

Celebrating 125 Years...



Roanoke Catholic School

Fall 2014

Celtic Newsletter



Head of School/Principal's Message

As we begin our *125th* year, we celebrate the success of our graduates, students, parents, priests, faculty, staff and friends. We thank them for their tremendous support and love of this school community that is Roanoke Catholic School. We take pause to recognize the incredible accomplishments these groups of people have shared with our community for more than a century. The future has never looked brighter than it does today for RCS. With record numbers of new students and the highest percentage of returning students in years, our school community is on the cusp of accomplishing Herculean things in the coming months and years.



Investments in capital improvements are certainly a visible change to our campus, but the investments being made in our students by faculty and staff are truly the mark of an outstanding Catholic education that is celebrated at RCS. Instilling in our students the virtues of possessing strong moral and ethical character, in concert with our Catholic faith, will continue to serve these future leaders well. By continuing to offer the best instruction in core academic and elective subjects, we will ensure that our students become competitive in our democratic society. Over the coming months we will begin the study and development of a plan to address the competitive world of technology offerings. We will examine how best to continue the delivery of quality instruction in the classroom while offering our students access to hardware and software that will assist their individual learning styles. As we have worked to make administrative software time and location independent for our users, we now focus our energies on doing the same for our students.

The bold fiscal decision to hold tuition costs for 2014-15 was a good one, as evidenced by our 93% retention rate. Work has already begun by school leadership and members of our Advisory School Board to research the possibility of continuing these efforts. We are committed to making a Roanoke Catholic education affordable for all families. Your continued prayers and support for these efforts are greatly appreciated.

This 2014-15 academic year marks our final year of mass celebrations with a man who has become a mentor, friend, and confidant of mine and many of you: Msgr. Thomas G. Miller, of St. Andrew's Catholic Church. Please thank Fr. Miller for his unending love and support of our school, students, faculty and staff. Fr. Miller has been a champion of Roanoke Catholic and a pioneer in working with members of the St. Andrew's community to provide direct financial support through monthly envelope offerings for families needing some extra support with their tuition investments. During his tenure, Fr. Miller has accomplished incredible goals and strengthened our Catholic community. We are blessed to share "The Hill" with this remarkable man and to have had the opportunity to celebrate our faith with him.

May God continue to bless all of you and keep you strong in your faith, health, and support of our school community.....

Patrick W. Patterson,
Principal and Head of School

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In Memory of Paul S. "Trey" Keyser, III
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 Mr. Justin Keyser '03

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 Mr. and Mrs. Jeremy Keyser '00
 Mr. Justin Keyser '03

In Memory of Andrew and Virginia Kramer
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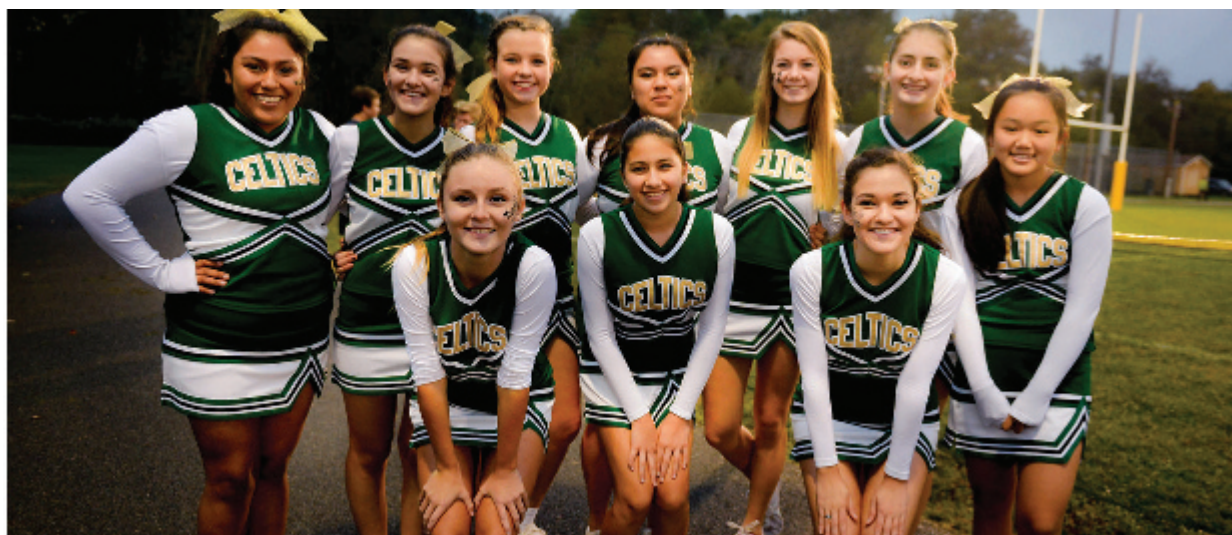
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 Ms. Beatrice Karpowich Goad
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Celebrating our 125th year on our newly renovated campus! Celebration event scheduled for April 23, 2015.

Installation of interior and exterior Lower School signs in honor of Mary and Jack Hardie.



Lower School building in honor of Mary and Jack Hardie



Susie Hardie Jack, Patrick Patterson and Ann Hardie

New facade and windows for the Upper School building give our campus a unified look.



Before



Before



After



After

Visit our [Facebook page](#) to see the renovation progress



Campus Ministry

Diocesan Work Camp 2014

For the first time, this summer RCS students attended Diocesan Work Camp (DWC). Six of the nine RCS students who attended the camp went with Kris Levy and Lisa Brajdic. The remaining three traveled with the St. Andrew's group. The camp, held June 21-27, was based at Hargrave Military Academy in Chatham, VA, and served the Danville and Pittsylvania County area. Our nine students joined 171 youth from around the diocese for fun, fellowship, and faith building activities.

Campers arrived at camp Saturday evening to acclimate and begin their adventure. Sunday was spent team building as the youth and adults were grouped into thirty teams of six youth and one adult. Monday through Thursday the teams spent the day working on their projects. Friday we celebrated our final day and campers returned home. The camp was much more than work projects which varied from home repairs, building decks and wheelchair ramps, and painting Sacred Heart School in Danville.

Each day began with Mass, and the evening events focused on faith building. Evening programs included praise and worship music, fun activities, photos and testimonies. If you have work camp experience, this sounds like business as usual. So the question is, "What made DWC unique?" What made DWC unique was the presence of priests, seminarians, and Campus Ministers from Virginia colleges and universities. Nine priests and eight seminarians attended camp and were active and engaged in the work projects and evening programs. They were like energizer bunnies; they kept going and going and going. Blake Connell, Class of 2015, a work camp veteran, said that the presence of the seminarians made his work camp experience special. Blake said, "Seeing these young men who have dedicated their lives to God, listening to their life stories and spending time with them, made it all real."

Additional information on DWC 2014 and a seminarians experience:

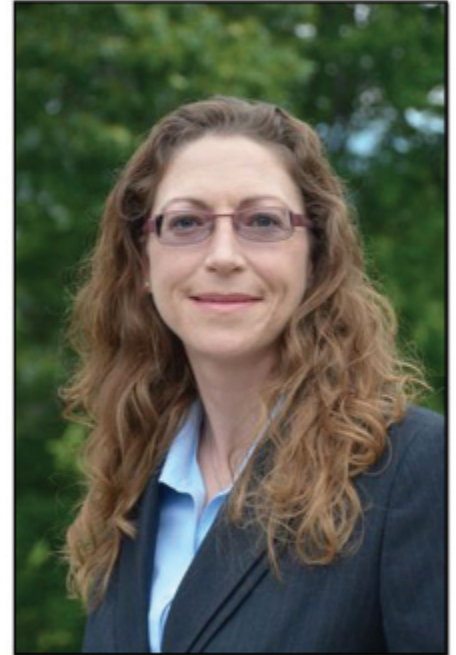
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Buchanan names its first ever town manager

By: Luanne Rife luanne.rife@roanoke.com



Mary Zirkle, Class of 1989

A former Bedford County planning chief was recently hired as Buchanan's first ever town manager.

The town council named Mary Zirkle to the post. She joined Roanoke County's planning staff earlier this year after a long stint as the chief planner for Bedford County.

Buchanan Mayor Larry Hall said the town is excited to have its first town manager in more than 200 years of existence.

Hall said twenty-eight people applied for the position. "We narrowed it down to five, then we narrowed it to three and then we narrowed it to Mary. Without a doubt, she was the most qualified," he said, noting her education, experience and enthusiasm set her apart.

Botetourt County Administrator **Kathleen Downs Guzi, Class of 1978**, who worked with Zirkle while they were both employed with Bedford County, said: "Mary is a great planner and loves small towns. She will do great."

Zirkle said that she was not aware Buchanan did not have a town manager until she saw the job announcement and is honored to be its first. "This appointment has exceeded my dream of serving a small town. I hope to meet the expectations of town council and look forward to working with citizens to meet their vision of the town as well," she said. "I see such potential in Buchanan and am very excited to be a part of further realizing the potential."

Zirkle, a native of Roanoke, earned a Bachelor of Science in biology at Mary Washington College and a master's of urban and regional planning at Virginia Tech. She was the chief planner for Bedford County from 2006 to February, when she joined Roanoke County as a "Planner II."

She and her husband have a farm in Bedford County, not far from Vinton, and plan to keep that and to have a house in Buchanan. Her salary in the position is \$50,000.

"Almost every project I have worked on as a planner had an aspect of economic development, which is what the town of Buchanan hopes to continue to focus their efforts on with a town manager," she said.

"I look forward to capitalizing on the wonderful potential of Buchanan by focusing on the assets in downtown, the James River, the community events and the existing businesses that provide strength and stability in the Buchanan economy."

Alumni Profile

Dina Imbriani Bennett, Class of 1983



A chance meeting in a Roanoke Post Office between Patrick Patterson, RCS Principal, and Dina Imbriani Bennett, Class of 1983, has allowed Dina an opportunity to give back to the school she loves and holds near to her heart. While at RCS, Dina built life-long caring and supportive relationships with mentors and friends who were like family. These people looked after her and provided family life examples, meals, and rides to athletic events. The help Dina received came from the hearts of her mentors and friends who helped because they wanted to. In doing this, they instilled in her the importance of giving to others.

Since graduating from RCS, Dina has worked in the corporate world where she trained and coached sales staff. As a trainer, Dina has been able to help people be better at what they do. When Dina was asked about her impact on others, she said, "I became a mentor because of the mentors I had."

Currently, Dina is the Vice President and Instructor for Mountain Shepherd Wilderness Survival School (MSWSS) in Catawba, VA. Her husband of eight years, Reggie Bennett, is retired from the Air Force, where he was a SERE (Survival, Evasion, Resistance, and Escape) trainer. He is the founder and proprietor of MSWSS. Together Reggie and Dina offer a variety of survival courses to the public, but they also design courses to benefit places such as the Rescue Mission and Bethany Hall: Women in Recovery, as a way of giving back to the community.

This past spring, RCS held its Senior and Junior Retreats at MSWSS. The Senior Retreat focused on survival. The seniors learned the Seven Principles of Surviving in the Wild which include positive mental attitude, wilderness first-aid, shelter-craft, fire-craft, signaling, water procurement, and food procurement. They learned not only how these principles apply to wilderness survival, but also how they apply to everyday life. By incorporating these priorities into your life, you can achieve what you want in life. The Junior Retreat provided a chance to take time out during a challenging academic year to breathe and to reflect.

Not only is MSWSS a beautiful setting for a retreat, it provided our students an opportunity for an experience of a life-time. The beautiful facilities include a lodge and a pond surrounded by wilderness. Dina's and Reggie's leadership is casual, confident, welcoming and encouraging. RCS looks forward to returning to MSWSS in the spring of 2015 for more retreats!

For more information on Mountain Shepherd Wilderness Survival School visit their website <http://www.mountainshepherd.com>.



RCS Retreat



Seven Principles of Surviving in the Wild (in order of importance):

Positive Mental Attitude is the ability to make good decisions and maintain the right mindset. Understanding the physical and mental stresses and how you react and respond to them so the stressors do not overcome you.

Wilderness First Aid is the ability to make quick and right decisions to solve the right problem, not the perceived problem. It is looking at the whole body, not just a part.

Shelter protects you from the elements (wind, rain, heat, cold) and from things that you cannot control. It is finding a safe spot to decompress or someone to confide in to help you deal with what can harm you.

Fire is life in survival situation. Fire purifies water, provides heat, and scares away animals. You must hold onto your core values to keep passion. People will try to put the fire out, sway you away from your passion. You need to feed your passion; you need to brace it and give it oxygen. Learn to stay true to self and to stay on track.

Signaling is communication. Signals help rescuers rescue you. It is communicating differently based on who you are talking and dealing with. Inclusion is an important signal; when you need help ask for it, so that people can help you.

Water is getting your priorities in line. Not having water in the first 24 hours will not kill you. Purifying and filtering water is important; you can see through something that appears good and get to the bottom of it and it is nasty. Filtering leaves the nasty stuff behind.

Food is making hard choices and getting over food aversions; eating things we mentally do not like to survive. It is doing things we do not want to do, but need to do in order to survive.



Vision

Roanoke Catholic School is dedicated to excellence in education and to the spiritual development of youth within the framework of the Gospel and the tradition of the Catholic Church. We strive to instill in our students a lifelong commitment to learning, to Christian values, and to community service. We are dedicated to achieving these goals in a supportive Christian community.

Mission

The fundamental task of Roanoke Catholic School is the education of the whole person, blending learning with faith and faith with daily life.

Reunions: Class of 1978, 1979 & 1980

By: Laurie Collins Hart



Enjoying the Alumni Room

Members of the Class of 1978

RCS Classes of 1978, 1979 and 1980 came together for two evenings in June to catch up with old friends and remember those that we have lost. Friday night was spent in the halls of Roanoke Catholic seeing first hand all of the great changes happening on "The Hill"! It brought back memories of our teachers, coaches, school families, powder puff and football games, sock-hops in the gym, Latin class, regrettable fashion choices and hairstyles, Toga Day, the Green Onion cafeteria, and most importantly, the friends that we made in these halls.

We continued to celebrate Saturday night at Hunting Hills Country Club with a special tribute to the classmates that we have lost: Pat Rowe, Ricky Brown, Karl Slough and Butch Harnack. We shared music from the '70's, great food, a few more hours to reunite with old friends and share pictures/stories of our kids, and yes, even grandkids!

For those classmates that could not join us in June, we encourage you to stop by RCS and see all of the great changes that have taken place on "The Hill."



Members of the Class of 1979



Members of the Class of 1980

Please stay in touch as our 40th will be here before we know it! Go Celtics!

Reunions: Class of 1964

By: Dick Hammerstrom

Roanoke Catholic's class of 1964 returned to Roanoke the weekend of Oct. 3-5 for its 50th reunion. More than half of the graduating class of forty-eight were there. Many had not seen each other since graduation day.

The timing was perfect, with the three-day affair beginning Friday evening with a pot-luck dinner with other alums at the Celtics' homecoming. The class was brought to the 50-yard line and recognized before the kickoff. It was a perfect night on the field too, with the team winning convincingly over Craig County High School. The '64 bunch then moved to a local pub where they rehashed old times and their lives since then. The highlight of the evening was a long overdue disclosure of the identities of some six members of the class who spelled out '64' in cement in the grass in front of the high school five decades ago.



Saturday, class members received a guided tour of the school and shared more memories but also their amazement at the transition, new construction and upgrading the school has experienced since they left. The splendid condition of the gym was particularly impressive since this class was the first to play there when it opened. At the time, the architecture was one-of-a-kind for the Roanoke area.

Forty-four attended the evening dinner at Montano's, and each class member presented a 60-second summary of his or her life for the past 50 years. A retired military officer described his idyllic current life this way: "I eat a lot, I drink a lot and I fish a lot." The class also arranged a candle-lit memorial with photos to remember those in the class we have lost.

Joe and Joan Surkamer graciously hosted a breakfast at their home following an alumni mass at St. Andrew's Sunday morning. Discussions are already beginning for the next reunion. As one class member said, "It was seen by us as a huge success because as a class, we really wanted to be together."



Catching Up



Ann Tankersley - I enjoy teaching, volunteering, and playing with my five grandchildren.



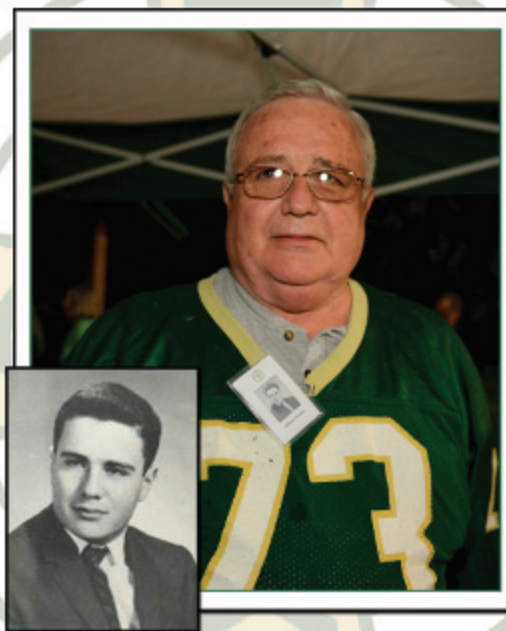
Debbie Boone - A registered nurse, I have five children and twelve grandchildren and recently started Line Dancing Lessons.



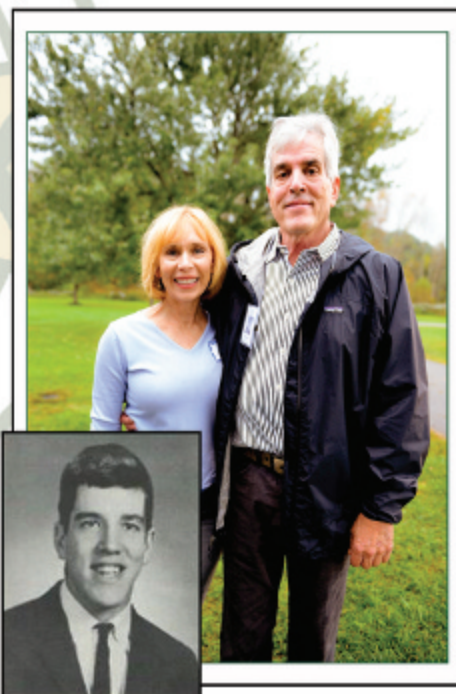
Ruth Thor recently celebrated her 50 year wedding anniversary. She volunteers and enjoys her three kids, seven grandkids and three great grandchildren.



Mickey Swinton - Times are good in retirement.



John Hurley - I am a very happy man.



Dave Martin is a Gentleman Farmer.

Catching Up



Rebecca Scales - My husband, Pete, and I are retired and like to shag dance, travel and attend our three grandchildren's soccer games.



Denis Deane - Retired after three separate careers, public relation/private industry/non-profit retirement community plus thirty-seven years in community theater as actor, director, set and lighting design.

Alumni 1964 Reunion at Homecoming



Catching Up

Jerry Eubank, Class of 1957

Former teacher and coach (1989-2001) "I am enjoying retired life and ready to hit 75. We spend the summer at our place in the Adirondaks, near Lake George and return to our home at Myrtle Beach in the fall. I do not get back to Roanoke anymore, but I do stay in touch with former students. I enjoy reading the newsletter and the changes taking place."



Dr. Michael Bentley, Class of 1964

"I am retired from the University of Tennessee but currently stay active in my field of science and environmental education as Education Associate at the Virginia Museum of Natural History and as director of the Science Institute for Teachers at Hollins University. Since 2007 I have enjoyed serving as the science expert for Education.com. I have written over two-dozen books and chapters in books with the latest being *Connecting Children to Nature: Ideas and Activities for Parents and Educators* (2014, Wood 'N' Barnes), and *An Educator's Field Guide* (2011, Corwin). I also wrote the Forward for Lawrence Baines' *Project Based Writing in Science* (2014, Sense). I am married to the Rev. Susan E. Bentley, Rector of St. James Episcopal Church in Roanoke. We have a grown daughter and two sons away at college and live in Salem as empty nesters with our Golden Retriever, Clare."

Steve Sykes, Class of 1972

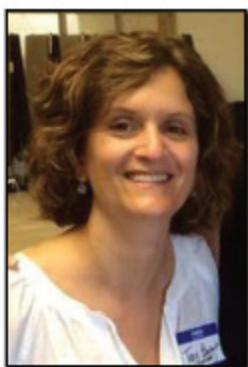
Steve has served on the State of California Knights of Columbus, Keep Christ in Christmas Committee for the past five years. He organizes the sales and distribution of Christmas Cards supporting evangelization and fundraising throughout California.

The Keep Christ in Christmas National Campaign was created by Bob Canfield, former RCS parent. The cards will be available at Roanoke Catholic School for purchase the first of December.



Nam, my wife of 37 years.

Terri Harvey Bryant, Class of 1980



"I attended the University of Virginia and the Medical College of Virginia, and I am a pharmacist with Carilion Clinic Healthcare in Roanoke. For the past ten years, I have had the privilege of working with Roanoke's Second Presbyterian Church to provide medications for their mission trip.

For the last five years, I have had the additional privilege of going with these volunteers to the Dominican Republic. Along with a surgical team and a construction team, we provide a barrio team of nurses and primary care practitioners to travel to the remote areas to assess and treat patients (primarily women and children). Often arriving in their Sunday best, patients wait hours to be seen in our makeshift clinic in a small church or a one-two room schoolhouse.

I have learned many lessons and been given many gifts from these trips: the friendships and camaraderie of the many team members and missionaries in the DR, the kindness and appreciation of the patients we serve, the beauty within a third world country, and the sights of the local markets and churches. It was especially meaningful to have my daughter, Katie, travel with us one year to witness these for herself."

Greg Szechenyi, Class of 2000



"I am having an amazing time raising, with the help of my wife Lindsay, two beautiful little girls, five year old Vada and two year old Liza. Our company, Press Press Merch, is currently in the 13th year, and we are continuing to expand and grow; it is truly exciting. We were just featured in our industry's leading publication, <http://www.nxtbook.com/nxtbooks/impressions/201409/index.php#/56>.

Lindsay, my wife, started a company in March that offers quilt block inspired t-shirts, and it has absolutely taken off. She is shipping her shirts not only across the country but as far as Hong Kong, Australia, Brazil, and New Zealand."

AnneMarie Zoller, Class of 2007

"I moved to Naples, Florida, on June 1st after working for 101.5 fm, Bella Magazine and Susan G. Komen Virginia Blue Ridge Affiliate in Roanoke. I was so lucky to land a job at Naples Botanical Garden as their Special Events/Development Coordinator. It is an amazing job! I plan tons of high end fundraisers for the garden, including one called Hats in the Garden, which is our biggest fundraiser. It is a fashion show and luncheon for about 600 ladies! The ladies wear Hats like the Royal Ascots in London, and it is essentially the start of the social season here in Naples. The event is scheduled for November.

The Botanical Garden is amazing! We recently opened a brand new visitor center and added three new gardens to our already seven gardens. We also have an extremely exclusive collection of orchids. Our events range from Hats to Dogs in the Garden, to social events for our donors and so much more!

I am also the Teams and Fundraising Volunteer Chair of the Susan G. Komen Affiliate of Southwest Florida. Our race is in March, and I can not wait to get started on planning and continuing my volunteer efforts with such an amazing organization.

Hope all is well! Miss you all! Go Celtics!



Jarreth Hall, Class of 2013

Jarreth recently graduated from Parris Island, Marine Corps recruit training, and he is preparing to leave for five week Marine Combat Training.

David Hart, Class of 2014

David is attending Hampden-Sydney College. In addition to his academic courses he has joined the Hampden-Sydney Clay Target Club, an organization that promotes the shooting sports. He has also joined the local volunteer fire department in Farmville, Virginia.

ROANOKE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2014



Matthew Algino



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Micah Beutell



Zach Bowyer



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Roanoke College
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University of Kentucky (2)
University of Mississippi
University of San Francisco
University of Virginia
UVA College at Wise
Virginia Commonwealth University (2)
Virginia Military Institute
Virginia Tech (3)
Wake Forest University
Washington & Lee University

Grants And Scholarships To Date ~ \$3.9 Million

1) **Cleyton Grinde, Valedictorian**, will attend the College of Engineering at Virginia Tech. In addition to maintaining high academic excellence at Roanoke Catholic, Cleyton successfully completed the Virginia Western Community College's Regional Academy for Advanced Technology program for Engineering Career Studies. A member of the National Honor Society, Peer Ministry, and Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Cleyton has also received the Serving Christ in One Another Award for his selfless service to others.



3) **Josh Frost** will continue his studies at Washington & Lee University. A member of the National Honor Society and an AP Scholar with Honors, Josh is also a talented musician, drummer and guitarist. Senior Leader of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and the Praise and Worship band, Josh also holds varsity letters in football, lacrosse, and baseball. As evident by his participation in Catholic Heart Camp and other volunteer community outreach, Josh is passionate about caring for those who cannot care for themselves. Recognized for his selfless service to others, he has earned the Serving Christ in One Another Award, Roanoke Catholic School's highest award.

*Members of the
Celtic Cross
represent the top
four students of
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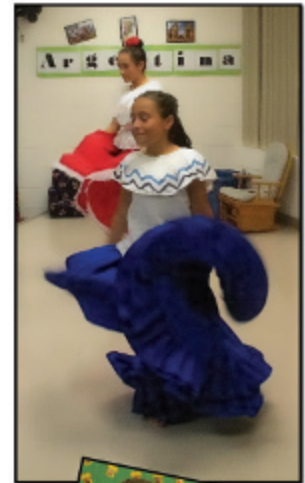
2) Next year, Salutatorian **Ann Clare Levy** will attend the University of Virginia's School of Engineering. President of the Class of 2014, the National Honor Society, and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Ann Clare is also an AP Scholar with Honors. The recipient of the Better Business Student of Integrity scholarship and the Mary Terry Goodwin Kuyk Scholarship, she has also earned national recognition as a National Honor Society Scholarship winner as well as a finalist in the Coca-Cola Scholars competition. Executive Director of U.S. Kids Care (USKC), a youth run service organization which she helped found, Ann Clare has also earned the Serving Christ in One Another Award, Prudential "Spirit of Community" Award, Nestle's Very Best in Youth, President's Volunteer Service Award, Youth Service Award, and a Kohl's Cares Scholarship Award.



4) **Featured Artist** - A Commended Scholar in the National Merit Scholarship Program and named as a 2013-2014 Scholar in the College Board National Hispanic Recognition Program, next year **Eva Kuehler** will attend the University of Dallas. President of the Key Club (Kiwanis), and member of the National Honor Society and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Eva is an extremely talented artist who uses creative expression as a medium of excellence. The first place winner in the Virginia Holocaust Museum Visual Arts Contest, she was also chosen to attend the Savannah College of Art and Design Summer Seminar for which she received scholarship consideration. Selected as one of twelve winners, her original art work "Where Are they Going?" will appear in the Southern Teachers Agency 2014-2015 calendar. In addition, Eva has received a MystiCon scholarship for her artistic renditions.



On The Hill



“La Cultura Latina”

National Hispanic Heritage Month

Roanoke Catholic School families and friends joined together September 26 for an evening of food, fellowship, music, dancing, and fun on campus. Everyone enjoyed the flavors of La Cultura Latina as we celebrated National Hispanic Heritage Month. Families of RCS students prepared food from various Latin American countries for everyone to sample. Our school community was proud to recognize and celebrate with our students representing the heritage of thirteen different countries. A special thank you to Isabel Martinez, RCS Segura Advocate, for her leadership and all of our RCS parents who prepared food and helped make this event possible. We would also like to thank Maria Baquerizo-Poole, Diocesan Segura Program Director for participating in the festivities.



On The Hill



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10:00-11:00 Q&A Session

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1931 St. Andrew's High School constructed



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Roanoke Catholic School Campus



1964 Gym



1999 Multi-purpose Building



1889-2014



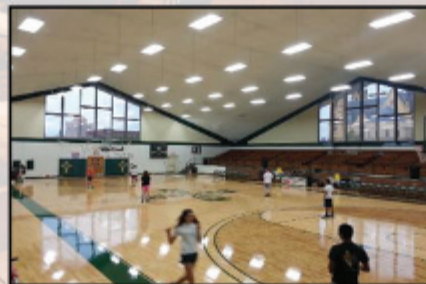
1898 Ryan Hall



1893 St. Vincent's Orphanage/Convent



2014 Upper School



2013 Gym



2012 Lower School

1898 Ryan Hall constructed

1893 St. Vincent's Orphanage/Convent constructed

1889 School opened in the Parish Hall of St. Andrew's

1964 Gym constructed

1999 Ryan Hall razed

1999 Multi-purpose Building constructed

2008 St. Vincent's/Achievement Center razed

2014 Upper School renovated

2013 Gym renovated

2012 Lower School renovated

Athletics

The **2014-2015** Sports season is off to a great start! We currently have four varsity sports under way during the fall season: volleyball, cross country, football, and cheerleading.

Our varsity volleyball team is currently 17-3, with wins over public schools Franklin County, James River-Midlothian, Rockbridge County, and Eastern Montgomery. They were also recently victorious over rival LCA. Their three losses have come against Salem High School, ranked #2 in the Timesland area, Westover Christian, one of the top Division III teams in the state, and Franklin County. Coach Aaron King has the team working hard and poised to make a run at an unprecedented fourth Division III State Championship in a row.

The cross country team is enjoying a fine season so far. Most recently, they participated at the Allegheny Invitational. Ten RCS runners brought home medals and the boys' middle school team placed 1st in their race! This year's cross country team is one of the largest teams we have had in recent years, with over thirty RCS student-athletes participating (middle school – varsity). Coach April Snow had the team working hard all summer and she expects our team to compete at a high level all season.

The varsity football team is 4-2, and kicked off their 2014 campaign with a convincing win over Rappahannock County High School, winning 34-0. They followed that with two more big wins over Brunswick Academy and Fishburne Military Academy - a school in the much larger Division II category (RCS is in Division IV). So far this year, several players have had stand-out performances for RCS on both the offensive and defensive side of the ball. The team's roster has been bolstered by a handful of new RCS students and to the football program. Coach Bob Price is excited to see how the season will play out and looks to return the Celtics to the state playoffs this year.

The cheerleaders have been practicing all summer and are prepared to have a new look and style. With the hiring of a new coach, RCS teacher Tina Gibson, the addition of tumbling practice sessions throughout the summer, and a larger roster than in previous years, we look forward to hearing them cheer on our sports teams as the year progresses.

Come on out to the games and meet and cheer on our Celtic athletes! Game schedules can be found on the RCS Athletics website at <http://www.rcsceltics.com/schedules/>.

Matthew Peck, '98
Athletic Director

In honor of the 20 Year Anniversary of the 1994 State Football Championship.



Congratulations Celtics!

Upcoming Events

Alumni Fruit Sale

The RCS Alumni Association presents The Great American Citrus Sale. Order your pink grapefruits, navel oranges, and tangelos for your holiday gift-giving and enjoyment! Proceeds support the Roanoke Catholic Alumni Scholarship Fund. Please visit our website, for an order form or pick one at the school. www.roanokecatholic.com/support-rcs/citrus-sale-fundraiser/

Shamrock Hill Run

Our 25th Annual Shamrock Hill Run will take place on Saturday, March 14, 2015. This is one of the oldest and most traditional races in the Roanoke Valley, and we would love to showcase Roanoke Catholic School and this event on its silver anniversary. Support of and participation in this event by the entire RCS community will continue this tradition for years to come. The one-mile Fun Run will begin at 8:30 a.m., with the 5K and 10K starting at 9:15 a.m. For additional information, please contact, Richard Amstutz, Race Director at 540-521-8430.

Celebration of our 125th Year

April 23, 2015, from 1:00p.m. until 3:00p.m. will be a special time of celebration to thank all of our supporters who helped make our school campus look amazing. This event will recognize all sponsors of Lower School, Upper School, and gym renovations. Mark your calendar today!

Class of 1965 - 50th Reunion

Planning for the 50th reunion is underway and the event will be in the fall of 2015. Members of the Class of 1965 please contact Debbie Stump, Development Coordinator at 540-982-3532 x2110 or dstump@roanokecatholic.com to update your contact information.



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For Me to Live Is Christ

Tax Credits Program

Investing in Catholic Education for the Leaders of Tomorrow

The McMahon Parater Foundation for Education (MPFE) is one of fifteen foundations approved by the Virginia Department of Education to receive donations under this program.

MPFE provides scholarships to students attending Roanoke Catholic School and the other twenty-eight Catholic schools in the Diocese of Richmond.

- According to Virginia's new Education Improvement Scholarships Tax Credits program, donations to approved foundations will provide scholarships for low-income new students at Virginia non-public schools.
- Individual or Business Donors then receive Virginia TAX CREDITS equal to 65% of the donation.
- Virginia has allocated \$25 million in Tax Credits for each program year (fiscal year).
- The Virginia Education Improvement Scholarships Tax Credits program will continue until January 1, 2028.



Who can benefit from these tax credits?

- **Individuals** can use the Tax Credits against their Virginia personal income tax liability.
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 - Virginia Corporate Income Taxes
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IMPORTANT: Donors should consult their tax advisors to determine their specific tax savings.

For a brief overview, please view <http://www.roanokecatholic.com/support-rcs/tax-credits-program/>.

Congratulations RCS
on 125 years!!!

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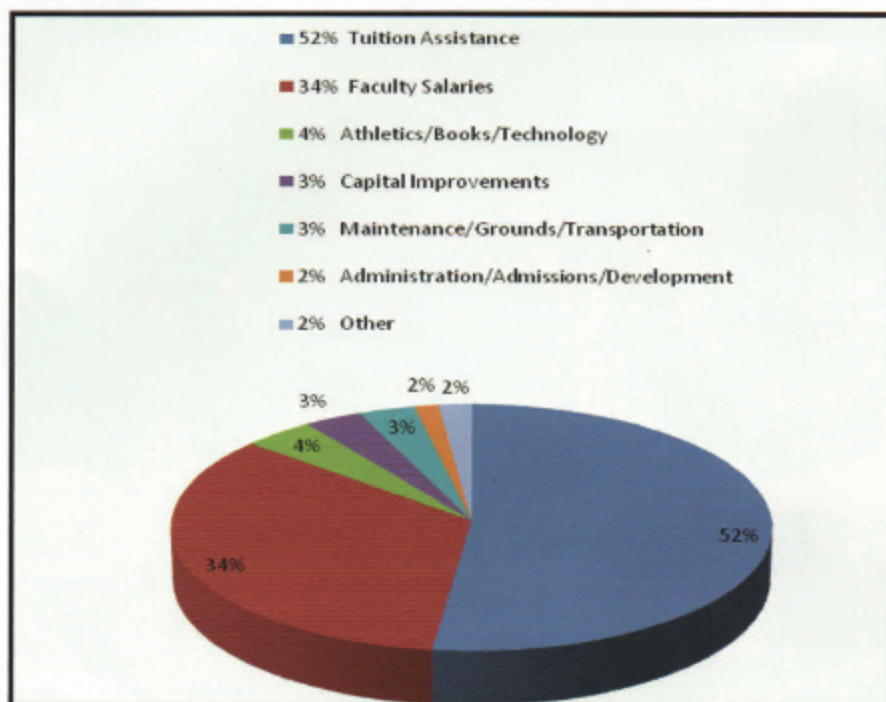
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Our Annual Fund supports RCS



Annual Fund

2014-2015 Goal \$250,000

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Please use the enclosed envelope for your Annual Fund donation



ROANOKE CATHOLIC SCHOOL ANNUAL REPORT

July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2014



Roanoke Catholic School Annual Report

July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014

Roanoke Catholic School relies on the support of alumni, parents, faculty, staff and friends so the school may continue to offer students outstanding facilities where they are able to learn in an academically challenging and faith-based environment. With your support, we raised over \$850,000 for our Annual Fund, and Education Improvement Scholarships Tax Credits Program, named scholarships, and designated gifts. The school is grateful to the many alumni, families, and individuals, for their support during the 2013-2014 academic year.

Thank you for your commitment to Roanoke Catholic School.



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