

# BECKMAN NEWS

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**“Who do you say I am?”**

(Mark 8:29)

## **UPDATE FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

While I was pretty sure I knew what the governor was going to say the morning of April 17<sup>th</sup>, it was still a difficult message to hear when in-person classes were cancelled for the remainder of this school year. I know it has not been easy on many of our staff members as well as our students, particularly our seniors and those staff members not returning to be with us in the fall. Please know that all of you continue to be in my prayers as we pray that things can return to normal soon.

In some of the conversations I've had with individuals since that decision was made, I've noticed that many people are truly experiencing a grief process. We all grieve in different ways, and for a number of individuals, there are stages we go through in the grieving process. Those include anger, denial, bargaining, depression, and acceptance. People are all in various stages and we need to remember it's okay to be upset, sad, or frustrated at this time.

We sincerely appreciate all that everyone has done to make the transition to required learning a reality. This is nowhere near the same as being in person in the classroom, but it is allowing us to continue to provide students with education at this time. It is definitely a learning curve and adjustment for all of us. We've had some bumps in the road but continue to work on making that road smoother for everyone. I know I've said it many times, but I sincerely appreciate everyone's understanding, patience, and flexibility.

## **Schedule Changes**

We have all had to all many adjustments and changes to programming and schedules. As of my writing of this month's newsletter on April 24<sup>th</sup>, below is the most up-to-date status on these events:

Event	Status	Reschedule Date
All Spring Sports	Seasons Cancelled	
Summer Sports	Start Date of 6/1/2020	
Prom	Cancelled	We will look at a possible junior/senior gathering over the summer if conditions allow
Baccalaureate	Postponed	July 12, 2020 with Commencement
Senior Awards	Postponed	July 12, 2020 with Commencement
Dessert Concert	Cancelled	Mrs. Smith will be having a virtual event on a date TBD with some music and awards.
Spring Band Concert	Cancelled	
Commencement	Postponed	July 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2020
JH Music Trip to Adventureland	Cancelled	
Spring Musical	Cancelled	

### Thank You and Best Wishes!

I want to take this opportunity to thank the following staff members who will not be returning to Beckman Catholic in the fall:

- Mr. Ryan Devereux has accepted the position of 7-12 principal at Belle Plaine Community Schools. Becoming a high school principal has been a goal for Ryan for many years and this position allows that goal to become a reality.
- Mrs. Krystal Smith has accepted a liturgical music position with the St. Elizabeth Pastorate. This position will allow Mrs. Smith more time to be with her boys and family but still be involved in music and ministry.
- Mrs. Kim Koetz has announced her retirement at the end of this school year. Mrs. Koetz and her husband, Jim, have been in deaconate formation classes and are nearing the end of that process. While Mrs. Koetz' ministry comes to an end here, she and Jim will continue to find new ways to provide ministry in the months and years to come.
- Ms. Staci Speer has accepted a 7-8 band position at West Delaware Middle School in Manchester for the 2020-2021 school year. Staci truly enjoys working with this age group of students and this position allows her to focus efforts at this level.

On behalf of the entire Beckman Catholic family, we thank these individuals for their years of service and dedication. We will truly miss all of them and pray for God's blessings to continue to be with them in these next phases of the journeys of their lives.

### Jr. High and High School Semester Tests

With the changes that have occurred due to our transition to remote learning, we will not be conducting second semester tests this year. Instead, we will be using the time to continue to cover

material through May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Testing from home would be challenging and with all that has happened, we don't feel it would be an accurate picture of student progress. If you have questions regarding this please contact me or Mr. Devereux.

### **Chromebook/Material Return**

We will be having dates for students to return materials used at home during the required learning phase and to also retrieve any remaining items in the building. Please watch updates later this month for additional details and specific dates.

### **Host Families Needed**

We are in need of host families for the 2020-2021 school year. We for sure have two students wanting to attend next year looking for homes with the potential for additional students. Families do receive a tuition credit for hosting students. If you are interested, please contact the office for additional details.

### **2020-2021 School Calendar**

Included with this newsletter is the school calendar for 2020-2021 again for reference. At this time we intend to begin school—God willing—on Monday, August 24<sup>th</sup>. The governor has mentioned the potential for an earlier start date but at the time of my writing of this newsletter, we do not have enough information regarding that to make any calendar changes. Please note we will have 2 days with no busing in the first semester, and that our first semester testing make up day—if needed—will be Wednesday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>. This calendar is similar to the ones we have had the past few years.

### **FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL SET FOR 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR**

**THE OPENING DAY OF SCHOOL FOR BECKMAN HIGH FOR THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR WILL BE MONDAY, AUGUST 24<sup>TH</sup>.**

### **Office Summer Hours @ Beckman**

June 2-30	8-11:30 AM
July 1-Aug 31	No regular hours but we will be in checking on messages and mail.
August 3-21	8-3
August 4	Registration
August 19-21	Teacher In-service
August 24	School Begins

### **All School Registration Set**

Registration is scheduled for all students in grades 7 through 12 on **Tuesday, August 4, 2020**, from noon-5:30 PM. **Please note New Students Orientation in a following column.** (That would include incoming 7<sup>th</sup> and new 9<sup>th</sup> graders as well as anyone new to Beckman. Students will have the opportunity to:

- 1) Obtain their class schedules and locker assignments
- 2) Have I.D. pictures taken and purchase school pictures
- 3) Pay tuition
- 4) Turn in all completed office forms for school record;
- 5) Clarify questions about schedules

**Much of the Registration material and forms will be available with the E-Registration and can be done electronically again this year. PowerSchool 2020-21 E-Registration will be available in mid-July. Even if you try to go in and register, you will not be able to complete the process until E-Registration is activated. Parents should watch their email and mail for a message around that time with instructions for registration.**

**Orientation Planned**

Orientation and Registration for all new incoming 7<sup>th</sup> and new 9<sup>th</sup> graders and any other new student is planned for **Tuesday, August 4<sup>th</sup>**, from 5:30-6:30 pm. During this time, students will register, find their classrooms and lockers, and be given an overview of how school works here at Beckman. A picnic with hotdogs for new students and their families is planned on the patio. Please make plans now to attend with your student to help him or her get off to a good start.

**New Student or New Family Interested in Beckman Catholic?**

If by chance you have received this newsletter and have been considering Beckman Catholic, but have never been in contact with us, please do so. If you are interested in more information on Beckman, please do likewise. The contact numbers are on the front page of this Newsletter.

**TUITION FOR 2020-2021**

**HIGH SCHOOL:**

\$4,615.00	First Child
\$4,420.00	Second Child
\$3,780.00	Third Child
FREE	Fourth Child

**JUNIOR HIGH:**

\$3,185.00	First Child
\$3,185.00	Second Child
\$3,100.00	Third Child
FREE	Fourth Child

A reminder that \$200 of this tuition fee covers the technology expense of having a laptop computer in each student's hands.

Please note the following policy: Whatever your tuition balance for this past year is, we ask that if at all possible for it to be paid by the end of BCHS budget year - June 30, 2020. However, we know financial situations currently are challenging. If a deferral is needed please do not hesitate to contact me or Niki in the business office.

*Submitted by Marcel Kielkucki, principal*

**SUMMER CLEANING**

At this time, we are not certain when or if summer cleaning work will be available for students. If you are interested in having your students work when and if the option becomes available, please contact me as soon as possible at [nburchard@beckmancatholic.org](mailto:nburchard@beckmancatholic.org) and I will add your students name to a list. We will be contacting interested families as more information becomes available.

*Submitted by Niki Burchard, business manager*

## CURRICULUM REPORT

### **Standardized Test Updates:**

With the loss of four weeks of classroom instructional time, the state of Iowa has submitted a waiver to exempt all state schools from taking the Iowa Statewide Assessment of Student Progress (ISASP.) For 2020-2021 course selection, Beckman will utilize ISASP data from 2019 along with FAST aReading and aMath assessment results administered during this school year. The College Board will allow students to conduct AP tests at home for the 2020 testing period. Students should check to ensure that they used their correct school email address to create their account on myap.collegeboard.org. Students can do this by logging onto the account and checking their account settings. The following link contains information for specific AP tests:

<https://apcoronavirusupdates.collegeboard.org/educators/taking-the-exams/ap-exam-schedule>

Students planning to test can also view webinars and live lessons taught by certified teachers. If you have an interested student, please have them click the link below.

[https://apcoronavirusupdates.collegeboard.org/students/ap-course-schedule?SFMC\\_cid=EM298999-&rid=96933628](https://apcoronavirusupdates.collegeboard.org/students/ap-course-schedule?SFMC_cid=EM298999-&rid=96933628)

### **Course Registration:**

Current Beckman students have completed course registration for the upcoming school-year. Beckman will be connecting with incoming 9<sup>th</sup> grade students to complete remote registration in the coming weeks. Beckman will mass enroll all seventh graders into classes for the 1<sup>st</sup> semester of the 2020-2021 school year.

*Submitted: Ryan Devereux, assistant principal*

## STUDENT GOVERNMENT NEWS

Beckman will hold remote elections for executive officers and class delegates in May. More information about self-nomination and participation will be forthcoming! On a related note, I would like to thank all student government students for their hard work throughout the year.

*Submitted: Ryan Devereux, assistant principal*

## IMPORTANT NOTES FROM SCHOOL NURSE

### **Senior Class Immunization Records**

The senior class immunization records will be given back to the students with their diploma. The information is necessary for college, military, and some jobs as entrance requirements. Please file them in a secure place. It would be a good idea to start a health folder at home. The school **will not** have a copy of your child's immunization record at school.

## **PAPER WORK TO COLLECT OVER THE SUMMER FOR SCHOOL YEAR 20-21**

When registering your child on PowerSchool this summer, **please** read questions carefully. Too many times parents are marking yes to allergies, asthma and special needs. Review the information that is currently in PowerSchool and delete any information that does not currently pertain to your child at this time.

**At this time the required vaccinations for 7<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade have not been waived by the state. Call your health care provider to schedule an appointment as soon as possible.**

Students are not allowed to attend school if the required vaccinations have not been received.

The Iowa Department of Public Health requires that **all students entering 12<sup>th</sup> grade** have the Meningococcal vaccine before school starts this fall. Please turn in an updated immunization card by the first day of school. **There will be no grace/extension period for the implementation of this requirement.**

All **incoming 7<sup>th</sup> grade students** are required to receive one dose of Tdap and **a one-time dose of meningococcal (A, C, W, Y) vaccine.** Please turn in an updated immunization card by the first day of school. **There will be no grace/extension period for the implementation of this requirement.**

All **9<sup>th</sup> grade students** are required by Iowa law to have a dental screening done by a dentist or dental hygienist. Have the dentist complete a dental health screening form, which is available at the dentist office or Beckman website. If your child has been to the dentist already this year, contact your dentist and have them send the form to Beckman.

Students with diabetes, asthma, seizures, or allergies, and students, who will be taking prescription medications at school, will need a **Request for Medication to be given at School** form completed by a physician and signed by the parent. This is needed in order to take insulin, Glucagon, Epipens, or inhalers at school. Medications will not be administered without an order. A new order is required every year. Contact your physician this summer to obtain the required orders.

If your child has a diet restriction such as allergies or lactose intolerance, a diet modification form needs to be filled out by your physician. If a diet modification form is already on file here at school, a new form is not needed. Diet modification forms are available at school.

Thank you and have a safe summer!

*Submitted by: Jolene Bagge BSN, RN*

**I remember my mother's prayers and they have always followed me.**

**They have clung to me all my life.**

**~Abraham Lincoln~**

### **UNIFORM CLOTHING**

Beckman Catholic is always in need of uniform clothing to have on hand at school. Occasionally we have students in art who spill paint and need a replacement. In the past, there have been students who have had a bloody nose or became ill and needed to have a clean shirt available. If you have a student graduating, please think of us when you are cleaning out his/her closet. Also, if you have a student who may have outgrown some uniform polos, skorts, or slacks and you would like to donate them, we will put them to good use. Our greatest need currently is large/extra-large mens shirts and skorts or girls slacks.

### **SCIENCE NEWS**

Thirty students completed research projects for competition during the past school year. Due to virtual fairs and conflicts with school activities, some students were not able to submit their work. We are very proud of all of the hard work and dedication demonstrated by the Beckman

research team and look forward to a bright future with our students. Special congratulations to our senior competitors this year: Lauren Goldsmith, Katherine Grebner, and Sean Kluesner. We wish you the best in all your future endeavors.

### **Eastern Iowa Science and Engineering Fair 2020 (EISEF)**

The 2019 Eastern Iowa Science and Engineering Fair were held virtually. Students submitted research posters and video presentations for consideration. Beckman Catholic was well represented with 5 Junior Level (grades 6-8) and 11 Senior Level (grades 9-12) projects.

#### **Senior Level Results:**

**Sean Kluesner/Grade 12** -Environmentally Engineered Mycelial Mattress Water Filtration System

- Senior Finalist and Class I Award
- Genius Olympiad Competition Award

**Tyler Salrin/Grade 11** -Structural, Hydrophilic, and Ultraviolet Resistance Analysis to Determine Graphene Bonding on Glass

- Honorable Mention Senior

**Nate Schaefer/Grade 11**- Analysis of Water Quality in Relation to Freshwater Mussel SUPSY Bucket Cultures

**Jasmyn Hoeger/Grade 10** - Ultraviolet Radiation to Inhibit Fibroblast Cell Division

**Sydney Reiter/Grade 10** - Implications of Forage Species on Drought and Flood Resistance

- American Meteorological Society Award

**Lauren Cherne/Grade 9** - Evaluation of Synergistic Interaction in Zea Mays, Phaseolus Vulgaris, and Cucurbita Mochata

- Honorable Mention Senior

**John Paul Grebner/Grade 9** - Evaluation of Solder Type and Rosin Concentration on Mechanical Attributes

**Grace Helle/Grade 9** - Analysis of Salt and Salt Brine on Roadside Soil Quality Phase II

**Spencer Rea/Grade 9** - 3D Engineered Multi-Tool Assistive Device for Limited Movement

- Honorable Mention Senior
- Casey's Dozen Donuts Award

**Joe Schneider/Grade 9** - Fire Retardant Properties of Monoammonium Phosphate as a Wood Treatment Additive

**Tessa Tauke/Grade 9** - Efficacy of Non-Traditional Cleaners on 6-way Plugs Impacted by Corrosion

- NextEra Energy Scholarship and Plaque

#### **Junior Level Results:**

**Kelly Snyder/Grade 8** - Swimming in the Fast Lane: A Correlation of Physical Characteristics and Swim Time

- Junior Champion Life Sciences
- Junior Finalist and Class I Award





- Broadcom Masters: Outstanding Achievement

**Gabrielle Hoeger/Grade 7** - Impacts of Corn Gluten, Geranium Tea, and Gibberellic Acid on Seed Germination

**Haley Kluesner/Grade 7** - Filling the Gallon: Does Maturity Affect Bovine Lactation?

**Madelyn Reiter/Grade 7** - What Bugs the Bugs: an Evaluation of Natural and Commercial Insect Repellents

- Honorable Mention Junior
- Alan B. Adams Meritorious Achievement

**Luke Wessel/Grade 7** - Impact of Corn Moisture Percentage on Yield at Harvest

- Honorable Mention Junior

### State Science and Engineering Fair of Iowa 2020 (SSTFI)

The state science fair was held and judged virtually during the month of April. Students submitted research posters and presentations for consideration. This fair included senior projects only.

Awards were limited to first and second place finalists and major scholarships. All senior (grades 9-12) students listed above submitted to the SSTFI with the addition of:

**Isabell Kruse/Grade 10** - Prevalence of Microorganisms on Dairy Surfaces Pre and Post Milking and

**Lauren Goldsmith/Grade 12 and** - Koster Tester Versus Air Fryer on Bovine Feed Dry Matter Value

**Katherine Grebner/Grade 12**

### SSTFI 2020 Award Results:

**Lauren Goldsmith and Katherine Grebner** - Animal Science Finalists/Second Place

**Jasmyn Hoeger** - Cellular and Molecular Biology Finalist/Second Place

**Joe Schneider** - Chemistry Finalist/State Champion-First Place

**Grace Helle** - Earth and Environmental Science Finalist/State Champion-First Place

**Sean Kluesner** - BioGENEius Scholarship/Engineering

Congratulations to all!





# CHEMISTRY

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**1<sup>st</sup> Place**  
Joseph Schneider



**2<sup>nd</sup> Place**  
Tinley Mclain &  
Bailey Page

# ANIMAL SCIENCE

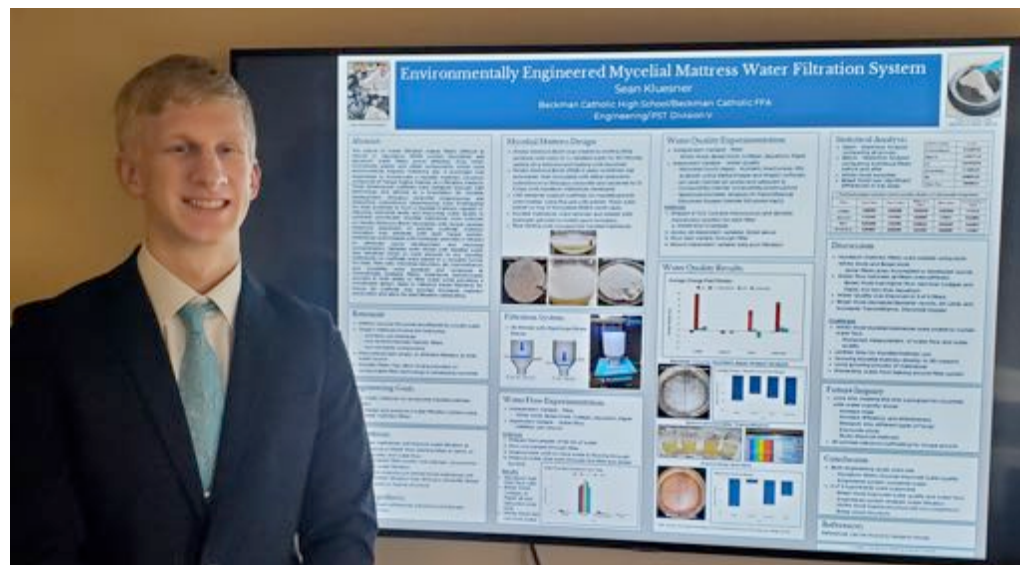
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**1<sup>st</sup> Place**  
Amara Orth



**2<sup>nd</sup> Place**  
Lauren Goldsmith  
& Katherine



**World Food Prize Iowa Youth Institute**

The following students submitted papers for the 2020 Iowa Youth Institute of the World Food Prize and presented their research to experts virtually on Monday, April 27th. Each will receive a

scholarship based on their research work dealing with proposed solutions for global food and water scarcity issues. Congratulations!

Seniors: **Kristi Bries, Lauren Goldsmith, Katherine Grebner, Adam Schmitt, Wenjing Zheng**

Juniors: **Isabelle Kluesner, Laina Marbach, Macy Sigwarth, Liz Wessel**

Sophomore: **Jasmynn Hoeger**

Freshman: **Grace Helle**

**FFA Agriscience Fair** - This competition has been postponed

*Submitted by Cheryl Kluesner*

### **FFA NEWS**

FFA members and families please watch your emails May 1st for the Summer FFA specific newsletter. With COVID-19 many changes have happened and Mrs. Mausser is working to process all of them and get to the rescheduled dates processed.

New officer teams were selected virtually by members. Results are as follows:

Co-Presidents: Laina Marbach & Liz Wessel

Vice President: Kayla Bonert

Secretary: Jasmyn Hoeger

Treasurer: Ellie Recker

Co-Reporters: Grace Helle & Isabell Kruse

Sentinel: Tessa Tauke

Junior High Rep: Luke Wessel

Freshman Rep: Maddy Kruse

Growing Leaders Chair: Jordan Thier

Building Communities Chair: Grace Schuckert

Strengthening Agriculture Chair: Jackson Oberbroeckling

Thank you to the following seniors that served on the 2019-2020 Leadership team: Lauren Goldsmith, Erin Bonert, Aaron Knipper, Kaitlyn Goedken, Austin Jaeger, Sean Kluesner and Abby Klostermann.

### **STATE FFA Highlights**

The Iowa FFA Association convention was to be held on April 19-21 in Ames. Much of the convention will be displayed in a virtual social media format the week of May 11th. Paula Braun was selected and participated in the Iowa FFA Chorus.

Stars over Iowa Finalist in Agribusiness: Laina Marbach

Stars over Iowa Finalist in AgriScience: Maria Schilling

Iowa FFA Degrees were awarded to Megan Funke, Abby Klostermann, Laina Marbach, Maria Schilling and Liz Wessel.

100% of FFA members have proficiencies as part of the agricultural program and the FFA. These proficiencies range in the areas of Agricultural Communications to Home and/or Community Development and from Diversified Agricultural Production to Swine Production. Proficiency Award

winners have excelled in their Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) Programs. These awards encourage members to develop specialized skills that will apply toward a future career. State winners will advance to the National FFA competition where they will compete against winners from the other State FFA Associations. The four national finalists that are selected from each area will be recognized at the National FFA Convention and Expo in October.

**State Champion titles were awarded to EIGHT Beckman students.**

Kayla Bonert in the area of Environmental & Natural Resources  
Kristi Bries in Small Animal Entrepreneurship  
Kaitlyn Goedken in Agriscience Research Animal Systems  
Sean Kluesner in Agriscience Integrated Systems  
Katherine Grebner in Outdoor Recreation  
Austin Jaeger in Ag Mech Repair and Maintenance Entrepreneurship  
Nicole Schilling (2019) in Agriscience Plant- Systems  
Collin Knipper (2019) in Ag Sales - Entrepreneurship

**Reserve State Champion**

Aaron Knipper in the area of Swine Production Placement.

FFA members are encouraged to enjoy the extra time working on their SAE projects by taking photos, recording hours and logging skills.

Once again reminder to FFA families watch your home email and student emails for the FFA summer newsletter next week with many important deadlines and dates.

*Dawn Mausser, FFA Advisor*

**BLAZER CAFETERIA NEWS**

Please have your lunch accounts paid up as soon as possible. You may drop a check off in the office or mail to Beckman. We do not want any negative balances during the summer. If you have any questions, please e-mail Emily Snyder at [esynder@beckman.pvt.k12.ia.us](mailto:esynder@beckman.pvt.k12.ia.us). Any money left in your lunch accounts will carry over to next school year. Thank you!

*Submitted by Emily Snyder, Director Food Services*

**CHROMEBOOKS**

Just a reminder that all students will turn in the chromebooks assigned to them at the end of the school year. This includes laptop, case, and charger. Students will complete a form at the time of turn-in identifying any repair needs the laptops and chargers may have. It is important that all repair issues be reported on the "turn-in" form so that laptops are in workable condition for the start of next school year. Returning students will receive the same laptop, charger, and case at the beginning of the 2020-21 school year. Seniors will turn in laptops, cases and chargers at the end of their course work for the semester. More details on laptop turn-in dates and procedures will be forth coming. Note: students failing to turn in laptops, cases, and chargers will be charged for the replacement of these items.

*Submitted by Jim Derr*

## THANK YOU

We would like to thank you to Mrs. Durr and her class for collecting money for the food pantry. It was so unexpected with all that is going on and very much appreciated! Great people at Beckman that are helping those in need right here in our area. Thank you!!

*Submitted by Melissa Otto secretary - Rural Community Food Pantry,*

## YEARBOOKS

If you haven't ordered your yearbook yet, it's not too late. You can still order a yearbook at <https://www.jostens.com/> then you will need to type in our school name and select Beckman Catholic High School in Dyersville, Iowa. Then you will have the option to order now. If you have any questions on how to order a yearbook you can contact me via email at [hdirks@beckman.pvt.k12.ia.us](mailto:hdirks@beckman.pvt.k12.ia.us).

*Submitted by Hannah Dirks, yearbook advisor*

## SCHOOL COUNSELING UPDATE

### **NHS Announces New Members**

Congratulations to the following students who were to be inducted into the Beckman Catholic Chapter of the National Honor Society. The NHS Ceremony has been canceled this year. Their selection was based on the four characteristics of scholarship, leadership, character and service.

#### **Senior:**

Joshua Engler

#### **Juniors:**

Kennedy Arens	Kayla Bonert	Kayla Funke	Megan Funke
Nicholas Hageman	Morgan Hermsen	Isabelle Kluesner	Makayla Koelker
Kailey Koopmann	Leah Krantz	Melanie Lutgen	Laina Marbach
Nell McDermott	Madelyn Michel	Samuel Oberbroeckling	Savanah Oberbroeckling
Kylee Rueber	Sydney Reitzler	Tyler Salrin	Nathan Schaefer
Amber Scherbring	Maria Schilling	Keeley Schmitt	Macy Sigwarth
Sydney Steger	Jadyn Welling	Elizabeth Wessel	

#### **Beckman Graduation:**

Seniors who are in National Honor Society or have a cumulative GPA of a 3.75 are eligible to purchase a gold cord to wear at graduation in July. I will send out more information soon!

*Submitted by Mackenzie Atwater, school counselor*

## VOCAL MUSIC NEWS

### **Choir News:**

With the cancellation of school, our singers were devastated with the fact that we cannot hold one final performance. To help fill the void, students are working on creating a "virtual choir" of one of the songs that was to be performed at the May concert: "You'll Be In My Heart" from Disney's *Tarzan*. A virtual choir requires students to record themselves singing their individual voice part and the director compiles all audio recordings into one video to make it appear as though we recorded it together in person. Our graduating choir members will also create a virtual choir of their senior song, which they would have otherwise performed at the May concert and graduation.

Mrs. Smith is currently planning to host a "watch party" online on Sunday, May 24th when everyone can view the final products of "You'll Be In My Heart" and "On My Way" (the senior song). Mrs. Smith and Miss Speer are also working on a way to broadcast music department awards. This may or may not take place during the "watch party" of the two songs. Similarly, Mrs. Smith is in the process of creating the annual choir video to share with choir students and families. At this time it is unsure if it will be broadcasted on May 24th, too, or on a later date.

*No upcoming events*

**From Mrs. Smith:**

Dear Choir Families,

As you may know, I have announced my resignation from Beckman Catholic on March 18th. As much as it saddens me to leave the very place which inspired me to become a music educator, I have decided to take a position at my pastorate office which will allow me to have more time at home with my four young boys. Beckman has a very special place in my heart and I will forever be grateful for my time here - both as a student and teacher. The memories, relationships, and spiritual growth I have gained from Beckman are unforgettable and irreplaceable. Thank you to everyone who has been such a tremendous support along the way - students, parents and MPA, administration, staff, priests, and community members. Remember to find what God has shaped you for and give your whole heart to it. Thank you for being you and for all that you do.

You are in my heart.

*Mrs. Smith*

## **BAND NEWS**

### **A note from Ms. Speer**

Wow, this is not at all how I imagined the 2019-2020 school year would end. It is almost impossible for me to put into words exactly how I am feeling about all of this. Unfortunately because we are not returning to school, the Spring Awards Concert has been cancelled. I will post a video to celebrate our senior band members sometime during the week of May 4-8. This video will be emailed to all high school band members and parents. It will also be made available on the Beckman Band Facebook page and a link to the video will be provided on the Beckman Band Instagram account. This video definitely will not replace the joy that comes from a concert, but I do hope that it helps to bring some smiles and provide some closure for our seniors.

I am hosting office hours via Zoom 9:00am-10:00am every Monday and Wednesday. Students are emailed the Zoom link for these office hours usually about 30 minutes prior to the office hours starting. Students are encouraged to tune in to the office hours if they have questions about assignments for online learning or if they just want to pop in and say hi! I do miss them!

I am also hosting band hangouts via Zoom once a week so that our students have a chance to connect with each other. I have a game or activity for us to do each week together as well as provide conversation time. The days and times of these Zoom hangouts vary each week



depending upon my schedule. Students are always emailed the information about these sessions.

Students, I miss you! Parents, thank you for being supportive and encouraging of your children during this time! This too shall pass!!

-Ms. Speer

### **Upcoming Dates**

Due to the current state of COVID-19, dates for Baccalaureate and Graduation are not set in stone. Once there is a solid decision made about these dates and we know who is and is not allowed to attend these events, Ms. Speer will email all students and parents with information. Thank you for being flexible.

The Junior High Music trip to Adventureland has been cancelled. Families should be receiving refund checks for this trip soon if they have not received them already.

As of right now, Corpus Christi is still happening on Sunday, June 14 at the Basilica. Watch for emails with details regarding this event.

### **Marching Band Camp**

The dates for Marching Band Camp have been set! This camp is necessary for all of next year's high school band members to attend. At this camp, we learn all of the fundamentals for marching and we begin learning the first of our two marching band shows for this fall. Please contact Ms. Speer with any questions or conflicts.

August 10-12, 2020

8:00am-12:00pm each day

*Submitted by Staci Speer, director of bands*

**"Anyone who doesn't miss the past never had a mother."**

*~ Gregory Nunn ~*

### **CAMP CREAMERY**

**Camp Creamery** - Beckman Catholic will again host a **theater** camp for students ages 7 on up! The Old Creamery Theatre will provide professional performers/directors for instruction and all rehearsals. The first 60 people to register will be cast in the musical, *The Legend of Blackbeard's Gold*. All cast members will receive 4 hours of instruction per day and will participate in 2 performances. Students *must* commit to attending all rehearsals and both final performances in order to participate in Camp Creamery. The camp will be held the week of Monday, August 3, with performances on Friday, August 7, and Saturday, August 8. Registration forms can be found on the school website under Activities/Camps/Theater Camp. For questions, call Joan at 875-7325.

*Submitted by Joan Hinerichsen*



## **DEVELOPMENT NEWS**

### **Annual Appeal**

We are creeping towards the finish line of the Archbishop Beckman Annual Appeal. If you have already given a gift, thank you. If you haven't and are in the position to give a gift, we would very much appreciate it. The Annual Appeal is at \$123,000 with our goal set at \$157,500; as you can see that leaves some work to be completed. Gifts of any amount are greatly appreciated. All of the gifts to the Annual Appeal go directly to the operational budget of Beckman, helping to keep tuition affordable. Thank you for your support.

### **Hall of Fame**

Hall of Fame nominations are needed in all categories; Athlete, Distinguished Alumni, and Friend of Beckman. Nomination forms can be obtained at the link provided. The page contains both an online application and a printable PDF form. Hard copies can be picked up at the Beckman office. The application deadline is June 1, 2020.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeUXvdII8js629EBrSThdJ4bnzGQU1EqL6PA4hyXokRVOpvNg/viewform>

<https://beckmancatholic.org/common/pages/UserFile.aspx?fileId=3577212>

### **CARES act**

With the passage of the CARES act taxpayers are getting a tax break on charitable deductions for tax year 2020. If you are in a position to give at this time all taxpayers can deduct **\$300** or **\$600** if married filing jointly for charitable donations. This is in addition to your standard deduction. Also if you itemize your taxes, you may deduct **100%** of your charitable deductions in 2020; this is an increase from the 60% in 2019. Both of these opportunities are for 2020 only. If you have any questions about this program contact your financial advisor or tax professional.

*Submitted by Larry Wilson*

### **BLAZER SAVER COUPON BOOK**

Usually our coupon book has been available for about 2 weeks now but with everything going on and school being cancelled, we needed to postpone the sales of this book. Since this is a fundraiser for a few of our clubs and teams, we will be waiting until school starts again to offer these savings to our supports.

## GREAT GIVE DAY - May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020



Ready.  
Set.  
**GIVE!**

[www.greatgiveday.org](http://www.greatgiveday.org)

- WHAT:** Great Give Day, a 24-hour, online giving event
- WHEN:** Thursday, May 14, 12 a.m. to 11:59 p.m.
- WHERE:** [www.GreatGiveDay.org](http://www.GreatGiveDay.org)
- WHO:** Beckman Catholic High School is participating in this exciting, online giving day hosted by the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque—and we invite you to join us!
- WHY:** Great Give Day is a wonderful opportunity for Beckman Catholic High School to raise dollars and share our mission with the community.
- Your giving will go further. The full amount of your gift will go directly to our organization and will help us to qualify for additional prize dollars.
- It's Fun! Great Give Day brings our community together to celebrate and support local nonprofits.
- HOW:** Go to [www.GreatGiveDay.org](http://www.GreatGiveDay.org) on Thursday, May 14 and look for Beckman Catholic High School on the leaderboard. Make a gift of \$10 or more and spread the word in person and on social media! (or schedule your gift ahead of time beginning May 4.)

For more information, visit [www.greatgiveday.org](http://www.greatgiveday.org) or contact Peter Supple at [peter@cfbpfoundation.org](mailto:peter@cfbpfoundation.org) or 563-588-2700.



Great Give Day is presented by the Community Foundation in support of strong nonprofits.  
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### MARK YOUR CALENDARS TODAY!

We hope you will consider supporting us on May 14th! Thank you and God bless.

### DUELING PIANOS

Dueling Pianos has been postponed, date TBD. Once the date has been set, we will let you know!!!

### GALA

Save the Date for our 29<sup>th</sup> annual Gala. It is scheduled for Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup>.

### ALUMNI UPDATE

The Development Office is updating all Alumni/Friends/Parents profiles in the next couple months. Please take the time to help by visiting our website and fill out our Alumni/Friends/Parents Update

Form. It can be found by clicking Development, Alumni, and Alumni Update Form. Any questions please call Beckman Catholic at 563-875-7188. All information from this form is confidential and will be used to update your profile internally.

*Submitted by Kristie Thier, Fundraising Coordinator*

If you have a mom,  
there is nowhere you are likely to go where a prayer has not already been.

~Robert Brault~

