

BLANCHET CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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MISSION

Blanchet Catholic School provides a comprehensive education program that enables students to:

Challenge
Grow

Be challenged by an academically rigorous curriculum;

Grow towards maturity in Christ;

Contribute

Contribute to the enrichment of society; and

Participate

Participate in the traditions of the Catholic Church.

A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

During our history, we have made continual improvement a cornerstone of our school as we strive to enhance our programs, improve our facilities, and make a Blanchet education a reality for all qualified, interested students.

Our “Complete the Dream” capital campaign marks a significant moment in our school’s young history and provides a tremendous opportunity for our school community to work together to ensure the success of Blanchet now and for generations to come.

The main aspects of this campaign are:

- Enhancements to our growing STEM program including new technology, new courses, and professional development for our staff. The recent opening of our MakerSpace provides an excellent classroom and lab environment for courses in robotics, programming, engineering, and other STEM classes.
- Improvements to the Wiegand Auditorium are needed to meet the needs of our award-winning drama department. Key areas of focus include upgrades in lighting, sound, stage design, and storage in the auditorium.
- Funding for tuition assistance remains a significant need for our school as we strive to make a Blanchet education possible for all qualified and interested students. Each year more families are in need of assistance and the amount of need continues to grow.



Nearly twenty-five years ago, a group of parents gathered at St. Joseph’s Catholic Church to gauge interest in developing plans for a new Catholic high school in Salem. The end result of that meeting and the countless hours of hard work that followed formed Archbishop Francis Norbert Blanchet School.

Over the past 24 years, Blanchet Catholic School has established itself as one of the true success stories of the greater Willamette Valley. The foundation of a Blanchet education has been firmly established as a Catholic college-prep school known for a strong community feeling and an abundance of opportunities for students in the areas of academics, fine arts, music, and athletics.

- The addition of a turf athletic field, track, and grandstand represents the centerpiece of this campaign. These are the final pieces to our school facility and will allow our students to participate in a variety of activities on campus, helping to increase opportunities for community among our families.

The “Complete the Dream” campaign will allow our school to put the finishing touches on Vision 20/20, a strategic plan that was developed and adopted by the Blanchet School Board in 2015.

The cost for this campaign is \$4.4 million and we are pleased to announce that during the silent phase of this campaign, we have received commitments for more than \$3.25 million, nearly 75% of the total amount needed to “Complete the Dream.” These commitments were made with the understanding that Blanchet would raise the remaining funds to cover the cost of the entire campaign before moving forward with any one aspect of the campaign.

For this campaign to be successful, we are counting on the support of our Blanchet community. While we understand that the ability to contribute will vary among our families and donors, it is our hope that each member of our community will see the value in our plans and step up to lend their support. For our alumni students and families, I hope that your experiences as a Cavalier will help motivate you to be supportive so that the next generation of our students can benefit from a Blanchet education.

Information is provided within this magazine on how individuals and families can support our campaign. Over the coming weeks and months, we will also be reaching out to our community to ask for their support in helping us “Complete the Dream.”

If you have questions about the campaign or how you can help support our efforts, please contact Bob Weber or Toni Nanneman at 503-391-2639 or email us at campaign@blanchetcatholicschool.com.

The support of our community has played a pivotal role in our school’s success over the past 24 years.

I look forward to seeing this campaign develop and enjoying the impact that it has on Blanchet and generations of Cavalier students and families to come.

By Courage & Faith,

BOB WEBER, PRESIDENT



Blanchet Catholic School's Timeline

Twenty-four years of success.



1994

Salem community gathered together to develop a plan for a secondary Catholic school in Salem area.

1995

Blanchet approved by Archbishop Levada and opens its doors to 110 students in grades 7-9. Intercom system is installed and computer lab is donated.

1999

The first graduating class. Library doubles in size and computer banks are installed. Mid high facility and new administrative wings are opened. The facility gets new carpeting, security cameras, signage, heating/air conditioning units. The Chapel of Saint Patrick is refurbished. Weathers Softball Field is completed. Bleachers for the gym are donated.



2000

Baseball field is completed. Improvements to the facility include new gym lights, roof, and sealing wall. There is a new sign on Market Street.

2001

New school logo & mascot are selected. Blanchet launches new website. Improvements to the facility include a new courtyard in front of the school.

2002

Blanchet competes in football for the first time. The school's first fundraising campaign, "Belief in Blanchet," begins.

2003

Blanchet contracts with Salem-Keizer School District for its lunch program. The high school commons is renamed the Wiegand Arts Center. The school paid off its mortgage on the school facility.

2009

Blanchet enrolls its first 6th grade class. Volleyball wins second consecutive OSAA State Championship. School installs a 4-lane, 100-yard practice track.

2010

New bleachers are installed in the main gym. An awning is added over the main entrance. A new website is launched with capability for parents to check their student's grades and attendance online. The computer lab is upgraded.

2011

"Foundation for the Future" campaign results in breaking ground for the addition of the 10,600 square foot Charles E. Lee Student Center.



2012

Mrs. Halsey Randall's class creates an Outdoor Learning Environment garden and wins the state Disney Planet Challenge Project and finishes 6th place in the nation. Art teacher Mary Heintzman is awarded a Crystal Apple Award. Softball teams wins the OSAA State Championship.



1996

The school facility and campus are purchased from Salem Christian Center. The weight room is created.



1997

The Kreitzberg Science Center is completed. AP courses are added to the curriculum. The first high school drama production, "The Importance of Being Earnest," is performed.



1998

Blanchet receives full accreditation from Northwest Association of Schools & Colleges. The gymnasium is completely renovated with new hardwood floors, scoreboards, and bleachers. The soccer field is completed. Blanchet receives the donation of the blue bus.

2004

The "Belief in Blanchet" campaign concludes with the building of a new multipurpose center and lobby.



2005

A new Cavalier fight song was written by Laurie Bates.

2006

The school receives a Foster Family Foundation grant for a scissor lift and lighting equipment in the Wiegand Arts Center. Also, an Epping Foundation grant helped replace the flooring on the first floor of the school and remodeled restrooms.

2007

Campus Minister Danielle Wise becomes a Crystal Apple Honoree.

2008

Volleyball wins first OSAA State team championship. The Wiegand Arts Center receives new carpet, seating, and restroom facilities.



2013

Blanchet graduates the largest class ever (70 students).



2014

The senior class earns the highest dollar amount in college scholarships (\$7.8 million). The largest sixth grade class enters the halls of Blanchet (52 students).

2015

Blanchet wins the OSAA Oregonian cup for 3A classification.

2016

Jason Liu wins the school's first ever music state championship, placing first in all OSAA classifications.



2017

The girls basketball team wins the OSAA 3A State Championship. The school's new MakerSpace is created and air conditioning was added to the auxiliary gym.

2018

The girls track & field team wins the OSAA 3A championship. Junior Nikhil Namburi earns a perfect score on his PSAT and ACT exams. Registrar, Chis Lieder wins a Crystal Apple Award.

"Complete the Dream" campaign begins...

1

Multi-Purpose Field & Track

The centerpiece of the Complete the Dream campaign is the construction of a multipurpose turf athletic field and track including lights, bleachers, and fencing.

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Wiegand Auditorium Upgrade

The campaign will include upgrades and renovations to the Wiegand Arts Center including new lights, sound equipment, stage enhancements and storage.

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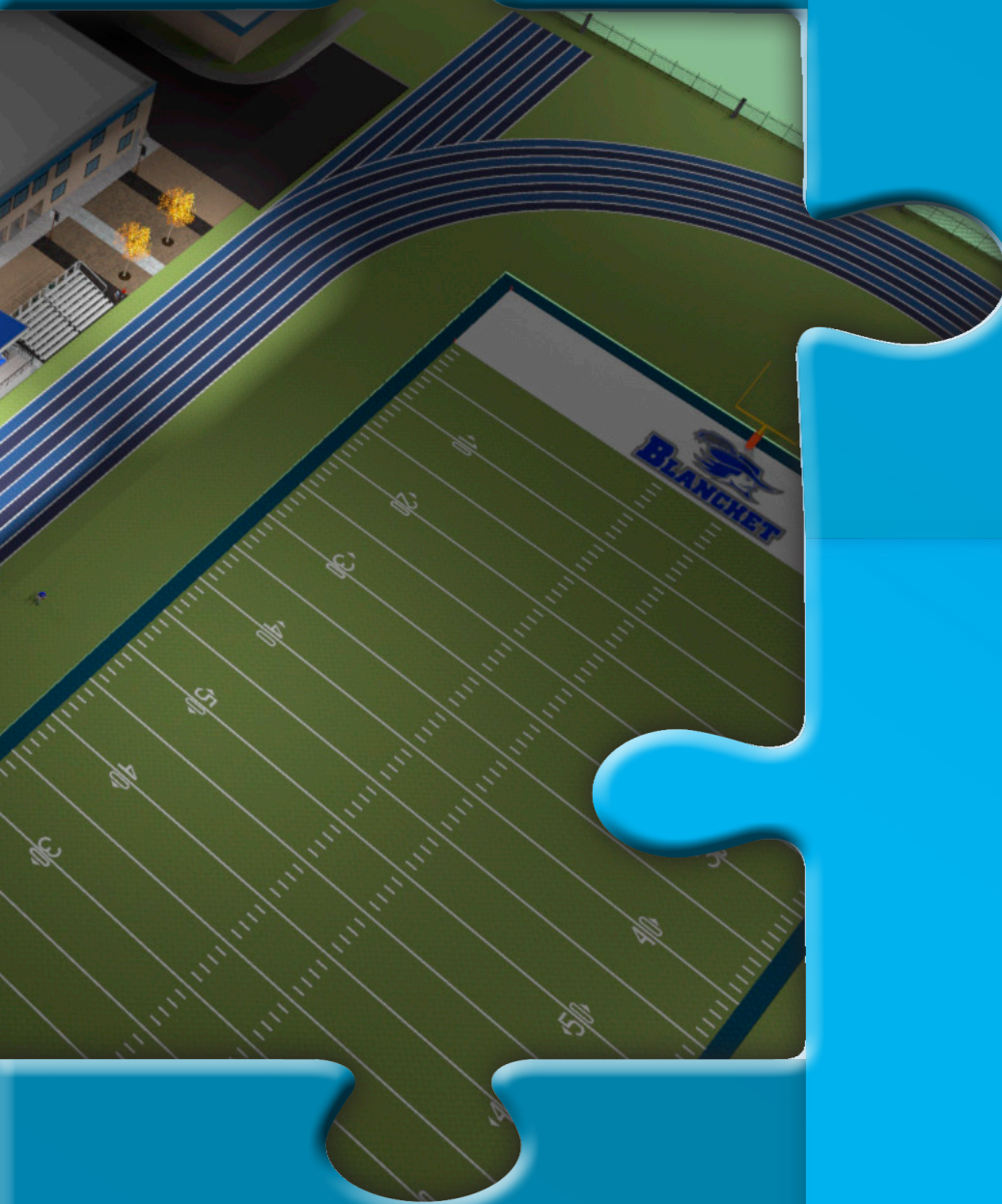


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Transportation

The campaign includes the purchase of a mini-bus to transport students to school sports events.

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Tuition Assistance Support

The campaign will provide a stable source of operating support to enable an increase to the tuition assistance budget ensuring that no qualified student is denied a Blanchet education due to the inability to pay.

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STEM Program

The campaign will fund ongoing enhancements to the school's STEM program including upgrading technology, adding more STEM course offerings, staffing and professional development.

WIEGAND ARTS C



Blanchet's performing arts program has grown leaps and bounds since its first production in 1997. Improving and renovating the Wiegand Arts Center is critical to meeting the needs of Blanchet's student body. Phase 1 of the Wiegand upgrades was recently completed thanks to the generosity of the Epping Family Foundation. During this phase, a state of the art sound system replaced our aging system. Necessary equipment was purchased as well to help with the production of Blanchet's shows.

Additional funds are needed to finish the improvements to the theater. The lighting system is extremely outdated, the stage area is too small, and the overall aesthetic of the space needs revamping. The Complete the Dream campaign will fund a new energy efficient and up-to-date lighting system, enhancements of the stage, and new paint to make the theater a vibrant and dynamic place for our students to perform and create.



"The Wiegand upgrades will help so much. We will finally have a light and sound system that works before shows. We've had trouble with the systems not working recently. It will be nice to have the show intact before our first performance and be able to use the lights and sound during daily rehearsals instead of just using them during the run-through, which is what we've



ENTER UPGRADES

Complete the Dream Capital Campaign

been doing lately. We don't want them to break down right before the show. They are so untrustworthy."

- **LYSSA IBARRA**, BLANCHET DRAMA STUDENT

Support from the Complete the Dream campaign will enhance the fine arts program, which is an integral part of the academic career of our students. The newly updated Wiegand Arts Center will set the stage for Cavalier students to be engaged in learning, to grow in self-confidence, and to inspire. It will be a place that enriches students' lives and provides a venue for them to grow as individuals as well as artists.

"Blanchet's theatre program has thrived in the last few years. The program has grown from 30 students to 120 students. We have created some great productions, but this is not without some struggle. Our lighting equipment is outdated, sparse, and faulty. Our sound equipment needs repairs, and renting microphones has cost the school thousands of dollars over the years. Our stage is too small to hold all the students in the shows. With a growing department and an increasing interest in the arts here at Blanchet, it is crucial that we update our performance space to keeping up with the continuous demands of the student body."

- **NICK KINTZ**, DRAMA TEACHER





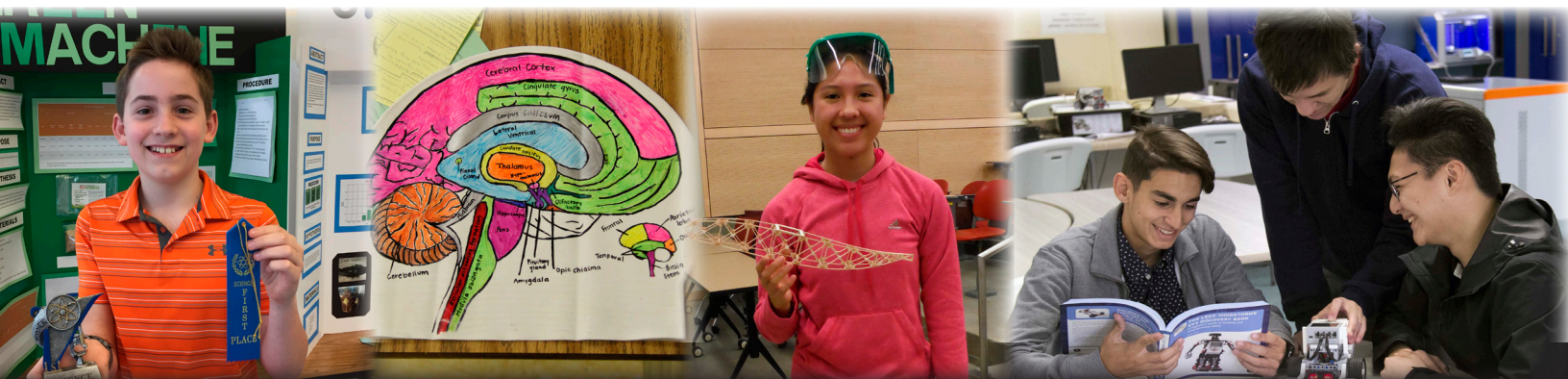
STEM

As advances in science, technology, engineering and math grow, so does the need for schools to strengthen their educational programs.

Blanchet is dedicated to enhancing the school's STEM programs and offering more opportunities for students to have hands-on and minds-on courses. Preparing our students for the

future is at the forefront of our mission. Funds from the Complete the Dream campaign will ensure Blanchet Catholic School's STEM program and technology upgrades meet the needs of our students, faculty, and staff.

"Whether you like it or not, big data, artificial intelligence and other STEM related fields are going to control our lives in the future. You can either learn about it and be more prepared for the careers of tomorrow or miss out on the opportunity. Contributions to the campaign will allow our current STEM program to grow into something we can definitely be proud of."





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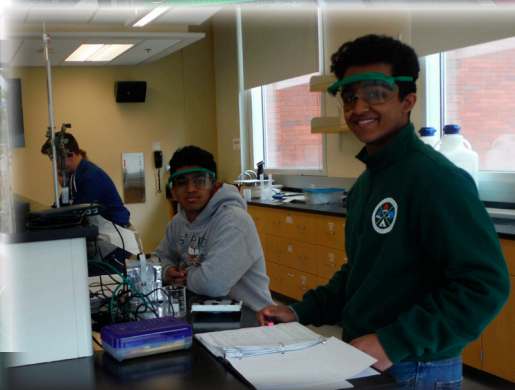
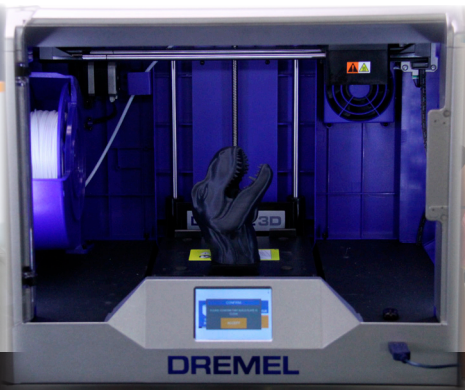
More
STEM courses will
offer our graduates an
excellent introduction into the
future.” - HARRY AHN, MATH TEACHER

The campaign will fund ongoing enhancements to the school's STEM program including upgrading technology, adding more STEM course offerings, staffing and professional development.

“One of the reasons STEM education is important is because it allows students to be inspired, to think outside the box and to start dreaming. Our space program, advances in healthcare and modern medicine, advances in engineering and safety all started from a love of science, technology, engineering, and math that was allowed to be encultured in our students and schools. The more we offer these opportunities to our students, the more they are going to be able to benefit all of humanity.”

- RORY O'BRIEN, TECHNOLOGY TEACHER

SCIENCE ♦ TECHNOLOGY ENGINEERING ♦ MATH



MULTI-PURPOSE

The centerpiece of the Complete the Dream campaign is a new multi-purpose field and track. A new artificial turf field and track will give student-athletes a year round training facility and make Cavalier sports programs more accessible, more competitive, and increase participation.

“This is a very exciting time to be a part of the Cavalier family as we are looking forward to making improvements. Over the years it has been a struggle to feel like I am being successful as a coach and putting on meaningful practices. I feel like the new facility will help us get to the next level and help kids reach their potential.”

- DAVE MUCKEN

FACULTY AND TRACK & FIELD COACH

The new facility will become a platform where true lifelong relationships can be forged. It will be

a place where student-athletes are mentored and shaped into leaders and people for others.

“I am excited to have Homecoming at HOME! The facility will bring a new energy to campus as more people will be able to attend competitions. Also, we won’t have to spend money on transportation to and from locations for practices. We can just walk out the door to our new field and track.”

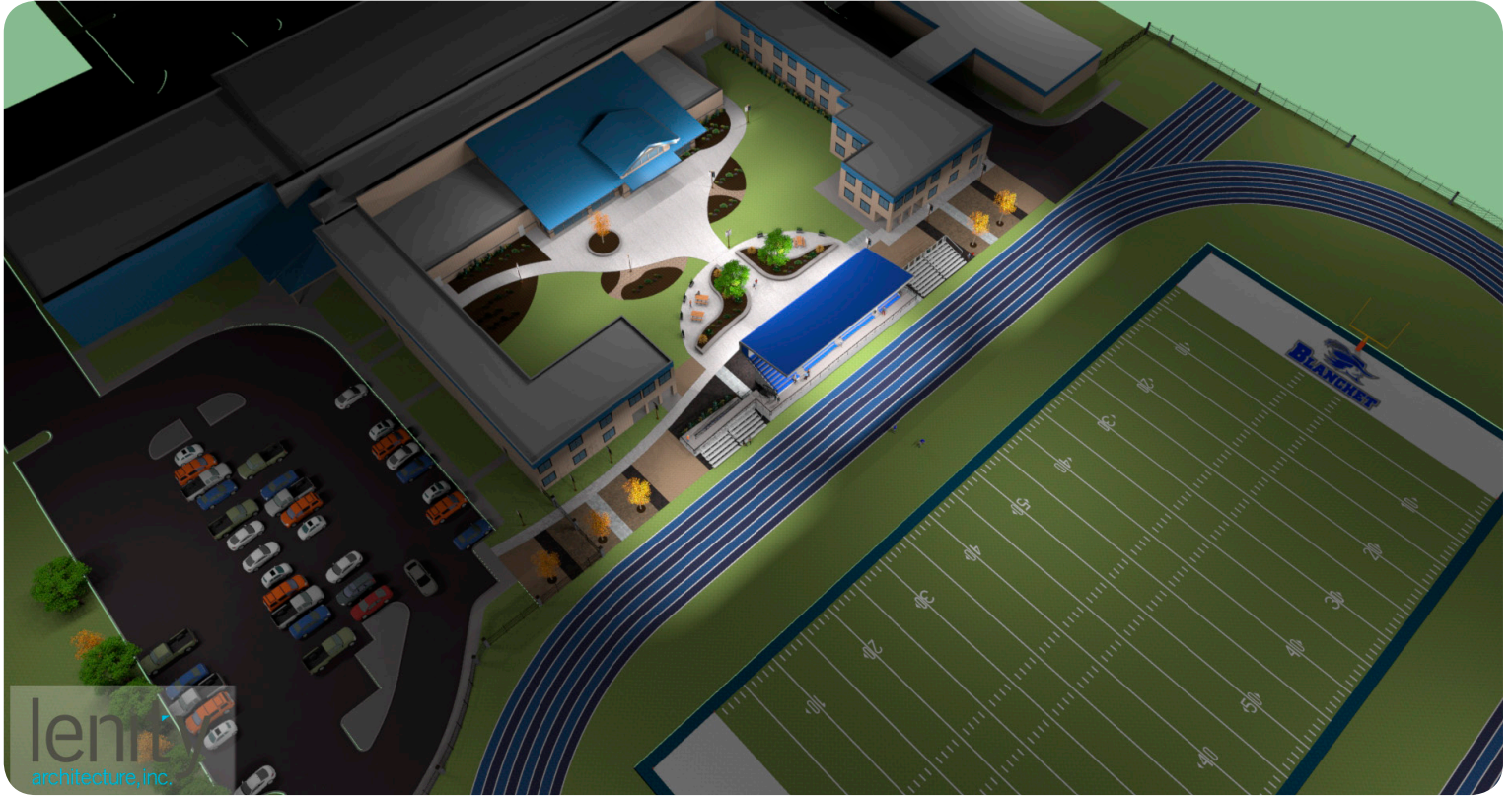
- JAMES MOORE, BLANCHET STUDENT & ATHLETE

Many nights of the week students and their families will converge on the new facility and strengthen our Cavalier community. This is the place where we will cheer, encourage, and support our sons and daughters...where we will witness true feats of courage & faith... where competitive spirit, integrity, and sportsmanship will live. That’s what being a Cavalier is all about.



FIELD & TRACK

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“Throughout my football and track careers at Blanchet, our teams were shuffled all over the city of Salem looking for a place to practice. During football season, we played home games at Willamette University and practiced at North Salem High School to use their lights due to the limited amount of daylight during the fall.

We never had home meets during track season because Blanchet doesn’t have a track. Track practice had to be improvised, using McKay High School or Chemeketa Community College’s track when they weren’t being used by their own teams. Due to scheduling, we usually had to wait until 5:00 p.m. to start practice. This caused Blanchet to have to shuttle athletes to practice and have parents pick up their student-athletes late into the night at locations other than Blanchet.

I believe athletics are imperative to improving the life skills of young adults. Skills like decision making, reasoning, communication, discipline, and work ethic are all learned more effectively by participating in athletics. Being able to have our own stadium, a place we call “home,” gives past and present students and their families a sense of pride. Students, athletes and their families need a place to be proud of.

As a former Blanchet coach of seven years, I have assisted in coaching several athletes from high school athletics to collegiate athletics. I have been able to watch athletes grow and succeed not only on the field but also throughout their adult lives. Athletics not only gives you a sense of identity and confidence, but they help you clear your mind and keep you out of trouble. Building a track and field complex is something Blanchet not only deserves but has earned. Blanchet has an extremely successful track and field program. We have proved what we can do without a track; I think it’s time to see what we can do with a track.”

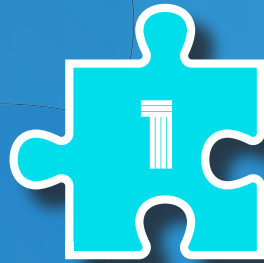
- SEAN MCANDREW, CLASS OF 2008

How Can I Be a Part of C

We have conducted a silent phase of the campaign during the past year and are very grateful to our major donors who have pledged \$3.25 million to our effort. To meet the goals outlined in this magazine, we need an estimated \$1.2 million in additional contributions.

We humbly ask all Blanchet Catholic School supporters to make a gift to “**Complete the Dream.**” This is an extraordinary opportunity to demonstrate belief in our Cavalier students and programs. A variety of giving options are available. We encourage you to review our enclosed pledge card and contact us if you have questions.

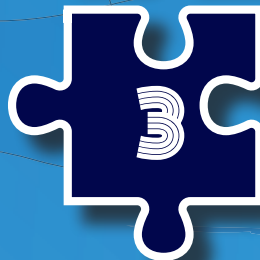
Thank you for helping us accomplish our vision for 2020. You are an important piece of the puzzle.



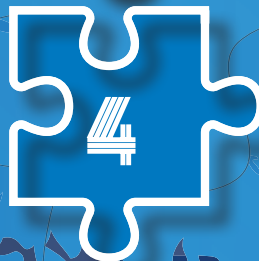
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Completing the Dream?

ALUMNI GIVING

One goal of the “Complete the Dream” campaign is to increase the amount of support, both in the number of alumni donors and the amount raised, from our alumni, which continues to grow in numbers and in ability to contribute. An internal goal for this campaign is to have a group of 100 alumni and/or alumni parents contribute \$1000 a year for a five-year pledge. These donations would total \$500,000 over the next five years and show a tremendous commitment to our school now and for the future.

Are you able to join this group of 100? A donation of \$1000 a year is \$84 a month and payments can be made monthly or annually to help meet the needs of the donor. Alumni that are interested in supporting the campaign but unable to donate at the \$1000 level are encouraged to give what they can afford.

Donate online at:
www.blanchetcatholicschool.com/donate

MEET BLANCHET'S NEW ALUMNI



Hello! My name is Ashley Sims, and I am the new Alumni Coordinator for Blanchet Catholic School. It is with a grateful heart that I take on this position at Blanchet and begin my journey in getting to know the wonderful alumni who once filled the school's halls. It is my goal to continue on the success that has already been established and maintain a dynamic and engaged alumni community.

As someone who has lived in Oregon her whole life, I have developed a passion for exploring local restaurants and supporting up-and-coming businesses. On the weekends you may find me catching up with a dear friend, or trying out a new recipe in my kitchen. No matter what I'm doing, or where I am, I will always be somewhere social where I can interact with others and meet new people. It's a part of me that's engrained in my DNA and I think this is a key component to the position I am taking on at Blanchet.

I look forward to interacting at some point with all of you wonderful alumni. It is my great honor to become a part of the wonderful team that makes up Blanchet and I have never been more thrilled to begin. My schedule will always have room to hear your story and see where life has taken you since graduating from Blanchet. I would be overjoyed to meet you and hear it.

Thank you for welcoming me!

Ashley Sims, Alumni Coordinator
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WE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!
Please send your alumni updates to alumni@blanchetcatholicschool.com

TO ALUMNI if this magazine is addressed to a location you no longer maintain as a permanent address, please notify alumni@blanchetcatholicschool.com with your current mailing address.

ALUMNI COORDINATOR

UPCOMING ALUMNI EVENTS

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Young Alumni Panel

Blanchet Catholic School - Time 12:30 p.m. to 1:25 p.m.

Blanchet Catholic School welcomes recent Cavalier graduates to visit the school and speak with our current junior and senior students about their college experiences.

DEC
22

Class of 2008 Ten Year Reunion

The Ram Restaurant & Blanchet Catholic School

Join us for the Class of 2008 Reunion on December 22. Activities include tours of the Blanchet campus at 4:30 p.m. followed by appetizers, drinks and reminiscing at the Ram at 6:00 p.m.

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Alumni Happy Hour

The Ram Restaurant - 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

You are invited to an evening of food, drinks, and connection! Please join us for a Happy Hour at The RAM Restaurant & Brewery in Salem, Oregon. Learn more about our exciting plans to upgrade our facilities and add more opportunities for students. Please RSVP by contacting alumni@blanchetcatholicschool.com



JOIN US FOR A GAME!

- Dec. 11 vs. **Santiam Christian** (Varsity Girls @ 6:00 p.m. / Varsity Boys @ 7:30 p.m.)
- Dec. 18 vs. **Cascade** (Varsity Girls @ 6:00 p.m. / Varsity Boys @ 7:30 p.m.)
- Jan. 11 vs. **Dayton** (Varsity Boys @ 6:00 p.m. / Varsity Girls @ 7:30 p.m.)
- Jan. 18 vs. **Salem Academy** (Varsity Boys @ 6:00 p.m. / Varsity Girls @ 7:30 p.m.)
- Jan. 22 vs. **Amity** (Varsity Boys @ 6:00 p.m. / Varsity Girls @ 7:30 p.m.)
- Jan. 25 vs. **Scio** (Varsity Girls @ 6:00 p.m. / Varsity Boys @ 7:30 p.m.)
- Feb. 01 vs. **Yamhill Carlton** (Varsity Girls @ 6:00 p.m. / Varsity Boys @ 7:30 p.m.)

TRACKING THE CAVALIERS



Alex Binam ('12) graduated from Portland State University in 2016 with a degree in Finance and a minor in Math. During her studies, she fell in love with computer programming. After some contract jobs with Daimler Trucks North America and Nike, she accepted a permanent position with First Tech Federal Credit Union as a Credit Risk Data Specialist. She is currently pursuing a Master's in Data Analytics from Oregon State University.

Over the past four years, Alex has also been a Brazilian jiu-jitsu practitioner. She earned gold at the 2017 IBJJF Seattle Open, gold at the 2017 Sub League Oregon Open, and bronze at the 2018 IBJJF Las Vegas Open.



Kimberly (Hopewell) Knackstedt ('05), was the recipient of the AUCD Gold Star Award. The Gold Star Award is presented to a Capitol Hill staffer who exemplifies a true partnership in crafting strong public policy. This award recognizes the staffer for his/her professional and personal efforts to craft policy and implement programs for people living with disabilities.

Reunion Time!

BLANCHET CATHOLIC - CLASS OF 2008

It's time to celebrate the 10 year reunion for the Class of 2008!

Join your classmates on Saturday **December 22 at 6:00 p.m.** at the Ram Restaurant & Brewery (515 12th St. SE, Salem) for food, drinks, and fun.



Want to visit Blanchet? Swing by before heading to the Ram (4:30 p.m.) for a campus tour to check out all the updates, visit with some faculty and staff, and reminisce.

Questions?

Contact: alumni@blanchetcatholicschool.com

SERRA CATHOLIC - CLASS OF 1969



In search of all Serra Catholic alumni of the last graduating class of 1969. We are beginning some planning for a 50 year reunion. If you are a 1969 grad or know someone that is, please contact Dave Paradis at: dave@doorsteward.com

DID YOU KNOW?



Did you know that Blanchet Catholic School's track and field program has won a total of eleven individual and team state championships and the school doesn't even have a track facility? Student-athletes practice at local area track facilities and on the 100 yard sprint track in the back of the school. Imagine what having a full track and field facility will do for the Cavalier track program.

CAVALIER TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONS

2018 Girls Track & Field Team

2018 Emily Collier (800 Meter Run)

2018 Trinity Phipps (100 Meter Hurdles)

2018 Thomas Smith (Pole Vault)

2017 Trinity Phipps (100 Meter Hurdles)

2017 Leilani Salang (Discus)

2016 Ben Bartch (Discus)

2010 Alanna McCarthy (Triple Jump)

2007 Diana Sanchez (800 Meter Run)



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2018 President's Report

FISCAL YEAR 2017 - 2018

2017-18 Administration & Staff

Bob Weber, President/Principal
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Alex Nanneman, Receptionist/Attendance
Brian Heinze, College Counselor
Filo Ortega, Custodial
Warren Williamson, Custodial
Danielle Wise, Campus Minister

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track & field, school projects, Linn County SAR and the Mt. Jefferson Snowmobile Club's many mountain construction projects with the Forest Service.

When not managing the next new school or other commercial building in the area, Steve enjoys hunting, fishing, and above all snowmobiling with his wife Erica and his three children Garret ('18), Caden ('21), and Wyatt ('27).

Welcome New 2018 Board Chair



Please welcome Blanchet's new Chairman of the Board, Beth Vargas Duncan. Beth has served on the Blanchet Board for 15 years and her two daughters graduated from Blanchet. She also participated as a member of the Administrative Council at Queen of Peace Parish for several years.

Currently Beth is the Regional Director at Oregon Refuse and Recycling Association and advocates for refuse and recycling companies serving the greater Portland metro area. Since 2012, she served as the Executive Director of Oregon Municipal Electric Utilities Association, representing members on state and federal legislative issues. She spent six years as a Program Manager at Oregon Department of Transportation after working for six years as the Franchise and Revenue Program Administrator for the City of Salem. She started her career in Oregon as a lobbyist with the League of Oregon Cities. Being a strong supporter of education, Beth has mentored and supervised MBA and JD student interns throughout her career.

Beth grew up in Oregon, graduated from La Salle High School in Portland, and then earned a Bachelor of Arts (Political Science/Humanities) at Evergreen State College. She completed both her Master of Public Affairs and Juris Doctorate at Southern Illinois University. Beth enjoys travel, theatre, hiking (especially at the beach), spending time with her family, and attending Blanchet activities.

Welcome New 2018 Board Member



Welcome to Blanchet's newest board member. Steve Duch is a Project Manager with Triplett Wellman Contractors, where he has worked for over 18 years. In his tenure at Triplett Wellman, he has been involved in multiple

education and higher education projects throughout the state of Oregon including projects at Chemeketa Community College, Linn-Benton Community College, Washington Elementary (Woodburn) and International School in Portland.

Steve and his family lived in a number of places during his childhood. He comes to Salem by way of Cleveland, OH; Redmond, WA; Cranbrook, BC; Prince George, BC and finally Olympia, WA. Steve graduated from Olympia High School and then earned a Bachelor of Science in Construction Management from Central Washington University.

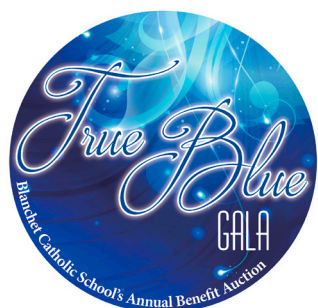
Steve donates his time coaching flag football and

2017-18 DEVELOPMENT REPORT

Major School Fundraisers

We would like to thank the Blanchet Catholic School family for their generous gifts of support to the school, including time and financial support. Blanchet has achieved new heights and continues to soar spiritually and academically. It is through the continued dedication of our school community, friends, alumni, parents, grandparents, and businesses that we are able to provide enhanced academics, smaller class sizes, professional development for our faculty and staff, and tuition assistance to families in need. Below is a brief report on our development activities for the 2017-18 school year.

Annual Benefit Auction ~ True Blue Gala



We are so very thankful for the amazing support we had for our 2017 True Blue Gala annual benefit auction on October 14, 2017. The live auction featured several new items including Dinner with Salem Mayor Chuck

Bennett, a San Juan Island Stay and Whale Watching Trip, and a Burger & Brew summer BBQ! We welcomed back auctioneer Brad Caldwell and emcee-extraordinaire and former Blanchet teacher, Tom Hewitt. Our wonderful



100 adults
volunteered
320 hours



154 students
volunteered
440 hours



244 people
donated items
and/or money



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attended

community stepped up and helped us raise over \$53,000 for tuition assistance and over \$149,000 overall for Blanchet.



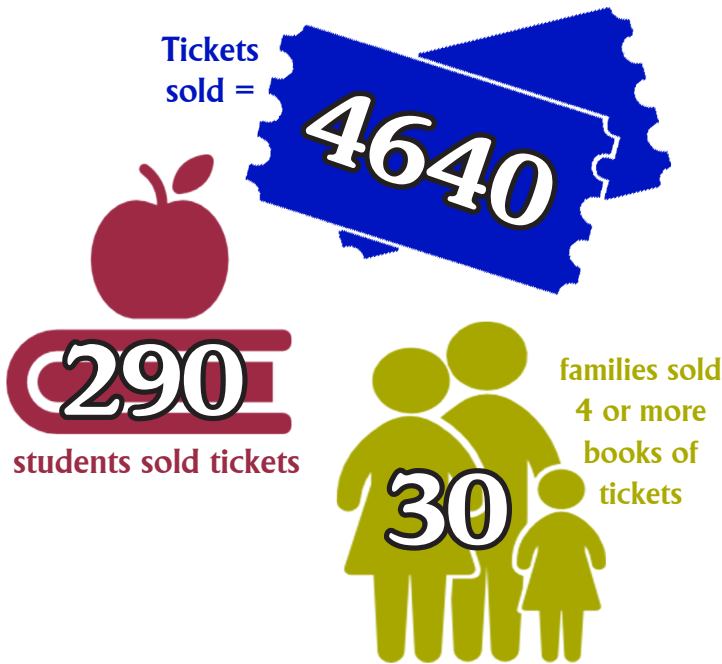
Student Raffle

The theme for the 2017-18 Student Raffle was 'Walk of Fame' and the students raised over \$46,000. We gave away great prizes including a \$500 cash prize, an Apple iWatch, a DJI Spark Mini Drone and much more. We picked the winners at our annual Founders Day Celebration on May 9, 2018. We'd like to thank everyone who supported this fundraiser by sponsoring the raffle or buying a raffle ticket.



2018 STUDENT RAFFLE TOP SELLERS

- 6th Grade: Carson Wise
- 7th Grade: Abby Weber
- 8th Grade: Brady Foster
- 9th Grade: Randy Gilland
- 10th Grade: Shelby Gwyn
- 11th Grade: Shelby Halfman
- 12th Grade: Katie Ruiz



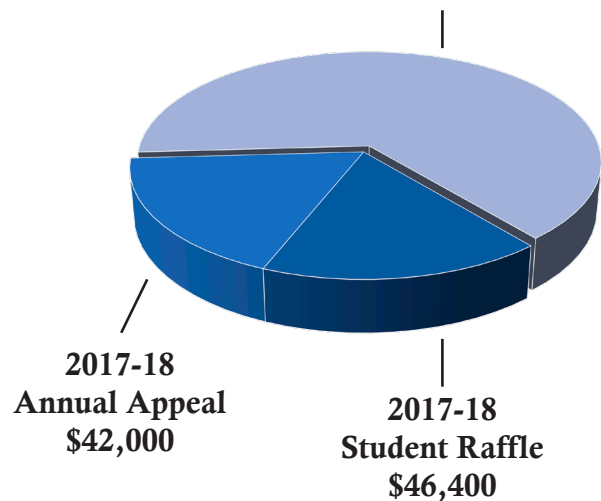
Annual Appeal

The Annual Appeal is the foundation program for giving to Blanchet. The Annual Appeal provides giving from all sources to support school programs and activities. Teacher salaries, tuition assistance, textbooks, technology, and building maintenance are all funded in part by annual giving. Without a robust Annual Appeal, tuition would have to be raised to support these programs; thus the Annual Appeal enables the school to keep tuition at an affordable level for Blanchet families. The goal for the 2017-18 appeal was to raise \$45,000. While we did not meet our goal, we are thankful to have raised over \$42,000 for Blanchet students and programs.

Blanchet Catholic School is blessed to have so many sponsors, donors, staff, faculty, parents and students who continue to support our school and our mission. By courage and faith, we will all ensure that a Blanchet Catholic School education is available for current students and future generations of students as well.



**Auction 2017
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