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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

You are about to win something very, very special. This was the fortune cookie message I received the night before the auction. I shared this fortune with everyone as part of my opening comments; "We've anticipated KATCH for 365 days, excited for the people in this room, to unexpectedly win something very, very special." Little did I know that I would be the one who was the unexpected recipient of something very, very special.

It began with our volunteers. The amazing Lydia Delmore and Rikke Maudslein have been an extraordinary gift. For six years, they have taken little and done much to redefine the Goodwin Gymnasium and turn it into a magical place. Those who set up, staged, parked cars, banked and were on clean-up all have an amazing story, too. To watch them labor for the greater good was overwhelming – and demonstrates the selflessness that is the Lancer Family.

Todd and Janelle Reber, our auction chairs, are a fixture in the city of Kent. Prior to Kennedy Catholic, their daughter was enrolled in nine different schools. While their choice is flattering, and to be sure our faculty and staff deserve all of the credit, it is their faith life and willingness to share it with others that is so attractive. Their story and their contributions of their many gifts are what make Kennedy Catholic unique and influential.

Our sponsors helped us pre-raise over \$120,000 and all had a story behind each gift. This is a new occurrence for me as President. When the anonymous gift of \$40,000 was announced, behind it there was yet another story that I believe will end with an unexpected decision by the donor to send their last two children to Kennedy Catholic.

Our international table, a long overdue invitation, opened the eyes of our community to the richness of a 30-year-old gift of global citizenship. The Chinn's extended an invitation for me to tell the Kennedy Catholic story in Taishan, China last November. Laughingly, as I was about to approach the podium at a major gathering of city officials, school personnel and ministers of education, I was urged to start with, *Jesus loves you*. Now, after last night, I am not sure that I needed to!

From our parent community I heard: the holy story of the transformation of a senior, freed from a challenge his freshman year because of SEARCH, seeing his fullest potential clearly for the first time; two freshmen parents from public school who tell of the challenges their students felt about the "prayer thing," to now seeing their son's praying before tests or athletic contests. There were also the fathers who spoke about the Lancer Dad's survey, excited to get started; to discover what it means to be a Dad in the image and likeness of Christ.

Our alumni, celebrating our past with their presence and inspiring our future, shared their early uncertainties and now seeing it clearly. For me, this involved some reconciliation and warm embraces.

Our faculty and staff, the most we've ever had, were in attendance supporting each other. Stephanie and the Advancement team, supporting an initiative that envelopes all that defines us and having fun at the same time, was emotional and unexpected for me to witness.



Mike Prato - President

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Nancy Bradish - Principal

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

For the last two years Kennedy Catholic prepared for our accreditation through the Western Catholic Educational Association (WCEA). The process concluded with a visit by an Accreditation team the end of February 2017. During the 2015-2016 school year we began data collection in five standards: Catholic Identity, School Organization, Teaching & Learning, Student Support and Material Stewardship. At the beginning of the 2016-2017 school year we met with integral teams to write our self-study. The teams reviewed the data collection results and began to identify key strengths and growth areas. We completed our self-study in December with vital growth areas for the next accreditation cycle identified.

The Accreditation Team, comprised of 6 members from various Catholic Diocese schools, visited and confirmed the results of the study from February 26-March 1, 2017. They spent their days visiting classrooms, meeting with

faculty, staff, students and parents and listening to the ISLE presentations. They also had the opportunity to celebrate Mass with us on Ash Wednesday.

We were very excited to have the opportunity to showcase our students and staff and all of the great work being done here at Kennedy Catholic!

As noted by the visiting team, our work is the work of the gospels. Everything we do is defined by our mission. Our self-study was confirmed by the visiting team, who all left better for the experience of having been here to witness the Kennedy Catholic family.

On March 2, the first reading was from the Book of Deuteronomy. The passage resonated for me, as it is our mission and vision- if we continue to choose God, and keep His ways, the rest is easy! (1 Dt 30:15-16)

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Thank you!



On Saturday, April 1 over 300 members of the Kennedy Catholic community came together to celebrate and support our school – and to KATCH a little Spring Fever. The generosity, energy and passion for the Lancer Family is awe-inspiring.

Extraordinary bidding helped us raise over \$470,000 and an astounding \$201,500 was contributed during the Paddle Raise which will have an immediate impact on our students. New classroom furniture will arrive for the start of the 2017-18 school year.

THANK YOU to everyone who made the night a tremendous success and spectacularly fun - we are so grateful. A huge thank you to Todd and Janelle Reber for serving as our Chairs and to everyone seen and unseen for creating an amazing celebration of our school. Our success wouldn't have been possible without the contributions and partnership of our auction sponsors:

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Irish Eyes Garden Seeds

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We are humbled by the incredible dedication of our community and the spirit of giving of our guests. If you weren't able to attend but would still like to contribute to the Fund-an-Item to help us purchase new classroom furniture, you can [donate on our website](#). Select 2017 KATCH Auction Fund-an-Item in the Donation Designation field.

Visit our website to [view the photo gallery](#) from this memorable night.





SPORTS NEWS

Track and Field Athlete Named WIAA Athlete of the Week



Sophomore track and field standout Marissa T. was selected as the Washington Interscholastic Activities Association 4A Girl Athlete of The Week for the week of March 12-18 (Week 28).

Marissa earned her recognition on the merits of winning both the 1600M and 3200M races in the season-opening meet vs. Mt. Rainier. This on the heels of a strong fall season where she earned her 2nd consecutive trip to the State Cross Country meet.

Marissa becomes the third Lancer this school year to be recognized by the WIAA, joining Jared T. (Week 4, football) and Nick F. (Week 7, golf) in celebration.

Dance and Drill Compete at State Competition

Congratulations to our dance and drill squad who qualified for and competed in last months WIAA State Competition, performing in the dance, kick and pom categories.

The Lancers earned an exceptional rating in kick (finishing in 6th place), and excellent ratings in both dance and pom. Congratulations to the girls and to coaches Katie Burns and Jeannie Dailey for the accomplishment.



Baseball Team Travels, Plays, Bonds on Early Season Trip

With spring sports getting off to a soggy start this season, Head Baseball Coach Dale Dolejsi looked for ways to not only get some early season games in, but to also bring his varsity team closer together. In what has now become an annual trip, the varsity team and coaching staff travelled east of the mountains for a weekend, where they were able to play two games and experience something far different from their normal day-to-day life.

The team stayed at Assistant Coach Mark O'Neil's family ranch, where they bunked together and experienced a bit of ranch life (pictured is senior Nick H. in uniform on a horse). In addition to earning victories over Davis and West Valley High Schools in Yakima, the team was able to spend quality time together, strengthening a bond that will undoubtedly help them navigate the season ahead.





Save the Date for GiveBig 2017!

We are pleased to announce Seattle Foundation's seventh annual GiveBIG will be Wednesday, May 10, 2017!

GiveBIG is the Seattle Foundation's annual 24-hour online giving campaign. All donations made through GiveBIG will benefit Kennedy Catholic.

Donations of all sizes are accepted, appreciated and help make our programs strong and make a major difference in the lives of our students.

If you haven't yet given this year, or have an outstanding Annual Fund pledge, this is a great opportunity to give.

Let's do this. Together. GiveBIG!



Public Policy/Honors Social Justice Students

The Public Policy/Honors Social Justice students travelled to Olympia for the annual Catholic Advocacy Day to meet with several senators and legislators from the 34th and 37th Districts. Senator Rebecca Saldaña '95 was incredibly gracious and shared her story of fighting for social justice, particularly farm workers rights and those in poverty. Several students presented their stance on certain bills currently in the House and Senate related to Catholic Social Teaching and urged our elected officials for support. Students also took part in the annual "register to vote" event in Secretary of State Kim Wyman's office.



2017 Sophomore Service Fair

On Monday, March 20 Kennedy Catholic hosted it's annual Sophomore Service Fair. The Sophomore Class and representatives from 20 nonprofit organizations gathered in the gym during advisory. Sophomores moved from table to table, learning about different volunteer opportunities in preparation for their 30 hour ISLE project that will be completed during junior year.

A big thank you to all the nonprofit organizations attending: 4US; Camp Waskowitz; CCS Volunteer Chore Services; CCS Youth Tutoring Program; First Tee; Global Visionaries; Habitat for Humanity; Kennedy Catholic High School NOLA Spring Break Trip; King County Public Library Teen Services; Lifelong; North Seatac BMX; Only Serving Love; Operation Sack Lunch; OSPREY Camp; Outdoors for All; Parent University; UGM Youth Services; West Side Baby; White Center Food Bank; and Wilderness Awareness.



Kennedy Catholic Students Named Washington State Finalists for National History Day Event

Three hundred twenty middle and high school students from the South Puget Sound took part in the regional-level National History Day event on March 23, 2017. Students represented ten schools from King County south of Interstate 90 to the county border, Pierce, and Thurston. Ninety-three were selected as state finalists and will go on to represent the South Puget Sound at the State competition, which takes place at Green River Community College on April 29, 2017.

National History Day is an academic enrichment program for students in grades 6-12. Students select topics connected to an annual theme and complete their own in-depth research on the topic. This year, the annual theme is "Taking A Stand in History". Students present their conclusions by creating museum-style exhibits, media documentaries, research papers, interactive websites, and dramatic performances.

The regional event is the second step in a competition cycle that can take students from the school level to regional, state, and national competitions. At each level of competition students share their work with their peers, historians, educators, and professionals in related fields as they compete for special awards and the opportunity to advance to the next level of competition.

Participation in the program continues to grow with more than 500,000 students participating annually across the nation. The National History Day program in Washington is coordinated by the Washington State Historical Society.

Kennedy Catholic took 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the Senior Exhibit category, and 18 ninth graders are going to the State Competition for a chance to travel to Washington, D.C. and compete in the National Competition in June.

Category: Individual Exhibit

Second Place: Einstein's Dilemma: To Build a Bomb or Not to Build a Bomb
Students: Cristian E.

Category: Group Exhibit

First Place: Rappers "Stand Tall" Against Racism
Students: Cory H., Joseph C., Kevin L., Brandon D.

Second Place: Tiananmen Square; Taking a Stand for Freedom
Students: Kateri R., Jacqueline S.

Third Place: "La Résistance": The People's Stand Against the Nazis

Students: Garrett B., Audrey B., Pearl M., Kenneth H.

Category: Group Documentary

Second Place: Baryshnikov Pointes to Freedom

Students: Emily B., Tinsae S., Darla D., Mara D.

Third Place: John F. Kennedy- The End of a War that Never Started

Students: Tanner S., Cole S., Lucky R.

Category: Group Website

Second Place: Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Susan B Anthony, and Alice Paul in the Women's Suffrage Movement.

Students: Madison R., Mackenzie D., Sarynn G.

Third Place: Taking a Stand Against Genocide in Rwanda

Students: Claire O., Hanna H., Anna S.



Mother/Daughter Event

Thank you to the Kennedy Catholic Parent Club who sponsored the Mother/Daughter event. Moms and daughters came together for mass with Fr. Bryan Dolejsi followed by a beautiful brunch and then, with the help of the Broad Strokes Paint Ladies, were taken through a step by step tutorial to create their own beautiful painted masterpiece. The results were unique and special.



Celebrating
Grandparents and Family Friends
of Kennedy Catholic High School
May 12, 2017 • 9:00AM

Please join us for a reception, memory photos and school tours,
followed by a Liturgy and May Crowning Mass.

We welcome grandparents of current students or alumni,
Lancer friends and alumni who are grandparents,
and all our special friends!

RSVP
kennedyhs.org/grandparentsday by May 5

Questions
dahleens@kennedyhs.org

Artwork by Lancer student: Chloe D. (gr.10)

[Click here to RSVP](#)



Rotary Students of the Month

Each month the Burien White Center Rotary recognizes students who:

- Continuously provide service to the local community and/or in the community outside the school
- Maintain a positive attitude toward others and toward learning
- Act respectful to peers and teachers
- Work to improve and/or maintain good grades
- Practice good citizenship
- Actively participate in classroom discussions and activities

Congratulations to Amire M. and Aimee H.

Rosellini Dinner Survey

As a school organization, we strive to provide our constituents the opportunity to offer feedback so we can ensure the continual improvement of our events. The annual Rosellini Scholarship Dinner, which takes place in January, offers an opportunity to come together with great food, great people and for a great cause. In honor of Governor Albert D. Rosellini, and coordinated by the dedicated efforts of Joe Faccone, proceeds from the dinner benefit the Rosellini Scholarship Fund at Kennedy Catholic High School.

In partnership with Joe Faccone, we have created the following survey and would appreciate your feedback. Please help us ensure the continued success of this event by completing this short survey.

[Click here for survey.](#)

The Knowledge Bowl

The Knowledge Bowl team made it to the semi-finals at the State Tournament on Saturday for the second year in a row. The team ended the year with a Sixth place finish.

The six State team members were Captain Allison Z., Florence A., Sam C., Alena F., Max G., and Alex M. Congratulations to all 20+ the members of Knowledge Bowl who worked so hard this year to get our team to State.





ALUMNI NEWS

Alumna Profile: Rebecca Saldana '95

In March of 2017, students from Kennedy Catholic's Public Policy and Honors Social Justice Classes had the opportunity to sit down in Olympia with recently appointed State Senator Rebecca Saldaña '95. Rebecca has always been a passionate supporter of social justice; striving for leadership roles and opportunities. Now, she is able to share those experiences with students from her alma mater, who may one day aspire to be where she is.

Growing up, Rebecca had an early exposure to fellow students being bullied and excluded. She always felt the desire to work to counteract those experiences. So, when she started at Kennedy Catholic, Rebecca focused on being an inclusive member of the school community, constantly making an effort to reach out to all groups of students. She participated in anything and everything that sounded interesting to her, including being a member of Cross Country, SKY club, Science Club, Spanish Honors Society, KOOKS, and Co-Editor of the Yearbook.

It wasn't just other students she learned from. Rebecca remembers Brian McCluskey as a champion of leadership and decision making skills. He treated students like adults and challenged them to really look at the world. Myrna Moffatt pushed her study of Spanish forward, but also helped her with self-discovery of her heritage.

Rebecca studied Theology at Seattle University before working as a union organizer with the farmworkers union of Oregon, PCUN, and as the Executive Director for Puget Sound Sage. Through her journey, Rebecca is especially proud of her involvement in the 2016 Ms. Foundation Public Voices Fellows Program. The program is an initiative that focuses on the importance of having women's voices represented, and provided coaching from mentors.

Voted *Most Likely to Succeed* in her Senior yearbook, Rebecca believes this reflects her classmates' confidence in her ability to lead, and is honored to be serving in the State Senate.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Joey Meier '92 on his retirement from the Navy!



Save the Date!

The Second Annual Derek R. Orozco Memorial Golf Tournament

Sunday, July 30, 2017

Shotgun Start at 1:30pm

Auburn Municipal Golf Course



Registration will open soon!

Kennedy Catholic is on LinkedIn!

We're thrilled to announce the launch of the Kennedy Catholic Alumni Association LinkedIn page! Here, you'll find connections with fellow alumni and updates on Kennedy Catholic news and events. We encourage you to share articles you find interesting, and invite fellow alumni to join. We're so glad you're a part of our Lancer family. Click here to join today!

For any questions, contact [Rebecca Nuffer](#), Alumni Relations Manager.

Attention Classes of 1977, 1987, 1997 and 2007!

Your Alumni Class Page is the perfect place to connect with classmates, and plan reunions. The pages are being updated as reunion details are finalized, but you can also use the Discussion boards to share suggestions. If you are interested in helping plan your reunion, contact [Rebecca Nuffer](#), Alumni Relations Manager.

Happy Birthday!



Happy Birthday to our April Alumni! We wish you a wonderful year ahead. To make sure your name makes it into this section, head over to our [Alumni page](#) and fill in the form under "Help Us Update Our Records".

Click on the cake to see the April birthdays.

FINE ARTS NEWS

The Dream of Camelot Lives On!

Over 35 student performers and technicians moved into the Highline Performance Center the week of March 13-19. They put in a 40 hour week - in addition to their regular school week - to prepare for and present the annual musical. Camelot was well received and well attended, with many in the audience remarking about the power of the Kennedy-Camelot connection.



Regional Solo and Ensemble Contest

On March 11, nearly half of the choral department participated in the regional solo and ensemble contest at Hazen High School. All participants received excellent and superior ratings on solo and chamber music that was prepared independently. Kennedy Catholic has some state bound singers and alternates. State is April 28 for ensembles and April 29 for soloists in Ellensburg, WA. Congratulations to the following vocalists:

2nd Alternate

Kolbe R., grade 9- tenor
Treble Trio- Rianna M., Florence A.,
Coral B., grade 11

1st Alternate

Excalibur
Trio- Grace C., Sehee S.,
Helena D., grade 12

Winner- moves on to state

Jaclyn S., grade 11- soprano
Chandler W., grade 10- baritone

Duet- Jaclyn S.,
Lauren P., grade 11

Quartet- Jaclyn S., Helena D.,
Steven T., Henry Y.

Excalibur

Excalibur will be touring our partner schools this month on April 6 and 12 and is excited to share a half hour set of music with potential future Lancers.

A Night at the Opera

All choir students will attend the Seattle Opera's production of "The Magic Flute" on May 3 as a culmination of an opera unit. Special thanks to David Vinson for his help in arranging this inspirational experience!

Student Art Walk

The Student Art Walk represents schools in the Burien area and Kennedy Catholic has been invited to participate. Our students will have work displayed at Glass Expressions: 648 SW 152nd St, Burien, WA

The Art Walk is on May 5 from 6-9pm

Elementary Band Program

It's Spring and that means concert time! St. Anthony School will kick-off the season with a performance on April 27 in the Kennedy Catholic gym at 6:30p.m.

The annual Band Festival will be held on May 17 at 7p.m. at Kennedy Catholic High School.

Come and join in this musical celebration of our Catholic schools!



For more fine arts news, see the [BSHARP newsletter](#) or like our [Facebook page!](#)

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

When I look at the bottom line, while the dollars were amazing, and after all is said and done will exceed \$500,000 for the second year in a row, that is a tremendous accomplishment we can all embrace. I left with more than two Glassy Babies (yes, an unexpected win). I gained renewed hope, partners for life and miraculous stories that will sustain me and Kennedy Catholic for years to come.

What it felt like on Saturday night was an intimacy that can only be explained by the Grace of God. Thank you for your own unique contribution to a night I will not soon forget.

