

From the Advancement Office Tom Vresics '81, Director



Yesterday was Becahi Giving Day! Watch the videos on Facebook and Instagram starting with **Dan Roebuck '81** at 8 AM and help us fill that Giving Day Thermometer! Let's make Becahi better one donation at a time! Once again, our anonymous Becahi alumna has offered a generous \$15,000 Challenge Grant. Friends, parents, and alumni of Bethlehem Catholic have already met her match. It's not too late for the match if you are able to support by noon today, the 2nd.

Now Hall of Famer **Tom Sculley '70**, Dr. Mary McCrossan, Dr. Joe Schrandt, Board President Tom Donchez, Board Vice President **Joe Uliana '83**, Distinguished Graduate **Greg Adams '72**, former Becahi Teacher Anthony Messina '05-'17, and current parents Rob and Holly Bennett now challenge the rest of us to meet their combined \$15,000 match.

Please rally your classmates and friends to support Bethlehem Catholic on Giving Day. Donate using Venmo via GiveButter with this link: https://givebutter.com/ZKPnMP or give directly to the Becahi Fund via our Donor Perfect Link: https://interland3.donorperfect.net/weblink/WebLink.aspx...

Creating the Vision for the 100th Anniversary of Bethlehem Catholic ...beginning in August 2025

We will hold two meetings at Bethlehem Catholic on <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>June 20th and Thursday</u>, <u>June 22nd</u> in the Media Center (the old Home Ec room on the girl's side) from 4 PM until 6 PM. We will also conduct a Zoom Meeting from 7 PM until 8 PM on those same days for those who are out of town. Email Tom Vresics at tvresics @becahi.org if you wish to participate. Please include which session you plan to attend as well as your arrival time for the in-person meetings between 4 PM and 6PM.



June 2023 Happy Anniversary of Your Becahi Graduation

Here's an idea ...

What about a mass for the graduates from the Fourth and Webster Streets location...at Holy Infancy Church, the site of their Baccalaureate? Time TBD. Followed by a Communion Breakfast/Brunch somewhere TBD? Whaddya think?

(There were about 2,566 students who graduated from Beca between 1927 and 1964, and I believe there are a little over 1,000 of those scholars still gracing our presence...many of them live locally.)

Just so you know, the idea(s) *don't* have to be a surprise. Send more...(any). As a reminder...

THE major milestone in our school's history will be upon us in September 2026. 100 Years of education and service to the children and families of the Lehigh Valley.

As we move closer to the date, I ask that each of you consider how the school and community can celebrate this occasion. What are your ideas? It's never too early to think about it. Send your ideas to me and I'll get them to the school or send them directly to the school.

I'll post some of your inputs in future Tidings so others can get motivated to send in their idea.

Some Alums who I saw or who checked in last month...

Bob Tallarico '52, (Sr.) Regina Chassar, SSJ '53, Harry Mitchell '57, Patricia Burkhardt '58, Frances Koprivsek Lamb '59, Sandy Majczan Silvoy '61, Mary Nolan Sek '61, Mike Mish '63, Dolores Durako Gecsek '64, Tim Gifford '64, Phil McGlade '66, Yogi Eddinger '67, Terence Ford '67, Carmella Castellucci Kitzhoffer '68, Patricia Bellew Kottke '69, Mary Dorsam Stoudt '69, Andy Kametz '69, Greg Benz '71, Bobby Halbreiner '71, Maureen Long '71, Karen Walls White '71, Phil Demyan '72, Mary Beth Hahn Heller '72, Jim Knipe '72, Kathleen Lynch Carcione '72, Judith Takacs Airgood '72, Karen Selthoffer Knipe '73, Agnes Hudak George '74, Bill McCoach '74, Betsy Cichelli '75, Susan Oravec Polak '75, Kathy Connell Willner '79, Drew Karabin '79, Joe Vargo '80, Tom Vresics '81, Mary Beth Hudak Whitehead '82, Steve Witmer '83, Janine Rivera Templeton '89, Janel Norris '95, Michael Blanar '03, Heather Yost Klein '08, Vanessa Campbell '14, Gabrielle Soares '18

...and from my Class...

BobbyA, Denny Andrew Karpy, Dave Cech, Anne Gerber, Paul Grube, Mick Halbreiner, Trish Holly Zechman, Jeff and Col, Pat Lynch, Susan Peters Crawford, Kathy Ripper Grasso, Tim Sabota, Tommy Sculley, Josephine, Birthday Carl, Linda Talbot Keefe, Georgene Yanochko Bellizzi



Alumni Cited in this Month's Tidings

If your class is low on information in this month's newsletter, let me know what to include, and I'll gladly share the news. Meanwhile, here's a matrix of <u>322 grads from 70 classes</u> for this edition, and those graduates whose names are highlighted in <u>Gold</u> are members of a reunion year class of "3" and/or "8".

Names and Classes Mentioned in June's Tiນເກgຮ												
Decades >	20 s	30 s	40s	50 s	60s	70 s	80s	90s	00 s	10 s	20 s	_
Year Ending	g											
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4				23	2	6	3	2	3	2		
5				13		6	4	3	1	1		
6				9	1	4	2	1	1	1		
7				1	3	4	4	3	1	3		Classes
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9				1	5	6	2	3	2			Grads
_	1	1	2	123	24	75	36	20	20	19	1	322

This year the following reunion-year classes were/will be featured...

√ 1928 – January, 95 years 1953 – June, 70 ye	ars
√ 1933 – February, 90 years 1958 – July, 65 years	ırs
√ 1938 – March, 85 years 1963 – August, 60	years
√ 1943 – April, 80 years 1968 – September,	55 years
√ 1948 – May, 75 years 1973 – October, 50	years

The Class of '48 Postscripts...

"Keep those cards and letters coming." Your messages help me to tell a better, more complete story each month. This is what I love the most...filling in the blanks of Becahi history by alums writing in. Here are some stories I learned about last month's honored Class of '48.

Pat Bellew Kottke '69 wrote to add Mary Toth Racosky '48 to the list of graduates who had a child who graduated from Beca... Kathy Racosky '69...and, BTW, Kathy had a daughter who was a Becahi grad, Amy Albenzi Lindgren '95.

Joe Vargo '80 wrote that his mom, Helen Korpics Vargo '48, had three sons who graduated from Beca... Tom '78, Joe '80 and Don '81.



Celebrating the Class of 1953's Virtual 70th Reunion

This was the 27th Graduating Class of Bethlehem Catholic High School. Seventy-two graduates joined the 1,330 graduates who preceded them.

Father Daniel B. Powell, D.D. was the Rector. Father Joseph V. Sangmeister, J.C.D., LL.D. was the Principal. Father Charles J. Devlin, was the Vice-Principal

Teachers:

- Sister M. Angelica, S.S.J., taught English and national problems
- Sister M. Anita Xavier, S.S.J., taught music
- Sister M. John Eudes, S.S.J., taught religion and Latin
- Sister M. John Gertrude, S.S.J., taught science and math
- Sister M. Louis Bertrand, S.S.J., taught religion and math
- Sister Marie Jeanne, S.S.J., taught religion and social studies
- Sister M. Michael Cecilia, S.S.J., taught commercial studies
- Sister Regina Rita, S.S.J., taught English
- Sister M. Rose Eleanor, S.S.J., taught religion and English
- Sister M. Terese Catherine, S.S.J., taught religion, French and Spanish

The students performed two plays: "Men Are Like Street Cars" and "Nellie Kelly" and there was a Christmas Pageant.

Margaret Yeager was the editor and Constance Grund was the associate editor of the "Tidings", the school's newspaper. BTW, the first issue of Tidings was published in 1950.

Anna Matus was editor and **Marianne Dozer** was associate editor of the Sceptre. The first issue of the yearbook, Sceptre, was June 1951. Senior members of the yearbook, "Sceptre", staff wore a sterling silver medal that was engraved with the name of the senior and the year in which they were a staff member.

From the yearbook... "Basketball, wrestling and baseball add luster to Bethlehem Catholic in the field of sports. In the Catholic basketball league, BCHS has won the Suburban Catholic championship for four consecutive years, the Archdiocesan for five years, and the Eastern [PA] Catholic for the season 1950, 1951 and 1953..."

More sports information for the class is found in the Sports Section of this edition of $\mathfrak{T}ings$.

Baccalaureate Mass was held at Holy Infancy Church on June 5, 1953, 9:00am



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There were 20 boys and 52 girls in the Class of 1953, including...

Nancy Andrashko Kurisco* **Edward Ansbach Anthony Baba Francis Balik** Patricia Balshai Roebuck* **Eugene Barron* Anne Baur Dobosh Josephine Begany Snow** Maryanne Bilsak Ronca* (Sr.) Regina Marie Chassar, S.S.J. Priscilla Lorah Keretz* **Robert Demyan* Carolyn Dickert Horcher*** Sara Diehl Bennett* Marie Donchez Rasich* Stephanie Donchez Salaski* **Robert Doragh Kathleen Dougherty Martha Dougherty Timony* Joan Doyle Rosemary Doyle O'Donnell* Marianne Dozer Wysong Catherine Ender Lucente* Caroline Fischer Byrnes James Goodin*** John Harvey*

Constance Grund Butto* Patricia Hanley Kranvecz* Gloria Hartzell Rogan Catherine Hilaire Thompson* Rosalie Pursell Zsilavetz* **Mary Horky Gervase Johnson*** Ann Marie King Maloney* Marcella Kosh Straka Rosemarie Kozo Schadle **Rita Lyons Moretz** Annette Marschang O'Donnell Joseph Steinbach **Anna Matus** Bernard "Bernie" McNamee * James Moronev* Dolores Mulzet Diefenderfer* Justine Sullivan Barwick* Mary Jane Napravnik Kemmerer Janet Takach Robert Narducci*

Lucy O'Donnell*

Andrew Panik*

John Pittner*

Barbara Ortwein Gallucci*

Patricia Pereda Lawrence*

Davis-Ewing Joan Straka Pulley Donald Sucansky Joseph Sukitch **Regina Taylor** Mary Ann Nemchick Kametz* Marian Tremel **Suzanne Turnbach*** Mary Ann Vasko Long **Eleanor Yanko Margaret Yeager** Frances Yenca Danchak*

1 Sacred Heart

Joanne Pollum

Philip Posivak*

Margaret Radai Lucas

Joseph Riccaboni

Connie Scripelliti

Jane Ryan Johnson

Mary Schubert McGee*

Alberta Prime

Don Ronca*

* Deceased

The school was a part of the Philadelphia Archdiocese.

These graduates came from eleven different parishes...

13 St. Ursula's 5 St. John Capistrano 5 St. Joseph's 12 Holy Ghost 11 Holy Infancy 3 St. Anne's 9 SS. Simon and Jude 2 Holy Rosary 8 SS. Cyril and Methodius 2 St. Theresa's

... so, everyone lived in Bethlehem.



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Here's what I could find about their post-graduation pursuits:

There were twelve graduates who either *had* a child (21) who graduated from Beca or *were* the child (2) of a Beca graduate...

Eugene Barron > Eugene '75, Kathy '79, Michael '86

Don and Maryanne (Bilsak) Ronca > Joan '77, Maryanne '78, Donna '80, Suzanne '82, Dorothy '84, Kathryn '87

Stephanie Donchez Salaski > Edward '74

Patricia Hanley Kranyecz > Colleen '73, Kathy '77, James '81

Gervase and Jane (Ryan) Johnson > Patricia '74, Gerald '75, Loretta '78

James Moroney > Kevin '82, Tim '85, Kelli '88

Mary Jane Napravnik Kemmerer > Mary Reagan '28

Mary Ann Nemchick Kametz > Paul '81

Rosalie Pursell Zsilavetz > Ann '78, Regina '81

Don Sucansky > Helen Marcincin '32

There were eleven Veterans...

Francis Balik > U.S. Army

Robert Domyan > U.S. Air Force

Robert Doragh > U.S. Navy

James Goodin > U.S. Air Force

Gervase Johnson > Army National Guard, Navy Reserve

John Harvey > U.S. Air Force (Korea)

James Moroney > U.S. Army

John Pittner > U.S. Air Force

Bernard McNamee > U.S. Army

Robert Narducci > U.S. Navy (Korea)

Philip Posivak > U.S. Air Force (Korea)

There were five Healthcare Professionals who served as Nurses...

Josephine Begany Snow Maryanne Bilsak Ronca Catherine Ender Lucente Catherine Hilaire Thompson

Mary Ann Vasko Long

Sr. Regina Chassar, S.S.J. served as an Educator.

Jimmy Moroney was inducted into the Becahi Athletic Wall of Fame in 1997.

He ranks 6th on the all-time Boys Basketball scoring list with 1,344 points.



More Nurses Join the Honor Roll (We're up from 411 to 438 members from 84 classes)

Thanks for writing in... the following angels of mercy are added...

Joan Concilio Daileader '52
Patricia Blaukovitch Culkins '58
Frances Koprivsek Lamb '59

Nancy DiConcetto Kanuck '61
Madeline Gallagher Doyle '61
Elizabeth O'Donnell Strickland '61
Nancy Weaver Hallam '61
Patricia Mulhearn Minford '67
Mary Dorsam Stoudt '69

Yolanda Hartzell Ahlum '70 Karen Cauley '71 Marie "Nancy" Dowling '71 Mary Beth Hahn Heller '72 Regina Metzger Briody '74 Peter Willner '75 Sharon Connell Hoole '85 Janine Rivera Templeton '89

Jennifer Lentz Strock '97 Jacqueline Nemeth '98 Beth Scott Beatty '99

Heather Yost Klein '08 Kate Lynn Check '09

Vanessa Campbell '14
Brooke Adams '17
Charlene Weiner '17
Lane Keating '18
Gabrielle Soares '18
(Please let me know
if I didn't include your name.)

Peggy Burkhardt Rossi '55 wrote... "My sister, **Patricia Burkhardt**, **Becahi Class of 1957** is a Nurse Midwife with a PHD In Nursing. She taught at NYU in their Nursing Master's Program at one time. She is considered an expert witness in the Court system."

Patricia Blaukovitch Culkins '58 wrote... "I graduated from Becahi with the class of 1958, attended Sacred Heart School of Nursing, graduating in 1961 and was employed there in the Neonatal Unit until retiring in 2006. I attained my Certification in Neonatal Intensive Care through NCC in 1988. gaining satisfaction in knowing that at 45, I was still not too old to learn something new."

Janine Rivera Templeton '89 wrote... "I got my BSN at Allentown College now DeSales. Also became a certified pediatric nurse. So, my letters would be RN, BSN, CPN. I currently work in St Luke's outpatient pediatric office. I'm also mom to Jillian 2023 and Joseph 2025."

Heather Yost Klein '08 wrote... "I went to Penn State University for nursing, and I am currently a nurse with St Luke's home hospice in Stroudsburg. It's truly crazy to believe it but I've been a nurse for 11 years now."



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Bethlehem Catholic High School Alumni Nursing Graduate Honor Roll May 26, 2023

Nurses by Class/Decade

Decades >	20 s	30 s	40 s	50 s	60s	70 s	80s	90s	00 s	10 s	_
Year Ending											
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1		3	2	1	7	12	6		3	1	
2		4	2	3		17	5	7	2	3	
3		1	2	5		8	5	6	4	4	
4		4	1		3	20	6	1	3	4	
5			8	5	2	4	8	1	4	5	
6		2	2	4	4	8	6	3	3	7	
7		3	5	6	10	10	8	3	6	4	Classes
8	1	4	3	7	10	6	8	3	9	3	84
9	1	5	6	7	13	5	4	1	2		Grads
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Save these Date(s)... for now...

June 16th – Tony Iasiello (T.I.) Memorial Golf Tournament, Whitetail Golf Club August 4th – Class of '73's Reunion Golf Outing and Musikfest Meet and Greet August 5th – Class of '73's 50th Reunion, The Club at Twin Lakes

August 12th – Class of '76's Medicare Picnic!

September 8th – Golden Hawk Golf Classic

September 16th – Class of '61's 80th Birthday Party Reunion, TBD (see below)

September 30th – Class of '78's 45th Reunion, Steel Club

October 14th – Class of '83's 40th Reunion, DeSales University

Reunion News...

Class of 1961's 80th Birthday Party / Reunion

Saturday, <u>September 16</u>. The place for this merrymaking will be at **John McGeehan's '61** house. More information to follow once some on the party planning committee members return from their self-imposed winter exile in the sunny south. **Sandy Majczan Silvoy '61** is the Point of Contact go to: sandysilvoy@gmail.com



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> Class of 1973's 50th Reunion

Arrangements are progressing, and here is the schedule as it stands now,

- Friday morning, Aug. 4, 2023, Golf outing (details still TBA)
 - You don't have to go to the dinner on Saturday to golf, and spouses are welcome to tee it up, too.
 - Bill Ripper '73 is the Point of Contact... wjripper@gmail.com
- Friday night, Aug. 4, 2023, Informal gathering at Musikfest (details TBA)
- Saturday night, <u>Aug. 5, 2023, Reunion dinner</u> (with cash bar) at The Club At Twin Lakes. 6:00-11:00pm

They also have a Facebook page called BeCaHi Class of 1973, for which **John Fiorentino '73** is the administrator. He can be reached at johnfiorentino55@gmail.com

Class of 1978's 45th Reunion

Arrangements are underway for the Class of 1978's 45th Reunion. The date is <u>September 30th</u>... venue will be The Steel Club. No other details yet. The class has a Facebook page titled – Becahi Class of '78, on which **Sally Kammetler '78** is the administrator... sallykamm@gmail.com

Class of '76 - Medicare Picnic!

"Most of our class is turning 65 this year, so we thought we'd celebrate with a party":

- Date: Saturday, August 12, 2023
- Time: 1:00 pm 5:00 pm
- Location: Bethlehem Municipal Golf Course Clubhouse Grille Downstairs private rooms
- Cost: \$30 and a Cash Bar
 - Menu: Burgers, Grilled chicken, Salad, Mac & cheese, Potato salad, Veggie tray, Cookie tray!
- Checks payable to: Susan Lawrence, 744 Barrymore Lane, Bethlehem, PA 18017, or Venmo Susan-Lawrence-79
- Questions? Call: Sue Lawrence 610-390-2134 Sue Rehrig 505-563-0614
 Dave Bossert 610-984-4239

"We are really looking forward to seeing everyone! This is the last Saturday of Musikfest so people may want to continue the festivities at Musikfest. Significant others are very welcome!" – Susan Rehrig '76

➤ Class of '83 – 40th Reunion

- Date: Saturday, October 14th
- o Time: 6:00pm
- Location: DeSales University
- More information to come...



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Recent Passings

Alumni	Class	Passed Away	Age
Bernadine Keretz Kalkun^	1950	5/05/2023	90
Joan Willey Thirion	1959	5/25/2023	81
Catherine Dwyer Mies	1960	5/05/2023	80
Charles Boyer*	1961	3/07/2023	79
Eleanor DeBellis Gawlik*	1961	1/13/2022	78
John Mathious*	1961	1/16/2022	77
John Molnar*	1961	5/03/2021	77

[^] I estimated Bernie's class year.
* I just heard of their passing

Our Family and Friends Passings

- ⊕ Eleanor "Ellie" DeBellis Gawlik '61, wife of William '60, on 01/13/22
- Catherine "Fran" Dwyer Mies '60, mother of John '84, Kathleen '85 and Michael '87, and sister of Mary Ann Dwyer Fenerty '61, on 05/05
- ₱ Bernadine Keretz Kalkun '50 (est.), sister of Elaine Keretz Talian '60 and the late Don Keretz '54, on 05/05/23
- Teresa Verbos, mother of **John '79, Diane '82,** and **Patty '83** on 05/11

... and please remember to say a special prayer for our classmates, who passed away during the month of June.

Al Calvo (06/30/11)

Kenny Weierbach (06/07/22)

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let Your perpetual light shine upon them.

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Amen.



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100 Years of Becahi Sports in 2026

Those Thrilling Days of Yesteryear

As part of the upcoming centennial celebration, I am attempting to recognize past achievements and milestones in Becahi team sport history. Now you can read some of the 1952-53 accomplishments in this section.

Help fill in the missing pieces so we can celebrate the players and coaches from Becahi history...and maybe find some potential Wall of Fame members! Did you play in those years? Help!?

70 Years Ago

1952 - 1953

Margaret Chubbuck coached the girls' basketball team.

John Howard coached the boys' basketball team.

Ted Martz coached the wrestling team and the baseball team.

1952-53 Boys' Basketball

27 Wins – 2 Losses

They outscored their opponents by 553 points or 19 pts/game.

Champions: Philadelphia Suburban Catholic League, Philadelphia Archdiocesan,

Eastern Pennsylvania - PCIAA "B",

Runner-up to St. Basil's of Pittsburgh 57-51 in the PCIAA "B" State

Championship.

The members of the team were... Fred Augello '55, Michael Hartnett '54, John Maloney '54, Tom Tachovsky '54, Joe Sterlein '55, Jody Silvester '55, Joseph Cunningham '54, Don Sucansky, James Moroney, Eugene Barron, Joe Sukitch and Donald Keretz '54

Top 5 Teams (Winning Percentage)

1 1930 - 1931	22	1	23	0.957	
2 1952 - 1953	27	2	29	0.931	PCIAA Class B Eastern Champion
3 1947 - 1948	22	2	24	0.917	
4 1956 - 1957	27	3	30	0.900	PCIAA Class B Eastern Runner-up
5 1961 - 1962	28	4	32	0.875	PCIAA Class B Eastern and State Champion
5 2017 - 2018	28	4	32	0.875	Eastern Penn Conference (EPC) / District XI 4A Champions



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1952-53 Girls Basketball

15 Wins – 4 Losses – 1 Tie They outscored their opponents by 242 points or 12 pts/game.

Members of the team included... Judith Morgan '56, Ursula Majczan '55, Anna Marie Keating '54, Catherine Basco, Sylvia Sukitch '54, Mary Gress '55, Rosemary Doyle (Mgr.), Marjorie Hofer '55, Andrea Horvath '56, Patricia Hanley, Kathleen Doyle '54, Kathleen Dugan '55 (Ass't Mgr.), Rosemarie Boyle '54, Martha Dougherty, Mary Susan Cunningham '56, Annette Sullivan '55, Justine Sullivan, Caroline Fischer and Lucy Bender '54

In case anyone was wondering who the teams played back then...

Bethlehem Cath Boys Basketball	1	School			Bethlehem Cat Girls Basketball	١			
Coach, John Ho	ward		Philadelphia Suburban Catho	olic League (PSCL)	Coach, Margar	et Chubb	иск		
1952	-1953 Se	ason	PCIAA "B" Eastern PA Champ						
2	7 Wins - 2	2 Losses	PCIAA "B" State Runner-up		15 Win	s - 4 Loss	es - 1 Tie		
				Point					Point
Outcome	Becahi	Opponent		Margin	Outcome	Becahi	Opponent	i .	Margin
W	55	49	Alumni	6	W	46	25	Alumni	21
W	51	37	Fountain Hill	14	L	15	41	Little Flower, Philadelphia	(26)
W	76	65	Fountain Hill	11	Т	43	43	Fountain Hill	0
W	78	49	Coopersburg	29	W	54	45	St. Elizabeth, Delaware	9
W	56	50	Hellertown	6	L	31	45	Fountain Hill	(14)
W	95	47	Reading Catholic	48	W	61	34	St. Matthew, Conshohocken	27
W	50	45	Easton Catholic	5	W	50	21	Phillipsburg Catholic	29
W	73	42	Hellertown	31	W	71	27	Reading Central Catholic	44
W	66	51	Coplay	15	W	44	27	Bethlehem (Liberty)	17
W	77	38	Fountain Hill	39	W	55	32	St. Elizabeth, Delaware	23
W	60	47	St. Patrick (Norristown)	13	W	60	30	Lansdale Catholic	30
W	76	36	Lansdale Catholic	40	W	62	37	Phillipsburg Catholic	25
W	70	67	Allentown Central Catholic	3	W	44	38	West Philadelphia	6
W	58	40	Phillipsburg Parochial	18	W	34	24	Bethlehem (Liberty)	10
W	71	41	St. Patrick (Norristown)	30	W	32	7	Lansdale Catholic	25
W	66	46	Weatherly	20	L	35	36	St. Hubert's, Philadelphia	(1)
W	63	52	St. Matthew (Conshohocken)	11	W	43	39	Allentown Central Catholic	4
W	74	53	St. Mary's (Wilkes-Barre)	21	W	43	27	St. Matthew, Conshohocken	16
W	51	45	St. John's (Manayunk)	6	L	27	47	Allentown Central Catholic	(20)
L	47	57	Bethlehem (Liberty)	(10)	W	54	37	Reading Central Catholic	17
W	56	48	Phillipsburg Parochial	8					
W	63	60	Easton Catholic	3					
W	91	47	St. Matthew (Conshohocken)	44					
W	98	63	St. John's (Manayunk)	35					
W	89	55	Lansdale Catholic	34					
W	109	67	Reading Catholic	42					
W	65	48	St. Ann's (Lansford)*	17					
W	65	45	Marymount (Wilkes-Barre) +	20					
L	51	57	St. Basil's (Pittsburgh) #	(6)					
Totals	2,000	1,447	Point Differential	553	Totals	904	662	Point Differential	242
Avg/Game	69	50	Avgerage Point Differential	19	Avg/Game	45	33	Avgerage Point Differential	12

 $[\]hbox{* PCSL Championship}$

⁺ PCIAA Class "B" Eastern Championship

[#] PCIAA Class "B" State Final



1952-53 Wrestling Team

This was the third season in school history. No won-lost records were listed in the yearbook, but members of the squad included...

Thomas Gill '56, Francis Boyle '56, Bernard Sokolosky '56, Thomas Hartigan '55, Christopher Wills '54, Philip Boyle '56, Francis Reagan '54, Alvin Letowt '54, Robert Reagan '55, Andrew Panik, Richard Augello '54, Alexander Panik '54, Thomas Altenbach '56, David Bayer '56

1953 Baseball

No won-loss records were recorded in the yearbook, but members of the team included...

Richard Augello '54, Christopher Wills '54, Thomas Holly '56, James Boligitz '55 (manager), Michael Hartnett '54, William Pcihoda '55, Donald Keretz '54, Louis Schuster '54, Joseph Cunningham '54, Thomas Culligan '54, Francis Reagan '54 (manager), Francis Hrkach '54, James Moroney, Francis Donchez '54, Joseph Sukitch, Donald Sucansky, Alvin Letowt '54

1952-53 Cheerleaders

Carolyn Dickert, Mary Paula Repsher '55, Mary Schubert, Priscilla Lorah, Jane Keating '55, Elizabeth Pavelko '54, Mary Dwyer '54

That's it. There were (only) four varsity sports "back in those day."

0 Fall - 3 Winter - 1 Spring

v.

Nineteen during the 2022 - 2023 School Year:

9 Fall - 3 Winter - 7 Spring

100 Years of Becahi Sports in 2026

Track and Field: May 24th, 2003

Behind the stamina of **Brandon Carter '04**, who runs 10 races in two days, <u>Becahi captures the PIAA Class 2A boys track and field team title</u> with 36 points, three more than runner-up Wyomissing. Brandon, who is fourth in the 100, wins a bronze medal in the 200, is part of the Golden Hawks' silver medalist 400-meter relay team and anchors the gold-medal winning 1,600-meter relay team of **Jules Eggleston '04**, **Frank Trovato '03** and **Maurice Simmons '03** that clinches the team title. – Morning Call 5/24/23



Alumni Sports Notables

Pete Gerra '71 was a member of that 1969 Tennis "Club" that was featured last month, but he wasn't in the yearbook picture. Pete later graduated with a BA in Economics from Williams College. (**Greg Benz '71** was looking out for you, Pete.)

Lauren Bunke '18, running for Lebanon Valley College, captured the 1,500-meter run in 4:37.26, (a personal best) at the Middle Atlantic Conference Outdoor Track Championships in early May. She also ran a leg in the 4x800 relay, which finished first in 9:20.48 - MC 5/13/23

A Couple of Senior Basketball Players



Bob Halbreiner '71 (left) and **Yogi Eddinger '67** reunite in Ocean City, NJ at a reception to honor their late Kings College basketball coach Ed Donohue.

Yogi traveled across the country from his Washington state homestead to attend. Bobby traveled a couple of blocks from his homestead.

New Wrestling Head Coach Selected

Mike Cole, a 1984 PIAA Champion, two-time college All-America (Clarion University), former Wall Street executive (28 years) and Coach at various levels, replaces Jeff Karam as Becahi's Head Wrestling Coach. Mike and his wife Stephanie have three children, and currently live in Clinton, NJ. – Morning Call 5/18/23 Welcome, Mike.

2023 Spring Sports Updates

Baseball – 97th season in school history

Matt Corsi '99, Head Coach (3rd season, 45-25)

The team won 14 and lost 9 after a District XI Finals loss to Blue Mountain. The team averaged over 8 runs/game and gave up a little over 5 runs/game.



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Softball – 54th season in school history (est. 1970)

Rich Mazza, Head Coach (20th season, 324-142)

The team finished the season with a record of 11 wins and 8 losses, following a loss to Northwestern Lehigh in the District XI Semifinals.

The team averaged over 8 runs/game and gave up a little over 4runs/game.

The team has won 11 District titles this millennia. 2A – 2003, 2004, 2005 | 3A – 2009, 2011, 2013-2015 | 4A – 2018, 2021, 2022

Boys Tennis – 55th season in school history (est. 1969)

Melissa Magliochetti, Coach (1st Season)

The 8 win – 9 loss season came to a conclusion following a District XI quarterfinal loss to our "friends" at Allentown Central Catholic.

Congratulations to **Senior**, **Class of '23**, **Armaan Makwana**, the District XI AA Boys Tennis Singles runner up!... *and* Class **Valedictorian**!

Boys Volleyball – xx season in school history (est. 1970s)

Tim Sledz, Coach (3rd season)

The team finished the season with a record of 4 wins and 15 losses, following a loss to Pocono Mountain East in the District XI 2A Semifinals.

Boys Lacrosse – 10th season in school history (est. 2013)

Kody Rivera, Coach (3rd season?)

The team's season ended with a record of 13 losses.

Hats off to Becahi's Athletic Director, **Chris Domyan '94,** who oversaw the process of scheduling this 91-game season...

Spring Sports:

	Won	Lost	Games	Pctg.	
Boys Baseball	14	9	23	0.609	< Lost in District XI Final
Girls Softball	11	8	19	0.579	< Lost in District XI Semifinal
Boys Tennis	8	9	17	0.471	< Lost in District XI Quarterfinal
Boys Volleyball	4	15	19	0.211	< Lost in District XI Semifinal
Boys Lacrosse	0	13	13	0.000	_
Total	37	54	91	0.407	



Bethlehem Catholic High School Is Now on LinkedIn

https://www.linkedin.com/school/bethlehem-catholic-high-school/

Once a week, Bethlehem Catholic will share a noteworthy event or compelling article about what is happening at our alma mater, "enthroned mid-Bethlehem's verdant hills." To gain access, type "Bethlehem Catholic LinkedIn" on your phone or computer search bar to follow us online. We will limit ourselves to one post a week. - Tom Vresics '81

Get (re)connected. Take advantage of the Becahi Alumni network!

"BLinkedIn" Profiles

Get Connected to your Classmates... 355 graduates from 46 classes have been recognized so far this year in Tίδίπgs (see chart below), including 60 graduates from 46 classes in this Tίδίπgs edition. Find their stories at https://becahi.org/alumni/alumni-newsletter/

LinkedIn is an online platform that people use to build social networks with other people who share similar personal or career interests, activities, backgrounds, or real-life connections. Many of our classmates have profiles on LinkedIn that are viewed by and shared with the public. In future newsletters, some of those profiles of Becahi grads will be posted so we can continue to share our stories and connections with each other. It's a great way to market our school and its alumni. (...and because they are Becahi Grads, I call it "BLinkedIn").

2023

BLinkedIn Names/Profiles and Classes Mentioned

Decades >	70 s	80 s	90s	00 s	10 s	_
Year Endin	g					
0		6	6	6	6	
1		6	6	7	6	
2		7	6	6	6	
3	12	12	12	12	13	
4	6	6	6	6	7	
5	6	6	6	6	7	
6	6	6	6	6	8	
7	7	8	7	6	8	Classes
8	12	12	12	12	18	46
9	6	6	6	6		Grads
'	55	75	73	73	79	355

Here's what I found this month...



Mark Fondl '73, who received a BS in Mechanical Engineering from Bucknell University, is President of ICT Global with over 40 years actively involved in Industrial Automation with several companies and a variety of roles, in Tarpon Springs, FL.

Scott Higgins '73, who received a BS in Computer Science from DeSales University and an MBA from Moravian University, is now RETIRED and living in Charlotte, NC. (sigh)

John Labukas '74, who received a BA in Accounting from Moravian University, is an experienced accounting analyst and supervisor with experience in the utilities and insurance industries, and a Co-Trustee at Wells Fargo in Germansville, PA.

Nancy Marchak Chrismer '75, who received an AAS in Medical Assistant from Northampton Community College is now self-employed as an Uber Driver with more than 300 5-star trips in two years, in Bethlehem.

Robert Santo, '76's Salutatorian, who received a BS in Chemical Engineering from Lehigh University, is Global Business Manager at Air Products and Chemicals.

Joan Morrow Brosious '77, who received a BASc in Psychology from Moravian University, is now Administrative Assistant at Lehigh University.

Rosemary Santanasto Meier '77, who received a BS in Information Processing from Bloomsburg University and an MBA from Villanova University, is now "Happily Retired" after a career in IT Project Management, in Norristown. (Nice!)

Phillip Mello '78, who received a BS in Electrical Engineering from Lehigh University and an MS in Electrical Engineering from Syracuse University, is Senior FPGA Design Engineer at Canyon AeroConnect, one of the world's leading suppliers of avionic-standard aircraft communications, navigation, and audio/intercom systems, in Prescott, AZ

Paul Rutkowski '78, who received an AAS in Computer Science from Northampton Community College and a BS in Computer Science from DeSales university, is Technology Manager at Wells Fargo Bank in Bethlehem.

Paul Kahler '79, who received a BA in Communications from St. Mary's College, Orchard Lake, MI, is a Sales Executive at AssuredPartners, the 11th largest independent insurance brokerage firm in the nation, in Southfield, MI.



Donna Jo Ronca Molnar '80, who received a Bachelor's Degree from West Virginia University and an MBA from LaVerne University, is a Senior Buyer at BIOLASE, Inc., a medical device company and global market leader in the manufacturing and marketing of proprietary dental laser systems, in Corona, CA.

Lisa Gombocz Litak '81, who studied Business Management at Northampton Community College, is Patient experience Manager at St. Luke's University Health System.

Anne Stachel Garkani '82, is Vice-President of Continental Limousine in Irvine, CA.

Tracey Rothrock Campbell '83, who received a BS in Computer Science from Austin Peay University, is Assistant Director Facilities Management at Lake Forest College in Lake Forest, IL.

Anne Tabor-Morris '83, who received a BS in Engineering Physics from Lehigh University and a PhD in Physics from the University of Notre Dame, is Professor of Physics and Astronomy at Georgian Court University

Michael Wavrek '84, who received a BA in Economics from Boston University, is Director, Corporate Real Estate at CDW, a Fortune 200 multi-brand technology solutions provider to business, government, education and healthcare organizations in the United States, Canada and the United Kingdom, in the greater Chicago area.

Dave Marston '85, a U.S. Navy Veteran, who received a BA in Criminal Justice from Penn State University and a Master's Degree in Strategic Operations from the USAF Air Command and Staff College, is Vice President, Military and Defense at RG-Group.com, a group of distribution and manufacturing companies, is a comprehensive full-service supplier of innovative motion control products and solutions, in York, PA.

Frank Kozo '86, who studied Criminal Justice at Kutztown University, is a Real Estate Agent at Quaint Oak Real Estate in Allentown.

Steve Diacont '87, who received a BA in Business Finance from Moravian University, is a Consultant at MAJ Companies a Brown & Brown Insurance Affiliate in Bethlehem.

James Agger '88, who received a Bachelor's Degree from Hamilton College and a JD from Widener University School of Law, is an eDiscovery Attorney at AMLaw 100 Firms in the Boca Raton, FL area.



Julie "Jewels" Pfeiffer Doskicz '88, who received a BA in Psychology from the University of Connecticut, and an RN from Northampton Community College, is an Arizona-based RN with 22 years of clinical experience and 10 years of medical writing/editing experience, in the Flagstaff, AZ area.

Thomas Nesfeder '89, who received a BA in Philosophy from DeSales University, is a Private Equity Business developer at Troutman Pepper in Philadelphia.

Michael Skulteti '90, who received a BS in Engineering from Virginia Tech and an MS in Engineering from Texas A&M University, is Vice President, Engineered Wood Products at J.P. Hart Lumber Company, in the San Antonio, TX metropolitan area.

John Woolaver '91, a US Navy Veteran, who received a BA in Psychology from St. Leo University and an MA in Forensic Psychology from The Chicago School of Professional Psychology, is a Behavioral Research Analyst and a Licensed Bail Enforcement Agent in the Commonwealth of Virginia, engaged in recovering high to low-risk fugitives, on failure to appear in court and revocation of bail.

Jeff Breault '92, who received a Bachelor of Architectural Engineering in Construction Management from Penn State University, is Senior Project Director at Pure Project Management, LLC in Philadelphia.

Mark Harmanos '93, a Duquesne University graduate, is a Clinical Pharmacist - Infectious Disease at Veterans Affairs Pittsburgh Health System.

Amy Mikitka Stasen '93, who received a BS in Finance from Lehigh University, is Global Business Operations Lead at Accenture in the greater Delaware Valley.

Ruben Aragon '94, who received a BA in Spanish and a BS in Marketing from DeSales University, is Senior Accountant at Greenology Products, LLC, Offering the first line of USDA Certified Organic household cleaners and detergents in the U.S.A., in Raleigh, NC.

Jocelyn Bellew Dickey '95, who received a BA in Business Management from Moravian University, and an MBA from Kutztown University, is Owner / Maker & Designer at Dickey Sack, designs and makes uniquely crafted one-of-a-kind bags, pillows & more from up-cycled coffee sacks, handmade in the USA, in the greater Los Angeles area.

Scott Hesh '96, who received a BS in Electrical Engineering from Penn State University, is AST (Aerospace Technologist), Electrical Engineer at NASA Goddard Space Flight Center in Wallops Island, VA.



Bill Krebs '97, a Bernie Gallagher Scholarship winner, and U.S. Navy Veteran, who received a BS in Health and Physical Education from East Stroudsburg University and a Master's Degree in Health and Wellness from the American College of Education, is a Teacher at North Hunterdon/Voorhees Regional School District in Annandale, NJ.

Tara Lukievics-Olson '97's Salutatorian, who a BS in Biochemistry and an MS in Analytical Chemistry from Lehigh University, and an MS in Organizational Dynamics from the University of Pennsylvania, is a Director at Merck & Co., Inc. in Upper Gwynedd, PA.

Roberto Benevides '98, who received a BS in Business Administration from Bloomsburg University and an MBA in Supply Chain Analytics from Moravian University, is Territory Manager at ENSALES INCORPORATED, providing experienced technical support and superior customer service for quality manufacturers in the utility and telecommunications industry, in Bethlehem.

Jacqueline Nemeth '98, is a "board-certified RN that graduated St. Luke's School of Nursing. I then continued my education at Moravian College in which I have earned my Bachelor of Sciences degree. I currently work at St. Luke's and am enrolled in the Nurse Practitioner program at Moravian."

Brett Biggs '99, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration and Finance from Marist College, is Vice President / Investments, Financial Advisor at Janney Montgomery Scott, LLC in Bethlehem.

Ed "E.J." Nickles '00, who also attended Bethlehem Area Vo-Tech, is the Owner of Nickles Building and Design, LLC in Bethlehem.

Monica Nansteel Heiserman '01, who received an Associate's Degree in Child Psychology from Northampton Community College, is the manager at Zale Jewelers in Center Valley.

Danielle Yasko '02, who received a BA in Communication and Advertising from Fairleigh Dickinson University – Florham Campus, is PrePress & Customer Experience Manager at Alpha Graphics in Allentown.

David Lugo '03, Becahi boys' tennis all-time match leader with 84 wins, who received a BS and PhD in Education from Temple University and an MS in Educational / Instructional Technology from Lehigh University, is an Assistant Principal in the School District of Philadelphia.



Matthew Sienzant '03, who received a BA in Television and Film from DeSales University, is Motion Designer at PRO Unlimited, on assignment at Google, in Mohrsville, PA.

Jacque Parker Willever '04, who received an Associate's Degree in Education from Northampton Community College and studied Communication at DeSales University, is Director of Parent and Family Giving at Rollins College in Winter Park, FL.

Mia Spadoni '05, who received a BA in Journalism from Lehigh University, is Senior Manager, Strategic Marketing and Events at Athena Global Advisors in Philadelphia.

Adam Steltz '06, who received a BS in Safety Science from Indiana University of Pennsylvania, is EHS (Environmental Health and Safety) Manager at Georgia-Pacific LLC, in Bethlehem.

Henry Werner '07, who received a BASc in Chemical Engineering from Penn State University, is a Project Engineer at ABEC, a company that designs and manufactures Bioreactor and Fermenter systems for Biopharmaceutical companies, in Bethlehem.

David Zubia '08, who received a BA in Accounting and Economics from Moravian University, is Executive Compensation Manager at Verisk, providing expert data-driven analytic insights that help business, people, and societies become stronger, more resilient, and sustainable, in the New York City metropolitan area.

Stephanie Zubia '08, who received a Master's Degree in Occupational Therapy from the University of Scranton, is an Occupational Therapist at Fox Rehabilitation in the greater Lehigh Valley.

Myriah Gonzalez '09, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science and Government from East Stroudsburg University, is Team Lead Coach at Dun & Bradstreet in Center Valley.

Sha-Minah Souza '10, who studied at Penn State University, is Call Center Agent for The Adecco Group in Bethlehem.

Collin Roszyk '11, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science and Government from Catholic University, is Company Commander in the U.S. Army in Neustadt an der Waldnaab, Bavaria, Germany.

Alex Schweickert '12, who received a BS in Accounting from Indiana University of Pennsylvania, is Corporate Accountant at Akamai Technologies in Cambridge, MA.



Marissa Brewer '13, who studied Musical Theatre at DeSales University and Northampton Community College and received a BA in Theatre from West Chester University, is a Photographer at Vantine Imaging, a family-owned, full-service professional composite photography company, in the Lehigh Valley.

Clarice James '13, who studied Social Work at Northampton Community College and received a BASc in Social Work from Cedar Crest College, is Executive Director | Founder of M.I.R.A. (Migrant, Immigrant, Refugee and Asylee) Family Resources in Allentown. Clarice is also the ROSS Program Coordinator for the Allentown Housing Authority.

Brianna Roberts '13, who received a BS in Healthcare Administration from Alvernia University, is Healthcare Consultant with Guidehouse, a leading global provider of consulting services to the public sector and commercial markets, in the Philadelphia area.

Quinn Stasa '14, who received a BS and MS in Criminal Justice from Niagara University and a JD from Widener University's School of Law, is an Attorney with The Law Offices of Joel Kofsky in Philadelphia.

John Spirk III '15, who received a BS in Computer Science from Moravian University and an MS in Business from Catholic University, is Market Research and Insights Associate at OGC Global in the greater Philadelphia area.

Colleen O'Reilly '16, who received a BS in Business Administration from The Catholic University of America, was recently a Retail Consignor Specialist at The RealReal in New York City.

Teresa Roeder '17, who received a BA and MA in Criminal Justice from DeSales University, is Deputy Sheriff with the Northampton County Sheriff's Department.

Dhaniella Mae Babelonia '18, who received a BS in Biology/Biological Sciences from Duquesne University, is an Operational Project Manager at Sanofi in the greater Lehigh Valley.

DeAndre Gardner-Burstein '18, who received a BA in Accounting from Arcadia University, is a Fund Accountant at SEI, delivering technology and investment solutions that connect the financial services industry, in Oaks, PA

Peter Iselo '18, who received a BS in Finance from Salisbury University's Purdue School of Business, is Financial Controller at L'Oréal USA in Tampa, FL



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Reflection

June. The month of our graduation. We share this celebration with almost 14,000 other Becahi grads...

Moments to Remember...

...Though summer turns to winter And the present disappears.

The laughter we were glad to share, will echo through the years.

When other nights and other days May find us gone our separate ways.

We will have these moments to remember.

- Written by Robert Allen and Al Stillman Made popular by The Four Lads

And now...

Despite every effort to prevent errors, sometimes they occur. If I inadvertently misinterpreted a story or fact, or if your name has been omitted or misspelled, please notify me and/or the Advancement Office and accept my sincerest apologies. And...

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