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It's a Great Day to be a Hannan Hawk

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By: Rebecca Sigler

Within Archbishop Hannan High School's comparatively brief history, the institution has known numerous periods of transition and, in spite of various hardships, the school persevered. It was those who believed in the mission of the school who continuously saw to its growth and success. Father Charles Latour proved to be among these advocates; as principal, servant leader, and pastoral guide, Father Latour laid the foundation for the Archbishop Hannan High School known and loved today.

In August 2005, Hurricane Katrina devastated Archbishop Hannan High School – a home to 570 students in Meraux, Louisiana. What followed was an Archdiocesan decision to relocate the school to the Northshore – a region in desperate need of a co-educational, Catholic high school. While the facilities and physical location changed, the inherent intangibles that made Archbishop Hannan what it was remained. Commitment to the mission and motto of the school carried the institution through even the darkest transitional moments that many schools would not survive; and yet, Archbishop Hannan not only subsisted, but grew to the magnanimous institution it is today.

Much of this could be attributed, as aforementioned, to the school's most devoted advocates – among them, Father Charles Latour, who entered the Hannan family in August 2010. What followed this welcoming, one can only assume, was a falling in love with Archbishop Hannan High School, on the part of Latour. When examining his litany of contributions to the school, one can only tie such passionate devotion to a deep love for community. His tenderness for each student and his unrelenting will to witness the school's success translated into a number of individual contributions which, in sum, embodied positive growth.

PERSONNEL

As the saying goes, "It takes a village to raise a child." Anyone working within education as a teacher, counselor, or principal knows this to be true. Father Latour embraced this mentality in his initial construction of a dynamic administrative team and experienced faculty. Joseph Hines, former Athletic Director/Disciplinarian and present Dean of Students, stated, "[Latour's] biggest contribution was how quickly he put a staff together that turned this school in the right direction. He, as well as Dr. Donalyn Hassenboehler and Mrs. Nancy Baird, found quality teachers to come in and quickly make an immediate impact on this school – namely, on the students. It changed public opinion of the school almost instantly." Among the influential teachers hired in Latour's initial years of service was Timothy Anger of the History department, who noted, "I remember when I was interviewed by Father Charles for a job at Hannan over a decade ago. I was so impressed with his vision for the school and his commitment to making this the best possible environment for students that I was immediately sold. I knew that this was where I wanted to continue my teaching career. I have never regretted my decision to accept the job and I owe Father Charles a debt of gratitude for selecting me to teach at Archbishop Hannan High School." It was, in fact, Latour's vision and his commitment to it that proved so contagious in his rebuilding of the school. With a mindfulness regarding Archbishop Hannan's traditions and inherent values – all of which served as a foundation – he propelled the school community forward, alongside individuals who likewise believed in his vision.



Father Charles Tribute Continued

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What naturally followed the hiring of an experienced and devoted faculty and staff was a strategic structuring of that staff. Various positions – Director of Student Activities, Technology Integration Specialist, Advancement Director, and Assistant Principal for Administration – were newly instituted under Latour’s leadership, in order to ensure that due attention was paid to various aspects of the student experience. Additionally, preexisting structures were reimagined in order to stimulate productivity. Departments were converted into Professional Learning Committees (PLC’s) and PLC Leaders became the vehicle of communication from the classroom to administration via Curriculum Council – a monthly gathering of department leaders and administrators alike, designed to further develop preexisting procedures, curriculum, etc. These systemic changes, among others, oriented a devoted faculty, staff, and administration towards constant improvement; it created a culture where “average” was not permitted.

ACADEMICS

The expectations set forth by Latour and his fellow administrators naturally translated to students as well. “Academic Excellence” became an axiom which guided, and continues to direct, academic life; in fact, it fully characterizes the academic progress witnessed under Latour’s leadership. In his first year as principal, the school offered a total of three Advanced Placement (AP) courses; today, the curriculum boasts fourteen different AP classes in various departments and a schoolwide pass rate of 85%. This past school year, Archbishop Hannan named 40 AP Scholars: students who have taken multiple AP exams and earned exemplary scores on each. The Project Lead the Way (PLTW) Program is yet another way in which high school students can earn college credit; in both the Engineering and Biomedical tracks, Archbishop Hannan students have celebrated great success. Since 2010, Archbishop Hannan has named 15 National Merit Semifinalists – a national title granted to elite eleventh graders who have scored highly on the PSAT. The ACT 30+ Club – an in-house recognition of all Archbishop Hannan students who have scored a 30 or above on the ACT – has 89 members. At present, Archbishop Hannan offers 45 electives to accompany a stout core curriculum and develop each student holistically.

These exemplary honors stem from an academic and curricular focus under Latour’s leadership; not only were the curriculum guide and course offerings updated, but strides were made to ensure that students were learning. In order to effectively teach a generation of students surrounded by technology, Latour updated the 1 to 1 technology program. MacBooks replaced iPads and in 2013, Archbishop Hannan converted to virtually all e-book textbooks. Latour ensured that he consistently provided students with the premiere educational experience and worked to provide this reality through a variety of means.



FACILITIES

Under Latour's leadership, Archbishop Hannan's student body went from 185 students in 2010 to 620 students by 2020. This exponential growth over a mere ten years, of course, necessitated a rapid expansion of facilities – and like in all other aforementioned realms, Latour did not disappoint. Over his ten-year tenure, he oversaw the building of the following facilities: the library, the 300-classroom building, Hawk Field, the weight room, the cheer and wrestling building, the band/choir room, the victory bell, and others. He likewise reimagined spaces like the chapel, the counseling center, the front office, the technology center, various science labs, etc. The focus upon providing students with the upmost experience, within and outside of the classroom, made Archbishop Hannan High School all the more enticing to incoming students. Spaces in which to practice, exercise, and learn were always striven for; rarely did students ever have to live without. Therefore, a surge in athletic and activity participation was the subsequent result.

ATHLETICS

Under the direction of Joseph Hines, Athletic Director, and a talented coaching staff, Archbishop Hannan's athletic department likewise thrived. Latour cherished the notion that athletics cultivate virtue within student athletes; he continuously ensured that coaches led, and students performed with this mentality. Joseph Hines noted that "Latour's effect on athletics came from his understanding the importance of athletics to a high school's culture. He moved quickly adding facilities: a stadium, a weight room, and so on. It all spoke to the importance of athletics, in his mind." His drive to propel the athletic department forward resulted in notable success for various LHSAA teams. During Latour's time as principal, the following District Championships were won by Archbishop Hannan teams:

Girls' Volleyball: 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2017, 2018

Girls' Cross Country: 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017

Girls' Track: 2010, 2011, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017

Girls' Softball: 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018

Boys' Baseball: 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2016, 2017, 2018

Boys' Cross Country: 2015, 2016, 2017

Boys' Basketball: 2015, 2016, 2018, 2019

Boys' Football: 2018

Boys' Track: 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017

Boys' Golf: 2015

In addition to the litany of District Championships, Latour celebrated three softball state championships in 2011, 2012, and 2019, as well as a volleyball state championship in 2018. In 2013, when our football team advanced to the state championship A number of Archbishop Hannan athletes have continued onward in collegiate athletics, contributing all that they learned on the court, on the field, in the weight room.



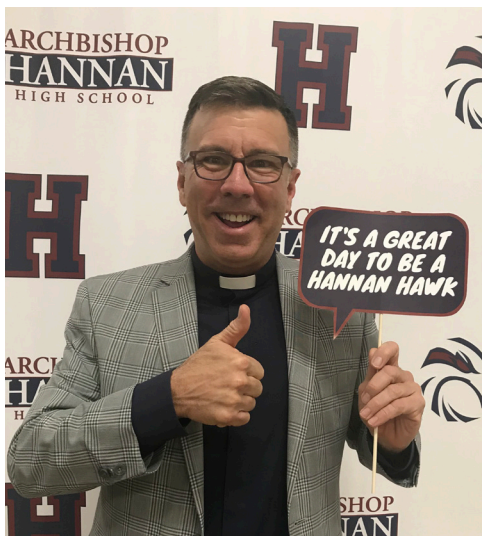
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STUDENT LIFE

The students of Archbishop Hannan High School boast well-roundedness as among their finest qualities; active participation in the classroom, in athletics, and in student activities is encouraged as they grow into men and women of God. Father Charles Latour consistently supported students – whom he consistently called “his kids” – in their various endeavors, and he always made a point to celebrate their subsequent successes. After appointing Mr. Charles Baird as Director of Student Activities, the extra-curricular offerings naturally expanded; the introduction of various clubs, honor societies, and intramural sports ensured that every student at Archbishop Hannan High School had a home. Charles Baird declared Father Charles not his boss, but his “mentor.” When asked about his personal experience under Father’s leadership, Baird stated that “[Latour] entrusted [him] to expand student activities – in particular, student council and the development of student leadership. I was empowered to teach my class, develop an overnight leadership retreat, and start a multi-day leadership academy. He truly exemplified an educator at heart, as he worked to develop the whole student.” Adolfo Rodriguez, as a teacher and advisor of the Blackfriars Theatre Troupe, testified, “One thing for which I am grateful to Father Charles is his courage in allowing the Blackfriars the artistic freedom to pursue works that might have caused some controversy or even offended some...he gave us the creative space to be real artists on stage, and it has borne much fruit in the lives of many. For that, I will always be thankful.”

HIS LEGACY

Timothy Anger, a veteran teacher at Archbishop Hannan, recalled, “When I reflect upon some of [Latour’s] numerous contributions to our school, I immediately think about his level of dedication and commitment to making Archbishop Hannan the premiere high school on the Northshore...He helped build a strong foundation that will benefit our school for years to come.” It is difficult to truly articulate one’s contribution, when so much of a legacy is comprised of intangibles. For while I – as the author of this article – can recount every facility added to campus and every district championship won, so much more comprises the spirit and heart of a school. I would perhaps challenge that, while Father Charles Latour’s physical contributions are nearly innumerable, they are not the weightiest influences.



Rather, here are a few notable accounts worth mentioning:

Hawk Field opened in 2012, and for as long as the song was reasonably popular, Father Charles would sit on the railing of the student section and sing “Chicken Fried” – yes, he would sing about fried chicken and cold beer and the radio on.

When Archbishop Philip Hannan passed away in 2011, Father Charles bussed the entire student body and faculty to his funeral in New Orleans. Certainly, this was a logistical feat – and yet, attendance of the Hannan family was a priority in his eyes.

At every graduation for ten years, Father Charles would address the senior class. The addresses gradually become more and more elaborate – sometimes even including PowerPoints and video clips – all in an effort to make fun of the graduates one last time. And while laughter always ensued, he nevertheless choked back tears each time as well in saying goodbye to “his kids.”

Father Charles made a point to respect tradition while also incorporating new customs over the years. Among the updated rituals was an annual performance with the varsity cheer squad at the Homecoming Pep Rally, in which he always ended up in an impressive stunt position by the end. He was always ready to put his life on the line for a good laugh.

His attire became more Hannan-like over the years. Most notably, crimson pants became a frequently worn part of his wardrobe.

He flew to Orlando, Florida for nearly every senior class trip during his ten years. His job did not allow a three-day Disney adventure, and yet, he always made a point to reserve one day to share with each senior class.

Surely, one can attribute Archbishop Hannan High School’s success to the number of accomplishments achieved by Father Charles Latour in his ten years as principal. That being said, running a high school – being an educator – is a matter of heart. Mrs. Nancy Baird, Father Charles’ successor as Interim Head of School and present Associate Head of School calls Latour “an excellent mentor for [her] as a pastoral leader as well as an academic leader.” She characterizes him as “a relationship builder [who] taught her the importance of maintaining effective relationships with individuals on all sides – pupils, parents, colleagues, and visitors.” It is indeed that legacy – his legacy as “a relationship builder” and charitable force – that subsists in Archbishop Hannan High School. Archbishop Hannan was and always is a family in which many yearn to partake, and it is not because of the upscale facilities or classroom capacities. Rather, it is because of the prospect of having relationships – of having a high school experience – like the one Father Charles Latour created for students of Archbishop Hannan.

To conclude, with one final contribution – perhaps among the most notable – Father Charles instituted a favored turn-of-phrase: “It’s a great day to be a Hannan Hawk. All day, every day.” The Hannan family prays that – for each of his days – he may cherish his time as a Hannan Hawk. All day, every day.



The Class of 2020: Definitely a Time to Remember



By: Nancy Baird, Associate Head of School

When the Class of 2020 began their senior year last summer, no one could have predicted what the future had in store for our world. Activities were occurring and memories were being made until that fateful day in March – March 13 to be exact-when our world changed in ways we could never have imagined.

When our world came to a halt that day, we were also forced to postpone our senior activities – those activities that our students had looked forward to since they first became Hannan Hawks. One by one the activities were either cancelled or postponed, and by the time May came around, we all wondered whether the Class of 2020 would ever have the opportunity to come together again. Their final senior countdown, a tradition at Archbishop Hannan High School, was done by video as one-by-one the seniors counted down their last seconds of high school.

We knew our seniors deserved some closing activities, so with much planning and many precautions, we hosted the first “socially distant” senior crawfish boil on May 21. During this most exciting day back at school, our masked seniors took their “20” picture on the football field, signed shirts, celebrated Mass, and enjoyed a crawfish boil outside in the Pavillion.

At the beginning of June, unfortunately things began to “go south” again and more restrictions and guidelines were put into place. Again we postponed the remaining senior events and were even forced to cancel the Senior Disney trip because Disney World was closed for the foreseeable future. Things looked bleak, but we kept the faith and determination to host the remaining activities for our seniors who deserved a happy and memorable end to their time at Archbishop Hannan High School.

By the end of July we were finally able to host our senior retreat, our senior formal dinner outside in the Pavillion (prom was cancelled by the Archdiocese of New Orleans), and our Baccalaureate Mass and Graduation Ceremony providing our seniors with lasting memories of their final days as Hawks.

During the senior formal dinner, a mini project graduation was held and all seniors walked away from the event with armloads of gifts for their transition to college. This event was chaired by Gigi St. Philip, Pam Menesses, Ysonde Strecker, Silvia Usey, Michelle Willis, and Jennifer Vaccaro, and we sincerely thank them for their hard work in changing formats and procedures many, many times.

Finally, on July 24, we said our final goodbyes to the Class of 2020 – a class of seniors that will long be remembered for their assorted talents, personalities, and gifts that they readily shared with Archbishop Hannan High School. Though we will miss them, we are proud to see the Class of 2020 charge into the future with their hopes, dreams, and lessons learned throughout their years at Hannan.





New Head of School, Same Hannan

By: Trey Labat



It has been a year of change at Archbishop Hannan High School.

From being forced to close during the COVID-19 pandemic at the end of the 2019-20 school year to opening under heavy restrictions – new Head of School Chad Barwick has had anything but a normal start to his life at school.

Barwick said despite the challenges the school year has been a blessing.

“It was all up in the air. But I’m so grateful for our wonderful administration, faculty, staff, parents and students showed flexibility and patience as we prepared,” Barwick said. “The Holy Spirit gave us the grace to open and keep our Hawks safe.”

Despite the challenges, the school has experienced a successful start to the 2020-21 year and Barwick has made a positive impact with his perspective.

“From the sanitation to the unique scheduling with online students as well as in-person students we moved mountains to make sure our students could be here in person,” Barwick said. “The year has been incredibly successful so far despite the challenges and I’m proud of our Hawk Family for everything they have done.”

Barwick was hired after Archbishop Hannan High School School embarked on a nationwide search in the Spring of 2019 after Fr. Charles Latour, O.P. announced his resignation set to begin in January 2020. Guided by the educational consulting firm Partners in Mission, the School’s Interview Committee reviewed materials from an experienced set of candidates. They then selected two finalists to visit the campus for more extensive interviews with representative members of the Archbishop Hannan community. Barwick’s appointment by Dr. RaeNell Houston, the Superintendent of Catholic Schools, was based on the wholehearted recommendation from the various interview groups.

Barwick has a rich background in Catholic education, having served 20 years in Catholic schools in a variety of roles including principal at Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School, in Montgomery Alabama, and St. Anthony de Padua Catholic School in South Bend, Indiana, as well as teacher and coach at Mount de Sales Academy in Macon, Georgia.

The Alabama native holds a Bachelor’s degree in History from Auburn University, a Master of Educational Administration, and a Master in Education degree from the University of Notre Dame.

“Education has absolutely been a vocation and not a job for me,” Barwick said. “I need the Eucharist and the ability to be in prayer to do this job...I’m incredibly lucky that my faith life is also my work life.



"I love to give back to the Church by doing what I love with kids, teachers, and families."

Barwick has ties to the Covington area and is looking forward to raising his family within the close-knit Northshore community, as well as the little joys of life that Louisiana can provide.

"I have six kids, and when my wife was pregnant with the sixth, we came and visited Hannan and every kid that I walked by said hello, every adult made time to make us feel welcomed," Barwick said. "One of the first things my kids are looking forward to doing is throwing the football in the backyard, riding the bike down the street. We are just thrilled to be in this area and have all the benefits of having family close by provides."



How COVID Isn't Stopping Our Hannan Spirit

By: Charles Baird, Director of Student Activities

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GRADE LEVEL MASS DURING QUARANTINE

At the end of last school year, we were able to bring our students back with a grade level mass. Following this event, the students were able to drop off textbooks and clean out their lockers. On their way off campus, they were treated with a snowball and we wished them a safe and happy summer.



RING MASS

The Class of 2021 participated in the annual tradition of Ring Mass on August 13, 2020 in the Hannan Gym. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, only the senior and two guests were allowed to attend due, and the event was streamed live for all other family members and guests. On August 14, instead of doing the usual Ring Parade, senior parents came to campus – unbeknownst to their children – and secretly decorated each senior vehicle. Once decorating was completed, all seniors were called over the loudspeaker to report to their cars; they were totally surprised by what parents and family members had done for them. That evening, we held our traditional Senior Ring Dinner in the gym. All seniors were treated to an Olive Garden dinner followed by a traditional “H” cookie for dessert while listening to music. We hope to continue all senior traditions – while still abiding by COVID-19 guidelines – and provide our students with the final experiences they have so long awaited.



Hannan Spirit Continued



PEP RALLIES & DRESS DOWN DAYS

Among the hardest challenges this school year is hosting spirit activities at school. Our student leaders have organized various dress down days – Costumes for a Cause – in support of the Northshore Food Bank and St. Louis Catholic High School. In one day alone, the Archbishop Hannan student body collected over 1,000 pounds of non-perishable food items and \$160.00 for the food bank. Over the course of another two days, the students raised over \$2,900 for St. Louis Catholic High School in Lake Charles which was devastated by Hurricane Laura.



Our first pep rally introduced and honored our Fall Sports athletes. The student MCs recognized our band, cross country team, volleyball team, and football team, and a student from each organization competed in a game. It was certainly different not being in the gym and in turn, having to host this event on the football field to maintain social distancing.



Our next pep rally will be October 15 on Hawk Field; this will be our “Pink Pep Rally,” in which we support Mary Bird Perkins Breast Cancer Center. Our goal this year is to collect over \$2,000.00.



National Merit Semifinalists and Commended Students Named

By: Ashley Faucheux

Founded in 1955, the National Merit Scholarship Program is an academic competition for recognition and scholarships. Approximately 1.5 million high school juniors enter the program each year by taking the PSAT. In early September, about 16,000 students nationwide are notified that they have qualified as Semifinalists. We are proud to announce that our National Merit Semifinalists for this school year are Sarah Burvant, Marie-Claire Honoree, and Kathleen Rush.

These students will now compete for the chance to be named a National Merit Finalist by submitting an application, writing an essay, taking the SAT, and maintaining a high academic status. Of the Semifinalists, approximately 15,000 students will be named Finalists in February.

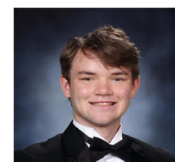
Describing our National Merit Semifinalists, Math PLC Chair Laura Lowe expressed, "Sarah, Kate, and Marie-Claire are exemplary students. They each have an incredibly strong work ethic and are never satisfied with less than their best. As their math teacher, I appreciate their desire to understand. These young ladies are not satisfied with knowing how to do something; they want to know why. I am proud of each of them for becoming National Merit Semifinalists, but more importantly, I am proud of the students they are."

We would like to also congratulate Alexander Lala who has been recognized as a Commended Student. About 34,000 juniors receive Letters of Commendation in recognition of their outstanding academic promise. Although they do not compete for National Merit Scholarships, some Commended Students do become candidates for scholarships sponsored by corporations and businesses.

Since moving to Covington, Archbishop Hannan High School has now had fifteen students named as National Merit Semifinalists. Congratulations, Hawks!



CLASS OF 2021 NATIONAL MERIT COMMENDED STUDENT





Hannan Welcomes Eight New Faculty Members

By: Kristi Shaeffer, Director of Supervision and Instruction

During the 2020-2021 school year we welcome eight new members to our faculty. Of the eight, four of them are no strangers to the Hannan Way. Corey Bordelon returns to the Hannan faculty, having coached Hawk Football at the Meraux campus, and stepping into new roles in our Hannan family are alums Marysa Alvarez (class of 2012), Madalyn Mares (class of 2016), and Addison Fernandez (Class of 2016).

“I wanted to come back to Hannan because I wanted to give back to the school that gave so much to me,” said Fernandez. Fernandez graduated from Southeastern Louisiana University, and he is currently pursuing a Master’s degree in Education from Northwestern State University. He teaches World Geography and Algebra 8.

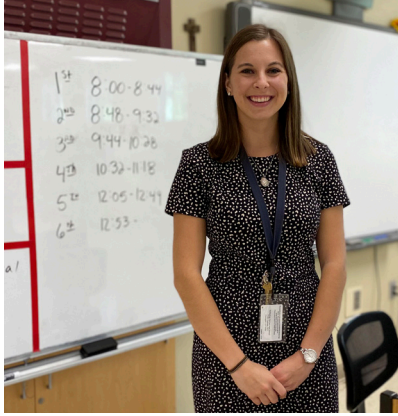
Madalyn Mares attended the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg, and she teaches Algebra I and Geometry. “As a student [at Hannan], there was always a sense of community amongst the students, and that is no different as a faculty member. When they call us a Hannan family, they really aren’t kidding, and that makes each day even better,” said Mares.

After attending Southeastern Louisiana University for her undergraduate studies and earning her Master’s degree in Religious Education from Loyola University New Orleans, Marysa Alvarez comes home to Hannan to teach Religious Studies 8 and Religious Studies III. “I love creating a space where my students feel comfortable and happy. I want my students to have just as much fun in the classroom as I do,” said Alvarez.

John Dempsey joins our faculty to teach English II CP and English II Honors and to coach our Lady Hawks Soccer Team. He is also a local who hails from Mandeville. He attended Spring Hill College and has taught at other schools in the area, including St. Paul’s and Kehoe-France Northshore. When asked about his experience at Hannan so far, Dempsey had this to say, “I came to Hannan not knowing what to expect during this school year, and I have been blown away by the leadership and mentorship I have received.”

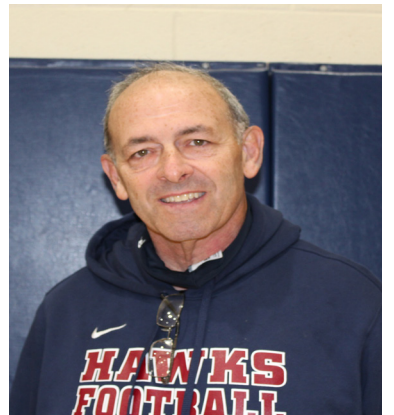
Madelyn Lee comes to us from Houston, TX. She attended the University of Alabama and stated that she is “THRILLED to be a part of this community; however, [she] will continue to cheer on [her] Crimson Tide loudly and proudly!” Lee teaches Environmental Science and two PLTW courses: Human Body Systems and Principles of Biomedical Science. Her favorite thing about working at Hannan is the community. “Being the new person on the block [in] Covington was hard, until I stepped foot on to Hannan’s campus. The Hannan community is one giant family who ‘upbuilds itself in love’ (Ephesians 4: 16),” Lee said.

Another new member of the science faculty is Jon Lanter. Lanter grew up outside of St. Louis, MO, but he comes to Hannan by way of Memphis, TN. He completed his undergraduate studies at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and earned his Master’s degree at the University of Memphis. “Watching a student’s elation as he or she learns something new, performs a task correctly for the first time, or any other demonstration of personal growth is what I love most about being a teacher. Having some small hand in that matter is what keeps me in education,” said Lanter.



Corey Bordelon and longtime educator Kenny Bourgeois are the new editions to our Physical Education department. Bordelon first worked at Hannan 16 years ago; in the past, he has served the Hannan community as the Hawks' head football coach, head powerlifting coach, and track assistant coach. In addition to heading up the Hawk football program this year, he teaches Strength and Conditioning. Bourgeois joins the Hannan family to teach Health and P.E. and Strength and Conditioning. He is also a vital member of Coach Bordelon's Hawk Football coaching staff. Bourgeois enjoys the positive energy here at Hannan and the many opportunities for prayer.

With positive attitudes and passion for teaching, these educators enrich the lives of our Hannan students, and we are blessed to have them. For some, their love for Hannan is growing in new ways. "I have loved every minute of teaching at Hannan so far," said Mares. Fernandez remarked, "This is honestly my dream job." For others, a new love for Hannan has already formed in their hearts. Jon Lanter explained, "I have taught in a variety of school settings, and Hannan is truly a special place."





Hannan: A Community with a Purpose

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By: Errol Gauff, Director of Development

In a year that has been characterized by the unusual and new precedents, The Hannan community continues to set impressive benchmarks.

On September 3rd, at the Annual Hannan Golf Classic, we had a record number of participants play the beautiful 18-hole Tchefuncta Course. 116 golfers enjoyed the food, the drink, the raffles, and most of all the fellowship, while helping support Archbishop Hannan High School. The fact that this annual spring event was postponed twice this past April due to COVID-19, makes the number of supporters even more impressive. The reality that so many were patient, motivated, and committed to supporting our cause is a testament to the strength and dedication of the Hannan family.

Besides sincerely thanking all the golfers who participated and volunteers who helped, we also want to thank our Corporate Sponsors – Dynamic Physical Therapy, In and Out Urgent Care of Covington, and Coca-Cola Bottling. The proceeds from this event will be used to purchase outdoor branding for our new Cheer – Wrestling facility that opened in November of 2019.

We hope to see you at our next annual Hannan Golf Classic in March of 2021.



The 2020-2021 school year has been a test of everyone's faith and spirit. We have dealt with COVID-19 regulations and protocols, tropical storms, and hurricanes; yet, our student body continues to show up on campus not only for the academic experience but thirsty for the complete Hannan experience. This is a not only a testament to the character of our student body but also to the commitment of the dedicated faculty and staff at Archbishop Hannan High School.

Despite interruptions, delays, and postponements caused by weather events and Covid-19 regulations Mr. Chad Barwick officially announced the start of the 2020-2021 Hannan Fund during Meet the Teacher Night on August 17th.

We are proud to announce that as of October 26th, the number of donors is 9% ahead of last year at this time. So regardless of all we have had to endure these first weeks and months of this school year, our Hannan families continue to live out the Hannan motto of "Charity Leads to Perfection." All charitable gifts to the 2020-2021 Hannan Fund will be used to assist our awesome faculty and staff and our Hawk families who have been negatively affected by the pandemic.

Our goal for this year's Hannan Fund is to raise \$125,000.00. We ask all of our Hawk families to participate. Mr. Chad Barwick, Head of School, has announced he will host a party and invite all those who have donated to the 2020-2021 Hannan Fund at date yet to be determined.

A gift to the Hannan Fund is your way of saying, "I Believe." I believe in the Catholic formation of our students, in the efforts of a dedicated faculty and staff, and that charity truly is the gateway to Heaven.

The Hannan Alumni Update

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By: Kayla Siemann '05, Director of Alumni Relations

No one could've anticipated what 2020 would bring us with a Global Pandemic at the forefront of our everyday lives. Despite the curveball that has been thrown our way, we are still moving forward at Archbishop Hannan High School and making the best of it for our students, families, faculty and staff, and alumni.

Despite the long list of guidelines, restrictions, a location change and a few date changes, the Class of 2020 was finally able to celebrate their Baccalaureate Mass and graduation ceremony on July 24, 2020. We welcomed 121 new Hannan Alumni that day as they donned their caps and gowns for Baccalaureate Mass before changing into the traditional tuxedos and white gowns for graduation.

For the 3rd year in a row, the AHHS Alumni Association was proud to award one senior with the Alumni Legacy Scholarship at Baccalaureate Mass. This \$1,000 scholarship is awarded to a Senior Legacy student who is continuing the Hannan legacy and tradition in his or her family, is in good academic standing, and is involved in the Hannan community. A Hannan Legacy is a student whose parent, step-parent, or grandparent is a graduate of Archbishop Hannan. Congratulations to this year's recipient, Isabella Jarrell, daughter of Chad Jarrell, Class of 1991. Today, there are 37 Legacy students currently attending Archbishop Hannan High School, many of whom are double Legacies with both parents being alumni. This number has continued to grow over the years, and we look forward to seeing how many Legacy students we'll have in the next 5, 10 or 50 years.





Alumni Continued

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Alumni events have definitely been affected by Covid-19. Typically at this point in the year we'd have celebrated multiple reunions, enjoyed the Archbishop Philip Hannan Memorial Mass followed by the Legacy Lunch, and been planning a social for our alumni to meet and get to know our new Head of School, Mr. Chad Barwick. None of these events have been feasible as of yet, but we hope to begin planning again sometime in the spring.

In the meantime, while we wait and pray for our community to get back to normal, we are asking our Alumni to participate in our annual 2020-2021 Hannan Fund. Every dollar we raise this year will benefit not only our faculty and staff by providing bonuses, but a portion of the funds will also benefit our own Hannan families who have been adversely affected by Covid-19. In being true to our identity as a Catholic school we want to help and act with compassion towards our Hannan families who are suffering during this time.

No gift is too small! At 2,700 alumni strong, think of the impact we can make if we all give...even just a little. Please consider making a gift today! Visit www.hannanhigh.org/ibelieve for more information and make sure to leave your legacy as an alumnus or alumna of the school we all love so much. "Though the years may pass us by, we hold your banner high."

Even Through a Pandemic, the Hawk Spirit is Alive and Well through Athletics

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By: Michael Perniciaro, Director of Athletics

Even during this time of upheaval, our fall athletic programs have continued to reach for excellence as they practice and play games under a new way of life. Our swim, cross country, volleyball, and football teams are all currently competing and doing an excellent job of staying focused on their goals.

Cross Country

So far this season, cross country has participated in four meets. Olivia Hayes, a standout 8th grader, has been in the top 10 at all four meets and is currently ranked in the top 10 for 3A. Other young talent, including 8th graders Isabelle Breaux and Sara Senn make our future look bright. 9th grader Maximus Meyer is leading the boys' team. Good luck to our boys and girls Cross Country teams as they prepare for their annual trip to Natchitoches for the state meet.



Swim

Our Hannan Swim team has participated in three meets so far this season. Good luck to our swim team, also as they continue to prepare for metro and state competition. Seniors Rhett Brewster, Nick Gonzales, Logan Jeansonne, and Hunter Torres are looking forward to ending their Hawk swim careers on the winning podium.

Volleyball

After coming off a sweep of SSA, our volleyball team will begin district play this week and will look to close out the regular season strong for their annual run to the Pontchartrain Center.

Senior Libero, McKinley Bowers, leads the team in digs and has been a deciding factor in some of our toughest matches along with defensive specialist, junior Keira Morise.

Junior Rylee Morris leads the team in blocks and is virtually un-stoppable when hitting and Junior Avery Boudreaux comes in to help the Hawks on the defensive side.

Although starting 2 freshmen and 2 sophomores, Hawk volleyball has beaten some high- quality teams. Sophomores Carleigh Breaux and Sydney Grembowicz have been major

components to the team's success so far. Freshmen setter, Sarah Kirsch, has led the team in assists averaging 15 per game while freshmen outside hitter, Sophia Bonnafee, gets in her kills as well!

The team's current record is 10-8, and 1-0 in district play and the last unofficial ranking is 2nd.

The 8th grade team has played a very competitive schedule. They have shown real progress and a great competitive spirit! The future certainly looks bright! The JV squad has been practicing all season and continues to grow and will be relied upon in the very near future! We have some very competitive volleyball players in our ranks.

Football

Our football team has started off the season 3-1. The team had two big road wins against Dunham and Lakeshore and a home win against St. Michael's. The Hawks had never beaten Dunham or Lakeshore, so the wins were special for the team and new Head Coach Corey Bordelon. The team looks to continue their momentum as they host Bogalusa this Friday.

Senior Night this year will be at Southeastern's Strawberry Stadium against district foe Loranger and Homecoming will be celebrated on Hawk Field against Bogalusa.

Senior Cory Robinson was named to the Allstate Sugar Bowl Manning Award quarterback finalists of the week for his performance against Dunham in which he was 13/17 passing with 487 yards and 3 touchdowns.

Let's all give a Hawk shout out to three of our senior football players who have garnered college offers. Senior Kevin Carlton was offered by Culver-Stockton College, and Seniors Spencer Georges and Jake Dalmado received offers from St. Ambrose University in Iowa. Spencer Georges has also picked up two additional offers – from Concordia Ann Arbor University and Aurora University. As the offers roll in, the future looks bright for our seniors wanting to continue playing football at the next level.



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