



ALUMNI

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INTRODUCING THE NEW HOUSE SYSTEM: FOUR HOUSES, ONE FAMILY



This September our students were introduced to the Bishop Kearney House System, which was created to emphasize the formation of the entire person. The program embraces Christian values to enhance the pastoral care provided to all students, strengthen a sense of community, promote the development of meaningful relationships and enable a more proactive development of leadership skills.

The school has been reorganized under the banners of four different Houses. Each House is composed of approximately eighty students and a group of both teacher and student leaders. Students will be a part of his/her House for the entire time they are at Bishop Kearney.

All students will also participate in a mentor group that is composed of 12-14 students from their House in grades 6-8 or 9-12. Each mentor group meets twice per week for twenty-five minutes. The purpose of these meetings is to provide our students with character-based instruction that is infused with academic advising. Students stay with the same mentor group each year; our goal is for the mentor groups to grow together socially, academically, and spiritually. As they move up each year, they will be given more responsibilities and have greater leadership opportunities.

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INTRODUCING THE NEW HOUSE SYSTEM^(CONT.)

To encourage student participation and healthy competition, the House System at Bishop Kearney includes a running point system. Points are earned through the following categories:

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| 1. Academics and Attendance | 4. Direct Competition |
| 2. Community Service | 5. Conduct/Uniform |
| 3. School Spirit | 6. Positive Behavior |

Points are totaled monthly, quarterly, and at the end of the school year with privileges awarded to the winning House.

The new house system incorporates our BK Alumni too... See alumni house assignments below, and stay tuned for more details on how alumni are getting involved!



House Formation – BK Alumni

- Bishop Kearney Alumni have been added into each house by graduation year
- Alumni from 1966-2018 will be encouraged to participate in house themed events and mentoring opportunities

Bayern	Castlebar	O'Dea	Avonmore
Class of 1966	Class of 1967	Class of 1968	Class of 1969
Class of 1970	Class of 1971	Class of 1972	Class of 1973
Class of 1974	Class of 1975	Class of 1976	Class of 1977
Class of 1978	Class of 1979	Class of 1980	Class of 1981
Class of 1982	Class of 1983	Class of 1984	Class of 1985
Class of 1986	Class of 1987	Class of 1988	Class of 1989
Class of 1990	Class of 1991	Class of 1992	Class of 1993
Class of 1994	Class of 1995	Class of 1996	Class of 1997
Class of 1998	Class of 1999	Class of 2000	Class of 2001
Class of 2002	Class of 2003	Class of 2004	Class of 2005
Class of 2006	Class of 2007	Class of 2008	Class of 2009
Class of 2010	Class of 2011	Class of 2012	Class of 2013
Class of 2014	Class of 2015	Class of 2016	Class of 2017
Class of 2018			



UPCOMING EVENTS

Alumni Happy Hours are back, and as always—the first drink is on us!

The next Alumni Happy Hour is: **Friday, November 9, 2018**

6:00 PM—8:00 PM

Titus Tavern

690 Titus Avenue

Rochester, NY 14617

Interested in being a Happy Hour Sponsor?

Contact Jennifer Hansen at (585)342-4000 ext. 228 or at jhansen@bkhs.org

Roc The Day is a 24-hour, online event that gives people in our community an opportunity to support all of the not-for-profit organizations doing great work in the nine-county Greater Rochester area. Visit ROCtheDay.org, a secure online giving platform, to make a gift to Bishop Kearney High School on **Tuesday, November 27!**

BK's 3rd Annual Vendor & Home-Sale Craft Fair is a fantastic time, with FREE admission and FREE parking, and takes place onsite at Bishop Kearney. Come and join us for delicious food, unique items, crafts, and raffles at BK from

11am to 4pm on Saturday, December 1!

BK's Fall Play is a must see — it's CLUE! Join us for this fun and intriguing play, based on the board game and the 1980's cult classic. Was it Colonel Mustard in the Library with the wrench? Was it Miss Scarlet in the Lounge with the rope? Come find out!

2 Showings: December 7 & 8 at 7:00 PM

Bishop Kearney Auditorium

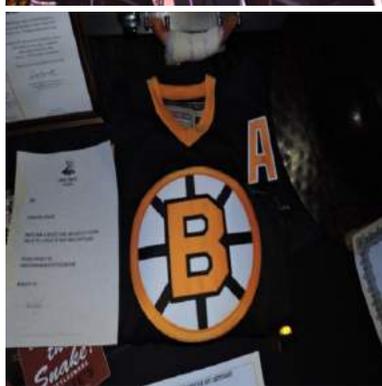


RECENT EVENTS RECAP

CROSSES & CROWNES ROCKING GALA: OCTOBER 13, 2018

Thanks to a SOLD OUT crowd of 200 attendees, 125 student volunteers and overwhelming faculty, staff, parent and community support, Bishop Kearney's 2018 Rocking Gala was an enormous success, raising more than \$75,000 to directly impact Bishop Kearney students!

[Click here to see all of the pictures from the 2018 Rocking Gala!](#)





RECENT EVENTS RECAP (CONT.)

ON THE SCREEN & ON THE GREEN: SEPTEMBER 20-22, 2018

This year, the Bishop Kearney Alumni Golf Tournament was the center of a three-day fund-raising event for Bishop Kearney. Thanks to the generous support of community supporters, alums, student volunteers, parents and faculty/staff, we raised more than \$12,000 to support our BK students!

VIP Tasting Reception & Screening of the film From The Rough

We kicked off with a Tasting Reception and a screening of the film From The Rough, which is a fantastic film produced by our very own Mike Critelli '66, and written by his son, Michael Critelli! The film is based on the inspirational true story of Dr. Catana Starks, who made history as the first woman, and the first African American woman, to coach a men's college golf team.



Dr. Catana Starks with Bishop Kearney students



Blu Wolf Bistro and Rohrbach's, John Urlaub '77



Georgie Knapp '66 sharing about the Pioneer Class Empowerment fund!



Dr. Catana Starks with Bishop Kearney students



Mike Critelli '66 introducing the film

Bishop Kearney Alumni Golf Tournament

We had a great turn-out this year with alums across 50 years of graduating classes, joined by parents, friends and community supporters! Check out just a few of our awesome teams.

Save the date for 2019 Tournament: September 20, 2019.



VIP Lunch Reception & Screening of the film "From The Rough"

We concluded the event with quite a bang—a screening of the film From The Rough at The Little Theatre, followed by a VIP lunch reception generously hosted by Giovanni "John" LiDestri and his wife, Dr. Cynthia Reddeck-LiDestri at their breathtaking East Avenue home.





RECENT EVENTS RECAP (CONT.)

HAPPY 75TH BIRTHDAY TO CARM URZETTA!

Happy 75th Birthday to the King of Kearney! The only gift he wants is to set a record with his scholarship fund. Why not make a \$75 birthday gift today to honor a great teacher and coach!

www.bkhs.org/al.../supporting-bk/Carm-Urzetta-scholarship-fund



URZETTA WALK OF FAME & PROCLAMATION/RECEPTION

This past August, our very own Carm Urzetta was inducted into the Redwings Walk of Fame, followed by a reception at Rohrbach's Beer Hall generously hosted by John Urlaub '77 where a proclamation was given by Senator Rich Funke acknowledging all of Carm's dedication and hard work in our community, declaring August 13 as Carm Urzetta Day!



BISHOP KEARNEY SCHOLARSHIP GOLF TOURNAMENT

Thanks to the more than 130 alums, faculty/staff, parents and community supporters who came out to golf in the 2018 Bishop Kearney Scholarship Golf Tournament, making it a great success, and a wonderful time had by all!





ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

NATALIE SHEPPARD '04

I joined the Bishop Kearney High School community in 2000. I was an honor roll student athlete and participated in many activities within and out of school. I played basketball, volleyball, and tennis. I was a part of the track & field team, speech & debate club, drama club, RA-PA dance, and the list goes on.

I am very happy with the choice my parents made to send me to Sacred Heart Cathedral School for Kindergarten through 8th grade. I would have never imagined that as a twelve year old girl, my decision to attend Bishop Kearney for high school would be one of the best choices I could have ever made for not only my educational journey but my social and emotional upbringing as well.



I went on to eventually receive a Bachelor's Degree in Social Work from Keuka College and a Master's Degree of Social Work from Roberts Wesleyan College.

Over the course of my entire career, I have come to realize that every role I have held has been a calling to higher advocacy efforts for youth and families. I have worked with student scholars, students with intellectual and behavioral disabilities, and students who have been in touch with the juvenile justice system. I am currently the social worker at Children Awaiting Parents' Donald J. Corbett Adoption Agency.

I am also an elected official and serve as a Commissioner of Schools on the Board of Education for the Rochester City School District. I get asked all of the time why I have chosen to get involved in the fight for quality public education when I attended Catholic Schools from Kindergarten through 12th grade. Well, my family experienced the tragic loss of my oldest brother my junior year and the way the administration, teachers, my friends, and fellow students rallied around me has been something I have cherished with every fiber of my being. The school where I found a strong foundation of guidance and support for all of my academics and activities was the same school that I was able to rely on to give me the unwavering support and love through one of the most traumatic experiences in my life. In my role as a Commissioner, I work to ensure that students can move on to their next level having had schools that developed them for greatness in their academics and social environments, just as I had.

It is often said that 'some of the best years of a person's life are their high school years'. Bishop Kearney definitely solidified the truth in that statement for me.

– *Natalie*