

*"Built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. In Him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the LORD."
Ephesians 2:20-21*

FUTURE LEADER: CHRISTIAN KAY - NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP SEMI-FINALIST

Christian Kay has been a student of our Billings Catholic Schools since kindergarten. He's now a senior at Central and has just been announced a National Merit Semifinalist. "The whole process has been exciting," said Christian. "I wasn't going into it expecting to become a semi-finalist."

Gaining recognition as a National Merit Semifinalist is a prestigious achievement. To become a semifinalist, test takers must score in the top 1% on the PSAT in their state. The next steps to becoming a finalist include submitting high school transcripts, a letter or letters of recommendation, and a personal essay.

Christian attributes his inspiration to Mr. Fairbanks and Mr. Pierson. Both have written letters of recommendation for him. "They inspire me with their energy and are passionate about what they do," said Christian. "Small class sizes and the dedication of my teachers are reasons why a Catholic education has prepared me for college."

Last year, Christian received the Ann Millikan Memorial Scholarship through the Billings Catholic Schools Foundation. Requirements are that recipients must have a 3.0 GPA and be involved in extra



CHRISTIAN KAY

curricular activities. Involvement is something Christian knows a thing or two about. He is a member of the cross-country team as a team captain, lifeguards in the summer at the Yellowstone Country Club and is a participant in the Montana Science Olympiad.

The generosity of you, our donors ensures that students like Christian, are afforded the opportunity to be a part of the Catholic School community and have access to dedicated teachers, smaller class sizes and faith formation to help shape a well-rounded individual for life after high school.

Christian plans on studying biology & chemistry and is considering the field of pre-med. He has already applied to MSU Bozeman (parents Josh and Katie are alumni) and is also considering applying to Carrol College. He has a younger brother, Caleb who is a 7th grader at St. Francis.

When asked what advice he would give to other students preparing to go to college, Christian replied, "It is important to start looking into schools as early as you can. And lean on your teachers for help".

Good luck, Christian and many blessings to you on your future endeavors! ✚

Welcome to The Cornerstone, your quarterly newsletter from your family at the Billings Catholic Schools and Foundation. In these pages, you will read stories of tremendous students, families, and alumni; school updates and happenings; invitations to events; and of course, ways to continue your support of our schools.

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YOU HELPED THEM CLIMB! INAUGURAL RAMS DAY OF GIVING A SUCCESS!



On Thursday, October 28, you helped our Rams climb the peaks of Faith, Family Spirit, and Academic Excellence. A host of our schools' needs were positively impacted by you, our BCS Family.

Some of those needs included new bleachers on Colton Field for St. Francis. A new course in Anatomy and Physiology is launching with startup materials of simulators, mannequins, and equipment.

Our championship winning volleyball team is equipping themselves with new up-to-date gear. The drama students will be performing their plays underneath new lights and a movable stage.

Our top 3 projects with the most donors received \$3,000, \$2,000, and \$1,000 towards their project.

Thank you for making the inaugural Rams Giving Day a huge success! ✚



YOUR BEST INVESTMENT

As I speak with current and former parents of our Billings Catholic Schools, I'll ask, "What is your best investment?" Honestly, I'm usually looking for a good stock tip! However, the answer is always a bit more high-minded than my feeble attempts in the market.

The best investment our parents make: their kids' formation at Billings Catholic Schools. Parents I speak with usually talk about how their kids received so much from our schools; whether in the form of college scholarships, realizing their career aspirations, or becoming a person of faith and virtue. It was an investment well made.

But there is another truth to this matter; while these parents invest in their kids, Billings Catholic Schools needs investment too. As you think about your donations this most giving time of year, consider your gift an investment. It's an investment that returns human capital, pays dividends for our community, and its time horizon is generations!

There are so many ways to invest in your Billings Catholic Schools. Of course, one of your best investments is our perpetual endowment, the Billings Area Catholic Education Trust (BACET) - an investment for both now and forever.

Even better, a planned gift to the endowment qualifies you for the Montana Endowment Tax Credit – a investment in you! This tax credit is significantly better than your average charitable deduction.

Don't know about these "planned gifts"? Not to worry, that's why I'm here. Give me a call, and we'll talk it through!

During this giving season, don't just make a gift, make an investment in your Billings Catholic Schools! The return is worth it!

In Thanksgiving of you! ✚

Adam Liberty



FAITH • FAMILY SPIRIT • ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

MEET THE MAYFAIR CHAIRS OF 2022

Meet Jim and Christine Harris – your next Mayfair Chairs of 2022. They love their Billings Catholic Schools. Whether helping the kindergartners during the lunch hour or attending the big games, Jim and Christine are usually somewhere to be found around our schools.

As parents, they’ve lived the changes our schools. The older children, Libby and Zach,



attended St. Francis Primary, Intermediate, and Upper Schools, to now their younger children, Jill and Jonah, experiencing the new St. Francis Catholic School.

As supporters, their generosity speaks volumes. They’ve purchased their fair share of Mayfair auction items. When asked if they’ve used all those items they’ve bought over the years, Jim responded with a laugh, “It’s all for the cause!”

Beyond Mayfair, Jim and Christine were dedicated to the building the new school, believing its transformation of our system.

With such a history in our Catholic Schools, it was natural to ask Jim and Christine to host Mayfair 2022. They know the responsibility and importance of Mayfair to our schools. “It is an honor to be asked,” says Christine, “but it’s not about us, it takes our whole BCS family to pull off Mayfair every year – we’re happy to be a part!”

The duty does not fall on the Harris’ alone. Sharing the load are their co-chairs, Alicia and Quinn Donovan. The Donovan’s are just beginning their legacy with our Catholic schools, as their son Bentley attends first grade this year. They have jumped head-first into volunteering and supporting our schools.

The Harris’ and the Donovan’s invite you to Mayfair 2022.



Save the date now for Saturday, May 7. They look forward to showing you their vision and seeing you in person! ✚

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YOU'RE INVITED!

THE BILLINGS CATHOLIC SCHOOLS AND FOUNDATION INVITE YOU TO SOME EXCITING UPCOMING EVENTS! IT HAS BEEN LONG TIME SINCE OUR BCS FAMILY HAS SEEN EACH OTHER, AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!

November 17

Ladies Luncheon – To the Ladies of our Billings Catholic Schools Family, join us at the Yellowstone Country Club from 11:30 to 1:30 for a light luncheon and champagne. Enjoy the company your fellow BCS family, and see a program of what our Catholic Schools has meant to our students.

November 17

Men's Happy Hour – To the Fellows of our Billings Catholic Schools Family, join us at the Yellowstone County Club from 4:30 to 6:30 for happy hour drinks and light hors d'oeuvres, and see a program of our Catholic School students.

December 30

Young Alumni Gathering – To the Billings Central Alumni 40 and Under, gather your best friends and classmates and head down to the Last Chance Cider Mill at 7:00 pm for a drink on us.

**These above events are participant-limited to ensure the safety of all in the venue provided.*

RSVP at billingscatholicschoolsfoundation.org

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events*:

upcoming

Nov 17	Ladies Luncheon
Nov 17	Men's Happy Hour
Nov 24-26	Thanksgiving Break
Dec 30	Young Alumni Gathering
Dec 22-31	Christmas Break

*Events are subject to change. If you're signed up, check your email for the most current information; or sign up for email updates today!

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