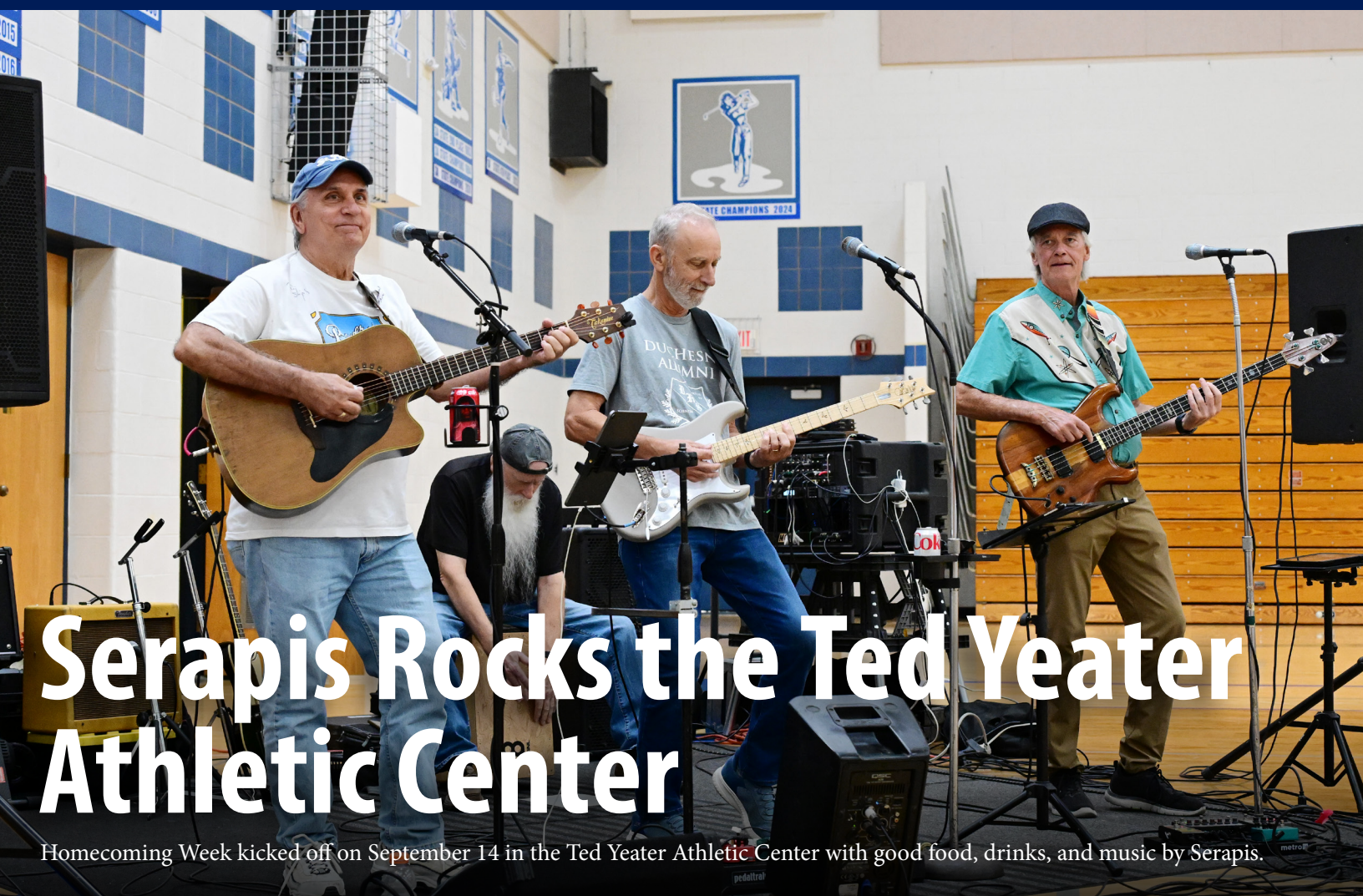




PIONEER PRESS NEWSLETTER

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Serapis Rocks the Ted Yeater Athletic Center

Homecoming Week kicked off on September 14 in the Ted Yeater Athletic Center with good food, drinks, and music by Serapis.

UPCOMING DATES

October 13

No School

October 15

PSAT Testing

October 16

Jogues House Mass & Fall Concert

October 17

Career Day 1/2 day

October 23

Report Card Night

October 26

Open House

October 27

No School

From the Assistant Principal of Student Life



Debi Turner '96
Assistant Principal of
Student Life

It's hard to believe we are already less than a week away from the end of the first quarter! The time has flown by, and it's been wonderful to watch our students settle in and start to figure out what it means to "high school." These early months

are full of new routines, challenges, and excitement. As we head toward the end of the quarter, I want to encourage our students to stay focused on their schoolwork while also enjoying all the fun that comes with being part of high school life.

On September 9, our students attended an all-school assembly led by Pursuit 3416, which focused on the importance of safe online presence and decision-making in today's digital world. Students were challenged to reflect on how their choices online can impact their lives both now and in the future. I encourage you to talk with your children about what they learned and how it connects to their daily on-

line habits. You'll also find a wealth of helpful information under the Resources tab on the Pursuit 3416 site (<https://pursuit3416.org/>).

Just a few days later, we shifted gears into Homecoming Spirit Week, and what a week it was! From the theme days to the pep rally, our students showed so much school spirit and had an absolute blast. Saturday night's Homecoming Court ceremony was beautiful, and

the dance that followed was full of energy, laughter, and joy. I'll admit—I may have snuck onto the dance floor a couple of times, hahaha!

As always, thank you for everything you do to support your children and for trusting us to walk alongside them each and every day. We are grateful for your partnership and the wonderful community we get to share here at Duchesne.



Knights of Columbus Essay Contest



The St. Charles Borromeo Knights of Columbus Council (#17106) has invited our students to participate in this year's Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest. The contest offers a meaningful way for students to explore Church history, deepen their

faith, and develop essential writing skills.

The contest theme for this year is: "Out of the 267 popes who have led the Catholic Church; who are your three favorite popes and why?" Students are asked to select three pontiffs, explain the reasons for their choices, and reflect on how those popes' lives and teachings inspire contemporary Catholic witness.

The typed essay should be 500-750 words and will be judged on grammar, style,

and how clearly the theme is presented in a way that showcases creativity, imagination, and overall development of the topic.

Essays must be submitted to Mrs. Turner no later than Thursday, October 23, 2025. The student's name should not be on the essay itself. This entry form must be completed by the student and a parent and then attached to the essay. Please see Mrs. Turner with any questions. More information can also be found [HERE](#) or by scanning the QR code



Council winners receive certificates and recognition, with a cash prize for the 1st place winner. Winning essays elevated to the national level may be published on the Knights of Columbus website, and authors may receive certificates, scholarships, and a special commendation at the national awards ceremony.

From the President



Paul Boschert '77
President

Dear Friends of Dukesne,

As we enter this season of giving thanks, our hearts are filled with appreciation for you, our loyal friends and supporters. Your generosity allows Dukesne to live out our mission of shaping leaders in mind, body, and spirit. Every gift, no matter the size, helps our students grow in faith, knowledge, and service to others.

At this time of year, many of our donors begin planning their charitable giving. If you are 70½ or older, one special way to support Dukesne is through your **Required Minimum Distribution (RMD)** from an IRA or other retirement account. By directing your RMD—or a portion of it—directly to Dukesne, you can:

- Satisfy your annual required distribution,
- Potentially reduce your taxable income, and
- Make a lasting impact on the lives of our students.

Your gift through an RMD is a meaningful way to invest in the future of Dukesne while also receiving valuable tax benefits. Many of our friends have found this to be a powerful and simple way to support the school they love.

I want to thank you for the blessings you've already shared with our school. Because of you, Dukesne remains a

place where young people discover their God-given gifts and prepare to be leaders who make a difference in the world.

As we celebrate Thanksgiving, please know of my prayers of gratitude for you and your family. May this season be filled with peace, joy, and many blessings.

Sincerely,
Paul Boschert '77
President

To learn more about RMDs and Estate Planning, please join us on Thursday, November 6, 2025, at 9am in Dukesne's PAC (Performing Arts Center, aka "the old gym"). The Roman Catholic Foundation will be accompanying us for a light breakfast and informative presentation. Please RSVP to Nancy Kohl

From the Principal



Kurt Schneider '93
Principal

Dear Dukesne Families,

We have hit full stride, and our campus is a constant hub of activity. We are hosting sporting events almost every day, the fall play is ramping up, alumni events are popping up all over the calendar, and it is only the beginning of October. I am always encouraging our students to get involved; there are so many things to do at Dukesne on any given day.

As I have mentioned, there is an amazing array of activities each week at Dukesne, many of which I think go unnoticed. Each week, there are several opportunities for students to take part in their Catholic faith at Dukesne. Mr. Fitzgerald has morning

prayer in the main lobby on Monday and Tuesday at 7:20am. On Thursday mornings, Mr. Becker leads the praying of the Rosary in the chapel at 7:20am. Each Friday morning, we offer Mass in the chapel at 7:15am. Everyone is welcome, no experience required! I find that a little quiet time in reflection and prayer is an outstanding way to begin the workday. There are so many distractions vying for our students' attention. Spending some time settling the mental clutter is a great way to prepare for a great school day.

See you in the halls,

Kurt Schneider '93
Principal

Teaching safety in an online world



Pursuit 3416 founder Melanie Williams speaks to Duchesne students about sexual exploitation online.

Eric Seiffert **Director of Marketing**

Duchesne students attended an important presentation on September 9 that focused on online safety and creating awareness of sexual exploitation.

Pursuit 3416, an organization specializing in educating students and young adults about subjects such as grooming, sextortion, social media, and online manipulation, gave the talk.

"After attending our presentation, I hope students realize how much power they have to stay safe," said Melanie Williams, Pursuit 3416 founder and president. "It comes down to making wise choices, recognizing manipulation, and understanding that anyone can be a predator — so they should trust their instincts and speak up."

"It was good that she used actual examples to get your attention," said senior Caroline Wash. "She actually showed the effects that this has had on people."

"I think that the awareness it showed was the biggest factor to me," said senior

Bennett Borgmeyer. "Then, if things like that happen, you know what to do."

Pursuit 3416 was founded in 2021 by Melanie Williams to address gaps she saw in sexual exploitation education in the St. Louis area. Before then, Williams worked with teenage survivors of sex trafficking through a local restoration home. Pursuit 3416 speaks at roughly 25 to 35 schools, youth groups, and organizations every year.

Their recent presentation at a local Catholic grade school is how they got on the radar of Duchesne Assistant Principal and Dean of Student Life, Debi Turner.

"[They] did a presentation at my parish, St. Cletus Church, last spring, where I was able to connect with their founder and president," she said. "The internet is here to stay, and predators are becoming increasingly sophisticated with it. It's easy to believe that online exploitation could never touch our families. Yet, the reality is sobering: even within the seemingly safe walls of Duchesne, students are being targeted and exploited by predators through social media."

The Pursuit presentation is the second talk given at Duchesne, focusing on online

safety and awareness of online dangers. Last year, national speaker Ben Tracy visited Duchesne to speak on social media and mental health.

Pursuit 3416 is growing. Williams is preparing to launch a Pursuit Peers program to create student-led clubs in schools throughout Missouri.

"[This program] would create a safe space where young people can come together to talk openly about exploitation they've witnessed or experienced and learn how to respond safely and confidently," she said. "Achieving this vision will require significant funding, specialized training, and dedicated staff. We are actively seeking grant opportunities and support to make this vital initiative a reality."

With the ever-changing online world landscape, Turner says more presentations like this one are sure to come.

"It's vital that we continue providing our students with the most accurate and up-to-date information. If the Pursuit 3416 presentation helped protect even one student, then it is absolutely worth it to me," she said.

Eucharistic Miracles Display Visits Duchesne



Duchesne students, visiting grade school students, and members of the public visited the Eucharistic Exhibit in the Performing Arts Center.

Eric Seiffert Director of Marketing

The Eucharistic Miracles of the World Display, created by Saint Carlo Acutis, made a special stop at Duchesne High School on September 22 and 23.

The exhibit features panels displaying over 150 Catholic Church approved Eucharistic miracles that have been recorded throughout the centuries.

Saint Carlo Acutis, recently canonized on September 7 of this year, created a website in 2004 cataloging every Eucharistic miracle in the world. After he died in 2006, his parents transferred his work onto a physical piece of media. Today, the display can be seen worldwide and has appeared in parishes, schools, and colleges throughout the United States.

Duchesne's Catholic Identity Committee coordinated with Stephanie Helfrich and Kelly Meyer, who have been touring the display, and made the plans for the exhibit to come to campus. Helfrich and Meyer were involved

in an apostolate 18 years ago that brought Catholic speakers to parishes in the Western Vicariate. After raising the funds to have the exhibit printed, they have shown it in Potosi and Scott City, MO, Belleville, IL, and in many parishes throughout the St. Louis and St. Charles area. Both Stephanie's and Kelly's children attended Duchesne.

"I saw an exhibit of the Eucharistic Miracles at my parish last year and thought it would be great to have it at Duchesne," said Theresa Ruzicka '78, committee and board member. "The faculty, staff, students, and community can read about the true presence of Jesus' body and blood. I heard one faculty member say it sends shivers down his spine to read about these miracles."

"I think it's important for our students to be around the Eucharist," said Duchesne Campus Minister Mike Fitzgerald. "The best thing I've learned as a campus minister is to get them near the Eucharist, even if they don't completely understand what's happening."



Visitors to the display could also view a first-class relic of Saint Carlo Acutis.

Students found reading stories about the Host surviving fires, boiling water, and turning to flesh fascinating. Others found it impressive that all the information was compiled by someone who was their age.

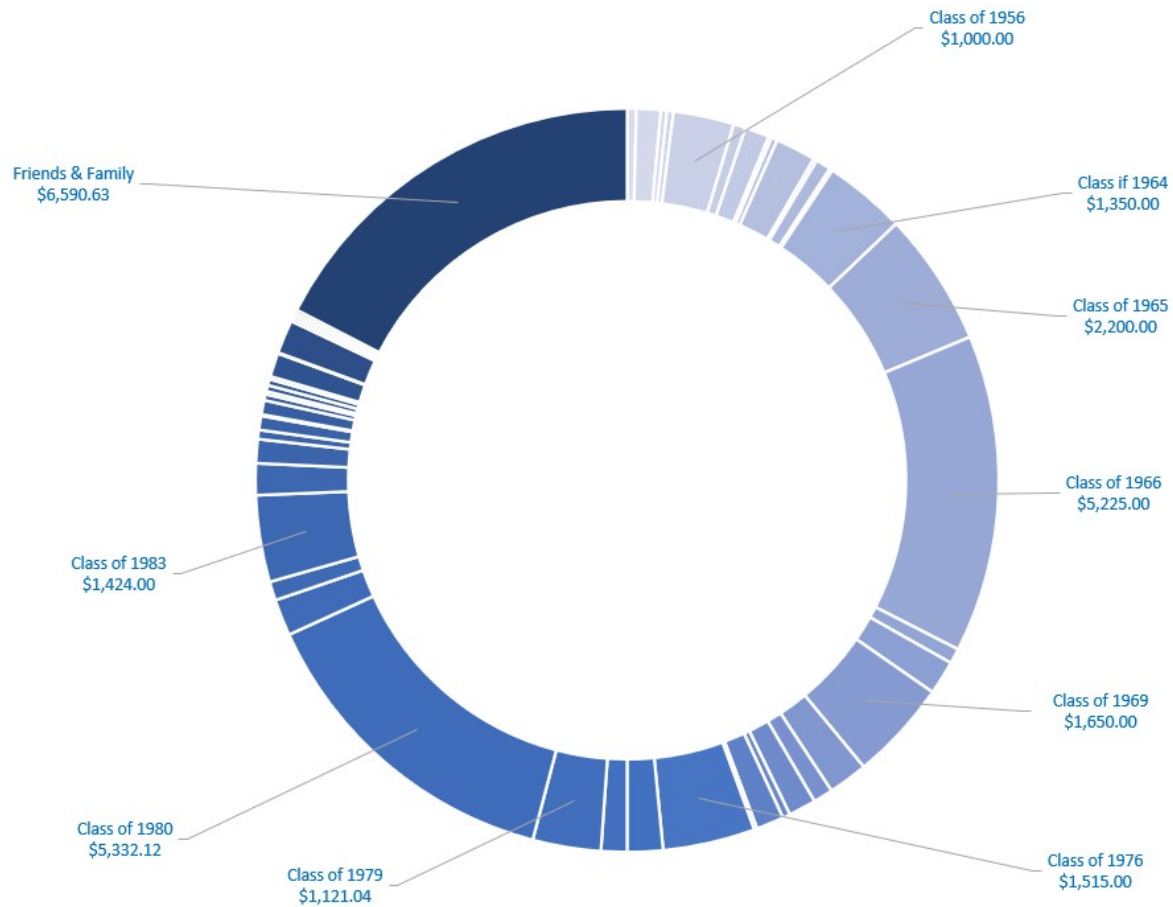
"The Eucharistic miracle display was a really interesting way to see and learn about the miracles God has presented to us over the years," said sophomore Maeve McCune. "It was amazing to see all the work Saint Carlo Acutis had put into making the display."

Three local Catholic grade schools visited the exhibit as a part of a special field trip: All Saints Academy – St. Ferdinand Campus, All Saints Catholic School in St. Peters, and St. John Paul II Preparatory School.

"The students reverently explored each miracle," observed Ann Tollefson '76, Catholic identity committee and board member. "[They] were very grateful for the opportunity to attend the exhibit and tour the campus."

A special highlight of the exhibit was the presence of a first-class relic of Saint Acutis himself. He is quoted as saying that the Eucharist is his highway to heaven. Hopefully, through events like this, Duchesne students will draw closer to Christ in the same way.

Pioneer Class Challenge



1951 \$150.00	1959 \$50.00	1970 \$650.00	1978 \$425.00	1989 \$25.00
1953 \$400.00	1960 \$665.00	1971 \$325.00	1981 \$600.00	1990 \$234.00
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1955 \$103.94	1962 \$250.00	1973 \$125.00	1984 \$518.91	1992 \$50.00
1957 \$200.00	1963 \$50.00	1974 \$453.94	1985 \$393.32	1993 \$100.00
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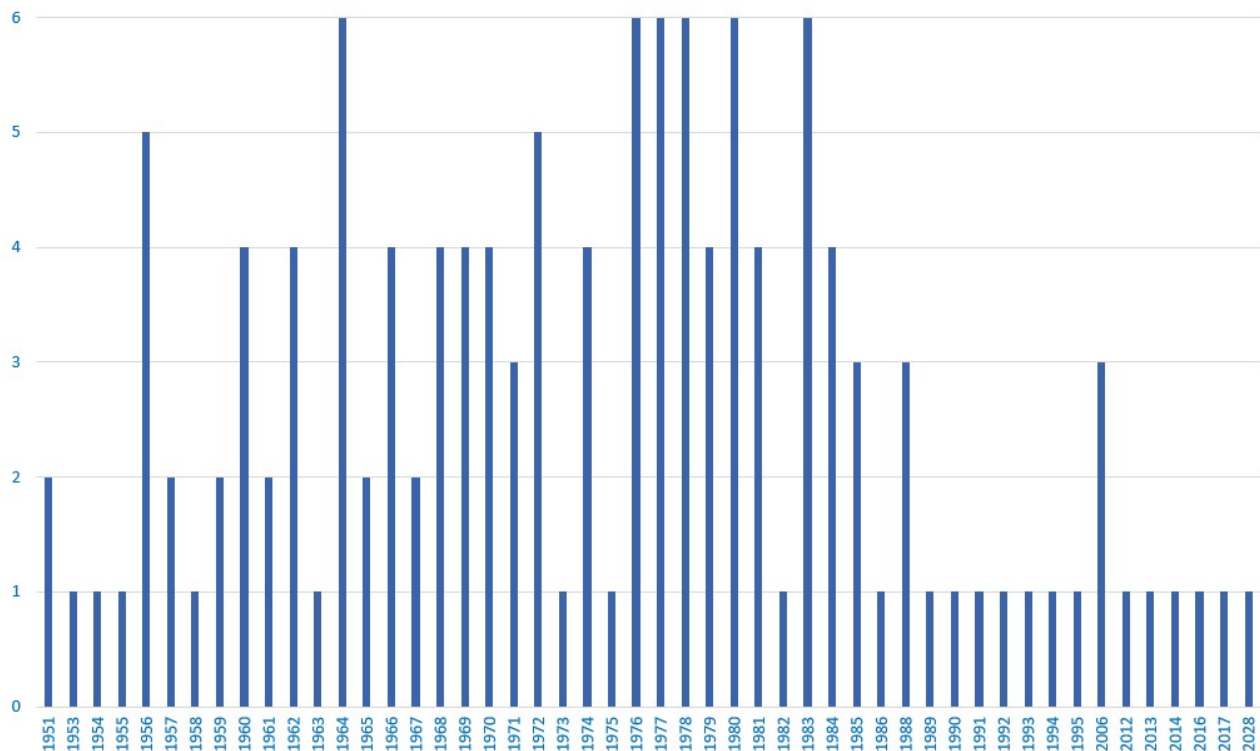
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\$37,825.77 raised in the fiscal year so far! *

*unaudited number

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NUMBER OF CLASSMATES WHO HAVE DONATED TO PIONEER FUND TO DATE



Hispanic Heritage Month at Duchesne High School!



Caleb Johnson
Director of Community and
Student Engagement
& Head Girls Basketball
Coach

We're proud to celebrate the rich cultures, tradi-

tions, and contributions of Hispanic and Latino communities during Hispanic Heritage Month, September 15—October 15. Throughout the month, students are engaging in activities, discussions, and giveaways that highlight the beauty and diversity of Hispanic heritage.

From music and art to history and language, we honor the stories and voices that shape our community.



From the Director of Admissions



Dana Bryan
Director of Admissions

Admission season is in full swing, and there are so many great reasons to be on the Duchesne campus! Whether it's a large Shadow Day with Canes for lunch or an exciting sporting event, come visit DHS and see what all the buzz is about.

Be sure to join us for Open House on Sunday, October 26, and bring your parents — siblings, too!

Experience our welcoming teachers, vibrant community, unmatched school spirit, and of course, the best high school students around!

Upcoming Events Include:

Monday, October 20 — Pioneer Spirit Night for Soccer (6pm) — Another one of our favorite events of the year for GRADE SCHOOLERS!! Enjoy free entry to the boys soccer game, a free hot dog, and exciting attendance prizes. Bring your friends and be part of the fun at Frank Barro Stadium!

Sunday, October 26 (10am-2pm) — Duchesne High School Open House — Come see Duchesne in action! Tour the campus, meet our

amazing teachers and students, and experience the heart of our community.

Pioneer Nation can't wait to meet you! Hope to see you soon.

Go Pioneers!

Dana Bryan
Director of Admissions
dbryan@duchesne-hs.org
636.757.6932

Apply Now! — Join the Class of 2030! — Transfer Students Welcome!

Our online application is open now through November 15. Check us out! <https://www.duchesne-hs.org/application-process.html>

Duchesne welcomes new faces to the front office and Advancement Team



Duchesne is excited to welcome new Administrative Assistant Kelly Richards (left) and Advancement Assistant Angela Schneider to our Pioneer Family!



DUCHESNE HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE



OCT. 26 10AM - 2PM



2550 Elm Street
Saint Charles, MO
636.946.6767
www.duchesne-hs.org

DUCHESNE HIGH SCHOOL

Shadow Days



Sign Up



FALL 2025 DATES

September 12
September 19
October 10
October 24

November 7
November 21
December 5

Lunches
provided by



2026 Pioneer Expedition Gala

The 2026 Pioneer Expedition Gala will be held on Saturday, January 31, 2026, at Ameristar Casino at 6pm. Please save the date and watch for more information so you do not miss this exciting event!

Our Gala Amazon wish list is live and we are looking for donations to help support our raffles and silent auction. The link to the Amazon wish list is: https://www.amazon.com/registries/guest-view/JRS2YDMUL2S9?ref=cm_sw_r_cp_ud_ggr-subnav-share_M865J7Q3Q1TQNP-58DAZ0 or you can scan the QR code.



If you have any baskets you no longer need that are in good condition, we will gladly take those off of your hands for use in putting together our silent auction baskets. We appreciate your support in helping make the auction a success!

Sponsorship information will be coming out soon. We are also always looking for fun and exciting live auction items. If you have any ideas or items to donate, please contact Jen Krupich at 636.757.6910 or jkrupich@duchesne-hs.org.

THE GIVING BRANCH 

 EMERGE
Fitness Training



LEAVES

ALUMNI FEATURES AND UPDATES

World-Traveled Pioneer

Olivia Scheberle '19

Eric Seiffert
Director of Marketing

From the Pyrenees Mountains in Spain to the beautiful scenery on Lake Como in Lecco, Italy, Olivia Scheberle '19 has seen more of what this world has to offer than most adults, and she's only 26.

You could trace Olivia's zeal for travel back to her days as a transfer student at Duchesne. When John F. Kennedy High School closed its doors after the 2016-2017 school year, Olivia found herself looking for a new school. She didn't look for long.

"I shadowed at Duchesne, and I just remember leaving and thinking 'that's my new high school,'" she said.

To her and the other Kennedy students who made the transfer, Duchesne and Kennedy shared a similar feeling of community.

"Everyone was so welcoming, and things worked out perfectly. The new and current students had a seamless blend."

While at Duchesne, she wanted to get involved as much as possible. She played softball, tennis, and was a member of the 2019 girls soccer championship team. She participated in plays and became one of the first leaders of Jogues House in the new House Program.



Olivia poses near a mountain in Lecco, Italy.

After discovering an interest in architecture during a drawing class, Olivia decided to pursue it as a career after graduation through a five-year accelerated master's program at Drury University, double-majoring in architecture and Spanish.

"I loved all the possibilities with architecture," she said. "All of it, from city design and urban planning to community centers to public parks and conservation work."

Her degree required time studying abroad, and it's here where her journeys really began. In the spring of 2022, she studied in Paris and, before long, had visited eight other European countries.

"Before that, I had only left the country once to Honduras to visit a friend," said Olivia, "It made me realize I want to keep doing this. I'm not done."

That summer, she studied in Costa Rica and lived with a host family while taking an immersive Spanish class. Afterward, she applied for and was accepted into a program teaching English at a preschool and primary school in Madrid, Spain.

In addition to her studies, Olivia learned quite a bit about travel, such as Europeans love to try to guess where you are from, you experience more culture staying at local hostels or bed and breakfasts rather than western hotel chains, and it's best to shop at local shops to invest in the community.

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REUNITING WHERE AT ALL BEGAN — CLASS REUNIONS AT DUCHESNE HIGH



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

Wow! What a fun night had by all at this reunion! Coincidentally, 45 classmates attended this 45th reunion! The group started with Mass at St. Cletus at 4:00, and then headed over to our alma mater for tours, talks, and a terrific time!

There were some surprise attendees from out of town – Schelley (Handley) Carroll, Titusville, FL; John Dougherty, Redlands, CA; Kay (Schultenrich) Jennett, Houston, TX; Jim Ohlms, The Woodlands, TX; Phil Taylor, Fair Grove, MO (N of Springfield); Bob Zdvorak, Parkville, MO (NW of KC) – as well as “Mr. Out-of-Town-Regular,” Paul Meirose, Platte City, MO (also NW of KC).

Blaise Felder led prayer, and then Diane (Carroll) Boerding shared a keynote address comparing the class's reunions to years in high school.

Those 1980 classmates who served in the military were honored and given a handmade gift, thanks to Jennifer Kelch. Recipients included Steve Bar-

teau, Doug Heckel, and Steve Lynch. Mike Boschert has gifts for military personnel not in attendance Mary (Rothermich) Nasevich and Matt Salvo, and possibly Mike Gajewski. If anyone else served in the military, please email boschfam@sbc-global.net.

Dan Krieger made an amazing framed picture of the deceased classmates and a moment of silence was shared while Taps was played for: Barb Borgmeyer, Kevin Buehrle, Bev Droege, Amy (Pieper) Grimes, Brad Hill, Kathleen (Flanagan) Howard, Greg Maschmidt, Chris (Schleeper) Mossberger, Sue Proost, Kerry Smith, Mike Stuebe, and Kevin Wright.

The group played table games and had a March Madness bracket for their favorite high school restaurant (Ken's Pizza), movie (Animal House), and song (Ridin' the Storm Out).

Special thanks to the Class of 1980's Reunion Committee: Steve Barbeau, Diane (Carroll) Boerding (who also hosted the

after-party with husband Mike), Mike and Julie (Lu-etkenhaus) Boschert, Brad Kelch, Kathy (Zeisler) Kellogg, Kelly (Hogan) Mica, Laurie (Kirchoff) Strickland, Linda (Plackemeier) Styer, and Karen (Mergenthal) Thompson.

COMING UP...

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

The Fantastic Four of Melanie (Wynn) Douglas, 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. Doors will open at 6:30; self-guided tours will be available from 6:30-7:45; and a group photo will be taken in the PAC at 7:45. (PAC stands for Performing Arts Center, aka “old gym.”)

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). Please RSVP on the Facebook page or reach out to one of us so we can final the headcount. Classmates from as far as Washington State and Texas are already confirmed. We are looking forward to seeing everyone! -- Eric, Kathy, Melanie, and Brian.

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

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! -- Eric, Kathy, Melanie, and Brian.

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CLASS OF 2005's 20th Reunion – at Duchesne on Saturday, October 18, 2025

Thanks to Dan Amiri, Julie (Glosier) Dreher, Emily (Friedel) Epley, Brian Hu, Caroline (Weber) Politsch, and Sarah (Leach) Worth for their help in planning the Class of 2005's 20th Reunion. We will be celebrating together at Duchesne on Saturday, October 18. The event will start with a Mass in the chapel at 4pm, followed by dinner, drinks, and fellowship. We hope our classmates can join us for an evening of fun, laughter, and reconnection!

CLASS OF 1965's 60th Reunion – at the KC Hall on Saturday, November 22, 2025

Plan to visit with classmates and enjoy appetizers and a cash bar at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Westbury Drive from 1-4pm on Saturday, November 22, 2025. Contact Sheila (Honerkamp) Eckstein at sheila.eckstein@hotmail.com 636.578.4859 for more information.

Alumni News and Notes



Alum Adam Eilers '08's Construction Company named #1 Fastest-Growing Private Company by the St. Louis Business Journal

The Eilers and Schierding families are glowing after A. Eilers Construction was named #1 in the St. Louis Business Journal's 50 Fastest Growing Companies list, as ranked by revenue growth 2022-2024.

Adam is a 2008 DHS grad and a 2012 graduate of the Construction Management program at the University of Central Missouri in Warrensburg. He started his construction company in 2016 after traveling the country as a construction superintendent for large St. Louis- and Kansas City-based construction contractors.

Congratulations to Adam! And shout out to his proud grandmother Carol Schierding for sharing the good news* with Duchesne. Adam has many ties to Pioneer Nation, including his parents, Susan (Schierding) '83 and Keith Eilers, siblings Aaron '01 and Jordan '11, late grand-

father Norb Schierding '55, and many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Pictured above at the St. Louis Business Journal's awards ceremony: Owner Adam Eilers '08 and COO Wayne Martin of A. Eilers Construction.

**If you have good news to share about a member of Pioneer Nation, please send those details to nkohl@duchesne-hs.org, or call Nancy Kohl, Alumni Engagement, at 636.757.6925.*

What Business Are You In?

We would like to know where our alumni work! We will use that information in a future Duchesne Business Directory we hope to put together, as well as for Career Fairs** and other events.

Please update your DHS info through this link or send your

company details along with your name, grad year, address, email, and cell to nkohl@duchesne-hs.org. Thank you for making it a Great Day to be a Pioneer!

<https://www.duchesne-hs.org/alumniupdate.html>

**Be sure to see the Career Fair flyer elsewhere in this newsletter and contact bgrass@duchesne-hs.org or scan the QR code if you can participate in that on Friday, October 17. Areas our students have requested include the following, but all are welcome!

Creative Writing

Criminal Justice Field

Dentist

Psych Field (counselors, therapists, etc.)

Social Work Field

Zoology

Our Terrific Tours Continue!

We love having our alumni and their families come back to see all our program and facility updates that enrich the excellent education experience we provide our students as we shape leaders in mind, body, and spirit at Duchesne.

There are a multitude of new things to share with our visitors, the most unique of which is our 3-D Anatomage Table. This cutting-edge education system features various life-size real human bodies in digital formats that provide an accurate representation and simulation

of real 3D anatomy, physiology, and digital pathology. UMSL obtained one of these after Duchesne did, but we are not aware of any other high school or college in the area that has an Anatomage Table.

We are Pioneer Proud! And we are grateful to Mrs. Ziegler for the demonstrations she provides for our guests.



Bob Boschert '68, with President Paul Boschert '77 and Nancy (Rothermich) Kohl '78, alumni engagement



Med student Libbi Kleitz '20, with DHS science faculty member Glennis Ziegler.



COUNSELING CONNECTIONS

College Fair and Financial Aid Night



We had 65 colleges and several families/students in attendance for our college fair and financial aid night! We received excellent feedback from those families who attended and hope to continue this event next year!

Career Fair 2025

DUCHESNE HIGH SCHOOL

CAREER FAIR 2025

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17 | 10:30am to 11:45am

2550 ELM STREET | SAINT CHARLES, MO

SEEKING BUSINESSES TO PARTICIPATE

Fair-style setup • Setup begins at 9:30am

For questions, email School Counselor Brittany Grass at bgrass@duchesne-hs.org



Career Day is almost here! On Friday, October 17, all Duchesne students will participate in a variety of workshops from Career Mind Mapping to Resume Writing and then attend a Career Fair.

We currently have about 25 businesses signed up to attend the Career Fair portion of the day, ranging from SSM Health, The Salon Professional Academy, Plumbers and Pipefitters

Local 562, Rawlings Sporting Goods, Army Recruiting, City of St. Charles Fire Department, and many, many more!

We are still looking for more attendees, especially in the fields of psychology, social work, counseling, criminal justice, zoology, and creative writing. Please use the QR Code on the flyer to register, or reach out to Mrs. Grass with questions at bgrass@duchesne-hs.org.

COLLEGE REP VISITS

Fall College Rep visits have started! We have started lunch visits for students across all grades to connect with colleges and universities from all over. Upcoming visits include:

- 10/2: UMSL & State Tech
- 10/7: Mizzou & SLU
- 10/9: Greenville University
- 10/21: Emporia State University
- 10/23: Drury University
- 11/4: Truman State University
- 11/6: WashU

To request a college you would like to visit with, email Mrs. Grass at bgrass@duchesne-hs.org.

SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE

The A+ Scholarship Program provides scholarship funds to eligible graduates of A+ designated high schools who attend a participating public community college or vocational/technical school, or certain private two-year vocational/technical schools. In addition, there are several four-year universities that also award funds if the student has the A+ designation. It is recommended that ALL students fill out the A+ agreement.

IT IS BETTER TO HAVE IT AND NOT NEED IT, THAN TO NEED IT AND NOT HAVE IT!

https://www.duchesne-hs.org/cmss_files/attachmentlibrary/Forms/A--Intent-to-Comply-2023.pdf

REMINDERS

Planning a college visit? Don't forget to turn in your College Visit Permission Form to Mrs. Grass one week prior to the scheduled visit.

https://www.duchesne-hs.org/cmss_files/attachmentlibrary/Forms/College-Visit-Permission-Form.pdf

Seniors—An email will be sent soon about the transition to SCOIR for college transcripts.

**LOOKING AHEAD
FALL 2025**

Oct. 1
FAFSA Opens

Oct. 15
PSAT Testing Date

Oct. 17
Career Day held at DHS
(see flyer for details)

Nov. 7
ACT Registration deadline
for Dec. 13 test

Nov. 24
ACT late registration deadline
for Dec. 13 test

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>

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ON SOCIALS!**

**Reunions**

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IN THE WORKS

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

CLASS OF 1991's 35th Reunion – at Duchesne in the Fall of 2026

SAVE THE DATE

CLASS OF 1986's 40th Reunion – at Duchesne on Saturday, September 19, 2026

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.

WHAT ABOUT YOUR CLASS?

ALUMNI REUNIONS – is it time to plan yours?

Does your class year end in a 1 or 6 (such as 2001 or 1996)? It's time to plan your reunion! Contact Nancy (Rothermich) Kohl '78 at nkohl@duchesne-hs.org or 636.757.6925 to begin the conversation!

Duchesne can you provide you with a class list and save-the-date postcards 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. Smaller groups may want to gather in our Esports Center. A self-guided tour outline will be available for your guests. Alumni groups are not charged a rental, just a maintenance fee (and a student tech fee if applicable).

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Excitement is in the air as we hit the halfway mark of our fall sports season! With postseason play kicking off this month, we want to extend a special thank you to all the parents who have given their time to the concession stand and Oktoberfest booth. Your support is invaluable! Be sure to check out the amazing senior banners decorating our gym and stadium. Thanks to the Duchesne Athletic Booster Club for making these possible!

Congratulations to the following Volleyball players who received recognition in recent tournament action:

Mia Piskulich '28
Brace for Impact Varsity
Most Valuable Tournament Player

Emmie Nikodym '29
Brace for Impact Varsity
All-Tournament Team

Marley Evans '28
Orchard Farm Varsity
All-Tournament Team

Lucy Anstedt '28
Lutheran St. Charles JV
All-Tournament Team

IMPORTANT ATHLETIC DATES FOR OCTOBER

Senior Nights

Tennis: Wednesday, October 8,
prior to the 3:30pm match

Soccer: Monday, October 27,
prior to the 6pm game

Volleyball: Wednesday, October 13,
between the JV and Varsity games
(approximately 5:30pm)

Football: Pregame on Friday,
October 17, 6:30pm

Cross Country, Golf, Tennis:
Halftime of the football game
on Friday, October 17

Special Events

Football: Friday, October 3, Pink
Out/Cancer Survivor Game – Join
us in wearing PINK. Friday, Octo-
ber 17, Military/First Responder
Appreciation Game

Soccer: Monday, October 27, Grade
School Night – All grade school
students are invited to attend the
varsity soccer game.

Volleyball: Monday, October 6,
Grade School Night – All grade
school students are invited to attend
the varsity volleyball game.

We've seen fantastic support from parents, students, alumni, and the community for our Pioneer teams this fall. Let's keep the momentum going into postseason play! To date below is the information we know about the when and where of postseason tournament play.

Post Season Tournament Play

Cross Country: Class 2 District 1
– Saturday, November 1, at Arcadia
Valley High School

Golf: Class 2 District 1 – Thursday,
October 9, at Wolf Hollow Golf
Course

Football: Class 2 District 2 – Fri-
day, October 31, Opponent and
Location TBD

Soccer: Class 2 District 3 – Bracket
not set, dates of play November
1-11 at Orchard Farm High School

Tennis: Class 2 District 3 – Singles
play begins Thursday, October 9, at
MICDS, Doubles play begins Mon-
day, October 13, time and location
TBD

Volleyball: Class 2 District 5 –
Bracket not set, dates of play Octo-
ber 21- 28 at Whitfield High School

On behalf of the coaches and athletic staff of Duchesne, we want to recognize our Senior Fall athletes who have been great leaders the last four years on the field or court as well as in the Duchesne community. Pioneer Class of 2026 Fall Student-Athletes:

Cross Country: Isabel Rakers

Football: Bennett Borgmeyer,
Liam Daleo, Christopher Hernan-
dez, Jonathan Quinteros

Soccer: Bennett Borgmeyer,
Hunter Dodson, Will Johannesman,
Landon McCarthy, Justin Olivares
Cid, Finnegan Ryan

Tennis: Caroline Walsh, Mia Young

Volleyball: Tori Edler, Gabi Ulrich

LOOKING AHEAD TO WINTER

Any boys or girls interested in joining our Wrestling teams please see Mrs.

Moore for program information.

Key Winter Dates:

- Boys and Girls Basketball First Practice: Monday, November 3
- Girls Wrestling First Practice: Monday, November 3
- Boys Wrestling First Practice: Monday, November 10
- Winter Athletic Pictures: Thursday, November 20, at 3pm

Please check with Coach Bouslog for try-out schedules for boys basketball, Coach Johnson for try-out schedules for girls basket-

ball, and Mrs. Moore for information about wrestling tryouts.

Remember, we held our mandatory parent All-Sports meeting in August. There will be no winter All-Sport meeting.

For information about the benefits of joining the Duchesne Athletic Booster Club, you can email duch-snebooster@gmail.com.

Stay connected and follow Duchesne Athletics on X at @Athletics_DHS and on Big Teams for updates!

Let's finish strong this fall and gear up for an exciting winter season! Go Pioneers!



Save the Date!
SPHS/DHS
CHEER REUNION
Performance on
Friday, 12/12/25
"We're All in This Together!"

Calling all Cheer Alumni, from All Generations!

Please plan to join us in the DHS Ted Yeater Athletic Center for this fun event!

Watch your mail and email for more information.
Please click the link to update your contact details to be sure we can include you,
or contact nkohl@duchesne-hs.org or Nancy Kohl at 636.757.6925 with your info.
<https://www.duchesne-hs.org/alumniupdate.html>
It's a Great Day to be a Pioneer! (or Bulldog!!)



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Olivia Scheberle '19

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It's all a part of her philosophy that travel is much better than tourism. To travel means you learn some of the language of the place you are visiting, and understand the people who live there on a more personal level. That's how you make good friends from all over the world.

"I think people get a well-rounded sense of empathy when they travel," said Olivia.

She's found something to love in every place she's visited, but if pressed, she can narrow down her top three destinations.

Olivia's Top Three Favorite Places She's Been (so far) and Why

1. Budapest, Hungary — The amazing architecture. It's got beautiful buildings on either side of the Danube River.
2. The Pyrenees Mountains in Spain — They're dotted with small villages of maybe 100 people. The landscape is stunning.
3. South of France — Consists of small, fairy-tale-like towns throughout the French

countryside. The people are so incredibly nice.

For current Duchesne students considering travel, Olivia has one piece of advice: "Do it!"

Studying abroad is a great place to start.

"Professors organize everything," she said. "You just get the scholarship to go, or pay them. You get experience without being the only one responsible for everything."

For students who would like to travel before college, she says you can't go wrong with starting with Europe. It's less of a culture shock, and it's easy to see a lot in a short amount of time.

Olivia thinks travel is important to understanding others in our social media, online-heavy world.

"I think it's really important to understand where people come from. Other cultures, economies, governments," she said. "It gets you out, meeting real people, making real connections."





FOREVER FRIENDS

This group of friends from the Class of 1968 began their get-togethers in 1974 and have met up monthly quite consistently since then, first in individual homes and now at area establishments for happy hour. In some of the years with “big birthdays” (those ending in 0 or 5), the ladies have gone on trips and cruises.

Front row: Becky (Black) Beck, Debbie (Harl) Covilli, Sharon (Orf) Schnarre, and Annie (Cregan) Boschert. Back row: Mary (Lynch) O’Daniels, Carol (Wappelhorst) Conoyer, Barb (Hellrich) Breckenridge, Mary Jane (Burkemper) Shelley, Connie (Ochs) Bredensteiner, and Nancy (Wernart) Dauer.

Do you get together with your DHS friends regularly? Please send a group photo to nkohl@duchesne-hs.org. We would love to include you and your friends in a future issue!

PIONEER SPIRIT NIGHT AT DUCHESNE!

FREE ENTRY AND PIONEER HOT DOG
FOR ALL GRADE SCHOOL STUDENTS!!!



Monday, October 20
6pm



- ✓ KONA ICE
- ✓ ATTENDANCE PRIZES
- ✓ PIONEER MERCH

CALLING ALL 6TH-8TH GRADE STUDENTS! TRIVIA

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH 7PM-9PM

NIGHT

@DUCHESNE HIGH SCHOOL
2550 ELM STREET | ST. CHARLES, MO



**\$200 PER
TABLE**



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DUCHESNE HIGH SCHOOL!
THANK YOU, KNIGHTS!

*Fried
Chicken
Dinner*

**\$12 PER
PERSON
3-6PM**

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19

KNIGHTS OF
COLUMBUS #323
20 WESTBURY DR.
ST. CHARLES, MO

Chicken dinner includes:
corn, green beans, &
mashed potatoes and gravy



!!RESCHEDULED!!

Duchesne
DIAMONDLINE
FRIDAY
NIGHT LIGHTS

Featuring Junior
Diamondline

FRIDAY
FEBRUARY 6TH 4:00 PM- END
OF HALFTIME

BOYS BASKETBALL GAME

\$35

VENMO PAYMENTS
TO: DANA-BUCKNER-5

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

bows & poms included!

Sign Up!





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Hey Crafters! DUCHESNE HIGH SCHOOL'S
Fall Craft Fair

SPONSORED BY THE DUCHESNE MUSIC BOOSTERS

Nov. 22, 2025 | 8:30 am - 2 pm

Join on campus as a vendor at Duchesne High School
for its annual Fall Craft Fair!

Scan the QR code and
grab your spot.
Deadline to sign up is one
week before the Craft Fair.

Questions? Send an email to:
DuchesneCraftFair@gmail.com




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