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We are #SpiessStrong

The Duchesne community, with support from the St. Dominic community, held a fundraising event on Tuesday, April 24, in conjunction with our girls' soccer game to help raise funds to support Nathan Spiess, '12, who was injured on the job as a St. Louis City Police Officer.

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UPCOMING SCHOOL DATES

May 5

Senior Day

May 6

Junior/Senior
Reading Day

May 7-9

Junior/Senior Finals

May 12-16

Junior Week of Service

May 13

Baccalaureate Mass
6pm at St. Peter Church

May 14

Graduation Practice

May 15

Graduation at 6pm

May 20

Freshmen/Sophomore
Reading Day

May 21-23

Freshmen/Sophomore
Finals

From the Assistant Principal of Student Life



Debi Turner '96
Assistant Principal of
Student Life

This time of year always brings a mix of emotions. It's a season filled with celebration and pride, but also a touch of sadness as we prepare to say goodbye to our seniors. Watching you grow over the past four years has been one of the greatest joys of my career — and this year, it's especially personal.

To the Class of 2025 — thank you. Thank you for the memories, the laughter, and the moments I'll never forget. From giving you nicknames during basketball practices to me dancing with the Diamondline at a pep rally, from cheering you on as you hoisted state championship trophies to watching you be the best role models for my sons, Darin and Frankie — every experience with you has meant the world to me.

You have become a part of my family. And as proud as I am of everything you've accomplished, I'm going to miss you deeply next year. Duchesne won't be the same without you — but the world is about to be better because you're stepping into it.

May God continue to bless each of you with courage, wisdom, and joy as you walk into this next chapter. May you always know where you came from, and may you

never forget how deeply you are loved.

With love and Pioneer Pride,

Mrs. T



Student Spotlight Logan Murrish

Congratulations to senior Logan Murrish, seen on the right with his sponsor, DHS teacher Genny Broyles '15, on entering into Full Communion with the Catholic Church on Holy Saturday! Below, President Paul Boschert congratulates Logan on receiving Holy Communion for the first time before all-school Mass on May 1.



We are #SpiessStrong

On Thursday, April 24, Pioneer Nation and our guests from St. Dominic High School rallied around one of our own with support for alum Nathan Spiess '12 and his family during SpiessStrong Night at our Girls Varsity soccer game. Nathan was seriously injured on the job as a St. Louis City Police Officer on March 17.



The evening started with a BBQ tailgate in the Grove area in front of the school. Food and drink were provided for a donation. One of the volunteers reported that nearly every person at the BBQ contributed \$20, with several people giving considerably more. Raffle tickets were also on sale for 10 different baskets or boards, which included tickets to St. Louis City Soccer and St. Louis Cardinals Baseball (both donated by members of the St. Dominic community) as well as gift cards, lottery tickets, and more.

Prior to the 6:00 game vs. the Crusaders in Frank Barro Stadium, the St. Charles Police Department's Color Guard provided a presentation of our country's colors.

Metro Air Police followed that with a helicopter flyover.

In addition to the continuing raffle basket sales during the first half, DHS volunteers also sold tickets for a half-time Chuck-a-Duck contest. All told, \$5,000 was raised in support of Nathan's GoFundMe for his continued recovery and rehabilitation.

Duchesne A.D. Renee Moore sends a special thank you to the following people who helped make this happen: Joe Ledbetter and his tailgate crew, Brenda Souter, Jenni DeGuentz, our Advancement team and Athletic Boosters, Coach Patrick Turner '03, and our Duchesne Soccer families.

KSDK 5 On Your Side covered the event. You can see that clip here:

<https://www.ksdk.com/article/sports/high-school/duchesne-st-dominic-create-fundraiser-from-soccer-rivalry-for-injured-officer-nathan-spiess/63-6354970f-94e2-4f35-b09e-4cb919938123>



Nathan Spiess '12 with brother Nick '12 and Coach Pat Turner '03 applaud the Metro Air Police flyover.



The St. Charles Police Department Color Guard prepares to take the field.

Recent additions...and more to come!



Norma Yeater with the Commemorative Plaque and Interactive Kiosk



Mike Ryan '77, President Paul Boschert '77, and Mike Didion '77 with the Electronic Message Board



Digital Gym Scoreboards



Locker Room Updates

Commemorative Plaque and Interactive Kiosk

Many thanks to Norma Yeater for her ongoing support of Duchesne High School and our Ted Yeater Athletic Center. Norma was instrumental in helping us with this beautiful dedication plaque honoring her late husband, a beloved alum and athlete from the DHS Class of 1962 and former Duchesne teacher, coach, athletic director, and administrator over a span of 40 years. Norma also made it possible for Pioneer Nation to view treasured memories, current news, and highlights with this interactive wall of fame kiosk. Be sure to check them out the next time you are in our gym lobby!

Electronic Message Board

Today's news and activities will be displayed on our new electronic message board, but the first message after it was completed thanked Mike '77 and Theresa Didion for funding this very special project. Pioneer Nation and our broader community can now keep up-

to-date on our athletics, performing arts, and events as they pass the intersection of Elm Street and Duchesne Drive. It's a Great Day to be a Pioneer!

Gym Scoreboards

Installation of two new digital scoreboards in the Ted Yeater Athletic Center wrapped up on May 1.

The scoreboards will bring a new multi-media feel to games and events held in the gym, as well as offer a variety of sponsorship opportunities for Duchesne business partners.

Locker Room Updates

Construction on the updated locker rooms will begin on May 5 and they will not be back in use until August.

Interested in purchasing an old locker? Click here to purchase: <https://one.bidpal.net/lockers>

Lockers will be available after May 5. Contact bwilliamson@duchesne-hs.org for questions.

DAB Shoe Drive Drives Funds to Support DHS Programs

Nancy Kohl '78
Director of Alumni
Engagement and
Donor Engagement

Duchesne alum parent Jenni DeGuentz (Louis '18, Mitchell '20, and Nathan '22) continues to be an active member of our Duchesne Athletic Boosters (DAB). Jenni was looking for a new fundraiser to help support our students' athletic programs and found one with some great traction!

Shoes for Success from Fund-2Orgs pays cash by the pound for donated shoes, boots, cleats,

dress shoes, and sandals. This shoe drive benefits our Pioneers, keeps unwanted shoes from landfills, and ships shoes to developing nations world-



wide, where they are sold by micro-entrepreneurs in their own communities.

"This is a no-sell, no-cost fundraiser," Jenni said. "We just need people to clean out their closets, garage, and mud room and donate! We are looking for new and gently used shoes in ANY size and of ANY type."

The shoe drive began on April 22 and runs through May 22. Collection sites are the DHS main lobby and the Knight of

Columbus Hall on Westbury Drive in St. Charles.

"We thought making the shoe drive a House competition would add some momentum and excitement for the project among our students," said DHS Athletic Director Renee (Reimer) Moore '86. "The bins in the front lobby at school are closely watched to see which House is leading the competition on any given day. The kids have really gotten involved, and we hope the rest of Pioneer Nation will join them!"

Duchesne's DAB Shoe Drive has a goal of 2,500 pairs or 100 bags. Please contribute your unused and unwanted shoes to this great cause to help us get there. Get in step and bring in those shoes!

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Minimum donation amount will be 15% of net sales* from your purchase donated directly to the participating organization. Not valid on mobile app, online or kiosk orders. **Net Sales** means the selling price of regularly inventoried merchandise, food, and beverages sold during the event for the purpose of supporting your organization, excluding special or limited time offers, discounts, returns, and taxes.

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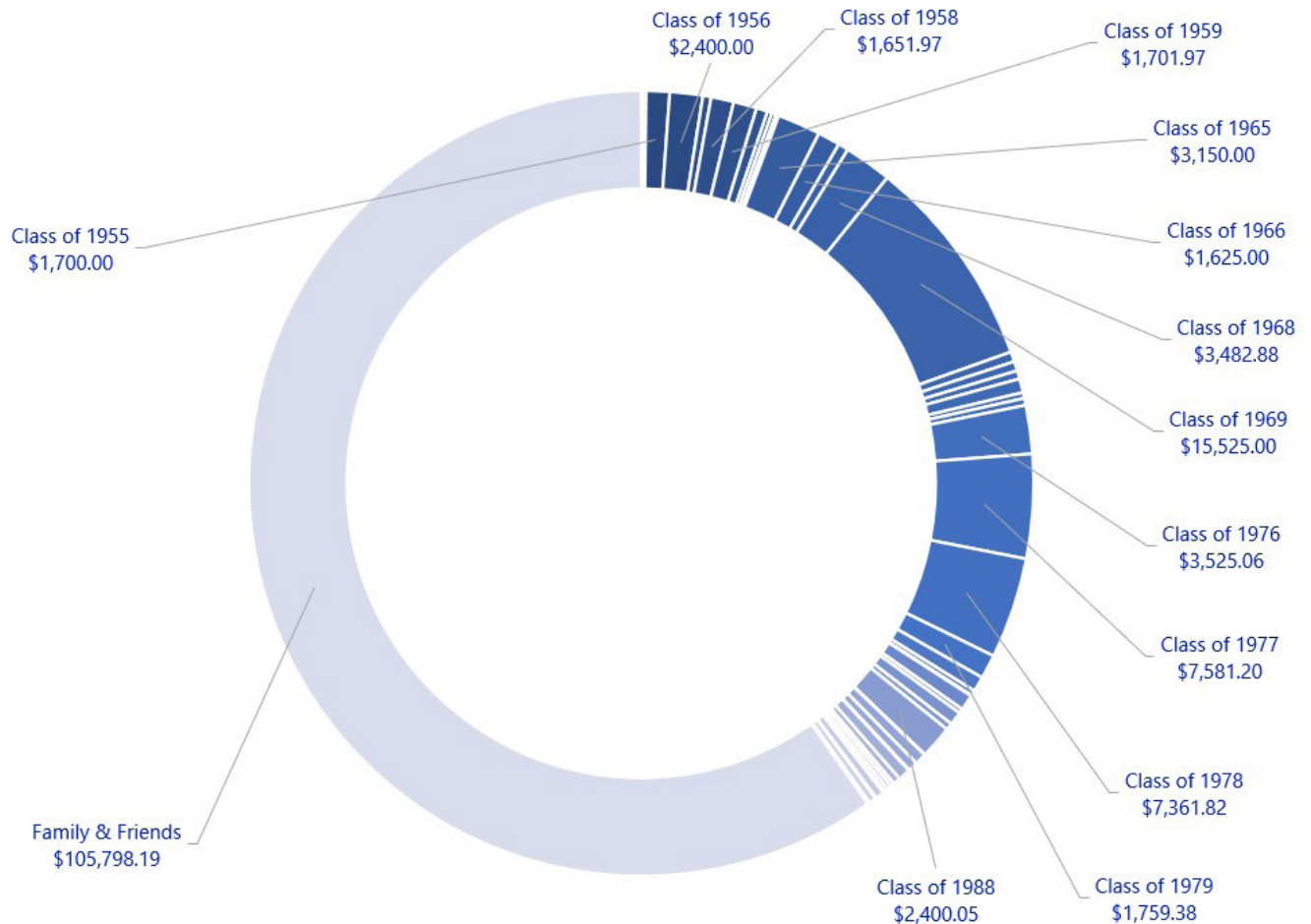
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Pioneer Class Challenge

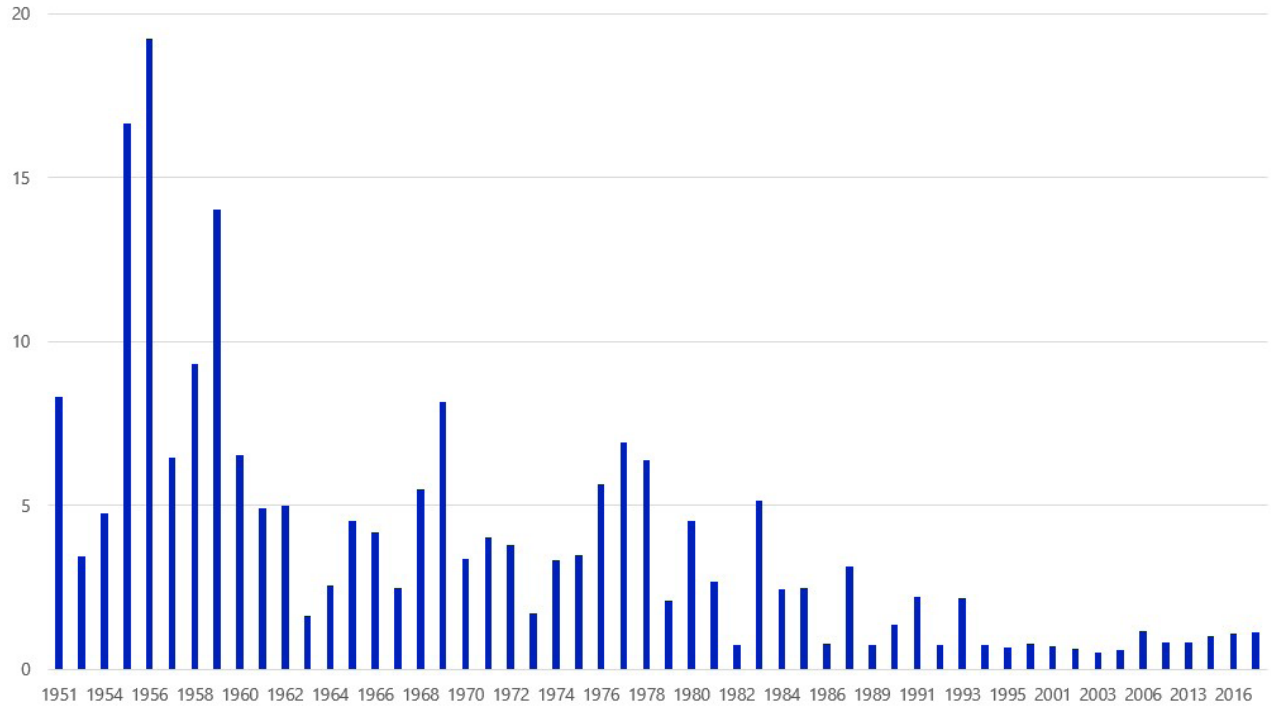


1951	\$100.00	1967	\$750.00	1982	\$51.97	1993	\$884.20	2012	\$70.00
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1954	\$200.00	1971	\$687.50	1984	\$330.36	1995	\$50.00	2014	\$50.00
1957	\$600.00	1972	\$603.94	1985	\$981.38	1999	\$250.00	2016	\$50.00
1960	\$825.00	1973	\$1,009.38	1986	\$500.00	2001	\$300.00	2017	\$50.00
1961	\$335.00	1974	\$428.94	1989	\$40.00	2002	\$259.38		
1962	\$300.00	1975	\$505.00	1990	\$841.00	2003	\$52.12		
1963	\$100.00	1980	\$1,107.45	1991	\$703.94	2004	\$103.94		
1964	\$125.00	1981	\$378.94	1992	\$50.00	2006	\$630.00		

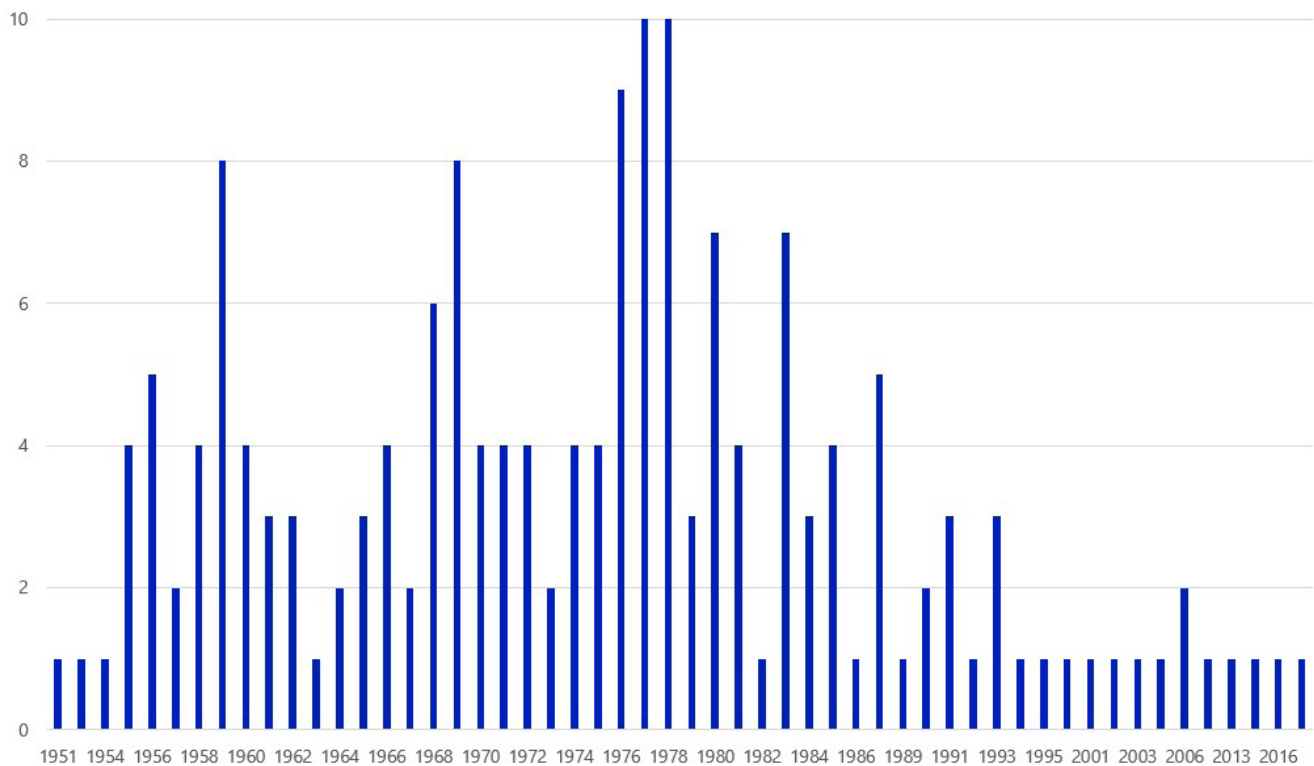
These totals are of gifts received as of 4.25.2025

\$176,932.98 raised so far!

PERCENTAGE OF LIVING CLASSMATES WHO HAVE DONATED TO PIONEER FUND TO DATE



NUMBER OF CLASSMATES WHO HAVE DONATED TO PIONEER FUND TO DATE



Jen Krupich '99
Director of Annual Giving

On Friday, April 11, 2025, Duchesne welcomed golfers at The Falls Golf Club. Formerly held in the fall as "Fall Fore Duchesne," this year's tournament at the O'Fallon course was held in the spring. It was a chilly day, but spirits were warm as alumni, family, and friends re-connected.

Golfers were welcomed by our 2024 Girls State Champion Golf Team and enjoyed a quick lunch before the afternoon shotgun start. The day wrapped up with dinner and awards. We had a great turnout and are looking forward to seeing everyone again at our annual Alumni, Family, and Friends golf tournament at Bogey Hills on Monday, July 14, 2025. Registration and additional information regarding that tournament will be coming out soon.



From the Director of Admissions

Dana Bryan
Director of Admissions

**PIONEER FOR A DAY WAS
A HUGE SUCCESS!**

Our 2025 Pioneer for a Day on Friday, April 25, had 152 6th and 7th-grade students in attendance! Students experienced our amazing 3-D Anatomage anatomy table, Escape Room, Video Production and Podcast Studios, Esports Lounge, Robotics, and a special Pep Rally. Thank you for joining us to help make the day so special! We loved having you here at Duchesne.

**A DAY IN THE LIFE
OF A PIONEER**

Shadow Visits have concluded for this school year but will resume in late



Mini-Pioneers file into the gym during Pioneer for a Day.

August for the 2025–26 school year. Students will have the opportunity to shadow a Duchesne student and experience a typical day on campus. Fridays are our primary day for Shadow visitors. Seventh graders going into 8th grade can sign up now!

<https://www.duchesne-hs.org/shadow-visit-request-form.html>

**MARK YOUR
CALENDARS!**

Duchesne's Open House will be held on Sunday, October 26. Prospective students and their parents are invited to join us for guided tours; classroom visits; interaction with some of our Pioneer students, faculty, and staff; and the opportunity to meet our athletic coaches.

We can't wait to welcome more New Pioneers to Duchesne!

Please contact me with any questions.

Dana Bryan
dbryan@duchesne-hs.org
636.757.6932

From the Director of Advancement

Becky Williamson
Director of Advancement

Dear Duchesne Community,

As the 2024–2025 school year draws to a close, I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude for your continued support and dedication to Duchesne High School. This year has been filled with remarkable accomplishments by our students, faculty, and alumni – each one a testament to the spirit of excellence and faith that defines our Pioneer family.

Thanks to your generosity, we have strengthened our academic programs, enhanced campus facilities, and expanded opportunities for students to grow

as leaders rooted in character and compassion. I am proud to say that by the end of our fiscal year, we will have invested over \$1,000,000 for projects and programs at Duchesne in a 12-month period. None of this would be possible without the steadfast support of our community.

As we prepare to launch into summer and look ahead to another great year, I want to remind you that there's still time to make a lasting impact. Your gift to the Pioneer Fund helps us bridge the gap between tuition and the actual cost of a Duchesne education, directly supporting student scholarships, academic enrichment,

and mission-centered programs. To donate, please click here: [Duchesne High School | Pioneer Fund](#)

And don't forget—tickets are still available for our annual Dream Raffle! This is your chance to win big while supporting a school that makes a difference in the lives of so many. Every ticket purchased helps us continue providing a transformative Catholic education grounded in the values of the Sacred Heart. We thank our sponsor, Fischer & Frichtel Homes, for their continued support of this program.

To purchase a Dream Raffle ticket, please visit Duchesne High School - Online Raffle or

contact our Advancement Office. Parents of Duchesne students also have a chance to win half or full tuition by selling tickets. It's a win-win!

On behalf of the entire Duchesne faculty and staff, thank you for being an essential part of our community. Your belief in our mission carries us forward with strength and purpose!

Sincerely,

Becky Williamson

Becky Williamson
Director of Advancement

The 2025 Duchesne Dream Raffle continues!

Jen Krupich '99
Director of Annual Giving

Duchesne's 30th annual Dream Raffle, sponsored by Fischer & Frichtel Homes, kicked off on March 19. The Dream Raffle features a grand prize of \$150,000 credit toward a new Fischer & Frichtel home or \$120,000 in cash – and 19 other cash prizes! Winning tickets will be drawn on Wednesday, May 14, 2025.

Tickets are \$100 each. At this writing, we have sold over 2,090 tickets for this year's raffle, but we still have a way to go to reach our goal of a sellout of 3,500 tickets!!! Ticket sales will end on Friday, May 9, 2025, so don't delay in getting your raffle tickets! Please see our website for a complete list of the rules and regulations at <https://www.duchesne-hs.org/duchesne-dream-raffle.html>.

The five Early Bird raffle winners were drawn on April 23, 2025. Each winner will receive \$1,000 and is still eligible for the grand prize drawing. The winners were Nancy West, Tom Strunk, Mark Mat-

tmann, W. Dustin Willbrand, and Diane Peasel. Congratulations to these Early Bird winners!

REMINDER TO DHS PARENTS, including INCOMING PARENTS -- If you are a parent of a current Duchesne student or the parent of an incoming freshman or transfer student, for every three tickets you sell, you will receive one entry into the free full tuition drawing. For every one ticket you sell, you will receive one entry into the half-off tuition drawing. Parents of current seniors will have tuition refunded if they win in the special tuition drawing. Parents are also eligible for the sellers prizes. The more tickets you sell, the more chances to you have to win! The drawing for full and half tuition will be on Wednesday, May 21, 2025.

This is the largest fundraiser for our school each year. We are looking forward to another exciting raffle and wish everyone the best of luck. Thank you for your support and for making it a Great Day to be a Pioneer!

LEAVES

ALUMNI FEATURES AND UPDATES

Bringing Bronze to Life

Bill Schnarre '68

When visiting St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, you may have noticed a large bronze bust of the parish's patron saint as you enter Mass. Similarly, down at the St. Charles riverfront near the Lewis and Clark statue, four other bronze sculptures of notable members of that famous expedition are also on display. You may not know that self-taught artist and Duchesne alum Bill Schnarre '68 created and donated these pieces.

Schnarre has always dabbled in art, doing a little oil painting here and there, but he didn't consider himself an artist during his Duchesne days. After retiring from the construction business 15 years ago, he began to pursue sculpture more seriously with wood carvings. As time passed, he desired to explore a new medium: bronze.

"I was always interested in bronze work," said Schnarre. And so, he bought a few books and began to study.

Schnarre started with smaller sculptures and perfected his process by trial and error. Only six years later, there are at least five public pieces of his in St. Charles.

Schnarre's first bust was St. Charles Borromeo, which he



Bill Schnarre with his bust of Pierre Cruzatte in Frontier Park in St. Charles.

donated to his parish in 2021. Following that, he did a bust of John Colter and one of Pierre Cruzatte, both Lewis and Clark expedition members, that he donated to the parks department. The parks department was so impressed that they commissioned two more busts to go along with it under the

Lewis and Clark statue in Frontier Park.

"If I can enhance the city a little bit, I'm more than happy to do that. Especially the parks department," he said.

Bronze casting is a multi-stage procedure, part artistic and part technical. The first

step, which comes the most naturally to Schnarre, is creating a clay model of the subject from scratch, which serves as the basis for the whole work. From there, a series of molds are made of wax and ceramic. Molten bronze is poured in at a foundry, and after a day of cooling, metal grinders file away imperfections, and a patina is applied. The result is a bust of around 120 to 130 pounds that took six months to create from conception to finish.

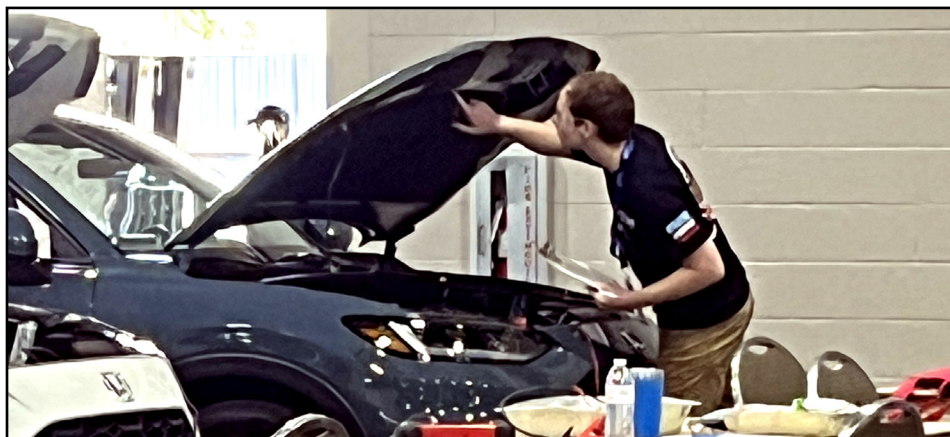
One of Schnarre's favorite pieces is his rendering of Pierre Cruzatte. This natural-born river man is best known for having one eye and playing music for his fellow adventurers. His bust is depicted playing a fiddle.

Schnarre currently has several more projects in the works, including a bust of Louis Blanchette and a Respect Life piece, both of which he hopes to see in St. Charles.

Since retirement, Schnarre remarked that he loves to be active and productive, and creating art in bronze has been very rewarding. His story is an example of where curiosity and a desire to learn can take you, resulting in something truly beautiful that all can enjoy.

DHS Grad Places in Skills USA Automotive Service Competition

DHS grad Friederich "Fried" Owen '21, son of Greg '80 and Donna (Luetkenhaus) '85 Owen, placed 10th among 50+ contestants in the recent Skills USA Automotive Service Competition in Peoria, IL. These college semi-finalists progressed to last weekend's event by first qualifying via a written test. Fried will soon be graduating from Southern Illinois University—Carbondale with a degree in Automotive Technology. Congratulations, Fried!



Mel Plackemeier/DAB Scholarship Presentation

Soon-to-be seniors Eve McGowan and Chris Hernandez are the 2025-2026 recipients of the Mel Plackemeier/Duchesne Athletic Boosters Memorial Scholarship, which is in honor of alumni parent Mel Plackemeier and funded by donations in Mel's memory, our DAB, and the Plackemeier family. Two winners are selected each year based on their essay addressing "How my participation in co-curriculars has enhanced my years at Duchesne."



From left: Paul Boschert '77 (president), Dan Plackemeier '76, Dominic D'Urso '95 (principal), Eve Frances McGowan '26, Renee (Reimer) Moore '86 (director of athletics), Chris Hernandez '26, Mike Budrovich (DAB treasurer), Linda (Plackemeier) Styer '80, Debi (Westhues) Turner '96 (asst principal of student life), and Becky Williamson (director of advancement).

**FOLLOW
DUCHESNE
ON SOCIALS!**



DO YOU HAVE A LEAVES STORY IDEA?
LET US KNOW!

Email your idea to Eric Seiffert at
eseiffert@duchesne-hs.org.



ALUMNI REUNIONS

Is it time to plan yours?

Does your class year end in a 0 or 5 (such as 2000 or 1965) – or even a 1 or a 6 (1986 or 2016)? It's time to plan your reunion! Contact Nancy Kohl at nkohl@duchesne-hs.org to begin the conversation!

Duchesne can you provide you with a class list, save-the-date postcards, and catering options for those groups that have their event at DHS. You will have use of our Garden Courtyard, Chapel for Mass, and/or PAC for your get-together, dinner, dancing, games, etc. Alumni groups are not charged a rental, just a maintenance fee (and a student tech fee if applicable). Various catering options with different menus and price points are available for your group to choose from. Please contact nkohl@duchesne-hs.org for more information.

CLASS OF 1975

**At Duchesne on Saturday,
August 23, 2025**

Brian Klutenkamper, Theresa Thro, and Geri (Henderson) Willbrand are organizing your class's 50th Reunion to be held at Duchesne on Saturday, August 23. Details will be published in this newsletter and on our website under Alumni as they develop. If you would like to reach out, call Brian at 314.570.0576 or email him at bklutenkamper@englube.com. If you've recently had a change of address, email address, or cell number, please let Brian know.

CLASS OF 1980

**At Duchesne on Saturday,
September 27, 2025**

Mike Boschert is once again your head cheerleader and classmate gatherer – this time for your class's 45th Reunion to be held at Duchesne on Saturday, September 27. Details will be published in this newsletter and on our website under Alumni as they develop. If you want to help, please contact Mike at boschfam@sb-cglobal.net. If you've recently had a change of address, email address, or cell number, please let Mike know.

CLASS OF 1985

**At Duchesne on Saturday,
October 11, 2025**

Eric Kozak, Kathy (Goldkamp) Jones, and Brian Ringwald are making plans for the Class of 1985's 40th Reunion to be held at Duchesne on Saturday, October 11. If you are interested in joining the committee, please email eric.kozak@yahoo.com. RSVPs will be made to the class Facebook page: Duchesne HS Class of 85, so please watch that as details develop. If you've recently had a change of address, email address, or cell number, please let Eric know.

CLASS OF 2005

**At Duchesne on Saturday,
October 18, 2025**

Thanks to Dan Amiri, Brian Hu, and Emily (Friedel) Epley for initiating the Class of 2005's 20th Reunion, which will be held at Duchesne on

Saturday, October 18. Details will be published in this newsletter and on our website under Alumni as they develop. In the meantime, if you'd like to help in the planning, email emily.epley@gmail.com. If you've recently had a change of address, email address, or cell number, please let Emily know.

PIONEER NATION INFO UPDATES

Alumni! Family! Friends! Help us keep you updated by making sure we have your best contact information! And please share this link with friends and family members who may not be receiving our communications. Thank you!
<https://www.duchesne-hs.org/alumniupdate.html>

Forever Friends



Our Duchesne family fosters life-long friendships, and we have many alumni classmates who gather regularly. We recently had a lovely visit with Barb Zeisler, Karen Zerr, and Cathy Boettler from the Class of 1959, who brought us a photo of their monthly lunch group. These ladies have known each other since 1st grade, and all but one are graduates of Duchesne. They include Gloria (Wapelhorst) Schierding, Carol (Leverenz) Brucker, Barb (Keithly) Zeisler, Karen (Wilke) Zerr, Armella (Schneider) Aubuchon, Janice (Schoder) Chan-

dler, Audrey (Hobelmann) Paule, Marva Lee (Willbrand) Prinster, Lorita (Wussler) Thornhill, and Mary Jo (Decoster) Smith. They now rotate among area restaurants, with a designated birthday girl selecting one each month. The group used to host one another at their respective homes, until they decided there was a lot less work involved to just go out!

We would love to share a photo of your alumni friend group's gathering! Please submit your pic(s) and a brief description to nkohl@duchesne-hs.org. It's a Great Day to be a Pioneer!



Mission Week Success!



During Mission Week, students took part in themed dress-down days, puppy snuggles, breakfast provided by Chris Cakes, and much more!

Mike Fitzgerald ("Mr. Fitz") Director of Campus Ministry

We have had a great deal of success in Campus Ministry this semester and just a few more wonderful things to look forward to!

The biggest success would be Mission Week, organized by a group of 28 students with minor assistance from me. They helped plan, run, and fundraise a crazy fun week for the entire school. From dodgeball to puppies, those 28 students worked their tails off and successfully raised \$5,497, surpassing our goal by nearly \$500. With that, a small town somewhere in the world will be gifted an ark by Heifer International. The ark will include a large number of animals and feed. Heifer International will also provide the community with training on how to care for the animals and grow food for sustainably.

We also had two very successful off-campus retreats. The juniors visited the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet

motherhouse downtown. They spent the day reflecting on their past and looking toward the future and what their future vocation may be. Besides myself, our students heard from Fr. Chris Holtmann (our DHS chaplain) and Sr. Margret, who shared their life stories. The students really enjoyed the day and gave a lot of great feedback. A big thanks to Mrs. Broyles and Mrs. Velazquez, who joined us for the day and took on extra work to do so.

The sophomore retreat took place at La Salle Retreat Center in Eureka, a wonderful facility owned by the Christian Brothers. There they heard presentations from some wonderful junior leaders who helped guide them through the day, the MORE team, and myself. All the presentations and discussions were on the concept of freedom/freewill and encouraged the sophomores to think about how their decisions affect not only themselves but those they love around them.

Campus Ministry has two final blessings to share with everyone. At our all school

Mass on Thursday, May 1, we had our first student Eucharistic Ministers! At the request of Luke Fink '25, Fr. Chris trained students on the protocol for sharing the bread and wine of Holy Communion. Luke was joined by fellow seniors Cole Brockmeyer, Cici Fleri, and Mack Nave at the Field Day Mass on May 1. The four will also be our Eucharistic Ministers at their Baccalaureate Mass on Tuesday, May 13.

The other big and final Campus Ministry event will be Junior Week of Service. Our junior class has signed up to spend the week of May 12-16 performing service at various agencies around the St. Louis Area. They include numerous local grade schools, TASK, Sts. Peter and Paul Community Center, North Grand Neighborhood Services, and Renewed Treasures.

In Peace,

Mr. Fitz



Happy Retirement, Mr. Tinsley!

After 21 years of service to our Duchesne Community, Mr. Tinsley is hanging up his hat and retiring. We wish him all the best and hope he enjoys retirement life!



Mini College Fair 2025

To wrap up our junior college prep workshop series, the Class of 2026 attended a mini college fair here at Duchesne, with over 20 colleges and universities from all over the Midwest in attendance. Our students had the opportunity to visit with representatives from a variety of schools and ask questions specific to each school, their interests, and their career goals.

It was a great opportunity for them to jump-start the college process.



Good Luck Seniors!

Our Counseling Department wants to wish our seniors the best of luck as they pursue college, a variety of careers and trades, and military service. We will miss you next school year but know just how successful you will be with whatever you do in life. Don't forget to come back and see us!

We want to wish EVERYONE a happy, healthy, safe, and FUN summer! Enjoy your time off and see you in August!



Sophomore College Field Trip

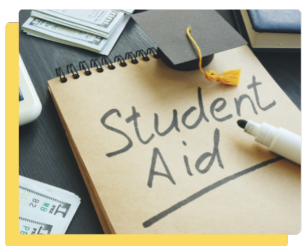
The sophomore class was given the opportunity to spend a day touring three local college campuses – St. Charles Community College, the University of Missouri—St. Louis, and Lindenwood University. The purpose of this field trip was to expose our students to various higher education options, which aligns with our mission toward college and career readiness.



Build My Future STL

Duchesne students were given the opportunity to spend a day in the construction Industry through an experiential showcase called

Build My Future STL. Seven Duchesne students attended and were able to try their hands at welding, electrical work, surveying, and more!



SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE

When it comes to college choices, financial aid is a critical component. Financial aid letters include unfamiliar terms, confusing numbers, and nuances that can make differences to the actual offer and obligation. Here is a resource to help students and families unpack the details.

[How to Read a Financial Aid Letter](#)

FINAL TRANSCRIPTS

Senior final transcripts will be sent to their college or university by mid-June.

REMINDERS

Heading on a college visit this summer?

Email Mrs. Grass for all the tips, tricks, and a list of questions to ask while you are there!

LOOKING AHEAD SPRING 2025

May 7th-9th
Junior and Senior Finals

May 13th
Baccalaureate Mass

May 15th
Graduation

May 21st- 23rd
Freshman and Sophomore Finals

June 14th
National ACT Test Date
Our School Code is: 262841

HELPFUL LINKS

DUCHESNE
COUNSELING
<https://www.duchesne-hs.org/counseling.html>

FAFSA
<https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>

SCHOLARSHIPS
<https://www.fastweb.com/>
<https://myscholly.com/>
<https://myscholarshipcentral.org/>

NAVIANCE
<https://student.naviance.com/main>

COMMON APP
<https://www.commonapp.org/>

NCAA ELIGIBILITY
<https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/>

ACT
<https://www.act.org/content/act/en-missouri.html>

SAT
<https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/sat>



Mrs. Grass will be available this summer by appointment only. Please email her at bgrass@duchesne-hs.org to schedule.



May is Mental Health Awareness Month. Help increase awareness and understanding about mental health and mental illness. Let's break the stigma!

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FROM THE SPORTS DESK



Renee Moore '86
Athletic Director

We are headed into the final month of our athletic seasons. Our spring coaches and athletes have been working hard preparing for the final month of play. I wanted to offer a special thanks to our parents for their flexibility as we have encountered a few transportation issues and last-minute weather-related schedule changes. Your understanding and support are recognized and appreciated. Please stay tuned for district tournament locations and brackets.

THANK YOU TO THE DUCHESNE BOOSTER CLUB FOR ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL ATHLETIC BOOSTER BBQ

Saturday, April 26, was a huge success for our Booster Club and, therefore, our athletic programs! The line was steady all day; our volunteers were kept busy taking, filling, and delivering barbecue dinners to our guests; and, of course, the Pioneer barbecue crews were on their game! A very special thank you to Scott Hubert and his family, who organized the event, and to Kevin Slattery and Jason Boschert for their assistance. Continued thanks to Mark Meixner and his barbecue crew who prepared the food, Dave Fichtenmeyer and Greg Saguto; our Diamondline and Cheerleaders, who donated desserts; and our fantastic Pioneer parents and students, who greeted and served our customers. Great Teamwork!

CONGRATULATIONS BRENDAN DONOVAN

Brendan was selected to represent Duchesne High School in the 40th annual Missouri

Athletic Club North-South Senior All-Star Game. The game will be played on Friday, June 13, 2025, at 8:00pm at the Soccer Park in Fenton. Come out and support Brendan as he proudly represents Duchesne High School one last time!

CLASS OF 2025 NATIONAL LETTER OF INTENT SIGNINGS

Additional seniors have announced their decisions to continue their athletic careers at the collegiate level. Congratulations to: Scottie Alberson Truman State University Soccer

Lucas Daleo

Junior Hockey
EHL Hockey

Trenton Gebben-Thompson

Trine University
Hockey

Carson Kuhn

Saint Louis University
Hockey

SaVaughn Pickett

Quincy University
Track and Field

Landon Rehagen

State Fair Community
College Soccer

- Thursday, May 8, Senior Night for Bowling, E-Sports, Track and Field, and Volleyball (pregame)

LOOKING AHEAD TO SUMMER

- Check out the summer camp dates for all of our sports and activities: <https://duchesnehighschool.regfox.com/2025-duchesne-summer-camps>
- Duchesne Dead Period: August 2-10, 2025. No sport or activity practices or meetings
- First Fall Practice Date: Monday, August 11, 2025

STAY INFORMED

Students who need contact information for Duchesne coaches to get summer workout schedules please email rmoores@duchesne-hs.org and I will share the respective coach's contact information. Don't miss out on summer opportunities to get stronger in the weight room, improve your athletic skills, and spend fun, quality time with your coaches and teammates!

- Follow Athletics_DHS on X for real-time updates.

- Visit Big Teams-Schedule Star for full schedules. The fall schedule for 2025 has already been published!

LOOKING AHEAD THIS SPRING

- Monday, May 5, Senior Night for Baseball (pregame)
- Wednesday, May 7, Ballpark Bonanza at BMAC



DUCHESNE HIGH SCHOOL

Ballpark

BONANZA

**Wednesday, May 7th
vs. Wright City @ BMAC**

Join us for

-  **4:30PM BBQ**
-  **YARD GAMES**
-  **5:30PM
BASEBALL GAME**



DUCHESNE HIGH SCHOOL

SUMMER CAMPS



*Join us this summer and meet the
challenge of being a Pioneer!*



SAVE THE DATE

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BOGEY HILLS COUNTRY CLUB
MONDAY, JULY 14, 2025



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Expedition Gala*

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Saturday, January 31, 2026
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