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## IMPORTANT DATES

### OCTOBER

- 4 All School Rosary, 2:20
- 6 Praying with the Saints, 6:30 PM
- 8 No School, Teacher Inservice Day
- 11 No School, Columbus Day
- 15 FUN RUN
- 21 K-5 Conferences, PM only  
K-5 early dismissal
- 22 K-5 Conferences all day  
K-5 No school
- 29 Book Fair Opens  
Community Prayer, 8:10
- 30 Mr. Hubbard's Wedding!  
Trunk or Treat, 5:30 PM



## Welcome Back to School!

On Wednesday, August 11, the faculty and staff of Annunciation welcomed back the largest student body in our school's history. We have 236 students enrolled for the 2021-2022 school year with 41 students on the waitlist for grades 1-8. The return to school comes with a much appreciated parent choice regarding masks rather than a diocesan mandate. Our staff now includes a full time nurse on duty every school day from 8 am - 3 pm. We have 3 new staff members and a change of role for another. (see page 3.) Our school store is back in swing and the school snack shack run by our student Entrepreneur Club is open during the school day. The ACS Uniform store has been busy selling new and gently used uniforms.

Our Partners In Education parent group (P.I.E) are well on their way towards planning our major school fundraisers and family events. Our new student ambassadors have started training with Mrs. McCann, and they did a great job at our back to school Open House and New Family Orientation. We are excited for the opening of the new church, hopefully in October, and the groundbreaking of our new parish administration building on the former site of the old parish hall/middle school building.

We thank all of our school families for trusting us with your students education and we ask you to keep our school in your prayers. We look forward to another very successful school year!

## The Mission of Annunciation Catholic School

Within our strong Catholic community, we develop children to their fullest God-given potential - spiritually, intellectually, morally, socially, and physically.

## Kiwanis of Carefree Awards Three Grants to ACS!



The Kiwanis Club of Carefree has been very generous to Annunciation Catholic School for the past 5 years, with grants totaling \$85,000 to support technology, special needs, and athletics. Kiwanis recently approved three more grant requests totaling \$25,487. The grants are for four interactive flat panels to replace the oldest models in middle school, bleachers for our outdoor sport court, and additional Wonderbot robots for use with younger grades to prepare them for coding in middle school. We cannot thank Kiwanis enough for all their support of our school. We could not have the level of technology we do without their generous support. Please support Kiwanis of Carefree by donating to and shopping at their thrift store, the Kiwanis Marketplace. It is located in Cave Creek across from Dairy Queen. The profits from the Marketplace provide the revenue to fund grants to schools. The Kiwanis Marketplace is also in need of volunteers. It's a great place for our middle school students to provide service hours to our community. God bless Kiwanis of Carefree!



The annual ACS Fun Run fundraiser will kick off in just 4 weeks on 10/5. Our goal is to raise \$58,000 for Expanding our Resource Program from 1 to 2 full-time teachers allowing the resource teachers to provide extra support to students in reading, writing and math. The ACS Resource Program helps us achieve our mission to develop all children to their fullest God-given potential.

This year, fundraising is more critical than ever to provide learning resources and fund our school budget. With online learning and virtual classrooms, it has never been more important to identify and help students who may have slipped behind in learning. We've asked our friends at Boosterthon to power our fundraiser to make it more profitable, fun, and easy for everyone.

### Here's what all students can get excited about:

Fun, engaging character development lessons

A high-energy event to give our school a much needed boost of fun!

Key dates to remember:

**Donating Opens - 10/1**

Register on [MYBOOSTER.COM](https://mybooster.com), SHARE, & GIVE!

**Fundraiser Kick Off - 10/5**

**Event Day - 10/15**

*SAVE THE DATE! You're Invited!*

Thank you for supporting ACS through the Booster Fun Run.



## 2021 Student Council Elections



The 2021 Student Council elections were held on Monday, August 30. Over 25 students in grades 6-8 ran for office. Students in grades 5-8 cast their ballots. Congratulations to our newly elected school council!

President - Gia Velasquez

VP - Izzy Piazza

Treasurer - Jamison Jolesch

Secretary - Emma Recuber

Historian - Olivia Bax

Religious Coordinator - Charlotte Wicker

7th Grade Class Reps:

Kyle Kohls

Grace Wieseler

Brenna Sharp

6th Grade Class Reps:

Cameron Garrity

Cali Velasquez

Henry Lynberg

8th Grade Class Reps:

Braylee Jevnick

Hayley Carrillo

Luke Kanigan



### SAVE THE DATE

#### All Saints Day Celebration and Grandparents' Day

Friday, November 5, 8:15-12:00

This special day includes Mass, refreshments for visitors, classroom visits and shopping at the Book Fair. If grandparents are unable to attend, other special guests are welcome to attend (e.g., aunts/uncles, friends of the family)

## ACS Entrepreneur Club Snack Shack is Open for Business

The ACS Entrepreneur Club is a parent run club for middle school students (grades 6 - 8). The goal of the club is to teach students how to devise and implement good business practices by running the ACS Snack Shack. They have monthly meetings to discuss inventory, product selection, employee scheduling and marketing. They determine their best selling products and profits earned. They offer a selection of snack food products and drinks, each selling between \$.50- \$1.00.



The ACS Snack Shack is open before and after school each week. The Entrepreneur Club helps develop strong stewardship habits by teaching our student employees the value of sharing their time and talent and in doing so, their hard work provides additional funds to support our school.

## Alumni News



Recent ACS grad, River Vogelsang, class of '21, attended the National Assembly of St Vincent de Paul in Houston Texas with youth Vincentians from all over the country. He is pictured (far left) with the National President of St Vincent de Paul, Ralph Middlecamp. He received SVdP youth training and did a St. Vincent de Paul service project in downtown Houston. River is a freshman at Notre Dame Prep in Scottsdale. He was the past president of the ACS Vibrant Vinnies chapter and we are so proud of River for his continued commitment to serving his community with Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

# ANNUNCIATION

## CATHOLIC IDENTITY COMMITTEE



### Monthly Fruit of the Spirit Awards

Have you heard of the Fruits of the Spirit? Here is a brief background of what they are...In his letter to the Galatians, St. Paul lists the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control (Gal 5:22-23). These fruits emanate or proceed from the Holy Spirit and reveal what the Holy Spirit is like. These are the Holy Spirit's character traits. And because the Holy Spirit is a Person of the Most Holy Trinity, and because the three Persons are one, the fruits reveal what God is like.

The grace and power of the Holy Spirit gives an increase to these fruits. A confirmed person cooperates with this grace, and with growth in holiness, these fruits expand and intensify. (ref. Father Van Sloun)

Teachers at ACS are given the opportunity to reward students with our monthly Fruit of the Spirit awards. Each month a different fruit is highlighted and awards are given to a select group of students at our community prayer service. We encourage everyone to know the Fruits of the Spirit and work hard to live our lives with these special characteristics.

JOY      GOODNESS  
 SELF-CONTROL      KINDNESS  
 PEACE      LOVE      Patience  
 Faithfulness      GENEROSITY

PLEASE JOIN CIC EVERY FIRST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH AT 9:30 AM  
 IN THE ST. GABRIEL MINISTRY BUILDING

## Vibrant Vinnies



*"If we are faithful to God,  
we will lack nothing."*

*- St. Vincent de Paul*

Our Vinnies stayed busy this summer at Ozanam Manor, painting with residents and playing some bingo! We passed out donations of sheets, towels, and water bottles. In August, we assisted the Knights and St. Gabriel's conference with a shoe drive that brought in over 200 pairs of shoes going directly to the homeless population.



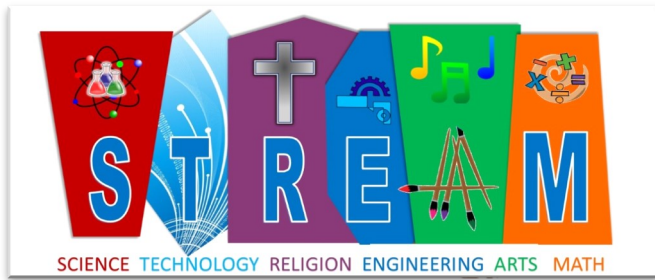
## National Junior Honor Society Officers Announced



Pictured from left to right:

Treasurer- Luke Kannigan, Vice President- Ella S., President - Braylee Jevnick, Secretary - Maddie Levelle, Historian - Bella Slepak

Congratulations to our new National Junior Honor Society officers for the 2021-2022 school year. Officers and the faculty advisers are collectively known as the chapter's executive committee. The executive committee establishes annual goals for the chapter and have general charge of the meetings and the business of the chapter .



## ACS STREAM Program Going Strong - Six Years and Counting!

By  
Mrs. Yaeger

I can hardly believe we are entering the 6th year of our STREAM program. ACS has grown so much reaching our goal of becoming a fully immersed STREAM school with 1:1 Technology. STREAM incorporates science, technology, religion, engineering, arts and math into all aspects of the classroom. We have an exciting year ahead of us. Each teacher will complete three Project Based Learning units filled with STREAM activities which have shown to increase student engagement and comprehension. Students will work with coding, robots, arduinos, and different engineering tools throughout the school year. Be sure to check out the STREAM section of the newsletter each month which will feature an article from a different classroom highlighting a STREAM project in their classroom. ACS will continue our all-school STREAM events during Thanksgiving, Catholic Schools Week, and the End of the Year with parents welcome to volunteer. Students will participate in the Hour of Code, a worldwide coding event, and Engineering Week. Please reach out to Taryn Yaeger at [tyaeger@acsphx.org](mailto:tyaeger@acsphx.org) if you are interested in helping in the classroom.

ACS would like to thank our gracious donors, The Gillespie Family and Kiwanis Club of Carefree, as without them none of this would be possible. Thank you!

This year is going to STREAMTASTIC!



Join the American Heritage Girls Troop!

We are a faith based "Girl Scout type troop" that meets twice a month on Tuesday's after school 3 - 5 pm in the parish Ministry Building.

For more information please contact the Troop Coordinator Kimberley French 480.310.7606 or feel free to send an email to [ahgtroop0015@gmail.com](mailto:ahgtroop0015@gmail.com)

 The poster has a vibrant orange and yellow background with silhouettes of basketball players in action. A large basketball is in the center. The text "SUNDAY SKILLS TRAINING AND GAMES" is written in a bold, white, sans-serif font, slanted upwards. Below this, the dates "Nov. 7th - Dec. 12th" and specific dates "11/7, 11/14, 11/21, 12/5 and 12/12" are listed. The location "Annunciation Catholic School (32648 N Cave Creek Rd, Cave Creek, AZ 85331)" and cost "Cost: \$199" are provided. Training times "11-12:30pm (1st- 3rd Grade Boys and Girls)" and "1-2:30pm (4th-6th Grade Boys and Girls)" are listed. A note states "The training will consist of 1 hour of skills/drills followed by 30 minutes of games. 'All participants must bring their own ball'". At the bottom, it says "To Register please scan the QR code and fill out registration form" next to a QR code.
 

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## A Special Trip Home to Poland



ACS parents, Mike and Aga Rabern and their 3 children traveled to Poland this summer. While there, they celebrated the baptism of their youngest child Nadia, with Aga's family at their parish, Our Lady of Fatima, in Gdansk. Above Hanna (grade 2) and Zofia (grade 4) enjoying some beach time on the Baltic Sea. Thank you Mike and Aga for sharing your summer trip!

### Save the Date

The 2021 ACS  
Christmas Concert  
has been moved to  
Thursday,  
December 16, 2021  
at  
6:30 p.m. in the  
Church

### ATTENTION ACS GRANDPARENTS

ACS is pleased to announce the return of the Grandparent's Guild, to allow those grandparents to assist in those activities that support our grandchildren. Graciously chaired by Barbara and Gary Mandalfino, the goal is to involve grandparents who want to volunteer their time and energy to ACS activities for the grandchildren. So, parents mention the Guild to the grandparents; and have them contact Barbara at [travelfriendsllc@gmail.com](mailto:travelfriendsllc@gmail.com) with a "show of interest". Barbara is not shy about enlisting grandparent volunteers to help out Annunciation Catholic School. And the school year is just beginning.

# Harold's Corral Presents Oktoberfest

Charity Event

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2ND**

**FROM 6:00 PM – 11:00 PM**



**\$35 PER TICKET**

(ONLINE PROCESSING FEES NOT INCLUDED)

**TICKET INCLUDES: GERMAN BUFFET & TRADITIONAL OKTOBERFEST EXPERIENCE!**



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## School Administration

### Pastor

Fr. Chad King  
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### Principal

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Joann Perraut  
Bridget Primavera  
Megan Hefflinger

For the complete staff directory visit

[http://acsphx.org/about us/](http://acsphx.org/about_us/)

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## Student and Staff Birthday's

### July

Keeley Amanati  
Ella Cupo  
Samuel DiPasquale  
Lukas Gesell  
Eliana Guarino  
Nicholas Humphrey  
Braylee Jevnick  
Emma Lewis  
Jack Lewis  
Alessandra Merino  
Sabini Morawa  
Julian Peterson  
Charlie Sherlock  
Joshua Zuno  
Dr. Pristash  
Mrs. Bowers

### August

Chase Bainum,  
Simmone Broeker  
Oliver Bueno  
Allison Cave  
Maxwell DiPasquale  
Kingston French  
Layne Henry  
Anthony Kosik  
Dash Renner  
Georgiana Rindahl  
Sophia Rommes  
Fiona Scagnoli  
Stella Snyder  
Josephine Titze  
Mrs. Verderame  
Ms. Flores  
Mr. Hubbard  
Mrs. Diaz

### September

Elias Bowers  
Antonio Motola  
Isabella Pacheco  
Isabella Piazza  
Jude Putrus  
Elena Scagnoli  
Elnora Smith  
Amanda Towns  
Case Wallace  
Mrs. McCann  
Mrs. Rossbach



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