



# Butler Catholic School Family & Friends Newsletter



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## Catholic Schools Week

Catholic Schools Week will be celebrated nationwide January 29 – February 5, 2012. This year's theme is **Catholic Schools: Faith. Academics. Service.** And in keeping with tradition, Butler Catholic School will join the festivities.

The weeklong event kicks off Sunday, Jan. 29, as Butler Catholic families participate in Mass at local parishes. Alumni are invited to help celebrate by wearing their BCS Alumni pin. During the week, students will commemorate in a variety of ways, including Lunch with Parents, Crazy Hat Day and Pajama Day. There's also the famous Mixed-Up Day, when students just never know who might teach their class. Festivities conclude Friday, Feb. 5, 1:15pm, with an all-school liturgy in the auditorium. All are invited to attend this culminating Mass with the Rev. Steven Neff officiating.

## Open House

In conjunction with Catholic Schools Week, BCS will host an Open House on Sunday, Jan. 29, 1:30 to 3:00 pm. Families of school-aged children are invited to tour the school, and see why Butler Catholic is the best choice for your child's education. Students, faculty, and parents will be on hand to introduce newcomers to a school dedicated to helping children grow in mind, body, and spirit.

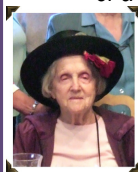
Memorabilia Contest Winner: **ED BELLA**

Thanks to all of you who dug deep and found some great pictures. Even though the contest is over, keep looking – if you find them – we'd love to borrow them!

**HAPPY 100<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY**  
**Delma Mellinger - February 13!**

Delma was the school nurse for all three Catholic schools in Butler for 30 years. If you ever had a bump, a bruise, or a runny nose – you know how wonderful she is!

Perhaps you can send her a card:



Delma Mellinger  
120 W. Cunningham Street –YWCA  
Butler, PA 16001

## Upcoming Events

Sunday, January 29: Open House - 1:00 – 3:00 PM  
Friday, February 5: Whole School CSW Mass – 1:15 PM  
Saturday, March 17: Irish Derby – Harry Leyland Gymnasium  
Thursday, April 12: Information Night – Starting at 6:30 PM

## Scrip/BC Bucks Program

What if you could help Butler Catholic School without spending more than you already do on every day expenses? We have a gift card program that helps us raise thousands of dollars for our school yearly called "BC Bucks".

We receive gift cards from retailers at a reduced rate and resell them for the card value. Savings ranges from 1% to 17% depending on the retailer. We are then able to keep that savings for the school.

We do our best to keep certain local cards in stock – which means you can come in any day – Monday thru Friday, from 9AM to 11AM to purchase your cards and then immediately go shopping. We have your favorite grocers and restaurants: Giant Eagle, Friedman's, Butler Farm Market, Eat-n-Park as well as **MANY MORE LOCAL** Restaurants & Services.

In addition to the 20+ retailers we keep in stock, we can order cards from hundreds more. We place an order every Monday (that school is in session) and have the cards sent to us by Thursday for you to pick up.

But wait – it gets better! Perhaps you don't live in Butler or don't want to drive into school to pick up your gift cards. The scrip program just added a new feature called ScripNow. These are retailers and restaurants that we do not keep in stock, but can be purchased and received via your own computer all within minutes. We are talking about such retailers as Lowes, Home Depot, CVS, K-Mart and many more.

If you are interested in learning more about our BC Bucks Program, email [bcbucks@butlercatholic.org](mailto:bcbucks@butlercatholic.org) or call us: 724-285-4276. We'll be glad to help you through it, just mention this newsletter.

We promise – this is the absolute **EASIEST** way ever to help Butler Catholic School! What are you waiting for? Give us a call!

## BCS Alumni Basketball

### Slam Dunk!!!!

Butler Catholic School hosted its first ever Alumni Basketball game during the recent holiday break. Alumni from graduating classes 2007 thru 2011 returned to the gym of their Glory Days to battle it out! It was an entertaining game with lots of laughs and few injuries - maybe just to pride! The final score: 66 to 67.

Alumni from other yesteryears also attended to cheer on both the black and gold squads. When most alumni attended BCS, the gym was just, well, the gym. Now it is the Harry Leyland Gym, named after BCS's long-time basketball coach and mentor to many young men. The gym was dedicated to Leyland at a standing-room-only ceremony last year.



Plans for the next Alumni Game are underway. So watch out, Dallas Mavericks, Miami Heat and Chicago Bulls – it's BCS to the Finals!

2011-2012 Annual Appeal Update: \$23,669 with \$16,300 being matched for a Grand Total of: \$39,969

Check out the Virtual Giving Window-Wall: [www.butlercatholic.org/Giving/VirtualGivingWall.html](http://www.butlercatholic.org/Giving/VirtualGivingWall.html)

## Alumni Spotlight

### Kevin Kelly

Kevin graduated Butler Catholic in 1972, first attending St. Paul School. From there he went on to study at St. Fidelis High School and College in Herman, home of the Capuchin Friars. After he left the Capuchins in 1983, he went to work in the US House of Representatives. He joined one of its Committees, working for a Congresswoman from Baltimore, Barbara Mikulski. After she was elected to the US Senate in 1986, he served as her legislative assistant on the Senate Appropriations Committee while attending Georgetown Law School at night. In late 1988, he was named as staff director and chief counsel to head a Subcommittee on the Appropriations Committee. It controlled \$94 billion in spending and oversaw 27 federal agencies, including HUD, NASA, the VA, EPA, FEMA and the National Science Foundation. Kevin left the Senate at the end of 1995 and has been in private law practice at Van Scoyoc Associates since.



Panel hosted by Monsignor Spiegel, Sr. Avila's outstanding English classes, "Great Books" with Mrs. Holbach, Mrs. Kennihan's math classes where she introduced pre-algebra material in hopes they would use it later in life.

*"Catholic school should be viewed as a credible alternative to public education that helps reinforce important faith concepts and values in our children. All four of our children have attended Catholic schools for most of their pre-college education. The dedicated work of Catholic parishes in the City of Butler and surrounding areas to sustain BCS over such a long period of time, in the face of a continuing challenging economy, is a testament to their commitment to high quality education. It was built upon this faith-based approach to elementary education. For parents, it is a worthwhile investment in their children's futures."*  
-Kevin Kelly

Kevin believes that the work ethic and strong values he learned from his family and at St. Paul's/BCS positively shaped his life and the life of his family. Kevin and his wife, Catherine, are proudest of raising their four children and hope that they also will achieve their full potential and live happy and fulfilling lives.

Kevin has many fond memories of his time at BCS: The daily morning

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