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## On the front cover

The tradition continued -- but just on a different day this year -- as seniors covered the Hill with toilet paper before students from all four grades arrived to campus on Aug. 16. Members of the Class of 2022 gathered for a picnic before they threw rolls and rolls of paper into the trees.

Photo by Jonas Hollis.

## On the back cover

Religion teacher Mr. Matt Cannaday, with Fr. Jeff Godecker looking on, leads the school in song during the first all-school Mass of the semester. The school's Holy Cross values were reinforced with Mass on the football practice field.

Photo by Kylee Lucas.

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# Big fines

Driver education instructor discusses the importance of not texting and driving as a new law takes full effect.

BY LIAM EIFERT



After school on Aug. 25, social studies teacher Mr. Eric Bruns directs traffic in the circle. Drivers who use a handheld device while on the road now could face fines as much as \$500.

Photo by Liam Eifert.

A law that went into effect on July 1 increases the fines for using a handheld phone while driving, yet that hasn't kept some drivers from doing so.

Science teacher and driver education teacher Mr. Dustin Land said, "As a driving instructor I've been observing other drivers and there's still a lot of texting and driving." Although it has somewhat changed in character, hands-free devices are often used by drivers to comply with the law. "It's still distracted driving," Land said. "There's still a lot of it out there that I think the tickets could go up even higher if we really want to send a message."

The current law allows police to give out tickets that result in a fine of up to \$500.

Land did concede that the new laws had made a difference. He said, "There are definitely more and more people being

more aware and doing their best to keep their phone out of the way and lessen the distraction."

Land underscored the danger of distracted driving. He said, "Distracted driving causes probably, above 80 percent of our wrecks right now. That's what's causing most of our wrecks, especially on 56th Street — people not paying attention, driving over the speed limit, and then they've got their phone out. And you get rear endings all the time on 56th Street because people aren't paying attention, and they're on their phone."

Once again Land said he was skeptical of hands-free phone devices. He said, "Now you see people video calling. They've got their hands-free device, but they're video calling and they're staring straight at the person they're video calling. Did it help or did it make some things easier?"

Land admitted that hands-free devices do have positive uses for navigation. He said he prefers being able to see a map to listening to directions, but said that drivers must be careful only to glance at their phone and keep their attention for the road. For beginning drivers, Land said, "For the first one and a half to two years of driving, just keep (the phone) away. You don't need it. Text somebody and let your mom know, 'I'm leaving Kroger now' and put it away until you get home."

As his advice to new young drivers, Land said, "Stay focused on the road, put your phone away, reduce distractions as much as possible. Stay safe out there. Everyone just wants to make it from point A to point B, so let's do it safely."

*Editor's note: Reporter Given James Lee also contributed to this story.*



# Cybersecurity

Technology department works to protect school from persistent hackers and malware.

BY MADDIE TAYLOR



In the library on Aug. 27, senior Nick Bozzelli-Levine completes an assignment on his iPad.  
Photo by Maddie Taylor.

As the school year kicks off and students once again breathe in the distinct smell of school hallways, there is lots of buzz in the air, with plenty of things to discuss and activities to attend to. Throughout all of the hustle and bustle, the behind-the-scenes effort put into making a successful day-to-day school year can often be forgotten.

One such effort is the cybersecurity involved with going to school. After a year in which some students never stepped foot on the Hill due to virtual learning, the cyber layout of the school has had to adapt to ensure safety and efficiency for both the students and staff.

The technology department is in charge of making sure all of the iPads, mechanics, machinery and computers in the school are running smoothly and effectively.

One of the department's main jobs is to keep the school safe from cybersecurity

threats. Director of technology Mr. Brian Haselby said, "We have a firewall that protects the school's network. We also have a dark web scanner that is turned on, and we also implement anti-virus software on all of our staff computers."

However, having the technology department available for aid isn't the only safety net students can have in place. Another way for students to protect themselves from cybersecurity risks is by updating and changing their passwords to their accounts and websites they frequently use. A great way to do so is by changing passwords annually. Physics teacher Mr. Jimmy Miller said, "Everyone update your passwords" Having refreshed passwords is an important method to keeping accounts safe and difficult to hack.

If an account is ever hacked, Chief Operating Officer Mr. Rolly Landeros said, "Reach out if (you) ever feel (your) passwords have been compromised or that

there has been a breach."

With the Covid-19 pandemic complicating numerous aspects of life, it has also brought changes to cybersecurity. The technology department's resources were stretched thin during virtual learning due to an increased difficulty in assisting remote students. However, Landeros said, "The technology team was able to address students' issues as long as students reached out."

The cyber responsibilities of students became even more important at home. Students had to monitor their emails and maintain security on school accounts because these online forums were their access to education. Landeros said he is proud of the ways in which the technology team adapted to the unpredictable changes of the pandemic.

Recent cyber attacks have inflicted chaos across the world. The attacks have also impacted the construction of the new Innovation Center. They have made it more of a challenge on the contractors to complete the project on time. The building was originally supposed to be done for the beginning of this school year, but the grand opening has been postponed to Sept. 13. Landeros said, "Envoy (Construction) has done an exceptional job of navigating those challenges and reaching out to other suppliers when needed."

As cyberattacks have impacted the school, students and staff should remain vigilant of their cybersecurity. Everyone should maintain complex passwords to have secure accounts, and they should look out for any spam fishing or intrusions. Haselby said, "I'm always nervous that there could be a risk. We talk about it all the time. I think that what we have in place is a good guard and we are always looking to see if we could do it better."

*Editor's note: Reporter Daniel Kent contributed to this story.*



# No more ISTEP

Standardized tests have been required for high schoolers and the admissions process for colleges, but changes are in the works.

BY CAROLINE SCHILLING

The SAT is known by many as a necessity for many if not most college applications. But as of this year, the SAT will replace ISTEP, starting with the Class of 2023 and beyond.

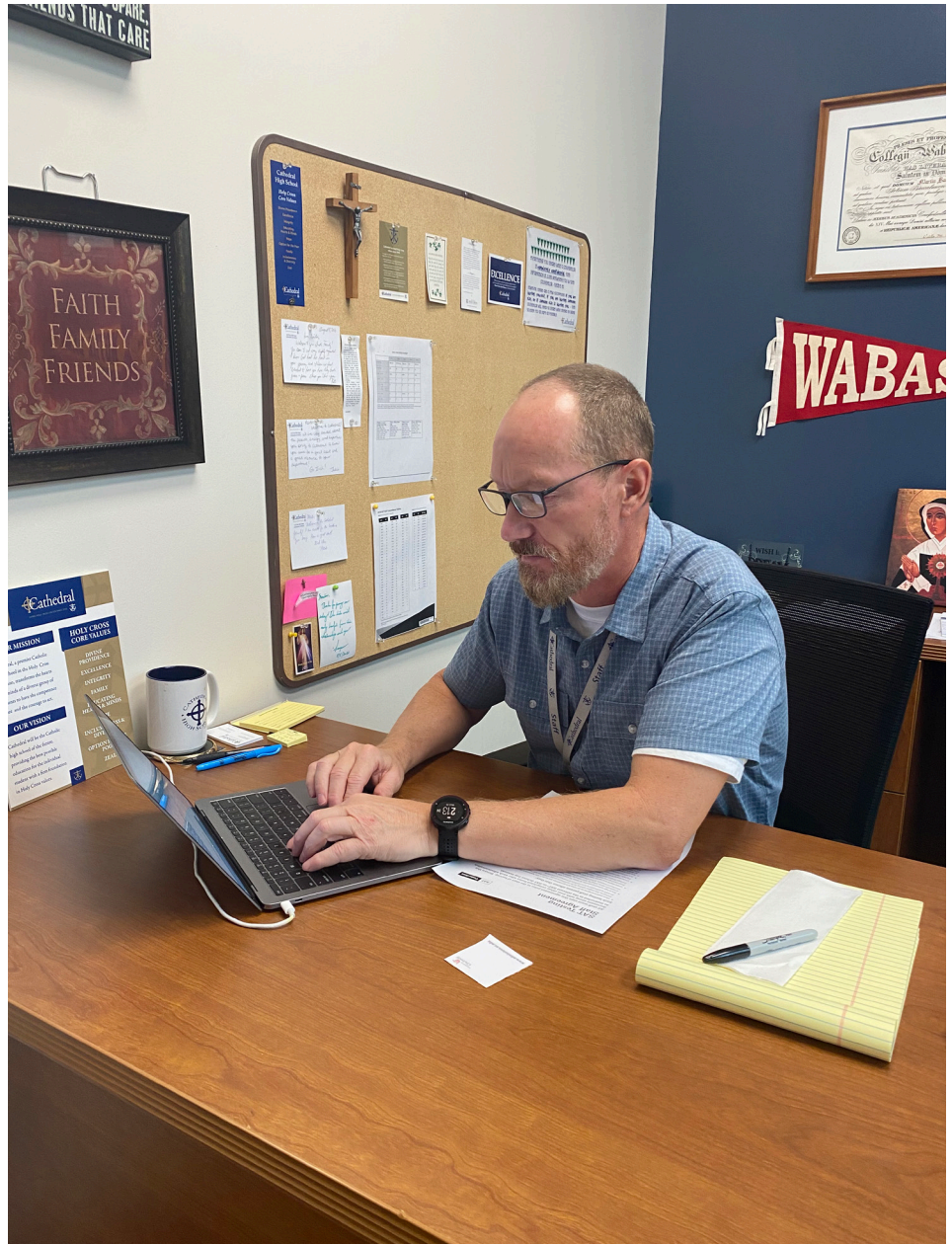
School counselor Mr. Martin Kirkwood said, "(The SAT) is replacing the ISTEP test that students have taken in the past in the state of Indiana. The ISTEP test was the test used for the graduation qualifying exam and has changed various times over the years."

This switch from the ISTEP to the SAT will result in an SAT day on campus similar to the PSAT day that is built into the school year. The current juniors will take the SAT in place of ISTEP. Kirkwood describes this test as a way to be what he called "college ready." He said, "By having the test administered at school, it will save students from the \$55 registration cost, and it will give more students the opportunity to take the SAT. This could potentially encourage more students to consider going to college."

Covid-19 has also made an impact on this test and others, such as the ACT. Some schools that offer this test did not feel comfortable with allowing other students to take the SAT during the pandemic. This led to students to feel uncertain about their score. Kirkwood said he thinks that since there will be a day to take the test on campus, students could perform better because they are used to these surroundings.

The SAT consists of reading, writing and math. A way for students to prepare for this test is by taking the PSAT. The school offers this as a day built into the school year for sophomores and juniors. The SAT has previously been known as what he termed an "indicator for college admission," Kirkwood said.

He stresses all tests are important. But this test is especially important, as provides information for college admissions.



Martin Kirkwood reviewing SAT guidelines during E period on Aug 25.  
Photo by Caroline Schilling.

Kirkwood said, "I encourage students to give their best effort and utilize the materials they are given. All tests are important, and I would encourage all students to give their best effort. We (as teachers and counselors) will

provide lots of opportunities to learn how to prepare and succeed on standardized tests, especially the SAT."

*Editor's note: Reporters Lilly Art and Karstyn Ward contributed to this story.*

# A great start

Despite Covid challenges, principal notes many positives to the start of the new school year.

BY ASHLYNN BAKEMEYER AND MEG HASCH

After last year's various Covid-related limitations, from one-way hallways and construction zones to masks and social distancing, the Hill is ready to shift back into normalcy, while also embracing new features.

"I think it's been a great start," said Principal Mrs. Julie Barthel during a presser with the newspaper staff during the first full week of the school year. "I was pretty nervous with the Covid numbers at the end of the summer. I thought we may have to go back to a lot more restrictions, but I was glad we were able to make our own decisions here."

One of the additions to the Hill includes the new dining hall. "We have a new cafeteria, which is a blessing, but trying to figure out schedules, making sure we balanced it and having enough food was difficult," said Barthel. While the new dining area is complete, there is still construction taking place in the Innovation Center, including the classrooms. Barthel said, "Right now we're using the Baker boardroom as a classroom, that won't need to happen once the new classrooms open up."

Other features of the completed construction of the Innovation Center include "outdoor furniture for outside the cafeteria, benches that will go against the window, high top tables and three fire pits," said Barthel.

The goal for the definite completion of construction is Sept. 13, Cathedral's birthday. "We're going to have a huge celebration for that. Everything will be done by then, including the grass in the courtyard," the principal said.

Barthel was able to confirm one rumor going around involving a coffee shop on campus that will allow students to never have to worry about forgetting their coffee at home. "In a year we hope to have a student-run coffee shop in the (Shiel Student Life Center)," Barthel said. The entrepreneurship and three sectors

classes worked together to come up with business plans for the student-run coffee shop last year, and Barthel added that she hopes classes can coordinate more projects together. "How can we use other classes here to support each other?" Barthel proposed.

In addition to classes working with each other, Barthel said she hopes students will be able to support one another as well. This year service hours are going to be more attainable by encouraging students to focus more on using their God-given gifts to do good, rather than just doing whatever possible to get service hours completed.

Barthel said, "My biggest hope is always that Cathedral High School students are known for using their gifts and talents to help others, whether we're helping our school, helping our city or helping the world get better. I want to have more opportunities, as far as the administration goal, to do that in class. You're going to hear more teachers in your classes talk about service learning. Service is where you do more service outside of the school. I would like more service opportunities built in the classroom, so it matches what you're already doing in the curriculum and it's also serving others.

"For example, a Spanish class could translate a newsletter for a local elementary school. They were already going to be working on Spanish skills, but now they're using those skills to help someone else," Barthel said.

For the underclassmen, Barthel said that one of the key philosophies school administrators are trying to spread is "did you touch somebody with service today?" Barthel said that by following this example, service will become a more natural way of student life, rather than just another item to cross off the to-do list.

After the pandemic forced the school to close campus last year, Barthel stated the importance of staying open and in

school. "My Number-1 job is for us to stay in school. We always have to monitor the numbers and what's going on outside the school to see its impact," Barthel said. Unlike last year when schools were required to look at the rising Covid-19 numbers of the entire state, Barthel said, "We're looking at our school's (Covid-19) numbers, which is different than last year. (The state) is letting schools look at their individual numbers."

In case of an instance when the Covid-19 numbers affecting students and teachers on campus start to rise, Barthel said, "We're ready with all those things we had in place last year. If we need to eat in classrooms again, if we need to do one-way hallways, all those things would not be great, but if they keep us in school, then we will do that."

Although the campus is currently open and mask optional this school year, Barthel said, "We want you guys all to bring a mask in your backpacks in case we need to gather in the gym, maybe for an assembly or for Mass when we can't go outside. We're going to wear masks for that. That will be 1,400 people closer than three feet for more than 15 minutes."

Additionally, the school is not requiring students or teachers to get the Covid-19 vaccine. "We're a school. We educate kids. We want to keep you safe, but that's such a personal decision with families for their own health," Barthel said about the decision not to mandate the vaccine.

Barthel also wants to give all students an opportunity to make decisions. In previous years, freshmen had certain restrictions such as eating lunch only in the cafeteria. But Barthel stated that those restrictions would not be enforced from now on. "My philosophy is that I like to give everybody a chance—including freshmen—to make good choices," said Barthel.

All students will have an important choice to make in October. The new J-term will be implemented at the beginning of the sec-





Principal Mrs. Julie Barthel participated in a presser with the newspaper staff on Aug. 20 during E period in Loretto 2214. Barthel outlined her goals for the school year and previewed J-term, which will take place in January.  
Photo by Izzy Marasco.

ond semester. Barthel said, "In October, once we get the list of what the teachers want to offer, you're going to have a preview day. You will choose three things and you're going to be in the classroom a couple hours for each of the three things you chose." After the preview day, students will choose one of the three classes that they enjoyed the most. Then students will spend what the principal called "two weeks immersed in that class."

Barthel explained the purpose of J-term, saying, "It is an opportunity for students to explore something that they don't have time to fit into their normal schedule. It's also an opportunity for teachers to branch out and teach something they haven't taught before. It can expose you to something that you've never tried or something that you love and want to go

deeper into it and you don't normally have time to. It's limitless."

One of the factors that led the administrators to incorporate the J-term was the fact that "kids are motivated — and adults — by choice," Barthel said. To correlate with the emphasis the school places on service, Barthel said that "every J-term class will have service opportunities."

A majority of J-term classes will not count toward a student's GPA. But Barthel said that it is a possibility that some courses will work with colleges to provide credit options, in which case, the GPA will be affected.

Barthel said that AP class schedules will not be heavily altered by the J-term

schedule. "Sometimes stopping to take a break might be nice," said Barthel, and added that some teachers may offer help during the evening or office hours. "It's not always about the number of minutes in a class, but what you do with those minutes," Barthel said.

Barthel said that because of the novelty surrounding J-term will cause trial and error, but all in all she said, "I'm super excited about it."

The school has been faced with countless challenges in recent years, but Barthel said she could not be happier with how the students and teachers are handling the constant changes. Barthel said, "Cathedral is a special place. I'm very proud to be the principal, I'm proud of our teachers and I'm proud of our students."

# Still undefeated

Varsity football team opens its season with two wins, will host Penn on Sept. 3 in the Irish's home opener.

BY WILL MAYER

The Fighting Irish defeated the Bulldogs of Brownsburg on Friday, Aug. 27 with a final score of 20-7 to make their record 2-0 on the season. The Irish have played two 6A powerhouse teams and plan to defeat another good football team on Sept. 3.

Head Football Coach Mr. Bill Peebles '88 gives an inside look on the Irish and how they hope to keep the undefeated streak alive.

Peebles, immediately after the Brownsburg game, said, "We've played both of our first two opponents this year at a time where they were ranked top five in the state. Westfield was number two in the state and Brownsburg was number three in the state. We play the number one team in the state, Center Grove, week nine.

"We came out of this game 2-0 with the defense playing great. I think our special teams took a big step in the right direction. I think the offense is still a work in progress and we're going to get better. It's something we're really going to have to focus on. But to be 2-0 against the number two and three teams in 6A is a big deal, and I think we're very happy with where we're at."

Establishing an identity on the offensive side of the ball has been an issue for the Irish all year, according to Peebles. The offense is right on the cuff of making the big plays on a consistent basis. They have been the missing piece to the puzzle for this football team. Peebles said, "There are a lot of things that go into (completing passes). Protection, quarterback operation time, quarterback reads, and receivers hanging onto the ball. All of those things go into making those plays on a consistent basis."

Out of all those dropped balls by Irish receivers against the Bulldogs, one-off those passes, however, was caught by junior wide receiver, Jaron Tibbs, for an 80 yard passing touchdown on the Irish's



The names of all the seniors on the varsity football team are displayed on the Hill. The football team hosts Penn on Sept. 3.

Photo by Macy Llewellyn.

first offensive play from scrimmage.

Peebles, making his preparations for the Kingsmen of Penn, said, "I think every week, instead of worrying about them, we need to worry about us. We've got to be sure we're doing things the right way. Penn is a big powerhouse. They've won multiple state championship games. They've been in a lot of state championship games. But they are 0-2 this year so they might be a little bit down. We just have to worry about us and get better.

Things we need to take away: number one; we have to eliminate stupid penalties. There were multiple "plays" that extended drives for Brownsburg because our defense made some dumb penalties. We had multiple drives, especially in the second half, where our offense ended drives because of penalties. So we have to make sure we're cleaning things up and getting better, ourselves. We can't get caught up in our record. We can't get caught up in anything except for the fact that we have to get better every single week."

The common mistakes that kept the Irish from scoring more against Brownsburg were penalties. Peebles said, "We're going to be doing 96 up-downs this week." Those being for the 96 penalty yards that the Irish had against Brownsburg.

Peebles said, "Our kids just have to be more cognizant of what's going on. We had a very good officiating crew against Brownsburg. Every officiating crew makes mistakes, but, if you set the tone that you're going to be the 'dumb team,' you're going to get more penalties. Last night, we set the tone that we were going to be the 'dumb team.'"

The offensive holding penalty was the most called penalty for the Irish.

On the other hand, the Irish defense had another phenomenal outing against Brownsburg. They have continued to look strong throughout the young season. Jeff Utzinger and Bryce Llewellyn both came up with one interception. Utzinger and Jack Goheen also blocked a Brownsburg punt in the Irish red zone which allowed Dom Siebal to pick up the ball for a scoop and score.

Peebles, recapping the moments before the play, said, "Here's a good story. We were struggling offensively and there was a timeout. We went into the huddle and Coach Barth and I were talking to the defense right before the punt. I told the defense, 'if we get a block here, this wins the game' and Jeff Utzinger goes, 'Coach, I'm gonna get to it and I'm gonna get it.' And he went in and got it. It was pretty impressive and really cool."



# Student passes

Athletics director notes advantages of Eventlink, all-new electronic ticketing system.

BY NICHOLAS RODECAP



The desk of Athletic Director Mr. Rick Streiff, which serves as the hub for everything related to EventLink. With the system being all-electronic, QR codes will serve as the primary method of entry in place of physical tickets.

Photo by Nicholas Rodecap.

The Covid-19 pandemic changed many aspects of high school athletics in 2020. Attendance limits, a ban on post-game handshakes, masks and entire seasons being canceled were perhaps the most obvious results.

Even with all these deviations from the norm, the most evident remnant of last season is the transition from paper to electronic ticketing. The push for centralization and logistical streamlining would lead Athletics Director Mr. Rick Streiff and the athletics department to switch to an all-electronic ticketing system before the 2020 athletic season. "We had been talking about it for two years," Streiff said. "We finally got kicked to the curb and we had to do it."

With the dawn of contactless technology that was prompted by the pandemic, Streiff said the school had no other option. This year will look different than last year, however. The fall season marks the introduction of Eventlink, an online ticketing service that centralizes scheduling information, updates and perhaps most importantly, ticket distribution.

Convenience was one factor that played a big role in the decision to use Eventlink. "It's a cleaner system," Streiff said. If a game gets moved to a different location, sending out that information and rolling over the tickets to the new location can all be done automatically, rather than manually, as was the case in years past.

Streiff said, given the fact that this is a new system for the athletics program and fans alike, there will be bumps along the way. "Once we get going, it will get easier," Streiff said. As more people begin utilizing the Eventlink mobile app, the difficulties will subside, he said.

Students, parents and fans will all use the Eventlink mobile app to purchase tickets for home athletic events. For students wishing to attend home games, a season pass will be required. To set up the season pass, students will need to visit [gocathedral.com/eventlink](http://gocathedral.com/eventlink) to first create their account using their student email address. Once the account has been created, the season pass will be added to it via the mobile app. Streiff said, "Getting the app set up (on a mobile device) makes loading the

pass on the account much easier."

Given that each school handles ticketing for their respective events, the season pass is good only for the school's home games. For away games, ticket links will still be needed. These links can be found at [gocathedral.com/athletics](http://gocathedral.com/athletics). Once there, navigating to an individual team's page will display away tickets available for purchase. All tickets to home games will be available through Eventlink.

The advantages of using Eventlink are numerous: Tickets can be purchased well in advance, everything is more convenient and organized and fees are lower, meaning that fans will not be spending as much money on tickets. Compared to the previous ticketing system, which could be fragmented and complicated for fans at times, Eventlink is streamlined and much cleaner.

To start supporting the school's teams at home events throughout the year, fans should go to the app store or Google Play Store to download the Eventlink mobile app and create an account.

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# Fall sports preview

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## Women's golf

The women's golf team has been practicing and competing together since the beginning of summer this past June. The largest team in school history at 25 members features a competitive varsity squad (Gold), competitive JV (navy), and a skill building extended JV (green) for this year's campaign.

Senior Olivia Schilder, sophomore Tillie Browning and junior Allison Haug return with postseason experience to lead the Irish through a challenging schedule. The other 22 members of the team are playing their first competitive golf of their high school careers this season. A full offering of matches has been added to the Irish schedule.

Upcoming: Senior Night to honor Olivia Schilder, Savannah Leaman and Hadley Sams will occur on Sept. 7 as the Irish and Bishop Chatard will compete at Maple Creek Country Club. The Irish will take part in the Noblesville Invitational at Harbor Trees Golf and Beach Club on Sept. 11 and host the annual City Alliance Tournament at South Grove on Sept. 13. Sept. 20 will begin postseason play as the Irish will host Sectional 15 at Maple Creek Country Club.

Team goals: According to Head Coach Mr. Ryan Brammer, "Our team goal is to survive and advance this post-season beginning with Sectional. The team is doing the small things while at Maple Creek to be able to use the home course and layout to their advantage. Disciplined and accurate play is needed at Maple Creek and all of our efforts towards that will help us meet our goal. Advancing to Regional is our top goal this season. The experience we hope to gain in the month of September will get us to that goal."

From Coach Brammer: "This is the largest and youngest girls golf team I have coached in 21 years. However, it has the most potential of all of them. We cannot wait to see how the rest of the season

and postseason unfolds as our players earn and gain more valuable experience.

## Women's cross-country

The women's cross country team has had one meet so far this season as of Aug. 27, the Plainfield Hokum Karam Race. Both the Varsity and JV team ran well, and the varsity scored fourth place out of 14 teams.

There have been many standout performances individually so far this season, including strong varsity races by sophomore Lucy Marquart, junior Nicole Mayo and senior Reese Sanders. Junior Brooke Wojcieszek took first place in the JV race, and freshmen Ellie Barnes and Izzy Lyons showed great potential.

Upcoming: On Sept. 4, the team will compete at the Terre Haute State Preview Meet at 9 a.m.

Team goals: According to Head Coach Ms. Allie Griffith, "We have set the goal of trying to stay injury free and rotating our varsity runners weekly for optimal success and recovery that has been great so far. We are hoping to advance farther this year in the postseason. More than anything, our hope is that both our new and veteran runners improve their PR and strive each meet to get a little better than the last."

From Coach Griffith: "Our juniors and seniors have set an incredible tone this year of both team and self accountability in trying to reach our running goals. The culture has been positive and resilient and we can't wait to keep developing as strong runners and young women."

## Men's cross-country

The men's cross-country team began conditioning in June and ran in their first meet on Aug. 21 at the Plainfield Relays. The team has 30 runners this season, with senior Jack Wajda and junior Liam Eifert leading the varsity team in vie-kilometer race times. At the Plainfield

Relays last week, Wajda and Eifert running as a pair placed second overall.

Runners from the Class of 2022 include Cole Brewer, Nolan Clark, Sean Delaney, Carson Hruskoci, Jacob Leon Wajda. At meets, seven to 12 runners will run varsity, and the remainder of the runners will run in a junior varsity, open or grade-level race, depending on the meet, according to Assistant Coach Mr. Elliot Gray.

Upcoming: The Irish cross country team will run a total of seven meets during the season, followed by potentially four post-season meets. The Irish run every Saturday morning until the end of October. Notable upcoming races include the State Preview in Terre Haute on Sept. 4, all-Catholic on Sept. 11 at Guerin Catholic and the City meet on Oct. 2. The State meet is scheduled for Oct. 30 at the LaVerne Gibson Championship Course in Terre Haute.

Team goals: From Head Coach Jason Moyars: "I am excited for the cross-country season. The runners have put in lots of effort so far. We have lofty goals. The main ones are to win City and all-Catholic as a team. I would like the team to make a deep run in the tournament with hopefully an appearance as a team in the State Finals."

From Assistant Coach Gray: "Our runners have goal times that they know they need to hit in order to be competitive throughout the season and going into the tournament. If our runners can meet those goals, by pushing each other to get faster, we can reach our ultimate team goal: to make it to the State Finals as a team."

## Women's soccer

The women's soccer team entered the season ranked fourth in the state in Class 2A. The team opened the season with a loss to Noblesville 5-0 on Aug. 14, but bounced back with a win against Tri-West 2-1 on Aug. 19. As of Aug. 28,



the team is 1-1-3.

Key contributors so far this season include freshman Abby Beasley, who has scored multiple key goals for the Irish. Sophomores Catherine Cline and Libby Lewis as well as senior Anna Spellacy have also been important contributors.

Upcoming: The Irish will play their next home game on Sept. 4 against West Lafayette Harrison at Lawrence Park at 5 p.m. Senior Night will be held on Sept. 11 at Lawrence Park, where the team will take on Westfield at 7 p.m.

Team goals: According to Head Coach Mr. Marc Behringer '84, "Our success is measured by how well we become family to each other while striving for individual and team excellence exemplified by the highest level of integrity. The ladies look to repeat as City champions and return to the state final with the ultimate goal of winning the championship."

From Coach Behringer: "The soccer team seeks to positively represent each member of our school community in everything that we do."

## Women's volleyball

The women's volleyball team has had a hot start to the season. The Irish traveled to Crown Point for a tournament on Aug. 14 and finished 3-1 against tough competition. On Aug. 18, the Irish picked up a win against Brownsburg in four sets and on Aug. 24, they beat Center Grove in five sets. As of Aug. 26, the team is 6-3.

Individually, the team is led by senior Katie Bremer and junior Mallory Dills, who have both been nominated for player of the week by IndyStar. On Aug. 21 against Louisville (Kentucky) Assumption, Dills recorded her 1,000th career assist as the Irish lost in three sets.

Upcoming: A matchup with Roncalli is



The women's cross-country team will run in the State meet preview on Sept. 4.  
Photo by Madison Gatto.

set for Aug. 31 at Roncalli, with varsity playing at 7 p.m. and JV and freshmen playing at 5 p.m. The game versus Bishop Chatard on Sept. 7 at Cathedral at 7 p.m. will be Alumni Night as well as faculty and staff appreciation night. The Irish face off against Carmel on Sept. 28 at 7 p.m. at Cathedral for Senior Night.

Team goals: According to Head Coach Mrs. Mary Hemer '09, "The team has set several performance goals. These are statistical goals based on our serve receive pass rating, hitting efficiency percentage, and holding our opponents to below a specific pass rating. The team has also discussed and set goals on specific opponents they want to work towards beating, as well as outcome goals for the city tournament and the end of the season state tournament. Our team will continue to work towards our statistical performance goals.

"They are in effect for every match we play. We also have several tough teams

coming up that our varsity field are excited and ready to match up against, like Roncalli, HSE, Westfield, Brebeuf (Jesuit), Yorktown and Carmel. We are also excited for the City tournament, which we lost in the finals last year, and the State tournament at the end of the season."

From Coach Hemer: "This team is incredibly fun to watch and be a part of. All of our girls just want to compete and win, and they do so in a fierce and passionate way. It's always a full team effort, whether they are on the court or not. These girls support and love each other, which is a truly special situation."

*The coaches of the following sports did not reply to a Megaphone reporter's request for information: Men's soccer and men's tennis; a separate story about varsity football appears on Page x.*

# Our opinion

Kudos to all involved as the new Innovation Center welcomes students.

For returning sophomores, juniors and seniors, the first day of school unveiled a campus that is vastly different from the one that returning students have been used to. The new Innovation Center, the product of years of planning and the financial support of generous donors, along with around two years of challenging construction, has changed the Hill for the better for current and future students.

While few students remember a time before the construction, the upgraded addition to Kelly Hall features many new classrooms, labs, a spirit shop and a dining hall, all of which are sure to be valued additions to the building.

Thanks to the generous support of the Cathedral family and the hard work of construction crews along with all those who were involved in the planning and made the day to day work happen (Mr. Landeros comes to mind), the Innovation Center is an idea turned into fruition that will benefit students for years to come.

One of the blessings in disguise that was brought about by the pandemic was the ability for work to start on the construction site during the spring of 2020, as students and faculty were off campus, and it made transportation and building easier and more efficient for the team working. The progress over the past two summers has been invaluable thanks to a less crowded campus. With the return of students to start this school year, workers continue their jobs throughout the day.

Even though the courtyard between Loretto and Kelly has not yet returned to its former glory, newly constructed walkways have enabled students to make the trips across the courtyard to Loretto and the A.K. Shiel Student Life Center, unlike last school year in which students were forced to traverse through the parking lot or the doors on the east wing of Kelly Hall. After the final details of the construction process are finalized, the courtyard will once again become an open area for students to rest, socialize or quietly get homework completed throughout the day.

As for the Innovation Center itself, not only does the cutting edge and modern design mesh well with the rest of the building, it provides a space with a variety of functions for students. The top two floors of the building are havens for study lounges and common areas along with many different classrooms that include flexible seating and learning environments. With the lowest floor featuring an updated din-

ing hall, students will have the opportunity to eat their lunch in a large room with everything from comfy booths to better lunch features, as well as a large video board. Students now have a well-lit eating area in the center of campus.

The recently implemented shining star (quite literally) of the Innovation Center is a back-lit, stained glass mural. The mural, a work commissioned by Indiana artist Mr. Carl Leck, captures the school's motto "Ipsa Duce Non Fatigaris," which is Latin for, "With Her Leading, We Shall Not Tire." What better way to depict the school's motto than having the Blessed Mother's arms stretched open wide over campus, as she watches over and leads her students.

Not only does the Innovation Center have value with the many different outlets it offers students, but the new building furthermore represents the important ideals that Cathedral is built on. Respecting the history of the campus, the establishment blends well in connection with Kelly Hall as well as with the older buildings of Loretto and the Cunningham Fine Arts Center. But it also has modern flair and design that points to Cathedral being a beacon of progress, advancement and leadership in Central Indiana.

The center is also a representation of the Holy Cross core value of excellence that Cathedral calls its students to strive for. The building will allow students to better themselves as high schoolers and young adults, preparing for the world they will enter once their time on the Hill is complete.

The ever-present idea of family at Cathedral is a large one as well. And the Innovation Center, built through the hard earned money of the Cathedral Family, hopes to honor the valued donations made and remind students of the Irish family that Cathedral is impacted by.

The Innovation Center's process over the past two years has been one with high expectations, and they have all been met thanks to the generosity of donors, perseverance of construction teams and the patience and cooperation of the Cathedral students and staff. While construction did cause some minor challenges, those short term obstacles were outweighed by the long term benefits of having such a space.

After two years of hard work, careful planning and overcoming obstacles, Cathedral is grateful and ready to explore the benefits that the brand new Innovation Center has to offer.



# Face off

With the implementation of a new lanyard policy, many students have differing opinions on its efficacy.



## The policy misses the mark

BY LIAM EIFERT

On the verge of running out of ways to inconvenience students in their quest for the semblance of security, the administration's new lanyard policy proves that innovation is alive and well at the school. The new policy

forces students who forget their lanyard to pay \$10 out of their school account in order to buy a new lanyard and ID. This policy is in contrast to last year's, in which students without lanyards were given a temporary sticker for the day. The policy also awards a disciplinary infraction.

The student newsletter stated that the stickers were eliminated because they "do not meet our school's safety needs and security protocols." The need for school IDs on an open campus is understandable. It would be concerning if it was as easy for a stranger to enter the school as it is to enter a McDonald's.

However, the stickers provided an adequate temporary ID for forgetful students. What gargantuan advantage that the lanyards enjoy over the stickers is beyond my humble faculties.

I understand that lanyards are a bit more visible than stickers. The lanyards also ensure that students don't have to ask for help opening doors. Whereas the stickers didn't provide entry to the school. Perhaps we would be less predisposed to open the door for someone standing out in the rain. If an intruder were to rely on the benevolence of their target to gain entry, then this in fact may thwart their plans. It takes little contemplation to see that this is unlikely to be the plot of any serious infiltration.

The cost, while at first glance seems only like \$10, is also the stress of remembering your lanyard when there are numerous additional things to forget, including homework, lunch and of course, the daily schedule.

## The policy is spot on

BY CAROLINE SCHILLING

Each year, the lanyard colors get passed down from the outgoing seniors. Now, the changed policy enforces each student to have their lanyard whenever they are on campus during the school year, and no more stickers will be distributed as a safety concern. This is a good idea and can ensure that the students on our campus can stay safe and be found.



Principal Mrs. Julie Barthel mentioned this new policy in our weekly student newsletter, "This Week on the Hill." In previous school years, administrators would distribute a temporary school ID, known as a sticker. Barthel wrote, "This year we will be enforcing a new policy for the safety of our school in which every student must wear a lanyard every day. We will no longer give stickers to students who have forgotten/ misplaced their lanyards as they do not meet our school's safety needs and security protocols."

"If a student comes to school without their lanyard of identification, they will be required to report to the technology office, where they will be issued a new lanyard and their account will be charged \$10 each time."

This new policy is a great idea. It is not safe to have a large number of students able to walk around campus as they please, with no way of tracking them. The sticker did not provide a safety aspect. Rather, the adhesive strips just held the place of the forgotten lanyard for the day. Charging students will encourage them to bring their lanyard with them everyday.

Barthel also wrote, "Being an open campus, it is imperative that students be properly and promptly identified and can access doors as needed."

With this new policy, teachers are able to identify students and students have their own privileges.





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