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## IN THE NEWS

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New this year, check out our podcast [here!](#)



## ON THE COVER

Students from the Sophomore Solidarity Retreat work together in the kitchen to prepare meals for homeless shelters, tent cities, and low-income families.

Read more on page 5.



A Note from Mike Prato, *President*

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**Therefore go and make  
disciples of all nations.  
*Matthew 28:19***

In 2011, I had the opportunity to travel to Kenya with a group representing the Friends of Seattle Mombasa Schools. For the next ten days, I taught English to 8th graders in Ndavaya and ministered to the community with Fr. Gerald. While experiencing life without the comforts for which I was accustomed (no running water or electricity), I learned more about hospitality, teaching and the mission of the Church than in all my previous years working in ministry. I discovered how singing, dancing and more dancing can bring our faith alive. It was there I met Juliet Odera, who at the time, was working with the late Archbishop Lele of Mombasa. I think about that trip and those I met in Ndavaya daily! Was this experience an example of the commission laid out by Jesus in Matthew's Gospel?

Since then, Juliet has been to visit several times and each time, we meet as brother and sister with the hope to join forces for something that will positively impact both. While other schools in the Seattle area sponsor students for various secondary and post-secondary options from Kenya, none have the capacity to offer a Catholic high

school education and a diploma that pledges college and university placement in the USA, Europe and Asia.

I received a call from Juliet last spring telling me of an amazing Catholic family with a son named Irvin, who would be an ideal candidate for sponsorship. Catholic, athletic, academically talented, involved and committed to setting a standard of excellence in whichever school he attends. His personal statement, teacher recommendations, academic transcript and Skype interview demonstrate this. With a legacy international program of over thirty years and a desire to diversify the international student population, Kennedy Catholic is a perfect fit.

I received a gracious note from Irvin's mother and father, and of course from Juliet, extending their overwhelming appreciation. The average person reading this might make the mistake and assume we are living out the commission to evangelize to all nations as Jesus has commanded. What is really happening? We've just welcomed our newest future evangelist to Kennedy Catholic. Kenya will now be witness to the beauty of the Lancer family.



A Note from Nancy Bradish, *Principal*

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**The words I heard expressed by those we served remind us why it is so important to stand in solidarity and to care for our neighbors.**

**The falling leaves and temperature** remind us of the year's progress. As the seasons change, we begin to anticipate the holiday season that will soon be upon us. We actively give thanks for the bounty and joy that surrounds us.

We are members of more than one family. We have our “home” family, our “Lancer” family, our “parish” family and I believe we also have a “neighborhood” and “world” family. At Kennedy Catholic the sense of family is real - it is felt by all who enter the building. It permeates all we do. While it is easy to find ways to spend time and interact with our home, Lancer and parish families, it is not always so easy for us to be with our neighborhood and world families.

On November 5, our Sophomore Girls participated in the Solidarity Retreat, an opportunity to encounter Christ in themselves, their classmates and in the community. We spent time in prayer and reflection. We spent time working with and for those in need. We spent time learning about poverty and the marginalized.

During the evening service portion, our girls spent time breaking bread with those in need. The girls made the food earlier in the afternoon and provided a hot supper at a variety of locations throughout our community. The words I heard expressed by those we served remind us why it is so important to stand in solidarity and to care for our neighbors: “you are the light, you are the future, you are angels”.

The girls also shared their takeaways in both word and art: “we have to feel with, we are connected, and their prayer- Bless the people rich in heart and when they struggle keep them close.” And so this Thanksgiving I will give thanks- for all my “families” and for my hands that I can use for God's work.

Happy Thanksgiving and God Bless.

*See how patient a farmer is as he waits for his land to produce precious crops. He waits patiently for the autumn and spring rains. You also must be patient. Keep your hopes high, for the day of the Lord's coming is near.*

James 5:7-8



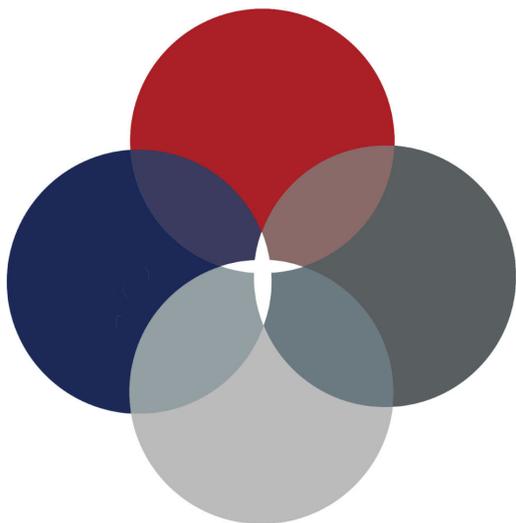
## FALL SEARCH RETREAT

In October, 45 juniors and seniors participated in the Fall Search Retreat. Led by Aaron B., Kayla N., and 18 other dedicated senior leaders, and a host of faculty and staff, the Fall Search brought the Searchers on a journey of discovery and faith. The retreat culminated with a family Mass at the retreat site, led by our Chaplain, Fr. Jose Alvarez. The closing mass, like the retreat itself, was like a meeting of heaven and earth, commented one of the adults on retreat, a place of reconciliation and love. We give thanks to God for a great Fall Search and continue to pray for the upcoming Winter Search, this December 6-8. Never Stop Searching!



## TO THE HEIGHTS!

Young women from the sophomore class participated in the Sophomore Solidarity Retreat in early November. This retreat focused on being a woman for others while providing context for the people they would serve. The day started with a poverty simulation that gave students a brief experience as a low-income family over the course of a “month.” Students reflected on their experience as frustrating, eye-opening, and uncomfortable. Later, the students prepared food for the communities they serve in the evening. Groups visited tent cities, homeless shelters, and low-income housing to serve and share a meal.



# JOIN US

*December 3, 2018*

*Kennedy Catholic  
Strategic Plan  
Focus Group*

## VERSO L'ALTO

**Kennedy Catholic Strategic Plan 2019-2025: Please join us on December 3!**

Kennedy Catholic is defining today what Catholic high school education should look like in the future. We are delivering on daring initiatives preparing graduates for college and exciting careers. We are creating a place of success for all students with no one waiting on the sidelines.

Our next strategic plan “Verso l’Alto” (To the Heights) will bring fresh objectives to our mission and vision and offer an ambitious agenda for capitalizing on our strengths. The plan will solicit widespread input through surveys, town meetings, discussion groups and interviews with key constituents. It will unveil our belief that something extraordinary is happening at Kennedy Catholic.

To support this thoughtful analysis and gather insight from our entire school community, we will be conducting two focus groups on Monday, December 3. Please consider participating in one of these groups and help spread the word to other alumni, parents and community members.

The focus group sessions will be held Monday, December 3 from 7-8am and from 7-8pm in the Kennedy Catholic Library and Dillman Center. We are offering two time slots to best accommodate your work and family schedules and the meeting format will be identical. Join us for coffee and pastries in morning, or beverages and appetizers in the evening.

We look forward to collaborating with you as we plan for our future! We hope you can encourage as many of your friends and neighbors to attend one of these meetings. All are welcome.

For more information and to stay updated on strategic planning, visit our [website](#).



## 2018 ANNUAL FUND DRIVE AND GIVING TUESDAY

From academic programs and student scholarships to athletics and co-curricular programs, Annual Fund gifts directly support the student experience in countless and profound ways. Annual Fund contributions are the mainstay of Kennedy Catholic's fundraising efforts. Each year your donation is used where the need is greatest and has the potential to change the lives of our students. Participating at an amount meaningful to your family is at the heart of this annual appeal. All gifts are 100% tax deductible and donations of all sizes are appreciated - your gift has the power to inspire others to give.

Donate online [here](#).

Consider giving to the Annual Fund on #GivingTuesday

**Giving Tuesday** is the day when charities, families, businesses, community centers, and students around the world will come together for one common purpose: to celebrate generosity and to give. It's a simple idea. Join others with a donation to Kennedy Catholic High School.



## MONSTER MASH

Thank you to the Kennedy Catholic Parent Club who hosted the annual Father Daughter Dance! The Monster Mash themed night was a huge success with over one hundred people in attendance who enjoyed dinner, dancing, and dressing up in their best Halloween costumes. We hope to see you next year!



## ARTS AND CRAFTS FAIR

Make sure to stop by the Arts and Crafts Fair on December 1 from 9-4pm. Please contact [artsandcrafts@kennedyhs.org](mailto:artsandcrafts@kennedyhs.org) or check out our [website](#) for more information.

## LANCER GEAR AS A CHRISTMAS GIFT



Order before November 15 for you to pick-up from the school before Christmas.

**Spirit Gear Order Details:** For Christmas delivery, order by November 15 and your order will arrive at school for pick-up on December 13 from 2-4pm.

**Pick Up:** All items can be picked up at Kennedy Catholic High School in the concession stand - gymnasium entrance only during the designated times listed on our website.

For more information and to access the new store:

[SCHOOL STORE](#)

KENNEDY CATHOLIC BOOSTER CLUB



## SAVE THE DATE: CRAB FEED

This annual event starts at 5:00pm and raffle tickets will be available throughout the night. At 6:30pm dinner will be served. The menu includes beer, salad, garlic bread and crab with butter kits available for purchase. After dinner, stop by the photobooth for some fun pictures and dance the night away! Tickets: \$60/person or \$65 after January 1, 2018. The Crab Feed will be an open seating event – doors open at 2pm for table decorating. Tickets are available [here](#). If you have questions contact [crabfeed@kennedyhs.org](mailto:crabfeed@kennedyhs.org).



## All Souls' Day

### ALL SOULS' DAY PRAYERS

What is on your heart today? Your prayers will be placed in our intentions book and will be included in our mass intentions.

Click [here](#) for more information.

### OPEN HOUSE

On November 1, over 320 prospective families toured the halls of Kennedy Catholic at our annual Open House. Future Lancers were able to interact with teachers from different departments, listen to presentations on academics and counseling, and learn more about the wide range of clubs and athletics that Kennedy Catholic has to offer. Our wonderful orchestra, choir and praise band also performed throughout the night.

Thank you to all those who attended the Open House and the many volunteers that made this event a soaring success.





## ALUMNI PROFILE: THERESA CHAMBERS '81

Joy. That's what Theresa Chambers' '81 life has been centered around. Bringing joy to those who surround her. As a student at Kennedy Catholic, she used her talent in dance to bring joy. She also gives and receives joy from her daughter Ashley, who is working towards becoming a chaplain. Joy is the main focus her career is built around; showing companies how to create positive work environments. Through it all, Theresa has made her mark. Not always the outgoing person she is now, she spent her school years at Kennedy Catholic with her group of 'the Fearsome Foursome' - her very best friends Bernadette Ferguson, Karen Marsland, and Donna Hoglund. Bernie (Bernadette) was also by Theresa's side on the dance floor, even receiving support at a performance from one of their favorite Kennedy Catholic teachers, Mr. Fish, and his wife. Mr. Fish was a great storyteller and brought the Bible to life for his students.

After graduating from school and leaving the dance floor behind, Theresa found her place creating positive work environments. For more than a dozen years, she worked with the City of Seattle and a wonderful team developing programs around employee recognition. The goal was to make employees feel valued, just as her team did for her. Seeing what could be possible, Theresa created her own consulting company, Recognition Works, to help teams build stronger, more supportive cultures. She used her expertise from her years of practice to grow her firm, and was recognized by the U.S. Small Business Administration Home Based Business Champion for Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Alaska. This year, after months of planning, Theresa hosted a conference on employee recognition, engagement and culture, ThankCon. With a successful event filled with an amazing committee and sponsors under her belt, she's ready to start preparing for next year.

For Theresa, all of this hard work giving others joy has brought her so much happiness, but she also makes time to relax outside of work. She loves the outdoors and has hiked Wallace Falls more than 20 times. She also loves to travel, and plans to have plenty in her retirement years. Above all, she can always think back to one of her favorite quotes for a little bit of inspiration from Mother Teresa, "Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless."

# EVENTS



## LITTLE LANCERS

Thank you to everyone who attended our annual Trick or Treating event! Members of Kennedy Catholic's Science Club guided curious kids through spooky experiments and hands-on fun in the Dillman Center. Elsewhere in the building, teachers and staff opened their classrooms to pass out candy for our trick or treaters.

We hope you'll be back again next year for more fun!

## LESSONS IN THE LAW FROM CHRIS BUSTAMANTA '11

Students in Ms. Farrell's Honors Social Justice class had Alumnus Chris Bustamante '11 as a guest speaker. He spoke to the students via Skype about getting his degree from Rutgers Law School, where he was incredibly involved as a student and was awarded the Mary Philbrook Public Interest Award, the Pro Bono Public Award for Significant Service, and the Philadelphia Bar Association's Public Interest Section Law Student Award in 2017. Since graduating, he has taken a position clerking for Hudson County Superior Court Judge Anthony D'Elia. If you're interested in sharing your college and career journey with current students, contact [Rebecca Nuffer](#).

## LANCER REUNIONS

If you're interested in helping to plan your reunion for the Class of 1999, contact [Rebecca Nuffer](#). Planning is underway for the Classes of 1979 (save the date of August 9-10), 1989, and 2009!



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Happy Birthday to our November alumni! We wish you a wonderful year ahead! Click [here](#) for the full list.

To make sure your name is included, head over to our [Alumni Page](#) and fill out the form under, "Help Us Update Our Records."



## LANCERS CELEBRATE HARRY POTTER

2018 is the 20th anniversary of the US publication of *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*. To commemorate the event, the library had a Harry Potter Party, complete with an interactive movie, wands hand-whittled by Fil Tribble, a sorting hat quiz, patronus selection, trivia, prizes, costumes, and Harry Potter-inspired food. Students received interactive scripts of the movie and bags of goodies to help them participate. 48 students, a couple of younger siblings and 4 teachers (and a couple of children) spent Friday afternoon and evening celebrating everything Harry Potter. Stay tuned for the next big library event - our 4th Murder Mystery!



## SAVE THE DATE: KATCH AUCTION

Round up the posse and join us on Saturday, April 6, 2019 at the Kennedy Catholic corral for a rootin' tootin' good time. This year the Kennedy Catholic Auction theme "Boots and Bids" celebrates everything western.

Make sure to remember other important auction dates. The procurement deadline is January 24, 2019 and the online auction will take place February 22- March 3, 2019.

Interested in making a donation? Contact **Karen Cascio**



## KING 5 COVERS ST. TERESA OF CALCUTTA PROGRAM

King 5 and Alex Rozier were in the building this October to learn more about the St. Teresa Program and how it works within a Catholic, college-prep school.

The Saint Teresa of Calcutta program provides a bridge to independence by maximizing a student's fullest potential through the comprehensive program of study, reinforcing of executive functioning skills, self-advocacy, and an emphasis on preparing students for the competitive 21st century.

To watch the story, click [here](#).



## NACAC COLLEGE FAIR

On November 2, Kennedy Catholic Lancers attended the 2018 NACAC Regional College Fair at the Washington State Convention Center. Over 150 colleges were in attendance to speak with students and families. Our Lancers were able to speak with representatives and learn more about each university and what they offer for their college future.

This upcoming Spring, Lancers will have a chance to visit the PNACAC College fair at Seattle University, to learn more about colleges specific to our region. Stay tuned in via the College and Career webpage to learn more about dates and times!

# INTERNATIONAL

## INTERNATIONAL RECRUITING ACTIVITIES

Thirty years ago, it was common practice for Kennedy Catholic to accept several foreign students each year. They would stay for a single semester, didn't pay tuition, and therefore didn't receive official credit for academic work completed. Mrs. Tomoko McBride brought that first group from Japan and asked if we would allow them to complete the year in order to earn academic credit. After much discussion with administration, a plan was approved, and the official Kennedy Catholic International Program was born. Tomoko became our first ever country coordinator, setting a best practice standard well before its time.

Over the following ten years, Tomoko brought small groups of students recruited by her niece, Lei Shimamura, from Naha High School in the capitol city, Naha, in Okinawa. Naha High School was our first partner school. Tomoko had an agent from Tokyo who would send an occasional student. She helped establish the process of vetting agents to ensure the student and Kennedy Catholic were a good fit.

Today, we are returning to the recruiting plan first inspired by Tomoko with five country coordinators in five countries; Japan, Thailand, India, Vietnam, and the Philippines. We are developing partner Catholic schools in each of these countries.

These coordinators will help execute the vision AND live the mission of Kennedy Catholic and develop the process to vet agents, engage prospective families and students, and tell the Kennedy Catholic Story.

We opened our Virtual Office in Thailand by appointing Jiraphon (Sik) Satjayakorn as Country Coordinator. He attended the Hello



*Sik talks to potential students.*

Education Fair held in September at Central World Department Store in Bangkok. He is based in Bangkok and can be reached at [ThaiOffice@kennedyhs.org](mailto:ThaiOffice@kennedyhs.org).

Ms. Fujiwara was in Germany meeting academic agents who traveled from throughout Europe to participate in a large international recruiting fair. She also visited Franz-Marc-Gymnasium, a high school in Markt Schwaben, Germany to discuss partnership opportunities. *(Continued on next page)*



Third from left in top row: Chau Thi Be, Kennedy Catholic Country Coordinator at ILA Fair, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam in September

Country Coordinator for Vietnam, Ms. Chau Thi Be, attended the Capstone Fair and ILA Fair in Vietnam. Academic fairs like these attract hundreds of parents, students and agency representatives.



## EXTRAORDINARY FUN IN OCTOBER

On Saturday, October 20 there was lots of Halloween fun with international students at the Pumpkin Farm tour. Students wandered through a corn maze and enjoyed all the fall activities. Some even picked out their own pumpkins to take home and carve. This traditional fall experience was new to some international students.

[Office of International Education Website](#)

# FINE & PERFORM



## CHOIR NEWS

On October 19 and 24, choir students had the opportunity to perform with the Northwest Symphony Orchestra at Benaroya Hall as a part of the National Parks Concert Series. Special thanks to Dr. Anthony Spain, NWSO conductor, for the invitation.

## CHRISTMAS CHOIR CONCERT

Please join us at our annual Christmas concert on Wednesday, December 12 at the Highline Performing Arts Center at 7 PM. Every Kennedy Catholic music ensemble will be featured: Jazz Band, Chamber Orchestra, Excalibur choir, Troubadors choir, Kennedy Catholic Singers, Concert Band, Percussion Ensemble, and Symphonic Band. Support our student musicians, meet our new instrumental director, and get in the holiday spirit. All are welcome and admission is complimentary.

## TEACHERS, STUDENTS WORK TOGETHER IN FALL PLAY

A Midsummer Night's Dream, this year's fall play, features a distinguished cast that includes five faculty and staff members. They play mechanicals, the working people of this play's world, and are tasked with staging the story of Pyramus and Thisbe in the famous 'play within the play.' The moonlighters include Christina Burnaby, Jerome Palmeri, Tristan Roth, Taylor Walker, and Pisey Kim '07. Some are experienced thespians while others are treading the boards for the first time.

Christina Burnaby, who teaches math, is among the most experienced. She reflects, "Many of my favorite memories from high school revolve around the experiences I had participating in the school's theater productions and the lasting friendships were built during the long rehearsals for those shows. Being a part of the cast of Midsummer here at Kennedy Catholic has allowed me to build relationships with colleagues and students that I might not have otherwise. It has been so rewarding to see how the students interact with, support, and truly enjoy each other in the theater branch of the Lancer family."

The play runs November 8-11 in the Little Theater. Tickets available at the door or at [brownpapertickets.com](http://brownpapertickets.com).



## KENNEDY CATHOLIC'S LAUNDRY MAMA

Parents help our plays come to life in ways large and small. When you see a show, you're probably not thinking to yourself "who's going to do all that laundry?" - but someone has to. For the past three years that someone has been Beth Reyes. Her daughter Tallulah is a senior who has performed in practically every show we've staged during her time here. We caught up with Beth to get the inside scoop.

**I've been told that you like doing laundry. What's the appeal?**

Well, obviously it's the best chore ever! I love seeing what I accomplished. .. nice, neatly folded, color coded, organized by size, piles that fit perfectly in the previously overflowing bins.

**What was the first show you helped out with?**

Honk! the Musical

**Which production generated the dirtiest clothes?**

That's a tough one. I'd say it's between High School Musical and Honk! The most difficult job however, was Camelot. The medieval gowns posed a real challenge for me with all the ribbons and mixed fabrics.

**Your daughter has been in almost every show during her three-plus years at Kennedy Catholic.**

**Do you have a favorite?**

I loved all her performances, but my favorite was Mary Warren in The Crucible. She was amazing! The actors and stage crew were magnificent. This was my favorite play so far.

**Any advice for future drama laundry mamas?**

This is a great opportunity to volunteer on your own time and in your own home. You can relax, put on some fun music or guilty pleasure TV show and do laundry. In the end you will feel a sense of accomplishment when you look over all the nice tidy piles of clean smelling clothes. It may feel like you're not doing much but it's a huge help to the theater department. It's also worth noting that several costumes are borrowed from other companies. One of the ways I can be a good steward is to return items in the same or better condition than they were received, and this makes me feel good. Clean laundry is a job well done and something you can take pride in. Lancer Pride!

Thank you Beth!



## ARTS IN ACTION

On October 31, choir members and drama performance class students attended a student matinee performance of “Come From Away” at Seattle’s Fifth Avenue Theatre. This musical focuses on the power of the human spirit in a time of tragedy, with the attacks of September 11, 2001 as the common thread. It tells the story of planes that were diverted to a town called Gander, Newfoundland and how the tiny town of 12,000 people embraced 9,000 “plane people - or come from aways” for five days. In preparation to attend the performance, students read about the history of the attacks, interviewed friends and family members about that day, and learned some basics about Newfoundland - including how to speak like someone from Newfoundland. Students were asked about their experience after attending the musical, and everyone had rave reviews.

“It was my first musical and it was so, so good!”

- Angeline, sophomore

“It was really good and had multiple meanings behind it, which I could really connect with. I really liked the diversity and themes of women empowerment.”

- Belle, senior.

“I was surprised by how much I loved it. I got chills the whole time.”

- Olivia, sophomore

## ELEMENTARY BAND PROGRAM

During this time of Thanksgiving, we express our gratitude to the many students, parents, principals and faculty/staff that participate in the Kennedy Catholic Elementary Band Program. Our partner schools of St. Bernadette, Holy Rosary, Holy Family, St. Vincent de Paul, Our Lady of Guadalupe, St. Philomena, St. Anthony, St. Paul and St. Francis of Assisi are true blessings!