

# THE SENTINEL

2016 ∞ 2017



HOLY FAMILY  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

CHALLENGING THE MIND.  
INSPIRING THE HEART.







### HOLY FAMILY CORE VALUES

Holy Family Catholic School holds firm to four core values which define our identity and culture and are the fundamental beliefs that guide the daily life of the school. The core values of the school are Catholic Identity, Faith Formation, Academic Excellence and Stewardship.

### WE PROMOTE THE DEVELOPMENT OF THESE VALUES BY:

#### *Spiritual*

Fostering a commitment to know, love and serve God and one another

#### *Intellectual*

Encouraging each child to attain his or her fullest potential

#### *Social*

Guiding students to become conscientious, successful members of a global community

#### *Emotional*

Respecting and celebrating each child's individuality

#### *Physical*

Promoting a positive attitude towards a healthy lifestyle



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*Holy Family Catholic School is located on a beautiful, 20-acre campus in northwest Austin. We educate over 550 students, PK4-8. Our regional school works with parents to nurture the growth of the whole child, promoting the teachings of the Catholic Church and inclusive of diverse cultures and socioeconomic backgrounds.*



JOAN WAGNER, Ph. D.  
**PRESIDENT**

This is one of those years where we are reminded of the beauty of the mission of our school and the myriad of ways that we experience it. Most people say that you should be able to recite the school's mission statement, but not to worry—let me share the first sentence as a reminder:

*Holy Family Catholic School is a regional school that works with parents to nurture the growth of the whole child—spiritually, intellectually, socially, emotionally and physically.*

Clearly, it's a profound commitment to our parents that we hope to share in their most important work. This mission also serves to identify key areas of personal growth that are essential to becoming a mature Christian person, fully prepared to share their gifts with the world. It guides all of us in our work.

The second sentence of our mission statement is equally important:

*Our school is Catholic—promoting the teachings of the Church and inclusive of diverse cultures and socioeconomic backgrounds.*

This is the heart of our school—the Catholic faith experience that permeates all that we do and desire, and guides our interactions with others. We delight in the diverse gifts of all in our community and thank God for this coming together.

With The Year of Mercy coming to a close, I am truly grateful for the blessings God has given Holy Family Catholic School as a faith community. Our students' desire to experience God's mercy has been amazing to watch. Our students show a trust in God's mercy that is very humbling, whether they lead service projects, school Masses or build a team atmosphere.

We continue to grow in numbers, and my prayer is that we will continue to welcome those families who want to be a part of this community of hope and deep faith. As we embrace the diversity of cultures and experiences that new families bring to our school, may we also walk with each other no matter where we are on that path with God. May God's love and mercy strengthen you and be felt throughout the new year.



KELLY LASTER, M. Ed.  
**PRINCIPAL**

*Celebrating*  
**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS**  
AWARD WINNER

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS**  
DIOCESE OF AUSTIN  
*Education to the Highest Power*

On January 28, **PETE ALLMAN** was honored by the Diocese of Austin Catholic School's Office for his service to Catholic schools. He has served as a board member for Holy Family for the last six years. He has brought varied expertise to our board and Finance Committee, while sharing his considerable knowledge in finance and nonprofit accounting. Pete always provides a balanced and thoughtful review of financial trends, supports budget oversight, and preparation of long-range financial planning. Pete is a positive promoter of Catholic education and has always encouraged others to consider giving back to the school community. He is committed, loyal and exhibits a spirit of service, making him an ideal recipient of the award.



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

We thank all of our advisors and board members for their dedication and long-range strategic planning for our school: **Dr. Brad Bookmyer**, Board Chair; **Dr. Ned Vanders**, Superintendent of Catholic Schools; **Dr. Joan Wagner**, President; **Peter Allman**, **Chris Almendarez**, **Dr. Shane Daigle**, **Carlos Estringel**, **Joseph Gonzales**, **Mary Beth Koenig**, **Helen Haman**, **Rev. Edward Koharchik**, **Michelle Kologinczak**, **Jeff Socha** and **Chris Tovar**.



## SUPPORTING PARISHES



### ST. MARGARET MARY

Rev. Luís Alberto  
Cáceres



### ST. WILLIAM

Rev. Dean Wilhelm



### ST. JOHN VIANNEY

Very Rev. Michael  
O'Connor



### ST. THOMAS MORE

Rev. Isidore  
Ndagizimana



### ST. MARY, OUR LADY OF THE LAKE

Rev. Don Loftin



### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Rev. Ed Koharchik



### ST. ALBERT THE GREAT

Very Rev. Matt Iwuji



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*Spiritually*

**Holy Family fosters a commitment to know, love and serve God and one another. Since the school was founded, we have been blessed by the support of seven parishes in the north Austin area. The pastors of these parishes have been instrumental by giving their time, talents and encouraging their communities to support our school. The pastors of our seven churches celebrate our weekly Masses and attend school events. We are grateful for their continued presence on our campus.**

Our school is blessed to have three religious sisters on campus this year, one religious sister in each of our buildings—Sr. Maria Fatima, O.P. and Sr. Mary Rita, O.P., from the Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist and Sr. Mary Blaise from the Daughters of Divine Love. Together, religious sisters and lay faculty educate and develop religious instruction that is evident by student participation in the Mass, classroom projects, Eucharist Processions, vocation presentations, Adoration opportunities, spiritual retreats for middle school and the integration of practicing the Gospel values every day. Thank you to all of our priests, sisters, faculty and staff that enrich our students with the Catholic faith and education throughout the week.







## SIXTH GRADE SAINT PROJECT

The sixth grade students have the opportunity to research a saint of their choice by reading a biography and other resources to make their saint 'come alive' for the student body of the school. The students research and create a costume that would have been worn by their saint, as they step into the character of that saint through their words and actions. The day begins with a monologue to classrooms as the sixth grade students come dressed as their chosen saint. They participate in a procession at our All Saint's Day Mass and are then seated around the church to illustrate the communion of saints along with participating in and leading Mass.

## CANONIZATION OF ST. TERESA OF CALCUTTA

Mother Teresa was canonized by the Catholic Church in September 2016. To honor her canonization, our kindergarten teachers taught their students about the canonization process and Mother Teresa's life. The students were able to ask questions to a parent presenter, Jennifer Andrews, and touch a relic of Mother Teresa.



## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

During Catholic Schools Week, January 30 - February 6 we honored and celebrated our school's mission and traditions. It was a time to reflect on ways Catholic schools are a value for the nation and our church. We invited our community to spread the good news about Catholic schools at our seven supporting parishes during Masses. We celebrated a theme each day. On Monday **we celebrated our community**. Students wore crazy hair, crazy socks and school t-shirts to show their spirit of the community. Tuesday **we celebrated faith and knowledge** in appreciation for teachers and assistants. Students were asked to bring a flower for their teachers. Wednesday **we celebrated our community through service and giving back**. Students completed an hour of service with their grade levels. Thursday **we celebrated our faith**. All students participated in the Eucharistic Procession from Mass to their classrooms.

## PSIA

Holy Family hosted the PSIA 6AA District Competition on March 25. The elementary students placed second at the state competition and the middle school team went on to win the state championship for the sixth year in a row! Nine schools participated and 69 of our students competed in 157 events and placed in 96 of them.

### Art Memory

GR4-5: Molly Brown, 1st  
GR6-8: Katie Miri, 1st; Johnny Miri, 2nd

### Calculator Applications

GR6-8: Ben Hoang, 1st; Nate Mikosh, 2nd

### Creative Writing

GR2: Bridget Hoang, 1st

### Impromptu Speaking

GR7-8: Noah Young, 2nd

### Listening Skills

GR6-8: Katie Miri, 1st

### Map, Graphs and Charts

GR4: Parker Huang, 1st  
GR7: Johnny Miri, 1st; Alexander Lacayo, 2nd  
GR8: Nate Mikosh, 1st

### Mathematics

GR2-3: Zac Sequeira, 2nd  
GR4: Parker Huang, 1st  
GR6: Jared Lillie, 2nd  
GR7: Johnny Miri, 1st  
GR8: Ben Hoang, 1st; Katie Miri, 2nd

### Music Memory

GR7-8: Ben Hoang, 1st

### Number Sense

GR4: Parker Huang, 1st  
GR6: Jared Lillie, 2nd  
GR7: Johnny Miri, 1st; Alexander Lacayo, 2nd  
GR8: Ben Hoang, 1st; Nate Mikosh, 2nd

### On-Site Drawing

GR6: Andrew Kologinczak, 2nd  
GR8: Dat Le, 1st

### Prose Interpretation

GR5: Kennedy Bevins, 1st  
GR6: Juan Pablo Basualdo, 1st  
GR7-8: Michael Snyder, 1st; Evangelina McCabe, 2nd

### Ready Writing

GR4: Parker Brown, 2nd  
GR5: Molly Brown, 1st  
GR6: Ethan Carson, 2nd

### Science

GR6: Luke Mikosh, 2nd  
GR7: Johnny Miri, 1st; Alexander Lacayo, 2nd  
GR8: Michael Snyder, 2nd

### Spelling

GR2: Bridget Hoang, Mackenzie Huang & Matthew Sequeira, 1st  
GR4: Annie Witt, 2nd  
GR7-8: Katie Miri, 1st; Johnny Miri, 2nd

### Storytelling

GR3: Cici Hebert, 2nd

### Vocabulary

GR7-8: Katie Miri, 1st



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*Intellectually*

Holy Family encourages each child to attain his or her fullest intellectual potential through the academic programs offered, both in the classroom and through specials and electives. Holy Family is a recognized Blue Ribbon school and our test scores place us well above the national average. There are many occasions where you will find that classes present unique opportunities for growth and hands-on experiences for our students. We are committed to offering Spanish instruction PK4-8, opportunities in the Private School Interscholastic Association (PSIA), study hall for student athletes, achievements in academic competitions, and more. Students are enriched with unique opportunities that challenge them to strive for academic excellence.



## SOUTHWEST DAIRY FARM VISIT

In September, a mobile Dairy classroom instructor from Southwest Dairy Farms visited with Bonnie the cow. The instructor explained the process of the dairy industry and provided a compelling presentation with his traveling partner, Bonnie. He educated the students about the processing of milk, from cow to table. The students could hardly contain their excitement and curiosity to learn more about Bonnie!

## EIGHTH GRADE PROJECT

Every year the eighth grade class completes a major research project with all middle school teachers acting as advisors. This research project includes two main components: researching an existing debatable topic and presenting these findings to a panel of three teachers. Students complete a 5-10 page persuasive research paper discussing both sides of the issue using the evidence to sway readers towards the side they defend. Next, students take this information and create a visual for their 10-minute presentation using Powertpoint, Prezi, Emaze or other presentation software. Throughout this process, students visit their advisor for guidance and recommendations for logic and reasoning. Some of the interesting topics this year included affluenza defense, the right-to-vote for ex-convicts, Syrian refugees and self-driving cars.



## HISTORY BEE

Holy Family hosted the Austin Regional History Bee that included both public and private school students from the Central Texas area. After taking an online qualifying exam, nine Holy Family students participated in the Regional History Bee. Isabella D'Alessandro, Reagan Hutchinson, Luke Mikosh and Jackson Sloma competed in the elementary division. Alexander Lacayo and Johnny Miri competed in the seventh grade division. Sebastian Martinez-Anton, Nate Mikosh and Katie Miri competed in the eighth grade division. At the end of the preliminary competition, Reagan Hutchinson, Luke Mikosh, Jackson Sloma, Alexander Lacayo, Nate Mikosh and Katie Miri all advanced to the final round of competition. Johnny Miri was declared the seventh grade champion for the Austin region. In June, these seven students will advance to the National History Bee in Atlanta.



## QUIZ BOWL TEAM

In October, Holy Family sent two Quiz Bowl teams to the Falcon Fest II Quiz Bowl Tournament. Seventeen teams from all over Central Texas competed at the tournament that included preliminary rounds, followed by a single elimination playoff. The Quiz Bowl is a game in which two teams compete head-to-head to answer questions from all areas of knowledge including history, literature, science, fine arts, current events, and sports.

The Quiz Bowl team that included Alejandro Camez, Alexander Lacayo, Jared Lillie, Mariana Silveyra and Sami Wise, finished strong with a 4-2 record which easily put them into the playoffs. The Quiz Bowl team that included Nate Mikosh, Katie Miri, Johnny Miri and Noah Young, made it to the playoffs until the championship round. They finished, just shy of the championship with a second place finish, qualifying for the National Quiz Bowl Tournament in May.



## ROBOTICS

The Holy Family Iron Angels Robotics team competed in October at the Capitol Boosting Engineering Science & Technology (BEST) competition. They placed tenth overall out of 31 teams. The Iron Angels were required to develop several large projects to qualify for competition. They built a top-notch spirit booth, prepared a marketing presentation and developed a website. The students built and programmed a robot, named St. Isidore, from scratch to drive remotely in the competition. The Capitol BEST contest theme this year was "Bet the Farm" and St. Isidore, the robot was asked to maneuver and operate around several farming duties. The team included Joey Accurso, Jose Basualdo, Juan Pablo Basualdo, Cyprien Baudon de Mony, Sixte Baudon de Mony, Victoria Holmes, Brian Laster, Dat Le, Andres Nicolas, Seth Magee, Piper Klein, Greta Klein, Scout Kress, Ryan Hallenberger, Teresa Selvaraj, Sebastian Martinez-Anton and Noah Young.







## A SPOTLIGHT ON *Music*

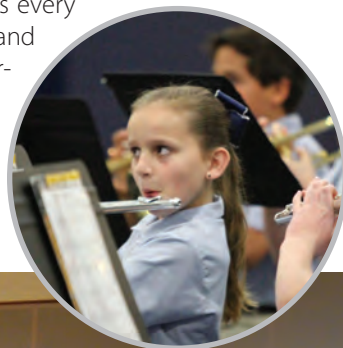
**The Holy Family band and orchestra is now under the direction and guidance of Doug Schneider. Mr. Schneider shares about the current school year and a few of his upcoming goals for the music program.**

IT IS IMPORTANT  
THEY DEVELOP A  
*strong, fundamental skill set*  
SO THEY CAN  
BE SUCCESSFUL  
MUSICIANS IN  
*high school and beyond.*

I have truly enjoyed my first year working with the band and orchestra students. I feel blessed to be part of such a loving and supportive community. As the instrumental music teacher, I focus on two main areas of growth with my beginning band and orchestra students. First, I strive to set the students up with sound fundamental skills on their instrument. Participating in music in sixth through eighth grade sets students up for a lifelong relationship with music. It is important they develop a strong fundamental skill set so they can be successful musicians in high school, and beyond. Second, and perhaps most important, I aspire to foster a strong sense of community in each of my ensembles. This feeling of community helps students develop a feeling of responsibility to one another and a level of commitment to their practice that is not often felt in other areas of study. I find that through participating in band and orchestra, students not only feel they have grown as musicians, but also as people and as members of a community.

Students in the band and orchestra perform in two concerts every year and also participate in the Austin Catholic School Band and Orchestra Festival. Seventh and eighth grade students also participate in a solo and ensemble competition in the spring. I currently have 50 students involved in the music program, but hope to keep increasing student involvement during the next few years.

—Doug Schneider, Band/Orchestra Director







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*Socially*

**Holy Family guides students to become conscientious, successful members of a global community. There are numerous activities that support the students' development socially, such as introducing the Buddy Program between younger and older students, encouraging student involvement in Student Council, middle school dances, family gatherings and much more.**

## SCHOOL CHOIR FESTIVAL

In November, our Choir Teacher, Mrs. Lake led the 15th Annual Catholic School Choir Festival. She coordinated the event at St. Vincent de Paul and invited Catholic school choirs from around the diocese with ten schools participating. Holy Family students gathered to listen to their peers. Each school choir performed songs and all ten schools joined together to sing.



## EAT-N-TREAT

The Parent Association hosted its annual Eat-N-Treat. Students and parents enjoyed food, fun and fellowship and all were invited to wear their costumes. There were a variety of characters in attendance, including ninjas, princesses and saints. After the community had a hot dog or two, everyone was encouraged to walk next door to join the St. Dominic Savio Catholic High School Trunk-or-Treat and enjoy games and sweet treats.



## VETERANS DAY

Holy Family honored family and friends who have served, and continue to serve, in the U.S. military. Students held a special flag ceremony on Veteran's Day to honor and pray for veterans. The fourth grade classes made red poppies to signify remembrance and their deep respect for all veterans.

## GRANDPARENTS' DAY

Each year we welcome our grandparents to spend time with their grandchildren in the classroom and attend Mass with our school community. The day begins with a bustle of cars filling our parking lots and proud, smiling faces, anxious to see their grandchildren in their classrooms. The students are excited to welcome their loving family members into their classrooms and proudly introduce them to their teachers. The students and their grandparents participate in a service project, making simple crafts for the elderly and touring the book fair. Grandparents join our school community in a combined Mass with St. Dominic Savio at St. Vincent de Paul, followed by a reception at the Parish Activity Center.





## ONE-ACT PLAY

Holy Family brought home second place in state at the PSIA One-Act Play competition. Congratulations to our team, including director Jeanne Lyman and assistant directors, Kristina Baker and Leanne Bevins.

### AWARDS

#### Best Actress Overall

Kaylee Bevins (Area)

#### Best Actor Overall

Juan Pablo Basualdo (State)

#### All-Star Cast

Michael Snyder (Area / State)

Lily Hallum (State)

#### Honorable Mention

Juan Pablo Basualdo, Noah Young (Area)

Kaylee Bevins, Noah Young (State)

#### Cast and Crew Members

Kaylee Bevins, *Ethel*

Michael Snyder, *Albert*

Erin Regan, *Grace*

Noah Young, *George*

Juan Pablo Basualdo, *Joe*

Evangelina McCabe, *Dottie*

Jackson Woods, *Fred*

Lily Hallum, *Edith*

Kevin Riek, *Mr. Brown*

Francois LeGall, *Mr. Smith*

Carolyn Krusheski, *Mrs. Brown*

Kristen Burkhart, Katie Dick, *Stage Managers*

Rosie Morone, *Sound*

Paula Warren, *Set Design*

Paris Calvert, Scout Kress, *Understudies*

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# Emotionally

The focus on school programs is the importance of the emotional growth that students can have within our nurturing environment. A focus on personal responsibility is emphasized through Blue Angel recognition, honor roll, Leadership and Service Awards and a Talent Showcase.

## BLUE ANGEL AWARDS, GROWING IN VIRTUE

Each grade focused on growing in virtue. As our students learn about the different virtues they grow in their desire to follow Christ. Teachers in each grade focused on the meaning of specific virtues to help identify ways students can practice becoming virtuous. In the fall semester, grades 2-5 focused on affability, circumspection, prayerfulness and humility. Grades 6-8 focused on affability, generosity, trustworthiness, kindness, courtesy and magnificence. Teachers in each class awarded students that modeled the specific virtues in the classroom. The award allows students to strengthen their leadership skills and become more aware of their actions with their peers. Each student is recognized at Mass with a pin to wear to honor their growth in virtue over the course of the year.

**"A virtue is a habitual and firm disposition to do good. It allows the person not only to perform good acts, but to give the best of himself. The virtuous person tends toward the good with all his sensory and spiritual powers; he pursues the good and chooses it in concrete actions."**

*Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC), 1803*

## CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS AWARD

Congratulations to eighth grader, Hannah Blood, who won first place in the Catholic Daughters of the Americas' National Education Contest-Music, Division 2. She was honored by a representative of the local chapter of the Catholic Daughters. Hannah is a wonderful example of our talented Holy Family students.





## SOUND IN MOTION

The 17th Annual Sound in Motion Program was presented by PreK4-4th grade students. The music and P.E. departments collaborated on this special event. Students represented dances that originated Switzerland, Denmark, Scotland, Poland, Germany and the Philippines.

## CROSS COUNTRY 5/6 & 7/8

The cross country team opened its fourth season this fall. For the first time in program history, the Holy Family girls' team took first place in the team competition at the Concordia Invitational. During the last season meet, boy's and girl's teams took first place, setting a new precedent for our program!



## VOLLEYBALL

5/6: 2A, 6A & 7/8: 4A, 6A

From the first day of practice to the playoffs, the Lady Angels teams played well together showing great tenacity and teamwork. The teams had many unforgettable memories and a great season. Thank you to the coaches for their endless time and commitment to our student-athletes.



## FLAG FOOTBALL

The 5/6 football team had a great season, just two wins away from a winning season. They scored 15 more touchdowns compared to last year. One of the coaches, Jerry Gonzalez, remembers, *"The team was down for three touchdowns, but our team kept fighting and scored on the last play of the game. There was no quitting on the team!"*



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# Physically

**Holy Family supports the physical development of our students in physical education classes and activities. Our PreK - first grade classes visit the gym daily and other grades visit the Holy Family gym every other day on an A/B schedule. Holy Family focuses on promoting a healthy lifestyle to support the health, athletics and science related programs. Holy Family offers a variety of sports activities and activities such as field days, Run with the Angels, Sound in Motion and much more.**



## TACKLE FOOTBALL

Eight Holy Family students joined a middle school football program coordinated by Coach Florez at St. Dominic Savio. He led the team to encourage interest to play football. *"My ultimate goal was that each student had fun and loves the great game of football as much as I do..."*

## SOCCER 5/6: 2A, 3A & 7/8: 2A

The 7/8A team started the season with a couple of close losses, they battled back with a series of high-profile wins against great teams to qualify for the playoff tournament. The team worked together and improved significantly as the season progressed. *"They played with pride and never quit—a tribute to their spirit and commitment to one another."*



## TENNIS 5/6 & 7/8

The 5/6 and 7/8 teams trained in all aspects of the game including technique, physical fitness, scoring, strategy and sportsmanship. The teams competed in the AIPL tournaments in singles and doubles.

## GOLF BOYS/GIRLS 5/6 & 7/8

The spring program has been a huge success in introducing the game of golf to the students and helping to improve the players' skills. The student participation almost doubled in the AIPL School Golf Tournament from last year. There is a large contingent of golfers currently in the fourth grade and next year we expect participation in the tournament will increase.

## BASKETBALL

GIRLS 5/6: 4A, 6A & 7/8

BOYS 5/6: 2A, 6A & 7/8: 4A, 6A

Holy Family held the first "Who's the Boss" Basketball Classic in our gym. It was an epic competition between the 7/8 girls 6A team and the 5/6 boys 6A team. It was exciting to watch as each team gave their all to the game. We are proud of all the efforts and accomplishments this season. *The final game really showcased the team's tenacity and spirit. It was also a great illustration on how each of them developed through the year! – Coach Fedele (7/8 Boys 2A)*



## TRACK & FIELD 5/6 & 7/8

This year we had several students participate and place in the AIPL Championships. Three students placed first in track and field events. We congratulate the nine students that also placed in the finals!





## ALUMNI NOTES

Holy Family has celebrated thirteen years of graduates since 2003. The school is making an effort to stay connected with alumni as they leave the community and go out into the world. We are always thrilled to hear about all our graduates activities and experiences.

All alumni should contact our Director of Communications, Cristina Almanza, at [calmanza@holyfamilycs.org](mailto:calmanza@holyfamilycs.org) to send life changes and contact information updates.

### 2005

**Emma (Miksch) Rieger**\*<sup>1</sup> graduated from Sam Houston State University and married Seth Rieger in 2015. On June 27, 2016, they welcomed a baby girl, Juliet Therese.

### 2008

**Mary Kellerman** graduated from the University of North Texas in December and will volunteer for one year with AmeriCorps in Baltimore.

**Daniel Patrick Miksch**\*<sup>2</sup> graduated from Texas State Technical College with an associate degree in drafting and design.

**Sarah Fumagalli**\*<sup>3</sup> graduated from St. Edward's University in December with a bachelor's degree in business administration, focusing on international business and accounting. In January, she began work with Whitley Penn, in Austin. She plans to start working on her CPA in the fall. Sarah is also a member of Delta Sigma Pi professional business fraternity.

### 2009

**Lucas Bolton** is a junior at Texas State University, majoring in journalism and mass communications.

**Darcy Phillips**\*<sup>4</sup> graduated from St. Dominic Savio in 2012. She is a senior at Texas A&M University, majoring in anthropology. She aspires to work with museum collections or folklore studies.

**Isabella Galli**\*<sup>5</sup> is a senior at Mary Hardin-Baylor University. She was accepted into the Disney College Program and is working in Orlando this spring, while taking classes.

### 2010

**Abigail Miksch**\*<sup>6</sup> graduated from St. Dominic Savio Catholic High School and is in her second year as a cadet at the Air Force Academy. She plays volleyball for the academy and finished the season with a 11-20 record and was ranked 10th in the Mountain West Conference with 3.24 kills per set. She earned all-tournament selections in the Amy Svoboda Memorial Classic and Sawyer Classic.

**Alexis Phillips**\*<sup>7</sup> graduated from St. Dominic Savio. She is a junior at Texas A&M University, majoring in civil engineering.

**Jessica Phillips**\*<sup>8</sup> graduated from St. Dominic Savio. She is a junior at Trinity University and majoring in English with a minor in Chinese.

**Julia Small**\*<sup>9</sup> is a junior at the University of Texas at Austin pursuing a bachelor's degree in animal ecology, evolution and behavior, a certificate in marine science and a minor in geography and climate. She is also a Historian Officer in the Marine Science Club and active in the Texas Royals. The past two years, Julia has worked at SeaWorld San Antonio in the education and zoological departments and plans to enter the field of marine mammal training and rescue/rehabilitation. This spring Julia was accepted into the University of Texas Semester by the Sea program where she will research marine science and volunteer in a nonprofit turtle and marine life rescue center.

### 2011

**Carmen Fumagalli**\*<sup>10</sup> is a sophomore at the University of Missouri pursuing a bachelor's degree in business administration, focusing on accounting. She is a member of Alpha Delta Pi Sorority, the Association of Trulaskes Businesswomen and United Way. She is the recruitment liaison for MizzouThon and on the Operations Committee for Relay for Life. Carmen also works at Chick-Fil-A and looks forward to participating in a 2017 Mizzou Alternative Break in Dallas.

### 2012

**Jacob Kilburn** is a freshman at the University of Dayton studying chemical engineering in their honors program. In Summer 2016, he earned his Eagle Scout rank.

**George Miksch**\*<sup>11</sup> graduated from St. Dominic Savio in 2016 and is attending Texas State Technical College, studying instrumentation and electronics.

### 2013

**Madeleine Miksch**\*<sup>12</sup> is a senior at St. Dominic Savio. She was accepted to St. Edward's University where she signed to play volleyball in 2017.

### 2014

**Peyton Kilburn** is a junior at St. Dominic Savio. She plays varsity soccer, is a member of the Timothy Team and Environmental Club.

### 2016

**Kendall Barclay**\*<sup>13</sup> is a freshman at Lago Vista High School. She plays on the varsity volleyball team and is part of a bi-district championship team. This spring she started on a club volleyball team and joined the Austin Juniors' 15 Molten National team.

**Nathan French**\*<sup>14</sup> is a freshman at St. Dominic Savio. He plays varsity football, as a kicker and punter. He kicked a winning field goal this year, and also plays on the soccer team.

*\*Graduates pictured L-R, top to bottom.*







# SPOTLIGHT ON *Alumni*

## CADET STEPHANIE KAMAU

Since graduating Holy Family in 2012, Stephanie Kamau graduated from St. Dominic Savio Catholic High School in 2016 and is now serving as a cadet at the U.S. Military Academy in West Point, New York.

When Kamau reflects on her memories of attending Holy Family Catholic School, her most memorable experiences are in Mrs. Swiatek's class. Kamau enjoyed the new and creative ways Swiatek would teach and help students understand the curriculum. Kamau reflects and remembers the projects and science fair assignments that Swiatek would have them do. This inspired Kamau's passion in science.

After graduating Holy Family Catholic School in 2012, Kamau attended St. Dominic Savio Catholic High School. She had a desire to serve and give back to the community at an early age. Her Savio experience emphasized servant leadership in the image of Christ.

"Servant Leadership" resonated deeply with Kamau as she was applying for colleges and universities, Kamau decided to apply to the U.S. Military Academy to serve her country. She thought, "What better way to help the community than by serving your country?"

Kamau was accepted into the U.S. Military Academy following her graduation from St. Dominic Savio in 2016. In June, she entered Cadet Basic Training at West Point. After six weeks of rigorous training, Kamau completed Cadet Basic Training—known as one of the most challenging events a cadet will encounter over the course of their four years at the academy.

Since Kamau entered West Point, she has come to fully realize one of the academy's goals—to form leaders and officers for the U.S. Army. The curriculum develops cadets into future officers through their academic and physical fitness training. Kamau has seen first-hand how her cadet company turns to one another for help with tutoring or additional instruction. She enjoys having instructors available for additional instruction after classes and appreciates that her classes are no larger than 16 students.

"My favorite thing about attending this school is that it's not just a college, it's a community," Kamau reiterates. "Everyone is always trying to help you get better in anything you do."

Kamau's perspective has change since she first entered West Point. She imagined the environment would be more competitive, like other Ivy League schools, but they help each other achieve their goals. The most valuable lesson Kamau has learned so far is, "Crush the little things, so that the big things don't seem so hard to achieve."

She plans to graduate in 2020. In ten years, Cadet Stephanie Kamau has a goal of becoming an officer because each student serves in the Army after they graduate. Kamau has a desire to serve, no matter the branch.

Pictured with Cadet Kamau is the 59th superintendent of West Point, Lieutenant General Robert L. Caslin, Jr., at the annual New York 9/11 Memorial Marathon *Tunnels to Towers*.



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