



# THE HOLY HERALD

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## SNOW PLACE I'D RATHER BE - Schoolhouse Sees 4 inches of SNOW on Historic Weather Day

Pre-Kindergarten scholar and Cove neighbor **Walter Cheek** stood happily in front of the schoolhouse on a carpet of unprecedented and historic 2025 Gulf Coast snowfall. All schools in Bay County were closed for THREE days to keep our community members safe by limiting driving on the unfamiliar slick roads. HNES families shared photos of making snow angels, building snowmen, and "sledding" on their beach boogie boards.



## WELCOME Father Forbes Sirmon! Holy Nativity Episcopal Church Names New Rector

*Faith, education, and service have been central to my journey, and I look forward to combining these passions to support and uplift the students, faculty, and families at HNES. As someone deeply committed to fostering spiritual growth and providing pastoral care,*



*I strive to create an environment where all are welcomed, valued, and encouraged to explore their faith and purpose. I bring with me a deep gratitude for my own Episcopal School education growing up at St. Paul's in Mobile, Alabama. That experience shaped me profoundly, and I am deeply grateful for the values and foundation it*

*instilled in me. I have had the privilege of serving as both Associate Priest at St. James Episcopal Church and Chaplain for St. James Episcopal School in Fairhope, Alabama, over the past five years. During this time, countless high fives, fist bumps, and hugs have been some of the greatest blessings of my ministry. These small but meaningful interactions have reminded me of the profound impact of being present in the lives of others. My experiences have deepened my understanding of the importance of listening with compassion, offering thoughtful guidance, and being a steady, trusted presence during both moments of celebration and times of challenge. Outside of ministry, I enjoy spending quality time with my family, my wife Haden, and our three children, Marion (8), Anne Haden (6), and Thomas (2). I also enjoy playing music (I used to be in a couple of bands!) and being on the water. These activities not only shape who I am but also fuel my excitement for working with the school community and I look forward to engaging with students and families in meaningful ways, whether through shared experiences, creative outlets, or exploring the beauty of nature together. As your next chaplain, I look forward to walking alongside you in this journey, celebrating your achievements, supporting you in challenges, and growing together as a community of faith and learning. Together, I believe we can continue the good and holy work of creating an inspiring and nurturing environment that helps every student flourish.*

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In today's fast-paced and often chaotic world, it's easy for schools to get caught up in the race for academic achievement, with an overwhelming emphasis on standardized testing, homework assignments, and measurable outcomes. However, at Holy Nativity, we believe that true success is not simply about numbers and data. It's about creating a community where love, learning, and leadership are at the core of everything we do. Above all, we prioritize the well-being of our families, students, and faculty.

### **Family First: A Guiding Principle for All**

At Holy Nativity, the concept of "family first" goes beyond just our faculty—it extends to every individual who is part of our school community. We recognize that for both our educators and students, the foundation of learning is rooted in a strong, supportive family unit. Studies have shown that when students feel secure in their home life, they perform better academically and emotionally. According to the *National Education Association*, *children who have consistent family support are more likely to experience better academic outcomes, higher graduation rates, and greater overall well-being.* But it's not just about academic success. It's about nurturing well-rounded individuals who know who they are and are confident in their place in the world. At Holy Nativity, we focus on creating a sense of belonging and unity among our students. When children are encouraged to grow in a supportive and loving environment, they learn the valuable skills of empathy, communication, and resilience, all extending beyond the classroom and shaping their future.

### **Quality Over Quantity: Rethinking Homework and Testing**

There is a growing body of research that challenges the traditional education model, particularly the reliance on standardized testing and excessive homework. Studies have shown that an overload of standardized testing does not lead to better educational outcomes. In fact, a report from the *American Psychological Association* found *that too much focus on testing can cause anxiety, decrease*

*motivation, and hinder critical thinking skills in students.*

Similarly, while practice in core subjects like reading, spelling, and math is undeniably important, the quality of that practice far outweighs the quantity. At Holy Nativity, we believe that learning is most effective when it is meaningful, engaging, and balanced with time for reflection, rest, and personal growth. Our approach emphasizes the importance of creating space for students to connect with their inner selves and with God. By fostering a balance between academics and time for self-discovery, we ensure that students are not only prepared for the future but are also grounded in their values and sense of purpose. This is why you see alumni of Holy Nativity at the top of every high school class in the district and going on to excel in their futures.

### **Creating Safe Spaces for Children to Grow**

In a world where children are often forced to grow up too quickly, Holy Nativity strives to provide a safe space where they can just be kids. We understand that childhood is a time for exploration, learning from mistakes, and simply enjoying the process of growing up. This sometimes means that things get messy—children may stumble, make mistakes, and face challenges. But we firmly believe that these experiences are vital for their development.

When students leave Holy Nativity, they do so with a strong sense of self. They know who they are, and they understand their worth. This is a rare and invaluable gift in a world that often places undue pressure on young people. It is our mission to ensure that each child who walks through our doors is equipped with the confidence to face the world, knowing that they are loved, supported, and capable of achieving great things.

### **Unity in Love, Learning, and Leadership**

At Holy Nativity, we take great pride in the unity that binds our community. Every day, we work to ensure that love remains the foundation of everything we do. We are proud of our faculty, who model this love for our students. We are proud of our families, who provide the essential support that allows our students to thrive. Most importantly, we are proud of our students, who are growing into compassionate, capable, and confident individuals. In a world that can sometimes feel uncertain and unpredictable, we are committed to maintaining a space where love, learning, and leadership flourish. We know that when our students leave Holy Nativity, they will be ready to face the world with an unwavering sense of self, a heart full of love, and the courage to lead with integrity.

At the end of the day, we remain united in our commitment to creating a space where everyone feels valued and supported. We are a team—a school that truly understands the importance of putting family first, nurturing our students with love, and equipping them for a future that is bright with possibility.

We are Holy Nativity and proud to be united in love.

Cynthia Fuller, M.Ed.L  
Head of School



Many thanks to **Fr. John Tober & Fr. Justin Boyd** - our 2024-2025 Interim School Chaplains. We are so grateful for their love and leadership this school year.

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*As a new school family, we are deeply grateful for the warm welcome we have already received. Joining HNES feels like becoming part of a supportive and vibrant community, and we are excited to contribute to the school's mission. Thank you for embracing us with open arms and making us feel at home as we embark on this new chapter together.*

*With much gratitude, excitement, and joy,  
Fr. Forbes+*



We are thrilled to report that fundraising efforts for Weller Hall have passed the 2/3 point in the spring of 2025. We surely need your help to push us over the \$2 million finish line.

Join with these generous friends to ensure completion of Weller Hall in 2027.

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| Carolyn Cramer                  | \$300,000.00 |
| Anonymous                       | \$150,000.00 |
| Charles A. Whitehead Foundation |              |
| Lyn & Greg Brudnicki            | \$150,000.00 |
| Amy & Matt Marshall             | \$100,000.00 |
| Dottie & Ed San Juan            | \$50,000.00  |
| Mary Kathryn & Edward San Juan  | \$50,000.00  |
| Monica & Will Cramer            | \$50,000.00  |
| Amy & Jay Moody                 | \$50,000.00  |
| Sandra & Ron White              | \$25,374.32  |
| Kim & Richard Dodd              | \$25,000.00  |
| Rayford Lloyd                   | \$25,000.00  |
| Mary Sittman                    | \$25,000.00  |
| W. Henry & Linda Jernigan       | \$20,700.00  |
| Natalie & James Godwin          | \$20,000.00  |
| Anonymous                       | \$15,000.00  |
| Kimberly & Alex La Pera         | \$15,000.00  |
| Tricia & Eric Berry             | \$10,000.00  |
| Ginger & Joe Harbison           | \$10,000.00  |
| Victoria & Kunal Jani           | \$10,000.00  |
| Be Like Jancy                   | \$10,000.00  |
| Jennifer & Bill Lloyd           | \$10,000.00  |
| Nancy & Rob Lloyd               | \$10,000.00  |
| June Lloyd                      | \$10,000.00  |
| Joyce & Jim Moody               | \$10,000.00  |
| Jerri & Steve Spurrier          | \$10,000.00  |
| Tammy & Jay Trumbull            | \$10,000.00  |
| Brittany & Jay Trumbull         | \$10,000.00  |

## \$5,000—\$9,999

*In memory of Jim Moody*

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| Jan & Jim Cook                |
| Dr. Khurram Nazir             |
| Laura & Benny Moore           |
| Pat & Scott Clemons           |
| Gerry Clemons                 |
| Laurie Combs                  |
| Mary & John Darrah            |
| Lindsey & Don Davis           |
| Lori & Brent Faison           |
| Cynthia & Michael Fuller      |
| Amy & David Helms             |
| John Hutt                     |
| Sarah & Mark McKinney         |
| Michelle & Baker Mitchell     |
| Pamela Kelly Panhandle Signal |
| Elizabeth Walters             |
| Stacy & Troy Shramek          |

## \$1,000- \$4,999

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| Elyse & John Fishel   |
| Sandy & Jim Hundley   |
| Caroline & Doug Smith |
| Nancy & Vince Warrick |

2023-24 3rd grade Mrs. Cool kids

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| Jan & Jim Fensom           |
| The Fredenberg Family      |
| Holly & Jason Alves        |
| Kelly & Bryan Muller       |
| Irina & Russ Terrell       |
| Kathy & Jimmy Barr         |
| Kerrie & Carl Beasley      |
| Pat & Charles Commander    |
| Cynthia Gallardo           |
| Elizabeth Howorth Wertheim |
| Teresa & Neil Jones        |
| Velina & Justo Maqueira    |
| Caryn & Bill Reid          |
| Debbie & Scott Stewart     |
| Dr. Dan Finley             |
| Charity & Keith Banks      |
| Linda & Tom Weller         |

## \$300—\$999

*Grandfriends' Day 2024*

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| Ann & Gus Harris     |
| Lynn Ferren          |
| Leigh Gladden        |
| Hina & David Smith   |
| Renee & Jeff Whitton |
| Alice Allen          |
| Tristan Bennett      |
| Tanya & Dan Casey    |
| Naya & Mazen Chakra  |
| Pam & Chris Cramer   |
| Lisa & Grant Davis   |
| Terry & Tom Duke     |

*In memory of Taylor Fishel*

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| Jenny & Lee Goostree   |
| Natalie Gray           |
| Ann & Cal Hawkins      |
| Luke Jagiello          |
| Mason McShurley        |
| The Mhatre Family      |
| Joan & John B. Morrow  |
| Jillian & Sean Preston |
| Vivian Ruth Sawyer     |
| Vicki Tichenor         |
| Georgette Mantooth     |
| Coach Jon Mason        |
| Byron & Anna Walker    |
| Tina Davis             |
| Sarah & Ross Melvin    |
| Marsha Southall        |

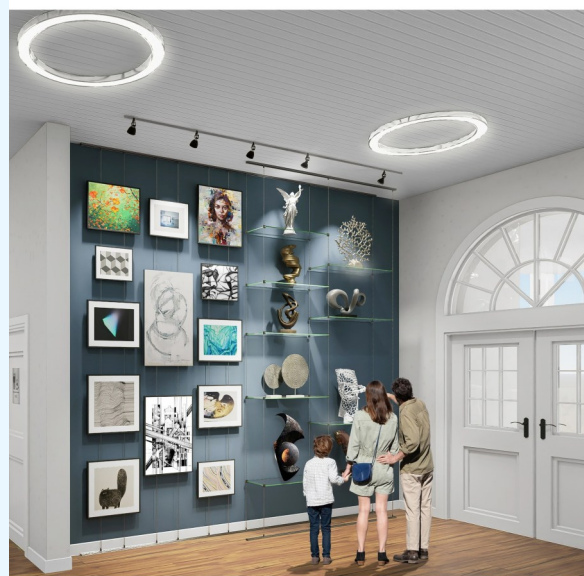
## \$299-

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| Jacob Adams                |
| Linda & Gene Ashley        |
| Kristen & Eric Brown       |
| Cassie & Patrick Casady    |
| Walter Cheek               |
| Michelle & David Cool      |
| Dawn Cordon                |
| Kendyl Covington           |
| Danny Creel                |
| Jade & Steve Davis         |
| Darlene & Steve Richardson |
| Marla Denecke              |
| Anne & Paul Dick           |
| Paula & Mike Ertz          |
| Kinley Farris              |
| Faye & Fulton Faulk        |

HOLY NATIVITY EPISCOPAL SCHOOL PRESENTS:



SCIENCE + TECHNOLOGY + ROBOTICS + ENGINEERING + ARTS + MATHEMATICS



**"The Carolyn Cramer Art Wall"** will be a featured area of Weller Hall.

The space was named in 2024

in honor of our lifetime friend by her children:

**Emily & Forbes, William & Monica, and Chris & Pam.**

Will wrote, "Over the last 40 years, Mom has done just about every job at Holy Nativity short of teaching ...and continues to quietly but steadily support the school, its teachers and its students today. In the hallway of the Weller building, we've planned an art gallery to showcase the hard work and talent of our students. It's our pleasure; all of her children and grandchildren, to announce that it will be named in honor of Carolyn Cramer." Brother Chris read words written by sister Emily, "Naming an art gallery for Mom is more than fitting because she innately curates creative space, no matter where she is. Mom's proudest art collection was created by her children and grandchildren. She showcases two generations of Holy Nativity Christmas plates on a China shelf in her dining room... Thank you, Mom, and congratulations!"

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| Kathy & Walter Fuller                  | Bailee Petitjean                |
| Zaylee Garcia                          | Marie & Greg Presser            |
| Amanda Greggs                          | Grant Rish                      |
| Laura & Ronnie Grissett                | Jasmine Sauls                   |
| Lauren Hargrove                        | Gaila Scanlan                   |
| Sealy & David Hargrove                 | Cookie Shaw                     |
| Paula & Alan Hart                      | Hope Simmons                    |
| Emalyn Hicks                           | Kim & Brian Skibba              |
| Cara & Matt Hutt                       | Baylee Stopka                   |
| Christine Jackson                      | Renee & Paul Street             |
| Bobbie & Bill Jernigan                 | Ella Sweet                      |
| Linda & Terry Kile                     | Janae & Austin Syfrett          |
| Barbara Knowles                        | <i>In memory of Tyler Jones</i> |
| Lydia Lathrop                          | Nicolle Valle                   |
| Shani & Ben Lee                        | <i>In memory of</i>             |
| Gina Mann                              | Vicki Syfrett                   |
| Kirsten & Max McCord                   | Katie & Josh Vine               |
| <i>In memory of Dr. Mike McCormick</i> | Jordan Wester                   |
| Holly & Daniel Melzer                  | Randy & Kathy Wolf              |
| Camille & John Morin                   | Robert Padgett                  |
| Chris & Paul Moser                     | Pam Kirkland                    |
| Sarah Giggey Muniz                     | Sundei & Kevin Granberg         |
| Dr. Vicki Nowak                        | Jamie & Randall Shepard         |
| Finn Oenbrink                          | James Vickers                   |

It was no surprise that our 2023-2024 Shield Yearbook was dedicated to retiring school chaplain, Steve Bates. At the reveal, Coach Laura Grissett prepared a great slideshow of photos and videos with quotes from current students.

Father Steve was hired as the rector of Holy Nativity Episcopal Church in 2006 and took on the role of chaplain at HNES in 2009. Judy Hughes wrote the poignant yearbook dedication and included these words, "Father Steve has made so many permanent contributions to HNES and his relaxed and non-judgmental essence have been the guiding light for that welcoming feeling for all who enter the doors of Holy Nativity Episcopal School. The Blessing of the Pets, introduced by Fr Steve, is now probably the most anticipated and loved activity of the school. The special student writings he presents at 8th grade graduation are life affirming; his talks at each graduation ceremony are witty as well as inspiring; his ways of making memorable points in weekly chapels have become legendary; and his middle school religion classes are everyone's favorite class. Fr Steve also introduced an important short course to the middle school curriculum, God's Gift of Sexuality. He has attended HNES field trips and even held a communion service in a NYC hotel during an 8th grade trip. And, of course, there is the Father Steve benediction loved by all.

It is hard to imagine going through the years of Hurricane-Michael-recovery-and-rebuilding and continuing into the years of Covid-shut-down-and-restarting without our rock, Father Steve.

It is important that we remember Father Steve Bates' full time job is, and was during these back-to-back disasters, Holy Nativity Episcopal Church. The church had serious hurricane damage with church families individually facing the after-effects of the Cat 5 storm. This was followed by the Covid fears and uncertainty and, once again, figuring out where or how to gather as a church family. Father Steve somehow managed to be there day after day for both his church and his school.

It was because of Fr Steve providing the church location that HNES was the first school in Bay County to open after the hurricane. He grilled food, found tables and



Father Steve was emotional accepting his yearbook honor in May 2024. On hand were his HNEC family Madge Smith, Andrew Jeffery, his wife Lori Bates, Ian Crelling, & Liz Ward.

chairs, offered every available space, and spoke encouragingly to everyone through it all.

During a worldwide pandemic that brought all of us navigating uncertainty in our own ways, Fr. Steve remained a steady voice of love and hope. Never missing a moment to remind us that we are all God's hands placed on this Earth to do goodwill and shine his light. As the school also went through a change in leadership between Mrs. Judy Hughes retiring and Mrs. Cynthia Fuller stepping up to the plate during these COVID times, he was there to support in whatever way needed to ensure that Holy Nativity continued to thrive with God's love at the center of every decision made for our families. Even after all of that, Lori Bates summed up Steve's answer to his calling saying, "I believe Steve is doing what he was called to do for sure! God

has a plan for us all and our entire family has been blessed by this journey. God and the church have provided us with great happiness and love."

Lori added, "There has never been a dull moment and I suspect it will not start now."

How true her words are! Lori reports that immediate retirement plans for Father Steve will begin with a June 2024 family reunion (that started with 9 people the year they were married and is now up to 30 people); a sabbatical trip up the east coast, a visit to National Parks and seeing that part of the country; a trip in August to Greece, Turkey and Croatia to add to their previous travels to the Holy Land, Italy, Portugal and Spain; and then plans to enroll in culinary school in the fall of 2024. Wow! "

We love you, Father Steve. Thank you for choosing us.

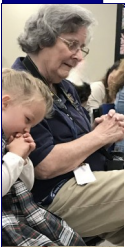




2024 Solar Eclipse, 5th grade American Revolution, Mother-Son Kickball, Jr. Olympics, Grandfriends' Day, Dance Recital, 2nd grade Magic Tree House, 2024 Talent Show, Field Day, SGA Elections, "Prayers of the people," 5K graduation, 2024-25 First Day of School, College Colors Day, Blessing of the Pets, P'Jammin', 3rd grade State Reports, MS Monster Bash, K Halloween Parade, Veterans' Day Chapel, Friends, Thanksgiving Lunch, Snow Day, Food Drive, Toy Drive, Giving Tree Chapel, K 100-Day, 4th grade Space Bubble, 6th grade Greek Gods parade, Daddy-Daughter Dance, New HNES Sign, Mardi Gras parade, Ash Wednesday, BASE Christmas Elves, Dr Seuss Birthday, Reading Buddies, Ms. Terry Tooth-pulling, Spring Break Shirt Contest, BOLTS Cheerleaders



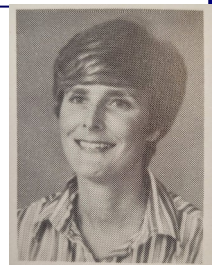
## Lynn Ferren, Holy Nativity's LONGEST Tenured Educator EVER, Finishes Fantastic Career



Mrs. Ferren has served in so many roles at HNES since 1982: preschool teacher, librarian, summer camp director, wildlife rehabilitation expert, book fair organizer, faculty mentor, Thanksgiving Food Drive Coordinator, "Giving Tree Chapel" founder, "Toy Drive Chapel" motivator, "stand-in chaplain," fundraiser volunteer and donor, spiritual leader, safety drill coordinator, laminating facilitator, purchasing clerk, technology teacher, school photo manager, yearbook publisher, costume queen, historian, clothing closet organizer, official event photographer, #1 DONOR, and friend - just to name a few. :) At our 2023 "Lynn Ferren Day" celebration in the Holy Pavilion, the entire student body, plus alumni and friends, and even Mrs. Ferren's family gathered to hear the news from Board of Trustees

President William Cramer - our Holy Nativity Library will forever be known as

"The Lynn Ferren Library." Mrs. Ferren surmises: *"The very best part of working at HNES is the fact that for all these years, I have worked every day at job that I love with people that I love. I can't imagine being anywhere else."*



Lynn Ferren  
Four Year Kindergarten  
1988 - 1989



### LYNN FERREN LIBRARY

DEDICATED ON  
NOVEMBER 14, 2022

IN RECOGNITION OF  
THE 40<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF  
LYNN FERREN'S SERVICE  
TO

HOLY NATIVITY  
EPISCOPAL SCHOOL

CYNTHIA G. FULLER HEAD OF SCHOOL  
WILLIAM C. CRAMER PRESIDENT,  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES



We love you, Mrs. Ferren! Thank you.

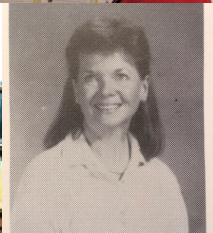
## Mrs. Martha Jo Cooper Announces Her Retirement in 2025

After 37 years at Holy Nativity, the legendary Mrs. Cooper has decided to retire.

Since 1988, she has served in the HNES roles of: 3K Teacher, Summer Camp Coordinator, BASE team member, Homework Room supervisor, and "Nap Room Director." Famous for her nurturing yet gently firm teaching style, Mrs. Cooper introduced many of our youngest students to their very first school experience - and those students have amazing memories to show for it. She taught through example how Jesus wants us to treat each other. Her strong belief in God's love for us was a model for students and faculty alike. She is devoted to her family, her husband (high school sweetheart) Monte, daughter & son-in-law, Kelly & James Lovett; son & daughter-in-law, Kevin & Jennifer Cooper, and her adored grandchildren. Mrs. Cooper's sweet spirit and deep spirituality were always reflected on her face in the quick smile she offered to others - young or old! She will always be loved and admired by her students, her co-workers, and our families.

Thank you, Mrs. Cooper. We love you!

[Photos with Monte (2025), beloved students, and teaching peers: Sarah Austin (2019), Sue Vaccaro (1991), Lynn Ferren (2011).



Martha Jo Cooper  
Three Year Kindergarten  
1989 - 1990





Since 2003, Mrs. Sheila White has been one of the first people you meet when you arrive at Holy Nativity Episcopal School. Alongside our longtime School Receptionist Kelly Muller, Mrs. White & Mrs. Muller are our top ambassadors for HNES. Taking her direction from her strong faith in God, Mrs. White is best known for her grace, mercy, patience, and her pure heart for serving others. Through new families, new teachers, changing of Heads of School, moving campuses because of Hurricane Michael, adjusting to the limits of a global pandemic, balancing the needs for increased security & safety, and the answering of everyday requests from "Will you call 911, we have a student who has dislocated her knee?" to "Can I have a cough drop?," Mrs. White has been a calming presence for our school family. Sheila and Doug have big retirement plans together. They are blessed by their family: daughter Cynthia, son Josh, and his wife Missy, and their unending sources of joy - their grandsons Luke (an HNES Kindergartener) & Levi (a 2-year old miracle). Husband Doug wrote, *"Sheila LOVES Holy Nativity Episcopal School SO very much and always will! (She just loves me more!) We praise God for the relationships developed with the superior administrative leadership, the excellent creative teachers, the faithful support staff, and every precious outstanding student and we want those treasured relationships to continue! I am so very proud of my wonderful wife Sheila and the way she has loved you and served alongside you for this major segment of her life. We thank you, we will continue to pray for you and won't be very far away!"* Thank you, Mrs. White. We love you!



Sheila White

## "Mrs. Terry" Duke Leaves Big Shoes to Fill as She Plans Retirement with "Mr. Tom"



Since 2006, Holy Nativity Families have counted on the reliability of "Mrs. Terry." Whether to answer an anxious text on a Saturday night, to deliver a meal following surgery, to take a photo of a birthday blessing in chapel, to comfort a child following the loss of a pet, to bandage a boo-boo, to pass out hugs, to encourage a co-worker during a stressful season, to pick up a student who needed to get to school, to support a fundraising event, to pull that wiggly tooth out, to help with a report card query, to bring a smile when you need it most - Mrs. Terry has been "on the spot" for all who needed her. Mrs. Terry was born and raised in Port Saint Joe and began her career as a dental hygienist! She married "Mr. Tom" in 1975 which means 2025 marked their 50th anniversary! *"I have made a decision to follow the words of the blessing Fr. Steve always shared at the closing of each chapel, 'Life is short, and we haven't much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us. So be quick to love...' I am retiring at the end of the school year to spend more time with Tom. My future plans are to 'go back to school' ('Mr. Tom Duke University') to pursue my MGA/YB degree (Master Gardener Assistant/Yard Boss), so we can spend more time together. How blessed I am to have had the opportunity to work at a place I absolutely love with all of my heart. I consider everyone at HNES my 'family' and pray that you will always be a part of my life in some way. What a GREAT 19 years it has been. With all the love my heart can hold, Terry."*





## Science Teacher Jeremy Brannon Receives TWO Well-Deserved Honors in 2024



HNES Middle School Science Teacher Jeremy Brannon received two very special recognitions in 2024. In May, Mr. Brannon was named the Air & Space Forces Association TEACHER OF THE YEAR for his "inspiration and guidance of his students towards excellence in the STEM Field!" During a middle school assembly, Officer Kelsey McWhirt (Tyndall AFB) surprised Mr. Brannon with this prestigious honor. Thank you to Jan Dykes & Cynthia Fuller for their nomination of Mr. Brannon.

HNES Mom (and Executive Board Member of AFA Air & Space Force Association), Tricia Berry was here for the celebration. THEN, in June during the 2024 online U.S. National Innovator Challenge Award presentation, Mr. Brannon was selected as the Innovator TEACHER OF EXCELLENCE! He found out while watching the results video via on YouTube! Another honor! We are so proud of the dedication that Mr. Brannon provides to our young inventors each year and the inspiration that he offers our students in his classes every day!

Congratulations Mr. Brannon. We are so lucky to have you at Holy Nativity.

### JEREMY BRANNON Holy Nativity Episcopal School



Mr. Brannon has gone above and beyond dedicating time to each and every student's project. He spent individual time with everyone and really made sure we were ready and comfortable before our presentations. He also helped to set up interviews with local engineers and business people so that we could discuss our ideas with professionals.



### TEACHER OF EXCELLENCE

### Jade Davis receives WJHG Golden Apple Award!

1st grade teacher Jade Davis was honored to receive the WJHG Golden Apple on December 4, 2024. Nominated by one of her 1st grade scholars, Mrs. Davis was overwhelmed by the recognition. Now in her 22nd year teaching - but just her 2nd year at HNES - Mrs. Davis said, "Holy Nativity is the best school! My goals every day are to be patient, flexible, communicate well with others, know my families, and keep a positive attitude."



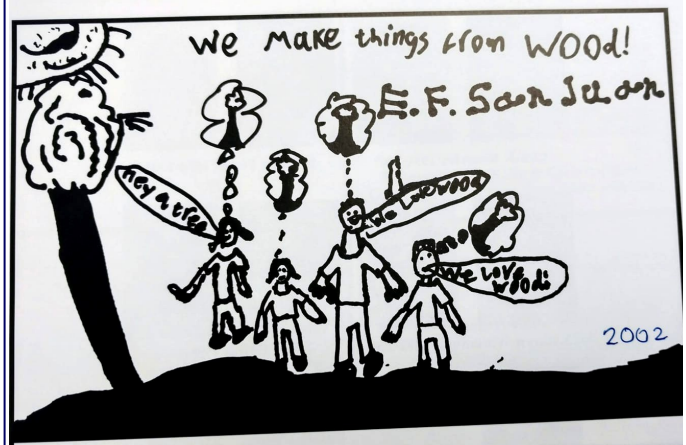
## VOTED BEST of FLORIDA 2024!



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FLORIDA  
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### Holy Nativity Episcopal School REPEATS as BEST OF FLORIDA Private School for 2024

E. F. San Juan Yearbook Ad 2002





**Lynn Ferren** (42nd year) Historian, Safety Coordinator, Purchasing Director  
**Martha Jo Cooper** (37th year) BASE  
**Gaila Scanlan** (26th year) Maint. & Facilities  
**Hope Simmons** (26th year) Art, MS Musical Director, Dance  
**Wendy Mowat** (24th total year) Admin. Assistant to Head of School  
**Amy Moody** (21st total year) MS Math, MathCounts Coach, Dir of Development, Holy Herald Editor, Social Media Manager  
**Sheila White** (21st year) School Secretary  
**Bridget Granducci** (21st total year) 4th grade, Student Interview Team, Cheer  
**Terry Duke** (19th year) Admissions Specialist/Registrar  
**Kelly Muller** (19th year) School Receptionist  
**Lauren Presser** (17th year) MS Lang. Arts, Media Specialist, Student Interview Team, Marketing Director  
**Natalie Godwin** (14th year) 4th grade, Student Interview Team, FCIS PLC Coord.

**Tracey Mason** (14th year) Teaching Asst.  
**Laura Dobbins** PC Racquet Club (13th year) Adjunct Tennis Coach  
**Cynthia Fuller** (12th year/5th year as HOS) Head of School  
**Lyn Morris** (12th year) Technology Director  
**Summer Himes** (10th year) 2nd grade  
**Jan Dykes** (10th total year) US Dean of Students, MS Coord., Robotics Coach  
**Heather Creel** (9th year/5th as DOS) Dean of Students  
**Michelle Cool** (9th total year) 3rd grade + Cheer Coach  
**Darcey Sinicrope** (9th total year) MS Science + PE:  
**Tina Fisher** (8th total year - through November 2024) MS World History  
**Avis Keen** (7th total year) Volunteer Pianist  
**Liz Ward** (7th year) Pre-K, Musicals  
**Becca Flohre** (7th year) MS Language Arts, Reading + Beta Club Sponsor  
**Amanda Greggs** (7th year) Teaching Asst.

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**Chris Borgman** (2nd year) 2nd grade  
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**Georgette Mantooth** (2nd year) Kindergarten  
**Ashley Ice** (1st year) 1st grade  
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## Honoring Linda Scott's Legacy – A Scholarship in Her Memory - by Brody Fuller

*This year, as part of my IB Project, I have chosen to lead the fundraising efforts for a scholarship my family started last year in memory of my grandmother, Linda Scott. My grandma Linda was a remarkable woman—a single mother who raised three children with resilience, perseverance, and unwavering love. My mom, who was significantly younger than her siblings, spent much of her childhood with my grandma during her single-mother years. The strength and kindness my grandma embodied shaped my mom into the strong-willed, compassionate woman she is today—always looking out for others and going above and beyond to spread love. To honor my grandmother's legacy, all donations collected will go directly to the Holy Nativity Episcopal*

*School Scholarship Fund in her memory, helping to support students in their educational journey. As her only grandson I know firsthand how proud she would be to know that we were helping others at HNES. Taking on this fundraiser as my IB Project is not just an academic requirement, it's a deeply personal mission. It allows me to carry on my grandmother's legacy of strength and generosity while making a meaningful impact in the lives of others. Any contribution, big or small, is deeply appreciated. If you're unable to donate, sharing this fundraiser would mean the world to me and my family. Thank you for helping us keep my grandmother's spirit alive by making a difference in the lives of others—just as she always did.*



**Linda Gail Scott**  
1948-2023

To contribute to the Linda Scott Scholarship Fund, please contact [amooday@hnes.us](mailto:amooday@hnes.us)



Our Bible readings about love encourage me to tell you my most exciting adventure in ministry. Twenty years ago, I was chaplain at Holy Nativity Episcopal School. It was the highlight of my life. I'll not speak for Fr Steve, but he might say the same, and I pray it will be so for Fr Forbes, that he'll be happy here, that he'll love us, feel our love for him, and stay many years. At Holy Nativity School, the chaplain is also religion teacher, and at first, I was anxious about teaching children, remembering how bored I was with religious instruction as a boy. I'd taught graduate courses in political science as adjunct professor at university, and I'd taught freshman college courses in OT and NT to high school seniors, but I had no experience teaching children: HNES students are 3-4-5-year-old pre-kindergarten through 13-year-old middle schoolers, and the prospect of boring them terrified me! At HNES, I led chapel three times every Wednesday - - (kindergarten, lower school, middle school chapel). My classroom task was religion teacher for middle school. I decided early that my Theme would be the NT Greek word AGAPE, which is love that is not a feeling but how we treat other people - - people who are different from us; people we do not know; people we avoid, are suspicious of, look down on, fear, even hate. It's human nature that we stick together, separating from others by race, religion, social status, ethnic background, outlook, values. But in AGAPE, Jesus calls us to overcome human nature and BECOME more like God. The student body at Holy Nativity School is mixed - - several Christian denominations from Christian, Jew, Muslim, Hindu families. A racial mix of White, Brown and Black; not to mention girls and boys in class together at a Time of budding and bursting adolescence, bravado, fear, insecurity. Single-parent homes, traditional two-parent homes, blended families, wealthy families, poor families, average families. Anyway, my Theme: Love God Love Neighbor, centering on the NT Greek word AGAPE. In chapel I'd encourage students to call out what AGAPE meant to them, and they'd shout KINDNESS, PATIENCE, THOUGHTFULNESS, GENEROSITY, CONSIDERATION, ACCEPTANCE, HOSPITALITY, FORBEARANCE. - the King James Bible beautifully translates into "lovingkindness." AGAPE was my sole message my years as chaplain and religion teacher, and as Head of School, Beverly McDaniel helped emphasize it all the years we were working together. There were charming moments introducing "LOVE GOD, LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR", opening the school year at our first kindergarten chapel in the Fall, Beverly asked the room-full of 3, 4, and 5-year-olds, "WHAT ARE OUR TWO RULES?" Tiny hands went up all over the room. Beverly pointed to a hand and a child shouted, "NO BITING." Beverly affirmed the rule NO BITING, while clarifying that the rule she had in mind was LOVE GOD. Then she asked, "And what's our second rule?" From somewhere in the middle of the room a little child shouted, "DON'T THROW SAND." Little children understand concrete thought, NO BITING, DON'T THROW SAND; they are not into abstract notions like LOVE GOD, LOVE NEIGHBOR, but it comes in Time. Becoming chaplain and religion teacher, I was anxious about middle schoolers being bored and dreading my classes. But as it happened, at just the right moment, TIME MAGAZINE published a front cover article titled, "How to work with 13-year-olds" - - and TIME magazine's first recommendation was bring snacks. Linda baked cookies, cupcakes and brownies, we cut apple slices, carrot sticks, we stuffed celery with cream cheese; I made weekly runs to the Cove Shopping Center grocery store for cookies, candy, fruit and vegetables, juice, milk, soda, ice-cream-on-a-stick. I frequented Krispy Kreme on 23rd Street, and Dan-D-Donuts on Harrison Avenue across from Bay High School. Later, after I retired from the school, I was told that a new rule had been made: NO FOOD. It was just as well I was no longer there, because I make my own rules and my first rule is "THERE ARE NO RULES." I may have had the most eagerly anticipated religion class in town! One morning I stuck my head in Amy Moody's math classroom to ask her a question and a student shouted, "Father Tom! What's for snacks today?" But what about religion, teaching religion, that was my job?! Well, the snacks were about experiencing AGAPE (and I made sure the students knew that), but before starting that first school-year, I conferred with a person who had a masters degree in middle school education: she



suggested the idea that basing my classes on Modern Fantasy Fiction. So, I picked Christian Fiction. In religion class we read books and watched films of CS Lewis' CHRONICLES OF NARNIA, that Lewis originally wrote for children, and he described as "Christian pre-evangelical." It took discussion, and orientation toward theological reflection, but EPIPHANY came when students could see Jesus on the Cross when Aslan the Lion voluntarily gives up his life to savage execution by evil monsters in order to save the boy Edmund, who'd fallen for the Wicked Witch, eaten her enchanted food, swallowed her lies, and betrayed his loved ones. And I remember the classroom reaction of stunned realization when the stone table cracks as Aslan breaks free from death and returns in love and power: students crying "OH! YEAH!" as they suddenly see Easter Dawn. The Sacrifice of Calvary, that's our religion, that's the Gospel! Watching a movie or reading a book, whenever we spotted something that was AGAPE in a story, we paused to identify and discuss it. Starting class every week, I invited students to be observant and share anything they wanted to tell us about AGAPE that they'd noticed outside of school - - at home, in the family or with friends. I told them: the idea is always to be aware of AGAPE in life. As their semester exam in December 2005, Beverly and I took the entire middle school, 75 students, to a local theater for the premiere showing of the Hollywood extravaganza, CS Lewis' Narnia film "THE LION, THE WITCH, AND THE WARDROBE": watch the movie, come to class the next day to discuss the film, compare it to the book; compare the wild Hollywood version to BBC's quaint old DVD movie that we'd watched in class; and get an A for the semester: that was AGAPE too! My next year as religion teacher we did the same thing, but with JRR TOLKIEN's THE HOBBIT and LORD OF THE RINGS books and movies. My third year the same plan - - with HARRY POTTER books and movies by author JK Rowling, a Christian Doubter - - her stories are ripe for spotting AGAPE, and we did that together in religion class. I made sure parents knew what we were doing, so they could intervene if they didn't want their child involved. My middle school students are now in their thirties. "Some have died who deserved life" - - I'm thinking of Richard Youd, and Ryan Yessman - - my deepest grief in life was preaching their funerals. - - For the others, I have no idea whether what we did has stuck, but I love them dearly. I'll bless them as long as life endures, because AGAPE, nothing matters but Love; and that's the gospel of the Lord. +Tom





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## HNES Board's 2nd Annual Mini-Golf Classic Becomes a School Favorite

Thanks to the generous sponsorships of our HNES Board friends at **Reliant South, Cramer Chevrolet GMC, E.F. San Juan, The Clemons Company, Women's Imaging Center at Bay Radiology, Gulf Coast Heart & Vascular, and Hutt Insurance**, our 2nd Annual Mini-Golf Classic was another fun family success. Congratulations to our winners: Tournament Champs: **John Robert Kingston & Jax Muth** (pictured with their Dads John Robert and Patrick plus Board "pirate" Trey Hutt); Middle School "Crazy Course" Champ: **Jacob Adami**, and Hole-in-one champ: **Grayson Williams** (pictured with Board member **Scott Clemons**), and **Amy Moody** 50/50 Raffle Winner. Also pictured here are 2nd grade golfers **Liam Hawkins & James Windham** (lower right), "Best dressed" princess pirate **Reece Fredenberg** (right), and Board members below: **Mary Kathryn San Juan, Cynthia Fuller (Head of School), Kim Dodd (Tournament Director), Trey Hutt, & Dr. Donnie Davis**.

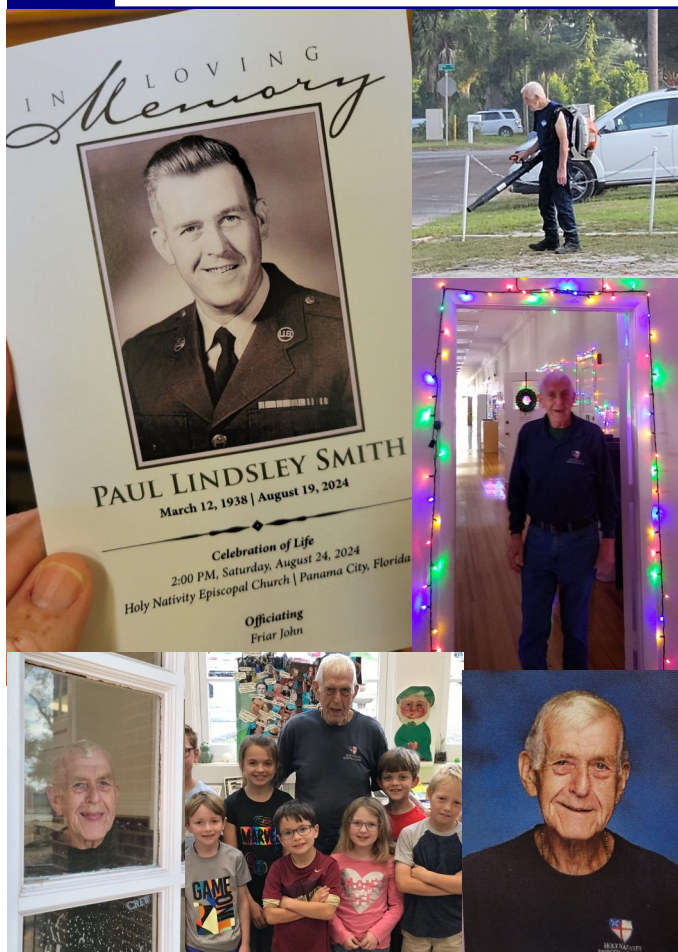
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## Holy Nativity Family is Saddened by the Loss of our Own "Mr. Paul"



Mr. Paul Smith, HNES Maintenance & Facilities Team Leader for 23 years, passed away on August 19, 2024, at the age of 86. Working up until February of 2024, Mr. Paul continued to take great pride in arriving before 5 am to have the school ready prior to the faculty and students arriving. Famous for his leaf-blowing precision of our walkways, his extra attention to AC filter cleaning, and his unfailing clock setting on time change days, Mr. Paul was everyone's hero. From Paul's obituary, "He enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in 1958, with training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas. In 1965, he was chosen "Airman of the Quarter" at Gunter AFB in Alabama and promoted to Sergeant in 1968. Paul adopted son Shaun in 1967 while stationed in England. In December of 1977, while stationed in Hahn AFB in Germany, he married Sheila and became stepdad to her two sons, Trevor and Martin. He moved back to the states in 1981 when he retired from the Air Force. He joined the Civil Service and managed the Commissary at Tyndall AFB in Panama City and settled into Lynn Haven. He and Sheila were married 35 years before her passing in 2010. Son Shaun had two children, Saxon and Starr. Paul was actively involved in their upbringing. He was a proud grandparent to his son's surviving children and stepson's children and grandchildren." Former Head Mistress, Mrs. Beverly McDaniel shared, "Mr. Paul is a wonderful example of having a strong work ethic. If children learn what they live, any child who has seen Mr. Paul has observed his dedication to doing the job correctly, thoroughly, and with pride. I was honored to have hired him in 2001! I wish there were more men of his character and strength making our world better." Ms. Gaila Scanlan wrote, "Paul and I worked together for over 20 years. He was a kind and loving parent and grandparent and friend to our students. His favorite quote was, "I am too old for this!" and YET he just kept going." We are forever grateful that Mr. Paul Smith dedicated his 23 "retirement years" to us at Holy Nativity.

## Heartbroken Family & Friends Contribute to "Stephanie Leno Memorial Scholarship"

After an invitation from longtime friend Heather Creel, Stephanie Leno arrived at Holy Nativity Episcopal School in 2018 to teach K3. The timing was a gift from God himself, as our school and her families would endure Hurricane Michael (10-10-2018), the closure of our schoolhouse and the relocation of our campus for 10 months, Mrs. Leno was a consistent encouragement, cheerleader, and face of joy and hope for her young scholars and her co-workers. In her 2020 notes, Stephanie shared, *"What a treasure God gave to me to experience my HNES years. Everything about this school I will always love! I am so grateful to have been a part of the magic for two glorious years."* (From the memorial) Mrs. Leno "was born on February 24, 1969, and her life was a testament to kindness and generosity. She passed away unexpectedly on February 23, 2025, just one day shy of her 56th birthday. Stephanie's legacy is one of love and joy, and the lives she touched in every encounter.

A loving wife, mother, nana, sister, daughter, and friend, Stephanie always put others before herself. Her faith in the Lord Jesus Christ held her fast as she experienced the ups and downs of life.

Stephanie delighted in being with her precious family, cherishing every moment spent with them. She had the uncanny gift of spontaneously sharing corny knock-knock jokes and living as a "chameleon," able to blend in with anyone and make them feel like they had been friends for years. Just like her beloved mom and her daughter, Stephanie was a gifted teacher. Her students and their parents alike experienced her exceptional talents, and she made a lasting impact on their lives. Her creative spirit and commitment to making a difference left an indelible mark on everyone who knew her.

Stephanie is survived by her loving family, including her husband, Tim; her adult children Alex and husband Ricky, Jeremy and wife Alanna, Ryan, and Jake and wife Sarah; her grandkids Charley, Madeline, Grayson, and Maverick; her Dad, Eugene; sister, Marianne; and brother, Allan. She also leaves behind nieces, nephews, and many friends who will miss her dearly. In honor of Stephanie's memory, the family has generously established a scholarship at Holy Nativity Episcopal School.





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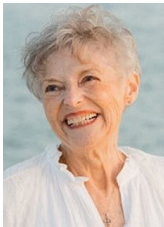
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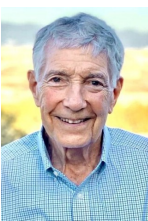
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## THREE Generations of Girl Scouts Serving in HNES Troop #504

2nd grader Annabelle Schmidt knows how lucky she is to have the leadership and guidance of her Mom - HNES alumna Audrey Combs Schmidt AND her Grandmother - longtime HNES friend Laurie Combs - not just in her own daily life but in her Girl Scout life. In February, the three were working together in McDaniel Hall on the Troop's plans for the 2025 Girl Scout Cookie Season.

Audrey - Troop 244 of the *Apalachee Bend Council* and Laurie - Troop 272 of the *Charlotte Council* are proud to continue the traditions of 60+ years of Girl Scout service through Annabelle's membership in the *Big Bend Council*.





After the Daddy Daughter Dance, it all hit me - hard. I was alone at the school, finishing up cleanup and locking up. Of course, if you know me, I set off the alarm (which was hilarious), and ADT called and everything—so that was fun...But in that quiet moment, standing in the place that has been our second home for nine years, it really sank in. This was the last dance I'd plan for the people I love at our little, precious school. And soon, my child -our child - is leaving for high school. I've been fighting to make HNES build a high school because we just don't want to leave. This place has been more than a school; it's been our safe place, our family, and our HOME.

## IT'S OUR.....

Rowdy and unforgettable Camp Outs where families think it's a good idea to stay in a tent on the school campus-The smell of s'mores and the kids' laughter echoing in the night makes it worthwhile, Valentine's Candy Grams the kids love receiving, Hallway walks with Betty, poop and all - yet teachers are still pleasant! Favorite teachers and staff who became family, Parent Council events we absolutely crushed every year, Zaylee's Friday dress code battles in 6th grade LOL, Place where COVID never stopped our kids from learning and socializing—maybe just with masks on, Place where everyone smiles and hugs, Beta and SGA Club where new ideas are greatly appreciated, MathCounts-Math is FUN and GOOD, Thanksgiving Lunch with coloring table decor and family gatherings, Food Drives, Giving Tree, and Toy Drive of Mrs. Ferren, who is a huge part of our school, Head of school-Fuller who loves Zaylee and me with all her heart-she also makes every decision for our school her top priority, Daddy-Daughter Dance that I had worked to make better every year, Best Carnival with epic booths made by kids and parents, especially the Frankenstein nose picking slime one, Place where I could have lunch with my child every single day if I wanted to, Chapel, too many special memories to name, Staff who became more than educators: Warren, Katie, Lovchuk, Cool, Granducci, Resler, Flohre, Brannon, Moody, Shanun, Presser, Fisher, Hope, Casey, Stacey, Darcey, Todd, Sam, Tank, Coach Laura and Hammond, Sheila, Kelly, Dykes, Terry, Hughes, Creel, Fuller, and Father Steve -plus so many more around campus, School we rebuilt—in trailers and on doggy beds at our beloved Church- after the hurricane, Veterans Day Chapel that makes

us cry every single year, Christmas lights that our wonderful BASE makes sure we come back to after the holiday break, Place where we watched TWO Solar eclipses as one big family, Where Zaylee had her short-lived cheer career, Our favorite Book Fair—EVER. It's the place where you have to purchase a book before you can get a DOO-DAD, Birthday blessings that make every child feel special, Granducci making 4<sup>th</sup> grade Zay's safe place when she needed it more than ever, Creel recommending therapy to the "Angel House" because she saw what we needed before we could, Fifth-grade safety patrol - Zay's first job, Watching the most beautiful trees regrow before our eyes after the hurricane took them all, School that helped me become the mother I am today, Place I've subbed at for free because seeing these kids is payment enough, Favorite volunteer Kindergarten crafting and project days, 100-Day Parade of little old ladies and men with their walkers and canes, Mr. Paul & Ms. Gaila getting to school first and making it beautiful for everyone, "Blessing of the Pets" where every pet is welcome, even snakes and ponies. It's a crazy "chaos" madness but somehow all these pets get along on their special day, Ash Wednesday and Lent services that ground us, Officer Jay in his space, who always keeps us safe, Place that helped me shape my daughter into the young woman she is today, Place that saw our pain when we couldn't see the next day ahead, Father Steve, who is more than any words I could ever express. He's one of a kind and oh how we miss him, Teacher Appreciation Week, where we get to recognize the incredible staff and see their well-deserved smiles when we pamper them, Where Zaylee met her best friends for life, these bonds are ones that will last a lifetime - I just know it, Mrs. Terry's legendary hugs and always having my back, Moody, our only redhead family member who will always remember Zaylee and her loved ones every year in September, Place where the best children's plays are put on every year on the stage in McDaniel Hall,

Grandfriends' Day, where I proudly drive all the grandparents around on the golf cart. It's where we get to show love to the folks who are the real reason our kids are here today, College Colors Day—because nothing is more competitive than seeing which team can recruit the most fans, Middle school teachers who have poured everything into preparing my girl and all the kids for high school, STREAM is the DREAM, the building coming to life, brick by brick, Field trips that were nothing short of legendary with our group of parents, kids, and staff, Place where it's okay to make mistakes, because you are learning from them and growing, Every year, I say I won't be a homeroom parent, yet somehow, I do it—because this place is magic, Children I claim as my own and would protect forever because I've watched them grow before my eyes, An entire staff and collection of kids who have made this school OUR HOME. The bonds we made are UNBREAKABLE!

We are not ready to leave. We don't want to go. We are going into high school kicking and screaming. If this "Holy Memoir" doesn't make sense to you, then you've never been to HNES, the most incredible, magical, and forgiving place I've ever had the pleasure to be a part of. As Father Steve would say "My friends, Life is short and we haven't much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us. So be quick to love, and make haste to be kind, and may the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be with you and remain upon you always. Amen."

**No Place I'd Rather Be**  
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**CAMPOUT on William's Field Goes Back to its Traditional Camping Roots**

Thank you to Shani Lee, Tricia Berry, and our Parent Council friends for planning this year's Campout. Families enjoyed a movie & popcorn, made s'mores at the camp fire, visited the food truck "Burning Bowls," and SOME even spent the night in a tent on William's Field!



Pictured here: Cole Jansenius, Katie Reinink, Heather Creel, Jan Dykes, Cynthia Fuller, Ricardo + Elijah Estevez





7th grader **Carson Berry** admires the new custom chapel furniture in McDaniel Hall. The chairs and podium, personally made by Amish Woodworking Company of Goshen, Indiana, is funded by a gift from the **Berry Family** and is dedicated in honor of **Father Forbes Sirmon**.  
THANK YOU!



Kindergarten friends **Remi Covington & Liam Hall** pause on the newly-packed William's Field clay track. The 1/8-miles track is the perfect surface for our busy lap-running scholar-athletes. Liam's Great-Grandmother **Betty Cleaveley**, Liam's Grandmother **Rebecca Hall-Cary**, and Rebecca's best friend **Debra Dreyer**, were the driving force for the improvements completed and maintained by **Richard Maddox** of US Lawns.



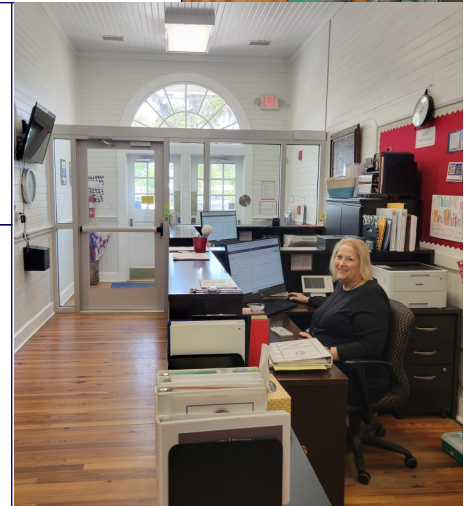
2nd grader **Henry Grissett** demonstrates the non-slip veneer of the Pavilion floor. Thanks to **Teamworks Fabrications** who re-surfaced the basketball court floor with funding provided by a beloved HNES alumni family.



8th grade friends **Zaylee Garcia, Kinley Faris, Tinsley Tanton, & Kinlee Carter** pose proudly on the newly-painted Four-Square Court. Thanks to "Art In Action" for their mentorship of our students who completed this amazing legacy project in Ms. Hope's middle school Art classes.

Dean of Students **Heather Creel** closes the new security door to the office she shares with Dean of Students Jan Dykes. This classroom is the north end of the original 1950 Cove School Library. The doorway connected the Library to the Principal's Office.

In the middle school hallway, prior to the first day, Mom **Jenny Kelly** and daughter **Harper Collier** filled a brand new 2024 locker. The 100 units, purchased with an EANS Grant, include soft-closing doors and pre-installed shelves (Thank you, Maintenance Team!). These gray beauties replace the beige lockers donated by **Kim & Richard Dodd** in 2006.



School Secretary **Sheila White** mans the front office behind our new "hardened" front entrance.



## 23rd Annual Holy Nativity 5K Run and 1-mile Fun Run is April 12th

### PLATINUM \$1,000:

Bill & Jennifer Lloyd (RACE FOUNDER), Rob & Nancy Lloyd; Natalie & James Godwin Family, Encompass Health, Southern Belle Construction, Teamworks Fabrication

### GOLD \$500: The McAllister Family

**SILVER \$250:** Tyson Elmore, CPA; Jillian & Sean Preston Family; Panhandle Signal, Inc. - The Kelly Family; Burke & Blue - Caroline & Doug Smith Family; Vicki Hammack *in memory of my Mother Judy Hammack*; Reeves Nursery - The Scott Family; Cocoran Reverie Corey Joseph

**BRONZE: \$100:** Nan, Abby, & Jillian Dingus (RACE FOUNDER); Lynn Ferren; Kristen & William Brown Family, Amy & Jay Moody, Panama City Racquet Club; Maggie & Bud Shuler, The Grocery Outlet - Katy & Bill Bradford; Coca-Cola - Lori & Wes Morgan





## HNES 8th Grade Class of 2025 Ready for High School

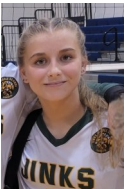
What a year for the HNES class of 2025! We are excited for what the future holds for each. Oh, the memories we have made together! Congratulations! Back row: Kinley Farris, Lilly Adams, Vivian Street, Bonnie Brown, Aliya Rost, Lydia Casey, Julie Reinink, Micah Huston,



Photo by Lynn Ferren

middle row seated: Zaylee Garcia, Braelyn Carpenter, Kinlee Carter, Ellie Terrell, Alexandra McAllister, Libby Boggs, Lucia Lama, Tinsley Tanton. Front row standing: Chris Godwin (SGA President), front row seated: Tom Moore, Alex Moore, Charlie Kyle, Mason McShurley, Drew White, Jet Lynch, standing right Max Rish (Beta Club President). The annual graduation ceremony is scheduled for Thursday, May 22nd at 5:30 pm Holy Nativity Episcopal Church. All friends are welcome to attend!

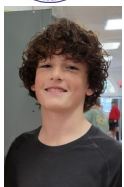
### HNES Scholar-Athletes Make our School Proud

Chris Godwin  
Mowat  
BasketballEllie Terrell  
North Bay Haven  
SoccerKinlee Carter  
Mowat  
VolleyballKinley Farris  
Mowat  
VolleyballTinsley Tanton  
MowatVivian Street  
Mowat  
VolleyballZaylee Garcia  
Bozeman  
SoftballLiv Allon  
Mowat  
SoccerHarper Collier  
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Mowat TrackSkylar Arnold  
Bay Haven  
SoccerBailee  
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Jinks  
VolleyballCharlotte  
Lynah  
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VolleyballCarter  
Denecke  
Mowat  
FootballCarson Berry  
Mowat  
Football,  
Mowat  
Basketball

### Holy Nativity Tennis Team @ The Panama City Racquet Club - Thank you, Coach Laura Dobbins

(top): Aliya Rost, Anna Wibberley, Thomas Rish, Will Haskett, Max Rish, Carson Berry, Wyatt Syfrett, Jet Lynch, Sawyer Bryan, (middle): Laney Lee, Parker McDonnell, Annabelle Blair, Lucia Llama (t-shirt artist), Coleman Hutt, Josh Reinink, John Robert Kingston, (front 5th graders): Grayson Presser, James Gardner, Thomas Godwin, Owen Haligas. (not pictured: Luke Conley, Elijah Estevez, Caden Hawkins, Sophie Salloum).

Photo at Brian Sharpe Memorial

Graham  
Haligas  
Mowat SoccerKami Brown  
Jinks  
CheerStella Reed  
Mowat  
VolleyballWill Melzer  
Mowat  
Soccer



Thank you, Musical Director - Ms. Hope Simmons



Photos by Lynn Ferren  
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THANK YOU



Isaac Ward = Willy Wonka,  
Wilson Harris = Charlie Bucket,  
Maddie Mitchell = Grandpa Joe,  
Chris Godwin = Mike Teevee,  
Charlie Kyle = Mr. Salt,  
Bonnie Brown = Veruca Salt,  
Beatrice Provencher =  
Mrs. Gloop,  
Alexandra McAllister =  
Mrs. Bucket, Ms. Teevee,  
Drew White =



Augustus Gloop, Mr. Bucket,  
Celia Stamps = Violet Beauregarde,  
Stella O'Brien = Mrs. Beauregarde  
Vivian Street—Phineous Trout

4th and 5th grade girls played  
the parts of the famous squirrels!



## 9th Annual Weller Scholar Award Recipient is Class of 2024's Stella O'Brien



8th grade Language Arts Teacher  
Ms. Lauren Presser stands with  
Weller Scholar Stella O'Brien

Holy Nativity, over the years, has  
taught me to be kind, truthful,  
creative, and most importantly to love

God and love my neighbor. The teachers and mentors at this school made sure to educate me at my own pace so that I could understand all the information fully and consistently feel supported. Simple greetings or talks in the halls from teachers could make my day and truly showed how caring the teachers were towards each individual student. As I've grown up here, the teachers have made me feel very safe and encouraged and they made sure to show how much they cared about me as a person and genuinely wanted to know my opinions and my ideas.

Throughout my 11 years of attending Holy Nativity I have met so many wonderful people and have had so many great memories. From taking dance classes, doing musical performances, going on field trips, hanging out with friends, and getting birthday blessings in chapel; these memories will always linger in my mind. This beautiful school will always be like a second home to me with all of the enduring memories I've made inside of its walls and on William's Field. Leaving this

school makes me realize how much I will miss the old bell, hearing teachers talking in the hall, decorating my locker, going to PE and even just walking to lunch.

I look back on my years at HNES and appreciate all the friendships I have formed within these walls. My views on friendships may have evolved over the years but my close group of friends has shown true loyalty to me which I will always appreciate. There are so many things I could add but I know I will never forget that HNES is my "other home."

(The Weller Scholar is an honor awarded by the Board of Trustees of Holy Nativity Episcopal School to recognize a graduating 8th grade student who has demonstrated outstanding character, high academic progress, and a strong devotion to the mission of our school. Named for Father Tom Weller and his wife Linda, this award is presented annually at the graduation ceremony to celebrate the lifetime contributions of the Wellers to our school and our community.)







2025 MathCounts District 1st Place Team = **Ellie Terrell, Alex Moore, Max Rish, Bonnie Brown**

For the first time since 2004, HNES sent a TEAM of mathletes to the MathCounts State Competition (held at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Daytona Beach in 2025). MathCounts Coaches **Amy Moody & Sara Lively** (photo lower right) are so proud! 1/17/25 Bay District Competition - GCSC, Six schools: (photo lower left individual winners): 6th gr. 10th place **Bennett Mitchell**; 7th gr. 7th place **Will Melzer**, 8th place **Luke Jagiello**; 8th gr. 2nd place **Max Rish**, 10th place **Mason McShurley**, 7th place **Aliya Rost**, 1st place **Ellie Terrell**, 8th gr. Team - 1st place **Ellie Terrell, Max Rish, Alex Moore, Bonnie Brown**; 2/21/25 2025 Gulf Regional Competition - FSU-PC, Nine schools: 5th place overall Individual – 8th grader, **Max Rish** (finished written test in 8th place but an outstanding countdown round performance brought him up to 5th); Second Place Team Overall - Invited to State Competition - **Max Rish, Aliya Rost** (12th place overall), **Alex Moore, & Ellie Terrell, Bonnie Brown** (Alternate). Math Coaches from each competing school at the Gulf Regional competition were given the MathCounts Test. **Mrs. Moody** achieved the highest coach score for the third consecutive year. 3/14/25 2025 STATE MathCounts Competition 44 schools, 247 mathletes, **Ellie Terrell** finished in top 46% of Florida mathletes. It was a fun season for all!

## MATHCOUNTS®



FLASHBACK! The last Holy Nativity Team to be invited to MathCounts State Competition was our 2004 Team of **Cory Thorpe, Kirstyn Palgut, Elaura Hodgetts, and Michael Warkander**, (Alternate Katherine Whitton)



### 7th grade Invention Convention Results

7th grade Science Teacher, **Mr. Jeremy Brannon** announced: **Kami Brown**= 1st place "Bark Light." **Celia Stamps**= 1st place "Tech Tips" in Technology & Wearables. **Annabelle Blair & Charlotte Lynah** (not pictured)= 1st place "The Hair Helper" in Consumer Goods & Fashion. 1st place = "The Hair Helper."



**Will Melzer, Carson Berry, Max McCord**= 2nd place "The Putt-o-Matic" in Sports & Games. **Chris Cramer & Jacob Adami** = 3rd place "Hold This" in Sports & Games. **Devin Jani**= 1st place **Devin Jani** = "The Hobby Hand" in Household Tools.

### 8th grade History Fair Results

8th grade History Teacher **Ms. Shanun White** presented plaques from the Bay

District Schools **Tom P. Barefield History Fair Kinlee Carter, Max Rish, Lucia Lama**= "Local History Award" documentary "Gideon vs. Wainwright," **Alex Moore, Tom Moore, & Mason McShurley** (not pictured)= "Sports Heritage Award" presentation "Steroids in Baseball"



### 6th grader Sawyer Bryan wins Patriot's Pen, "My Voice in America's Democracy"



*"My Voice in America's Democracy?" Here are three ways in which I can have a voice in America's democracy. I can be educated in our democracy, join youth councils, and engage with elected officials. I have found these three opportunities to be the best way to show my voice in America's democracy.*

*My first way I can have a voice in*

*America's democracy is by having education in the matter. One of the ways I can be educated in our democracy is by learning and knowing my rights as a child. Another way I can be educated in this country's democracy is by knowing how democracy works and how it functions. The last way I can be educated is by knowing how voting works and also knowing why voting is very important.*

*The second way I can have a voice in America's democracy is being a part of a youth council. One way youth councils give me a voice is by being a part of campaigns and political organizations. Another way is by being a representative for kids by giving advice and discussing policy with politicians. The last thing youth councils provide is the ability for me to mentor young kids and teach them about democracy. The final way I can have a voice in America's democracy is*

*by engaging with elected officials. The first way for me to engage with elected officials is by talking with them about their role in our government. Getting a better understanding about how elected officials affect youth policies is another way for me to engage with them. The last but not least way for me to engage with elected officials is by helping them with their campaigns and increasing youth outreach.*

*In conclusion there are three important ways I can have a voice in America's democracy. By educating myself on American democracy I will have a better understanding of my rights and the democratic process. I can be a part of youth councils helping provide a voice for the youth of America. The last thing I can do to have a voice is to engage with elected officials. Even though I might be a minor, clearly I can still have a voice in our American democracy.*

Congratulations to other HNES recognized authors: **Nael Khurram, John Robert Kingston, & Laney Lee.**

**Thank you VFW #10555, Panama City Beach, Florida**





## HNES CLASS OF 2021 REUNION is May 4, 2025 from 3 - 5 p.m.

The Annual Senior Recognition Day at HNES is scheduled for Sunday, May 7th. Students who attended Holy Nativity Episcopal School *at any time*, and are current high school seniors, are invited back for a special reunion. If you are a part of this "2021/2025 Class," please call a fellow alumnus and bring them - and your family - to join us on that Sunday afternoon to catch up with old friends and former teachers at Holy Nativity before the next chapter of your life begins. Any questions may be directed to Amy Moody [amood@hnes.us](mailto:amood@hnes.us) or call (850)747-0060 See you soon! STANDING L to R: Margot Provencher, Brody Fuller, Jai Patel, Maggie Smith, Ryleigh Torres, Braxton McElheney, Ryan Tamim, Boyd Faison, Neela Hernandez, Joycelyn Green, Rudra Patel, Victoria Lithway, Kennedy Harrison. ON BENCHES: Charlotte Rohan, Jordan Tackett, Marina Hoyt, Natalie Brannon, Lacy Miller, Sophie Gunter. SITTING BACK: Evan Cluxton, Ava Hilton, Peyton Lam, John McLoughlin, Jake Steverson, Rob Sale, Jacey Nelson, Mason Reed. SITTING FRONT: Cody Hill, Landyn Adamcryn, Sullivan Thomas, Jake Turner.



## Robo-Bolts "Submerged" for a Memorable 2024-2025 Season ~ by Coach Jan Dykes



Back: Bonnie Brown, Emalyn Hicks, Aliya Rost, Alexandra McAllister, Front: Coach Jan Dykes, Alex Moore, Devin Jani, Drew White, Coach Jeremy Brannon

It's been a fantastic year for our Robo-Bolts Robotics team! Thanks to the support of Coach Jeremy Brannon, our one veteran member (Alexandra) and six rookie members, we started the year with a lot of learning. Our members learned about building and coding. They tested various robot designs and worked to develop a strategy to complete as many missions as possible on this year's challenge course. The theme for this year is Submerged! In addition to competing in Robot Games, the team also had to develop an Innovation Project related to the theme. Our research and Table Talks led to an innovative solution for Diver's Panic: The SSS-Serene Seas Suit! Diver's Panic impacts more than half of recreational divers and accounts for approximately 20% of diver deaths. The SSS is an augmented diving suit that includes several modifications to help divers avoid or reduce panic. The Robo-Bolts accrued an impressive list of successes during the season. At the first competition, they had the highest score in Robot Games, were awarded a second place award for their Innovation Project, and earned the prestigious Champion's Award for the highest overall score at the event! At the Regional Championship, the team won third place in the Innovation Project category and earned a bid to compete at the State Championship. The State Championship took place at SeaWorld. Out of more than 800 Florida teams competing in the FIRST Lego League Challenge division, only 88 were invited to this event. Thirty teams were recognized with awards, and the Robo-Bolts were one of these teams! The Robo-Bolts were finalists for the Innovation Project Award at this event. Congratulations, Robo-Bolts, on another stellar season!

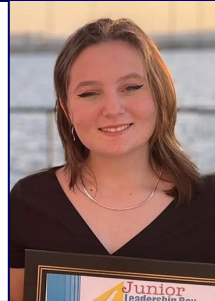




**Victoria Lithway** (c/o 2021) was recognized as a *National Merit Commended Scholar* and selected as the Mosley High School Class of 2025 **VALEDICTORIAN**.



**John McLoughlin** (c/o 2021) was recognized as a *National Merit Commended Scholar* and selected as the Bay High School Class of 2025 **SALUTATORIAN**.



**N. Jordan Tackett** (c/o 2021) was recognized as a *National Merit Commended Scholar* in the Bay High School Class of 2025.



**Boyd Faison** (c/o 2021) and **Ansley Rowan** (c/o 2021) were named to the Mosley High School Class of 2025 **HALL OF FAME**. This honor recognizes "students whose leadership has had an impact on the school through sports, student government, clubs, and arts..."

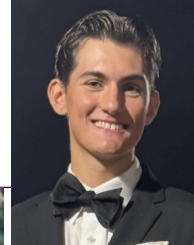


**Marina Hoyt** (c/o 2021) was selected to the TOP FIVE for Homecoming Queen at J.R. Arnold High School representing National Jr. ROTC.



**Treysen Villegas** (c/o 2022) was recognized as a *National Recognition Program Awardee* by the National Merit Scholarship Program in the Bay High School Class of 2026.

**Brayden Little Dog** (c/o 2022) was selected as a *Sunshine State Scholar* from the Mosley High School Class of 2026



**Aiden Nowak** (c/o 2022) was selected as a *Sunshine State Scholar* from the Bay High School Class of 2026



"The Catastrophic Ramifications" are an ASCENT Integrated Tech Club (ITC) based out of Rutherford High School. The team includes HNES Robo-Bolts alumni: **Abram Jeffery, Isaac Ward, Roger Coulther, Caleb Jeffery, Maddie Mitchell**, (pictured separately **Brody Fuller**).



**Ansley Rowan, Ellery McElheney, & Kennedy Harrison** were leaders on the 2024 Mosley High Volleyball Team that captured a Class 5A District 1 Title.

**Cade Denecke** (c/o 2024) was named the Bay County Boys Golfer of the Year by the *Panama City News Herald*. Cade won the individual Bay County golf championship and led his Mosley High Dolphins to a Bay County team championship - as a freshman!



**Alex Burgans** celebrates his finish at Ironman Florida, PCB 2024, which qualifies him for the Ironman World Championship, Nice, France.



Sisters and HNES alumnae **Mbongta & Bi-Neh Awantang** completed a perfect UNDEFEATED 2025 tennis season in their singles play AND their doubles play for the Rutherford Rams.





**Katie Harris** (c/o 2003) and **Josh Vine** were married in the spring of 2024.



**Cooper Harrison** (c/o 2008) and **Lexey Mowat** (c/o 2010) were wed in the summer of 2024. Lexey is also the daughter of HNES former teacher/current admin **Wendy Mowat**.



**Harry Whiting & Teresa Farkas** (c/o 2008) were wed in early 2019.



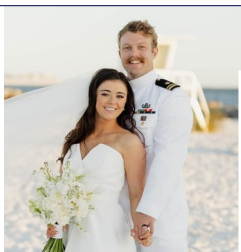
**Dr. Logan Briggs & Rachel Perry** (c/o 2008) were married in fall 2023. Rachel is also the daughter of former HNES teacher **Jane Perry**.



**Callie Mills** (c/o 2010) & **Brian Hamrick** were married in the fall of 2023. Callie is also the daughter of former HNES Finance Director **Kathy Mills**.



**Udit Ennam & Catherine Windham** (c/o 2010) were married on New Year's Eve 2024 in Charlotte.



**Brittney Davis** (c/o 2011) and **David Poston** were married in the spring of 2024.



**Chad Hogue & Abigail Russell** (c/o 2011) were married in the fall of 2024.

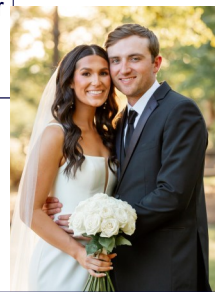


**Logan Webb & Hannah Reese Moseley** (c/o 2012) were wed in the fall of 2023.

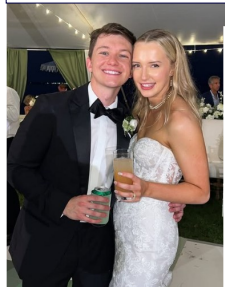


**Jeffrey Thompson & Tara McCormick** (c/o 2012) were wed in the spring of 2024.

**Selea Devall & Carson Shores** (c/o 2013) were wed in the spring of 2024.



**Ann Marie Shores** (c/o 2015) & **Chris Lockrem** were wed in the summer of 2024. It was a busy year for the Shores Family!



**Dakota Roy & Molly Grace Bradford** (c/o 2014) were wed in the fall of 2024.

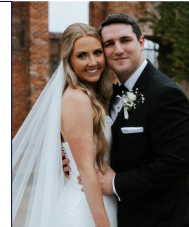


**Kelsey Junker & Jack Thompson** (c/o 2014) were wed in the fall of 2024 at HNEC.



**Dallas Morgan** (c/o 2015) & **Maycee Aultman** were wed in the fall of 2024. Dallas is also the son of former HNES teacher **Lori Morgan** and HNES Landscape expert **Wes Morgan**.

**Ellie Stopka** (c/o 2015) & **Parker Aultman** were wed in the spring of 2024.



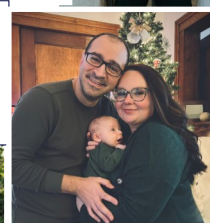
**Jacob & Katie Golden Verzwylt** (c/o 2008) welcomed their son **Joey** in 2023.



**Michael & Danielle Bauman Hennessey** (c/o 2005) added a son to their family in 2024. **Thomas** joins big sis **Amelia**.



**Olivia & Griffin Russell** (c/o 2007) welcomed their son **Roman** in 2024.



**Chris & Brittany Ferguson Berg** (c/o 2008) welcomed their son **Theo** in 2024.



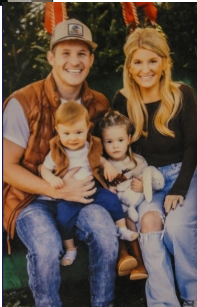
**Kendall Lovchuk Keller** (c/o 2010) & husband **Michael** added a son to their family in 2025. **Cooper** joins siblings **Charlotte** & **Kash**. Kendall is also the daughter of former HNES teacher **Candee England** and former HNES teacher **Kim Bennett Lovchuk** & **Michael**.



**Julia Kate & Eddie San Juan** (c/o 2008) welcomed their daughter **Stevie** in 2024. Eddie is also the son of lifetime school friends **Mary Kathryn** & **Edward San Juan**.



**Alec Golden** (c/o 2010) & wife **Hollie** added a son to their family in 2024. **Banks** joins big sis **Victoria**.







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***Our Alma Mater***

***Holy Nativity, school of great loyalty,  
to thee we sing.***

***Place where we learn and play,  
fellowship every day,  
Within our nestled Cove,  
our hearts we bring.***

***Holy Nativity, school of fraternity,  
to thee we serve,***

***We love your oaks and palms,  
your bricks and blessed psalms,  
The shadows of the past,  
our hopes preserved.***

***Holy Nativity, school of one God to me,  
thy name we love.***

***We love the jets in flight,  
flying in William's sight,  
Protect us by your halls,  
like that above.***

*Amy Moody 2011*

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