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UPCOMING DATES

July 30-31

Tech Days and Trading Post Sale

August 13

Freshman Mass w/ Reception to follow in the Garden

August 14

New Student Welcome Day

August 15

First Day of School
All School Mass

August 21

Freshman Coalition Meeting
at 5pm

September 1

Labor Day-No School

From the Assistant Principal of Student Life



Debi Turner '96
Assistant Principal of
Student Life

Dear Duchesne Families,

Even though it's summertime, things have been buzzing around campus as we prepare for an incredible 2025–2026 school year!

I am especially excited to share that 33 students have

been accepted into our very first POAC 2-Day Leadership Summit happening this August. This powerful training helps equip students with the confidence and tools to be leaders for inclusion, kindness, and positive change. POAC empowers young people to find and use their voice to stand up for what's right – whether that's in the hallway, the classroom, or the lunchroom. We can't wait to see how these students will help shape our school culture.

I'd also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our entire Duchesne community for the incredible support during the 4th of July parade! A very special shoutout goes to Jason Boschert for building the parade's

show-stopping pool and lifeguard chair. It was well over 100 degrees that day, but I had chills watching the excitement build in our students as they proudly represented Duchesne to the St. Charles community. Their school spirit was contagious!

And one last little summer note – a special shoutout to St. Kateri Tekakwitha, whose feast day was on July 14.

May her example of faith, strength, and perseverance continue to guide our community. #GoMustangs

Enjoy the rest of your summer. We can't wait to welcome everyone back soon!

With gratitude,

Debi (Westhues) Turner '96
Assistant Principal
of Student Life

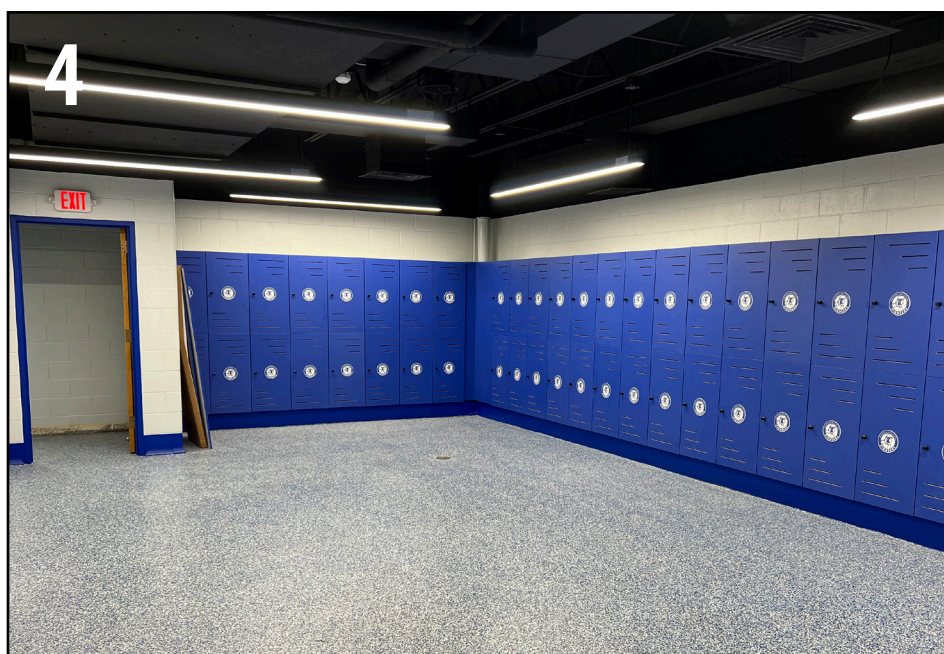


New locker rooms are looking good!

Throughout the summer, Duchesne's locker rooms have been undergoing a transformation.

Athletes this fall will be enjoying new paint, flooring, and Pioneer blue lockers before and during games.

See the opposite page for progression photos of one of the boys locker rooms.



From the Principal



Kurt Schneider '93
Principal

Dear Duchesne Families,

I pray your summers are going well and that you will

head into the new school year rested and recharged.

This will be my 12th year at Duchesne, and I am thrilled to begin my tenure as the principal. Duchesne has been a part of my life for as long as I can remember. My parents were avid Duchesne basketball fans, and I spent countless Friday nights in local gyms watching the Pioneer basketball teams compete when I was a kid. I, along with my wife Kate, my parents, my six siblings, and three of my children, are all graduates of Duchesne/St. Peters High School. My new role at the school is an excit-

ing next step, and I can think of no better place to be than Duchesne High School.

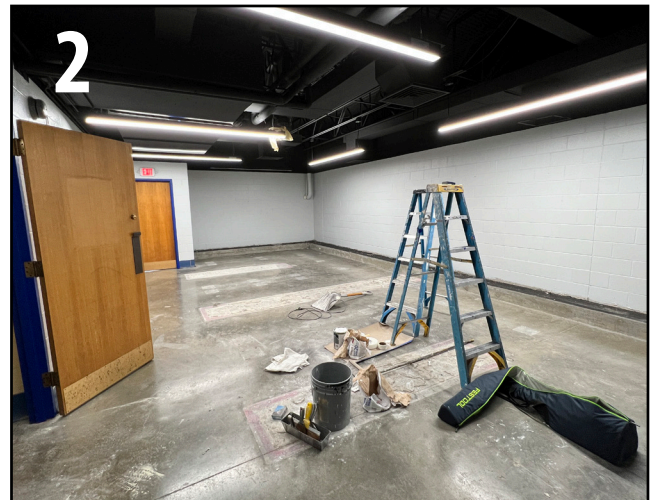
Duchesne has been a hub of activity since classes let out in late May. Along with the normal painting, cleaning, and camps that happen every summer, we have been making other exciting updates and improvements. A couple of the most exciting projects at Duchesne include a complete remodel of all locker rooms and the addition of four new offices in the front hallway. Our school is an amazing place, and these projects are making it an even better place to

work, learn, perform, and play.

There is a fantastic energy around Duchesne; the momentum our school has is undeniable. I am anxiously awaiting the return of the teachers and students and to dive into the new school year. The Duchesne community is truly a special place, and I would like to thank all of you for being a part of it. I am honored to be a part of Duchesne's next 100 years.

See you in the halls,

Kurt Schneider '93
Principal



Locker Room Progression

1. Old lockers removed
2. Walls painted
3. New floors installed
4. New lockers installed

Soaring to a State Championship



Photo by Dominic D'Urso '95

Warren Mayes
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Up, up and away.

No, that was not Superman flying in the air. It was Duchesne senior Oliver Rothweiler.

He may not leap over tall buildings, but he did clear 15 feet, 6.5 inches to capture the Class 2 pole vault championship in the recent state meet at Atkins Stadium in Jefferson City.

That earned him the school record, which he set himself earlier in the season.

"It felt really good to win state," Rothweiler said. "It felt good being up there on top of the podium."

It was an accomplishment something Rothweiler worked hard to achieve, said Duchesne pole vault coach Paul Pilla.

He said Rothweiler has all the tools necessary to excel.

"He has excellent speed. Good strength.

Good body awareness. Good athleticism," Pilla said. "He's got a great amount of determination. He puts his head down and gets it done."

Rothweiler attempted to beat the state record in Class 2, which was set at 16-4 in 2006. Rothweiler was not successful in his attempts.

Rothweiler's accomplishments are made more impressive by the fact he did not come out for track until his junior year. As a freshman, he ran cross country, played football and tennis. He remained in cross country and tennis as a sophomore. Last spring, he joined the track team and continued to play tennis.

"I wanted to do track, but I never decided to do it until my junior year," Rothweiler said. "Tennis was in the way. I was good at tennis. I decided to pole vault because it looked like fun. I walked up to Paul and said, 'Can I pole vault?' He said, 'sure.' It went from there.

"I started at spring break in my junior year. It was just three days before my first meet."

Pilla coached Rothweiler's sister, Elizabeth. She was pole vaulting as a senior when Rothweiler started his freshman year.

Pilla has been coaching the event for nine years. He competed in the event in high school and in college for two years at Arkansas State, where he is in the Hall of Fame.

In 1979, Pilla won the outdoor pole vault national championship with a vault of 17-4.25. Pilla was a two-time All-American on the outdoor circuit

So, he knows the sport.

"Some people get it more quickly than others. Oliver got it quick," Pilla said.

Rothweiler was honest in his assessment of himself when he began.

"I wasn't very good. I probably got 6 feet on the first day," Rothweiler said. But encouragement from Pilla kept him going.

Rothweiler earned a berth to the state tournament last spring. He finished seventh in the pole vault.

"I was lucky to get there. I got fourth in the district and seventh in the sectional," Rothweiler said. "Then I beat everybody from my sectional at state. I just wanted to get eighth place and get on the podium. I just wanted a medal. And I got seventh, which was on the podium."

Pilla was impressed with Rothweiler's first state appearance.

"His opening height was 12-6," Pilla said. "His personal record was 12 feet. And he did it. I was not expecting that. I was hoping for it. I was stunned. In your first year, you may be able to vault 10 feet. He went 12-6. I was flabbergasted he got that high."

For his senior season, Rothweiler set his sights high.

"He told me his expectations. He wanted to win state," Pilla said. "I told him, 'We'll go for it.' He did phenomenal. He worked hard."

Rothweiler began working hard beginning last October. He trained at Pole Vault STL in O'Fallon.

From running to lifting weights, Rothweiler trained diligently. He likes how everyone just wants to get better in the event.

"The pole vault community is good. Everybody encourages everybody," Rothweiler said. "In football, you trash-talk your opponents. There's no trash talk in pole vault. You just try and get as high as you can."

For Rothweiler, the height he was aiming for was the Duchesne school record. It was 14-9. He was at 12-3.75, so he had to improve quite a bit.

"I thought it was a little bit out of reach, but I wanted to try," Rothweiler said.

The second meet of the season was held at St. Dominic. It featured four Catholic school teams.

That was the day Rothweiler earned the school record.

"It was pouring down rain. They let me jump one last time," Rothweiler said. "I got the school (record). I cleared 14-10. I couldn't jump anymore because of the rain. I was so happy."

In the season's last meet at MICDS, Rothweiler just cleared 15 feet.

Duchesne's Oliver Rothweiler attempts a vault at the Class 2 state meet. (Photo by Dominic D'Urso/Duchesne High School)

He went on to win the District 2 meet at Lutheran North with a height of 15.3 feet.

"That was my second time clearing 15 feet," Rothweiler said. "I was really happy. I set up for 15-6 but I broke the pole. I always wanted to break a pole. I jumped and it broke, and I did a back flip and landed on the mat."

Rothweiler followed his district win by winning the Sectional 1 meet at Grandview High with a height of 14.93 feet.

"I was jumping really good that day," Rothweiler said.

South Callaway senior Colten Crocker, the top-ranked vaulter in Class 2, was the favorite to win the state meet. Crocker



Photo by Dominic D'Urso '95

won state in 2024 as a junior. His winning height was 13-07.25.

"I came into state as the underdog," Rothweiler said. "Crocker was the man to beat. I talked to him at the state meet last year. I knew it was going to be close. I came into state knowing I have to finish every jump.

"I focused on just jumping as high as I could. I can't control his jumps, so I just concentrated on my jumps."

Rothweiler was not overconfident.

"(Sprints coach Ben Smith) told me that you have to stay humble because if you get up on a high horse you'll expect to win and someone will come from behind you and overtake you," Rothweiler said. "Always put your best effort out there. If you don't give your best, someone else will beat you.

"I was going to give it my best shot."

Athletes choose their starting heights for the competition, which they have three attempts to clear. If a height is cleared, the vaulter advances to the next height, where they will have three more attempts. Once the vaulter has three consecutive misses, they are out of the competition and the highest height they cleared is their result.

Rothweiler and Crocker had a duel that will long be remembered.

Rothweiler started at 13 feet and then advanced to 13-6.

Crocker came in at 14 feet, which Rothweiler matched. Rothweiler skipped to 14-6. Crocker skipped to 15. Then Rothweiler went to 15, 15-3, 15-4 and 15-6.

Both then attempted 15 feet, 6.5 inches.

"I jumped and missed. He missed. I cleared it and he missed and then he missed the third time," Rothweiler said. "I was so excited."

So was Pilla.

"He got off the pit and he said it wasn't his best hump," Pilla said. "And looking at the video, it wasn't. His left leg was bent. He took off flatter than he should have, but he made it easy.

"He's not an emotional guy. He smiled and we slapped hands and we hugged. It was a good moment."

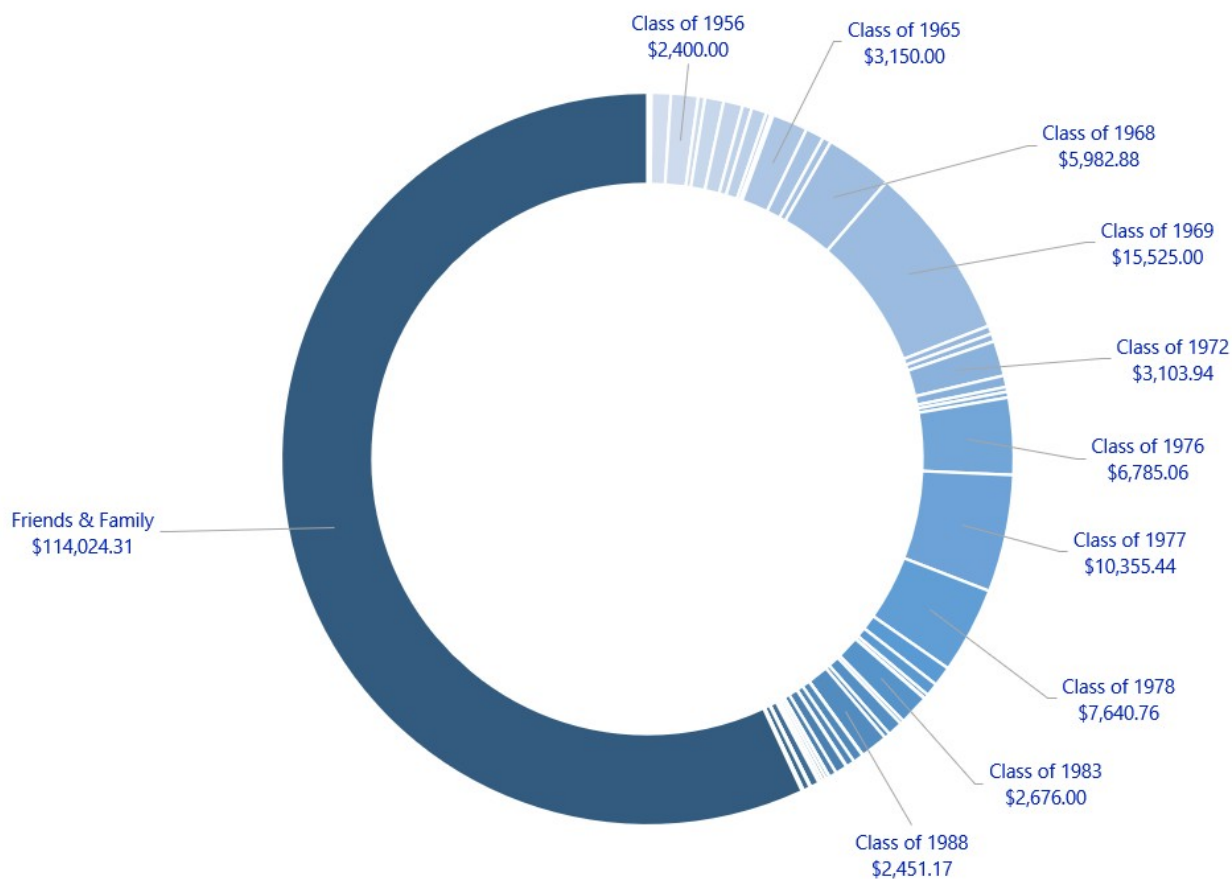
Rothweiler would attempt 16-4, a centimeter ahead of the Class 2 meet record of 16.31 but would fail on all three. Crocker, the 2024 champion in the event and top-ranked vaulter in Class 2, would settle for second at 15-3.75.

"It was thrilling and exciting to watch," Pilla said. "I told Colten's coach, 'This is the way it should be at state.'"

Rothweiler will be going to St. Charles Community College for the next two years. He plans to continue with Pole Vault STL and stay in shape.

"That's the goal, maybe go to college after that and compete," Rothweiler said. "I couldn't have done any of this without coach Pilla. He's the main reason I got there to state and Pole Vault STL and their coaches Chris Zoeller, Kurt Bliggenstorfer and Mayson DeRousse. They all have been great to me."

Pioneer Class Challenge



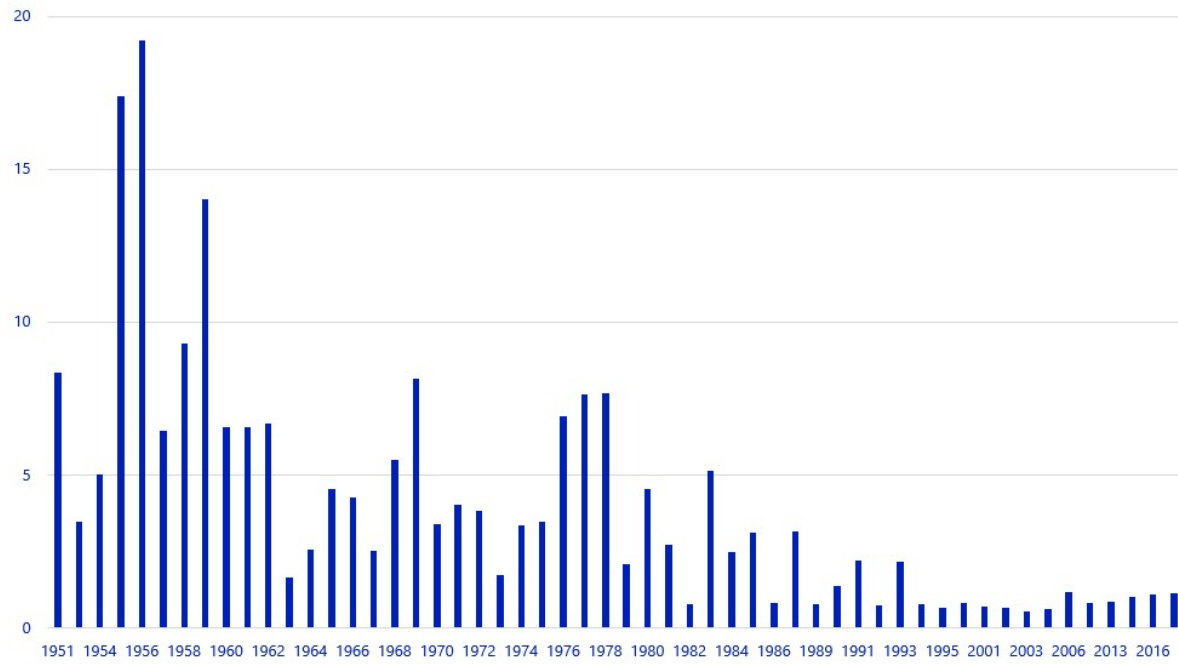
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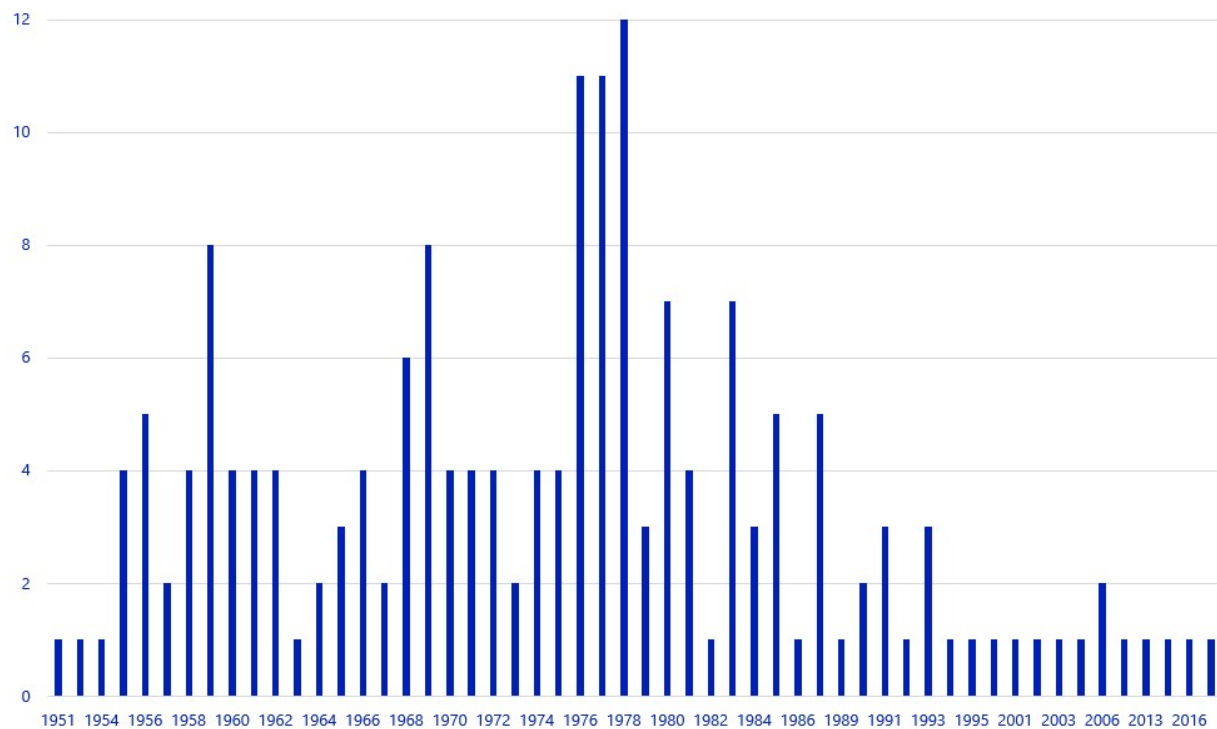
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NUMBER OF CLASSMATES WHO HAVE DONATED TO PIONEER FUND TO DATE



From the Director of Admissions



Dana Bryan
Director of Admissions

My summer kicked off with an inspiring Partners in Mission conference in Boston! I attended sessions focused on admissions and school growth, and I'm excited to share that we brought back a variety of fresh ideas and strategies to help Duchesne reach our full potential.

Admission season is just around the corner, and we'll soon be in full swing with high school nights, our Open House on Sunday, October 26, and shadow visits. If you have a child in junior high, I encourage you to visit our website to explore all the opportunities available to experience Duchesne firsthand. duchesne-hs.org/admissions

A shadow visit offers your child a true, day-in-the-life classroom experience from a student's perspective. Our Open House is the perfect chance to tour our beautiful campus, explore interactive classrooms, meet our amazing teachers and staff, and connect with our coaches during the sports showcase.

Last, but not least, don't miss our annual First Day of School

Mixer! Join us on Friday, August 15, from 6–9pm in Duchesne's gym in the Ted Yeater Athletic Center for a fun-filled evening of music, dancing, and reconnecting with friends. It's the perfect way to kick off the new school year!

Please Note

We are still welcoming Class of 2029 and transfer students for the 2025-2026 school year. Contact Dana Bryan at dbryan@duchesne-hs.org or 636.757.6932 for more information!

*Schedule a Shadow
Visit Today*



August 15
6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Come to Duchesne and kick off the new school year in style!

For grade school kids in grades 5–8

Dance • Food • Fun

\$25 to pre-register or \$30 at the door

Don't miss out—see you there



<https://duchesnehighschool.regfox.com/2025-back-to-school-mixer>

Success at Bogey Hills!

Many thanks to all who made our annual Duchesne Alumni, Family, and Friends Golf Tournament at Bogey Hills Country Club on Monday, July 14, a huge success! It was a sell-out crowd with 34 teams and 144 golfers. Our Pioneer Sponsors were Renaissance Financial, World Wide Technology, Boschert & Son Homes, and the Zach Plackemeier State Farm Insurance Agency.

And the winners were...

First Place A Flight:

Joe Rupp '13, Tim Rupp, Ryan Mica '07, and Ben Hendrix

Second Place A Flight:

Mark Schoene '98, Brad Dean '98, Jeremy Reidelberger '98, and Scott Pohlman '98



First Place B Flight:

Terry Elmendorf '83, Mark Wandersee '09, Jeremy Elmendorf '06, and Joe Ostmann '82

Second Place B Flight:

Bob Adams, Laura Adams, Doug Kohnen, and Laura Kohnen

Shoutout to Tim Rupp for sinking the tournament's first-ever hole-in-one!

2025 Dream Raffle Winners

Congratulations again to our 2025 Dream Raffle Grand Prize Winner, Katelyn Caimi, pictured with President Paul Boschert '77 and her husband, Blake '10.



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Friday, August 15 | 10:00AM - 10:00PM

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

Greetings, parents, students, and alumni!

I hope you are having a blessed and relaxing summer.

We made it a goal to enhance the retreat experiences for our students, and

I'm happy to share these details about our retreat program for this upcoming 2025-2026 school year.

The freshman retreat will be in late September at Duchesne and Sacred Heart Academy in St. Charles. The theme of the day will be learning what it means to follow St. Rose Philippine Duchesne's example as a member of our Duchesne school community.

The junior retreat will be in October at the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet Motherhouse in St. Louis, where we will have a day centered around self-examination and vocations.

This year's seniors will get to experience a Kairos retreat in March. "Kairos" is a Greek word meaning "the Lord's time." Our Kairos retreat will be a three-night getaway that helps students deepen their relationship with God and themselves, to be held at the Pallottine Retreat Center in Florissant.

In April, our sophomores will travel to the Marianist Re-

treat Center in Eureka, where their day will center around the theme of freedom and how that impacts our lives and choices.

Parents and students can expect a detailed email a month before each respective retreat that will include their class's retreat date(s), retreat center address, permission form, transportation details, and information about the retreat itself.

I look forward to helping our students grow in their relationship with God through these retreats, and throughout the school year.

In peace,

Mr. Fitz

Michael Fitzgerald
Director of Campus Ministry

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ALUMNI FEATURES AND UPDATES

A World Cup Win in Germany

Rhys Boschert '96

Eric Seiffert
Director of Marketing

One Duchesne alum's hard work has led him across the world to Garmisch, Germany, to secure the championship in the 2025 Master's Inline Hockey World Cup.

Rhys Boschert '96 is no stranger to success in the world of inline hockey. During the 2022 Memorial Day Weekend, Boschert participated in setting a new record for the longest inline hockey marathon at Midwest Sport Hockey in Ballwin, MO. The world record attempt was a part of a fundraiser for Make-A-Wish Missouri & Kansas to help provide wishes to local critically-ill children. The event raised \$62,410.

Since then, Boschert has played in the Veterans Division (45+) for the Inline Hockey World Cup, taking home the silver in 2023 and 2024. This year, his team secured the first-ever gold medal for their division.

"I was confident we had a good team, but you are never sure that you are going to win," said Boschert. "Sweden, France, and Canada all had very good teams too,

and I think any of the four of us could have won the whole thing."

Team USA achieved an impressive run of success, falling only to Sweden in game three.



Rhys Boschert '96 with wife Stacy.

After a narrow win against Canada in the semi-final, they took the gold during a rematch with Sweden with an overtime victory of 2-1.

"Sweden had two new guys this year that were huge additions to their team, but as a whole, we were a better team, in my opinion," said Boschert.

Boschert finished 2nd on the team in scoring for the tournament with 11 points in seven games: four goals and seven assists.

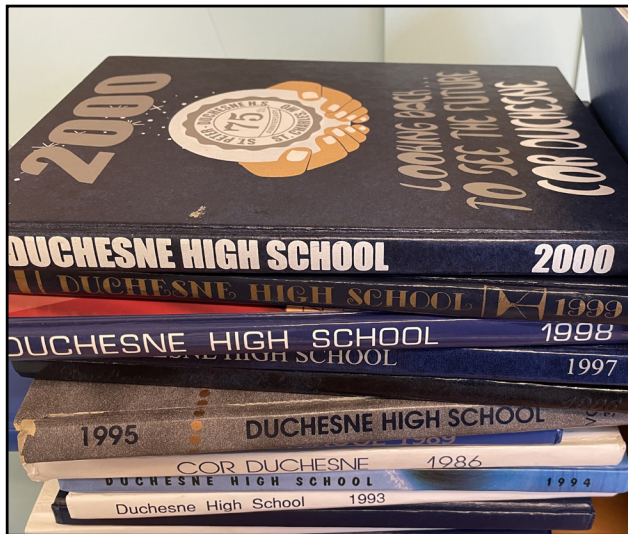
Two other USA divisions also achieved victory this year; taking the gold in Womens (35+) and Mens Masters (38+).

Boschert had plenty of family who came along to cheer him on this journey.

"Watching Rhys and Team USA win was absolutely unforgettable," said Boschert's wife, Stacy. "The final game was a nail-biter; everyone was on the edge of their seats until that game-winning goal. I'm so grateful I got to be there to see it all unfold, and even more thankful that Rhys' mom, dad, and sisters (Jessica and Roberta) were there to experience the win as well."



Rhys Boschert '96



GOT EXTRA YEARBOOKS?

If your household has extra DHS yearbooks that are no longer wanted or needed, we may be able to use them. Please contact Nancy Kohl at nkohl@duchesne-hs.org or 636.757.6925 with the year(s) you have available. Thank you!

Forever Friends



A BIG DUCHESNE SHOUT OUT to these Class of 1978 golfers who continue to support their alma mater, tournament after tournament! From left: Jim Willbrand, Duane Hercules, Jim Davis, and Joe Glosier. It's a Great Day to be a Pioneer!

It's time for us to celebrate being a Pioneer for 30 years! Let's reconnect, reminisce, and celebrate with great food, drinks, and friends!

CLASS REUNION

Saturday, August 16, 2025

6:00-10:00pm

\$20 for rental space and appetizers

Cash Bar available

venmo to RSVP by Aug. 2

@jessicachristine-weeks

Third Wheel Brewing

4008 I-70 North Outer Rd

St Peters, MO 63376

Planning Committee: Jenna Conley, Michelle Kositzke, Jill Newman, Katie Nikodym, Danielle Stephens, Sarah Vehige, Jessica Weeks



REUNITING WHERE AT ALL BEGAN — CLASS REUNIONS AT DUCHESNE HIGH SCHOOL

CLASS OF 1975's 50th Reunion – at Duchesne on Saturday, August 23, 2025

Brian Klutenkamper, Theresa Thro, and Geri (Henderson) Willbrand are organizing the Class of 1975's 50th Reunion. Please look for Brian's email with details, which will include 4:00 Mass at St. Cletus, followed by a 5:30 Happy Hour and 6:30 Dinner at Duchesne. In addition to music, memories, and merriment, self-guided school tours will be available from 5:30-7:30. If you would like to reach out, call Brian at 314.570.0576 or email him at bkluitenkamper@englube.com. If you've recently had a change of address, email address, or cell number, please let Brian know.

CLASS OF 1980's 45th Reunion – at Duchesne on Saturday, September 27, 2025

Mike Boschert is organizing the next reunion for the Class of 1980. If you want to help, please contact Mike at boschfam@sbcglobal.net. If you've recently had a change of address, email address, or cell number, please let Mike know.

Mike says, "The reunion will be at Duchesne High School and we're hoping to get 100+ classmates to attend! Also, if you

have not attended a Monthly Meet-up at the KC on the first Wednesday of the month, ask me about the details. We usually get about 20 classmates to join in the fun, and it has been an awesome get-together!"

CLASS OF 1985's 40th Reunion – at Duchesne on Saturday, October 11, 2025

Plans are coming together and it's less than 3 months away! **Kathy Goldkamp-Jones, Eric Kozak, and Brian Ringwald** are finalizing details for the Class of 1985's 40th Reunion, to be held at DHS on Saturday, October 11. This will be an informal event. Heavy appetizers will be available, and all beverages will be each individual's responsibility (byob) to minimize cost (shooting for around \$20/person). **Our ask is that you RSVP on the Facebook page or reach out to one of us so we can start finalizing the headcount.** Classmates from as far as Washington State and Texas are already confirmed. We are looking forward to seeing everyone!

Enjoy your summer. Eric, Kathy, and Brian.

eric.kozak@yahoo.com.
Facebook page: Duchesne HS Class of 85.

CLASS OF 1986's 40th Reunion – at Duchesne on Friday, September 26, 2025

Class of '86!! – Save the Date – plans are underway for a wonderful evening together, which will include tours of our alma mater, heavy hors d'oeuvres, music, and dancing. Watch the Facebook page at Duchesne Class of 1986. Jen (Horton) Silvestri and Cheryl (Pollack) Johnson are organizing.

CLASS OF 2005's 20th Reunion – 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! We will be celebrating together 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.e.epley@gmail.com. If you've recently had a change of address, email address, or cell number, please let Emily know.

CLASS OF 2010's 15th Reunion – at Duchesne in the Spring of 2026

The Class of 2010 will be returning to DHS for their 15th reunion sometime in the spring. More details to follow. If you would like to help, please contact Tyler Loewenstein at tyler@golfrehabstl.com or 314.766.3685.

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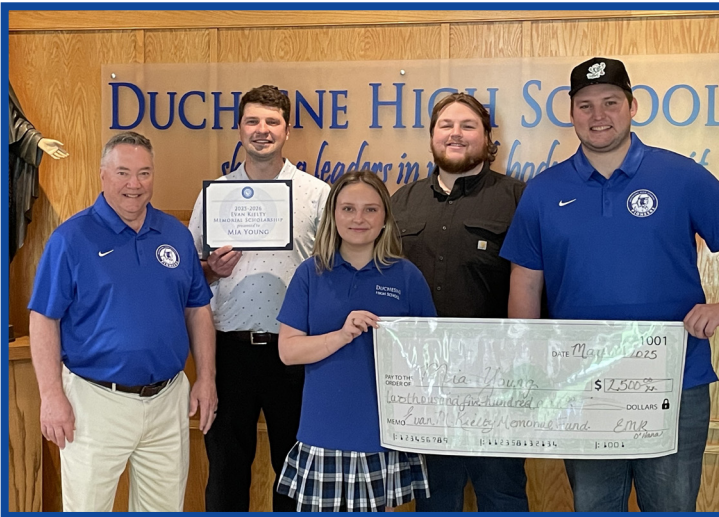
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Save the Date!

THURSDAY, AUGUST 28, 6-7PM
BACK-TO-SCHOOL

Happy Hour



Mia Young '26 was recently awarded the Evan Kielty Memorial Scholarship for her video submission on how she emulates the characteristics for which Evan is remembered, including heart, grit, loyalty, and inclusiveness. Mia is pictured with DHS President Paul Boschert '77, Mike Smith '14, Tom Barry '14, and Mike McDonald '14. She will be working at the 6th annual golf tournament coordinated by Evan's friends to fund this scholarship on Saturday, September 6, at St. Peters Golf Club. More info can be found at thelightprojectstl.org/evankieltymemorialtournament.

Congratulations to our 2025-2026 Frank Kister Family Foundation Scholarship winners! President Paul Boschert '77 and Asst Principal of Student Life Debi Turner '96 presented Maeve McCune '28, Haidyn Bridges '29, Molly Glosier '27, and Tyler Dietzel '26 (not pictured) with certificates to acknowledge their awards for exemplifying the spirit of Frank Kiser with regard to community service and awareness of the needs and interests of others.



Alumni Association Scholarship winners are children or grandchildren of St. Peters/Duchesne High School alumni and select DHS as their first-choice school. For 2025-2026, this renewable award was given to Charley Pirtle '28, Gillian Beck '29, Daley Meyer '27, and Bennett Borgmeyer '26 (not pictured). They were congratulated by Duchesne Admin Team members President Paul Boschert '77 and Debi Turner '96 (in blue), and by Alumni Association Board members Annie Dowdy '91 and Norma Pardieck '64.



FROM THE SPORTS DESK



Renee Moore '86
Athletic Director

The count-down to a new school year — and the big reveal of our BRAND-NEW locker rooms has officially begun! We are excited for our student-athletes to return to campus this August and experience these incredible new spaces firsthand!

Be sure to read through this newsletter for important updates and helpful information to ensure a smooth and successful start to fall athletics.

Finally, Congratulations to our athletic trainer Kate Perko and her husband Cole, who were married over Memorial Day weekend! Congratulations, Kate and Cole Mir!



RECOGNIZING OUR WINTER AND SPRING SPORTS TEAMS WITH MSHSAA SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

An important aspect of education-based athletics is to recognize outstanding performances on the field; however, it is equally important to recognize accomplishments in the classroom. The MSHSAA Scholastic Achievement program acknowledges academic achievement in the classroom using two distinct levels of recognition: Outstanding, with an overall team GPA of 3.5-4.0, and Distinguished, with an overall team GPA of 3.0-3.49. Duchesne fall sports teams prioritized their studies while balancing athletic practice and games. Congratulations to the following teams:

Outstanding:

Boys and Girls Basketball
Baseball
Girls Soccer
Boys Tennis
Boys and Girls Track and Field
Boys Volleyball

Distinguished:

Boys Golf

POST-SEASON HONORS FOR OUR SPRING ATHLETES

Post-season honors have continued for our Pioneer Athletes. Congratulations to the following spring athletes:

Varsity Baseball

3rd Team All-Metro
Jack Burle '25

Varsity Baseball

1st Team Class 4 All-State as recognized by the Missouri High School Baseball Coaches Association

1st Team Outfielder

Jack Burle '25

1st Team Infielder/Pitcher

Jackson Nikodym '26

Varsity Baseball

Class 4 District 6

1st Team

Jack Burle '25, Luke Fink '25
Gavin Moffitt '25

2nd Second Team

Jaymeson Forest '26
Jaiden Wurth '25
Drake Fortman '28
Rudy Weber '26
Cayden Wolfe '25

MANDATORY ATHLETIC PARENT MEETING -- THURSDAY, AUGUST 21, 2025

NEW for the 2025-2026 school year will be a ONE-TIME Mandatory Meeting for ALL parents with a student who will play a sport during ANY athletic season. We will be replacing the three meetings for each season with ONE meeting for all parents. MARK YOUR CALENDARS for Thursday, August 21. The meeting will begin at 6pm in the PAC with a presentation from Athletic Director Renee Moore and members of the athletic staff. The large group session will be followed by break-out sessions led by only the fall coaches to discuss program expectations.

Winter and spring break-out meetings for your teams will be scheduled at a later date. If your son or daughter intends to participate in ANY sport including cheer, dance, or Esports at Duchesne in 2025-2026, it is mandatory for at least one parent to attend this meeting.

OKTOBERFEST ON THE ST. CHARLES RIVERFRONT

The Duchesne Athletic Boosters (DAB) club is excited to once again staff a tent at the St. Charles Oktoberfest — one of our biggest athletic fundraisers of the year! Proceeds from this event directly support our athletic programs, and we can't do it without YOU! Save the date: this year's Oktoberfest takes place on the weekend of September 26-28 on the St. Charles Riverfront. More details are coming soon, but for now, please save these dates and plan to join us in supporting our Duchesne athletes!

A Message From our Athletic Trainer, Kate (Perko) Mir

All new and returning athletes need to have their MSHSAA Annual Questionnaire and MSHSAA Physical Form up to date on Healthy Roster by the first day of their sports season to participate. All incoming freshmen in the class of 2029 as well as transfer students should have received an email explaining this process. For fall athletes, the deadline to have these steps complete is Monday, August 11. You can sign up for

SSM Health's free sports physicals events at this link: Free Physicals. If you have any questions about how to use Healthy Roster, see the flyer for instructions or contact the Duchesne athletic trainer at katherine.perko@ssmhealth.com. Kate is also available all summer for injury evaluations and treatments for Duchesne athletes; simply email her to schedule an appointment.

FIRST DAY OF PRACTICES ANNOUNCED FOR OUR FALL SPORTS PROGRAMS

Boys/Girls Cross Country

Coach Caroline Rupp: crupp@duchesne-hs.org
August 11, 12, 3:30pm, Meet in the Gym Lobby. The rest of the week will be communicated with the team after practice on August 12.

Esports

Coach Ben Kilper: bkilper@duchesne-hs.org
August 11-13, 3-4:30pm, Meet in the Esports Center in the 310 building.
August 14, 15, 1-3pm.

Football

Coach Vince Morris: vmorris@duchesne-hs.org
August 11-14, 5-8pm.
August 15, 12:30-2pm.
August 16, 9-11am.

Girls Golf

Coach Jen Krupich: jkrupich@duchesne-hs.org
August 11, 3pm at Cave Springs Range.
August 12, 3pm at Bogey Hills.
The rest of the week will be discussed following practice on August 12.

Boys Soccer

Coach Pat Turner: pturner@duchesne-hs.org
August 11-15, 3:30-5:30pm. at Vetta Gametime, 4160 Ehlmann Rd., 63376.

Girls Tennis

Coach Doug Becker: dbecker@duchesne-hs.org
August 11 – 15, 3-5pm.
Meet at Duchesne tennis courts.

Girls Volleyball

Maddie Krause: mkrause@duchesne-hs.org
August 11-13, 4-6:30pm. Meet in the gym. Practice times

after August 13 will depend on individual teams.

LOOKING AHEAD TO THE END OF SUMMER

- Duchesne Dead Period: August 2–10, 2025. No sport or activity practices or meetings
- First Fall Practice Date: Monday, August 11, 2025
- Fall Athletic Picture Day:

Monday, August 18, 2025

- Mandatory Parent Meeting: Thursday, August 21, 2025

STAY INFORMED

- 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!



CONNECTING PARENTS & COACHES TO CERTIFIED ATHLETIC TRAINERS

Your child's high school and SSM Health Sports Medicine have partnered with Healthy Roster, a FREE mobile app/website program, to connect athletes and parents with their Licensed Athletic Trainer. This program will house not only your child's injury information, but all the athletics-related paperwork necessary to participate in your high school's sports! Below are instructions on how to set up and manage your Healthy Roster account for your student athlete. Please note that Healthy Roster is an invitation only program. You will receive an invitation in July via email for you to access your child's profile.



Duchesne High School Athletic Trainer: Kate Perko MAT, LAT, ATC

Email Address: katherine.perko@ssmhealth.com

I HAVE NOT RECEIVED AN INVITATION TO JOIN HEALTHY ROSTER:

If you have not received an email invitation to join Healthy Roster, please contact your athletic trainer with the following information:

- Athlete First and Last Name
- Athlete Date of Birth
- Athlete Sex
- Athlete Graduation Year
- Parent/Guardian email address if the athlete is a minor.

I HAVE RECEIVED AN INVITATION TO JOIN HEALTHY ROSTER:

1. Open the email invitation you received from Healthy Roster. You may download the app from the email or click on the link to sign up via the website. Please note the 6-character access code in the email, as this will be needed to verify your account.
2. Upon clicking the link or downloading the app, you will enter the access code where indicated.
3. After validating your access code, you will be asked to choose whether you need to create a new account with Healthy Roster or if you already have an account. Click on the appropriate option.
4. Once you have created or logged into your account you should now have access to all your student athletes. If you are missing any athletes that you are responsible for, please contact your athletic trainer.
5. Double check all demographic information on your athlete's account. Make sure the information that is already entered is correct and add any missing information.
6. Please select Manage Teams for your athlete and add the athlete to the teams they want to be a part of. This can be adjusted later.



Duchessne DIAMONDLINE FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS

Featuring Junior Diamondline

FRIDAY OCTOBER 24 4:00 PM - END OF HALFTIME

BOYS SOCCER GAME

\$25 Before July 1st (\$35 after)

VENMO PAYMENTS TO: DANA-BUCKNER-5

For more information: **Dana Buckner 314-304-6813**

Sign Up!

bow & poms included!



DUCHESSNE HIGH SCHOOL PIONEERS

IT'S A GREAT DAY TO BE A PIONEER!

Sunday, September 14

— SAVE THE DATE AND PLAN TO JOIN US —
HOMECOMING WEEK KICKOFF GARDEN PARTY!

Food | Fun | Live Music

— Homecoming Fun for Everyone! —

DETAILS TO COME. WATCH OUR SOCIALS.



JOIN OUR FUNDRAISER at 

Friday, August 15 | 10:00AM - 10:00PM

Raising Cane's 1840 First Capitol Drive, St. Charles, MO

Mention the fundraiser at the Restaurant or apply code **RCFUND96** to online or app orders at checkout and Cane's will **donate 15% of Net Sales*** to:

Duchessne High School

Raising Funds with Raising Cane's

Learn more about how we can support you at CanesAndCommunity.com

Minimum donation amount will be 15% of the Net Sales* donated directly to your organization. Not valid on kiosk orders. *Net Sales* means the purchase price of food and beverages sold during the event to customers who (i) mention your organization when ordering in person or (ii) use the code RCFUND96 when ordering online or in the Raising Cane's app. The purchase price excludes special or limited time offers, discounts, returns, and taxes. Net Sales* does not include gift cards and retail merchandise purchases.



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HIGH SCHOOL Fair

Families with students in grades 5 and up can explore exciting educational opportunities by connecting with representatives from Catholic high schools in the Archdiocese of St. Louis!

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 4, 2025

5:30 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.

LOGAN UNIVERSITY
WILLIAM D. PURSER, DC CENTER
1851 SCHOETTLE RD
CHESTERFIELD, MO 63017

No registration required!

LEARN MORE AT ARCHSTL.ORG/EDUCATION



DOUBLES TOURNAMENT

This is a coed tournament for current and former Dukesne Volleyball players! Partners will be assigned at the tournament!

 **TUESDAY, JULY 22**
3pm Start time

 **TED YEATER ATHLETIC CENTER**
Dukesne High School

REGISTRATION PROCESS:

 **CONTACT COACH KRAUSE**
by noon July 22 in order to participate

 **SEE YOU THERE!**
Mkrause@dukesne-hs.org



2026 Pioneer Expedition Gala

Save the Date

Saturday, January 31, 2026
Ameristar Casino

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