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AHN takes on NCYC

Just before Thanksgiving break, a group of AHN students took a flight to Indianapolis to go to The National Catholic Youth Conference, also called NCYC, a place where many young Catholics all get to share their love of God.
by Kathryn Lewis and Isabella Lodise

During this four day stint, students got to talk to many different representatives of the Catholic Church and explored different parts of their faith that they might not have thought of before. The National Catholic Youth Conference, better known as NCYC is a spiritual journey for young Catholics and helps teens grow in the faith.

Maddie Reinoehl, a student who went to NCYC this year, got to share her experience and how the whole trip impacted her. She talked about how they all got to listen to many different guest speakers, including Pope Leo! She got to hear many emotional stories from Sister Miriam James Heidland and explore strengths through the holy spirit from a guest speaker named Brian Greenfield. Maddie's favorite part of her trip was the last night of NCYC, where every school attended with hundreds of priests and bishops. "It was very beautiful. We were all crying, it was the most peaceful moment of my life," Maddie said recalling the moment. Maddie also commented on the importance of having an environment where people your age have the same beliefs as you, letting you grow connections with people you can share the faith with. "Being surrounded by people who praise God shows that you have so much time in the day to praise God, you can find time" NCYC impacted Maddie by showing her how to prioritize one's faith. Maddie's time at NCYC helped her understand more of what being a Catholic means and gave her new perspectives on her faith.

NCYC is a nationwide gathering of high-school aged catholic students and their mentors to assist participants in spiritual growth and having a community experience that was started in 1983. These students connect with other Catholic youth around the country, grow their faith, and depend on their understanding of what it means to be and live as a Catholic youth. At NCYC students participate in prayers, liturgies, breakout rooms, and concerts led by Christian Artists. Speakers talk about their growth and journey through their own faith and explain important messages to the students. There is also an exhibit hall where students can connect and interact more with each other through different games and activities hosted by vendors.



Learning in Science Research at Academy of the Holy Names



by Aba Amissah and Abby O'Toole

This month in science research, students are working on finishing their research papers, which they will present at the end of the year during the science symposium. Science research is a class offered by Holy Names to juniors and seniors, taught by Mr. Licari. Starting in junior year, students learn research methodology by assessing scientific databases, consulting doctoral research scholars, developing and testing hypotheses, writing scientific papers, and making presentations.

These skills continue to be used and advanced in science research taken as a senior.

According to Mr. Licari, when it comes to picking their topic to research, students have full freedom to research whatever they find interesting. Many typically choose, but are not limited to, topics in biology, medicine, and engineering.

For Iyanna Nelson-Ventour, a junior in the class, science research is an opportunity to engage with one of her favorite subjects and earn college credits. She is currently researching neonatal science, a field focusing on the medical care of infants, which she chose due to her interest in a future career in neonatal care. Throughout each week, she spends around five and a half hours studying her topic through research articles and the occasional YouTube video. Students in science research need to have a mentor because the mentors help them go through the scientific process when conducting research and experiments. When choosing a mentor for her research, Iyanna chose Ms. Joanna Piusz, who was recommended to her by Maddie Piusz, another Holy Names student.

The science symposium will be held at the end of April, where students in science research will present their findings to guests. The science symposium is open to all interested in viewing the students' findings and research presentations. Families, teachers, and school administrators are invited to attend and see what the students have to share.

AHN SONG CONTEST



HIGHLIGHT

Sophomore class wins Thanksgiving song contest by a close call, according to the judges.

The Sophomores won the 2025 Thanksgiving song contest, with their parody of “Thriller” by Michael Jackson. The Thanksgiving song contest, a long-standing tradition at Holy Names, always ranges between many different genres of music. Each class goes head-to-head to see which grade can create the most catchy, and most Thanksgiving-themed song.

This year the freshmen sang a parody of Justin Bieber's “Baby”. The juniors put a Christmas spin on their song by singing a Thanksgiving-themed version of “Jingle Bells”. The Senior's brought it back to the 90's with a parody of “Gangsta's Paradise” by Coolio. Last but not least, the faculty joined in with a parody of Village People's “Y.M.C.A.”

In preparing for the Song contest, each grade must practice during homeroom in different locations throughout the weeks, which can be frustrating for students at times. Each grade must also print out their own sheet music, and divide the class into sopranos and altos.

One class conductor, Jeniyah Wood, class of '28, stated “Getting everything to sound perfect” due to large class sizes, was one of the biggest challenges while preparing for the contest.

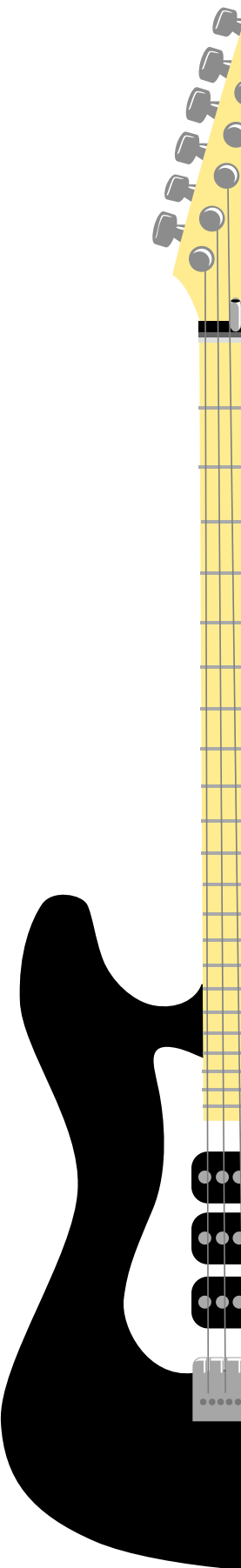


It is never easy to lead a whole class to sing together, and this is why some students take on leadership roles to guide the class and sing coherently as a group.

Practice at homeroom is usually moderated by teacher class moderators. The class moderator for the sophomores is Mrs. Baxter, a Biology teacher here at Holy Names. In an interview with her she stated “the best songs are ones that everyone singing and listening can relate to.”

Mrs. Baxter expressed her happiness that the sophomores won, saying, “I always tell my classes the same thing every year: if you come together as a class, sing to the best of your ability, and feel proud when you finish singing, then you have won. Despite the decision made by the judges.”

Even though every grade can't win, all of the songs were unique in their own way, truly showing the artistic creativity of each class. For example, the juniors wore bells around their wrists and the sophomores dressed up as turkeys. According to contest judge, Ms. Astemborski.





“participation of the whole class” and “great energy” is an important part of determining the winners.

The outcome according to judge Ms. Astemborski was the “Creativity of the sophomore class, with choreography and costume” that ultimately determined their win.

In a survey sent out after the song contest, students expressed what they felt about the outcome of the song contest. One student said that their favorite part of the Song contest was the fact that they loved coming together as a class to create and perform a fun song.

This is one of the main reasons the song contest has been a long standing tradition at Holy Names: It encourages class participation and builds class pride.

Ultimately, the judges said that determining the winners was a very close call, and that all of the classes did well. The Thanksgiving song contest next year is sure to be a good one!

by Wanjiku Waweru

Holiday Song Contest

This year, the sophomores, class of '28 won the 2026 Christmas Song Contest with their performance of “Mary Did You Know.” This marks the sophomores third consecutive win.

Normally, the Christmas Song Contest takes place the Friday before Christmas break. However, due to an unexpected flu outbreak, school was canceled Thursday and Friday. This cancellation of school pushed the date of the Christmas concert back to Jan 6, 2026.

Sophomore student leaders were Isabella Lodise, Maggie McAllister, Sophia Schenk, and Eva Lopez. The sophomore class also had Sophie Potvin as their accompaniment on the violin.

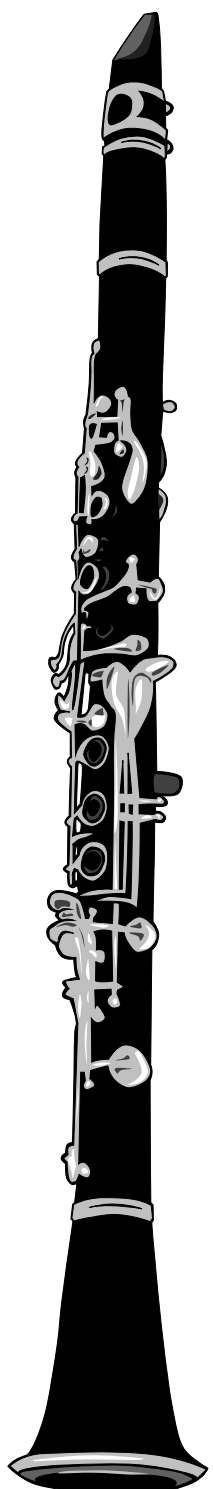
The Seniors, class of '26, sang “O Come, O Come Emmanuel.” Student leaders this year were Ella Schoenborn (Class President), Cece Zyskowski (Class Vice President), Rylee Apicelli, and Addison Bukowski. The senior class's accompanist was Mary Burke on the piano, who has been accompanying the senior class for all four years of high school.

Seniors divided their song into verses and have parts of the the class join in on each verse. Emma, Sienna, Rylee, and Addison sang the first verse, the first row joined in on the second verse, and the back row joined in for the rest of the song. As they sang each verse, the song got louder. Each senior also held a candle in their hand as an accessory.

A main complication during the seniors' preparation was the memorization of the song. Seniors wanted to memorize the song so that way they wouldn't have to carry both the song paper and candle in their hands. Eventually the seniors were able to memorize the song in time for the contest.

Middle school students also sang ‘Little Drummer Boy’. Some students were in charge of the percussion ensemble, while Mr.Burger led on piano. The other middle schoolers sang to the lyrics of the song. Staff and Faculty also sang ‘O Holy Night’ while the judges were voting on the winner.

by Victoria Gomez



Extending our hands and hearts into the community

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Read More on our website:
<https://ahns.org/community-service/>

Service at Holy Names



Campus Minister

Theresa Moran

"Community service is an integral part of life at Academy of the Holy Names. It provides practical ways to live the Gospel Message in today's world. The entire school community is involved in ongoing educational projects and in actual community service opportunities in the Albany area and beyond."



For the majority of students, usually the minimum hours requirement is much higher since there are numerous ways to be active in the community and it is also fun. Each year Holy Names also has a service day which places students in different groups and gives them opportunities to volunteer at a service organization in the community. The students spend half the day there and then return back to school, and are given a few hours to create a short presentation for the school to share their experience while volunteering and what knowledge they gained.

SENIOR SERVICE AT HOLY NAMES



Ashley Albritton and Molly Edwards did their project through a program run by Albany Medical Center called "Stop the Bleed." The organization helps those in emergency situations to be proactive while waiting on 911 in a moment of crisis. They chose this organization because they wanted to be able to bring in an opportunity for students to learn how to be proactive in emergency situations.

Students were able to receive service hours by using the rubber arms brought from Albany Med and the students could put in the tearnicks. They then use the materials provided to practice treating a wound or if someone's arm is bleeding out and making sure the wound is properly covered.

Seniors Ally Ifudu and Ella Faucher did their service project through the National Breast Cancer Foundation. They are known to make a strong impact on the community and provide support for those fighting breast cancer, surviving from breast cancer, and their families.

To help fund raise for this organization, they organized the Dig Pink game which students could get hours through helping to set up the gym, bring in pink treats, and selling raffle tickets. "As a result, we raised \$3000 which helped fund a retreat which was \$1000. The money was also used to fund and raise awareness for self exams."



The class of 2026 is a community is passionate about making an impact in the lives of others. From young children to the elderly, the senior class has and continues to make a positive difference within the community.

Seniors have to choose an organization of interest and complete 20 hours of service by the end of the year. Each senior must have a mentor involved in the organization for guidance and for approval of hours. To complete hours, seniors hold service events to help the hours portion of their requirement. For bulletin boards or social media posts to educate the Holy Names community and outside of the community about the service organizations.



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MORE FROM THE SENIOR CLASS

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Kayla Butler and Mia Guiry did their project through the St. Catherine's Center for Children and organized AHN's annual Giving Tree event. The Center's mission is to provide support for children and families as well as offer different programs such as foster care, adoption, health counseling, and many more. The organization wants each family and child to thrive given the resources available and continues to make lasting impacts within the community.

Kayla: "I chose this organization because I have always enjoyed taking part in the Giving Tree event each holiday season and was so happy to be able to work with Mia in planning this year's event."

Mia: "Students and staff were able to pick a tag off the Christmas tree that contains a present that a child through the organization wished for for Christmas. They then had to bring the gift back, unwrapped, and were able to help wrap all the purchased gifts that were then donated to St. Catherine's Center." Mia and Kayla ended up collecting approximately 300 gifts. **Mia:** "I definitely had a lot of fun. Sometimes, the project was stressful especially during application season. Overall, it was very fun and it was nice to be able to organize the project on our own."

Makayla Smith's service project focused on Harriet's Kids. The organization is a mentorship program for young girls to uplift them. It teaches them how to make and pursue goals, empower themselves, develop sisterhood and embody confidence. It is a part of the older women's group named Alpha Chi Omega Chi which is a part of the National Organization named The National Association of Colored Persons.

"I chose this organization since I am a member of it. Harriet's Kids needed help raising money for an upcoming DC trip that would bring the organization down to tour the historical museums and educate the younger girls on their heritage. I decided to help raise money for it and to also take the opportunity to learn more about organization."



Sabina Maslotti did her service project through her church and wanted to provide a Christ-centered Catholic education for the younger age groups. She chose this service project because of her close relationship with her church and wanted to serve the community, as well as to help others grow in their faith. Students gained service hours by becoming teacher aides and helping to teach classes that run from Kindergarten to 5th grade, read stories, hand out activities and host games that are related to religion. "This project has been so much fun to be a part of and I look forward to volunteering every time I go."

BREAKING DOWN

THE COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS

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As Fall passed by, students in the Academy of the Holy Names Class of 2026 are officially entering college application season, a time marked by deadlines, decisions, and big plans for the future. Many seniors have finalized college lists, requesting letters of recommendation, writing personal essays, and wrapping up applications. Here is a breakdown of what goes into a student's application and their experiences with it.

Director of College Counseling, Mrs. McGarry, was asked what matters most when choosing a college, emphasizing that the process is “very personal.” She explained that while factors such as school size, distance from home, public versus private options, and cost are important, the most critical factor is “the individual fit.” She encourages students to stay organized and balanced during this busy time. She noted that how students feel on campus can be decisive, which is why visiting colleges while students are present is so important. While reflecting on her role during application season, Mrs. McGarry described overseeing seniors as both exciting and rewarding, joking that it is “like having 32 kids in addition to my own two.” She explained that the process requires “constantly reminding, repeating, refocusing, following up, supporting, guiding, explaining, and celebrating” with students. When offering advice to students navigating the application process, she stressed the importance of organization, reminding seniors to “pay attention to deadlines, requirements, and check email daily.” While the process can feel stressful, it is also an opportunity for students to reflect on their goals, achievements, and interests.

Ella Mastriano, a Holy Names senior, has described the college application process as manageable, explaining that application tools like the Common App and Naviance were easy to use. Along with the guidance of college counselor Mrs. McGarry, who supported students throughout every step. While receiving multiple acceptances was exciting, Ella noted that it could also be stressful, as having many options can make it difficult to decide which college is the best fit. She added that although rejections can be disappointing, she views them as redirections toward a school that is better suited for her. For underclassmen preparing for the application process, she stated, “I think the best advice I would give is to work with Mrs. McGarry and listen to her advice, but also not stress about where you will end up because it'll be where you belong.”

Molly Edwards has finalized applications and officially made a college decision. Molly will be attending Trinity College Dublin in Ireland in the fall of 2026. “Not having to stress over college decisions is a great relief for me,” says Molly. She also expresses her excitement to start her new journey overseas.



BY: ASHLEY ALBRITTON AND KATHRYN LEWIS

AHN THEATER

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HOLY NAMES ACTORS CELEBRATE GREAT FALL PLAY *ANTIGONE*

by Isabella Lodise

On December 5, 6, and 7, director Ms. Donnaruma and members of the AHN theater community put together *Antigone*, a play by Sophocles. *Antigone* is a Greek tragedy about the daughter of Oedipus who wants to bury her brother while the king, Creon, forbids it. The cast had people from middle school and high school and had been rehearsing since the beginning of September.

Sophie Wilson, the AHN sophomore who played *Antigone*, shared her experience in the show. Since she has never been in a Greek tragedy before, she called it “a very special experience for her.” When asked about the character of *Antigone*, Sophie replied “*Antigone* is someone who really cares about family and what she believes is right.

It is shown when she buries her brother because she believes it will get him to “the afterlife.” Even though this was her first time in a Greek tragedy, it is definitely not her first time in theater. Sophie was involved in her first show in third grade and “ever since then had a large interest.” When asked why the arts were important, Sophie responded saying “It is a form of expression and I think it’s important to have an outlet of some sorts and for me, that is the arts.”

Now as spring comes, Sophie is participating in the musical *Anastasia* as Gleb with director Ms. Greene, who is ready to create a fabulous production!

In 2026, the Academy of the Holy Names (AHN) will be presenting the musical “*Anastasia*.” Open to grades 6-12, the audition workshop took place on December 9, with auditions following the week after, on December 15. Callbacks were on December 16. After 3 months of practice, the musical will be performed in the campus arts center from March 26 through the 29.



The musical will be directed by Ms. Greene, an AHN alumna. This is her first time directing a musical, choosing to do so as she loved performing in them, and she sees them as challenging in a creative and fun way.

Ms. Greene chose the musical *Anastasia* because it combines two of her favorite dramatic scenarios: a princess fairytale taking place in a real historical moment. She says that all of the characters in the musical have lots of depth, with an ability to create a contrast show as the ensemble plays royalty, soviet soldiers, and modern French citizens and soldiers.



When choosing which role everyone gets, Ms. Greene says she thinks about who can most embody the character, and then who is most enthusiastic about being on stage singing. For the roles of couples, she likes to see if they have a good dynamic. Building the ensemble, as Ms. Greene says, “is like making a good soup stock.” The ensemble is the heart of the show, creating the world in which the leads live, and communicating with the audience and each other in a non-realistic way.

Behind the scenes, Ms. Greene must think about logistical and technical issues. The stage and visuals help portray the scene and musical in a way that isn’t spoken or sung, which is why it is important to know how the stage should be used. Ms. Greene says that she must think about how they want to present the stage, including its similarity to the Broadway production, and if the set is moving for the scene. Then, she must think about the cast: if there are enough people, if everyone has a mic, if everyone can dance, depending on the scene.

Finally, when the number is being put together, Ms. Greene looks to see if the number is conveying the mood and themes in the way she has envisioned, and if she has made it her own.

Junior Ava Waiters has been performing in Holy Names’ musicals since 2022, both her first year as a part of Holy Names and her first year in musicals. This year, she was cast as the Dowager Empress, a character who is in Paris following the Russian revolution, looking for her granddaughter. Alongside the rest of the cast, Ava will practice for 2-3 days per week until February break, then practice almost every weekday following returning from break. Outside of school practice, Ava practices on the weekends with her vocal coach. She is looking forward to the performance of Anastasia and being a part of the theatre community.

Based on the urban legend-turned-20th Century Fox animated movie and its subsequent musical, “Anastasia” is set in post-revolutionary Russia during the 1920s. The musical follows Anya, an orphan with memory loss, as she makes her way towards Paris with two con men to go before the Empress to pose as the missing Grand Duchess Anastasia Romanov.

by Abby O’Toole



FALL SPORTS

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Cross Country had an amazing season, with Maeve Joyce (sophomore) winning the New York State Championship race in Class C for cross country, further competing in the Nike Cross Nationals New York regional race placing 22nd overall. Congratulations to all of our cross country athletes on their seasons!



Our varsity volleyball team ended the season with a league record of 4-6, even with losing eight seniors. Three returning players were highlighted as Colonial Council All-Stars:



Paulina Pantoja (senior) and Georgia Boggs (senior) honored on 1st team and Lola Ogunjana (junior) as honorable mention. Congratulations to all of our volleyball athletes on their seasons!

The varsity soccer team ended its season zero-eleven-one. The team also had soccer players honored as All-stars:

Shaya and Rachael Gerber (seniors) and Ella LabBoissiere (junior) were all featured as honorable mentions. Congratulations to all of our soccer athletes on their seasons!

Our Tennis team had a great season! Its season ended with a record of 9-2-0. Standout players included Mary Burke (senior), awarded First team, Grace Zelig (junior) awarded Second team, and Meara Sweet (senior) as honorable mention. Congratulations to all of our tennis athletes on their seasons!

The swim team had an amazing season ending 7th overall in sectionals.

Lily Belles (sophomore) was named Diving Champion for the Colonial Council and all of Section II. Congratulations to all of our swim athletes on their seasons!

Lastly, the varsity golf team had a great season and some players were honored on the All-Star team. Those student athletes were Gracie Clark (sophomore), who earned 2nd team, and Chole Friedman (senior) and Mia Guiry (senior) earning 3rd team. Congratulations to all of our golf athletes on their seasons!

By: Georgia Boggs, Jeniyah Wood, Maggie Volmer, and Payton Good

Inside the Winter Sports Season



The 2025-2026 Varsity basketball team had a great season, with only four players returning from the previous season. The team won 17 out of 24 games, and made it all the way to the Class A Section 2 Finals where they played Albany Academy, but their season ended short when they lost by 13. A big congratulations to Maggie Volmer (1st Team), Jeniyah Wood (2nd Team), and Julia Viglucci (3rd Team) for being named 2025-26 Colonial Council All-Stars for women's basketball! Volmer and Wood were also named Section II Class A Basketball Tournament All-Stars after the finals game. The team wants to give a big thank you to all of the fans and supporters who came to watch them as much as they could. They'd also like to give a special shoutout to Cassie Bellinger, our lone senior, for her incredible five years on varsity.

The winter sports program at Holy Names gives students the opportunity to participate in athletics while also building their school pride. Throughout the winter season athletes continue to work hard and show their skills in practices and games. The athletes at Holy Names are full of leaders that lift each other up and encourage each other to have fun while working hard. The girls also learn the importance of dedication and responsibility through our sports here at Holy Names.



The track team completed a productive season characterized by hard work, growth, and achievement. The track team had their first few meets at HVCC and Union College. In the first meet Georgia Boggs (senior) won the long and triple jump, Maeve Joyce (sophomore) won the 1500 and 1000 meter, Ana Guerra (sophomore) won the 600 meter, and Lanie LaBoissiere (sophomore) finished close behind in 3rd. The dedication and teamwork of the track team provided a foundation for future success.

By: Georgia Boggs, Payton Good, Maggie Volmer, and Jeniyah Wood

TRADITIONS

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WINDOW PAINTING

By Sophia Schenk

If you were told to paint a window portraying a Christmas theme, what would you paint?

In an upset victory, the freshmen won this year's Academy of the Holy Names window painting contest!

Prior to finding out the winner of the 2025 window painting contest, a member of each class was interviewed and asked about how she felt about her class's place in the competition.

The class of '29 are extremely confident in their ability to win even with being the youngest in the competition. Chloe says, "I feel very confident because we all have the determination and the ability to win." When asked about her place in the competition, she feels that it will be a struggle to compete with some of the older grades: "I think it will be hard to win because of the fact that we are the underdogs as freshmen, but we WILL pull through."

Sophomore Emma Schweitzer is very confident in the design her class came up with this year. "I think we will win because we thought no one else had done anything similar in the past few years, and our class likes to do unique things."

When asked what she thought about their place in the competition, a member of the junior class stated "Our design is very unique, and I think it was very fitting for our class. I think that will help our place in the competition."

Senior Georgia Boggs spoke for her class with confidence when asked where she thought they would place in the 2025 competition. "Yes, because I think our design was the best and the most clean. We also cleaned our window really well, which I think will help our place in the competition."

At Holy Names there are many traditions and competitions, especially around Christmas time. One of our many traditions is the Christmas Window Painting Contest. This is a contest where every grade singles out the most artistically talented students and tells them to sketch a Christmas scene to paint on their class window in our student commons. After the window is sketched, the other students now get to do their part by painting the window. While some students just sign up to paint to be able to dress down, others genuinely enjoy watching the Christmas picture come to life.



HOLLYBALL

A Night to Dance your Heart Out

Academy of the Holy Names celebrated Holly Ball 2025 at Saratoga Springs. On December 13th, Holy Names students dressed in sparkly long dresses and danced their hearts out. High school students attended the annual winter dance where they had dinner, listened to songs, and spent the rest of the night dancing with high energy.

The Holly Ball is a formal dance that celebrates the school's tradition of gathering for a festive winter event. For the senior class Holly Ball is a precious moment because it is an experience that will never be forgotten in their last year of Highschool. It gives the Senior class a chance to come together to create memories before going off to college. Students will never forget this experience and that's why the student council along with faculty and staff work so hard to bring this beautiful event together.

Students from Christian Brothers Academy (CBA) also participate as guests or dates that come with students of Holy Names. The Holly Ball is crucial to Holy Names because it gives students and teachers an opportunity to come together and celebrate this event during the Christmas season. "Don't forget to take the time to enjoy Holly Ball, because it will be one of the best memories you will ever make while at Holy Names," said Isabella Lodise, class of '28.

by Cheryl Sabir



Staff Bios

Ashley Albritton is a senior at Academy of the Holy Names, which she has been attending since the seventh grade. She is a captain of the cheerleading team, is president of the UNICEF Club, and is treasurer of the student council. This is her first year in journalism, where she is an active participant, and where she hopes to express her interest in the journalistic style of writing.

Aba Amissah (Layout Editor) is a senior at Holy Names, making this her second year attending the school. She is an active member of the school's L.O.V.E. Club and is interested in pursuing pharmacy after high school. In her free time she enjoys her newfound interest in crocheting and knitting as well as baking. This is her first year in Journalism.

Georgia Boggs is a current senior at Academy of the Holy Names where she has attended since seventh grade. Georgia has been a varsity track and field athlete since eighth grade and began playing volleyball her freshman year as well. She intends to pursue a career in forensic science where the ideal end goal is a job in a three letter agency, either as a detective or a forensic science technician.

Kayla Butler (Layout Editor) is a senior at Holy Names and has been attending since freshman year. She enjoys listening to music, cooking, and spending time with family/friends. She is also an active member of Ambassadors and a part of the yearbook committee as the photographer. She plans to major in psychology and is aspiring to be a clinical psychologist.

Kathryn Lewis is currently a senior at Academy of the Holy Names, and has been there since freshman year. She has been a member of the lacrosse team all four years and an active member of student council. She plans on studying nursing in the fall. She has always loved reading and writing, and enjoys the creative writing space Journalism class creates.

Cheryl Sabir is a senior at Academy of the Holy Names. She became a part of Holy Names in her junior year of high school. She is a member of L.O.V.E. Club. She is going to college for nursing where she wants to make a difference by caring for people and sharing love. She enjoys reading and writing. This is her first year in Journalism and she is working hard to make the newspaper better with her writing skills.

Allie Santilli is a senior at Holy names and has been here since freshman year. She has been on varsity cheer for four years and is currently one of the cheer captains. For the past two years, she has been on the Profile and is now Editor in Chief. This is her first year in Journalism and has an interest in creative writing.

Staff Bios, continued

Payton Good is a Junior at Academy of the Holy Names where she has been for four years. Payton has played basketball since she was in first grade but stopped playing her freshman year to focus on volleyball, which she started playing her eighth grade year. Payton is a part of the Ambassadors Club, Pep Club, and SADD. This is her first year in Journalism and she strives to make the newspaper better each year.

Abby O'Toole is a junior at Holy Names, and this is her second year attending. She is a member of the National Honor Society and Profile, working to create the school's yearbook. This year, she started Holy Names' Fiber Arts Club. In her free time, she enjoys crocheting, baking, and watching movies. This is her first year in Journalism, and she is excited to be a part of creating the newspaper.

Sophia Schenk is a Sophomore at the Academy of the Holy Names where she has been attending since seventh grade. She plays varsity soccer, softball, and indoor track and field. She is an Ambassador for the Academy of the Holy Names and is a part of the Junior Ladies of Charity. This is Sophia's first year in journalism and she plans on continuing to help make the newspaper better every year.

Maggie Volmer is a current junior at Academy of the Holy Names and has attended for three years. She is a captain and has been playing on the varsity basketball team there since her freshman year and started varsity volleyball this year as a junior. Volmer is a part of the clubs; Ambassadors, SADD, Journalism, Pep club. This is her first year in Journalism and continues to look forward to participating again in her senior year.

Victoria Gomez is a sophomore at Holy Names. She is a part of the varsity tennis and J.V. softball teams, and is a member of Holy Names Mock Trial team. She is also the co-founder and co-chair of PanTHER Voices Podcast Club at Holy Names. In her free time, Victoria enjoys drawing and reading.

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