

# Alumni and Friends

## St. Cecelia Interparochial Catholic School

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### Alumnus Nolan Purdy-An Eagle Scout Project Emerges from the Heart



I've been a Boy Scout since the age of nine and always had the goal of achieving the highest rank of Eagle Scout. Along with completion of all the pre-requisites, a service project to benefit the community was required. After giving this much thought, I chose to build a playground for children ages 3-5 at the Belleair Recreation Center in loving memory of my sister, Gracie Purdy, since we spent so much time playing there when we were young. After receiving the approval to proceed from the Greater Tampa Bay Area Council of Boy Scouts and the Town of Belleair, I started working on the project in December of my senior year in high school. I spoke before the Board of



Commissioners and was asked to raise \$5,000. Through my family, friends and a generous community, the funds came together quickly. It didn't take long before the project was complete resulting in my designation as Eagle Scout. I truly appreciate all who had a hand in helping me see this project to fruition. I enjoy driving by and seeing all the children happily playing and know my sister Gracie smiling down from heaven.



### CONGRATULATIONS ANALISE WALKER '12

**Analise Walker**—International Baccalaureate Diploma Program Valedictorian GPA 4.63

**Member of:** National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta Math Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, Science Honor Society, Rho Kappa Social Studies Honor Society, Varsity Volleyball & Basketball, Key Club, Peer Ministers, Ethics Bowl, Student Ambassadors

**Attending:** University of Florida – pre-med

**Interesting Note:** Analise's brother Anthony '10 and mom Yolanda Fernandez Walker were also Valedictorian of their classes at CCC.



### Open House Schedule

PreK-3 through 8th grade (VPK Provider)  
November 16, 2016, tours throughout the day  
Discovery Night is January 25, 2017 at 6:00pm  
March 21, 2017, tour throughout the day  
Call (727) 461-1207 to RSVP

**Alumni Officers:** Maryanne Del Monte, Development • Kevin Flynn, President • Marreen Majer, Vice President • Colleen Flynn, Treasurer • Steve Paul, Secretary

*“Celebrate the uniqueness of each person as a child of God while we proclaim the Gospel message, pray together, build community, and serve others...”*

## A Message from the Admission Director

Dear Alumni,

We are very excited to announce that we have been accepted as a Candidate School for the International Baccalaureate (IB) Primary Years Programme. This will give us the distinction of being the only private school in all of Pinellas County to offer both the IB Primary and Middle Years Programmes. Our students as a result of IB, will develop into inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who will help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect.

As Catholic educators, it is our responsibility to foster a relationship with our students and their families in order to provide a Catholic environment that nurtures and challenges our students to realize their highest spiritual, academic, physical and emotional potential. The accomplishments of our graduates are something we are very proud of, and this year we would like to congratulate Annalise Walker who was named Valedictorian at Clearwater Central Catholic High School.

St. Cecelia School has made many improvements to the campus during the summer including the renovation of 5 classrooms in the original Hillcrest wing. We have replaced roofs on the cafeteria and library. Please feel free to visit the campus when you are in the area to see how we have grown and evolved. Share our school name with anyone that might be looking for a school for their child or grandchild.

Keep in touch with fellow classmates by visiting the Alumni Facebook page, St Cecelia School Alumni & Friends. We hope to see you at our annual 5K Crusader Gallop race sponsored by the Alumni Association to be held at Eagle Lake Park on February 11th, 2017.

*Maryanne Del Monte*

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### CONGRATULATIONS TO VICTORIA ADAMS

Victoria Adams married Patrick Brady on October 24, 2015.



After SCS, Victoria attended the IB program and Palm Harbor University. She then went on to the University of Florida. She is now in her fourth year at the University of Florida College of Dentistry. She will receive her doctorate in May of 2017.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO CHRISTOPHER PURCELL AND BRITTANY CURINGA

Christopher and Brittany were married on April 2, 2016 and are living in Richmond, Virginia. Christopher received a BS in Biology from University of Florida in 2014 and is now in his 3rd year of medical school at the Medical College of Virginia/VCU.

Brittany received a BS in Health Science from University of Florida in 2014 and her Master's degree in Health Administration from USF this past May. She is working as the Marketing Manager at HCA Chippenham & Johnston-Willis Hospitals in Richmond.



*“Encourage students to open their hearts to God, their minds to learning, and their talents to service...”*

# Alumni Awards, Honors & News



## WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Recently I spoke to Sister Mary Patricia Plumb who many of you will remember served as principal of St. Cecelia School from 1970-1981. Sister fondly remembers the families and students of St. Cecelia school and the impact they had on her heart. Currently Sister Plumb is serving as Director of Campus Ministry at the Academy of the Holy Names Tampa where she has been since 1981. Sister can be reached at [mplumb@holynamestpa.org](mailto:mplumb@holynamestpa.org) for anyone who wishes to reconnect with her.



**Austin Lee '12** received a scholarship to Francis Marion University for soccer.  
**Cameron Perrott '12** received a scholarship to St. Joseph's University for soccer.

**Lauren Franks '14** and **Riley Hoaglin '13** traveled to Cleveland Ohio for the annual Sisters of Notre Dame summer service experience.

**Annalise Klopfer** was district champion in #1 singles. Annalise and her team mate were district champions in #1 doubles. Annalise reached the quarterfinals in the state championship in singles and reached the quarterfinals in the state championship in doubles. An outstanding season for Annalise! Sophomore Annalise Klopfer was voted Tampa Bay Times Home Team Hot Shot of the Week.

Alumni **Michelle Hedrich '05** participated in a three-day, 230-mile "Ride to Remember" in Greenville, SC to raise money for Alzheimer's.

**ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE**



**Ken Jewell '80** was inducted into the 2015 CCC Athletic Hall of Fame.

**Alex Prunoske** went 14-1 in the 126 weight class at the AAU National Wrestling Championships. Alex earned the silver medal and AAU All American status. Alex also finishes 2nd at FAWA Wrestling Championships, Jr. Division.



## In Loving Memory



SR. REGINA PELTZ, SNJM (Age 87)-former principal of SCS

On Saturday, November 28, 2015, Sr. Regina Peltz, died peacefully. A native Washingtonian, she was born March 23, 1928. Beloved daughter of the late Agnes E. (Dermody) and John Peltz; sister of the late Jack Peltz and Anne Langer; sister-in-law of Josephine Peltz; aunt of Mary Rose Calvert and Stephen Langer. She is also survived by her Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary Religious Community. Services were held at St. Gabriel's Church, 26 Grant Circle, NW, Washington, DC, December 3, 2015 where Mass of Resurrection was celebrated. Memorial contributions may be made to Sisters of the Holy Names Retirement Fund or Sisters of Holy Name Ministries, US Ontario Provincial Administration, PO Box 398, Marylhurst, OR 97036

*Photo provided by Archives, SNJM U.S-Ontario Province.*

**Tyler Doyle '12** received a men's Volleyball scholarship to Lees McRae college in Banner Elk, NC.  
**Emma Grantges '12** received a women's Cross Country and track and field scholarship to University of North Florida in Jacksonville, FL.



*"Strive to provide a strong spiritual and academic foundation so that our students can become responsible members of the Church and the community now and in the future..."*



## 8th Annual Crusader Gallop 5K & 1 Mile Run

Saturday, February 11, 2017

Cost \$30 for 5K ♦ \$25 for 1 Mile

Eagle Lake Park, 1800 Keene Rd., Largo, FL 33771

5K begins at 10:00 am (registration at 9:00 am)

Fun run 10:30 am

After the run join us for a post race picnic. Bounce house, music and more....

Registration forms will be available soon.

## Important Dates

- 12/13 Christmas Program
- 12/14 Christmas Program
- 1/19-Grandparents Day, All School Mass
- 1/21 Drama Production 7:00pm
- 1/22 Drama Production 2:00pm
- 1/30-Begins Catholic Schools Week
- 2/11-Alumni 5K Crusader Gallop and Fun Walk
- 3/25 SCS Auction
- 4/29 Drama Production 7:00pm
- 4/30 Drama Production 2:00pm
- 5/19-8th Grade Graduation



### CONGRATULATIONS TO BARB ASHER ON HER RETIREMENT!

Barbara Asher has been working at St. Cecelia School for the past 16 years. Many 4th grade students will remember her fondly! Retirement is a time for her to catch up with friends and work around her house. She plans to visit her brother in Illinois and her sister-in-law in New York. She would like to go on a dream cruise to Alaska with her son and will enjoy monthly lunches with other SCS retired teachers.



**Give A Gift...** to help St. Cecelia Catholic School continue its mission of providing students with an affordable Catholic education. Please consider giving a gift that makes a difference... now and forever.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to make a donation of \_\_\_ \$25 \_\_\_ \$50 \_\_\_ \$100 \_\_\_ \$200 to St. Cecelia School:

\_\_\_ Where most needed \_\_\_ Alumni Scholarship Fund \_\_\_ Campus upgrades

\_\_\_ Enclosed is my check

\_\_\_ Please bill my credit card (Visa, AMEX, MC#) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ My company \_\_\_\_\_ will match my gift, I will send you the forms.

\_\_\_ Enclosed is my membership fee in the amount of \$10.00

*How have you been?  
Let us know at  
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***“CRUSADERS FOREVER! Faith, Service, Athletics, Academics”***