure a great, Catholic education for years to come.



Mike Kolich ’67, a newly published author, has offered to donate \$5.00 for each book sold to the 1967 Endowment Fund. Books are available online at mascotbooks.com. Enter code **cyclones** at checkout, then \$5 per book will be donated to the endowment.



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EDUCATION OF THE BODY, MIND AND SPIRIT THROUGH CHRIST

Students Celebrate Adoration with Archbishop Naumann



On March 6th, it was beginning to snow as our students made the short trek to the Cathedral of Saint Peter to join Archbishop Joseph Naumann for their Annual Adoration Mass. Eucharistic Adoration is adoring or honoring the Eucharistic Presence of Christ. In a deeper sense, it involves “the contemplation of the Mystery of Christ truly present before us”.

During Eucharistic Adoration, students “watch and wait,” remain silent in His Presence and open themselves to His Graces which flow from the Eucharist. Like a magnet, The Lord draws us to Himself and gently transforms us. With live praise and worship music playing, students come to the altar with Archbishop Naumann in small groups for silent contemplative prayer. Adoration has become a cherished tradition in the spiritual lives of the students of Bishop Ward.

